

# Ohio Pythian News

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio*

**CELEBRATING MORE THAN 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!**

## **In Memoriam – Sir Hayden Woolum, KGS, PSR March 4, 1927 – May 11, 2017**



The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called Sir Hayden Woolum, Past Grand Chancellor and Knight of the Golden Spur, to take his place in peace eternal. Sir Hayden became a Pythian in Lafayette Lodge No. 37 on December 7, 1968. He later advanced through the officer line to become a Past Chancellor of the Lodge and served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as its Grand Chancellor in 1990-91. He continued to faithfully participate in the activities of the Grand Lodge and served as the Master at Arms for many, many Founder's Day Classes until his health would no longer permit him to travel. He was a Past Supreme Representative and had also served the Grand Lodge as a Grand Trustee. He was also a proud member of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan. He was known for his sense of humor and pranks at Grand Lodge functions and loved to have fun with his Pythian Brothers and Sisters. He will be sorely missed & fondly remembered!

May/June 2017

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## **3 Rank Classes – 21 New Knights!!!!**

Cheviot Lodge #755 hosted a Grand Lodge 3-Rank Class on April 23, 2017 during which the Grand Chancellor had the pleasure of knighting 12 new members. They included Dennis Auberger (755), Kevin Carberry (37), Bill Woosley (755), Dominic Pangallo (755), Tony Pangallo (755), Sean Phelan (755), Andy Neyer (755), Tom Gamel (755), Keith McCoy (755), David Lucas (755), Nick Pearson (755), and Chris Ferneding (755).



Valley Lodge #169 hosted a Grand Lodge 3-Rank Class on May 7, 2017 in Logan during which the Grand Chancellor had the pleasure of knighting 9 new members of Valley Lodge #169. They included Neil Sommers, Johnny Kuhn, Kevin Compston, Harold Meade, Daniel Jones, Austin Ly, David Van Gundy, Garold Linscott, and Carl Roberts.



## **New Knight of the Golden Spur for Ohio!**



In recognition of his outstanding service, Past Supreme Chancellor, L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr., was elevated to the rank of Knight of the Golden Spur on May 6, 2017 in Mansfield in conjunction with the Ohio Society DOKK / N. of A. spring gathering. The rank was conferred by a Grand Lodge team consisting of Deputy Supreme Chancellor Thomas Beers, Grand Chancellor John Morris, Jr., Grand Inner Guard Steven Rine, and Grand Secretary Marty Trent. Congratulations Keith!!!!



One KGS per year may be awarded at the Grand Lodge level and within each subordinate Lodge upon proper nomination and approval by the Supreme Lodge KGS Committee. There is a strict process requiring 2 secret committees in order to nominate a Knight for the KGS. If your Lodge is interested in pursuing a KGS nomination, contact the Grand Secretary for the required forms and process instructions.

## Pythian Historical Marker Dedication – April 21, 2017



*The Union Township Hall has stood for more than 100 years at 100 E. McKinley St. in South Lebanon, Ohio. It has served many purposes for the South Lebanon community and for many years prior to World War II, was the Castle Hall for Miami Valley Lodge No. 703 (chartered in 1897 and closed in 1936). The Warren County Historical Society and Lebanon Citizens National Bank sponsored placement of an Ohio Historical Marker at the*

*Hall and the Knights of Pythias is recognized on the marker. A dedication ceremony was held on April 21, 2017, during which the Grand Chancellor and Grand Secretary of Ohio were privileged to address an audience of local attendees and a number of visiting Pythians. Many thanks to the primary organizer of this effort, Ms. Maryan Harrison, who went out of her way to include our Order in this historical event! Pictured above are Grand Chancellor John Morris and Deputy Supreme Chancellor Thomas Beers with the marker.*

### From the SUPREME SECRETARY

In order to make the subordinate lodge meetings more interesting and to reestablish the Pythian principles, Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell is suggesting that Friendship, Charity and Benevolence be discussed in detail at least once each month during a regularly scheduled convention of your subordinate lodges, and how it impacts each member. It is very important for our brothers to remember what our duties are and how they interact between themselves and the community. We seem to have forgotten what a positive Pythian attitude is. Having a positive and caring attitude will also result in the expansion of Pythianism. We need to bring back and reinforce our Pythian Principles now. We must make a difference.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

*Allen S. Morris*  
Allen S. Morris, KGS  
Supreme Secretary

**IMPORTANT RULING BY THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL** – We previously published a decision by the Grand Tribunal of Ohio that convicted felons were ineligible for membership in our Order. Upon appeal and review, the Supreme Tribunal has overturned this decision. The Supreme Tribunal has ruled that conviction of a felony does not automatically make someone ineligible for membership. It is ultimately the responsibility of each subordinate Lodge and its investigating committee to determine if a candidate is of good moral character and worthy of membership. So it is up to the Lodge's investigating committee to be diligent in performing their duties and inquiring into the moral character of each petitioner, reporting back to the Lodge, and the members giving careful consideration to the committee's report and advice prior to balloting upon a petitioner. This is an AWESOME responsibility and should be taken very seriously! Guard well the portals of our Castle Halls! Don't take a petitioner's investigation lightly! Food for thought: If you would not be comfortable with a petitioner being in your home with your family, then why would you let him in your Lodge?

### Grand Chancellor's Charity – HONOR FLIGHT



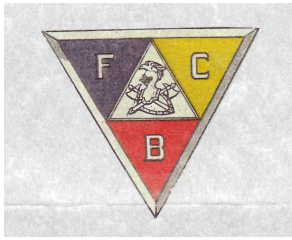
The program honors all men and women over 65 who served in the armed forces either stateside or overseas and provides free transportation and tours of the war memorials in Washington, D.C. All donations collected will be split between the 5 regional honor flight organizations in Findlay, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, & Cincinnati).

**THANK YOU!**

**Majors Temple, Pythian Sisters - \$20.00**  
**El Shams Temple, DOKK - \$100.00**

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



**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Raymond Snarr  
Memorial  
Knights of Pythias  
Ohio State Golf  
Tournament**

**Saturday and Sunday  
June 24th and 25th, 2017**

**8:00 AM Shot Gun Start Both Days  
ROCKY LAKES GOLF COURSE  
3950 Springfield-Xenia Road  
Springfield Ohio 45506  
Phone 937-322-3211**

**\*\*\*REGULAR RATES\*\*\***

<b>GREEN FEES</b>	<b>46.00</b>
<b>PRIZE FUND</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE FUND</b>	<b><u>7.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>OPTIONAL SKINS GAME</b>	<b><u>5.00</u></b>
<b>(2.50 each day)</b>	
<b>COST FOR EVERYTHING</b>	<b>70.00</b>

**ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, JUNE 19TH  
Please send them in early!**

**You may request your playing partner, if you do not have a partner, you can be paired with another golfer. Use the form provided or another sheet of paper for your entries. Include the names, home addresses, and telephone number for every one listed. If they qualify for the senior division(60 and over) and wish to play in that division check the appropriate slot. If the player is a guest, check that slot. Please include email addresses. This information is important to maintain an accurate mailing list and so that I can contact you if necessary.**

**There will three separate divisions: regular, senior, and guest. Seniors will use different tees, but you must tell me which division you wish to**

**play in before play starts on Saturday or I will assume you are playing in the regular division.**

**Guests are encouraged to play. Hopefully they will want to join our Pythian Order. Guests will be grouped together for prizes and will not count toward the team trophy.**

**Mail you entry along with your check made out to the Ohio State K of P Golf Tournament to:**

**John Kerstetter  
6661 North Elyria Road  
West Salem Ohio 44287  
Phone: 419-846-3812  
[Email:johnd59@sssnet.com](mailto:johnd59@sssnet.com)**

**MOTELS**

**BAYMONT INN & SUITES  
319 EAST LEFFEL LANE  
15 ROOMS BLOCKED  
ROOM RATE \$99+TAX  
MENTION MY NAME FOR DISCOUNT  
CUT OFF DATE JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
CALL 937-328-0123**

**RED ROOF INN  
Call 1-937-325-5356**

**QUALITY INN  
Call 1-937-323-8631**

**COMFORT SUITES  
Call 1-937-322-0707**

**HAMPTON INN  
Call 1-937-325-8480**

**Some of the other hotels do not have rooms available both days.**

**The hotels are located off of Exit #54 of I-70. The course is located within 3 miles of the hotels.**

**Tee assignments will be give out at the course on Saturday.**

## 2017 : K of P Golf Tournament Entry Form

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PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PLAYING PARTNER (AND YOUR FOURSOME IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE)

## CALL TO CONVENTION!!! - 2017 Grand Lodge Convention

**Remember – Lodge Reps receive a \$100 per diem stipend for attending Grand Lodge. EVERY Lodge in Ohio should be represented on Friday and Saturday!**

Wednesday, August 30, 2017  
Evening – Hospitality Room

Thursday, August 31, 2017  
9:30 – Joint Opening and Memorial Service  
11:30am – Lunch Break  
1:00-4:00pm – Knights' Registration  
1:00-4:00pm – Grand Officers & Trustees, Grand Tribunal, & Committee Meetings  
Evening – Hospitality Room

Friday, September 1, 2017  
8:00am – Knights' Registration  
9:00am – Open Grand Lodge  
Noon – Lunch Break  
1:30pm – Grand Lodge Reconvenes  
5:30pm – Social Hour with cash bar  
6:30pm – Friendship Banquet (\$35.00 per person)  
Evening – Hospitality Room

Saturday, September 2, 2017  
8:00am – Knights' Registration  
9:00am – Grand Lodge Reconvenes  
Noon – Lunch Break  
2:00pm – Joint Installation of Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Officers

[Note that the Memorial Service will be on Thursday morning with the Joint Opening instead of having a separate Memorial Service on Wednesday night.]

### Friendship Banquet Information and Reservations

The Friday night Friendship Banquet is open to all and is \$35 per person. You have your choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian meal. All meals include rolls, salad, dessert, and coffee/tea/water. Reservations are REQUIRED and must be made by AUGUST 19, 2017. Remember to specify your meal choice when making reservations. To make reservations, contact the Grand Chief, Judy Pennington, at 1317 Pershing Ave., Middletown, OH 45044, [penningtona@twc.com](mailto:penningtona@twc.com), or (513) 423-7045. Make checks payable to: "The Grand Lodge of Ohio K of P."

### Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Fairborn  
(Recently renovated – beautiful!!!!)  
2800 Presidential Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324  
937-426-7800

Room Rate = \$104.00 plus tax (includes FULL, HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET)  
Mention "Knights of Pythias" to receive the special rate including breakfast.  
Make your lodging reservations early, but no later than July 22nd!!!

If you are viewing this newsletter electronically on your computer, you can make reservations using the following on-line booking link: [Holiday Inn – K of P](#)  
Simply manually enter the check in and check out dates in mm/dd/yyyy format and the special rate will automatically appear. If you have any trouble, call the hotel and they will be happy to assist.

**Grand Lodge Knights  
of Pythias of Ohio**

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Enon, OH 45323

Phone: 937.864.5603

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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)



**POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Isabella Jones of Springfield  
(Sponsored by Hillsdale Lodge No. 696)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Micah Spansel of Mentor  
(Sponsored by Owatonna Lodge No. 62)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Autumn Danforth of Springfield  
(Sponsored by Red Star Lodge No. 205)

\*\*\*\*All entries can be viewed at our website.\*\*\*\*

**Calendar of Events**

**Talmadge Lodge #194 Fish Fry Dates at Vets Field in Mt. Sterling**  
11am – 7pm on May 25&26, Jun 29-Jul 1, Jul 27&28, Aug 25&26, and Sep 28&29  
**Sherman Lodge #470 Fish Fry Dates at the Lodge (1019 Columbus St., Harrisburg)**  
10am-6pm on Jun 3, Jun 17, Jul 1, Jul 15, Jul 29, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sep 9, Sep 23

**June 24-25, 2017 – Ray Snarr Memorial Golf Tournament (see insert)**

**July 30, 2017 – Pythian Picnic NORTH and Pythian Picnic SOUTH (sorta)**  
Both picnics are on the last Sunday in July. The North picnic will be in Cleveland  
and South (sorta) picnic will be in Prospect. See details below.

[If you need more detailed directions, contact the Grand Secretary and he can e-mail them.]

***Picnic North*** – Starts at Noon – West Woods (Deer Run Shelter), 946 Kinsman Rd., Novelty, OH 44072.  
Steaks and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with 10 to 12 people. If your  
last name starts with A through H, bring a side dish; J through Q, bring a salad; R through Z, bring a  
dessert. This is optional for out of towners. Please RSVP to Ron Stovsky by July 15, 2017 at 440-449-  
5582. There are picnic tables or bring a lawn chair.

***Picnic South (sorta)*** – Starts at 1pm – Prospect Park (at the south end of 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Prospect, Ohio)  
at the large shelter house on the LEFT as you follow the main drive thru the park. Hot dogs, burgers,  
drinks, and plastic ware will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Stan Lauer  
by July 15, 2017 at [turbostan@frontier.com](mailto:turbostan@frontier.com) or 740-494-2493. As has become tradition with the  
southern picnic, bring a wrapped/bagged surprise to auction for the Grand Chief's and Grand  
Chancellor's charities. There are picnic tables or bring a lawn chair.

**Aug 30 – Sep 2, 2017 – Grand Lodge Convention – Fairborn, OH (see page 5)**