

Michigan Pythian News

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FROM THE GRAND CHANCELLOR: Happy Halloween to everyone. Hope this finds everyone in good spirits. Looking forward to a great November. So far I have been consumed with charges and appeals for the last month and a half and haven't even thought of my visit schedule. I would like to visit some areas before too much snow hits the ground. If any lodge has a function going on let me know and I will try to attend. I do not travel well in snow so those kinds of events you might not see me. Still waiting to hear from Detroit #55 on a venue for our next Convention. I hope they can deliver as it would be great to hold a convention around the Detroit area. We need to get this done a.s.a.p. as we don't want to lose the Ramada Hotel. On a personal note. I have been a member for over 35 years, Chancellor Commander, Rokeby Lodge #9, Wallaceburg, Grand Chancellor Grand Lodge Ontario, and now I have the honor of being Grand Chancellor of Michigan. In all those years, I have met many Brothers and we have had some conflicts, but we got through them. We need to stop fighting among ourselves and remember our orders banner "Friendship, Charity and Benevolence". Let's keep this great Order moving forward, bring in new members, start new projects, get everyone involved. Fraternally,
Charles Masefield, Grand Chancellor

FROM THE GRAND CHIEF: Greetings to all. I just don't know where the time goes. Grand Temple was wonderful this year. We had many compliments on how smooth and productive our meetings were. The hospitality room was busy all the time and everyone seemed to be more relaxed and having a good time. I have finished all my official visits. I've enjoyed each and everyone. Everyone made me feel right at home and very welcome. It was nice to see that at all my visits there were enough Sisters there to fill the chairs. The food was delicious and the visits were like family reunions again. Port Huron Men's Lodge took all the Sisters out to dinner in my honor as Grand Chief, it was wonderful to spend time with them. Thanks again to all temples for accepting my dates. Please remember any sisters that may be sick or unable to get out, maybe you could hold one of your meetings at their home or place where they live. I'm sure they would love it.
Remember, if we stick together and have faith, our order will prosper and Pythians will continue to get stronger and more members. I love this order and want to see it continue. God Bless each and everyone of you. Happy Halloween.

In P.L.E. and F., Michelle Miller, Grand Chief

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY: Hope everyone has a Happy Halloween, it looks like fall is definitely upon us. The leaves have changed and some starting to come down. Notified by Detroit Lodge #55 that they were unable to secure a Hotel in the Detroit area for next year's Convention. Arrangements have been made to return to the Ramada Hotel in Lansing one more time. Request everyone look around your areas' and see if there is a Hotel/Motel that could accommodate our 2017 Convention. I realize because we are getting so small, it is harder to get one at a reasonable price but maybe if we look around we can find one. If you think you have a Hotel for the Convention, contact one of the Convention Committee members to see basically what criteria we need to look at and set up a date/time for Committee members to look at it. I agree with the Grand Chief, it was great to see everyone having a good time. The Supreme Chancellor stated at our Convention that we should all share the three "Fs" - Friendship, Food and Fun. These conventions should be a joyous time along with productive meetings. We never know who won't be able to make it to the next one. The Grand

Chancellor will be making an Official Visit to Scotts Lodge #103/Battle Creek Lodge #35 on December 7 at 8:00PM.

Fraternally, David Maurer, DSC, Grand Secretary

FROM MY CORNER: Dates to remember in November: 6 - National Men Make Dinner Day, 10 - National Forget-Me-Not Day, 14 - International Girls Day, 28 - National French Toast Day. A quote from Lily Tomlin "Don't be afraid of missing opportunities. Behind every failure is an opportunity somebody wishes they had missed." A quote from Rita Rudner "All my life, my parents said 'Never take candy from strangers, and then they dressed me up and 'Now go beg for it'" A quote from Cicero "Advice is judged by results, not by intentions" A quote from Vaclav Havel "Anyone who takes himself too seriously always runs the risk of looking ridiculous, anyone who can consistently laugh at himself does not" A quote from Henry Kissinger "Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's just too much fraternizing with the enemy." A quote from Arthur Koestler "The more original a discovery, the more obvious it seems afterwards." A quote from Dina Vreeland "The only real elegance is in the mind; if you've got that, the rest really come from it." A quote from Henry Rollins "Scar tissue is stronger than regular tissue. Realize the strength, move on." A quote from Will Rogers "Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like." A quote from Pope Francis "I Buenos Aires, mothers say to me 'my son is 34 and he's not getting married; I don't know what to do.' So I tell them, 'Don't iron his shirts anymore.'"

Harvey Woolman, PDSC

FROM BETTY TRIPP: Once again, a very special birthday is around the corner. PSR Anna Brown, of Elmwood Temple, will be celebrating her 101st Birthday on December 8. Please send cards to Anna Brown, 1000 W. Villas Drive, Vicksburg, MI 49097.

Thank you,
PGC Betty Tripp