

# Ohio Pythian News

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio*

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

**IN MEMORIAM  
GRAND TRIBUNE  
BILLY JOE FANNIN**

**MARCH 27, 1945 – DECEMBER 18, 2020**



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## Founder's Day and New Grand Lodge Appointments

Founder's Day was held on Sunday, February 21, 2021 in Johnstown, Ohio. Many thanks to White Cross Lodge No. 308 for hosting the event. The Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Trustees met at noon and the Rank Work began at 1:30pm. Attendance was limited due to COVID-19 precautions. In order to expedite the day (and minimize COVID risks) the Abbreviated Rank Work approved by the Supreme Lodge in 2018 was used and went very well. Please join me in welcoming 5 new Knights to our Ranks! Ryan W. Adams from Valley Lodge 169, Robert Strickland, Garry Hobbs, and Barry McCorkle from Hillsdale Lodge 696, and Christopher Moore from White Cross Lodge 308. Many thanks also to Lonnie Baughman and her Pythian Sister helpers for putting together "grab and go" snack bags since we were unable to have our usual meal due to COVID precautions.

With the unexpected passing of Grand Tribune Bill Fannin, withdrawal of Grand Tribune Mike Johnson, and resignation of Darryl Ward as Grand Inner Guard due to personal reasons, there have been some shifts in personnel in various Grand Lodge offices and committees. During the Grand Officer meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Grand Chancellor made the following appointments:

Grand Tribune – Thomas Beers, PGC (610) – he resigned from Legislation

Grand Tribune – Ron Bryant (696) – he resigned as Grand Treasurer and DDGC

Grand Treasurer – Charles Morrison, PGC (513)

Grand Inner Guard – Jeffrey Ross (169)

Grand Outer Guard will remain vacant until Grand Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor (District 6) – Bill Roberds (696)

## Grand Lodge Scholarship Deadline EXTENDED TO APRIL 30TH

Applications for the Grand Lodge's \$1,000 Dale Gray Memorial Scholarships must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. Any applications not physically in his hands by that date will be rejected. Members and the sons/daughters of members are eligible. Applicants MUST submit an application form each year to be considered. The form requires a certification and seal by the Lodge, so applicants will need to account for that additional processing time. Rules and the application form can be downloaded from our Grand Lodge website at:

[www.seekinglight.com/knights\\_of\\_pythias\\_grand\\_lodge\\_of\\_ohio](http://www.seekinglight.com/knights_of_pythias_grand_lodge_of_ohio)

### Grand Lodge Scholarship Rules

The scholarship program is open to any member, child of a member, or stepchild of a member of an Ohio Lodge that is in good standing with the Grand Lodge and who has at least a 2.0 grade point average. The applicant, father, or step-father must be in good standing with his Lodge and have been a member for at least 24 months. Children of a deceased members are also eligible, as long as the member was in good standing at the time of his death and a member for at least 24 months. The applicant must be between the ages of 17-24 and be attending or have been accepted at an accredited College, University or Trade school as a full-time student.

The winner(s) of the scholarship will be chosen by a blind drawing to be conducted in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Ohio, State Poster Contest, which will be held during the first weekend of May. The Grand Lodge Youth Commission will assist in conducting the drawing. A separate drawing, for any members who apply, will be held first. All other eligible applications will be included in subsequent drawings. The total number of scholarships awarded will be dependent upon the funds available. The scholarships will be awarded in \$1,000 units. The scholarships will be paid upon the successful completion of one semester, quarter or term of post High School level education. An official transcript or other official proof of GPA from the College, University or Trade school showing successful grades must be submitted to the Grand Secretary to receive the award. The scholarship is for one year and may be applied for each year the student is eligible.

The application form must be postmarked on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> and received no later than April 10<sup>th</sup> (**NOTE EXTENSION ABOVE**) preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is requested (no exceptions). The application form must be filled out completely, include the required signatures, and bear the official seal of the Lodge whose Secretary and Chancellor Commander are attesting to the membership status of the applicant, father, or stepfather.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to reject any application for just cause. Falsification of any part of an application will be considered cause for rejection and may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Send completed forms to: Martin R. Trent, Grand Secretary, 4267 S. Xenia Dr., Enon, OH 45323.

### Grand Chancellor's Charity

#### **Grand Chancellor's Charity for 2019-2021 – American Red Cross:**

The American Red Cross responds to a disaster every 8 minutes. These disasters range from local family house fires to national calamities like hurricanes.



**THANKS!**

K.W. Hess Pythian Foundation - \$2,000 !!!

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

## DID YOU KNOW!?

From 1949 through 1951 there was a postseason college football bowl game known as The Pythian Bowl. It was played each December in Salsbury, NC at Shuford Stadium of Catawba College. It originated as a charity bowl with proceeds going to a local orphanage. This and similar charity bowls are included in the NCAA records, but are not considered NCAA-sanctioned bowls.

## HILLSDALE LODGE CONTINUES CHRISTMAS TRADITION

For many years, Hillsdale Lodge has hosted a Christmas Party and provided meals and gifts for needy families in the area. The Knights and their ladies refused to let COVID-19 cancel this community project and they were able to distribute meals and gifts on a “drive thru” basis. What a great example thinking creatively to maintain COVID safety and still support the community. Truly an inspiring example for all Lodges!!!



## TALMADGE LODGE HELPS COMMUNITY

Talmadge Lodge supported their community also during the holidays by donating \$250 each to the Mt. Sterling Community Center food pantry and the Tri-County Fire Department annual toy drive.



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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)

Here's an article from a Cleveland Newspaper in 1965. We may not have 1000 at Grand Lodge anymore, but we are a dedicated and enthused bunch keeping Pythianism alive in Ohio!



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**Calendar of Events**

**June 26-27, 2021 – RAY SNARR MEMORIAL OHIO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GOLF TOURNAMENT – THE PINES GOLF COURSE IN ORRVILLE, OHIO**

**August 22, 2021 – PYTHIAN PICNIC (NORTH) – CLEVELAND**

**September 2-4, 2021 – GRAND LODGE OF OHIO CONVENTION FAIRBORN HOLIDAY INN – YOU CAN ALREADY MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!**

**Address:** 2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324  
**Phone:** (937) 426-7800

**October 9, 2021 – GRAND CHANCELLOR'S AND GRAND CHIEF'S RECEPTION – COLUMBUS, OHIO (DOUBLETREE HOTEL)**

**November 20, 2021 – OWATONNA LODGE 62 DINNER DANCE**

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