

# Ohio Pythian News

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio*

**CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!**

## 7 New Knights! 3-Rank at Ashville.

December 2016



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On Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Palmetto Lodge No. 513 in Ashville, more than 25 Knights and candidates gathered for a 3-Rank Class, the first rank work to be done at the Ashville Pythian Castle since 1996! Please join me in welcoming our 7 newest knights: Gary Rawlins (513), Richard DeWeese (513), Steve Clay (513), Darryl E. Ward (513), Jim Welsh (513), Henry T. Gray (343), and Harry J. Gillenwater (343). Our Grand Chancellor, John R. Morris, Jr., proudly knighted these new members and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Pythian Sisters of Ashville Temple. Thanks to everyone who traveled from North Jackson, Belfast, Springfield, and other parts of Ohio to take part in this great Pythian day!

## Grand Chancellor's Charity - HONOR FLIGHT

The program honors all men and women over 65 who served in the armed forces either stateside or overseas and provides free transportation and tours of the war memorials in Washington, D.C. All donations collected will be split between the 5 regional honor flight organizations in Findlay, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, & Cincinnati).



### **THANKS!**

Glen Lodge #459 - \$100.00

Pythian Sisters and Others at Grand Reception - \$750.00

Make checks payable to "K of P Grand Lodge of Ohio" and send ALL Grand Chancellor Charity Donations to the Grand Secretary at the following address:

K of P Grand Lodge of Ohio, c/o Martin Trent, 4267 S. Xenia Dr., Enon, OH 45323

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to All!*



*The Holidays are upon us. It's the time of year for family and friends to get together and share in the Holiday spirit. May you and all your family and friends have a safe and happy holiday season.*

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

*John R. Morris, Jr. - Grand Chancellor  
 Alvin Cox - Grand Vice Chancellor  
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 Marty Trent, PGC - Grand Secretary  
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 Charles Morrison - Grand Master at Arms  
 Steve Rine - Grand Inner Guard  
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 Roger O'Brien, PGC - Sitting Past Grand Chancellor*

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*"If brotherly love held all men bound,  
what a beautiful world this would be."*

J.H. Rathbone

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**Knights of Pythias  
- Lodge 696 -**

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(Downtown Belfast)

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 17, 2016

**Festivities Begin 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.**

(Bring A Covered Dish)

- Drawings •
- Door Prizes •
- 50-50 Drawings •
- Fun •
- Food •
- Prizes •
- Games •



**Santa Will Be Arriving at 7:30 p.m.**

Gifts are donated by local merchants, friends & families.

We thank all those who participated last year and are looking forward to this year's party.

**If You Would Like To Make A Donation Or Need Information**

**Call: (937) 763-7353 • (937) 763-5765 • (937) 403-2114**

Not Responsible For Accidents

**Dec 14, 2016 - Ashville Christmas Dinner  
(Contact Charlie Morrison at 740-954-3034 or  
sippincoffee@columbus.rr.com for details)**

**Dec 17, 2016 - Hillsdale #696 Community Christmas Party  
(see details above)**

**Jan 1, 2017 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Feb 19, 2017 - Founder's Day @ Red Star No. 205**

**June 24-25, 2017 - Ray Snarr Memorial Golf Tournament @ Rocky  
Lakes Golf Course, Springfield, Ohio**

**August 30 - September 2, 2017 - Grand Lodge Convention @ Fairborn  
Holiday Inn**