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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

“It's not what happens to you, It's what you do about it.” –W. Mitchell

2019-2020 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:

Michael F. Robbins	Grand Commander
Edward E. Fodrea	Deputy Grand Commander
Thomas D. Johnson	Grand Generalissimo
Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Captain General
David Miller, Sr.	Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer, PGC	Grand Treasurer
George A. Ingles, Jr. PGC	Grand Recorder
Randal P. Ellington	Grand Senior Warden
Randy W. Spaulding	Grand Junior Warden
Randy J. Darling	Grand Standard Bearer
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Sword Bearer
Rex A. Goodman	Grand Warder
Jonathan M. McCracken	Grand Sentinel

Happy Birthday!!!
June Birthdays:



Lady Rebecca Arlington, wife of Steven A. Arlington
 Lady Carol Davis, wife of James L. Davis
 Lady Christine Fodrea, wife of Edward F. Fodrea
 Lady Kathy Gahimer, Lady of Christopher Dale Thomas
 Lady Sharis Glass, wife of Eldred T. Glass
 Lady Barbara Harter, widow of Clarence D. Harter
 Lady Jane Hedges, wife of Joseph K. Hedges
 Lady Janet Kaminsky, widow of Lawrence V. Kaminsky
 Lady Malia Mann, CT, wife of Rodney A. Mann
 Lady Tami Scanland, wife of Joseph L. Scanland
 Lady Diane Smith, wife of H. Fred Smith
 Sir Knight Matthew J. Backus
 Sir Knight William S. Bell
 Sir Knight Larry W. Brown

Sir Knight Arthur J. Craig, III
 Sir Knight James Dimitri
 Sir Knight Marty A. Evens
 Sir Knight Paul W. Friend
 Sir Knight David L. Gundrum
 Sir Knight Marvin J. Ramsay
 Sir Knight Brian Schneckenburger
 Sir Knight Byron W. Schull
 Sir Knight Carson C. Smith
 Sir Knight W. Dirk Rader
 Sir Knight Larry L. Spade
 Sir Knight Joseph Lee Sparks
 Sir Knight Clay Stahlka
 Sir Knight Kenneth W. Ward



Happy Anniversary!!!
 June Anniversaries:

Charles & Joanna Bowling
 John & Louise Coleman
 Randy & Penny Darling
 Tom & Rhonda Harper
 Don & Dana Henderson
 Dwight & Alberta Lanman
 Rodney & Malia Mann

Mike & Kim Morrison
 William IV & Rae Ann Ostenberg
 Marvin & Cindy Rees
 Bruce & Gisela Royer
 Joseph & Tami Scanland
 James & Marty Welling

Let us celebrate with you!

Send me your birthday and anniversary so you can be included in the newsletter.

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



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May 4, 2020

Grand Conclave Update

On March 13th, 2020, while at the East Central Department meeting, I received a call from Grand Master Roy advising that due to the coronavirus epidemic that he was cancelling all Masonic activity beginning immediately. Knowing that the Grand Commandery Conclave was scheduled for late April, I then began looking at possible future dates. I settled on a date three months out, June 19 and 20.

As many of you know, hotels and convention centers require that a certain amount of meals and rooms be guaranteed for the use of their facilities. This is quite a large amount of money. I have been advised by the Grand Recorder that the convention center that I planned to use has insisted that our contract be signed no later than May 4th. It would be great to wait another couple of weeks and see where we are at. Unfortunately, I have to make another decision based on an uncertain future.

The current situation is still too unstable to sign a contract of this magnitude. The best-case scenario is that we all wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and keep our social distancing intact. Not only at the business meeting, but at banquets, drills, ritual competition, and hospitality rooms. Restructuring the contract at this late date is not an option for us. This is not an attractive situation to me, and I refuse to gamble **your** money on a successful outcome. It is also unacceptable to me to require the dais officers of thirty-three Commanderies in the State of Indiana to attend a meeting when I am in doubt of the health and safety of those members.

Therefore, after much consultation with the elected Grand Officers and Most Illustrious Grand Master David Ulrich, I am cancelling the June 19-20 Conclave. I apologize for meal planning, room registrations, and work schedule changes. There will be no further dates set that include hotels, contracts, and guaranteed money. The third attempt will be a one-day Conclave, planned at a future date, at a time and location of my choosing. There will be no Drill Competition or Ritual Competition, and I will continue to pair back activities as I see necessary. As soon as that can be determined and I am satisfied that it will indeed happen, I will do my best to give everyone 30 days' notice to plan their schedules.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of May, A.D. 2020, A.O. 902.

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



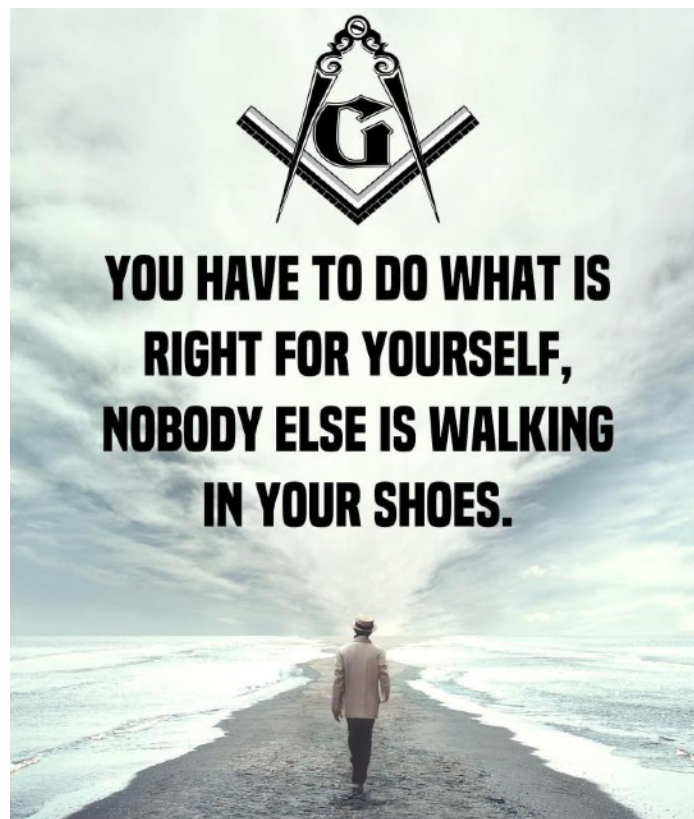
Great and mighty Lord, we praise you! We praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We praise you for the good and perfect plans you have on our lives. We praise you in the storms and times of painful growth. We praise you for the divine appointments and opportunities to show your love and grace. We thank you Father, for your protection and the health we enjoy. Help us to stand tall for you. Help us to gently, but boldly tell others the reason for the hope that is within us. Help us to trust in You and Your great plan. Give us strength and encouragement, wisdom and discernment in these coming days so that we may glorify and honor You with our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN

By Christine Fodrea



Staying In Touch

Some Masonic Lodges and some Appendant Bodies will be opening in the coming month, but several will not. As Commanderies remain closed under Grand Encampment's orders, what are you doing to stay in touch with your fellow Sir Knights?



SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUPS DEMOLAY



Shave Jacob Bald!

Speedway DeMolay Relay For Life Captain Emeritus Jacob Has volunteered for the #PapaPatChallenge!

Help Team DeMolay Raise \$5K in the Month Of May And

Jacob Gets Shaved Bald!

Visit www.SpeedwayDeMolay.org and contribute to your favorite Speedway DeMolay Team Member Today!

#CancerSucks #TheGreatestCureOnEarth
#RelaySpeedway



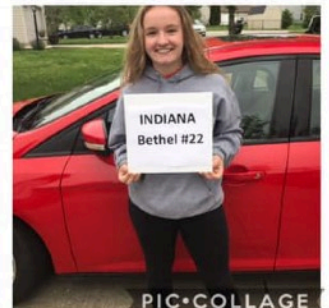
On April 28th, Speedway DeMolay received word from DeMolay International today that Speedway PMC and Indiana State Senior Councilor Griffin V. has been named a regional winner in the Paul R. Kach International Essay Contest, sponsored by the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. Griffin, a junior at Brownsburg High School, won first place among all entrants from Region IV who are in 11th grade or above. This makes 5 Kach winners in 3 years from Speedway, and 7 total since 2013. Previous Speedway winners include Devon A., Alan Condre, Jake Vermeulen, Owen V., and Leviticus W. Griffin V. also won in the junior division in 2016. Congratulations, Griffin!

Speedway DeMolay Facebook Page



Supporting Our youth Job's Daughters

Indiana Job's Daughters has made the tough decision to cancel their Grand Session this year. All Grand Officers will remain in their stations until 2021. Their members continue to be involved and think of creative ways to stay in touch.



Virtual 5K HIKE Walk



Social Distancing visits with friends



Social Distancing 5K HIKE Walk

What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



Shriners Hospital

Ford Motor Company in Michigan had to stop producing cars with the outbreak of COVID-19. They called upon some of their workers to begin making necessary items for the healthcare industry. So far they have produced 6,000 ventilators, 120,000

120,000 gowns, and 10 Million face shields. They recently made a donation of face shield to the Shriner's Hospital in Pasadena, CA.

See the complete story at www.motortrend.com

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

The Grand Chapter has set the date of August 15, 2020 starting at 10:00. Please put his date on your calendar, More information will be forth coming. At this time there are no banquets or luncheons plan. Any questions can be sent to me at grsecramin@iendeavor.com Kris Phillips
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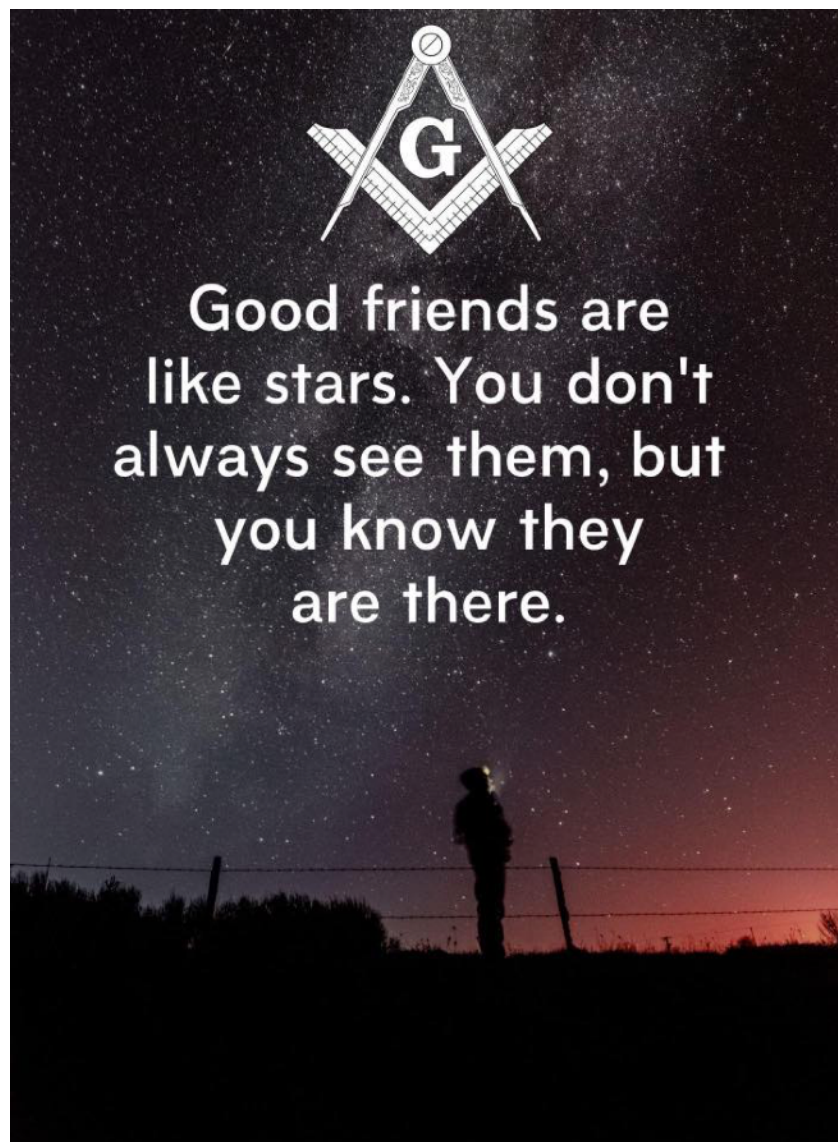
Triennial

Are you looking for information about the General Grand Chapter's and General Grand Council's Triennial?

www.yrtriennial2020.com



Sahara Grotto members have been spreading cheer and having fun. They deliver a decorated pink flamingo to the house of another member with a note. What a great way to let someone know you're thinking of them!



Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



Dr. Deepti Anand, post-doctoral researcher in Dr. [Salil Lachke](#)'s laboratory, has been awarded a 1-year Career Starter Grant for \$70,000 in Pediatric Ophthalmology from [Knights Templar Eye Foundation](#) (KTEF). Dr. Anand was among just 22 scientists across the United States to receive this grant in 2020. Dr. Anand's research focus is on the application of molecular and bioinformatics-based approaches to investigate the molecular biology and pathology of lens development and cataract. Dr. Anand has made excellent progress in her post-doc at the Department of Biological Sciences, co-authoring 25 papers since 2015.

In her KTEF Career Starter Grant, Dr. Anand proposes to apply her expertise in both "dry" (bioinformatics) and "wet" (experimental) lab biology to characterize the function of an important gene, [TDRD7](#), mutations in which are directly linked to pediatric cataract. Dr. Anand plans to uncover the molecular and cellular basis of the cataract pathology that results from TDRD7 deficiency. Thus, her proposed research on functional characterization of this grossly understudied Tudor protein family post-transcriptional regulator in the lens is expected to provide new target genes associated with congenital cataracts. In turn, Dr. Anand's efforts will help to define the post-transcriptional basis for controlling key genes in lens cells and will thus offer new pathway targets for ensuring lens transparency.

Prior to joining Dr. Lachke's laboratory, Dr. Anand had published 5 original research publications during her Ph.D. training that involved the development of molecular markers in plants before she switched gears and focused on eye disease gene discovery. In the Lachke laboratory, Dr. Anand has spearheaded several projects and contributed substantially in collaborative projects that has led to publications in leading journals such as *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science*, *Experimental Eye Research*, *Birth Defects Research*, *Human Genetics*, *Human Mutation*, *Human Molecular Genetics*, *American Journal of Human Genetics*, *Development*, *Developmental Biology* and *Nucleic Acids Research*, among others. In the past, among her many publications, Dr. Anand's seminal mutation update report on four key genes linked to human eye defects ([Anand et al. \(2018 39\(4\):471-494\)](#) *Human Mutation*) was featured on the [Cover](#) of the prestigious journal *Human Mutation* and selected by its Editors among the "Editor's Choice Articles in 2018, "considered particularly noteworthy". In addition to working on the eye, Dr. Anand has also contributed to identification of genes linked to craniofacial defects. Her research on developing a bioinformatics tool SysFACE toward this cause was recognized through the 2016 "genesis best poster award" presented to her by the Society for Craniofacial Genetics and Developmental Biology during their annual meeting held at Harvard Medical School.

In the past, two Biological Sciences faculty, namely Drs. [Melinda Duncan](#), FARVO, and [Salil Lachke](#), were awarded the KTEF grant early in their career, which positively impact their research programs. Now, this new grant support from KTEF will allow Dr. Anand to continue making exceptional contributions toward advancing eye disease research, especially during these challenging times.

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)

GREG HUBLER
 CHEVROLET

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website.memberplanet.com/mooresville78/main.html



Important Dates

Subject to Change

July 14, 2020 **Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Indiana**
Scottish Rite, 650 N. Meridian, Indianapolis

July 17&18, 2020 **Grand Council Grand Sessions**
New Albany Masonic Temple
805 E Market St #1, New Albany, IN 47150
For more information visit: www.ingccm.org

August 15, 2020 **Grand Chapter Grand Session**
The Seasons Lodge in Nashville, IN
IndianaRoyalArchMasons.org/events/175th-annual-convocation/

This Month in History...

1098 - First Crusade: The first Siege of Antioch ended as Crusader forces take the city. The crusades were a result of Muslim conquests of the Christian holy lands.

1752 - Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity

1775 - The Continental Army was established by the Continental Congress, marking the birth of the United States Army.

1777 - The Stars and Stripes was adopted by Congress as the Flag of the United States.

1835 - P. T. Barnum and his circus began touring the United States.

1854 - The first class of United States Naval Academy students graduated.

1872 - The first US post card was authorized by Act of Congress.

1906 - Sound movies were patented.

1919 - The US Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed voting for women, and sent it to the individual states for ratification.

1933 - America's first drive-in opened near Camden, New Jersey.

1937 - The first shopping carts were introduced at the Humpty Dumpty Supermarket in Oklahoma City, created by the store's owner, Sylvan Goldman.

1953 - The coronation of the United Kingdom's Queen Elizabeth II.

Source: pop-culture.us



Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website

<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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