

# Ohio Pythian News

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio*

**CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!**

## Message from the Grand Chancellor

January 2017

The holidays are over. Hopefully all those traveling had a safe journey. My charity, "Honor Flight", is doing well. Raffle tickets are still available. The 50/25/25 winners will be drawn on Founder's Day. It's not too late to get in on a chance to win and support a great cause.

The Founders Day 3 Rank Class is just around the corner. Prepare your candidates and bring them to Red Star Lodge #205 in Springfield on February 19, 2017. Ceremonies begin at 1:00 pm. See you there.

Fraternally,  
*John R. Morris, Jr.*  
John R. Morris, Jr, GC

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Happy  
New  
Year  
Brother  
Knights  
and  
Sisters!

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## Stop Talking About MEMBERSHIP!!

The above headline likely got your attention and may have even prompted some astonishment. Of course membership is important, but we hear our fraternal leaders talk and write about it so much that we are numb to it. I would wager that most of us lose interest and begin daydreaming whenever we hear someone "preaching" about membership. So let's quit talking about membership! Instead, let's talk about improving and revitalizing our Order and our Lodges. If a Lodge is barely existing with little in the way of brotherhood, activities, Pythian ritual, or community involvement, why would anyone want to join?! We need to quit hanging our heads and lamenting our membership situation and instead get to work at making our Lodges what they need to be. Get excited and start focusing on making our Order fun and worthwhile to our CURRENT members. Supreme and Grand Lodge provide the authority and government and can assist with tools and programs, but Supreme and Grand Lodge cannot revitalize your Lodge. That is up to YOU! It's a new year, so make it one of your goals to make your Lodge better for the members that are already on the roster. If your Lodge is providing an enjoyable fraternal experience to the current members and they are talking about how much they like being part of the Knights of Pythias, new candidates will want to join.

## 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!**

Hillsdale Lodge #696 - \$32.50 (special Christmas Party drawing)  
Pythian Sisters of Majors Temple - \$20.00

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

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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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Roger Drake and Bill Coombs  
of Glen Lodge #459 receiving  
the Grand Chancellor's  
Charity Award for 2016 from  
Grand Chancellor,  
John Morris, Jr.

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**Calendar of Events**

**Jan 21, 2017 - Durward Lodge Fish Fry (Prospect, OH)**

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

**1583 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45504**

**Lodge opens at 1pm - free meal following the Rank Work**

**Apr 8, 2017 - Owatonna Lodge Annual Dinner Dance**

**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**

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