

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA



Jim Fairchild, MEGHP

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[Grand Chapter website link](#)

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana



David Miller, MIGM

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Council Officers

David Miller	Grand Master
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Phil Whisner, REGC

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Commander
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[Grand Commandery website link](#)

York Rite Newsletter

January 2023

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

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to make your Reservations

- January 12**—Mark Master Degree at Greenfield Chapter #96. 6:15p Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [Larry Gray](#).
- January 14**—Founder's Day at Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indy. 8:30a Assemble, 9a Begin. Contact [Grand Lodge](#).
- January 17**—Mark Master Degree at Grand County Chapter #55. 6p Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).
- January 21**—Grand Commandery Winter Meeting 10a Jurisprudence, 1p Winter Meeting. Contact [Phill Whisner](#).
- January 21**—Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet at the Seasons Lodge 5p. Contact [Phill Whisner](#).
- January 28**—Commandery Battalion 5 and 6 meetings at Hancock Lodge at 8a. Contact [Randy Darling](#) or [Mark Elder](#).
- January 28**—Council Inspection, Arch 8 at Vincennes Council #9. 11a Table Council, 12p Super X. Contact [Charlie B.](#)
- January 28**—Council Inspection, Arch 7 at Salem Council #61. 6p Table Council, 7p Super X Degree. Contact [Charlie B.](#)
- January 31**—Past & Most Excel. Master Degrees at Grant County #55. 6p Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).
- February 4**—Prather Chronological Degree Day at Prather Chapter #157 and Council #100. 8a Select Master, 8:40a Royal Master, 9:30a Mark Master, 10:45a Most Excellent Master, 11:30a Lunch, 12:30p Past Master (Virtual), 1p Super X, 2:30p Royal Arch, 4p Adjourn, 5p Afterglow at Ft. Ben Pub. Contact [Brain Lewis](#).
- February 4**—Commandery Battalion 3 meeting at Grant County Commandery #21 at 8a. Contact [Dathan Reed](#).
- February 4**—Commandery Battalion 4 meeting at Crawfordsville Commandery #25 at 8a. Contact [Joe Sparks](#).
- February 4**—Goose 'n Tater Degree at Greenfield Chapter #96. 12p lunch, 1p degree. Contact [Larry Gray](#).
- February 11**—Commandery Battalion 1 meeting at E.H. Gary Commandery #57 at 7a. Contact [Scott Sacek](#).
- February 11**—Commandery Battalion 2 meeting at Apollo Commandery #19 at 12p. Contact [Dominic Hamblin](#).
- February 11**—DeMolay Sweetheart Dance at the Scottish Rite. Templar Honor Guard assembles at 8p. Contact [Carson](#).
- 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.](#)
- February 18**—Levant Preceptory at Urbana Comm #16 in Illinois. 11a Assemble, 12p lunch, 1p Order. Contact [Phil W.](#)
- February 21**—Royal Arch Degree at Grant County #55. 6p Dinner, 7p Degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).

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



Lady Barbara Atterson, wife of Lloyd Atterson, Sr.
Lady Tammy Bridegroom, wife of John A. Bridegroom
Lady Suanna Brown, CT, widow of Larry W. Brown
Lady Toon Brutchen, wife of George Brutchen
Lady Margaret Cole, CT, widow of Paul A. Cole
Companion and Sir Knight Dale A. Foreman
Companion and Sir Knight Bruce J. Frazer
Companion and Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer
Lady Barbara Gillard, widow of Michael D. Gillard
Companion and Sir Knight James H. Hodge
Companion and Sir Knight Earl Hopkins

Companion and Sir Knight Charles M. Huff
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
Companion and Sir Knight Steven Keller
Companion and Sir Knight Ivan D. Lancaster
Lady Jennie Lutes, wife of Wilford Lutes
Lady Betty Metcalf, wife of Walter E. Metcalf
Companion and Sir Knight David L. Miller
Companion and Sir Knight Michael A. Moxley
Lady Shari Musgrave, widow of James B. Coleman
Lady Cat Ping, wife of Jeffery A. Ping
Companion and Sir Knight William J. Reagin
Lady Natalie Robinson, widow of Sam Robinson
Lady Gloriann Smith, wife of Norman D. Smith
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Companion and Sir Knight Thomas N. Tuttle
Lady Marcia Ulrich, wife of David R. Ulrich



Mike & Mary Anderson
George & Ramphai Brutchen
Shelby & Ida Olvey
Ken Jr. & Katie Roy
Joseph & Tracy Sparks
John & Jane Stevens
Ken & Rita Ward

Heavenly Father, As the season continues in the celebration of your son’s birth, we ask for your blessings upon all of mankind and for our Companions and Sir Knights. May we serve you in the best ways each one of us knows how and promote the tenants of our degrees that have been instilled in each of us. May our charity and love for our fellow man lift all of us to new heights, so that the teachings of our Lord and Savior be compelling to the entire world and practiced throughout this new year. We ask for blessings upon all of our armed forces, wherever so dispersed, that they may be safe and return to their families soon. May you be with our firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel every second of every day so Your guidance and wisdom may strengthen their work to keep them safe in all of their communities. May we always remember the prayer Your Son taught us and the commandments that You gave us. In Your Son’s name, Jesus, Amen.

Brian Hooten, Grand Chaplin
Grand Chapter Indiana Royal Arch Masons



2023 Officers

The Officers of Beech Grove Lodge for 2023.

Beech Grove Lodge #694, F&AM Facebook



A Rare Sight

It’s a somewhat rare to see all three Grand Officers at the same place at the same time, but to see them all wearing the same color is a rare sight indeed!

David Miller Facebook



Christmas at the Square



On December 3, officers of Spencer Lodge were found giving away candy and Dr. Suess book to the kids.

Spencer Masonic Lodge #95 Facebook



50 Years

Congratulations to Brothers John Mills and Dan Leonard, PGM, on receiving you 50-year Award of Gold.

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Indiana Face-
book



Knight Commander of Zerubbabel Award

On December 5, at York Rite Chapter #52, Max Maupin, PMIGM and Past Excellent Chief of Indiana Council #15 of Knight Masons received the Knight Commander of Zerubbabel Award. He is the 156 recipient since it's inception. Congratulations!

Tim Brinkmeyer Facebook



Recognizing Brothers

Brother Kameron Biggs was awarded the 2022 Mason of the Year award at Warsaw Masonic Lodge on December 5.



*Warsaw
Masonic
Lodge #73
Facebook*

Past Masters Degree

On December 5, Battle Ground Lodge #313 held a Past Masters Degree for Jeremiah Lewis.

Dave Holser Facebook



You're Invited to
**SAHARA GROTTO
MONARCH'S BALL**



JANUARY 28TH, 2023

7620 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, IN

Social Hour 5:00pm

Dinner 6:00pm

Installation and Party will follow dinner

Cost \$35 per person

RSVP by January 23, 2023

Phone 317-557-9754 Email jlssr1262@aol.com

Checks can be sent to:

Joe Scanland

10739 West Bitternut Ct

Quincy, IN 47456

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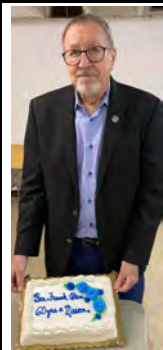
Grant County Chapter #55

MEGHP, Jim Fairchild, visited Grant County Chapter #55 for their Installation of Officers. At the meeting, Jim was presented with an Honorary Membership.



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





60 Years!

On December 6, Brothers of Knox Masonic Lodge came together to acknowledge a Masonic Milestone as Franklin Alan celebrated being a Mason for 60 years!

Knox Masonic Lodge #639 Facebook



Installation



On December 6, Valparaiso York Rite held their election and Installation of Officers. Congratulations!

John Bridegroom Facebook



2023 Officers

Congratulations to the newly Installed Oakland Lodge Officers for 2023!



Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook

LaPorte

Look at that crowd! On December 10, there was an excellent turn out at Excelsior Lodge's Installation of Officers.

Excelsior Lodge #41 Facebook



Job's Daughters

The Sir Knights of Elkhart Commandery #31 journey to Bristol to Bethel #135 UD, and presented the Flag before their opening then stayed to watch them initiate a new member. The Bethel has strong support from the Lodges in their area. Good Luck to the Daughters of Bristol Bethel!

*George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, PGM
Past Associate Grand Guardian Job's Daughters of Indiana*



Westville Masonic Lodge

On December 10, Westville Masonic Lodge held their Installation with many guests.

Westville Masonic Lodge #192 Facebook



Job's Daughters



On December 3, girls from Bethel #24 shopped for a girl from the Salvation Army Angel Tree then delivered the gifts to her. Afterwards the went to lunch and a movie followed by a visit to Bethel #18 in Louisville, KY for games and a sleepover.



Job's Daughters.
Bethel #24—
Sellersburg, IN
Facebook

A New Resolution

“Consider your ways...and build the temple”. Haggai 1:7-8

People by nature build, tear down, and rebuild. We build our hopes, get disappointed, and then search for renewed hope. That is why we are fond of New Year’s resolutions. They are very popular in our culture today, though most are seldom kept. We get busy, we forget, we fail. Making resolutions, though, at least forces us into a moment of honesty about our need to change.



The Bible tells us to examine ourselves before the Lord. When we do this with sincerity, the Lord reveals where we fall short. This turns us back to God and helps us realize that we are incapable of living lives pleasing to Him apart from His help day by day, hour by hour.

Have you taken inventory lately? Have you considered where you stand with God? As you begin this new year, return to the Lord, and consider Him—the One who gives you everything. Consider your ways and build on His foundation. “And in this place,” the Lord says, “I will bring peace” (Haggai 2:9 NLT).

Sir Knight Archie R. Smallwood, PGC, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery Knights Templar Indiana

Grand Commandery Christmas Party

On December 3, Grand Commandery officers gathered at Crawfordsville Masonic Temple for their annual Christmas Party. The traditions of a great meal and a White Elephant gift exchange continued. New this year, was an Ugly and Nice Sweater Contests with the winners receiving a gift presented by Lady, Connie Whisner.

Photos by Tony Peterson



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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) will receive an invitation to attend the NAV dinner for five years.
- Any Sir Knight can become a Newby-Avery-Vaught Fellow for \$250. Fellows are given a Newby-Avery-Vaught pin with one jewel chip, and additional chips are added each year that another Fellowship is purchased. NAV Fellows are invited to attend the dinner for the next five years.
- This year, 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.



Share with Us

Does your Lodge, Star, Chapter, Council or Com-mandery, 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 pic-tures? Did someone in your lodge just get an Award of Gold? Let us cele-brate with you! Send your pictures, upcoming events, flyers, birthdays, etc. to [Monica](#).



2023 Officers

On December 17, Greenwood Lodge #514 conducted its 147th annual Installation of Officers.

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook



2023 Officers

On December 16, the 2023 Officers for Noblesville Lodge were installed in their stations. Congratulations to all the new officers!

Noblesville Lodge F&AM #57 Facebook



Rainbow Girls

On December 10, the Rainbow Girls were able to re-turn to the Masonic Home—Compass Park after 2 years.

IORG Face-book



2023 Officers

Brookside Lodge of Indianapolis has installed their 2023 Officers.

Brookside Lodge #720 Facebook



Job's Daughters



Bethel #32
adopted a
child for
Christmas.

Indiana Job's
Daughters
Facebook



2023 Officers

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, St. Andrew
Tabernacle XXXV held their annual Installation of Offic-
ers at the Seasons Lodge on December 10.

Peterson's Pics and Stuff Facebook



2023 Officers

Southport Lodge is pleased to introduce the Officers of 2023.

Southport Lodge No. 270 F&AM Facebook



2023 Officers

Congratulations to the newly installed 2023 Officers of Monroe Lodge.

Monroe Lodge #22 F&AM Facebook



Past Master Degrees

Congratulations to Worshipful Brothers Shamus Driver and Graig Huber on the successful completion of their Past Master Degrees at the Indianapolis Masonic Temple.

Carson C. Smith Facebook



2023 Officers

Congratulations to the 2023 Officers of Kane Lodge of Elkhart!

Kane Lodge #183 Facebook



Greenfield Commandery #39

On December 8, Greenfield Commandery #39 Knighted seven new Sir Knights for their Commandery and one for Raper Commandery #1.

Larry Gray Facebook



50 Year Celebration

On December 10, Steel City Lodge PHA of Hammond held a Past Master's Banquet and 50 year Celebration.

Steel City Lodge #68 F&AM PHA Facebook



DeMolay



On December 13, members of J. McLean Moulder DeMolay Chapter prepared for their Day of Comfort observance by preparing gift bags for the residents of Howard Haven and the Veterans at Jackson Street Commons.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook



2023 Officers



On December 12, Shelby County York Rite had their Installation of Officers and Christmas Party.

Shelby County York Rite Facebook



Award of Gold

One of the greatest gifts a person can give is time. Time is finite and our most valuable gift. Linton Lodge had the honor of receiving that gift from their Brother, John Cotter. On December 13, Brother Cotter received is Award of Gold in honor of his 50-year membership.

Linton Masonic Lodge #560 Facebook



Job's Daughters

Bethel #22 had a good time working at the IU Commencement.

Bloomington, Job's Daughters Bethel #22 Facebook



2022 Knight Templar of the Year

On December 12, Nathan Ratterman was recognized by Baldwin Commandery #2. He was named the

Knight Templar of the Year. Congratulations, Nathan!



Shelby York Rite Facebook

DeMolay

On December 13, members of J. McLean Moulder DeMolay Chapter prepared for their Day of Comfort observance by preparing gift bags for the residents of Howard Haven and the Veterans at Jackson Street Commons.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook



DeMolay

At the December State Meeting for the Murat Shrine, Speedway Advisor and President of the Murat DeMolay Unit, Josh Mackey, was recognized by Potentate William "Moose" Stanton. Josh received the Potentate's Award of Distinction in recognition of his outstanding service and unwavering support of Murat Shrine and the mission of Shriners International. Josh received his plaque from Assistant Rabban, Joel Hall.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Greenfield York Rite

On December 29, Greenfield York Rite installed their 2023 officers then adjourned to Costa's Grill for a holiday dinner and fellowship.

Larry Gray Facebook



Wreaths Across America

On December 17, Oakland Lodge had the privilege to take part in Wreaths Across America at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



Job's Daughters

Bethel #22 had so much fun shopping for the family that they adopted for Christmas!

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Santa!

On December 17, Pleasant Lodge hosted Milk and Cookies with Santa.

Pleasant Lodge Facebook



DeMolay

On December 15, West Newton DeMolay got together to enjoy a fun night of bowling at Brownsburg Bowl.

West Newton DeMolay Facebook



DeMolay

During the evening on December 22, members of J. McLean Moulder Chapter observed their "Day of Comfort" by dropping off gift bags for residents of Howard Haven and the Veterans at Jackson Street Commons.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



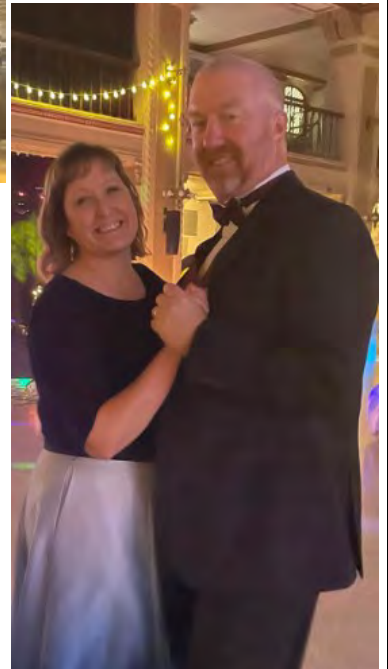


Sunday, January 15, 2023
Open to the Public
scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, waffles, coffee, milk, & OJ.
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
\$8 per person
Children under 6 eat FREE!
Police, Firefighters, and EMTs in uniform eat FREE!
CALUMET MASONIC LODGE
902 West Lincoln Avenue
Chesterton, IN 46304

Yule Ball

On December 18, the Job's Daughter's Yule Ball was held at Scottish Rite Cathedral. Proceeds from the ball go to the HIKE (Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment) Foundation raising money for kids needing hearing aids.

Various Facebook posts



Grant County Commandery #21

On December 20, Grant County Commandery held their Installation for the 2023 Officers. Ed Fodrea, PGC, GR, was the Installing Officer.



Following the Installation of Officers, they held their Christmas Program with Lady and Pastor, Christina Fodrea, delivering the Christmas Message.

George A. Ingles, Jr.



Grand Chapter Christmas Party



On December 4, Grand Chapter enjoyed each other's company at their Christmas party. Jim Fairchild, MIGHP received his very own Miter.



Jim presented a check for \$500 to Cindy Willyard in honor of her last husband, WB Rick Willyard. The funds were raised from Jim's pickle sales. Cindy is the Associate Grand Worthy Matron and will use the funds for the OES Service Dog Project.



The New Castle High School Choir provided very enjoyable entertainment. A good time was had by all.

George A. Ingles, Jr.

Sahara Grotto

On December 17, Sahara Grotto held their kids Christmas Party, which was a huge success!

Women's Auxiliary of the Sahara Grotto Facebook



2023 Officers

On December 27, Farmers Lodge held their Installation for the 2023 Officers.

Farmers Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M., Indiana Facebook



Food Drive

The annual Jack Davis Memorial Food Drive was another success thanks to Brother Dave Hardy and the members of Battle Ground Lodge.

Battle Ground Lodge No. 313 Facebook



2023 Officers

Congratulations to the 2023 Officers of Russiaville Lodge!

Russiaville Lodge Facebook



2023 Officers

The 2023 Officers of Chapter #55 and Council Officer #28 were Installed on December 6.

George A. Ingles, Jr.



2023 Officers

The 2023 Officers of Carmel Lodge are looking forward to another year of continued growth.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook



A Message from the Grand Commander

The presents have been opened, the family gatherings are over, the toasts have been given, and the new year's resolutions have been made (and possibly already broken). As I look back over 2022, one word that comes to mind is "gratitude". I am grateful for the support and hospitality from the Sir Knights of Indiana, as well as for the work I saw in many of your Commanderies during the inspections and receptions. There is a great core of dedicated Sir Knights in our state, and while the work may not have always been perfect, I appreciated those who made the effort to learn both ritual and tactics during the year. I am also grateful for all the new Sir Knights who were created throughout the state and hope to see your Commanderies continue to grow.

Now we look toward to 2023. I challenge every Commandery to focus on your work in this new year, both ritual and tactics, and especially to focus on membership. You are the best membership resource in Commandery. Be active in your Blue Lodge, talk about your experience in Commandery, and it will be easy to gain new members. Just imagine if every Sir Knight in Indiana brought in one new member in 2023!

While the inspections and receptions are done, there are still several events coming up that I hope to see you at:

- January 14th: Founders Day at the Scottish Rite. Commandery will be forming the lines for escort, and all Sir Knights are welcome to participate. You will need to be at the Scottish Rite at 8:30 AM EST in full uniform, including sword and gloves.
- January 21st: Winter Meeting and Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet at the Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN. The winter meeting begins at 1:00 PM and all Sir Knights are invited to attend. 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). The Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet begins at 5:00 PM. The cost for the banquet only is \$45 per person. If you have not made reservations, please contact me before January 11th at p_whisner@aol.com or 317-431-3570.
- January 22nd: Worship Together Sunday 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. All Sir Knights and their Ladies are invited to attend. 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.
- February 18th: Levant Preceptory performs the Order of the Temple at Urbana Commandery No. 16, 14 Bel Aire Court, Campaign, IL 61820-7509. All Sir Knights are welcome to attend to watch the OT presented in period costume by a group of dedicated Sir Knights who always represent Indiana well. The OT begins at 1:00 PM CST/2:00 PM EST.
- March 11th: East Central Department Meeting in Ft. Wayne. Additional information about the EC meeting can be found in a separate article in this newsletter.
- April 5th – 9th: annual Easter Sunrise Service bus trip. There are still a few spots left for this trip, but the full payment must be in by the end of this month. Contact me if you need more details.
- April 23rd – 25th: Annual Conclave at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis. More details and meal reservation forms will be coming soon.

I wish each of you a great start to 2023 and look forward to seeing you at these events. While the inspections and receptions are over, I will still be visiting many of your Commanderies over the next four months, just to say hello and offer my support.

Fraternally, Phil Whisner, Right Eminent Grand Commander

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!



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East Central York Rite Conference

Greetings Companions & Sir Knights:

We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 East Central Regional/Department Conference to be held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Saturday, March 11th, 2023.

The headquarters hotel is the Hilton Ft. Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802. Rooms are available at a special group price of \$119 per night plus tax. Booking deadline is Feb 16th; however, rooms will go fast and the block may be sold out well before that date, so don't delay in getting your reservations. You may book your lodging by calling the hotel direct at (260) 420-1100 and mentioning Group Code **GEK**. You may also book on-line at the following link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/fwafhhf-gek-22da521e-a5db-475d-a996-0ee57d4e95fb/>

Parking is available for \$15.00 per day and there will be an outstanding hospitality room for your comfort and enjoyment. The hotel does not provide shuttle service. For visitors outside the Region/Department who may be traveling by air, the Fort Wayne International Airport is located about 7 miles from the headquarters hotel.

Separate lunches are planned for the men and ladies and entertainment will be provided for the ladies. A fine informal dinner is also planned with a social hour starting at 5:30pm. Dress for the dinner is coat and tie.

Please use the attached form to make your meal reservations no later than February 28th. A mandatory registration fee of \$30 is also applicable to each Companion or Sir Knight attending the conference.

The cost of hotel meals continues to go up and we have priced the meals to break even. The prices have not been bumped to cover any comps. The reduced lodging rates and other hotel concessions are dependent upon meeting a food and beverage minimum, so please support and attend the meals.

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Please note that if you are attending the Leadership Training at this conference, you must make sure that the program administrator has you enrolled to attend. You are responsible for paying the conference registration fee the same as all other conference attendees. The registration fee helps to offset the cost of the training rooms and other conference costs. More information on the leadership training is available at the following link: <https://yorkriteleadership.org/>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Accommodations Chairman, Martin Trent, at (937) 543-3016 or standrews619@yahoo.com.

Be sure to make your lodging and meal reservations early and we look forward to seeing you in March!

Fraternally and courteously,

James King

James King
Regional Deputy General GHP

Michael Smith

Michael Smith
Regional Deputy General GM

Martin Trent

Martin Trent
Department Commander



East Central York Rite Conference

March 11, 2023
Hilton Ft. Wayne at the
Grand Wayne Convention Center
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

LADY/GUEST: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address)

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone (____)____-____

Cell Phone (____)____-____

eMail: _____

MY CURRENT OFFICES/TITLES:

Commandery _____

Council _____

Chapter _____

I will be attending: (Check all that apply.)

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Knight Templar Program

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General Grand Council

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General Grand Chapter

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YR Leadership Training

Please Print

So we can spell your name right.

Registration Fee Required for all Companions & Knights Attending: \$30.00 _____ \$_____

Ladies' Noon Luncheon and Entertainment:

Meal Choice #1 - Smoked Turkey Sandwich \$29.00 _____ \$_____

Meal Chice #2 - Philly Wrap \$30.00 _____ \$_____

Men's Noon Luncheon:

Meal Choice #1 - Smoked Turkey Sandwich \$29.00 _____ \$_____

Meal Chice #2 - Philly Wrap \$30.00 _____ \$_____

Saturday Dinner (Social/Cash Bar 5:30pm; Dinner 6:30pm):

Meal Choice #1 - Coulotte Steak with Red Wine Reduction \$56.00 _____ \$_____

Meal Chice #2 - Salmon with Miso Ginger Glaze \$56.00 _____ \$_____

Grand Total (Don't forget to include the \$30.00 Registration): \$_____

MEAL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2023

REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

Completed forms may be mailed or sent electronically to Martin Trent at the address shown below. If sending electronically, follow with payment ASAP.

Make check payable to "Martin Trent."

You may also pay via PayPal to standrews619@yahoo.com

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