

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL MASONS OF INDIANA



Jim Fairchild, MEGHP

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers

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Dennis Schraeder	Grand King
Matthew Lowe	Grand Scribe
W. Kris Phillips	Grand Secretary
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Jason Miller	Grand Principal Sojourner
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Graig Huber	Grand Master 2nd Veil
David Leach	Grand Master 1st Veil
Brian Hooten	Grand Chaplain
Mike Doxee	Grand Lecturer
Dathan Reed	Grand Guard

[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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James Davis	Grand Principle Conductor of Work
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Chuck Combi	Grand Sentinel
Charles Bowling	Grand Lecturer
Christopher Gamblin	Grand Organist

[Grand Council website link](#)

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



Phil Whisner, REGC

2022-2023 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Commander
Randal P. Ellington	Deputy Grand Commander
Randy J. Darling	Grand Generalissimo
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Captain General
Archie Smallwood	Grand Prelate
Robert Frazer	Grand Treasurer
Ed Fodrea	Grand Recorder
Dominic Hamblin	Grand Senior Warden
Jonathan M McCracken	Grand Junior Warden
Dathan Reed	Grand Standard Bearer
Scott Sacek	Grand Sword Bearer
Douglas Patmore	Grand Warder
Mark Elder	Grand Sentinel

[Grand Commandery website link](#)

York Rite Newsletter

March 2023

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

Sometimes being a brother is even better than being a superhero.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to make your Reservations

April 5-9—Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Bus Trip. Contact [Monica Peterson](#).

April 18—Order of the Red Cross at Grant County Commandery #21. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [George Ingles](#).

April 20—Royal and Select Master Degrees at Terre Haute Council #8. 6p refreshments, 7 p degree. Contact [Mark K.](#)

April 22—Commandery All Orders Day at Prather Commandery #62. Contact [Brian Lewis](#).

April 23-24—168th Annual Grand Council at Marriot East. Contact [David Miller](#)

April 23-25—169th Annual Conclave Grand Commandery at Marriot East. Contact [Phil Whisner](#).

May 16—Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Scottish Rite Cathedral. Doors open at 8a. Contact [Grand Lodge](#).

May 21—Prather Commandery Ascension Day Observance at Second Presbyterian Church. Contact [Carson Smith](#).

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

Share with Us

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Companion and Sir Knight Eric Anderson
Companion and Sir Knight Riley Anderson
Companion and Sir Knight Patrick Baird
Companion and Sir Knight David M. Bertch
Lady Joanna Bowling, wife of Charles R. Bowling
Lady Dawn De Bolle, wife of Victor C. De Bolle
Companion and Sir Knight John B. Coleman
Lady Robbie Daugherty, wife of Paul W. Daugherty
Lady Shawna Diakis, wife of Dion Diakis
Companion and Sir Knight Carl Dykman
Lady Rita Gray, wife of Larry E. Gray
Lady Linda Hill, wife of Lewis Hill
Companion and Sir Knight Virgil G. Humphrey
Companion and Sir Knight Andrew R. Jackson
Lady Mary Jackson, wife of Andrew R. Jackson
Companion and Sir Knight Sean Jones
Lady Wanda Kehrer, CT, wife of Terry L. Kehrer
Companion and Sir Knight Brian C. Lewis
Companion and Sir Knight Alan L. Martinez
Lady Kelley Miller, wife of David L. Miller II
Companion and Sir Knight Thomas C. Patterson
Companion and Sir Knight Jeff Prairie
Lady Virginia Prairie, wife of Jeff Prairie
Lady Darlene Ramsay, wife of Marvin J. Ramsay
Lady Patty Smith, CT, wife of Carson C. Smith
Companion and Sir Knight H. Fred Smith
Companion and Sir Knight Ronald E. Snell
Companion and Sir Knight Matthew E. Trice
Companion and Sir Knight John Tuttle
Companion and Sir Knight Dennis R. York



DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH
MAY LEAD. GO INSTEAD
WHERE THERE IS NO PATH
AND LEAVE A TRAIL.

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." Isaiah 2:2-3a, NIV

Dear Father in heaven, we thank you that we have you and the light of your Spirit, which always gives us new determination for the tasks you ask of us. We thank you that we may live not just in the passing moment but also in eternity, looking with joyful hope to the future meant for us and for all humankind. Keep us in your Spirit, and open to us truth after truth. May we be part of that people who carry a light within them, a light which will show them the way through all the struggles and temptations of life; then each one of us will know day by day that you can help us and everyone on earth to a better life through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Phil Stroud, Grand Chaplin for Grand Chapter



- Andrew & Julie Bowman
- Marty & Mary Jane Evens
- Stephen & Margaret Kroman
- Don & Jill Laudeman
- Max & Wilma Maupin
- Glenn & Debra Moulton
- Don & Nina Olvey
- Lawrence Wayne & Linda
- Sue Ravellette
- Keith & Gloria Spurgeon
- Bradley & Patricia Wooten

Thespian Council, AMD

Despite the weather, Thespian Council #46 had a great meeting.

Mike Doxsee Facebook



Honorary Member

On March 4, Banks of the Wabash York Rite College recognized five ladies for their commitment to the Masonic Community. Congratulations to Nina, Peg, Cheri, Janene, and Monica.

Peterson's Pics and Stuff Facebook



Battalion 7

Battalion 7 held their Winter Meeting at Bedford Commandery #42 on March 4.

Randal P Ellington Facebook



Tri-State

The conclusion of the 50th annual Tri-State Festival was held on March 4. Indiana, Michigan and Ohio work together every year to host the event.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Award of Gold

Congratulations to Gary Wyne, who was presented with a 50-year Award of Gold at Franklin Lodge #107 on March 7.

Randy Seipel Facebook



In Memory



Richard J. Bechinski passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 25 in Apache Junction, AZ. Services were held on March 13.

Rich retired after 42 years as a millwright at ArcelorMittal. He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Masonic Lodge F&AM 83, York Rite, the Scottish Rite and the New Buffalo Gun Club. Rich enjoyed riding his Harley, driving his Corvette and spending his free time in his pole barn and with his family.

Westville Masonic Lodge #192 Facebook

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Entered Apprentice



Please help welcome Greenwood's newest Entered Apprentice, Zach.

Greenwood Lodge #514 Facebook

OES

LaPorte Chapter #280 had a great visit with the Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron and James Rogers,



Worthy Grand Patron. Debby Harris was presented with a 50-year Award of Gold and Kelley Bryan was presented with a Road Runner Award.

James L. Dove Facebook



New Brothers

On March 8, Paoli Masonic Lodge #119 brought three new brothers into their lodge.

Paoli Masonic Lodge #119 Facebook



Community Support

On March 4, members of Hamilton Lodge #533 worked to [#KeepFishersBeautiful](#)

Hamilton Lodge #553 Facebook



EA Degree



On March 9, Linton Masonic Lodge held an ED Degree for Noah and Mike.

Linton Masonic Lodge #560 Facebook



EA Degree

The night before the East Central Department meeting, several Sir Knights and their ladies gathered for a state dinner.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Supporting our Youth

Marvin Isley York Rite College is selling at College Coin for \$20 to support Masonic Youth Groups. Contact [Terry Bisping](#) to purchase the coins.

Marvin L. Isley York Rite College #129 Facebook



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Pastor and Sir Knight, Nick Miller, had the pleasure of taking the Holy Land Pilgrimage this year, and by his own account, came back a changed man by what he witnessed. He took many pictures and shared them in a presentation to Huntington Commandery #35.



Nick presented a special gift to Dan Patterson, GPE, for his work with the program.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook

New Nobles

Welcome to the newest Nobles of Orak Shrine.

Orak Shrine—Michigan City Facebook



DeMolay

Speedway DeMolay started the Indiana DeMolay Wayne M. Reid Memorial State Ritual Tournament with Chapter Proficiency lead Griffin.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Indiana Templar Academies

Thank you to all the Sir K nights from Battalion 8 who came out for the Winter meeting and stayed for the ITA on March 18. Thank you also to Sir Knights yRand Darling, John Freeland, and Carson Smith for all their hard work in preparing the three ITAs that were held this year.

The ITAs will be covering different topics in 2023 and 2024, so if you say Oh I've been to one it's the same stuff over and over, well next year will be different than this year.

It was nice to have a Templar event on March 18th to remember 709 years ago. If you don't know the meaning of this date, do some searching.

Randal P Ellington via Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Fundraiser



On March 18, Oakland Lodge held a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser as the OES held a bake sale. Thank you to all who enjoyed a meal



and baked goods in support of a good cause!

*Oakland Lodge
140 F&M Facebook*



St. Patty's Day

The Murat Highlanders performed at Murphy's Pub Shallos and Robby's Pub on March 18. The Pipes and Drums drew the cheers and applause from all those who were in the St. Patrick's Day spirit.

Chris Smallwood Facebook



OES



On March 20, OES Held an Open House to celebrate Julie Snyder's time as Grand Representative of Italy.

Rose Tennant Facebook

Area Conference

On March 22, Hamilton Lodge hosted the Area Conference for the Grand Lodge.

Hamilton Lodge #533 and John Bridegroom Facebook



Mark Master Degree

On March 201, Crawfordsville Chapter #40 conferred a Mark Master degree for a new candidate.

Joe Sparks Facebook



Mark Master Degree

On March 21, brothers and ladies of Aurora Masonic Lodge #51 were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their support during the Schofield House's Nights Before Christmas candlelight tour.

Masonic Heritage Foundation, Inc DBA: Schofield House Facebook



Sahara Grotto

On March 18, Sahara Grotto hosted a sold-out Blue Jeans Ball.

Sam Johnson Facebook



DeMolay

With a score of 1001, Speedway PMC and Indiana DeMolay PSMC, Griffin, wins the Frank Marshall Tournament Magnificent 7 Championship. Congratulations!

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



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Bicentennial

On March 25, Wayne Lodge #25 celebrated their Bicentennial and Rededication. The George Washington Inaugural Bible and Gavel were there as well.

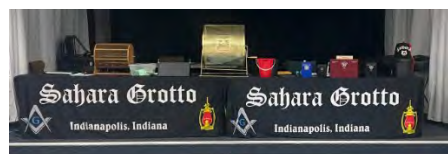
Bluffton Lodge No 145 F&AM Facebook



Sahara Grotto

On March 25, the Sahara Grotto held their 3rd annual Sportsman Raffle. They had an incredibly successful event!

Pictures from Steve Robins Facebook



Final Message from REGC Phil Whisner

On April 29th, 2022, the Sir Knights of Indiana elected me as Grand Commander. I cannot put into words what a humbling honor it was – and continues to be – to know that you had the confidence in me to lead Knights Templar in Indiana. Now, the year is quickly drawing to a close and it will soon be time for me to step down.

I started the year with three primary goals:

- Encourage more involvement in all Commanderies by asking members to try to learn parts, put on degrees, and adding activities other than just business meetings and degree work.
- Visit every Commandery in the state at least once.
- Serve the Sir Knights across the state.

So, how did I do in reaching these goals? I have seen an increase in the involvement and level of enthusiasm in Commanderies across the state. Sir Knights are wanting and willing to learn new parts and become more active in their Commandery. We “old” members must be willing to let newer ones do these parts, and we need to encourage and support them.

I visited most of the Commanderies in the state, either for an inspection, reception, or stated meeting. I did miss a few, and I apologize to those Commanderies that I was unable to visit. I found during this past year just how quickly time goes and how challenging it can be to try to fit everything in.

Whether I met the goal of serving you, the Sir Knights of Indiana, is something that only you can answer. There is no way for this to be measured by me. I only hope that you feel that I did indeed meet this goal.

Each year there are several key events that are planned under the leadership of the Grand Commander. Those events include the Summer Meeting, Summer Picnic, Christmas Party, Winter Meeting, Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet, and the Easter Trip.

As I am writing this article, we are on the journey home from our trip to the Easter sunrise service with Grand Encampment. The twenty-eight people on the bus have spent five days visiting a variety of sights, getting to know each other, and creating memories that they will always have (the night with the hotel with no power is something we will not forget for a long time!). If you have never been on an Easter trip, I encourage you to start planning now to join next years.

Notice I said, “planned under the leadership of” and not “planned by” the Grand Commander. It takes a great support team to make these events successful. I am so appreciative of all those who helped with each of these events and hope that those of you who attended these events had a positive and enjoyable experience. I want to thank the Grand Officers and their Ladies who pitched in to help with many of these events, and give special thanks to Tony and Monica Peterson for organizing an incredible Easter trip. You made it look easy but I know there is a great amount of work that went into the planning and the execution. Thank you!

There are many more people to thank for making this year the great experience it has been for me and for Lady Connie. At the risk of forgetting someone, I will just say that I appreciate all that you have done more than I can say. It is hard to believe that the year has passed so quickly, and it is now time to turn the leadership of Knights Templar of Indiana over to the next Grand Commander and his officers. I have every confidence that they will continue to promote and support our Commanderies during the upcoming year. I look forward to watching the continued growth and excitement for Commandery in the state of Indiana.

Phil Whisner
Grand Commander
2022-2023



Grand Session Schedule

Sunday

1p—Drill Competition
~4p—Ritual Competition
7p—Grand Illustrious Master’s Banquet

Monday

7:30a—Registration
8:30a—Grand Council Open
9a—Receive Distinguished Guests
12n—Companions and Ladies Luncheon
1p—Grand Recorder’s Seminar
1p—Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
3p—Installation of Officers
5p—Divine Service
6p—Social Hour
7p—Grand Commander’s Banquet

Tuesday

6a—Past Commander’s Association
6a—Registration
8:30a—Conclave Opens
9a—Receive Distinguished Guests
12n—Sir Knights and Ladies Lunch
3p—Installation of Officers
6p—Social Hour
7p—Incoming Most Grand Illustrious and Grand
Commander’s Banquet

