

# Ohio Pythian News

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio*

**CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!**

**Grand Lodge's Holiday Message**

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to All!*



*The Holidays are upon us. These are trying times, but the human spirit is strong and we look to God for strength and guidance. May you and all your family and friends have a safe, happy, and BLESSED holiday season!*

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

### GRAND TRUSTEES

*Dale Sipe, PGC, Supreme Rep - President  
Floyd Baughman - Vice president  
Stan Wolski, KGS, PGC  
John Kerstetter  
John Morris, Jr., PGC, DSC  
Alvin Cox, PGC*

## Grand Chancellor's Charity

### Grand Chancellor's Charity for 2019-2021 – American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross responds to a disaster every 8 minutes. These disasters range from local family house fires to national calamities like hurricanes.



**Don't forget the GC's Charity!**  
**We are still collecting for this**  
**most worthwhile cause.**

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



### Glen Lodge – 2 New Knights!

Glen Lodge #469 held a 3 Rank class in November. Judy Ward and Chad Ward were knighted and the Lodge plans another class in the Spring of 2021 to knight at least 2 more members. John Morris, Jr., PGC, DSC of Cheviot 755 and Marty Wright & Bob Couch of Lafayette 37 assisted with the Rank Work.



### Talmadge Lodge – 25 & 50-Yr Veteran Service Awards Presented



Grand Vice Chancellor William A. Parmer, III had the pleasure of presenting Pythian Veterans certificates and pins to members of Talmadge Lodge #194. The photo at the left above is from left to right Dusty Parker, Chancellor Commander of Talmadge Lodge, William Parmer III, GVC, and 25-year Member Rick Abbott. The photo at the right above, is 50-year Member Rudy LeBeau with his wife Peggy and William Parmer III, GVC. Congratulations to these faithful Pythians!

### Adapt or ?????

By Sir Stan Wolski, PGC

History has shown us, over and over, that animal species which survive are not those that are bigger or stronger, or even more fierce. For example, the direwolf was about a third larger than the grey wolf, had a more powerful jaw, hunted in packs, and were capable of taking down a mastodon. Yet they went extinct about 10,000 years ago.

Species that survive are only those that can adapt to changing situations. Direwolves died off as their large prey went extinct and, as a species, were unable to survive on smaller prey.

I suggest the same is true for organizations and businesses. Netflix started out in 1997 renting DVDs as did Blockbuster. Netflix started streaming movies over the internet and has over 100 million subscribers around the world. While Blockbuster is no more.

Let's apply that lesson to our Lodges. We are living in virtually unprecedented times. COVID 19 is dominating society. By not meeting at our lodge halls, we risk our members wandering off and losing interest, not to return again. We need to keep them engaged somehow.

In April, Owatonna Lodge # 62 started getting together using Zoom Conferencing. Zoom is a cloud-based conferencing tool that allows users to virtually interact with each other through audio, video, and chat. Zoom works across all platforms, PC, Mac, Tablet, smart phones IOS or Android, and even DIAL UP LAND LINES. So don't be frightened by terms unfamiliar to you (like IOS). If you are capable of using a phone, you can join the audio portion of a Zoom Conference.

Since its inception, Owatonna Zoom Conferences has attracted brothers now living outside our area, even as far away as Arizona. We are staying engaged. I urge you to do the same. Adapt or perish.

A lodge merely needs one brother with a computer to act as host in order to have a Zoom Conference Meeting. I will assist anyone needing help to get started. Just call me on (216) 849-5652.

**Editor's Note: Zoom is one of several video conferencing tools available and the above article is not intended to be an endorsement by the Grand Lodge.**



# Memorial



Bernard H. "Bernie" Olding  
May 14, 1937 – July 28, 2020



Lawrence E. "Larry" Yowler  
October 13, 1929 – October 21, 2020

During the last 6 months, we lost 2 Past Grand Chancellors who will be remembered for their service and their exemplification of friendship and fraternal brotherhood.

"Our joys will be greater, our love will be deeper, our life will be fuller because we shared your moment." – Author Unknown

## **151<sup>st</sup> Grand Lodge Convention**

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic and related safety concerns compelled the Grand Chancellor to declare a state of emergency and cancel the normal Annual Grand Lodge session, which was scheduled for Sep 10-12, 2020 at Fairborn, Ohio. In accordance with the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, he convened a special 151<sup>st</sup> Convention session of the Grand Officers in Johnstown, Ohio on September 26, 2020. At this session, the business of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was conducted and the highlights are as follows:

- Reports of officers and committees were received and approved.
- Per capita rates remain the same as the previous year.
- Mileage and per diem rates remain the same as the previous year.
- A budget identical to the previous year was approved.
- All Grand Officers, Grand Trustees, District Deputies, Grand Tribunes, and Committee Members remain in their positions except Jon Silvis was appointed District Deputy Grand Chancellor for District 3 to replace Michael Spallone who asked to be replaced.
- All Grand Lodge officer, tribunal, and committee terms are extended 1 year.
- The Grand Secretary will issue a Journal of the proceedings.



## *Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias*

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### **Holiday Greetings at Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa**

Celebrate Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa with all your traditions, special foods, and fond memories. In this unique year, be with family and friends live, virtually, or however you share and communicate. Our health and safety and that of others are most important.

Best Wishes for good health and keeping your faith and enthusiasm for 2021 to be a bright New Year. Be grateful, and vaccines are the hope for all of us. We need to move ahead.

If you are so fortunate, blessed, think of others struggling and how you may support their needs.

Have a good holiday and stay safe!

Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias

*Joel D. Fierstien*

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Supreme Chancellor

***Celebrating 156 Years of Pythianism***

*Friends Working Together for a Better Community*



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

*J.H. Rathbone*

We're on the Web!  
[www.seekinglight.com](http://www.seekinglight.com)



Despite the pandemic, Hillsdale Lodge No. 696 continues to be active in their community and providing aid and service. James Parks, a local minister with Grace Cage Ministries, was diagnosed with stage four cancer in multiple areas of his body and given only a few months to live. The minister had a connection with Hillsdale Lodge as he had given the opening prayer at last year's Christmas Party. He reached out to the Lodge in urgent need of a wheelchair ramp and the Lodge answered the call. In less than a week, the Lodge had the ramp built, donating the materials and the labor. They also collected nearly \$500 for his family. Definitely Pythian principles at work and exemplified by the brothers of Hillsdale Lodge in these trying times! Bravo brother Knights!

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**Calendar of Events**

**COVID-19 CONTINUES TO LIMIT EVENTS AND  
FUNCTIONS**

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR MEMBERS**

**TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER!**

**September 1-4, 2021 – 152<sup>nd</sup> GRAND LODGE CONVENTION  
FAIRBORN HOLIDAY INN – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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