

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA



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York Rite Newsletter

September 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

- September 2**—Order of the Red Cross at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. 6p Dinner, 7p meeting. Contact [Joe Sparks](#).
- September 6**—Commandery Inspection at Grand County #21. 6p dinner, 7 p meeting. Contact [George Ingles](#).
- September 8**—Mark Master Degree at Columbus Chapter #10. 6p dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [David Leach](#).
- September 8**—Royal Arch Degree at Greenfield Chapter #96. 6p dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [Larry Gray](#).
- September 8**—Commandery Inspection at Bray Commandery #65. 6p dinner, 7p reception. Contact [Sean Jones](#).
- September 10**—Levant Preceptory Order of the Temple at Birdsell Castle. 6p Degree. Contact [Phil Whisner](#).
- September 10**—First Responder's and Veteran's Memorial Car Show at Mt. Moriah. 9a [Learn more](#).
- September 10**—Monrovia Lodge Car and Truck show 9a-3p. See page 6.
- September 11**—74th Annual Indiana Masonic Home Festival at Compass Park. 11a Opening, 2p Parade.
- September 17**—Reception for the Grand Commander hosted by Greenfield Commandery #39. 9a. Contact [Larry Gray](#).
- September 18**—Scotch and Cigar Benefit. 11:30a-4p. [Get your tickets here](#).
- September 19**—Commandery Inspection at Vincennes #20. 6p dinner, 7p Inspection. Contact [Cecil Scott](#).
- September 20**—Commandery Inspection at Evansville. 6p dinner, 7p Inspection. Contact [Keith Spurgeon](#).
- September 20**—Order of the Temple at Grant County #21. 6p dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).
- September 22**—Grand Chapter Instructional-NW at EH Gary #139. 6p dinner, 7p Instructional. Contact [Chris Gamblin](#).
- September 22**—Commandery Reception at Frankfort #29. 6p dinner, 7p Reception. Contact [John Jones](#).
- September 24**—New Palestine Lodge #404 Hangar Degree. 8a donuts, 9a Degree. Contact [Fred Gorgart](#).
- September 26**—Commandery Reception at Baldwin #2. 6p Dinner, 7p Reception. Contact [Randy Ellington](#).
- October 1**—Ish Sodi Banquet. 5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner. Contact [James Catania](#).
- October 1**—Commandery Inspection Terra Haute #16. 12p Inspection. Contact [Make Kester](#).
- October 4**—Commandery Inspection/Reception at Elkhart #31. 6p Dinner, 7p Inspection/Reception. Contact [Ron Ross](#).
- October 8**—2022 Masonic Auto Show at Prather. 9a—3p. Contact [Ryan Frazman](#).

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



Companion and Sir Knight Earl W. Adam, Jr.
Companion and Sir Knight Ronald W. Adkins
Companion and Sir Knight Harold D. Black
Companion and Sir Knight Andrew Bowman
Companion and Sir Knight Timothy R. Brinkmeyer

Companion and Sir Knight Dustin G. Derickson
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Companion and Sir Knight Harley Eggers
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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.
Companion and Sir Knight Larry Williams

Ritual Workshop

On Saturday, October 22, a Capitular Workshop and Grand Chapter Instructional will be held at Terra Haute Chapter #11. RSVP to [George McAffos](#) by October 18. Contact [Graig Huber](#) with questions.



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

Lake County Fair

E. H. Gary Commandery #57 participated in their local 4H Fair by selling sweet corn.



Grand Commandery Facebook

Order of the Purple Cross

Congratulations to all of the new, and well deserved, Indiana recipients of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Right Sovereign College!

John Bridegroom Facebook



A Moment of Prayer

Companions, Sir Knights, and all our families, we have the opportunity to be part of the Newsletter and let our families know how we are doing as we read the contents as well as we contribute to the articles inside by participating. We pray that our newsletter goes out to each Companion and Sir Knight in and out of Indiana, as well as our families, not only here, but in other jurisdictions to let them know just what we are doing and how proud we are to be of service to our vows. Isn't it great when we and our families and friends can see we not only go to meetings but we do our social work in the community too?

Let us pray that God will allow us the courage to give information to the Newsletter enabling those about us to see the good works we do and that we are Christian Knights. We are taught in our Commanderies to acknowledge our God by prayer in the opening and closing of our meetings and we are taught to pray as you see below.

Found in the Holy Bible under Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 9 thru 13:

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

In this manner we Pray that God, through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, will be with us and by the power of the Comforter that Jesus sent back when He went away, we all shall overcome and be true Knights of the Cross.

Archie Smallwood, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery





Indiana Grand Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Congratulations to Olivia Mobley on receiving the Indiana Grand Masonic Lodge Scholarship! She was selected as 1 of 310 recipients state wide based on her academic excellence.

Olivia is a graduate of Edgewood Highschool in Ellettsville. She graduated with a 3.8 GPA, and has committed to continuing her athletic and academic career at Trine University this fall. She plans to major in Early Childhood Education and eventually return to Ellettsville to start her teaching career. Olivia has also recently signed a NCAA DIII Letter of Intent to be part of Trine University's Aerobic and Tumbling team.

She is also the daughter of our very own Brian Mobley, sitting Chaplain of Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245.

Once again, Huge Congratulations to Olivia and her family!!!

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245 Facebook



Banks of the Wabash York Rite College

Terry Bisping and Bob Addington of the Banks of the Wabash York Rite College presented three Gold Honor Awards on August 1. Congratulations to Justin Sanders, Michael Baber, and Robert Zellers.

Terry Bisping Facebook



Job's Daughters

On August 25, Bethel #22 welcomed a new member, Hali.

Job's Daughters Facebook




Entered Apprentice

On August 17, Mishawaka #130 welcomed a new brother

Mishawaka Lodge #130 Facebook





Fort Wayne

Scottish Rite, NMJ

2022 Annual Bean Dinner

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mizpah Shrine
1015 Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN

Gathering 6:00 PM - Dinner 6:30 PM

Join us for the Annual Bean Dinner Tuesday, October 25, 2022.
Guest speaker will be ???
Doors will open at 6:00 pm with the dinner served at 6:30 pm.
The bar will be open for liquid refreshment during the dinner.
There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP.
This event is open to all Scottish Rite Masons and prospective members.
RSVP online at aasr-ftwayne.org or by calling the office 260-423-2593.

Must RSVP by October 18, 2022!

Come Support this Great Event!



THE Golden Leaf CIGARS

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>



Award of Gold

On August 4, Jeremy Chattin was presented with an Award of Gold from Banks of the Wabash York Rite College.
Terry Bisping Facebook




DeMolay



On August 13, members of Speedway DeMolay were having a great time at Kings Island!

Speedway DeMolay Facebook

Six Mile Lodge




Presents its Annual Charity Golf Outing

12:00pm – Shotgun Start	18 Holes of Golf with Cart and Prizes.
4 Person Scramble	Food provided by the Lodge.
\$50.00 per Person	\$200.00 per Foursome
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022	Place: St. Anns Golf Course
	North Vernon, Indiana

Make your own team or come alone. We will put you with a team. Check in 45 minutes before start.

1 Closest to pin – Longest Drive – Mulligans available
TO BENEFIT MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND



For More Information Contact:
William Barger 812-595-6513
Tommy McIntosh 812-592-4141

Presented by Six Mile 412 F & AM
Send Check or Money Order Payable to:
Six Mile Lodge
Att: Pat Garrett
215 Broadway
Seymour, In 47274

Join us for the 21st Annual

Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Wine Tasting & Auction



Saturday, October 15, 2022, 6:00 pm
Ceruti's Summit Park—Diamond Room
6601 Innovation Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Join us as we sample wine and food pairings.

Tickets \$45.00 per person.
Purchase at
AASR-FTWAYNE.ORG/event
or call 260-423-2593.

Battalion 8 Commandery Reception

Battalion 8 Commanderies, LaValette #15, Vincennes #20, Wright #64, and Green County #68, held a joint Reception at Vincennes Lodge #1 on August 10.



Randy Ellington Facebook



Let's get back to our ABC's!!

Rainbow Girls **A**ssemblies
Job's Daughters **B**ethels
DeMolay **C**hapters

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!!

- 1** Sponsor/Support, as a Lodge, an Assembly, Bethel or Chapter!
- 2** Volunteer to be an Advisor for an Assembly, Bethel or Chapter!
- 3** Sponsor a new member for an Assembly, Bethel or Chapter!



The International Order of the
Rainbow for Girls



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INTERNATIONAL®

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Our Nations most precious
natural resource!

Past Commander's and Ladies Night

Apollo Commandery #19, led by Eminent Commander Dan Patterson, GPE, had their Past Commanders and Ladies dinner on August 16. The ladies received flowers, gift card, and treats and all the Sir Knights present made sure to thank them for their service to Com-

mandery. There was a great meal prepared by Benton Davis. The evening was capped off with the Flag Presentation in the lodge room.

Grand Commandery
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DEMOLOY
SPEEDWAY CHAPTER



TEAM DEMOLAY

Circle City Relay For Life

Saturday, 09.10.2022

Leonard Park, Speedway IN

Help us reach our \$5,000 goal!

Please visit:

www.SpeedwayDeMolay.org

**Click on the Relay For Life Link to
Fight Cancer & Celebrate Survivors.**

For over one hundred years, DeMolay International
has given young men the tools to become
leaders on their path.

Where will your road take you?
Learn more at www.SpeedwayDeMolay.org

**THE
ROAD
BEGINS
HERE**

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](#).





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

Website Links

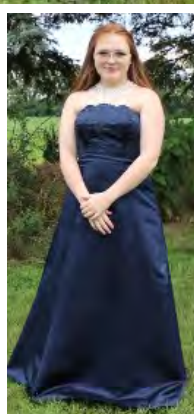
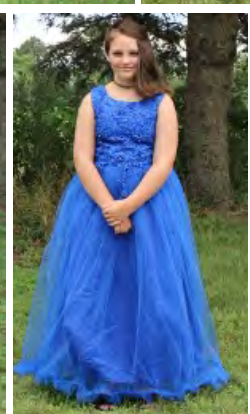
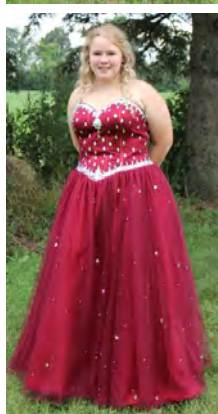
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Miss Indiana Job's Daughter

Job's Daughters held their Miss Indiana Pageant on August 13 at Mt. Moriah Lodge. Congratulations to Annabelle H, Miss Indiana, and Bernie S, Jr. Miss Indiana!

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Monrovia Masonic Lodge
#654 Craft Club &
Monrovia Festival
SEPTEMBER 10TH
2022
CAR/TRUCK/RATROD
& BIKE SHOW
185 W. WASHINGTON ST., MONROVIA, IN.
Registration 9am-12pm
Awards 3pm
\$17.00 Pre-registration
\$20.00 Day of show
Dash Plaques & Goodie Bags for First 125 Registrations
DOOR PRIZES!
50/50
DRAWING
BEST OF SHOW
BEST PAINT
BEST ENGINE
BEST INTERIOR
BEST OFF-ROAD
MASTER'S CHOICE
CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE
Top 10 Car/Truck/Ratrod
Top 2 Bike
CALL FOR DETAILS
317-291-0951
RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 17TH

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 Sodi Council #1855 U.D.
James Catania • 317-679-5557 • 531 Glastonberry Lane, Mooresville, IN 46158
Make Checks Payable to: Ish Sodi 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 G.M.M.R.F.

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

First in Indiana

On August 21, the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Canterbury No 37 was constituted in Indiana.

Mike Doxsee Facebook



Michigan Grand York Rite



On August 19, members of Indiana Grand Commandery attended the Grand Session in Michigan.

Grand Commandery Facebook



Ice Cream Social



On August 20, Calvin Prather Lodge hosted their Annual Ice Cream Social.

Calvin W. Prather
 Lodge #717 Facebook



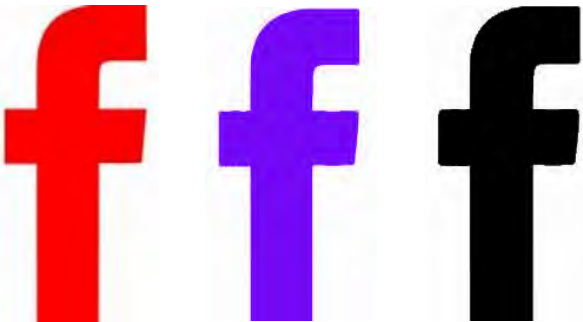
Mark Master and Past Master Degrees

On August 18, Greenfield Chapter #96 conferred the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees on five candidates. Greenfield extended their thanks to the great ritualists from nearby Chapters who came to help with the evening's events.

Larry Gray Facebook



Facebook Links



Sahara Grotto Tea



2022

Sunday September 18, 2022
 1:00pm to 3:00pm
 \$10 each
 A variety of homemade
 Items will be served.
 Plan to join us for food
 And fellowship
 Sahara Grotto
 7620 Madison Ave
 Indianapolis, IN 46237
 RSVP by September 10, 2022
 to Abbey at 317.500.8681

Banks of the Wabash

On August 27, Banks of the Wabash held a luncheon to honor their Past Governors and their ladies. Howard Farrand was presented with a Gold Honor Award.



Terry Bisping Facebook



Most Excellent Master

On August 25, Greenfield Chapter #96 Received and Acknowledged six Most Excellent Masters.

Larry Gray Facebook



Compass Park Festival

This year's Compass Park Festival, formerly known as Indiana Masonic Home Day, will begin at 11a.m. The parade will start at 2p.m. Everyone is welcome!



75 Years!



On August 6, Bob Flint, GPE, was presented with his 75-year award for service and dedication to the Fraternity.

Grand Commandery Facebook



IF YOU JUDGE YOUR
 BROTHERS, YOU HAVE
 NO TIME TO LOVE
 THEM

A Year in the Life of a Grand Commandery Officer

SK Dominic J. Hamblin, Grand Senior Warden

This article will give insight to the life of a Grand Commandery Officer.

Each Grand Commandery year begins with the annual Knights Templar Conclave at the location desired by the outgoing Grand Commander. This event is held during the last weekend of April. During the Conclave, we discuss recommendations, consider and vote on legislation, and elect or appoint new Grand Commandery Officers, Deputy Battalion Commanders, and Aides. These include Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Sentinel. With the exception of the Grand and Deputy Grand Commanders, each of these men is named Battalion Commander over one of the 10 Battalions to aid, assist and oversee the subordinate Commanderies within his battalion. Because of their liaison duties they are probably the most visible, and they are assisted by Deputy Battalion Commanders to help keep ideas and information flowing both ways.

The remaining Grand Officers include Grand Prelate, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, plus appointments such as Grand Marshal, Grand Photographer, and Grand Organist. They, too, may be very visible throughout the Templar year, although their primary duties involve their technical specialties.

Once Officers, Deputies, and Aides are selected, all are installed in their offices, taking an obligation to uphold the laws and regulations of the Indiana Grand Commandery. After the New Grand Commander is installed, we begin discussions on the upcoming year and agenda. Some of these discussions include the current status of the Indiana Templary, and how we can be of service to different philanthropies in Indiana.

After that annual Conclave, there are many things Grand Commandery Officers do throughout the year to keep our Indiana Templary strong.

In May, the newly appointed Grand Commandery Officers attend the local Commanderies throughout the new Battalions where they have been appointed as Battalion Commanders to introduce themselves and their Deputies in the Commanderies they will serve. During these meetings, we discuss ritual, fundraising events, and member retention to strengthen and encourage our Indiana Commandery fraters. We also use these meetings to set dates for inspection and receptions for the year. Additionally, we are proud to be able to be represented at Grand Lodge each year.

In June, our youth Grand meetings begin with Rainbow Girls and Job's daughters. The Assemblies and conclaves continue into July with DeMolay. We are proud to be able to attend our youth Grand events, often being able to form arches of steel for the Grand heads of the body.

In July, we begin to travel throughout the [East Central Department](#), by attending out of State Conclaves. As grand commandery officers we are highly encouraged to attend East Central Department conclaves. The East Central Department consists of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. These meetings are held once a month between July and October. In July, we also have the State of Indiana Grand Commandery summer meeting. During the meeting, reports are given regarding the current status of the commanderies throughout the state. We discuss ways to improve if needed.

The month of August usually finds us at our family picnic. The family of the Grand Commandery officers, as well as any other members, use this time to get together for bonding, fun, and games while enjoying fellowship.

In the fall, we continue to travel the state participating in different receptions such as the Indiana Grand Master's Reception, and represent Grand Commandery at York Rite, and Scottish Rite events.

December brings the Christmas party where members' family and friends come together to enjoy each other's time while celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the new year turns, we begin planning to attend the Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet, held in honor of the Indiana Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. These men are not only our Past Grand Commanders, but they have also served as the Grand Master of Grand Encampment. This Banquet is intended to raise money for the permanent fund securing our fiscal future as an organization.

March offers a time of fellowship and learning at the East Central Department conference. The various heads of the East Central Grand bodies discuss the current status of their individual states and how the year has been from the previous Conclave. The East Central Department Commander coordinates this meeting. We have been fortunate this meeting has been held in Indiana for the past several years, and we have the honor to hold the 2023 meeting in Indiana again. As always, it is highly recommended that all Grand Commandery Officers of the East Central Department attend this meeting along with their Deputies and Knights. Our Grand Encampment officers- M.E. Grand Master, R.E. Deputy Grand Master, R.E. Grand Generalissimo, and R.E. Grand Captain General also try to attend, blessing us with their presence and wisdom at this meeting. Discussions about the status of commandery throughout the world are interesting and informative. We also learn about the new developments in the Eye Foundation, and the status of the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

As we close out the year, approaching April is time for another fun and significant activity on the Easter bus trip! As Grand officers, we are encouraged to represent our state at the East Coast Easter observance held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Easter morning. Of course, we stop along the way to District of Columbia for fun activities and sightseeing specifically picked by each Grand Commander.

Finally, we end our year at Conclave. Time for the next officers to be selected, who will continue to keep our great Indiana Grand Commandery traditions and duties strong.

Please visit our website for more information at <http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/index.php>