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**PROCLAMATION**  
**MARCH 28, 2018**  
**OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR**

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS**  
**JURISDICTION OF FLORIDA**  
**MAY 18-22, 2018**

**GRAND LODGE**  
**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS FLORIDA**

**THEME:**

*"Making Our Order Great Again  
Through Service and Commitment"*

*Sir Knight Ephraim A. Bryant, Grand Chancellor*  
*Sir Knight Roger Nelson, Grand Vice Chancellor*  
*Sir Knight Michael Bellamy, Grand Keeper of Records & Seal*  
*Sister Emma B. Wade, Grand Worthy Counsellor*

**GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS**  
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**JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

# PROCLAMATION

## TO:

The Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Representatives, Chancellor Commanders, Uniform Rank, Knights of Omar, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Jurisdiction of Florida

## GREETINGS:

Welcome to the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Session, to be held Friday, May 18-22, 2018, Jacksonville, Florida.

## LODGING:

The Pythian/Calanthe Grand Lodge and Grand Court Session will be held at the Crown Plaza Jacksonville Airport, 14670 Duval Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32218. The hotel is guaranteeing a rate of \$105 Kings and Queens. If you are reserving a King room, which has one king bed, the total with tax will be \$118.65. If you are reserving a Queen room, which has two queen beds, the total with tax will be \$118.65. Make sure when you call to make your reservation to say you are attending the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and Court of Calanthe Convention. ***Reservations cut-off date is Wednesday, April 18, 2018.***

Directions to Hotel: From the south, take I-10 East to Jacksonville. Take exit 356 for I-295 toward International Airport/Savannah/St. Augustine. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Interstate 295 N/International Airport/Savannah and merge onto I-295N. Take exit 33 for Duval Road toward International Airport Boulevard. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Duval Road N/Airport and merge onto Duval Road. Follow Duval Road to Crown Plaza Jacksonville Airport.

## REGISTRATION:

All members attending the Grand Lodge Convention are expected to register to participate in the meeting. To be eligible for early registration fees (\$68.00/\$75.00-late), the Grand Lodge must receive your completed registration form and payment on or before May 1, 2018. Registration fees include an admission badge that gives access to all sessions and tickets and Annual Banquet. Tickets to the Banquet for family members or guess may be purchased separately for \$30.00 each. Mail Pre-Registration to: Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Sir Michael Spivey, Post Office Box 2021, Jacksonville, Florida 32203 | 904-422-3275.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

All Lodges are requested to send a representative(s) to the Grand Lodge in order to have an effective meeting. Representatives will not be seated until all indebtedness is paid. Lodges not complying will be assessed \$50.00 OR \$1.00 per member, whichever is greater.

## PAST CHANCELLOR DEGREE:

All Sir Knights receiving the Past Chancellor degree must file their names with the Grand Keeper of Record and Seal and pay the required fee of \$25.00. The Degree will be given on Monday, May 21, 2018.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:**

Chancellor Commanders are requested to send Representatives Credentials to the Office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at once so that they may be placed on committees.

### **CHANCELLOR COMMANDERS:**

All Chancellor Commanders are requested to be represented in the Mr. Knight and Ms. Calanthe Review. Each Lodge that is in good standing may nominate one Sir Knight each for the Pythian of the Year and Chancellor Commander of the Year Award. The recipients of these honors will receive a plaque at the Grand Session Banquet. Individuals nominated for these awards should demonstrate exceptional qualities that make him stand out beyond the expectations of his duties as a Knight and Chancellor Commander. The deadline for receipt of these applications is May 1, 2018.

### **GRAND DEPUTIES:**

All Deputy Grand Chancellors will meet in the Annual Deputy Breakfast on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$15.00 (tax and gratuity inclusive). Tickets for family members are guests may be purchased separately.

**Souvenir Program:** All Lodges are expected to support the Souvenir Program by purchasing ads in the Souvenir Book. Full page ads are \$50.00 and half page ads are \$35.00. Pictures included in the above prices. Make checks payable to Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and mail to Aundra Bryant at 5620 Lunker Lane, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 or Ephraim Bryant at 1258 Athens Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32305. You may email copy ready ads to [aundra.bryant@yahoo.com](mailto:aundra.bryant@yahoo.com) or [eabryant\\_54@yahoo.com](mailto:eabryant_54@yahoo.com). The deadline for ads is April 30, 2018.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

Hospitality Night

7:00 PM – Until

## SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

General Registration

8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Mortuary Board Meeting

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Spiritual Hour

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

### GRAND LODGE OFFICIALLY OPEN

10:00 AM – 12:30 AM

Calanthe, Princess, DOKO, Uniform Rank, Pythians

Roll Call of Officers

Roll Call of Lodge Representatives

Ritualistic Opening

Appointment of Committees

Minutes of Morning Meeting

LUNCH (one your own)

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Meeting Reconvene

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Princess, DOKO, Uniform Rank Dance

7:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight

## SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

General Registration

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Deputies Breakfast

9:00 AM – 11 :00 AM

Morning Worship (Church of Choice)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH

Meeting Reconvene

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Youth Program

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Public and Memorial Service (TBA)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

Spiritual Hour

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

General Registration

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Reconvene

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers

Reports:

Time Committee

Elections of Officers

LUNCH

Meeting Reconvene

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mr. Knight/Ms. Calanthe Banquet

6:00 PM – 12:00 PM

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (cont'd)

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018**

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| Spiritual Hour                                       | 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM |
| Committee Reports                                    | 9:00 AM           |
| Closing of the 128 <sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Session | 12:00 PM          |

In Witness Wherefore we have hereunto affixed our hand and Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2018.

*Sir Knight Ephraim Bryant, Grand Chancellor*

*Sir Knight Michael Bellamy, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal*