

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA



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[Grand Chapter website link](#)

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana



David Miller, MIGM

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Council Officers

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[Grand Council website link](#)

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



Phil Whisner, REGC

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

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[Grand Commandery website link](#)

York Rite Newsletter

July 2022

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

Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to make your Reservations

July 9— Building Renaming Ceremony at Prather. 11a. Contact [Carson Smith](#).

July 15—Grand Council Golf Outing at Wooded View Golf Course. 9a. Contact [Terry Smith](#).

July 16—Grand Council Crypt Rededication at Indiana Council #1. 9a. Contact [Keith Stiner](#).

July 16—Grand Council Royal Order of Zanzibar. 8:00p. Contact [Keith Stiner](#).

July 19—Order of the Red Cross at Grant County Commandery #21. 6p Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).

July 20—Commandery Reception at Crawfordsville Commandery #21. 6p Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [Joe Sparks](#).

July 20—Order of Red Cross and Malta at Wright Commandery #64. 6:30 Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [Phil Stroud](#).

July 22—Holy Land Steak Fry hosted by Elkhart Commandery #31. 5p. Contact [Ron Ross](#).

July 23—Grand Chapter Instructional, North hosted by Angola Chapter #58. 10a. Contact [Chris Gamblin](#).

July 30—Grand Chapter Instructional, South hosted by Salem Chapter #38. 10a. Contact [David Leach](#).

July 30—Ancient and Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot 12p lunch, 1p begin. Contact [Lloyd Atterson](#).

August 1—Commandery Reception at Prather #62. 6:30p Dinner, 7p Reception. Contact [Bryan Lewis](#).

August 5—Grand Council OKI at Hampton Inn in Wilder, KY. Contact [Thomas Bustle](#)

August 6—Grand Council OKI at Hampton Inn in Wilder, KY. Contact [Thomas Bustle](#).

August 10—Commandery Reception at Vincennes Commandery #20. 6p dinner, 7p Reception. Contact [Cecil Scott](#).

August 15—Commandery Inspection at EH Gary Commandery #57. 7p. Contact [Brush Bush](#).

August 27—Grand Commandery Picnic at Ft. Harrison State Park. 11a. Contact [Phil Whisner](#).

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



Lady Stephanie Backus, wife of Matthey Backus

Lady Barbara Baird, wife of Pat Baird

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Richard J. Bechinski

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Donald L. Borchert

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight John A. Bridegroom

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Todd T. Carpenter

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Larry L. Deutscher

Lady Jean Dutton, wife of Michael M. Dutton

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Edward E. Fodrea

Lady Wilma Friend, widow of Carroll Joe Friend

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Eldred T. Glass

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Larry E. Gray

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Lewis C. Hill

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Carleton E. Hinshaw

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight John E. Hylemon

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Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Phillip A. Ritter

Lady Ginny Sheets, widow of Wayne A. Sheets

Lady Lynne Smelser, wife of Charles A. Smelser

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Norman D. Smith

Lady Pat Tungett, wife of Ronald L. Tungett

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Jack F. Wallace

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Philip D. Whisner

Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Andrew W. Wiley



Lloyd Sr. & Barbara Atterson
 Richard & Cindy Bechinski
 Harold & Barbara Black
 John & Tammy Bridegroom
 Jim & Carol Davis
 Paul and Robbie Daugherty
 Jim & Bonnie Dove
 Carl & Gaylynn Dykman
 Lloyd & Barbara Forney
 Bob & Nancy Frazer
 Charles & Bonnie Huff
 David & Jeanine Marie Jenkins
 Steven & Lenora Keller
 Charles & Janel King
 Kris & Chere Phillips
 Mitchell Rohrbaugh and Ilona Bissman

Award of Gold



On June 6, Southport Lodge celebrated an Award of Gold for Bro. Donald Jarvis.

Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook



A Moment of Prayer

Sir Knights we as Knight Templar of the State of Indiana at each conclave have a prayer at the beginning and the ending of each session. We pray for our Fraters who have lost their way and those who are ill as well as those in need, the widows and orphans. The prayer we pray is one we all should be familiar with and one we all should live by and one our Saviour, Jesus Christ taught us to pray, do you recall as in the book of St. Matthew found in Chapter 6 which tells us about the "Sermon on the mount" starting at verse 7) and it is But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking Verse 8) Be not ye therefore like unto them for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. Verse 9) After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Verse 10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Verse 11) Give us this day our daily bread. Verse 12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Verse 13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Sir Knights remember this Prayer our Saviour and the Captain of our Salvation. May God be with you all and may God Bless you, your family, and our Great Nation.

Archie Smallwood, Grand Prelate

Speedway DeMolay

Members of the Speedway DeMolay were at the Murat Shrine on June 3 to help support the wedding of Illustrious Sir Chuck Shull, Past Potentate.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Ritual Jewel

Congratulations to Companion Graig Huber who was presented with the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel on June 4 by Past General Grand Hight Priest and General Grand Secretary Larry Gray.

Prather York Rite Facebook





York Rite at Job's Grand Session



Jim Fairchild, Most Illustrious Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, Phil Whisner, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana Grand Commandery, and Jim Davis, Right Illustrious Grand Principle Conductor of Work of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana were in attendance of the Job's Daughters Grand Session.

George Ingles

Medora Lodge #328

As part of their service to the community, Medora Lodge #328 worked to build a wheelchair ramp for a Medora resident. Medora Lodge, along with the Medora Lions Club and the Veteran's Administration purchased the lumber, and lodge members provided the labor for installation.



Medora Lodge
#328 F&AM
Facebook

Greenfield Chapter #96

Greenfield Chapter #96, Royal Arch Masons, Exalted three worthy Brethren as Royal Arch Masons on June 2.



Larry
Gray
Face-
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Brownsburg Lodge #241

On June 11, Brothers from Brownsburg Masonic Lodge #421 traveled to the Schofield House in Madison, IN to hold their Fellowship Degree.



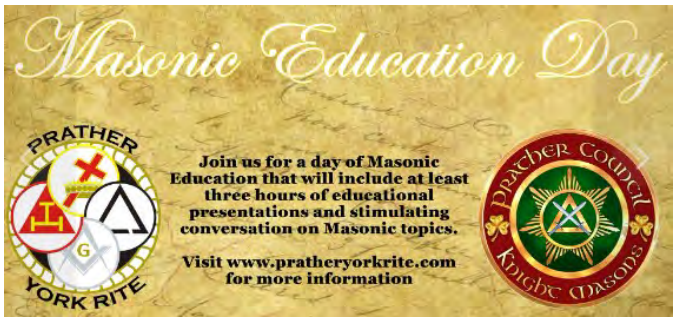
Brownsburg,
IN Masonic
Lodge #241
Facebook



Call for Presentations

Prather York Rite is excited to host their second Masonic Education Day on Saturday, August 27th and are doing a "Call for Presentations" for any Master Mason who would like to submit a Paper/Presentation to be included in the program. For more information, visit their [website](http://www.pratheryorkrite.com).

Prather York Rite Facebook



Come Support this Great Event!

SCOTCH & CIGAR

MASONIC BENEFIT

Sunday, September 18th • 11:30am to 4:00pm

LIMIT 60 TICKETS AVAILABLE

\$60.00 per person

Includes Two Cigars and One Glass of Scotch

Hosted by The Golden Leaf Cigars.
All proceeds will be donated to Porter Lodge's 2026 Grand Masters Fund.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT
<https://bit.ly/39cmKKH>

DeMolay

Members of Speedway DeMolay visited West Newton

DeMolay and took part in the Initiation.

Speedway DeMolay's Facebook

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE GOLF OUTING

TO BENEFIT THE GRAND COMMANDERY HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE FUND

Friday, July 15th, 2022
Wooded View Golf Course
2404 Greentree N., Clarksville IN 47129

8am Registration, **9:00am Start**. 4 Person Best Ball Scramble
\$45.00 per person. Register soon Space Limited.
Each Commandery that Sends a Team will receive 250 activity Points.

Reservations must be paid before July 1st, 2022.
Longest Drive Hole, Closest to the Pin Hole, Longest Putt!
Opportunity to take home Trophies for First, Second and Third place!

4 MAN TEAMS (Ladies welcome!)

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

HOLE SPONSORSHIP: \$100.00 • LUNCHEON SPONSORSHIP: \$500.00
BEVERAGE CART SPONSORSHIP: \$300.00

Sponsorships come with signage and recognition - Please Print Wordings to Appear on sign below

Register by July 1st, 2022
Make checks payable to Grand Commandery KT Indiana • Return this form with your payment to:
Terry Smith, 4240 E. Whiskey Run Rd., Georgetown IN 47122 • 812-972-9079
For more information contact Randal Ellington, rpellington@gmail.com, 317-364-3022

Prather Chapter

Prather Chapter hosted their Centennial Rededication on Saturday June 4th. They had a great crowd for their Table Chapter and a wonderful meal. Carson Smith gave an excellent presentation on the History of Prather York Rite. The Grand Chapter did an impressive job with the Rededication Ceremony. They thank MEGHP, Jim Fairchild, and all the Grand Chapter Officers for coming out to Prather to celebrate 100 Years of Royal Arch Masonry.

Prather York Rite Facebook

Mount Moriah #77

On June 4, Mt Moriah #77 had their golf classic, complete with hog roast.

Mount Moriah No. 77 F.&A.M. Facebook



Hope #150 F&AM

August 27,2022

Wyalloosing Golf Course

6869 N IN 3, Greensburg, In 47240

Registration 8:00 to 8:50

Start / 9:00

\$45 @ Player \$180 Team

Sponsorship Opportunities

Event Sponsor	\$150	Hole Sponsor	\$50
Tee Sponsor	\$50	Lunch Sponsor	\$150
Beverage Sponson	\$100	Closest to Pin	\$50
Long Drive Sponsor	\$50		

Additional Information or to pre-register

Ohmer Miller 812-371-7786

Dave Pate 317-696-3688

Larry Wheeler 812-343-1879

Player Registration

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Call to Form an Escort Line

On Thursday July 7th, Sir Knights will Form the Lines for the formal opening of the International Rainbow for Girls at 7p at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville. Sir Knights will assemble at 6:30p. If you'd like to partici-

pate, please contact Phil Whisner by email, text or phone call.



Photo by Stephen Kroman

LaPorte Chapter #15

What a night for Royal Arch Research Assistance here in Indiana as the Companions of LaPorte Chapter #15 raised \$1606 during the Most Excellent Master (MEM) table lodge and silent auction! It was also great to see our newest MEM brothers attend, learn, and contribute to our philanthropy. A huge Thank You to members of Chapter #15 and Grand Chapter Officers who came to make the night a success for our beloved RA-RA.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Indiana Facebook



SAHARA GROTTO – 2022 CAVE DEGREE FIELD TRIP

The Sahara Grotto has contacted Union Masonic Lodge # 38 located at 550 W Spring Street, Kingston, TN 37763 regarding their Cave Degree's this coming August 19th & 20th. This is a great opportunity to visit another lodge out of state and see how other jurisdictions perform their degree's. An itinerary of events is as follows:

Friday, August 19th

- 9:00am – Registration will begin and continue through out the day in the dining area of the Lodge & continue Saturday morning until noon. When you register, you will be issued a "King Solomon's Passport" which will allow you access to the Fellow Craft Degree starting at 7:00pm. Friday night in the Lodge, and to the master's degree in the cave on Saturday starting at 1:00pm. To avoid delays at degree time, the Passport is recommended. Please have a current dues card or someone who can vouch for you.
- 4:30pm – 7:00pm – Dinner served in Lodge dining room
- 7:00pm – A New Jersey Fellow Craft degree will be conferred by a team from the 14th New Jersey Masonic District in the upstairs Lodge room.

Saturday, August 20th

- 8:00am – 11:00am – Breakfast will be served in Lodge dining room. Registration continues 8:00am – 12:00pm in the dining area.
- 9:00am – Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Burlington Forest # 207 will hold a meeting and doing an installation if there are any petitions.
 - A Yellow Dog degree will be conferred during the morning breaks. Details TBD.
- 1:00pm – A Delaware Master Mason degree will be conferred in Eblens Cave at (501-599 Eblen Cave Road, Lenior City, TN 37771)
 - Please note it is cool, average 55 degrees and damp, in the cave. Light weight jackets & hats (permitted) are recommended.
- 5:00pm – Dinner in Lodge dining room

Spouses / significant others are welcome & encouraged to attend. Meals are open to the family and Union Lodge # 38 has planned activities for the ladies Saturday during the degree's if they would like to participate in those.

Union Lodge has contacted the Holiday Inn Express located at 1885 S Roane, Street, Hariman, TN 37748. They are giving individuals attending a room rate of \$90.00 per night if booked before August 1st. Please mention CAVE DEGREE to get the discounted rate. You can reserve one of the twenty five King rooms by calling the hotel at 865-295-0001. Please note transportation is not being provided by the Sahara Grotto and Master Mason will need to make their own travel arrangements to arrive.

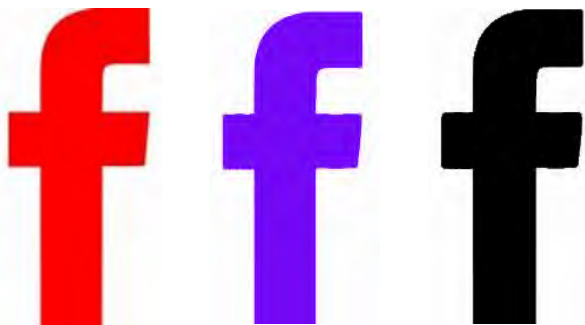
Please RSVP on the Sahara Grotto website at saharagrotto.com so we can notify Union Lodge # 38 an accurate head count for attendance. Please email me if you have any additional questions at stephen.roberts2013@gmail.com.

Share with Us

Does your Lodge, Star, Chapter, Council or Commandery, etc. have an upcoming event that we can put on the calendar? Are having a fish fry or chili cookoff that you'd like to advertise? Did you just have a degree and you took pictures? Did someone in your lodge just get an Award of Gold? Let us celebrate with you! Send your pictures, upcoming events, flyers, birthdays, etc. to [Monica](#).



Facebook Links





GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF INDIANA
47th ANNUAL CRYPT REDEDICATION AND PILGRIMAGE
July 15 and 16, 2022

FRIDAY, JULY 15

8:00am Hospitality room opens 8:00 am
9:00 am (UPDATED TIME) GOLF OUTING: \$45
Wooded View Golf Course 2404 Greentree N Clarksville, IN. 47129

GOLF REGISTRATION CONTACT :

Terry Smith, 4240 E. Whiskey Run Rd. Georgetown, IN 47122 (812-972-9079)
or Lloyd Smith (812-267-2631)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

9:00 am Annual Rededication of the Cryptic Shrine at Indiana Council No. 1
New Albany Temple 805 E. Market St., New Albany IN, 47150
10:00 am Masonic Seminar in the Hotel Hospitality Room
12:00 pm Leave for Cruise. \$40 per person
Ohio Riverboat Excursion on the CQ Princess,
5700 Captains Quarters Rd., Harrods Creek KY. 40059
Boarding time 1:00 pm • Cruise begins 1:30 pm
Children 12 & under Pizza Party on the boat—NO CHARGE
5:00 pm Grand Council summer meeting
Dinner on your own or enjoy the food & fellowship in the hospitality room
8:00 pm Zanzibar and Zanzibar ladies orders to be conferred

Headquarters : Best Western Plus - Louisville North \$129 per night
1405 Broadway St, Clarksville, IN 47129 (812-913-1601)

Cut-off date for hotel reservations : July 2, 2022

Group : Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. Make reservations directly with hotel

Cut-off date : Riverboat Cruise reservations : July 2, 2022

Payment MUST accompany Riverboat Cruise reservations

Payable to : Grand Council Cryptic Masons

Send boat reservations to :

W. Keith Stiner, 1805 W. 10th Street Muncie, IN 47302 • (Cell) 765-623-7114

Name _____ # reservations _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Phone _____ Total amt. enclosed @ \$40 person _____
Number of children to attend Pizza Party (12 & under) _____

You are invited to
Bethel 108's

Annual Pool Party

Where: Riley Park Pool
300 Apple St, Greenfield

When: Friday, July 8 from 8:00pm-10:00pm

Families are invited. Parent or other adult required to stay with siblings and those under age 10. No cost to attend. Please RSVP by July 1st to bethel108injd@gmail.com or text Bethel Guardian 317-373-5730

BETHEL #108 JOB'S DAUGHTERS

SUMMER CHEESEBALL SALE

Beef, Ranch & Onion; Pineapple with or without Pecans plus two new flavors -
Strawberry Cheesecake and
Jalapeno Popper

\$10 each or \$8 each if you order 3 or more!
for more info contact Bethel or Council member or email bethel108injd@gmail.com

Rededication Weekend

The Hospitality Room will be open starting Friday at 8a. You can help bring supplies to the Hospitality Room by signing up [here](#). The Hospitality Room will be held at the Best Western Plus, Louisville North. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 812-913-1601.

The Golf Outing will be held on Friday, July 15 at 9a at the Wooded View Gold Course in Georgetown, IN.

On Saturday morning, Grand Council will have the Annual Crypt Rededication of the Cryptic Shrine at Indiana Council #1 at 9a.

At 10a on Saturday morning, Grand Commandery officers will have their Officers Meeting at 10a. Also at 10a, the Masonic Seminar will be held in the Hospitality Room.



Grant County

At the June meeting of Grant County Council #28, Grand Master, Richard Lentz could be found just hanging out with the boys.

George Ingles



Social Order of the Beauceant



Do you have an Inspection or Reception coming up and you don't want to cook? Let the Social Order of the Beauceant help. They are making homemade Chicken Pot Pie and Baked Spaghetti in 9x13 or 5x7 pans. These can be frozen until you need them.



The 9x13 pans are \$25 each and the 5x7 pans are \$15 each. Order in advance. **Orders due by July 25.** To order or ask questions, email the [SOOB](#).

Website Links

Click on the picture



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

An Evening in

PARIS

ISH SODI FUNDRAISING GALA

Join us for a special evening in your formal attire, Tuxedo or Dark Suit, and Evening Wear for the Ladies!

at The Sahara Grotto

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2022
SOCIAL AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 6:30PM
 7620 MADISON AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227

RSVP To: Ish Sodl Council #1855 U.D.
James Catania • 317-679-5557 • 531 Glastonberry Lane, Mooresville, IN 46158
Make Checks Payable to: Ish Sodl Council #1855 U.D.

HORS D'OEUVRES FOLLOWED BY
 DELICIOUS CHICKEN AND BEEF BUFFET

☐ \$40.00 Single ☐ \$70.00 Couple

*Please be prepared to participate in the silent auction that will be hosted during this event, remembering that all proceeds will go to benefit the C.M.M.R.F.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 15TH VIA EMAIL, MAIL OR TEXT

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge held their annual Golf Outing on June 11. It was a great day as the rain cleared just in time for their 9a start. Despite the wet conditions, scores stayed high. They are looking forward to the 2023 edition!

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245
Facebook

OES Grand Chapter

The Rainbow Girls had a wonderful time at the OES Grand Chapter on June 10.

Indiana IORG Facebook



MASONIC AUTO SHOW

Saturday October 8th
9am-3pm
 Rain Date: October 22nd

20+ AWARDS
 Separate Car/Truck and Motorcycle Categories
 Judging begins at 12pm
 Awards announced at 2:30pm

FUN FOR ALL
 Music, Food, Games, Door Prizes, and More!

VENDOR SPACES
 \$20 for 10'x10' Lot
 \$10 for Masonic Owned Businesses

\$15 PRE - REGISTRATION
 Pre-Register to receive a free dash plaque and goodie bag.
 Registration Fee increases to \$20 after September 24th.
 REGISTER ONLINE: www.CalvinWPrather.com

OES Grand Chapter

Kendle, Jamie, and Zoey were beautiful and ready to attend the OES Grand Chapter on June 10.

Indiana Job's Daughters *Facebook*

A Covenant with the Social Order of the Beauceant

To the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, greetings in the name of our Supreme Grand Master, Jesus Christ.



Many of you know that I have had a "love affair" with the Social Order of the Beauceant for a long time. My grandmother and great aunt were members and past presidents in Texas. My mother was a member and past president, my late wife and my two daughters were also members in California. My Lady Ms. Kimberly Burnett is a past president in Ohio and Past Supreme Worthy President. My admiration for this beautiful Christian Order and the service they provide to their membership, as well as our Christian Order is deeply rooted and resolute.

Like many masonic related organizations, the Social Order of the Beauceant is suffering from a decline in membership and participation. Historically, the SOOB began solely with the wives or widows of knights templar. Adjustments were made to include additional family relationships; but something else began to occur which I believe needs our immediate attention.

For unknown reasons, the closeness of our two Orders began to subside. Local commanderies began to lessen their support of local assemblies, both financially, and in promoting their beautiful Order. The results are that without our support, the assemblies have dwindled or vanished from many states.

Sir Knights, these beautiful Christian ladies need our renewed vigor and vision if they are to have any chance of continuing to serve our Knightly Order and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Accordingly, at the 2022 Grand Conclave of Texas, I proclaimed to the sir knights, sisters of the SOOB and honored guests that a covenant now exists between our two Orders. It is my direction that all Grand, Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies strive to assist the Social Order of the Beauceant in the promotion of their Order. I will expect the leadership of the Grand Encampment to participate in this directive by reviewing what is being done in each commandery they visit or inspect.

I recommend that every sir knight view the short [video](#) clip located on the SOOB webpage attached to GEKT website. Further information on how a commandery may help in this project will be forthcoming in department conferences.

My beloved knights, this is a necessary and worthwhile endeavor for all of us. We cannot and will not fail in this mission.

Let me share some of the history of their beautiful Order with you:

The Social Order of the Beauceant originally started at the suggestion of the Commandery in Denver, Colorado. Asked to host the 25th Triennial Conclave for the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar which was to be held in their city in August 1892, the Sir Knights felt with only one Commandery and a membership of just over three hundred they needed help. Their wives agreed to supply the help.

The decision was made to expand when the ladies assisted their sir knights for the 1913 Triennial. It was then that the first members from other cities were initiated. From that small start, the order expanded to over 15,000 members.

Sadly, there are now less than 3,000 members within 46 Assemblies across the country.

Beautiful and impressive, the Beauceant ritual contains many lessons which are in direct line with Templary, telling the story of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ. Exemplification is by a cadre of seventeen officers in the local Assemblies and nineteen officers in the Supreme Assembly

Eligibility to Membership – wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Knights Templar of United States of America, or mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of a member, who are, or were at time of death in good standing in a Commandery or an Assembly are eligible to membership. A petitioner must be at least 18 years of age at the time of petitioning.

One of the most basic landmarks of the order is the admonition to "cultivate the spirit of love for and loyalty to each other, and the Order of Knights Templar, and the reciprocal consideration due the order." With that in mind, the Beauceant in 1957 adopted the Commandery's Knights Templar Eye Foundation as their official charity. Since that time, they have donated over three million dollars to the Eye Foundation.

Today's Beauceant is an order with a long history of support to the Commandery, one that has proven to be a source of pleasure and benefit both to them and to the Sir Knights. It is a history they are proud of and one they wish to maintain. Therefore, they continue to cheerfully fulfill requests to assist with entertainment and hospitality at any level of their organization.

Courteously,
David J. Kussman, GCT
Grand Master

There is one remaining Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Indiana. Indianapolis Assembly #90 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7p at the Hancock Masonic Lodge. They are strong supporters of York Rite's in their area. You may contact them by [email](#).





Allied Masonic Degrees

Prather Council #510 hosted the Second Annual Indiana AMD In-Gathering on Saturday, June 11. Forty-seven Brothers were in attendance representing thirteen different Councils including Officers from the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees USA: Duane Vaught, Grand Senior Deacon, John Bridegroom, Grand Marshal, and Chris Gamblin, Superintendent for Indiana. The Grand York Rite Bodies were all well represented with Matt Lowe, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, David Miller, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Phil Whisner, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar among many distinguished guests. Grand Master, Richard Lentz, also stopped by to show his support.

Prather York Rite Facebook



One Day Class

On June 18, the Grand Master's One Day Class was held in honor of both current Grand Master, Richard Lentz, and Jr. PGM, Danny Martin. Thirty-eight new members from twenty-one Lodges were brought into the fraternity.

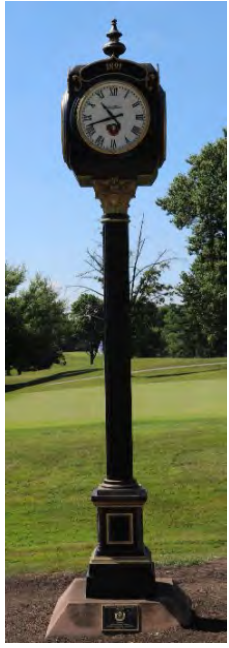
Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook



Freemason and Shriner Golf Outing

On June 9, the Freemason and Shrine Golf Outing benefiting the IMH and Shriner's Hospital was held.

Stephen Kroman Facebook



Bartimaeus Lodge, UD

On Saturday, June 11, Grand Master, Richard Lentz, assisted by some of his Officers, installed the Officers of Bartimaeus Lodge, UD at the incoming Worshipful Master's Lodge.



Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook



Rookie Award

Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Reeder for being presented with the Rookie Award on June 16 at Rising Sun Lodge #6 on June 16.



Rising Sun Lodge 6 Free and Accepted
Masons Facebook

DeMolay

On June 8, DeMolay state Officers, state Sweetheart, and members spent some time at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Chicago. They got to deliver several items that had been donated throughout the year



Indiana
DeMolay
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Who were the Knight Templars?

After Jerusalem was taken back by the Christian armies from the Muslims in 1099. Many pilgrims were making their way to the Holy Land. They were being robbed and killed along their journey through Muslim controlled territories. In 1118 a Knight named Hughues de Payens, along with eight other people created an order to protect the travelers on their way to Jerusalem. They were called the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon- later known later as Knight Templar. Their pledge was to protect the Christian travelers on their way to the holy city. The newly formed knights were housed on the city's sacred Temple Mount with the support of King Baldwin II.

At first the Knights did not receive the support of some of the religious leaders. Then finally in 1129 the Knights received an endorsement from Bernard of Clairvaux and the Catholic Church. After the announcement of praise by Bernard the order began to grow. About ten years later, Pope Innocent II issued a Papal Bull that allowed the Knights special rights, and they were exempt from paying any kind of taxes and allowed to build their own chapel and temples.

As the order grew and their status was established, The Knight Templars grew in great wealth throughout the lands that they protected. They were donated large sums of money and even land to support their growth and began to start new chapters throughout Europe. King Alfonso I, left the templars one third of his land in his will. All the members swore an oath of poverty, chastity, and obedience. By honing their skills to be fierce warriors and protecting the traveling pilgrims, they began to expand their duties as defenders of the Crusader states. Their fierce reputation as warriors and driven by religious fervor and never retreating unless no battle flag was left standing, gave great honor and respect to everyone, even their enemies.

Muslim forces retook Jerusalem in 1187, and in the century that followed the Crusader forces were driven out of the Middle east. The Templars set up a new central base in Paris. King Philip IV was not too eager to host them. King Philip IV was deeply in debt and the Templars refused to give him anymore funds. King Philip IV decided to take the order down.



On Friday, October 13, 1307, King Philip IV had the order's grand master Jacques de Molay and a multitude of French Templars arrested and tortured into making false confessions. Their charges included heresy, financial corruption, devil-worshipping, fraud and even spitting on the cross. Dozens of Templars were burned at the stake in Paris for their confessions and grand master Jacques de Molay was executed in March 1314. On 22 March 1312, at the Council of Vienne, The Order of the Knights Templar was abolished by Papal decree.

SK Randy Darling, Grand Generalissimo

OES Installation

Congratulations to Brenda Catania and her OES officers. Have a great year!



Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana Facebook



Gold Honor Awards

On June 30, Terry Bisping of the York Rite College, presented three Brothers of Brownsburg Masonic Lodge #241 with Gold Honor Awards.

Brownsburg, IN Masonic Lodge #241 Facebook



Scholarship



On June 23, Larry Gray presented \$1,000.00 scholarship to Megan Bell on behalf of Greenfield York Rite. This was made possible by Greenfield's York Rite pizza.

Larry Gray Facebook

Wabash York Rite College

On June 30, Wabash York Rite College conferred the Fellow Craft degree for Carbon Lodge #529.

Terry Bisping Facebook



A Message from the Grand Prelate

Celebration

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana. We call this letter celebration, and you may ask why? Do you think it is about the 4th of July and all the picnics that are going on or might you think of all the family events that may be going on? Not for me and I hope not for you as a Knight Templar. All around the state there will be many patriotic events taking place and what a fine opportunity to show our knightly virtues with what we stand for. To be a patriot in this time of trouble would be a virtue you could stand for and let the world see this in you.

Around the state there will be parades going on with flags flying also it gives us the opportunity show as Masons and Knight Templar that our respect for the flag and all the meaning behind it runs deep. We as Knight Templar marching in uniforms, walking in parades, or taking part in loyal American events, we let the world know we are soldiers of the cross, that truth and honor are about us. We are not only Masons but Christian Knights of the Cross and by our vows we will help, aid, and assist those in need.

THE SUPREME CONSTITUTION

The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17

America has a great document that is valued and respected. It was written more than two hundred years ago by a number of men who labored long and debated even longer over its many provisions. The framers of the Constitution knew they were writing the basic document granting its citizens freedom. It described their rights, their privileges, and their limitations.

Just as America has grown and prospered within the framework of our Constitution, so Christianity has flourished and spread according to the laws set forth in Scripture.

As the Constitution is the highest law of the land, so the Bible is the highest law of God, in which He makes His enduring promises and reveals His plan of redemption for humanity.

Archie Smallwood, Grand Prelate

Prather Lodge #717

On June 25, Brothers of Calvin Prather Lodge #717 partnered with Servants at Work and build a 66' wheel-chair ramp for Heidi. This was the first community service event of the year for six of the twelve volunteers. They are now officially over 150 community service hours for the second year in a row. More importantly, they



gave Heidi back the freedom to enter and exit her home on her own. Another great memory shared with Brothers!



Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 Facebook



Jackson Lodge #146

On June 20, Grand Master, Richard Lentz, presented several awards to members of Jackson Lodge #146.

Stephen Kroman Facebook



Greenfield Council #94

On June 30, Greenfield Council #94 conferred the Council Degrees on four Worthy Companions.

Larry Gray Facebook



Greenfield Council #94

On June 18, Grand Master Richard Lentz, attended the annual session of the Grand Yeoman of York which met at Hancock Lodge.



Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook



Order of the Rusty Nail



June 20 was a great night where twelve Masons took a refresher course called the Order of the Rusty Nail at Russiaville Lodge #82.

Terry Bisping Facebook

