

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

Grand Reception

A wonderful reception honoring our newly installed Grand Chancellor, John Morris, Jr., and Grand Chief, Judy Pennington, was held on Saturday, October 15th at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Springfield, Ohio. Many thanks to John and Judy and their committees and helpers for making the Reception such a nice event. There were table favors for all and OUTSTANDING entertainment by the trio Tom, Dick, and Hairy (Joseph). We caught Laura Auble and Sir Donald Baker enjoying a dance during the musical entertainment.



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ATTENTION LODGES AND KNIGHTS!!

3-RANK CLASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016
1:00PM (FREE MEAL TO FOLLOW)
PALMETTO LODGE NO. 513
17½ E. MAIN ST.
ASHVILLE, OH 43103

This is the first rank work at Ashville for a number of years. They have in excess of 5 candidates that are the future of that Lodge. All other Lodges are welcome and encouraged to bring candidates. Come help welcome new Knights into our Order.

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!

West Baltimore Lodge #544 - \$25.00

Owatonna Lodge #62 - \$200.00

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

Highlighting a Grand Lodge Program

Is your Lodge building in need of some critical repair or maintenance, but the Lodge just doesn't have the financial resources to cover the costs? Maybe the Grand Lodge can help. We have a special fund set aside to provide no interest loans (and in some cases, grants) to help with building repairs and maintenance. To

request funds, simply provide a detailed explanation of the work you want to have done on your building along with estimates to the Grand

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for building repair and
maintenance**

Secretary. He will forward the request to the Grand Trustees for consideration. Be sure to include the name and phone number of someone in the Lodge who can answer any questions or provide additional details. Funds are limited, but we have already helped a number of Lodges in the past several years.

Supreme Representative – Latest Update

Well, your Grand Secretary goofed. By Supreme Statute, the Supreme Representatives are elected in ODD numbered years, so the election we held at Grand Lodge this year was premature and, therefore, null and void. This error was not caught until the necessary paperwork was submitted to the Supreme Secretary, Sir Al Morris - - he, of course, identified the error immediately. So, we will be holding an election for Supreme Representative at the Grand Lodge Convention in 2017.

In the meantime, to somewhat rectify the situation, Martin Trent has resigned as Supreme Representative and the Grand Chancellor has appointed Past Grand Chancellor Dale Sipe to fill the remaining part of that term, which expires Dec 31, 2017.



Hello Brother Knights. I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Grand Chancellor for the coming year.

Since becoming your Grand Chancellor, a few things have happened. We had our Grand Reception in Springfield on Saturday, October 15, 2016, where a good time was had by all. There is a Three (3) Rank Class scheduled at Palmetto Lodge #513 on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at 1:00 pm. Get your candidates ready and bring them along. My travels have been limited to the Pythian Sisters Conventions, soon I will be contacting our Lodges for official visits. Do not feel left out, as my visits will go well into the spring and summer.

My charity this year is "Honor Flight". It is off to a good start with raffle ticket sales and donations coming in on a regular basis.

I look forward to visiting as many Lodges as I can during my term. If you have any "special" functions you would like me to attend, please send me a note in advance so I can plan to attend.

Yours in F.C.B.

John R. Morris, Jr

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Grand Chancellor

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CHANCELLOR COMMANDERS AND LODGE OFFICERS – REMINDER ON LODGE AUDITS

We are quickly approaching the end of the year and the close of another year's financial books. Have you made plans to compile a report of all the Lodge's income and expenses to report to the Lodge members in January? If you haven't, you need to! EVERY Lodge should have an end of year financial report presented in open Lodge and noted on the minutes. The finances should also be audited by a committee other than the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and the committee's report should be presented in Lodge. This is simply prudent financial management and needs to be a priority for each Lodge. Auditing the books is going to be an item that the District Deputies now look for as part of their inspections and should be taken seriously - - not just because the Grand Lodge says you should, but BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

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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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**Knights of Pythias
- Lodge 696 -**

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(Downtown Belfast)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 17, 2016

Festivities Begin 5:45 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.

(Bring A Covered Dish)

- Drawings •
- Door Prizes •
- 50-50 Drawings •
- Fun •
- Food •
- Prizes •
- Games •



Santa Will Be Arriving at 7:30 p.m.

Gifts are donated by local merchants, friends & families.

We thank all those who participated last year and are looking forward to this year's party.

If You Would Like To Make A Donation Or Need Information

Call: (937) 763-7353 • (937) 763-5765 • (937) 403-2114

Not Responsible For Accidents

Nov 19, 2016 - 3 Rank Class at Ashville (see front page)

Nov 24, 2016 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Let us give thanks and praise to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the many blessings we enjoy!

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

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

DURWARD LODGE #153 FISH FRY DATES:

~~SEP 17, OCT 15~~, AND NOV 19, 2016