

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr. (Aug 25, 1948 – Dec 6, 2017)



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WHEREAS: The Supreme Chancellor on High has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to call upon Past Supreme Chancellor L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr., to become a member of his official family on December 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Brother Keith served the Pythian Order with honor, dignity, and respect for Others, and rose to the rank of Past Grand Chancellor in the Domain of Ohio in December 1978; and

WHEREAS: Brother Keith rose to receive the honor of Supreme Lodge Officer of the Order Universal, serving from 2006 to 2016; and

WHEREAS: Brother Keith rose to receive the honor of Past Supreme Chancellor of the Order Universal, in August 2016; and

WHEREAS: Brother Keith received the honor of "Knight of the Golden Spur" by his Grand Lodge on May 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Brother Keith had been a faithful and devoted member of the Order for 51 years; and

WHEREAS: Brother Keith has devoted his efforts and energies very diligently on behalf of the Pythian Order;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED: that this notice be sent to all Subordinate Lodges and upon the reading of the same they are hereby directed, using the appropriate ceremony, to drape their Charters for a period of thirty days.

Alan Krell
Supreme Chancellor

Allen S. Morris
Supreme Secretary



L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr., 69 of Findlay, passed away at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in Sun City Center, FL. He was born in Springfield, Ohio on August 25, 1948 to the late Lavon and Phyllis (Woods) Stooksberry. Keith married Sheila Huffman Boren on April 11, 2003 and she survives in Findlay. Keith is also survived by his son, Shawn (Angie) Stooksberry of Noblesville, IN; daughter, Shannon Winrow of Columbus, Ohio; brother, Michael (Amy) Stooksberry of Springfield, Ohio; sister, Charlene (Don) Boccardi of Pittsburg, PA; grandchildren, Justin Winrow, Jamison Winrow, Paige Stooksberry, Broc Stooksberry and Bailey Stooksberry. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Keith retired from International Harvester in Springfield, Ohio in the Truck Division. After retirement, he delivered pharmaceuticals to nursing homes for Beeber Pharmacy. Keith was a member of the Ralph D. Cole Post No 3, American Legion, Past Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Gold Spur Recipient of Knights of Pythias, Past Imperial Regent Nomads of the Avrudaka. Keith enjoyed fishing, the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Reds. Visitation will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 PM at COLDREN-CRATES FUNERAL HOME. At 7:00 p.m. Monday The Knights of Pythias Service will be held at the funeral home. The funeral service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at COLDREN-CRATES FUNERAL HOME with Rev. Dale Sipe officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery with full military graveside service by the Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad.

Grand Chancellor's Charity

Grand Chancellor's Charity for 2017-2018 – The Epilepsy Foundation:

The Epilepsy Foundation is leading the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.



THANKS!

Glen Lodge #459 - \$100
 Owatonna Lodge #62 - \$200
 Ingomar Lodge #610 - \$300
 Harrisburg Temple Pythian Sisters - \$1,000
 Champion Lodge #581 - \$250
 Nevada Lodge #234 - \$100
 Theseus Lodge #191 - \$2,500 (WOW !!!)

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

3 Rank Class – 9 New Knights!

Lafayette Lodge #37 hosted a Grand Lodge 3-Rank Class on October 15, 2017 during which the Grand Chancellor had the pleasure of knighting 9 new members. They included Jeff Wallace (#37), Barry McDoald II (#37), Austin Napier (#37), Gary Cole (#37), Ron Kirk (#37), Scott Pate (#37), Ernest Pate (#37), Joshua Trent (#696), and Jacob Middlesworth (#696).



Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence

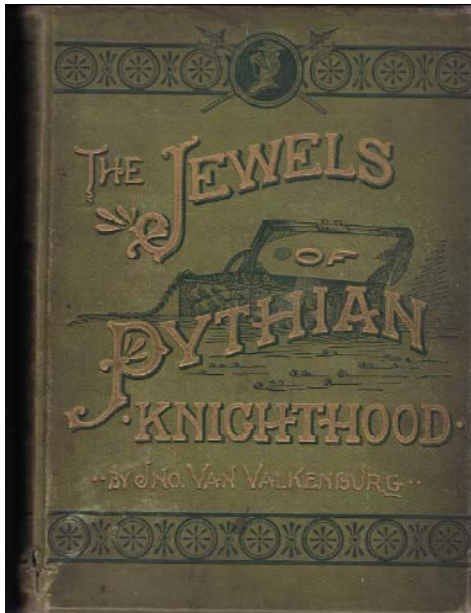
By Nath. W. Hunt

Red Cross Lodge, St. Louis, MO

Friendship can smooth the rugged path
 Of poverty and pain;
 Can ease the bed of suffering,
 And make hope smile again;
 Can cheer us in our onward way,
 Where'er that way may lie;
 Smile with us in our happy hours,
 And share our misery.

But more doth Charity bestow –
 A brother's mindful love?
 It gives to friendship's mind a glow
 Like sunshine from above;
 It warms the heart, it prompts the hand,
 To noble thoughts and kindly deeds,
 And bids us by each other stand
 In all our joys – in all our needs.

Benevolence – the holy bond –
 Completes the chain of mystery!
 It stretches far, oh, far beyond
 This world of sin and misery;
 And, like electric wires, doth roll
 Through they realms, Eternity!
 Those magic words, which on each soul
 Are writ by power and sympathy.



The Jewels of Pythian Knighthood

By John Van Valkenburg
 Past Supreme Chancellor

Published in 1889

The poem at the right is one of the beautiful entries in this quaint volume of fraternal literature.

Grand Lodge's Holiday Message

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

*Alvin Cox - Grand Chancellor
Charles Morrison - Grand Vice Chancellor
Steve Rine - Grand Prelate
Ron Bryant - Grand Treasurer
Marty Trent, PGC - Grand Secretary
William Parmer III - Grand Master at Arms
Howard Ballard- Grand Inner Guard
Rodney Carr- Grand Outer Guard
John R. Morris, Jr., PGC - Sitting Past Grand Chancellor*

GRAND TRUSTEES

*Dale Sipe, PGC, Supreme Rep - President
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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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CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 16, 2017

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 more Information

**Call: (937) 763-5765 • (937) 313-6291
(937) 403-6004 • (937) 403-2114**

Not Responsible For Accidents

Calendar of Events

**Durward Lodge #153 Fish Fries at the Lodge (100 S. Elm St., Prospect)
Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21**

FOUNDER'S DAY

Sunday, Feb 18, 2018 @ 1pm

Hosted at Red Star Lodge No. 205

1583 E. High St., Springfield

Bring your candidates!

Complimentary meal to follow Rank Work

**Ray Snarr Memorial Ohio Knights of Pythias Golf Tournament
June 23 & 24, 2018 - The Pines Golf Course (Orrville, Ohio)**