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“Whether we want them or not, the New Year will bring new challenges; whether we seize them or not, the New Year will bring new opportunities.” – Michael Josephson

2020-2021 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:

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| 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 J. Darling | Grand Senior Warden |
| Joseph L. Sparks | Grand Junior Warden |
| Dominic Hamblin | Grand Standard Bearer |
| Rex A. Goodman | Grand Sword Bearer |
| Jonathan M. McCracken | Grand Warder |
| Dion Diakis | Grand Sentinel |



Lady Barbara Atterson, wife of Lloyd Atterson, Sr.
Lady Tammy Bridegroom, wife of John A. Bridegroom
Lady Suanna Brown, CT, wife of Larry W. Brown
Ramphai (Toon) Brutchen, wife of George Brutchen
Lady Margaret Cole, CT, widow of Paul A. Cole
Lady Barbara Gillard, widow of Michael D. Gillard
Lady Janice Humphrey, wife of Virgil G. Humphrey
Lady Jeanene Marie Jenkins, wife of David L. Jenkins
Lady Tammie Johnson wife of Thomas D. Johnson
Lady Jennie Lutes, wife of Wilford Lutes
Lady Betty Metcalf, wife of Walter E. Metcalf

Lady Shari Musgrave, widow of James B. Coleman
Lady Gloriann Smith, wife of Norman D. Smith
Sir Knight Dale A. Foreman
Sir Knight Bruce J. Frazer
Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer
Sir Knight James H. Hodge
Sir Knight Charles M. Huff
Sir Knight Steven Keller
Sir Knight David L. Miller
Sir Knight Michael A. Moxley
Sir Knight William J. Reagin



Mike & Mary Anderson
George & Ramphai Brutchen
Marion & Iris Crum
John & Samantha Patterson

Ken Jr. & Katie Roy
Jospeh & Tracy Sparks
John & Jane Stevens
Ken & Rita Ward

Let us celebrate with you!

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

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Holy Father, You know our past and our present. You know our future. You know the greatest things we have done and You know the greatest mistakes we have made. You know we will do great things in this coming year and You know we will fail at some things too. Bless us as we endeavor to proclaim Your Glory. Prosper the work of our hands as we attempt to follow Your plans for us. Show us Favor in our good works and mercy when we miss the mark. Help us honor and glorify You with our lives, the love we spread and with the work You have so generously given us to do. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and King, AMEN.

By Christine Fodrea



Right Eminent Grand Commandery Ed Fodrea with the 2020/2021 Grand Commandery Officers who were available for the picture on the steps of the Fort Wayne Masonic Lodge.



Grand Commandery Christmas Party 2020





In Memory



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Past Grand Master Ishmael D. Ison (Crown Point, Indiana), who passed away in his sleep on December 17, 2020, at the age of 81.

Most Worshipful Ison served the Freemasons of the State of Indiana as Grand Master in 1999 and 2000. During that time, he commissioned an Indiana Masonic Flag which is now proudly displayed in almost all Indiana Lodges and at many homes. The flag was designed during a contest by Brothers H. Keith Wilson, Monroe No. 22 and S.W. Douglas B. Green, Kane No. 183.

In honor of our Past Grand Master Ishmael D. Ison, Grand Master Kenneth Roy, Jr. directs all Lodges to drape the Indiana Masonic Flag with a Black Ribbon for a period of 30 days.

Please keep his wife MaryJo and the family in your prayers.

You may send cards and notes to: MaryJo Ison, 14807 Reeder Rd. Crown Point, IN 46307-9778

The visitation for Past Grand Master Ison was held on Monday December 21st. The Masonic Service took place at 6:00 p.m. that evening.



Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Ed Fodrea and his lady, Christine
Invite you to join them on the
**2021 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
BUS TRIP**



Prices:

Single: \$1415

Couple: \$1625

Complete the form and mail to Monica Peterson, 16065 E. 126th Street, Fishers, IN 46037.

All payments must be made in the form of a check made payable to *Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana*. Reservations and \$150 deposit are due by 12/1/20. If you plan to go to the White House, full payment must be received no later than 12/5/20. If you are not going to the White House, full payment is due no later than 2/1/21. Please contact Monica with any questions at MoniPaints4u@yahoo.com.

Names: _____

Address: _____

His cell phone #: _____ Her cell phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you require a wheelchair accessible bus? Yes / No (circle one)

Do you prefer a King bed or Double beds? (circle one)

Are you rooming with someone? Who? _____

Tuesday, March 30

3:30 p.m. or after—Meet and greet at the Holiday Inn Express, Indianapolis-Southeast (included)
6:00 p.m.—Pizza Party at the hotel (included)

Wednesday, March 31

6:00 a.m. breakfast is available at the hotel, but time is limited (included)
6:45 a.m. Board the bus.
7:00 a.m. Bus departs.
11:30 a.m. Stop for lunch in St. Clairsville, Ohio (not included)
3:30 p.m. Visit Flight 93 National Memorial
5:00 p.m. Bus departs. We will stop for dinner on the way to the hotel (not included).
8:15 p.m. Arrive at the hotel in Carlisle, PA

Thursday, April 1

6:30 a.m. breakfast is available at the hotel (included)
7:00 a.m. Board the bus.
7:15 a.m. Bus departs.
9:00 a.m. Visit Valley Forge National Park.
11:00 a.m. Bus departs. We will stop for lunch on the way to the next stop (not included)
3:30 p.m. Visit the NRA Firearms Museum
5:30 p.m. Bus departs.
6:30 p.m. Visit Medieval Times (dinner included)
9:00 p.m. Bus departs.
10:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel in Alexandria, VA.

Friday, April 2

The Hospitality Room will have a light continental breakfast available (included)
9:30 a.m. Bus departs.
10:00 a.m. Visit the White House. An alternate location will be available for those not going to the White House.
The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the sites of Washington DC. The bus will make multiple pre-scheduled trips downtown to take people to and from the hotel as they wish.

Saturday, April 3

The Hospitality Room will have a light continental breakfast available (included).
8:45 a.m. Bus Departs for Arlington Cemetery. Arlington is celebrating their 100th Anniversary.
12:30 p.m. Bus Departs for the hotel.
The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the sites of Washington DC or Arlington VA. The bus will make pre-scheduled trips downtown to take people to and from the hotel with the last trip scheduled for 4:30p
6:00 p.m. Grand Encampment Banquet (included).

Sunday, April 4

5:30 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel (included)
6:30 a.m. Bus departs for the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Services start at 8a. Bus departs at 9a
10:00 a.m. Bus departs for home. We will stop for lunch and dinner along the way (not included)

Times and tours subject to change.



50 Years

Sir Knight John Gray of Raper Commandery #1 has participated in annual drill team competitions for 50 years. SK Gray was presented with a custom-made sword on December 15th at Raper Commandery's stated meeting by Eminent Commander William Short to commemorate this incredible achievement. The original presentation was to have occurred at the Annual Conclave this past April, but due to the pandemic that was not possible. Congratulations, Sir Knight Gray on this milestone!

Founders Day

Founders Day 2021 will be a virtual meeting held on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Please register [HERE](#) to receive the link to the meeting.



Supporting Our youth
Job's Daughters



Bethel #67

Delivered gifts for residents at the Indiana Masonic Home from Bethel #67 with Grand Bethel donating as well. Elaine Clark, chaplain, said that this will go a long way to spread cheer in this crazy year we're having.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook Page

What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



Mishawaka Lodge #130

Installation of the 2021 Officers was held December 9th. They all had a great time and fellowship. Thanks to WB Bob Kollar, Sr. for performing the ceremony.

Source: Mishawaka Lodge #130 Facebook Page



Widow's Sons Brothers of the East

Presenting a donation to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center in Plymouth.

*Source: Widow's Sons Brothers of the East
Facebook page*



Pentalpha Lodge #564

We had a wonderful Enter Apprentice Degree on December 5th at Pentalpha Lodge #564. Congratulations to the two new brothers!!

Source: Tim Brinkmeyer's Facebook page



Englewood Lodge #715

2021 Officers at Englewood Lodge

*Source: Englewood Masonic Lodge F&AM #715
Facebook page*



Greenwood Lodge #514

Greenwood Masonic Lodge #514 conducted its 146th annual Officer Installation on December 10.

Source: Greenwood Lodge #514 Facebook Page



Beech Grove Lodge #694

Beech Grove 2021 Officers

Source: Beech Grove Lodge #694 Facebook Page



Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge #149

Officers for 2021 were installed on December 12th.

Source: Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge #149 Facebook Page



Porter Lodge #137

Congratulations to all the officers of Porter Lodge No. 137 on a successful installation and the beginning of a new and exciting year.

Source: John Bridgegroom's Facebook Page



Austin Lodge #128

Congratulations to all the Officers of Austin Lodge No. 128.

Source: Julie Bowman's Facebook Page



Prince Lodge #231

2021 Officers have been duly installed. Congratulations to our Master, Evan Meyer, and all of his officers

Source: Prince Lodge #231 Facebook Page

Orleans Lodge #153

The Orleans Masonic Lodge honored Police Officer Jeff Tillett for bravery in saving the life of 60-year member, Brother Forrest Lindley. The ceremony took place December 22 at the Orleans Police Station. Forrest was able to attend to personally thank Officer Tillett.

*Source: Orleans Lodge #153
Facebook Page*



Battle Ground Lodge #313

A huge thank you to the Brothers of Battle Ground Lodge who showed up today to help with the food deliveries for the Jack Davis Memorial Food Drive.

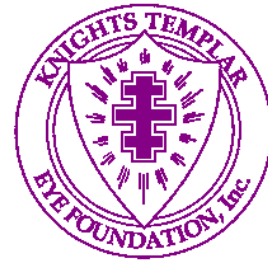
Brethren, this is always a humbling event for our lodge. If you have a little extra this year, please find a way to help those who might need it a little more than you do right now. You never know, some day you might need a little extra help to get you by.

*Source: Battle Ground Lodge #313
Facebook Page (edited)*



Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



Dr. Lucie Guo from Stanford University awarded \$70,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for a Novel Gene Therapy for Pediatric Optic Nerve Disorders

The optic nerve is a critical structure for vision; it transmits signals from the light-sensing neural layer of the eye to the brain. The optic nerve is formed by axons of retinal ganglion cells, which are neurons that are highly susceptible to damage in several types of incurable blinding diseases in children. There is an urgent need to develop sight-restoring therapeutics for these optic nerve diseases. Gene therapy is already in clinical use for pediatric eye disease, but using gene therapy for optic nerve disorders is currently hampered by multiple technical barriers.

Dr Guo proposes to use a new CRISPR-based gene regulation technology to overcome these barriers and develop a novel type of gene therapy, with the long term goal of generating new treatments for blinding diseases in children.



Important Dates

Subject to Change

January 16th Newby-Avery Banquet

February 20th ITA

This Month in History...

1610 – Astronomer Galileo Galilei discovers four of Jupiter's moons.

1784 – The United State of America ratifies a treaty with England ending the Revolutionary war.

1799 – Edward Jenner introduces the smallpox vaccine.

1838 – Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph.

1863 – The world's first underground passenger railway system opens in London, England.

1870 – Construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge.

1900 – Baseball's American League was founded.

1915 – The first Kiwanis club is formed in Detroit.

1924 – The first Winter Olympic games begin in Chamonix, France.

1943 – The Pentagon opens.

1945 – The Russians liberate Auschwitz.

1964 – The Beatles released their first album to the US.

1966 – Batman debuts on television.

1967 – Tragedy strikes the Apollo space program as a fire in the command module kills astronauts Lt. Col. Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Lt. Col. Edward H. White, and Lt. Cdr. Roger Chafee.

1981 – At 69 years old, Ronald Reagan becomes the oldest person to become US President.

1984 – The US Supreme Court rules that taping on a home VCR does not violate copyright laws.

1986 – US Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 72 seconds after liftoff, killing the seven crew members.

1991 – Operation Desert Storm begins to oust Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

Source: www.holidayinsights.com



Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website at
IndianaKnightsTemplar.com

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 a coin, contact any Grand Commandery Officer.



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

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?
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