



Edward E. Fodrea, REGC

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

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*A mentor is not someone who walks ahead of us to show us how they did it.  
A mentor walks alongside us to show us what we can do.*

**2020-2021 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 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

# March Birthdays

Lady Vanessa Attkisson, wife of Joey Attkinson  
Lady Cindy Bechinski, wife of Richard J. Bechinski  
Lady Penny Darling, wife of Randy J. Darling  
Lady Dee Ellington, wife of Randal P. Ellington, GPE  
Lady Dana Henderson, wife of Donald E. Henderson  
Lady Joanne Ithier, wife of Wayne L. Ithier  
Lady Connie Whisner, CT, wife of Philip D. Whisner  
Lady Patricia Wooten, wife of Bradley C. Wooten  
Mark L. Baker, KTCH  
Harry E. Cartwright  
Dion G. Diakis  
William R. Gray

James E. Harris  
Adam E. Jackson, GPE  
Jerome A. Kipper, KTCH  
Charles L. Lewis  
Max E. Maupin, PMIGM  
Michael S. Morrison  
W. Kris Phillips, KCT, PGHP  
Marvin L. Rees, KTCH, GO  
Mitchell H. Rohrbaugh  
William A. Short  
C. Keith Spurgeon  
Jerry A. Thomas



Joey and Vanessa Attkisson  
David II & Kelly Miller  
Tony & Monica Peterson

Jim & Faye Prairie  
Kevin & Debra Sue Spencer  
Carson & Patty Smith

*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**, as we ready ourselves to celebrate the gift of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, make us aware of those things that separate us from you. Enable us to let go of those things that keep our hearts from being fully devoted to You. Encourage us to practice the disciples that bring us wisdom and knowledge of Your grace and mercy. Hold us close in these days of rebuilding, give us insight and discernment to walk in Your paths. Bring us together again in Your service for Your honor and glory. Amen

*By Christine Fodrea*



The Newby-Avery Banquet was held on February 13 at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie. Congratulations to Lady Christine for receiving the Companion of the Temple, and to Wright Commandery #64 for sponsoring a Newby-Avery Chair.



## *In Loving Memory*



Ida **Arlene Davis**, 80 of Rush County, passed away on January 6, 2021 in Rushville. She was born on April 4, 1940 in Metamora, IN to the late Robert W. and Charlotte (Osborn) Gordon. Arlene was a 1958 graduate of Connersville High School. She married E. Stanton Davis on September 5, 1964 and he preceded her in death on May 22, 2017. Arlene attended Raleigh Christian Church. She was a member of the OES Martha Poe Chapter #143 since 1967. During her years in the OES she was a Past Matron 8 times, 12th District Deputy in 1978, Past Guardian in Bethel #92 as Job's Daughter, and dual member of OES Lewisville Chapter #463. Arlene was also a part of "Hi Neighbor" in the Homec Club. She adored spending time with her family.

Arlene is survived by her 2 sons, Derek (Donita) Davis of Rushville and Gordon (Bilinna) Davis of Rush County; brothers, Harold (Pat) Gordon of Connersville and Phillip (Sandra) Gordon of Tomball, TX; Vivian (Brent) Shepler of Blooming Grove; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and one on the way. Arlene is preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Richard Stanton Davis; sister, Carol Newhouse.

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## **Grand Session 2021**

Grand Session will be held Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie.

Click on these links to make [hotel reservations](#), print the [mail in form](#) for meal reservations, or [pay online for meal reservations](#).

### **Grand Council Agenda**

#### **Thursday, April 22, 2021 Council**

1:00 – 4:00 PM - Grand Council Officers meeting

#### **Friday, April 23, 2021 Council**

06:00 – 09:00 AM – Breakfast  
07:00 – 10:30 AM - Registration  
07:00 – 08:00 AM - Distinguished Guest  
08:30 – 12:00 PM – Grand Council Session  
12:30 – 01:30 PM - Grand Council Lunch  
01:30 – 03:00 PM - Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree  
03:00 – 04:00 PM - Grand Council Installation  
04:00 – 05:30 PM – Grand Council Pictures  
06:00 – 07:00 PM - Grand Council Social Hour  
07:00 – 09:00 PM - Grand Council Banquet

### **Grand Commandery Agenda**

#### **Friday, April 23, 2021 Commandery**

2:00 PM – Jurisprudence

#### **Saturday, April 24, 2021 Commandery**

06:30 – 8:00 AM - Registration  
07:00 – 08:00 AM - Breakfast  
07:00 – 08:00 AM – Ritual Competition  
08:00 – 12:00 PM – Grand Commandery Session  
12:00 – 01:00 PM – Grand Commandery Lunch  
01:00 – 02:30 PM – Past Commander's Degree  
03:30 – 04:30 PM – Grand Commandery Installation  
04:30 – 05:30 PM – Divine Service  
05:00 – 06:00 PM - Grand Commandery Social Hour  
06:00 – 09:30 PM - Grand Commandery Banquet

## Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights,

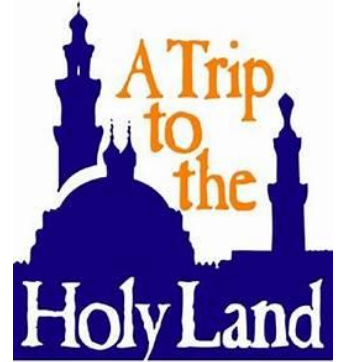
The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee needs your help. With your support of \$100, you could help offset our cost enabling us to increase our revenue for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. Your Grand Commandery has been working diligently to provide solutions to increase income for this worthy endeavor but needs your help.

Please consider sending your support check to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of the State of Indiana

Robert J. Frazer, PCG – Grand Treasurer  
3208 N. W. “C” St., Richmond, IN 47374

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Fraternally,  
Dan Patterson, Grand Prelate  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana



### *Arch of Steel*

On Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, six Sir Knights assembled at the lodge in Noblesville to attend the Job's Daughter's Installation. Past Grand Commander, Ron Simpson, escorted Junior Past Honored Queen, Jane, through an Arch of Steel.

Sir Knight, Randy Ellington, presented a Certificate of Appreciate to the girls on behalf of Grand Commander, Ed Fodrea.

The girls looked so nice in their formal dresses. It was great to see the Sir Knights in action again!

*Supporting Our youth  
Job's Daughters*



**Bethel #34**

Job's Daughter's Bethel #34 Installation of Officers at Noblesville. Congratulations to all the new Officers, especially Chloe as the new Honored Queen.

**Bethel #108**

Bethel #108 Lawrence had their first robe meeting and installed their Executive Bethel Guardian Council.

*Bethel #108 Lawrence's Facebook Page*



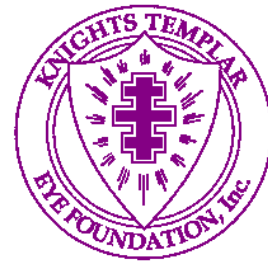
**Bethel #67**

The girls went to a pottery studio and enjoyed painting.

*Bethel #67 Job's Daughters Facebook Page*

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



### **Dr. Joseph Mertz from Wilmer Eye Institute, awarded \$70,000 Knight Templar Eye Foundation Grant to Research New Targets for Pediatric Glaucoma Intervention**

The various forms of pediatric glaucoma, which include primary congenital glaucoma, infantile glaucoma, and juvenile open-angle glaucoma, together comprise one of the most common causes of irreversible childhood blindness. Rather than directly protecting the cells that are lost in these diseases, retinal ganglion cells (RGCs), prevailing treatments target the major risk factor, intra-ocular pressure. These are often but, unfortunately, not always successful at preventing further vision loss. Thus, neuroprotective treatment strategies to target and protect RGCs specifically could prevent vision loss for many children around the world. Years of research by numerous groups have revealed that signaling within the MAPK protein network is a major component of RGC death after various injuries and stressors.

The proposed research seeks to understand the critical signaling events with the MAPK network that bring about RGC death and thus reveal new targets for pediatric glaucoma intervention. It is our hope that these new insights will contribute to new treatment strategies to prevent vision loss.

*Source: [ktef.org](http://ktef.org)*



## Important Dates

*Subject to Change*

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**                      Tri-State Council and Commandery Degrees in Angola

**April 23-24<sup>th</sup>**                      Grand Session at Horizon Convention Center in Muncie

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

1789 – The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect.

1836 – Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

1845 – The rubber band was invented.

1852 – Harriet Beacher Stowe publishes the book “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”.

1862 – The US government issues paper money for the first time.

1872 – Yellowstone becomes the US’s first national park.

1876 – Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone.

1882 – German scientist Robert Koch announces he has discovered the bacillus that causes Tuberculosis.

1886 – Coca Cola is invented.

1889 – The Eiffel Tower opens in Paris, France.

1912 – The Girl Scouts were founded.

1931 – The “Star Spangled Banner” becomes the National Anthem.

1933 – Monopoly board game is invented.

1950 – Silly Putty is invented.

1963 – The infamous Alcatraz prison is closed.

1964 – Jeopardy debuts on television.

1965 – Soviet Union cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov becomes the first person to take a space walk.

1981 – Well known and loved Walter Cronkite signs off as anchorman of the CBS Evening News.

*Source: <http://holidayinsights.com/history/history03.htm>*





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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 a coin, contact any Grand Commandery Officer.



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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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