

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

Passing of Past Grand Chancellor



Floyd B. Cusick, age 91 of Toronto, formerly of the Tappan Lake area, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Trinity Medical Center West, Steubenville, OH. He was born January 13, 1925 in Wellsburg, WV the son of the late Harry and Etta (Birkheimer) Cusick. Floyd was a 50 plus year member of the North River Avenue Christian Church of Toronto where he was known as the candy man with his supply of candy for everyone. His memberships include a life membership in the Knights of Pythias where he had served The State of Ohio Knights of Pythias as Grand Chancellor, Grand Treasurer,

Grand Trustee, Supreme Representative, and had received the highest honors of the Knights of Pythias, The Golden Spur, a 56-year member of the Toronto Masonic Lodge #583 and the Aladdin Temple Shrine. He was retired from the Standard Oil Company as an oil distributor and served his country in the U.S. Navy in W.W. II. Floyd was preceded in death by his parents; wife Roberta Eilene (Rolston) Cusick in 2008 whom he married June 13, 1947; sister Eliza Williams, infant sister Grace and brother Harry Cusick. He is survived by his son John F. (Marsha) Cusick of Toronto; daughters Jean L. (David B.) Phillips of Louisville, OH and Barbara L. (Robert) Randolph of Mentor, OH; Eleven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren; brother Edwin Cusick of Steubenville, OH.

Sir Floyd was an active Pythian, well-known throughout the state. He earned the title of Past Grand Chancellor in 1984 for his service as Grand Treasurer. His wise counsel and advice were invaluable during his service as Grand Trustee, particularly during the turbulent process of closing the K.W. Hess Ohio Pythian Home. He was also an active and energetic member of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan (DOKK). He attended the DOKK Ohio Society events for many years and often fondly reflected upon his past participation in motorized parade units and other fun DOKK activities. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Fraternity A, but was a Past Chancellor of Junction Lodge No. 414 and had been a dual member of Tuscarawas-Equity Lodge No. 15.

Grand Chancellor's Charity - Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio
Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati
Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo
Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association
The Up Side of Downs of Northeast Ohio

THANKS!

Roseville Lodge #606 - \$1,000
Lily Lodge #362 - \$1,000
North Jackson Lodge #343 - \$100
El Shams Temple, DOKK - \$100

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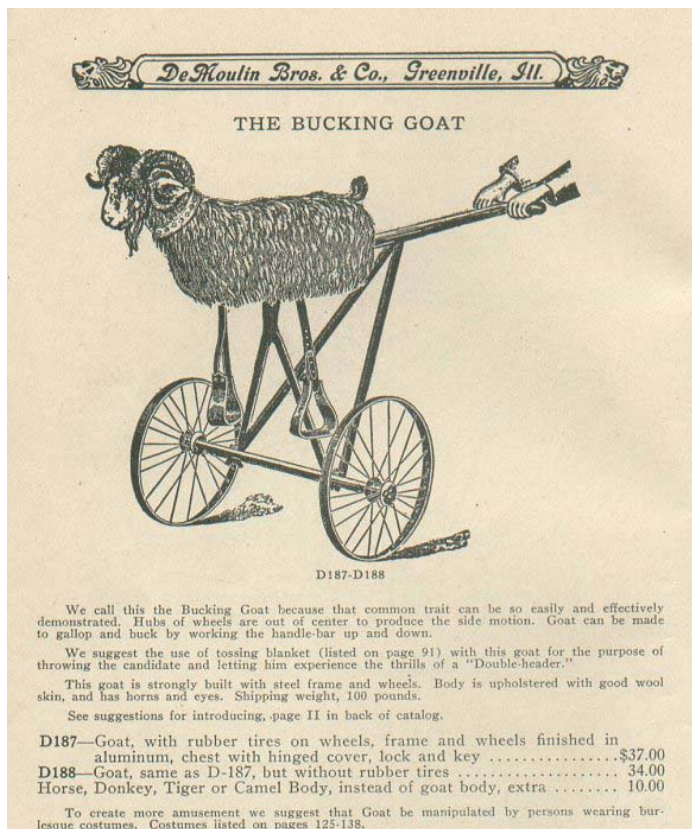
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Successful 3-Rank on May 22nd



On May 22, 2016, Valley Lodge No. 169 hosted a 3-Rank Class at Logan, Ohio. They did a great job in filling in many of the ritualistic parts. Rod Carr's lady Robin and her helpers prepared a fine meal that was served by the local Rainbow for Girls assembly. Pictured above is our Grand Chancellor, Roger O'Brien, surrounded by 10 new Knights. Our new Knights are (in no particular order): Gary Braglin, Burrell K. Pettet II, Nathan Gerken, Terry Woltz, Patrick Sikorski, Lloyd Hogue, Gary Coleman, Don Stivers, David Mourer, and John Carr. They are all new members of Valley Lodge No. 169. Congratulations to Valley Lodge on a great day and a fine class of new Knights!

Back In Time...



Most of us have heard the old joke about "riding the goat" and it's use as a humorous way to generate a little anxiety with candidates about to be initiated into our fraternal order and other orders. Well it wasn't always just a joke or idle threat. In the earlier part of the 20th Century, there were dozens and dozens of different fraternal orders and social clubs and it was common practice in some of these organizations to require the candidates to undergo "stunts" to test their resolve and also for the entertainment of the members. At the left is an example of the dreaded fraternal goat that was available for purchase through the DeMoulin Brothers and Company of Greenville, IL. This contraption also had options available for a water squirting device and even electrified stirrups, just in case simply riding the goat was an insufficient test. Men used to do this for fun, right???

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Maharani and Maharajah Honored



On May 1, 2016, a special reception was held at the Der Dutchman restaurant near Mansfield, Ohio to honor Judy Shamis, Maharani, and Bill Kerlin, Jr., Maharaja, of the Imperial Santha of Nomads of Avrudaka (NofA). In addition to the wonderful meal, there were special presentations and gifts. Judy and Bill both commented on how proud and honored they were to have been chosen for these leadership positions and they looked forward to many travels throughout the U.S. and Canada. We wish them God's Speed in their travels. Other Ohio Pythians serving the Imperial Palace DOKK and Imperial Santha NofA are: Dr. Kenneth Moder, PIP, Imperial Treasurer (DOKK), Floyd Baughman, Imperial Azim (DOKK), Lonnie Baughman, PIR, Imperial Scribe (NofA), Helen Ann Bishop, Imperial Treasurer (NofA), and Roberta Ronk, Second Warder (NofA).

2016 Poster Contest Winners

At the right, starting at the top, are the First, Second, and Third Place Posters chosen at this year's Ohio Poster Contest on April 30, 2016

First Place - \$350

Wyatt Preston of Springfield
Sponsored by Red Star Lodge #205

Second Place - \$250

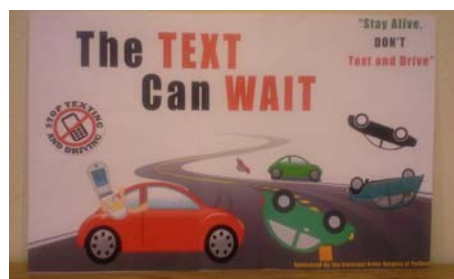
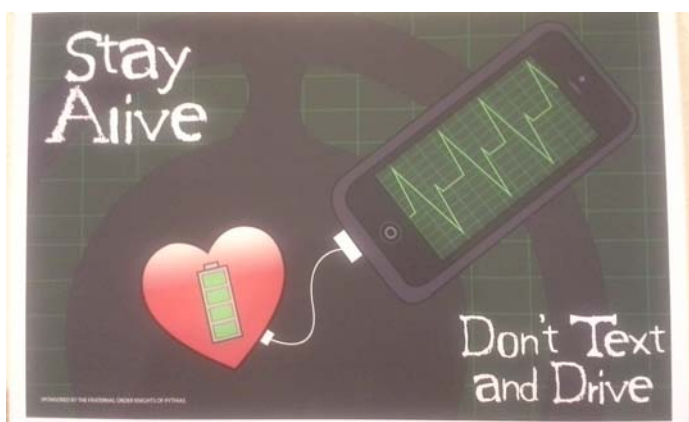
Scott Farrow of Mentor
Sponsored by Owatonna Lodge #62

Third Place - \$150

Mark Mokros of Massillon
Sponsored by N. Jackson Lodge #343

Congratulations to all the talented young people who participated! You can view all of the posters at our website.

Many thanks to John Kerstetter for his efforts as the Poster Contest Chairman for Ohio and to Brion Kelly, a professional artist from West Salem, Ohio, who judged the posters. You can check out Brion's work at [facebook.com/brionkellyshop](https://www.facebook.com/brionkellyshop).



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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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Fish Fry Schedule
Talmadge Lodge #194
Mt. Sterling, Ohio

*Veterans Field
164 E. Main St.
11:00 AM – 9:00 PM*

June 9-11, 2016

July 8-9, 2016

August 19-20, 2016

September 16-17, 2016

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 4, 2016 – 1pm - 3-Rank Class at Lafayette Lodge #37
1211 First Ave, Middletown, OH
Delicious Judy Pennington feast to follow.

June 25-26, 2016 – RAY SNARR MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Details were included in the last newsletter, which is posted at the website.

Saturday, July 16, 2016 – Pythian Picnic SOUTH (Noon)
Lafayette Acres, 5777 Franklin-Madison Rd., Middletown, OH
Bring side, salad, or dessert to share and a wrapped surprise for the WHITE ELEPHANT
SALE to benefit the Pythian Charities

Sunday, July 24, 2016 – Pythian Picnic NORTH (Noon)
West Woods, Deer Run Shelter, 9465 Kinsman Rd., Novelty, OH 44072
Bring a dish to share with 10 to 12 people.
(Last name A-H bring side; J-Q bring salad; R-Z bring dessert)
RSVP BY JULY 1ST to Joel Grodin, 216-591-1412, joelgrodin@hotmail.com.

August 7-10, 2016 – Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple – Cleveland

Aug 31 – Sep 3, 2016 – Ohio Grand Lodge & Grand Temple – Worthington
Holiday Inn (614) 885-3132 / \$99 per night + tax / Group Code: SOP
When making room reservations, ask for a room close to the meeting rooms.
