

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

Perspective from a Past Grand Chancellor

I would like to describe my view on how things were in 2001-2002, when I served as Grand Chancellor, and how I see things now.

Dec 2018

Simply put, Grand Lodge was dysfunctional. There was mistrust and suspicion between certain Grand Lodge Trustees and Grand Lodge Officers. The Pythian home still existed and was draining our resources.

Grand Lodge was limited to investing in only government insured accounts. CD rates in 2002 were 1.85% while the inflation rate was 2.4%. Clearly something needed to be done. I remember writing an article for the Grand Lodge Newsletter suggesting we invest more wisely and include equities in our portfolio of investments.

Certain line officers even thought that eliminating the trustees was the answer.

There was little transparency in the budget process. The Legislation Department voted new budgets without knowing how much was actually needed. Last year's Actual by Category was never listed for their review, but that was the way we always had done it.

By law changes to establish an Audit Committee were rejected. There was little leadership from the Grand Chancellor who was struggling with heart failure, culminating in a quadruple bypass in June of 2002. I remember driving to Springfield and return on the same day only to spend the next 3 days on the couch in exhaustion. This loss of energy happened so gradually it took a heart attack to make me aware.

And today, I see a vast improvement: a series of changes. We now have outstanding leadership, both in the Grand Line and Grand Trustees. Grand Line and Trustees meetings are open to both, there are no secrets. There is trust between the two groups. We are rowing the boat in the same direction and with a smooth cadence.

The K. W. Hess Ohio Pythian home is sold and in its place we have the K. W. Hess Ohio Pythian Charitable Foundation. The foundation uses growth on its investments to help both Pythians and the general public as well. Our investments are in a balanced, conservative, and diversified portfolio with 50% in equities. Our investments are earning 3-5% income each year and have grown 14.5% in the last 5 years. The investments are carefully monitored by a financial consultant and the Trustees.

The Grand Chancellor now appoints an Audit Committee which reviews all income and expenses. The committee's report is published in our Journals. We, at long last, have complete financial transparency.

There are two people who were there throughout this period and wanted to effect a change for the better. I will name them even though they might dislike it. Grand Secretary Marty Trent and Grand Trustee President Dale Sipe led the change along with as many allies as they could muster. They had a vision and convinced the rest of us to follow and help.

Join me in thanking both when you next see them.

Fraternally in F. C. and B.,
Stan Wolski, PGC

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Grand Chancellor's Charity

New Grand Chancellor's Charity for 2018-2019 – Special Olympics of Pickaway County

The Special Olympics is a great opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to be part of a team, learn new skills, and make new friends. They offer golf, softball, track & field, and basketball along with other sports activities. The Grand Chancellor has adopted their motto, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



THANKS!!!

Ingomar Lodge No. 610 - \$100.00

Durward Lodge No. 153 - \$100.00

Donation and Silent Auction at Reception - \$785.00

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

PALMETTO LODGE #513

DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT 5:30PM

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



This year we will be having our Party at a more Convenient location

South Bloomfield United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

5027 Second Street, South Bloomfield

"No Stairs to Climb"

Menu:

Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Noodles, Green Beans, Cole Slaw

Homemade Pies for Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Water

COST: \$12.00 per person

Please call Charlie Morrison for Reservations - 740-983-3338

We will also be having a Silent Auction of Christmas Pictures, Painted by the young Adults from the Pickaway County Special Olympics.

This will benefit the Grand Chancellors Charity

LIVE CHRISTMAS

TREE SALE

OPENS 11/24/2018

M-F 4PM-8PM

SAT.-SUN. 2PM-8PM

Santa arrives SAT DEC. 1st 2PM-4PM

AND EVERY SATURDAY TILL CHRISTMAS

INTERSECTION OF LONG STREET AND MAIN STREET,

ASHVILLE OHIO

We are selling live Douglas firs price range is from

\$30-\$50

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I want to thank all my Pythian Brothers for the Get Well card I received while in the hospital during Grand Convention. The therapy treatments I am taking are decreasing the numbness in my right arm and right side, so I can walk better and use my hand to write. I also want to wish the new officer of our Order a very successful year for our Order.

Sir Don Baker, P.S.R.

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

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

GRAND TRUSTEES

*Dale Sipe, PGC, Supreme Rep - President
Stan Wolski, - Vice president
John Kerstetter
Larry Yowler
Floyd Baughman
John R. Morris, Jr., PGC*

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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)

33RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15, 2018

Festivities Begin 5:45 pm / Dinner 6:15 pm

(Bring A Covered Dish)

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



Santa Will Be Arriving at 7:30 pm

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) 403-2114

Not responsible for accidents

Calendar of Events

February 17, 2019 – FOUNDER'S DAY AT RED STAR LODGE (SPRINGFIELD)
1583 E. High St, Springfield, OH 45505
Rank Work begins at 1pm and a complimentary meal will follow.
BRING YOUR CANDIDATES!!!!

May 4, 2019 – POSTER CONTEST AND SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING

June 22-23, 2019 – RAY SNARR MEMORIAL OHIO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 29, 2019 – PYTHIAN PICNIC (SOUTH) – MIDDLETOWN

July 2019 – PYTHIAN PICNICS (NORTH) AND (CENTRAL)

September 5-7, 2019 – 150th GRAND LODGE OF OHIO CONVENTION
FAIRBORN HOLIDAY INN – YOU CAN ALREADY MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

Address: 2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324

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