





Michael F. Robbins, REGC GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

"Time is measured in minutes. Life is measured in memories." – Jeff Cochran

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

Grand Prelate

David Miller, Sr. 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!!!March Birthdays:



Lady Cindy Bechinski, wife of Richard J. Bechinski
Lady Penny Darling, wife of Randy J. Darling
Lady Dee Ellington, wife of Randal P. Ellington, GPE
Lady Dana Henderson, wife of Donald E. Henderson
Lady Joanne Ithier, wife of Wayne L. Ithier
Lady Joyce Maxwell, wife of Steven A. Maxwell
Lady Connie Whisner, wife of Philip D. Whisner
Lady Patricia Wooten, wife of Bradley C. Wooten
Sir Knight Mark L. Baker
Sir Knight Harry E. Cartwright
Sir Knight Dion G. Diakis
Sir Knight William R. Gray

Sir Knight James E. Harris
Sir Knight Adam E. Jackson
Sir Knight Jerome A. Kipper
Sir Knight Charles L. Lewis
Sir Knight Max E. Maupin
Sir Knight Michael S. Morrison
Sir Knight W. Kris Phillips
Sir Knight Marvin L. Rees
Sir Knight Mitchell H. Rohrbaugh
Sir Knight William A. Short
Sir Knight C. Keith Spurgeon
Sir Knight Jerry A. Thomas



David II & Kelly Miller Tony & Monica Peterson Jim & Faye Prairie **Happy Anniversary!!!**March Anniversaries:

Carson & Patty Smith Kevin & Debra Sue Spencer

Let us celebrate with you!

Send me your birthday and anniversary so you can be included in the newsletter. monipaints4u@yahoo.com



DeMolay Sweetheart Dance

On February 8th, 11 Sir Knights from 6 Commanderies formed the lines for the DeMolay Sweetheart Dance.

Photos by: Richard Arroyo







Noblesville Commandery #61

Sir Knights of Noblesville Commandery #61 preformed the Flag Presentation at Noblesville F&AM #57 Annual Roll Call Dinner on February 22nd.





Prather Commandery #62

Congratulations to the 9 new Royal Arch Masons who were exalted at Prather York Rite's Chapter Class on February 22nd.

Prather York Rite Facebook Page



Battalion Meetings

Ed Fodrea, VEDGC, and his lady Christine, have been traveling the state visiting Battalions to talk about their plans for the upcoming year.



Drill Team Competition

The 2020 Drill Team Competition will be held on April 25 at Grand Conclave. So far, three teams have begun to practice for the competition: Raper #1, Baldwin #2, and Greenfield #39.

This year's Drill Team Competition will include a Pass and Review at the end of the Competition. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bill Short at wm.short@att.net.



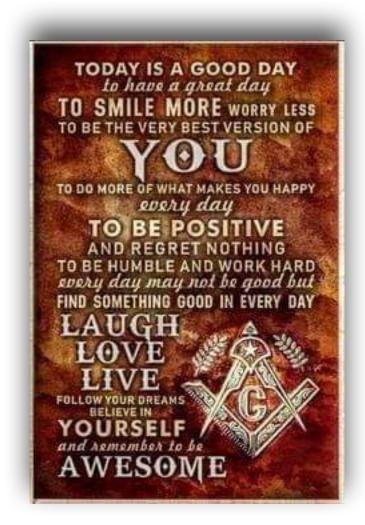
Ritual Competition

Indiana will be holding its first Ritual Competition on April 25th at Grand Conclave. Sir Knights will have the opportunity to compete in the Junior Warden's Address, the Prelate's Address or the Ode to the Skull. You may compete in the Drill Team Competition and the Ritual Competition. If you are interested in competing, contact Ed Fodrea at hfa.phd1@gmail.com by April 17th.

Beloved Father, I contemplate Your love and the great sacrifice You gave for me. During these 40 days, open my heart to You. Lend me Your Spirit to lead me in quiet times of prayer. Help me to be grateful, praying with an open mind to hear Your wisdom. Open my life to You. Help me to be introspective, fasting from the things that separate us whether from self love or a sin that cannot be said. Open my hands to You. Help me to be generous with Your gifts, giving to others as You have given me the opportunity. In this season of fasting, help my focus be on You and Your great sacrifice so that my fasting is being, and doing for You and Your glory as I remember Jesus sacrifice for me. AMEN



By Christine Fodrea



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Crawfordsville York Rite



The Sir Knights of Crawfordsville Commandery 25 traveled to Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville, an assisted living facility, to present Sir Knight Elton Ross his AWG for Commandery. Elton now resides at the facility with his wife of 70 years, Marguerite Ross. Elton became a Master Mason on March 31st 1950 at St. Johns Lodge #20, thus making him a 70 year Master Mason. Elton was knighted on November 12th 1968. Like many young men of the era, Elton served his country in the Second World War. Before the age of 20, Elton was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. Sometime after, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor.

Montgomery Council 34, with the assistance of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, presented Companion Daniel Rice with his AWG for Council of Cryptic Masons. Daniel became a Master Mason on January 20th 1961 at Alamo Lodge #144. Daniel was Greeted a Select Master on March 18th 1967.





Eminent Commander Terry Bisping presented Sir Knight Irvan Boeglin, KCT and Sir Knight Joseph Sparks with the Distinguished Service Award. Lady Tracy Sparks was also presented with the Distinguished Service Award for Friends.

Source: Joe Sparks

Supporting our Youth Groups!

DeMolay



Installation of Officers at the J. McLean Moulder Demolay Chapter in Kokomo.

Congratulations to Speedway DeMolay for their 9th consecutive win at the Indiana DeMolay Wayne M. Reid Memorial State Ritual Tournament Championship!



Supporting our Youth Groups! Job's Daughters



Bethel #44 came out of Reorganization and Initiated 3 new members. Congratulations girls!



Bethel #22 also came out of Reorganization and Initiated 3 new members. Way to go, girls!

Supporting our Youth Groups! Rainbow Girls



Having fun hanging out at the DeMolay Sweetheart Dance



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What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



Warsaw Masonic Lodge #73

On behalf of its members, Warsaw Masonic Lodge #73, of presented a check to the Mentone Elementary School Lunch Program. This is to assist with the feeding of our future leaders.

What can your Lodge do to Support Masonic Youth Groups?

Not sure what your lodge can do to help the Masonic Youth Groups in your area? Here is a list of 101 things that you can do to show your support.

- 1. Sponsor or co-sponsor a local chapter, assembly, or bethel.
- 2. Invite a group to give a program at your lodge.
- 3. Allow a group to serve or help for lodge dinners as a fundraiser.
- 4. Tell your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or neighbor about the Masonic Youth groups and encourage them to join.
- 5. Offer a "scholarship" for attendance at an annual session or other conferences.
- 6. Send cards of congratulation to newly elected youth group officers.
- 7. Complete training as an advisor for a youth group and be available as a "back up."
- 8. Provide transportation to events.
- 9. Sponsor the printing of their newsletter or other publication.
- 10. Provide a link on your lodge's website to the youth groups.
- 11. Offer to buy a meeting suit or gown for a youth who can't afford one.
- 12. Visit a regular meeting, degree conferral, or installation of officers, and report on it to your lodge.
- 13. Sign as a Masonic Sponsor on a petition for membership.
- 14. Serve as your lodge's youth representative.
- 15. Ask your lodge's youth representative for information about the local groups and their meetings/needs.



See the complete list at: https://pamasonicyouth.blogspot.com/2020/02/101-things-you-and-your-lodge-can-do.html?
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Social Order of the Beauceant

The Social Order of the Beauceant #90 has been visiting local Commanderies and lodges to raise awareness about their organization. They have planned a High Tea on March 15th at 2:00 at Hancock Lodge in Greenfield, and all are welcome to attend. Come learn more about a great group of ladies!



Grand Chapter

Are you looking for information about Chapter's Grand Session? https://www.indianaroyalarchmasons.org/events/175th-annual-convocation/





Triennial

Are you looking for information about the General Grand Chapter's and General Grand Council's Triennial? www.yrtriennial2020.com

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

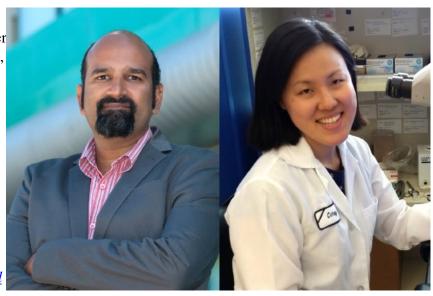
Some ways your donations are being used...



Putting the "Lazy Eye" to work

When University of California, Irvine neurobiologist Carey Y.L. Huh, Ph.D., set her sights on discovering more about amblyopia, she brought personal insight to her quest. As a child, Huh was diagnosed with the condition, which is often called "lazy eye."

Huh is a researcher in the lab of UCI associate professor of neurobiology & behavior Sunil Gandhi. She and her colleagues have just found that amblyopia originates in an earlier stage of the visual pathway than was previously thought. Their research, which raises the possibility of new treatment approaches, appears in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.



For those with amblyopia, vision in one eye is much poorer than the other, interfering with how their brains and eyes work together to produce what they see. One of amblyopia's hallmarks is difficulty with three-dimension perception, which necessitates use of both eyes. Many of the estimated two to five percent of people globally with amblyopia lack this ability known as binocular vision. Amblyopia begins in childhood and accounts for most visits by youngsters to vision professionals.

To treat amblyopia, a patch, either in physical form or pharmaceutically, is placed over the better eye to force the brain to learn how to use the weaker one. Without this process, the brain could lose its ability to utilize the latter.

"However, our findings indicate amblyopia treatment may need to be revised," said Huh, the article's first author. "The traditional treatment of patching the good eye may need to be supplemented with newer methods such as binocular training, to preserve and improve 3-dimensional vision as much as possible."

With the colloquial name "lazy eye," it may be easy to overlook the impact of amblyopia, Huh said. "It is a significant condition that prevents people from enjoying full visual capacity and can keep them from entering certain professions," she said. "And the vision degeneration that can come with aging could raise special concerns for those with amblyopia."

Funding for the research was provided by the National Institutes of Health, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grants.



Tri-State York Rite Festival 2020 Membership Class



For 47 years the York Rite bodies from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan have conducted the Tri-State Festival now with the Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 coordinating.

NOW is the time to search out candidates.

Candidates welcome from Indiana for Chapter, Council and/or Commandery work

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Jackson-Coolidge MI Lodge 355 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI (Near Jackson, MI) Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

> Saturday, March 7, 2020 - Bryan, OH Lodge 117 North Lynn Street, Bryan, OH Commandery Orders conferred

Registration for candidates and members are essential and must include the name of the York Body that one is a member or is joining. Petitions must be approved in advance.

Reservations to: Mike Anderson, Angola York Rite 260-319-0586 or candacraig2@re-comm.net or 484 N 600 E, Angola IN 46703

\$10 charge for noon meal.

Reservation Form -- 2020 Tri-State Festival

Feb. 29, 2020 – Michigan Center, MI (Chapter/Council Degrees)

March 7, 2020 – Bryan, OH (Commandery Orders) Arrive by 8:30 AM – Work starts at 9:00 AM – All on EST

Please give the NAMES of <u>CANDIDATES AND/OR MEMBERS</u> who will be in attendance. We assume all will be eating lunch each weekend. The cost of lunch will be \$10.00 per person, each weekend.

DO NOT send cash or check for meals. We will collect at the door.

Your Local York Rites Body will be responsible to verify Lodge membership and collect their initiation fees for your local Chapter/Council/Commandery.

You are to bring candidates Penny and Malta Jewel during the work.

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For Indiana members and/or candidates Tear off and send by February 16, 2020 to						
Mike Anderson, 484 N 60 ORSend phone inqu		16703 <u>candacraig2@re-comm.net</u> 1660) 319-0586				
NAMES are essential – NO	OT THE NUMBER	ATTENDING FROM YOUR YORK RITE				
Names of Candidates:	Cell or Phone#	Names of Members:				
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Local York Rite Group:						

Tri State Program

FEBRUARY 29, 2020 at MICHIGAN CENTER, MICHIGAN * * * * CAPITULAR * * * *
9:00 a.mMark Master DegreeMichigan Lafayette Chapter #4
10:15 a.mIndiana Angola #58 and Huntington Chapter #27
11:00 a.mMost Excellent Master DegreeMichigan Lafayette Chapter #4 and Union Chapter #55
NoonLUNCH SERVED IN DINING ROOM
12:45 p.mIndiana Grand Chapter of Indiana
* * * * CRYPTIC * * * * 2:15 pmMichigan Grand Council of Michigan
3:00 p.mSelect Master DegreeOhio Bryan Council #101
3:30 p.mSuper Excellent Master - Ample FormMichigan
MARCH 7, 2020 at BRYAN, OHIO * * * * KNIGHTS TEMPLAR * * * * 9:00 a.mOrder of the Red CrossTriState Cast Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2
10:15 a,mOrder of Malta – Short FormIndiana Ft. Wayne Commandery #4
10:45 a.mTri-State
10:45 a.mOhio
11:45 a.mLUNCH SERVED IN DINING ROOM
12:15 p.mOrder of the TempleOhio Bryan Commandery #74

Thursday April 23, 2020 AT DEFIANCE, OHIO 7:30 p.mSuper Excellent Master DegreeOhio Saturday, April 25, 2020 at MASON, MICHIGAN 1:00 pmSuper Excellent Master DegreeMichigan

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

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OFFICE OF

GERALD G. PUGH

RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dear Sir Knights:

Enclosed herewith please find the registration form for the East Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be held **March 14, 2020**, at 8am, HILTON FORT WAYNE AT THE GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER, 1020 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne IN. 46802. Each attendee must register for the conference **prior to February 15, 2020**. To obtain the special room rate of \$114/night you may do one of the following:

- 1) Call 260-420-1100 and mention the group NAME "Grand Encampment Knights Templar" or Code "GRE"
- 2) https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/F/FWAFHHF-GRE-20200313/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, every Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder is required to attend the Conference. Grand Commanders, please assist me to ensure that your Officers are fully apprised of the Conference details and emphasize the necessity of their attendance. If any Officer is unable to attend, he MUST request an excusal from the Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

This Conference is open to all Sir Knights who desire to attend, so please feel free to advise your Sir Knights and extend them an invitation to attend and participate in the Conference.

The Officers of the Grand Encampment have expended considerable time and effort in preparing this program in order to assist your Grand Commandery and your efforts as an elected Grand Officer. I believe that you will find the same to be most beneficial as you prepare and execute your plans to promote and grow Templar Masonry during this Triennium in your respective jurisdictions, and continue to make Templar Masonry the most prestigious appendant Masonic Body.

Each Grand Commander will be called upon to give a brief account of the activities planned or occurring in your Grand Commandery. Please give some thought to your presentation as each of us can learn from one another. Conference registration times will be Friday, March 13, 3-5pm and Saturday March 14, 7am.

Courteously,

Gerald G. Pugh

Department Commander East Central Department

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The Annual Sessions of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery is coming to the Home of the Original Fat Cat.

Every Town and Burg in Delaware and Grant County claims to be home to Garfield. The office and headquarters are really between Muncie and Albany, IN about 5 miles northeast of Muncie. Jim Davis was born in Fairmount, In. is also hometown of James Dean the Original Rebel.







We will be meeting at the Horizon Convention
Center 402 S. Main St., Muncie, IN
Hotel accommodation adjoin the Convention
Center
at 601 S. Main St.
the Courtyard by Marriott.

The Sessions begin on April 23, 2020 with a banquet that evening and concludes April 25, 2020 with another banquet, Ah heck, another banquet on the 24th. Why not? A detail Schedule of events is on the next page. Following that is the ordering form for meals. Details of the menu, Convention Center floor plans and ordering via a PDF file to include calculations and ordering via credit card will be available soon on the Grand Council and Grand Commandery web sites.

165th Annual Assembly of The Grand Council of Indiana 166th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 23, 2020 Council

1:00 - 4:00 PM - Grand Council Officers meeting - Hackley Reserve 2

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Grand Council Social Hour - Interurban Hall (Cash Bar)

7:00 - 9:00 PM - Grand Council Banquet - Interurban Hall

Friday, April 24, 2020 Council

6:00 - 9:00 AM - Breakfast - (Note below)

7:00 - 10:30 AM - Registration - Lobby Hall near Delaware Hall 2

7:00 - 8:00 AM - Distinguished Guest - Reception Area near Delaware Hall 2

8:30 - 12:00 PM - Grand Council Session - Delaware Hall 2

12:30 - 1:30 PM - Grand Council Lunch - Interurban Hall

1:30 - 3:00 PM - Grand Recorder's Meeting - Green Room

1:30 - 3:00 PM - Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree - Hackley Reserve 1

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Grand Council Installation - Delaware Hall 2

4:00 - 5:30 PM - Grand Council Pictures - Delaware Hall 2 - Back

Friday, April 24, 2020 Commandery

1:30 - 2:30 PM - Grand Commandery Officers - Prairie Creek 1-2-3

2:30 - 5:00 PM - Grand Commandery Jurisprudence - Prairie Creek 1-2-3

5:00 - 6:00 PM - Divine Service - Delaware Hall 2

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Social Hour - Interurban Hall (Cash Bar)

7:00 - 9:00 PM - Grand Commandery Banquet - Interurban Hall

Saturday, April 25, 2020

6:00 - 9:00 AM - Breakfast - (Note below)

6:00 - 7:30 AM - Past Commander's Association - Hackley Reserve 1

7:30 - 10:30 AM - Registration - Lobby Hall near Delaware Hall 2

7:45 - 8:30 AM - Distinguished Guest - Lobby Hall near Delaware Hall 2

8:30 - 12:30 AM - Grand Commandery Conclave - Delaware Hall 2

12:30 - 1:30 PM - Lunch - Interurban Hall

1:30 - 3:00 PM - Grand Commandery Drill Competition - Delaware Hall 2 Back

1:30 - 5:00 PM - Grand Commandery Ritual Competition - Cardinal Creek 1-2

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Grand Commandery Installation - Delaware Hall 2

4:00 - 5:30 PM - Grand Commandery Pictures - Delaware Hall 2 Back

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Social Hour - Interurban Hall (Cash Bar)

7:00 - 9:00 PM - Joint Banguet - Interurban Hall

The Hospitality Room is located on the ground floor of the hotel across from the elevators. It will be opened for your convenience at 1:30 PM Thursday afternoon. Friday it will open at 9:00 AM and Saturday at 7:00 AM. Each day it will close at 11:00 PM and 15 minutes before and open 15 minutes after lunches and banquets.

Breakfast: Your purchased breakfast will be in Room "A" Ground Floor of Hotel.

Meal Reservations for Council/Commandery Grand Session

Name:		Title:	Lady:		
Email Address					
You will receive	e an email conformation wh	en your Reservatio	n Form is received		
Thursday April 23, 2020					
Miso-Glazer Salmon	X \$40.00 Total \$ _X \$37.00 Total \$ X \$32.00 Total \$	_ CREDIT CAR MIDNIGHT Make che	D DUE BELOW BY APRIL 18, 2020 cks payable to:	_	
111day April 21, 2020		Grand Comma	ndery KT of Indiana		
Lunch	_X \$17.00 Total \$ X \$27.50 Total \$ X \$27.50 Total \$	George 3601 N. V Munci	empleted form to: A. Ingles, Jr. ienna Woods Dr. ie, IN 47304	<u> </u>	
Crab Cakes	_X \$42.50 Total \$ _X \$40.00 Total \$ X \$37.50 Total \$	_		_	
Saturday April 25, 2020					
Breakfast	_X \$17.00 Total \$	_			
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Herb-Roasted Chicken	X \$40.00 Total \$ X \$37.50 Total \$ X \$32.50 Total \$				
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Hotel Reservations Information

You may make your reservations directly with the Courtyard by Marriott, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN by calling (765) 287-8550 ask for Reservations and then "Grand York Rite Session" for your Group Rate of \$107.00 plus tax. To receive the above rate. Reservations must be made on or before April 2, 2020. Cancellation policy is 48 hours before arrival.

Important Dates

Subject to Change

March 7th Tri-State Festival Commandery

Bryan, OH

See pages 15-17 of this newsletter for more information

March 13-14th East Central Department Meeting

Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio

The Grand Wayne Convention Center

1020 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne IN. 46802

See pages 18 and 19 of this newsletter for more information

or visit: http://www.knightstemplar.org/dc.html

April 3-5 Grand Chapter Grand Session

The Seasons Lodge in Nashville, IN

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

April 7-12 Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Bus Trip

April 23-25 Grand Council and Grand Commandery Grand Sessions

Courtyard by Marriott Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center

601 S. High St. Muncie, IN 47305

See pages 20-22 of this newsletter for more information

or visit: IndianaKnightsTemplar.com

This Month in History...

1790 - The first United States census was authorized.

1836 - The Battle of the Alamo took place.

1876 - Alexander Graham Bell received his patent for (#174,465) the telephone.

1894 - Coca-Cola bottles were sold to the public for the first time, in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

1932 - Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family's home.

1950 - Silly Putty was introduced as a toy by Peter Hodgson. It was invented in 1943 by James Wright in an effort to make synthetic rubber.

1981 - Walter Cronkite resigned as main anchorman of The CBS Evening News.

2013 - Pope Francis was elected in the papal conclave as the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church.

Source: popsulturemadness.com



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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