

Ohio Pythian News

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio

CELEBRATING OVER 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!

Reception Fast Approaching!

Sept/Oct 2017

You are cordially invited to the Dinner Reception honoring



Grand Chancellor Alvin Cox

And

Grand Chief Helen Burgoon

On Saturday October 28, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

At the Courtyard Marriot

100 South Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio

A social hour with cash bar will begin at 5:30 P.M.

For room reservations by September 13, 2017 call (937) 322-3600

(Room rate \$99.00 per night plus tax)



*Specify Choice of
Flank Steak,
Chicken Saltimbocca
Vegetable Lasagna*

R.S.V.P. by October 13, 2017

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Grand Officers for 2017-2018

Our newly installed Grand Chancellor, Alvin Cox., is pictured here with the newly installed Grand Chief, Helen Burgoon.



Installing Team: Past Grand Chancellors Art Pennington, Tom Beers, DSC, and Sir Donald Baker.



Grand Lodge Officers:

Back row (from left to right) – Bill Parmer, Grand Master at Arms; Howard Ballard, Grand Inner Guard; Rodney Carr, Grand Outer Guard.

Front row (from left to right) – Steve Rine, Grand Prelate; John R. Morris, Jr., Sitting Past Grand Chancellor; Alvin Cox, Grand Chancellor; Charles Morrison, Grand Vice Chancellor; and Ron Bryant, Grand Treasurer. [Marty Trent, PGC, Grand Secretary, not pictured]

Grand Chancellor's Charity

Final Report on Honor Flight donations for 2016-2017:

With a big final push from the Grand Lodge Trustees (\$1,000) and the Grand Temple of Ohio Pythian Sisters (\$2,500), the Domain of Ohio raised nearly \$7,500 to support Honor Flight. Well done! Past Grand Chancellor John Morris, Jr. is so pleased and proud of the support our Order was able to give to this worthy charity!



New Grand Chancellor's Charity for 2017-2018 – The Epilepsy Foundation:

The Epilepsy Foundation is leading the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.



FIRST DONATION RECEIVED!

WOW! \$1,000.00 from Sherman Lodge #470
(The Grand Chancellor's Lodge)

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

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 you 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**

Remember the K. W. Hess Ohio Pythian Charitable Foundation

The Foundation's mission is 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!!** Last year we were able to help a fellow Knight procure a portable oxygen machine, so that he can continue to be mobile and active.

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.**

Special Pythian Awards – Congratulations!

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



Knight of the Year – Stan Wolski of Owatonna Lodge #62

Lodge of the Year – Valley Lodge #169

Grand Chancellor's Charity Award – Sherman Lodge #470

Membership Propagation Award – Lafayette Lodge #37

Grand Chancellor's Membership Recruitment Awards

Top Recruiter – Charles Morrison of Palmetto #513 - \$250

2nd Place – Marty Wright of Lafayette #37 - \$150

3rd Place – Aaron Hempfling (Cheviot #755) and Ivan Tribe (Valley #169) - \$100 each

50-Year Presentations



On August 22, 2017, Grand Chancellor John Morris visited St. Paris Lodge #334 and presented 50-year veteran awards to Past Grand Chancellor Tom McAlister, Dale George, Vernon Sloan, Sam Ward.

Membership Event Funding

Don't forget that there is funding available from Grand Lodge to help fund a Membership Recruiting event for your Lodge. The Grand Lodge will provide up to \$200 to help defray the costs of an event. Hillsdale Lodge #696 recently took advantage of this program to hold a membership event in their community. Although this program has been around for a number of years, I believe Hillsdale is the first to use it! Forms and more details are available from the Grand Secretary.

Ingomar Lodge #610 Holds Special Meeting for Sir David Huey

On Thursday, September 14, 2017, Ingomar Lodge #610 held their stated meeting at the auditorium of the Ohio Masonic Home's Springfield Masonic Community. Although not confirmed, this may very well have been the first time a Pythian Lodge was opened at the Ohio Masonic Home, a great example of fraternal teamwork!

This special meeting was organized, so that Sir David Huey, now a resident of the Ohio Masonic Home (4th Floor Rickley Commons), could attend Lodge. There were 25 Knights in attendance from 8 Lodges including 5 of the Grand Lodge officers, a Grand Trustee, and 5 Past Grand Chancellors. Sir David was overjoyed that the Lodge had made these special arrangements for him and made some emotional comments regarding his love for his Brother Knights and missing being able to attend Lodge regularly. Ingomar Lodge intends to plan future meetings at this lovely venue.



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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

Disaster Relief

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been impacted by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The Grand Lodge of Ohio and K. W. Hess Ohio Pythian Charitable Foundation have collectively donated \$2,000 to the Americares relief organization. This charity was chosen because it is rated as a top charity that has very low administrative expenses and uses the predominance of all donations for its relief programs.

Calendar of Events

**Talmadge Lodge #194 Fish Fry at Vets Field in Mt. Sterling
Sep 28 & 29, 11am - 7pm**

**Sherman Lodge #470 Fish Fry at the Lodge (1019 Columbus St., Harrisburg)
Sep 23, 10am-6pm**

**Durward Lodge #153 Fish Fries at the Lodge (100 S. Elm St., Prospect)
Oct 21 and Nov 18**

**Glen Lodge #459 Homemade Donut Sale at Lodge (110 Walnut St., Seven Mile, Ohio)
Oct 26 & 27, 6am-11am - \$6.50 per dozen (regular and apple cider donuts)
To place advance orders for 5 dozen or more, call Roger Drake at 513-205-8451**

**Reception for Grand Chancellor and Grand Chief
October 28 in Springfield
See Front Page for Details**

**Ray Snarr Memorial Ohio Knights of Pythias Golf Tournament
June 23 & 24, 2018 - The Pines Golf Course (Orrville, Ohio)**
