

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

New Grand Outer Guard – William A. Parmer, III

Sept/Oct 2016

Bill lives in Springfield, Ohio and is a member, Trustee, and Past Chancellor of Red Star Lodge No. 205. He is also currently serving as the Royal Vizier of Bokara Temple No. 113, Knights of Khorassan and is an active Sister Knight of Red Star Temple No. 397, Pythian Sisters. He has served as District Deputy Grand Chancellor for District 4 and will continue to perform the duties of DDGC for the coming year.

He retired from the International Harvester (NAVISTAR) truck plant in Springfield and is also a former proprietor of an ice cream shop in Springfield, Ohio. He and his lovely and patient wife, Sandy, enjoy the large family of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Bill brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from having served as presiding officer in many other fraternal organizations and he is looking forward to working with our new Grand Chancellor John Morris, Jr. and the other Grand Officers. He thanks all his brother knights for supporting him as the new Grand Outer Guard and looks forward to a great year of Pythian fellowship.



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Grand Officers for 2016-2015

Our newly installed Grand Chancellor, John Morris, Jr., is pictured here with the newly installed Grand Chief, Judy Pennington.

Grand Lodge and Grand Temple:

Back row (from left to right) – Bill Parmer, Grand Outer Guard; Charles Morrison, Grand Master At Arms; Alvin Cox, Grand Vice Chancellor; John Morris, Jr., Grand Chancellor; Charles N. Espich, Grand Prelate; Martin R. Trent, Grand Secretary; Steven Rine, Grand Inner Guard. [Lester Brandais, Grand Treasurer, and Roger O'Brien, Sitting Past Grand Chancellor, not pictured]

Front row (from left to right) – Cheryl Rose, Grand Guard; Louann Artiaga, Grand Treasurer; Virginia Handley, Grand Manager; Helen Burgoon, Grand Senior; Judy Pennington, Grand Chief; Vicki Sample, Grand Junior; Lonnie Baughman, Grand Secretary; and Judy Shamis, Grand Protector. [Sharon Foster, Sitting Past Grand Chief, not pictured]



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.



FIRST DONATION RECEIVED!

\$40.00 from Nancy and Dan Tiemeier in memory of the Grand Chancellor's recently deceased sister

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

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SAY AT GRAND LODGE?

Brother Knights –Each Lodge Representative received \$150 to help defray their traveling expenses; however, there were a number of Lodges that were still not represented at Grand Lodge this year. The Lodges without representatives in attendance HAD NO VOTE in the business of the Grand Lodge. We enacted some very important legislation to consolidate our charitable activities and to ratify Supreme Lodge constitutional changes. If your Lodge wants to have a say in the future of Ohio's Grand Lodge and the associated impacts to YOUR Lodge, then you have to send a representative to Grand Lodge. Start planning now for next year Aug 30 – Sep 2, 2017 at Holiday Inn Fairborn.

Grand Chancellor's Program – Traveling Incentive Continues

As part of the Grand Chancellor's Program for this year, he is continuing the program to promote visitations between Lodges. If a brother visits 5 Lodges other than his own Lodge(s), he will receive a special ball cap recognizing him as a TRAVELING KNIGHT. For every additional 5 Lodges visited, he will receive a star pin to add to the cap. Only visitations to Lodges in which you are not currently a voting member will be counted. For

DDGCs, official visitations to inspect a Lodge do not count. Tracking will be on the honor system. To get credit for your visit, notify the Grand Secretary at standrews619@yahoo.com or 937-

864-5603 and be sure to include your name, your home Lodge, the Lodge you visited, and the date. A listing of Lodge meeting dates, times, and locations is available upon request from the Grand Secretary and you are encouraged to call ahead before you visit. Fraternal visitations between Lodges are one of the most enjoyable parts of being a Pythian - - make plans to visit another Lodge today!

**Visit one another!
Friendship is the
bedrock of the Order**

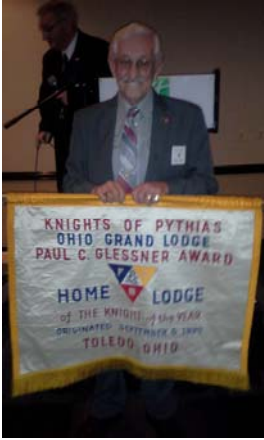
K. W. Hess Ohio Pythian Charitable Foundation

As approved at Grand Lodge, the Youth Commission has been consolidated into the K.W. Hess Ohio Pythian Charitable Foundation. This does not mean that we are turning away from helping the youth! It gives us more flexibility to be able to help needy youth in many different ways than just funding hearing aids, glasses, or speech impediment treatment. Continuing to help needy youth falls within the Foundation's mission to provide financial support and assistance to needy Pythians and their families as well as other worthy non-Pythian charities. The money for this assistance comes from the income earned on modest investments that are held by the Foundation, so there is an annual limit to our charitable giving. **The first priority is to help our own!!** In order to help, we must be informed that someone needs assistance! The Foundation will consider requests on a first-come basis and limited to the annual availability of funds. If you know of a Pythian or family member in need, notify the Chancellor Commander of your Lodge and he should then notify the Grand Secretary. There is no mandatory form or special format for submitting requests, but the more details available regarding the situation, the better chance that the trustees will grant assistance. **Also remember that the Foundation is a 501(c)3 charity and any donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

**ATTENTION LODGES! In early August, each Lodge Secretary was mailed the Lodge Deputy Certification form (a blue sheet) for the 2016-17 Pythian Year. A Lodge WILL NOT receive the Semi-Annual Password until the Grand Secretary has this form. I'm pleased to report that the response this year is much better than last (I'm only missing forms from 3 Lodges at the time of this writing).
BIG THANKS to those Secretaries that have returned the forms promptly!**

Special Pythian Awards – Congratulations!

The following awards were announced and presented during Grand Lodge this year:



Knight of the Year – Sir Donald Baker of Sterling Lodge #173

Lodge of the Year – Valley Lodge #169

Grand Chancellor's Charity Award – Glen Lodge #459

Membership Propagation Award – Lafayette Lodge #37 and Valley Lodge #169

Grand Chancellor's Membership Recruitment Awards

Top Recruiter – Michael Levangie of Lafayette #37 - \$350

2nd Place – Jeff Ross of Valley #169 - \$250

3rd Place – Steve Carson (Valley #169) and Mel Megown (N. Jackson #343) - \$100 each

Congratulations to L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr., Past Supreme Chancellor, and the Supreme Lodge Convention Committee

The Biennial Supreme Lodge Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio on Aug 6-10, 2016. There were many Sisters and Knights from the Cleveland area that worked very hard to host a wonderful convention. They included Sir Ron Kiessling, Judie Shamis, Bobbie Ronk, Laura Auble, Mickey Rosenthal, Les Brandais, Eli Mahler, Sir Sid Wakser, Gary Goldner, Scot Orloff, Hugh Summers, Jon Silvis, and Stan Wolski. Those who have never been involved in planning and executing a convention do not realize the effort that is required, much of which goes on behind the scenes. It is truly a labor of love and the Cleveland committee did an OUTSTANDING job! Many thanks to these hard working Pythians and to all who helped make the Supreme Lodge Convention a success!!!

Congratulations also to our very own L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr. on successfully presiding as the Supreme Chancellor for the 2014-2016 Biennium. Brother Keith entered the top office with many issues and challenges and he met them head on. He was instrumental in many positive changes that have taken place at the Supreme Lodge level and has made the Order better during his term of office. He gritted his teeth through some severe back pain during the Supreme Lodge Convention and now can take a break and enjoy having attained the dignity and title of Past Supreme Chancellor. Thanks, Keith, for your many years of travel and service to our Fraternity!



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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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RECEPTION INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the Dinner Reception honoring Grand Chief Judy Pennington and Grand Chancellor John Morris, Jr. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, 100 South Fountain Ave., Springfield, Ohio. A social hour with cash bar will begin at 5:30 p.m. For room reservations call 937-322-3600 by October 1, 2016 (\$96.00 per night plus tax)

Meal Choices:

Roasted Beef Sirloin

Chicken Saltimbocca

Roast Pork Loin

\$32.00 per person

(Vegetable lasagna and child's meal available on request)

RSVP for the meal by October 1, 2016 to:

Jeanne Tingle, A.S.R.

5578 Mayberry Ln.

Cincinnati, OH 45239

513-245-0351

Make Checks Payable to "Grand Lodge of Ohio K of P"

Calendar of Events

Sep 17, 2016 - Pythian Sisters Dist 6 Convention @ Waterville

Oct 1, 2016 - Pythian Sisters Dist 9 Convention @ Johnstown

Oct 15, 2016 - Grand Chancellor's/Grand Chief's Reception

Oct 29, 2016 - Pythian Sisters Dist 1 Convention @ Middletown

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**
