

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

February 2017

Traveling Knight Program

A new program to encourage Lodge visitations has been started this year. Each member who visits 5 Lodges (other than his own Lodge) for a meeting or other Lodge event will receive a "Traveling Knight" ball cap with a colorful embroidered knight on the front. After receiving the cap, a star pin will be awarded each time the member visits 5 more Lodges. The Grand Secretary is tracking these visitations, so notify him which Lodges you visited and the date of each visitation. Plan a visit to another Lodge and enjoy the Brotherhood of our wonderful Order!

Grand Lodge Scholarships

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Program will award \$1,000 to 12 students for the 2017-2018 academic year. The rules and form are available at the Grand Lodge website (links located just below the monthly newsletters) www.seekinglight.com/knights_of_pythias_grand_lodge_of_ohio. Mail applications to the Grand Secretary. They must be post-marked no later than April 1, 2017. The form requires signature by the Chancellor Comdr and the Lodge Sec with the Lodge seal. ONLY Ohio K of P Lodge members and their children are eligible. The rules and due dates will be strictly enforced.

Poster Contest

"What Is A Friend"

The Grand Lodge Poster Contest judging will take place in conjunction with the Ohio Society Spring Ceremonial on the morning of May 6, 2017 at the Best Western – Richland Inn (see the schedule of events on the next page for further details). All entries must be physically present for judging to compete. Rules are available at the Supreme Lodge website at www.pythias.org. If you have questions, contact the state chairman, John Kerstetter, at johnd59@ssnet.com or (419) 846-3812.

LODGE ANNUAL REPORTS WERE DUE JANUARY 31, 2017!!

Lodge Secretaries – If you have not already submitted your 2016 Annual Report, you need to get it in ASAP! Be sure to use the latest forms that were mailed to each Lodge (the form is also available for download on the Ohio website!).

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).



Consider having a Lodge fundraiser! It will not only support a good cause, but it will also provide a rewarding and fun activity for your Lodge.

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

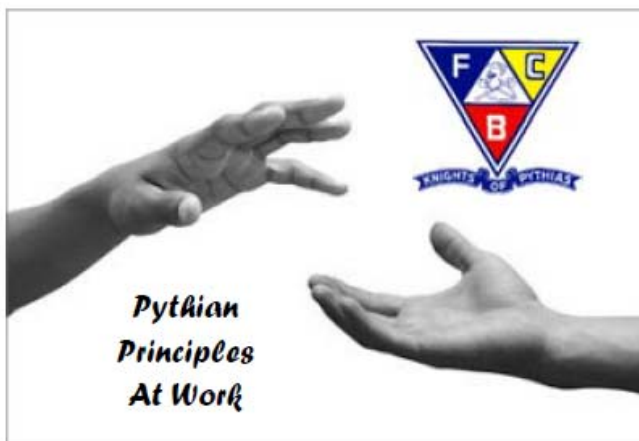
OWATONNA LODGE #62 (Cleveland, Ohio) PRESENTS SPECIAL STARS Bowling Award Medals

Owatonna Lodge #62 Knights of Pythias, continues its support of Special Olympics by working with the Special Stars (Bowlers) presenting six Bowling Awards Medals at the Special Stars Christmas Party. The Party was held at the West Side Irish American Club in Olmsted Twp, OH on Sunday, December 4th, 2016. The "Bowling Awards Medals" were presented after dinner by Sir Ron Kiessling, PGC, with *the assistance of Les Brandais, PGC, Sir Sid Wakser, Trustee, and Stan Wolski, PGC.* Six "Bowling Awards Medals" were presented to Special Stars members. There were over 200 in attendance. After the awards were presented, the Special Stars donated over 60 pounds of Tabs to Owatonna Lodge for their McDonald House project. Owatonna Lodge presents them to the McDonald House in Cleveland, Ohio, along with items such as toiletries, cash, etc. [Article by Sir Ron Kiessling]



(L to R) front row Isaiah White, P. J. White, Katie Tucker, Joseph Corson, Gabe Finney, Sir Sid Wakser, Trustee, back row Les Brandais, PGC, Sir Ron Kiessling, PGC, Erick Supple. Received Awards at the Special Stars annual Christmas Party. (Stan Wolski, PGC, was the photographer).

Do you know a Pythian who is in distress and is in emergency need of some financial assistance? If so, provide the details to the Grand Secretary (contact information is on the back page of this newsletter) and he will work with the Foundation trustees to determine if financial aid is available.



K. W. Hess
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Pythian
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Reminder – Supreme Lodge Volunteer Program

Our Deputy Supreme Chancellor, Thomas Beers, is responsible for collecting & reporting VOLUNTEER information to Supreme Lodge. The Reporting form is included below and Tom requests that you submit this form quarterly to him via email, tbeers@ameritech.net or US Mail at: Tom Beers, 2129 S. Fountain Ave, Springfield, OH 45506. We do good work in our Communities and the Supreme Chancellor wants to recognize our hard working volunteers.

So if you haven't submitted your volunteer information for the quarter October – December 2016, please submit to Tom at your earliest convenience.

Form also available at
www.seekinglight.com/knights_of_pythias_grand_lodge_of_ohio

VOLUNTEER FORM

Please submit Quarterly: 3/31/17, 6/30/17, 9/30/17, 12/31/17

LODGE # _____

Total Hours (entire Lodge) _____

Please give a brief description of activities:

If you have a Brother who goes "above and beyond" please provide name and info to support. These Brothers should be known and appreciated for what they do.

Please list Monetary donations and organization donated to.

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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

Reminder – It's time for Lodges
to do the annual 990 filing to the
IRS.

POSTER CONTEST

Note Below – The Grand Lodge Poster
Contest Judging and Award
Announcement will be on SATURDAY
MORNING of Ohio Society, immediately
following the Joint Opening and Memorial
Service. This is a change from previous
years. All posters must be physically
present at the judging location no later
than 9:30am on Saturday, May 6, 2017

Calendar of Events

**Feb 9, 2017 @ 7:30pm – INGOMAR #610 SPECIAL LODGE MTG FOR
SIR DAVE HUEY at Essex of Springfield, 2317 E. Home Rd., Sprfld, 45503**

**Feb 19, 2017 (SUNDAY) – FOUNDER'S DAY at RED STAR #205
1583 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505
Rank Work begins at 1pm – BRING YOUR CANDIDATES!!!!**

**May 5-6, 2017 – OHIO SOCIETY (DOKK & NofA) AND GRAND LODGE
POSTER CONTEST JUDGING**

**Best Western – Richland Inn, 180 E. Haney Rd., Mansfield, OH 44903
(419) 756-6670 - Located at Exit 169 on Interstate 71
Mention "Ohio Society" to get reduced group rate on room
Friday evening – Pizza Party - \$10 – RSVP to Shirley McAlister (740) 666-2313
Saturday 10am – Joint Opening, Memorial, POSTER CONTEST
Lunch at Der Dutchman (four miles from hotel)**

**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**
