

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA



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Grand Chapter website link

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2022-2023 Indiana Grand Council Officers

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Grand Council website link

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Phil Whisner, REGC

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

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Grand Commandery website link

York Rite Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

To be removed from this mailing list, send a reply with "Remove" in the subject line.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to make your Reservations

December 11—Scottish Rite Orchestra and Chorus Concert, 3p. Contact [Tom Fallis](#).

December 13—Open Installation of York Rite Officers at Shelby County York Rite. 6p dinner, 7p Installation. [Details](#).

December 21—Templar Board and Christmas Observance. 6p Templar Board, 7p Christmas Observance. Contact [Joe](#).

January 13—Social Order of the Beauceant, Open Installation at Hancock Lodge. 7p. Contact [Monica](#).

January 14—61st Annual Founder's Day. 9a at Scottish Rite Cathedral. Contact the [Grand Lodge Office](#).

January 17—Mark Master Degree at Grant County Chapter #55. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).

January 21—Grand Commandery Winter Meeting at the Seasons Lodge. 1p meeting. Contact [Phil Whisner](#).

January 21—Newby Avery Vaught Banquet at the Seasons Lodge 5p Social, 6p dinner. Contact [Phil Whisner](#).

January 28—Council Inspection (South) at Vincennes Council #9. 11a Table Council, 12p Super Ex. Contact [Charlie B.](#)

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January 31—Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees at Grant County Chapter #55. 6p dinner, 7p degree.

Contact [George Ingles](#).

February 4—Prather Chronological Degree Day at Prather Chapter #157 and Council #100. Select Master, Royal Master, Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, Past Master (Virtual), and Royal Arch Degrees. Contact [Brain Lewis](#).

February 11—DeMolay Sweetheart Dance at the Scottish Rite. Templar Honor Guard contact [Carson Smith](#).

February 18—Council Inspection (Central) at Terra Haute Council #8. 11a Table Council, 12p Super Ex. Contact [Charlie](#).

February 18—Council Inspection (Central) at Frankfort Council #46. 6p Table Council, 7p Super Ex. Contact [Charlie B.](#)

A special thank you to Carson Smith for providing up to date information for the upcoming events.



Companion and Sir Knight Steven J. Barton
Lady Mickey Borchert, wife of Donald L. Borchert
Companion and Sir Knight George Brutchen
Lady Sally Brindle, wife of Nathan C. Brindle
Companion and Sir Knight Barry Clouser
Lady Brittany Cottrell, wife of Clint R. Cottrell
Companion and Sir Knight Clint R. Cottrell
Companion and Sir Knight Paul Daugherty
Lady Karen Deeter, wife of Jerry O. Deeter
Companion and Sir Knight Jerry O. Deeter
Companion and Sir Knight Brian Scott Du Bois
Companion and Sir Knight Christopher J. Gamblin
Companion and Sir Knight Rowland C. Gorman
Lady Rhonda Harper, widow of Thomas W. Harper
Companion and Sir Knight Joseph K. Hedges
Companion and Sir Knight Matthew T. Hobbs
Companion and Sir Knight Tyson Howenstine

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Companion and Sir Knight Dennis H. Rigsby
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Companion and Sir Knight Donnie A. Robinette
Companion and Sir Knight Kenneth Roy, Jr.
Companion and Sir Knight Joseph L. Scanland
Companion and Sir Knight Ronald D. Simpson
Lady Tracy Sparks, wife of Joe Sparks
Lady Marna Stahlka, wife of Clay Stahlka
Companion and Sir Knight Ronald L. Tungett

A Little Christmas Prayer

As Christmas nears, I am Reminded of the greatest gift,

Jesus Christ

You Didn't even spare your Son, Because You Loved me,
& this is how I, a sinner, joyfully returned to your arms.

Where would I be without my salvation?

My Life Would be meaningless I would not know
Grace & Peace. How wonderful it feels to have this gift
of eternal life given so freely.

How generous of You, my God,
that You'd do this for me! May The Spirit Of Christ
fill me to open wide my heart & hands, Help me share
Christ with those in great need of your touch
So they may see a glimpse of your wonderful Son,
Who gave His all because of Love.

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David & Vickie Gundrum
Dale & Nancy Foreman
Virgil & Janice Humphrey
John & Marcia La Bounty
Gary & Sally Nicholson
Terry & Wanda Kehrer
Duane & Georgia Vaught

Award of Gold

On November 6, Larry Gray received his Award of Gold for being a Past Master of Hancock Lodge #101 50 years ago.



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of Royal Arch
Masons of the
State of Indiana
Facebook*

50 Years



On December 2 at Greenwood Lodge #514, Brother Michael Tapp was presented with his 50 year pin.

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook



New Capes!



Job's Daughters has new capes for their Miss and Jr. Miss!

Facebook

Gold Honor Award

On November 10, the Banks of the Wabash York Rite College presented Brother Randy Mitten with the Gold Honor Award. Congratulations!

Spencer Masonic Lodge #95 Facebook



Job's Daughters

On November 16, the daughters of Bethel #8 had a great time with the Master Masons of Waynedale Lodge #739.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Recognizing Brothers

At their November meeting, Mt. Etna Masonic Lodge in Huntington presented Secretary Guilford Wehr Jr. with the Mason of the Year Award. They also presented Worshipful Brother Mel Gilesie of Roanoke Lodge with the Masonic Traveler Award.

Mt Etna Masonic Lodge #333 Facebook



DeMolay

On November 8, West Newton DeMolay had a great time at their annual Chevalier Dinner. There were several generations represented.

West Newton DeMolay Facebook



Job's Daughters

On November 5, Job's Daughters Bethel held their Official Visit and Initiated a new member.

Patrick Briney Facebook



Most Excellent Masters

Congratulations! On November 9, Anderson York Rite welcomed four new Most Excellent Masters.

Anderson York Rite Facebook



Inspection/Reception



On a cold and windy Saturday morning, Bedford Commandery #42 and Bloomington Commandery #63 welcomed Sir Knights and their Ladies to their joint Inspection/Reception.

Grand Commandery Knights
Templar Facebook



25-Year Certificates

On November 8, Ron Smith and Jerry Burns received their 25-Year plus Certificates from Banks of Wabash York Rite College #72.

Terry Bisping Facebook



New Companions

On November 5, Evansville York Rite had an All Chapter Degrees Day. They Exalted five new Companions to the Royal Arch Degree.

Dennis Schraeder Sr. Facebook



Advisor of the Year

On November 5, Patrick Elmore, Speedway DeMolay Dad, was honored with the Scottish Rite Youth Advisor of the Year Award.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



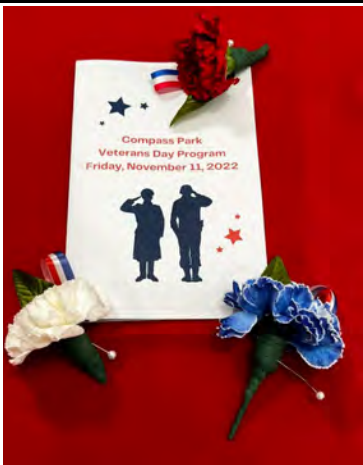
Gold Honor Award



On November 8, Garret Smith was presented with the Gold Honor Award from Banks of the Wabash York Rite College #72.

Terry Bisping Facebook

Veteran's Day



Every year on Veteran's Day, the Masonic Home (Compass Park) holds their annual Veteran's Day program. Sir Knights from across the state come together to Present the Colors.

Grand Com-mandery
Knights Tem-plar of Indiana
Facebook



A Message from the Grand Commander

Four Short Words

At the beginning of each Advent season, our church places four large lighted signs in the lawn facing Southport Road in Indianapolis. They are four short words: Joy, Peace, Hope, Love. This year I assisted with putting these signs up and making some minor repairs, which has helped me reflect on these words and their meaning in a different way than I have before.

Joy: As Christians, we should always feel joy, and especially as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. But just because we “should” feel joy, doesn’t mean we always “do”. It’s too easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and feel more stress than joy. We all need to remember to step back, breathe, and feel the joy of Christmas.

Peace: Lately it does not feel like there is much “peace” in the world. War is still raging in Ukraine, mass shootings are still occurring across our country, and hateful words and divisiveness permeate social media daily. But I wonder if what the angels meant when they said “and on earth, peace, good will toward men” was more of an inner peace – the kind of inner peace that Jesus brings to each of us who accept him as our Lord and Savior

Hope: This is another word that is easy to lose sight of in today’s world. We probably all have days when things feel a bit hopeless: we’re overwhelmed with work, commitments, bills, family issues, and just day-to-day life. Focusing on the hope that the world was given by the birth of a baby can help us to not only feel hope for ourselves but spread that hope to all around us as well.

Love: While not part of the Christmas story, this season is a great time to remember Paul’s words in I Corinthians 13:13: “and the greatest of these is love.” Our love for Jesus always shows in our actions and our words, but right now we have an even greater opportunity to show this love to others. Helping others at Christmas is the greatest expression of love we can give, and I encourage all of us to find a way to help those who may be struggling right now. Help can come in the form of financial assistance, giving of your time to a food pantry or shelter, or even just giving words of kindness and encouragement to someone who may be struggling with find joy, peace, and hope during the holi-days.

Four short words. Sir Knights, these words may be short, but they are what I wish for you during this Christmas season: the joy of celebrating Jesus’ birth, the peace of knowing that he was born because of God’s love for us, the hope that we can enjoy only because of His promise of salvation, and the love that Jesus reminds us to show to God and to each other.

Blessings to you at Christmas,
Phil Whisner, REGC



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Grand Commandery Winter Meeting and Newby Avery Vaught Banquet

WINTER MEETING

The annual Grand Commandery Winter Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at The Seasons Lodge, 560 SR 46, Nashville, Indiana 47448. The meeting starts at 1:00 PM EST and is scheduled to end around 4:00 PM EST. The Winter Meeting is meant to inform Commanderies of the activities of the Grand Commandery up to this point, how Commanderies within each Battalion are faring as compared to other Commanderies in their Battalion and the state, and provide overall general information to all Sir Knights. I encourage each of you to consider attending. There is no registration cost or fee to attend. Preferred attire for the meeting is slacks and shirt (business casual).

NEWBY-AVERY-VAUGHT DINNER

The Newby-Avery-Vaught dinner will also be Saturday, January 21st at The Seasons. Social hour starts at 5:00 PM EST, with dinner at 6:00 PM. Attire for this event is Commandery uniform (no chapeau or sword) or tuxedo, and cocktail dress or formal for ladies.

What is the Newby-Avery-Vaught (NAV) dinner, and why would you want to attend?

- First and foremost, this dinner gives all Sir Knights an opportunity to honor three great men from Indiana who have served as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment: Willard Avery, Leonidas Newby, and Duane Vaught.
- The Newby-Avery-Vaught (NAV) dinner raises funds for Indiana Grand Commandery. These funds allow us to operate without having to increase the per capita that Commanderies pay to Indiana Grand Commandery. The per capita paid to Grand Commandery has remained stable for many years due to this dinner, and we hope that the Sir Knights and Commanderies of Indiana will continue to support NAV.
- The funds raised at this dinner allow us to not charge a registration fee for events such as Annual Conclave, the Winter Meeting, and the Indiana Templar Academies.
- The Newby-Avery-Vaught dinner gives all Sir Knights and their ladies an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie and exchange thoughts and ideas in a more relaxed manner than may occur at the Annual Conclave.



What is the cost of the Newby-Avery-Vaught dinner?

- Each Commandery can purchase a Chair for \$250 and will receive a plaque identifying the Commandery as a Newby-Avery-Vaught Chair. One member (typically the current Eminent Commander) may attend the NAV dinner for five years at no additional charge after purchasing a Chair.
- Any Sir Knight can become a Newby-Avery-Fellow for \$250. Fellows are given a Newby-Avery-Vaught pin with one jewel chip, and additional chips are added each year that another Fellow is purchased. NAV Fellows are invited to attend the dinner at no additional charge for themselves.
- Any Sir Knight and their Lady can attend the Newby-Avery-Vaught dinner at a cost of \$45 each. If you are not sure what NAV is all about, I encourage you to come to the dinner to learn more and to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie.

Reservations for Chairs, Fellows, and dinners must be turned in by January 4, 2023. Checks should be made out to Philip Whisner and mailed to 5528 Greenhill Pl, Apt D, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Hotel reservations are available at The Seasons Lodge for those who wish to spend the night for \$94.00 plus tax. You need to reserve rooms before December 20th and mention Indiana Grand Commandery when you call the hotel (800-365-7327) to receive the discounted rate.

COMMANDERY WORSHIP TOGETHER SUNDAY

I invite all Sir Knights and their families to come together in worship at 10:30 AM on Sunday, January 22nd, at Southport United Methodist Church, 1947 E. Southport Rd, Indianapolis, 46227. Attire for this event is uniform (preferred) or coat and slacks. Ladies may wear dresses or slacks. Please let me know before January 15th if you would like to attend so that we can arrange to reserve a block of seats together in the worship center.

Speedway DeMolay

On November 12, Speedway DeMolay assisted the Indianapolis Scottish Society's annual St. Andrew's dinner at the Murat. The young men were recognized for their hard work.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Presentation of Colors

On November 12, the Sir Knights of New Albany Commandery #5 presented the Colors at the Veterans Dinner for the Scottish Rite Valley of George Rogers Clark.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Rainbow Girls

The Indiana Rainbow Girls had a great weekend at their lodge. They had their Grand Cross on Saturday and the Grand Helpers Holiday Party on Sunday.

Indiana IORG Facebook



West Newton DeMolay

It was a little snowy at the Indiana DeMolay Chateau, but they still had plenty of fun. West Newton DeMolay initiated six new members on Saturday before the snow stopped. Then they enjoyed board games, card games, gaga ball, hiking and an introduction to Seinfeld.

West Newton DeMolay Facebook



West Newton DeMolay

On November 16, Shelby Olvey was presented with the Gold Honor Award from Banks of the Wabash York Rite College #72.

Terry Bisping Facebook



Donations to support this event
P.O. Box 143, Ellettsville, IN 47429

DECEMBER 10, 2022

9:00 – 12:00

Breakfast 8:00 – 11:30 MASONIC LODGE ON SALE ST.
\$9.00 (5 & under free)
Proceeds Benefit Ellettsville Community.

9:30 SANTA ARRIVES ON SALE STREET VIA FIRE TRUCK

9:30-11:30 VISIT WITH SANTA @ LIBRARY

FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA

Choose a FREE toy & Send a letter to Santa

FREE ACTIVITIES ON SALE ST.

Free Crafts & Special Activities for Children * Christmas Mouse * Holiday Music & Caroling * Decorate Cookies & Hot Chocolate * Thurman's Body Shop * Balloon Sculptures * Seven Oaks School * Boys & Girls Club * Ellettsville History Center * Fall Festival Queen and her Court will assist with activities, - (maps available)

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One Day Class

On November 20, twenty-three new Master Masons were Raised at Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245. Congratulations!

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245 Facebook



New Sir Knights

On November 18, Crawfordsville and Terre Haute Commanderies Knighted four new Sir Knights.

Terry Bisping Facebook



Job's Daughters

On November 18, Bethel #108 was making cheeseballs!

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Joint Inspection

Congratulations to Baldwin Commandery's newest Sir Knight, Daniel Bell, who was Knighted at the Joint Inspection of Raper Commandery #1 and Baldwin Commandery #2 on November 18.

Shelby County York Rite Facebook



Crawfordsville Commandery

On November 29, Crawfordsville Commandery held an Order of the Temple conferred by MEPGM, Duane Vaught.

Carson Smith



Job's Daughters

On November 19, Bethel #24 joined the Bethel #68 for their Official Visit.

Job's Daughters, Bethel #24—Sellerburg, IN Facebook



Inspection



All the Sir Knights had a great time at the Inspection at LaPorte Commandery #12 on November 29. They even had homemade pie!

Grand Commandery Knights Templar Facebook



Nativity Scene at the Masonic Home

At Compass Park on November 19, Franklin DeMolay and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana erected the Nativity Scene.

*Randal P Ellington
Facebook*



2023 Officers

Congratulations to the newly installed 2023 Officers of Beech Grove Lodge.

Beech Grove Lodge #694, F&AM Facebook



Terre Haute Chapter #11

Terra Haute Chapter #11 welcomed a new Companion on November 5.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana Face-book

