



**Edward E. Fodrea, REGC**  
**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**  
**OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**  
**September 2020**  
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*“Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breath and have faith that everything will work out for the best.” - Unknown*

**2019-2020 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:**

Edward E. Fodrea	Grand Commander
Thomas D. Johnson	Deputy Grand Commander
Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Generalissimo
Randal P. Ellington	Grand Captain General
Dan Patterson	Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer, PGC	Grand Treasurer
Lawrence Williams PGC	Grand Recorder
Randy W. Spaulding	Grand Senior Warden
Randy J. Darling	Grand Junior Warden
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Standard Bearer
Dominic Hamblin	Grand Sword Bearer
Rex A. Goodman	Grand Warder
Jonathan M. McCracken	Grand Sentinel



Lady Monica Derickson, wife of Dustin G. Derickson  
 Lady Joanie Fegenbush, wife of Douglas O. Fegenbush  
 Lady Nancy Frazer, wife of Robert J. Frazer  
 Lady Inger Friend, wife of Paul W. Friend  
 Lady Norma Hoffman, widow of Vonn G. Hoffman  
 Lady Bonnie Huff, wife of Charles M. Huff  
 Lady Pat Kerns, widow of James L. Kerns  
 Lady Cheryl Kroemer, wife of Richard A. Kroemer  
 Lady Marcia La Bounty, wife of John La Bounty  
 Lady Nina Olvey, CT, wife of Donald D. Olvey  
 Lady Linda Retherford, wife of Thomas R. Retherford  
 Lady Katie Roy, wife of Kenneth Roy, Jr.  
 Sir Knight Earl W. Adam, Jr.  
 Sir Knight Ronald W. Adkins  
 Sir Knight Harold D. Black  
 Sir Knight Andrew Bowman  
 Sir Knight Timothy R. Brinkmeyer  
 Sir Knight Dustin G. Derickson  
 Sir Knight Harley Eggers

Sir Knight Ronald L. Ellis  
 Sir Knight Donald E. Henderson  
 Sir Knight Charles V. Horton  
 Sir Knight Terry L. Kehrer  
 Sir Knight Wilford L. Lutes  
 Sir Knight Steven A. Maxwell  
 Sir Knight David L. Miller, II  
 Sir Knight Jerald L. Miller  
 Sir Knight Donald D. Olvey  
 Sir Knight Dan Pushee  
 Sir Knight Vance A. Roberts  
 Sir Knight Bruce H. Royer  
 Sir Knight Edward L. Sebring  
 Sir Knight Dennis Schrader  
 Sir Knight Kevin M. Spencer  
 Sir Knight Mark C Sutherlin  
 Sir Knight Roger S. Van Gorden  
 Sir Knight Lawrence J. Williams



### *Anniversaries*

Nathan & Sally Brindle  
 Arthur III & Shelley Craig  
 Brian & Janice Du Bois  
 Ron & Beverly Ellis  
 Douglas & Sue Green  
 John & Peggy Hylemon

Andy & Mary Jackson  
 Richard & Cheryl Kroemer  
 Steven & Joyce Maxwell  
 Walter & Betty Metcalf  
 De Wayne & Sally Richmond

*Let us celebrate with you!*

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

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## WELCOME TO THE 166<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE



Grand Commandery of Knights Templars  
State of Indiana

The 2020 Conclave was anything but "normal". The Virtual Conclave was held on August 8th and was attended by approximately 150 Sir Knights from Indiana.



**Mike Robbins received his Past Grand Commander's Jewel and Collar at the Cracker Barrel in Seymour on Wednesday after the Virtual Conclave.**



**Mike was presented with a walking stick by Sir Knight and DBC Terry Bisping of Crawfordsville Commandery #25**



**Shelby Olvey and Sam Hanners both received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.**

**Dave Miller received his Grand Prelate Emeritis and shoulder boards.**







The new Grand Commander, Ed Fodrea, and his Lady, Christine, had their picture taken in front of the beautiful pipe organ on the fifth floor of the Ft. Wayne Masonic Temple.

The organ was given by Laura H. Bass, in memory of her husband, John H. Bass. Mr. Bass was a 33rd degree Mason, and a member of the Scottish Rite. The Masonic Temple organ was originally built with a single set of pipes to provide most of the flute sounds in the organ. The contract cost of the organ was \$7,970.50. Installation was completed in late September 1926.

The organ has a long and fascinating story which can be found at [www.estey2525.com/history](http://www.estey2525.com/history)

Grand Commander Ed Fodrea was able to attend his first official function a week after being Installed. Ed is pictured here with Archie Smallwood at the Chapter's Grand Session in Nashville.



Ed received his red cords from Mike in the parking lot at Cracker Barrel.





Indiana Grand Council held their Virtual Grand Session on Thursday, August 16th with David Ulrich presiding. After attending the Grand Chapter Session on August 18th, the Cryptic Masons went to the Sahara Grotto for their Installation of Officers where Terry Turner was Installed as the Illustrious Grand Master.



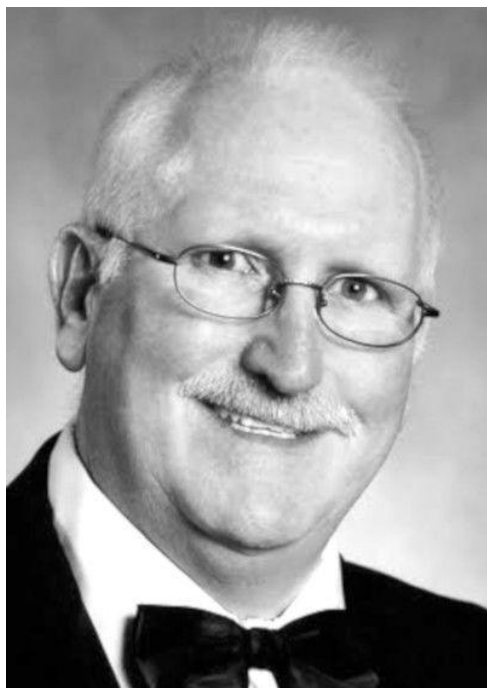


On August 18th, Grand Chapter held it's Grand Session at the Season's Lodge in Nashville , Indiana. There were over 100 Companions in attendance. Archie R. Smallwood completed his term as Steven Maxwell was installed as the Grand High Priest for 2020-2021.



**Heavenly Father**, creator of all that is good, bless us we pray with Your Goodness and Mercy. As we seek to live our lives in Your light, guide our footsteps. As we seek Your purposes, make clear our vision. As we seek to uplift and encourage others, fill our hearts with Your divine Spirit. Protect our children as they go back to school at home or in the classroom. Help them to focus their minds and learn. Help them forget this virus if only for a moment. Inspire our teachers and give them foresight. Uplift those who touch the lives of our children. Thank you for your presence in our schools, in our lives, and in our nation. Through the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus we pray. AMEN

*By Christine Fodrea*



**Richard Craig Willyard**, 67, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at IU Health Methodist Hospital.

Rick took much pride as a Free Mason and was very active in the New Castle Lodge #91 F&AM and the Order of the Eastern Star #116. Rick was raised as a Mason on April 23, 2007. He was a Two Time Past Master at New Castle Lodge No. 91 F.&A.M. Year-(2013) (2017). Rick served the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana as Grand Master of the II Veil for three years. He was a proud member of York Rite Masonry. Past High Priest at Middletown Chapter #143 Royal Arch Masons, Year- (2015). Past Eminent Commander at Greenfield Commandery #39, Knights Templar, Year- (2019). Present Illustrious Master at Greenfield Council #94, Cryptic Masons, Year- (2020). Rick was also a proud member of the York Rite College: Marvin L. Isley #129 @ Franklin (Present Officer). He is a member of Columbus AMD: and Present Officer.

Rick is a member of Scottish Rite in Indianapolis and Knights of Pythias: Lifetime Member at New Castle #33. He is a member of Indianapolis Preceptory #4 Yeoman of York @ Greenfield- Officer. Rick was awarded the Bronze Service Award for Distinguished service award from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons 2018. Rick Willyard was nominated for Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH) From: Robert A. Woods Priory #62, for Induction in January 2021. He is a member of High Twelve in Muncie, Indiana. He currently held the office of Worthy Patron, New Castle #116 Order of the Eastern Star.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for the Worthy Grand Patron's Project – Freedom Fliers or the Worthy Grand Matron Project – providing defibrillators for the Masonic Home Compass Park in Franklin, IN or the ICAN Service Dog Project.

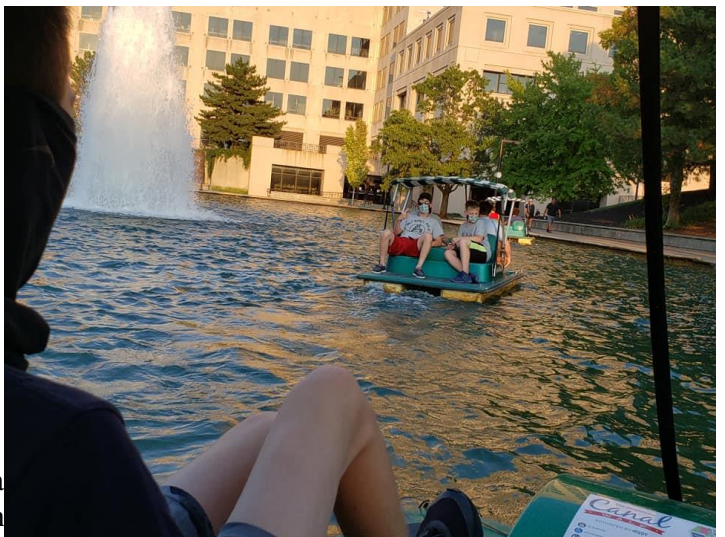


## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUPS DEMOLAY



Speedway DeMolay enjoyed a day of peddle boating on the Downtown Canal while celebrating SMC Griffin V's birthday

*Source: Speedway DeMolay's Facebook Page*



was GHP in 1986-87 and I was one of his officers. At least 50 cars participated in the "drive by."



*Supporting Our youth  
Job's Daughters*



**Harley's Halloween Virtual 10K  
for the H.I.K.E. Fund, Inc  
(Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment)**

**Lace up your sneakers and register to  
help Harley raise \$1,000.00  
for the H.I.K.E. Fund Inc. this October.**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/902294150255654/>

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/CouncilBluffs/HarleysHalloweenVirtual10KforHIKE>



For more information contact:  
Sue Nickerson (443) 617-3938

QR code to the quick link registration:

<https://runsignup.com/QuickReg/95287>



**The HIKE Fund, Inc.** is a not for profit charity incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska and registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charity. The Fund is the continuing philanthropic project of **Job's Daughters International**. It is fully staffed by unpaid volunteers from throughout the United States and Canada. Total operating expenses are less than 5%. The purpose of the Fund is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing losses between the ages of newborn and twenty years whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. An estimated 100 children are provided with hearing devices each year.

The Fund has awarded many types of devices including, but not limited to, hearing aids, FM systems, closed caption converters, tactile units, alerting systems, and specialized sports equipment, to aid children with hearing loss in communication.

## What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others

### Grand Council Awards

Our Grand Master, Kenneth Roy Jr., and Grand Marshal, Doug Patmore, along with Stephen Kroman attended the Dubois County York Rite Council meeting on August 19th to attend the award ceremony for Cryptic Mason of The Year award presented by our now Jr. Most Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council of Indiana to a well deserving Companion Thomas Bartelt. Steve Kroman received the Grand Council Recorder of the Year Award!



### Ish Sodi

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

### Triennial

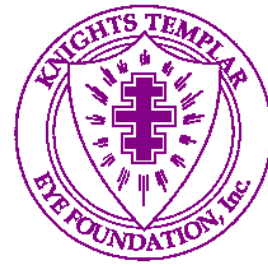
General Grand Chapter's Triennial has been postponed due to COVID and safety concerns. If you have reservations at the hotel, you will need to cancel them yourself. For more information, check out their website at [www.yrtriennial2020.com](http://www.yrtriennial2020.com)





## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...

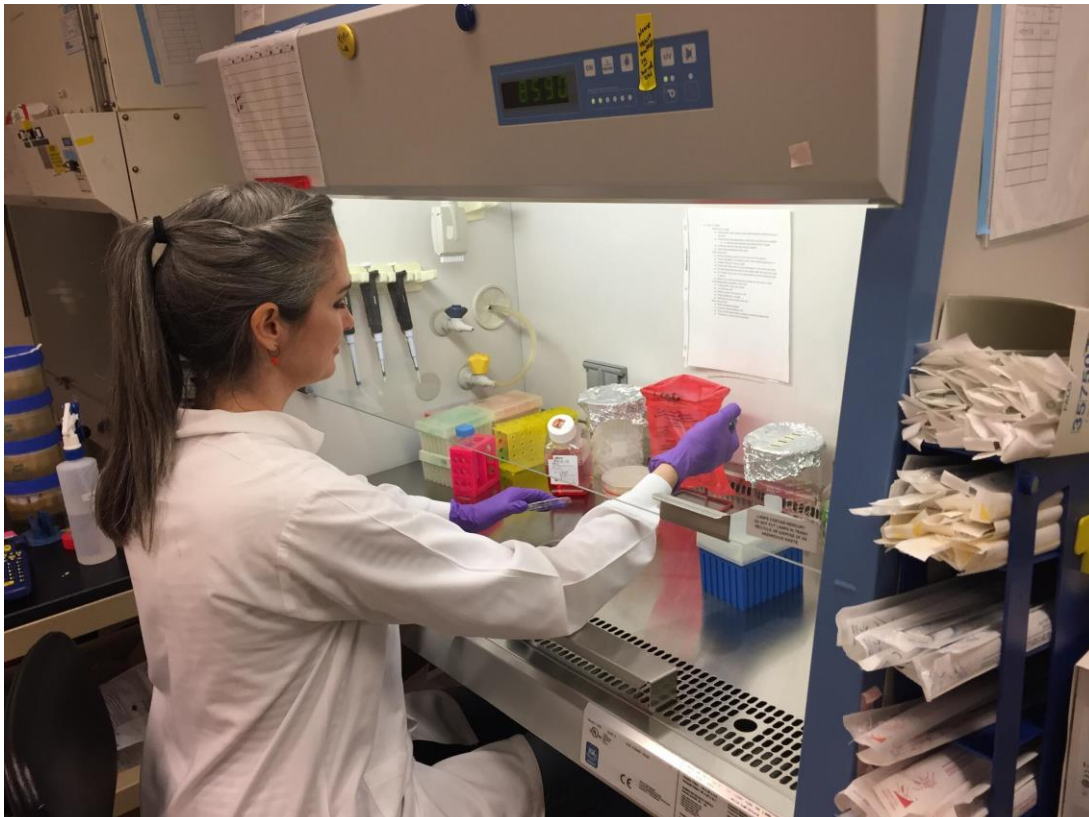


## Caitlin Collin, PhD, Awarded Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant

Mass. Eye and Ear postdoctoral research fellow Caitlin Collin, PhD, was awarded a Career Starter Grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The grant will provide \$70,000 of support for Dr. Collin's research on the development of gene editing approaches for *ABCA4*-associated Stargardt disease. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is committed to supporting research that can help launch the careers of clinical and basic researchers focused on the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children.

Dr. Collin is a lab member of Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology [Qin Liu, MD, PhD](#), within the Harvard Ophthalmology Ocular Genomics Institute. Her other research focuses on developing gene therapies for *RPI*-associated retinitis pigmentosa. She is exploring multiple therapeutic approaches in collaboration with industry, including novel viral and non-viral delivery methods, CRISPR/Cas-based gene editing, and oligonucleotide-based gene editing. These works will lay the foundation for applications in other inherited retinal degenerations caused by mutations in large genes.

*Source [eye.hms.harvard.edu](http://eye.hms.harvard.edu)*



## Important Dates

*Subject to Change*

### ***This Month in History...***

1620 – The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England.

1789 – The U.S. Treasury was established by Congress.

1789 – The U.S. Postal Office was founded.

1814 – Francis Scott-Key composed the lyrics to “The Star-Spangled Banner”

1830 – “Mary Had a Little Lamb” was published.

1846 – The sewing machine was patented.

1921 – The first Miss American beauty Pageant was held in Atlantic City, NJ

1939 – Hitler’s armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

1966 – Star Trek premiered on television.

1974 – President Ford gave an unconditional pardon to former President, Richard Nixon.

1981 – Sandra Day O’Connor became the first female Supreme Court Justice.

1991 – Leningrad was renamed St. Petersburg by Russian legislators following the collapse of the Soviet Union

1997 – Mother Teresa passed away in Calcutta at the age of 87.

**September** is Baby Safety Month, Chicken Month, Better Breakfast Month, Fall Hat Month, Honey Month, International Square Dancing Month, Little League Month, National Blueberry Popsicle Month, National Courtesy Month, Self Improvement Month, and National Sewing Month.

*Source: [www.holidayinsights.com](http://www.holidayinsights.com)*





Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website at  
[IndianaKnightsTemplar.com](http://IndianaKnightsTemplar.com)

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Grand Commander, Ed Fodrea, has a coin available. The coin is \$20 and all proceeds go to support the **Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund**. If you are interested in the coin, contact any Grand Commandery



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Indiana Grand Commandery is on Facebook too!  
[Indiana Grand Commandery Facebook Page](#)

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### **What is your Commandery Doing?**

Community Service? Public Event? Reception? Rededication?  
Pancake Breakfast? Chili Dinner? Social Hour? Bowling?  
New Sir Knights? One Day Class? 50 Year Award? Parades?  
Important Dates to add to the Calendar?  
Send me your pictures and stories!

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