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**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



General Order 7 Robbins

July 9, 2020

166th Indiana Grand Conclave

Sir Knights all,

The 166th Indiana Grand Conclave will be held *virtually* on Saturday, August 8th, at 9:00am Eastern time. Being the first of its type in Indiana, the officers are working to make it run as smoothly as possible. The meeting will be abbreviated, consisting of the business meeting followed by installation of officers.

SECTION 404 Laws of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana: It is the duty of each Constituent Commandery to be represented at each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery by the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General or their proxies as provided by law.

Information will follow concerning registration and the procedure for those members of the Grand Commandery expected to attend the Conclave.

Although virtual, Grand Commandery Officers are required to be in uniform, less chapeau and sword. All other Sir Knights should be in uniform or dress appropriately for the occasion.

General Order No.12 is still in effect. No face to face Constituent or Grand Conclaves. Abide by this general order and do not congregate in groups to attend the virtual Conclave.

Although there is no indication that it will happen, should Grand Master Nelson's General Order No.12 be amended prior to this date, allowing a face to face meeting, the Indiana Grand Conclave will be held on this date at Bedford Lodge No.14, 917 ½ 15th Street in Bedford, beginning at 9:00am Eastern time.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of July 9, A.D. 2020, A.O. 902.

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Commander

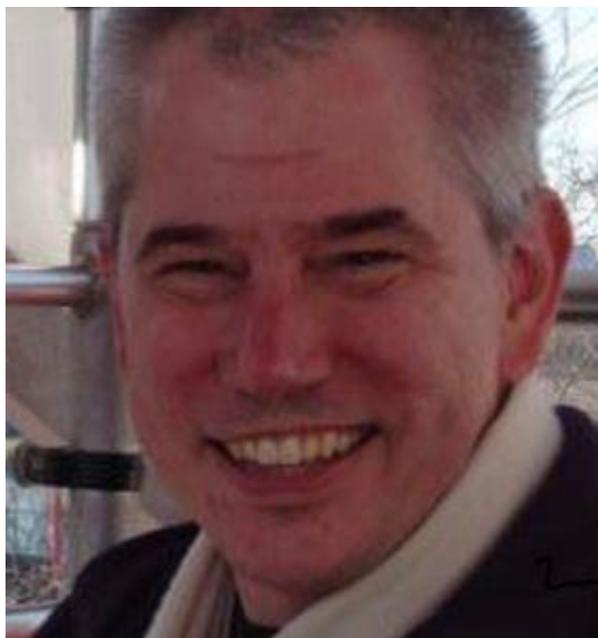
ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder



Merciful God, we praise you. You are the God we rely on. You have made the heavens and the earth. You give us every good thing. We pray for your provision, we pray for your abundance. Clothe us with your grace. Give us the breastplate of righteousness and the belt of truth. Help us don the Helmet of salvation and be fit to wear the shoes of good news. Finally, protect us with the shield of faith. Help us use it to stand firmly on your promises, as we protect others. Use us for your purposes, Mighty Father. AMEN.

By Christine Fodrea



Dr. Jon Michael Bruce Porter, 51, husband, father, scholar, and an avid traveler, died Monday, July 27, 2020 from causes unrelated to Covid 19. He is survived by his loving family, wife Inge Porter; daughter, Elisabeth Porter; son, Alexander Porter; his mother, Susan Porter, and his stepmother Angela Porter. He was preceded in death by his father. Jon was a very active Mason, always plotting with his fellow masons to make this world a better place. He was Past Master of Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge #398 F. & A.M. He joined the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1998, served as Commander-In-Chief of the Indiana Consistory in 2013, and was a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, receiving his Thirty-Third Degree in Indianapolis in 2015. He was a member of the Tour Guide Committee at the Scottish Rite, and also served on the Board of Directors of its Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis, a cause dear to his heart.

His other memberships included Double Eagle Masonic Lodge #773 F. & A.M. and the Murat Shrine. Jon was an avid traveler, and always up for an adventure. He spent several years living in Britain where he found lifelong friendships in the Triumvirate. Holidays were celebrated with the Belgian family, exploring the streets of Antwerp while eating warm waffles with his son. His most recent family travels took him to India, Greece, and Cambodia.

Although Jon had many achievements, he was most proud of his children's accomplishments. He delighted in his daughter's ballet performances, her academic progress, and her national writing award. He was amazed by his son's persistence and maturity in overcoming recent obstacles and his love for golf, to which Jon teasingly referred as "the perfect way to ruin a beautiful walk in the country." Jon's friends were often treated to stories about his children's amazing feats.

Many lives were touched by Jon and he will be missed by many.

See the complete obituary at www.WilsonStPierre.tributes.com



Greenfield York Rite

I presented a \$1,000.00 Scholarship this evening to Rachel Bates at the Hancock County “No” Fair on behalf of Greenfield York Rite and YORK RITE PIZZA, a fair tradition.

Source: Larry Gray’s Facebook Page

Thoughts and Prayers

Sir Knight Rick Willyard, Illustrious Master of Greenfield Chapter #96, had a nasty fall down the stairs and remains in the hospital. He faces a long road to recovery. His wife, Cindy, is tackling her own health issues at the same time. Please keep Rick and Cindy in your thoughts and prayers.

we believe in prayer
WE BELIEVE IN
 THE POWER OF
HEALING
We believe **FAITH**
CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS
we believe in hope, grace and mercy
WE BELIEVE IN
MIRACLES



Thanks!

Thank you to Mike and Patty for a great year!

Supporting our Youth Rainbow Girls



On July 27th, the Rainbow Girls had their Supreme Session virtually. Here are a few of their memories

Indiana IORG Facebook Page



SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUPS DEMOLAY

On Saturday, August 1, the Ft. Wayne DeMolay chapter assisted with the Mizpah Shrine Potentate's Ball.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook Page



On July 25th, the John Chapman Chapter performed the Majority Service for the first time!

Indiana DeMolay Facebook Page

On July 22, Speedway DeMolay donated the leftover items from their recent Relay for Life garage sale to Goodwill.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook Page



Supporting Our youth Job's Daughters



Indiana Job's Daughters came in #5 in the country for fundraising for HIKE. Congratulations!

Indiana Job's Daughter Facebook Page

Zoom!

Due to COVID restrictions, Bethel 67 has been meeting via Zoom. At the meeting in July they made cookies.

Indiana Job's Daughter's Facebook Page



Congratulations Olivia!

*On your 2 First &
2 Second Place
wins in the
Supreme
Arts & Crafts
Competition*



What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

The Grand Chapter has set the date of August 15, 2020 with Registration starting at starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Seasons Hotel in Nashville, Indiana. It will be an abbreviated meeting with business and election to followed by installation hopefully completing between 2 and 4 pm.



Ish Sodi

The Ish Sodi banquet is scheduled for October 3rd at 6p.m. For more information contact Sean Jones.

Triennial

General Grand Chapter's Triennial will be September 24-28th in Louisville. Are you looking for information about the General Grand Chapter's Triennial? Check out their website at www.yrtriennial2020.com



Social Order of the Beauceant #90

would like to invite you to

Outdoor Movie Night on August 22nd

Showing Hamilton starting around 8pm

Hancock Lodge, 661 Tague St, Greenfield



No charge to attend

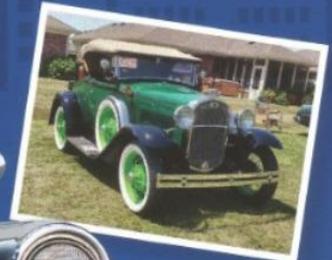
Bring your own chairs and refreshments



Per the Grand Master, Governor Holcomb and the CDC,
face coverings are recommended when social distancing is not possible.



9TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW & FISH FRY



**MOORESVILLE
MASONIC LODGE**
800 Indianapolis Road
 Mooresville, IN 46158

Join us for a fish fry, raffles, awards, and a whole 'lot of fun!
Plus, a portion of the proceeds will go to Pediatric Cardiac Research.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH

REGISTRATION: 8am-12pm
COST: \$15 minimum donation
FISH FRY START TIME: 11am

AWARDS START TIME: 2:30pm

- First 100 cars get **FREE** dash plaque
- **Award categories:** Car, Truck, Rat Rod, 4x4/ Off Road, People's Choice, Master's Trophy & Kids' Class (power wheels, go carts, minibikes, bicycles, wagons, golf carts)

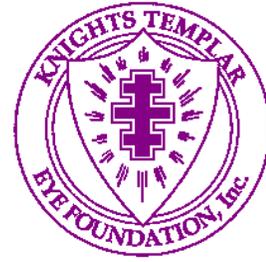
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UB research contributes to rethinking of what leads to rare disorder causing blindness

By ELLEN GOLDBAUM

A series of papers published recently by two teams of vision researchers at UB and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is revealing important new information about the possible cause of a condition that underlies a rare form of irreversible blindness in young children.

Retinitis pigmentosa (RP) is the label given to a family of disorders characterized by the degeneration and eventual death of the eye's photoreceptor cells, which absorb and convert light into electrical signals in the retina. Symptoms begin in childhood with night blindness and loss of peripheral vision, and the disease typically results in progressive vision loss and, ultimately, blindness.

The UB team is led by Steven J. Fliesler, SUNY Distinguished Professor and the Meyer H. Riwechun Endowed Chair Professor of Ophthalmology in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB. The UAB team is led by Steven J. Pittler, professor and director of the Vision Science Research Center at the School of Optometry and Vision Science at UAB.

"RP is caused by a multitude of disparate genetic mutations," Fliesler explains. "However, one form known as RP59 has been classified as a congenital disorder of glycosylation (CDG). The process of glycosylation involves the addition of sugars to protein molecules to make glycoproteins, which are required for cellular development, structural integrity and viability."

But the researchers' findings published this month in a paperDownload pdf in iScience, and two related papers published recently in the journal Cells, demonstrate that this may not be the case. Although the more common forms of RP have been known for many decades, RP59 was only first described in 2011 in patients of Ashkenazi Jewish heritage. Those patients have a genetic defect involving mutations in the gene that encodes DHDDS, a key enzyme required for synthesizing an essential lipid-like molecule called dolichol. These patients manifest RP-like symptoms.

Up until then, Fliesler says, it was neither known nor imagined that defects in the biochemical pathway that synthesizes dolichol could cause the disorder.

In 2018, the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health awarded Fliesler and Pittler a \$2.2 million grant to study RP59 with the hope of eventually developing a gene therapy to treat or cure the condition.

The aim of the grant, which supports the current work, was to study the molecular mechanism underlying RP59 pathology by deleting the DHDDS gene selectively in specific cell types in the retina and examining the consequences to retinal structure and function, Fliesler explains.

"The study described in the iScience paper involved targeted deletion in mouse retinal rod photoreceptor cells of the gene that encodes a critical enzyme (DHDDS) responsible for making dolichol and its derivatives," he says. "Those mice exhibited a profound retinal degeneration with complete loss of rod photoreceptors by 6 postnatal weeks of age, which is among the most rapid photoreceptor degenerations ever observed."

See complete article at www.buffalo.edu

Important Dates

Subject to Change

August 8, 2020 **Grand Commandery Virtual Conclave**

August 15, 2020 **Grand Chapter Grand Session**

The Seasons Lodge in Nashville, IN

IndianaRoyalArchMasons.org/events/175th-annual-convocation/

This Month in History...

1693 – Champagne was invented by Dom Perignon.

1782 – The Order of the Purple Heart was created by President George Washington.

1790 – The first US Census was completed. There were 4 million people in the US.

1869 – The Waffle Iron was patented by Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, New York.

1896 – Gold was discovered in the Klondike.

1904 – The Banana Split was invented by David Strickler at a soda fountain in Latrobe, Pa.

1909 – Indianapolis Speedway held its first auto race.

1914 – The Panama Canal was opened.

1924 – The Little Orphan Annie comic strip debuted.

1932 – Amelia Earhart completed her trans-continental flight.

1945 – The Atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

1961 – Construction began on the Berlin Wall.

1963 – Martin Luther King, Jr. made his famous “I have a Dream” speech.

1964 – Walt Disney’s Mary Poppins was released.

1974 – President Richard M. Nixon became the first and only president to resign while in office.

1993 – The Late Show with David Letterman premiered on CBS.

Source: www.holidayinsights.com



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<http://indianaknightstemplar.com/>



Indiana Grand Commandery is on Facebook too!

<https://www.facebook.com/INGrandCommandery/>



What is your Commandery doing?

Community Service? Public event? Reception? Rededication?

Pancake Breakfast? Chili Dinner? Social Hour? Bowling?

New Sir Knights? 50 year award? Parades?

Important Dates to add to the Calendar?

Send me your pictures and your stories!

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