

## Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana





**Dennis Schraeder** 

#### **2023-2024 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers**

Dennis Schraeder, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Joseph Villarreal, Grand King
Jason Miller, Grand Scribe
W. Kris Phillips, PGHP, Grand Secretary
Marty Evens, PGHP, Grand Treasurer
Tim Brinkmeyer, Grand Captain of the Host
Graig Huber, Grand Principal Sojourner
Christopher Gamblin, Grand Royal Arch Captain

Dion Diakis, Grand Master 3rd Veil
George McAfoos, Grand Master 2nd Veil
David Leach, Grand Master 1st Veil
Phil Stroud, Grand Chaplain
Brian Lewis, Grand Lecturer
Dave Lingenfelter, Grand Guard
Christopher Bentlage, Grand Marshal



# Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana





James Catania

#### 2023-2024 Indiana Grand Council Officers

James Catania, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

James Davis, Right III. Deputy Grand Master
Todd Carpenter, Right III. Grand Principle Conductor of Work
David Ulrich, PMIGM, Grand Recorder
Max Maupin, PMIGM, Grand Treasurer
W. Keith Stiner, Right III. Grand Captain of the Guard
Frank Capler, Right III. Grand Conductor of Council
Michael Doxsee, Right Illustrious Grand Steward

Mark Baker, Illustrious Grand Chaplain James Castor, Illustrious Grand Sentinel Charles Bowling, Ill. Grand Lecturer





### Grand Commandery Anights Cemplar of Indiana





**Randal Ellington** 

#### 2023-2024 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

Randal P. Ellington, Most Eminent Grand Commander

Randy Darling, Deputy Grand Commander
Joseph Sparks, Grand Generalissimo
Dominic Hamblin, Grand Captain General
Jonathan McCracken, Grand Senior Warden
Dathan Reed, Grand Junior Warden
Edward Fodrea, MEPGC, Grand Recorder
Robert Frazer, MEPGC, Grand Treasurer

Scott Sacek, Grand Standard Bearer
Douglas Patmore, Grand Sword Bearer
Mark Elder, Grand Warder
Jeff Prairie, Grand Sentinel
Barry Clouser, Grand Prelate
Mike Robbins, Grand Inspector General
Tony Peterson, Grand Marshal, Aide

## Pork Rite Aewsletter May 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

May 4— Mark Master Degree at Terre Haute Chapter #11. 6p refreshments, 7p degree. Contact Mark Kester.

May 10—Mark Master Degree at Columbus Chapter #10. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact David Leach.

May 11—Fellow Craft Degree at Prather Lodge #717. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact Ryan Franzman.

May 13—St. Columba Knight Masons Council #818. 10a assemble. Contact Mike Doxsee.

May 16—Grand Lodge Annual Communication at Scottish Rite Cathedral. Doors open at 8a. Contact Grand Lodge.

Call for Sir Knights In Uniform to Form the Lines at Grand Lodge. 7:45a Assemble Contact

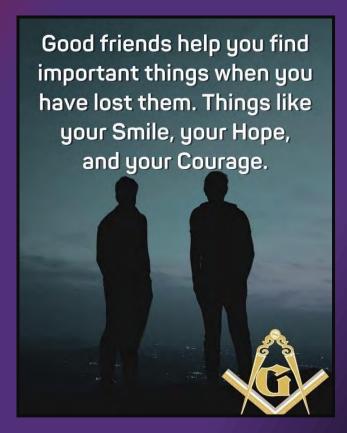
May 20— Chapter All Degree Day at South Bend Scottish Rite. 8a registration, 9a degrees. Contact <u>Jim Dove</u>.

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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Lady Sherry, CT, wife of Steven J. Barton Companion and Sir Knight Thomas L. Bartelt Lady Lillian Bridenhager, widow of Charles Bridenhager Lady Jean, widow of James N. Butler Lady Brenda, wife of Charles L. Combi Lady Charlotte, wife of Harley Eggers Companion and Sir Knight Randy J. Darling Companion and Sir Knight James R. Dillman Companion and Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington Companion and Sir Knight John T. Fleming Lady Nancy Foreman, wife of Dale A. Foreman Companion and Sir Knight Wayne L. Ithier Companion and Sir Knight Thomas D. Johnson Companion and Sir Knight Mark A. Kester, Sr. Companion and Sir Knight Charles P. King Companion and Sir Knight Richard A. Kroemer Companion and Sir Knight Stephen P. Kroman Companion and Sir Knight David L. Jenkins Companion and Sir Knight Steven A. McKim Lady Samantha Patterson, wife of John W. Patterson Companion and Sir Knight Jeffery A. Ping Lady Pamela, wife of Dennis H. Rigsby Lady Cindy Rider, Lady of Edward L. Sebring Lady Jean, wife of Ronald D. Simpson Companion and Sir Knight Charles A. Smelser Lady Ann Tornese, wife of Lin Tornese Companion and Sir Knight Lin Tornese

Supreme Architect of the Universe, creator of all things in the heavens and in the earth. We humbly come before you, our hearts filled with gratitude for the many blessings of life that you bestow upon us each day. We are thankful for the opportunity to gather together and practice our Ancient Craft as free men and Freemasons in this Free Country. We are grateful for those who have gone this way before us, to lead us, to guide us and to teach us our gentle Craft. Please be with those who are suffering or in need. Strengthen and comfort them with thy love and attend to their necessities. Be with us now as we go about our daily



lives that you might be glorified by the teachings and practices of our Brotherhood. In all things may all the glory be unto thee. AMEN

Mark Baker, Grand Chaplin of the Grand Council

#### **Entered Apprentice**



Congratulations to Braiden who took his first step into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice on April 19.

Linton Masonic Lodge #560 Facebook



#### **Job's Daughters**

They say food is the way to a man's heart!!! Well, it is definitely a way to a Mason's! Bethel #2 held a bake sale on April 3.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook





Andrew & Julie Bowman Franklin & Betty Boner Larry & Rita Gray Dustin & Marna Derickson Joseph & Jane Hedges Charles & Karen Johnson David I & Donna Miller Ronald & Jean Simpson Clay & Norma Stahlka Philip & Connie Whisner

#### **Orak Shrine**



On April 1, Orak Shrine had a great turn out for their GLASMC and IASMC dinner. They enjoyed some awesome steaks

Orak Shirne—Michigan City Facebook







#### **New Master Mason**

Englewood Lodge #715 welcomed their newest Master Mason on April 12..

Englewood Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. #715 Facebook



#### HOT RODS IN THE PARK

#### & ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 10th, 2023 @ City Park - Fairland, Oklahoma

3 Blocks South of 60 Highway, on Main Street

Registration \$20.00, on site, starts @ 8:00 am, Closes @ Noon

Awards Presentation 2:00 pm

Top prize \$100 Cash Drawing for Entries

Award Categories: Parks Dept. Choice, Mayors Choice, Fire Chiefs Choice, Police Chiefs Choice, Masonic Lodge Choice, Ladies Choice

Hosted by FRISCO MASONIC LODGE #24

Fairland,Oklahoma

Gun Raffle Ice Cream Dash Plaques- 1<sup>st</sup> 100 Silent Auction



Strawberries Door Prizes 50/50 Drawing

Food concession by Nowhere on Rt 66 BBQ

Breakfast @ the Fairland Senior Citizens Center starting @ 6:30 am.

For More Information Contact

Jim Love: 918-676-3737 Jake Stunkard: 918-541-8087

Lee Hall: 918-849-4271 Rodney Reynolds: 918-533-7784



For team registration and hole sponsorship contact:

812-704-4091 toniewycoff@gmail.com

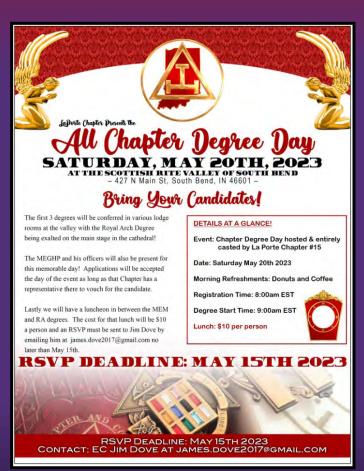
**Tonie Wycoff** 

#### **Distinguished Companion Jewel**

On April 2 at the Evansville York Rite meeting, Dennis Schraeder was presented the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Distinguished Companion Jewel by MEGHP Jim Fairchild.

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





#### **Chapter Degrees**

On April 14, new candidates received the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees.

Terry Bisping Facebook



#### **Easter Bus Trip**

Each year, the Grand Commandery hosts a bus trip that visits a variety of sites on it's way to Washington DC for the Easter Sunrise Services held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This year, they visited the Ark Encounter, the National D Day Museum, Pamplin Historical Park, George Washington's home lodge— Fredericksburg Lodge #4, and Arlington National Cemetery.



Peterson's
Pics and
Stuff
Facebook















#### **OES**



On April 14, Jeffersonville OES Chapter #327 met in their new lodge and read FOUR new petitions!

> Jeffersonville Chapter #327 OES Facebook



#### 50 Year Award



Brother John L. Kemp Jr. was presented with his 50 Year Award prior to the Master Mason Degree at Beech Grove Lodge on April 14.

> Beech Grove Lodge #694, F&AM Facebook



#### **Scottish Rite**

Scottish Rite Valley of George Rogers Clark had a great turn out for their Spring Reunion and welcomed several new members.

Scottish Rite Valley of George Rogers Clark Facebook





#### **Looking Towards the Future**

On April 13, Carmel Lodge held their stated meeting. Members gathered to discuss upcoming projects and initiatives and are eager to make a positive impact in their lodge and community. As spring approaches, members expressed optimism about the year ahead and their ability to effect change. Carmel Lodge continues to be a prominent and active institution in the Carmel Community!



Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook

#### **Supporting our Youth**

Marvin Isley York Rite College is selling at College Coin for \$20 to support Masonic Youth Groups. Contact <a href="Terry Bisping">Terry Bisping</a> to purchase the coins.

Marvin L. Isley York Rite College #129 Facebook



#### **Grand Chapter**

On April 1, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held their Grand Session at the Season's Lodge in Nashville. Despite the fact that a storm took out the electricity was out for the day, fellowship and companionship was enjoyed by all.

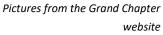














#### **100th Anniversary**

On April 15, Englewood Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #483 celebrated their 100th Anniversary.

Stephanie Ruckersfieldt Facebook







#### **Anointed High Priest**



Companion Bill Payton received his Anointed Hight Priest Certificate from MEGHP Dennis Schraeder at the Grand Chapter Officers meeting on April 15.

> Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of

#### 25 Year Pin

Congratulations to Randy Seipel who received his 25 year pin on April 19 at Temple Lodge in Greencastle.

Dave Hosler Facebook



#### **Grand Chapter**



On April 15, the newly installed Grand Chapter had their first meeting at the beautiful Terre Haute lodge building.

Joe Villarreal PM Face-







#### **Master Mason Degree**

Congratulations to Chris who was Raised as the newest Master Mason at Warsaw Masonic Lodge on April 17.

Warsaw Masonic Lodge #73 Facebook



#### **One Day Class**

On April 22, Ellettsville Masonic Lodge held a One Day Class at which they Raised 33 new Masons!

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245 Facebook



#### Job's Daughters



On April 18, Job's Daughters celebrated 98 years of being in Ft. Wayne.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



#### **Masonic Youth Foundation**

Congratulations to Joseck Albertson, who was awarded the Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award from the



Masonic Youth Foundation!

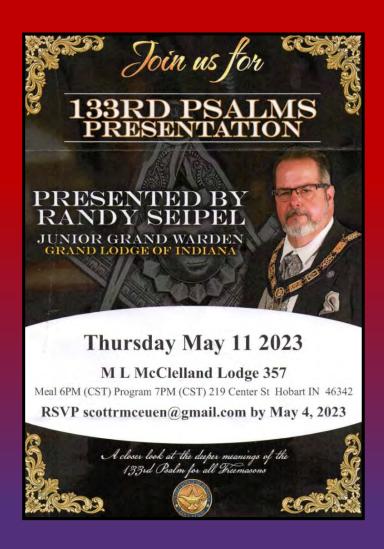
Winchester Masonic Lodge No.56 Facebook

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#### **Mark Master Degree**

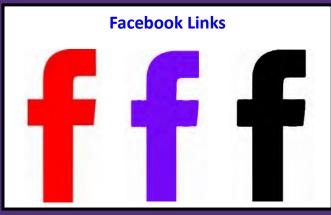
Mount Zion Lodge in Camden, Indiana held a double Entered Apprentice degree on April 17.

Dave Hosler Facebook













Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate trivia champion?

Then, gather your friends, form a team of six, and join us for our

Trivia Night fundraiser.

Show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition while supporting Job's Daughters Bethel 8!

Friday, May 19, 2023

Doors open at 6:15 | Trivia begins at 7:00 Imperial Room, Mizpah Shrine

**JOIN US** 

\$25 per person/\$150 per six person team Register your team here: <u>https://forms.gle/Ey9jUmZygeiC7aF87</u>





#### **50 Year Award**



Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Randy Darby on receiving his 50 year pin on April 19 from Brother Mike Himes at North Bend Lodge #346.

Rising Sun Lodge 6 Free and Accepted Masons

#### Welcome!



Welcome to Ryan, Greenwood's newest Entered Apprentice.

Greenwood Lodge 514

#### **Grand Council**











On April 22, David Miller, MIPGM, led Session for the Indiana Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. At the end of Session, James Catania

> was elected and installed as this year's Most Illustrious Grand Master.





Pictures from the Grand Council website.





#### **Grand Commandery**

On April 23, Phil Whisner, PGC, held Grand Conclave in



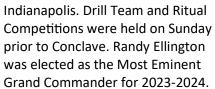




















#### **Great Fellowship**

There was a great turnout for the Johnson County Masonic Association at Union Village Lodge on April 20.

Union Village Lodge No.545 Free and Accepted Masons
Facebook



#### In Memory

Jerry Lee Burns of Terra Haute passed away early on the morning of April 11. He was raised a Master Mason in his hometown of Linton, IN, July 4, 1964 and later affiliated with Social Lodge #86 serving as their master in 1982. He was active in the appendant bodies of the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star serving in both local and State level offices, and serving numerous years as Grand Organist in all of them. He was serving as Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge and Grand Lecture of the Grand Chapter at the time of his death. Jerry was a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Scottish Rite Mason and also received its Meritorious Service Award, Knight York Cross of Honor, Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons, DeMolay and an Honorary Member of too many additional lodges to list.

Jerry was truly a Terre Haute treasure. He was an accomplished musician and spent a great deal of his life in music, as a singer, actor and organist. He shared his gift of music with everyone who knew him including Community Theater of Terre Haute where he received numerous acting accolades, was an inductee in the Wabash Valley Musicians Hall of Fame and was invited to sing for First Lady Barbara Bush and President- to- be Ronald Reagan.



A Masonic
Memorial
Service and
33<sup>rd</sup> Degree
Memorial
Service will
be
conducted
at a later
date.

#### A Letter from MEGHP Dennis Schraeder, Sr.

Fellow Companions,

Thank you for your commitment to serve on the team entrusted by the Companions of the State of Indiana to advance Royal Arch Masonry for 2023-2024.

We have several issues we need to come together and work on as a team. They are membership, ritual, communication, and teamwork. Let's always keep one thing in mind "PRIDE IN ROYAL ARCH MASONRY".

We have a mission to stimulate the growth of our membership. I ask that all Royal Arch Masons be ambassadors to the Symbolic Lodges to promote the growth of York Rite Masonry. The two key elements of our membership are new candidates and the retention of our present members.

In the process of growing our membership, it is important that we give our new members the best ritual work that we can offer. The best way to accomplish this is to continually practice the ritual before each degree day. If successful, the retention of membership should be automatic and always challenge new members to get involved and have fun.

If we are to be successful, we need to communicate and work as a team to commit our talent and abilities, to develop activities and programs, which will stimulate the growth of Royal Arch Masonry.

I firmly believe that we have a core group of officers whose ideas, talent and willingness are devoted to making Royal Arch Masonry a premiere destination in a man's personal development on his way to the Celestial Lodge Above.

I look forward to working with every officer this year to make Royal Arch Masonry stronger than ever. Go RED PRIDE.

Fraternally,
Dennis A.
Schraeder, Sr.
Most Excellent
Grand High Priest



#### **Two New Brothers**

Newton Stewart Lodge #432 and Paoli Lodge #119 worked together to raise two new brothers and enjoyed a wonderful night of fellowship.

Paoli Masonic Lodge #119 Facebook



#### **All Orders Day**



On April 22, Prather Commandery held their All Orders Day.

Photos by Randy Ellington









#### **Mark Master Degree**

Greenfield Chapter #96 advanced 4 worthy Brethren through the Mark Master Degree on April 27.

Larry Gray Facebook



Save the date:

Sunday, June 25th 2-4pm

Social Lodge No. 86

#### **Terre Haute Masonic Temple**

224 N 8th St, Terre Haute, IN. 47807 O.E.S., 33rd & M.S.A. Services followed by the **Masonic Memorial Service** 

(this is open to the public)



Jerry L. Burns, P.M., O.S.M.

#### **DeMolay**

DeMolay members from all areas of Indiana traveled



to Detroit for the Heartland Ritual Tournament.

Indiana DeMolay, Speedway DeMolay and West Newton DeMolay Facebook





#### **Orak Shrine**



On April 29, everyone had a wonderful day as the Divan and Nobles of Orak Shrine celebrated their ladies at the Annual Ladies Tea.

Orak Shrine—Michigan City Face-





# Calvin W. Prather Cupcake Decorating Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 7502 E 56th St, Lawrence, IN 46226 May 13, 2023 1:00p-4:00p

#### **Scholarship**



Excelsior
Lodge #41
presented
the lodge's
first annual
LaPorte
Hight School
Scholarship
Award of
\$500 to
Kaeden, a
graduating
senior.

Jim Dove Facebook

#### **Special Thanks**



I have been blessed with many honors since October 26, 2002, but having the honor to serve as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the York Rite Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana is a very high honor. A special thanks to the best mentor I could have had WB John L. Scheidel III who

has worked with me from day one and my York Rite Mentor ME Neil Ward, PGHP who has taught me a lot. I have the best group of officers a Grand High Priest could wish for, and we are going to have a lot of fun this year. Go RED PRIDE. Thanks to all.

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

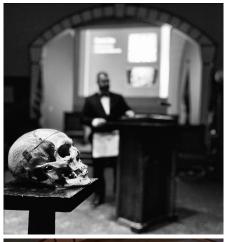
#### **One Day Class**

On April 22, members of Noblesville Lodge joined others and did a great job performing the Fellow Craft Degree at the Grand Masters One Day Class

Noblesville Lodge F&AM #57—Indiana Freemasons (Noblesville Lodge #57) Facebook



#### **Crowned Martyrs Lodge**



On April 29, brothers had a wonderful evening of fellowship with Crowned Martyrs Lodge with a thought provoking presentation by Alex Powers on the Symbolism of the Skull in Freemasonry

The Symbolism of the Skull "Get Up, Luxy Sonsil".

Alex G. Powers

Story from John Bridegroom, Pictures by Dave Hosler Facebook





#### In Memory



Stephen Kroman passed away on Saturday, April 29. When Stephen moved to Seymour in 2001 and began his fraternal journey. He was raised a Master Mason in April 2002, became a life endowed member of Jackson Lodge #146 in 2005, and served as Worshipful Master in 2008-2009. He was

Eminent Commander of Seymour Commandry, High Priest for Seymour Chapter RAM #85, and following the merger of Seymour and Columbus York Rite was Illustrious Master of the Columbus Council #54. He also served as Secretary/Recorder of all three Bodies. He is a 32º member of the Indianapolis Valley and the George Rogers Clark Valley of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Indianapolis Murat Shrine. He was also a member of Seymour Chapter #134, Order of the Eastern Star. Stephen was inducted into the St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council #256 of the Allied Masonic Degrees and served as Sovereign Master. He also was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the York Rite College of Corydon #207, and recipient of the Knights of York Cross of Honor.

Stephen served in many capacities in these fraternal orders including Grand Chaplain for Grand Chapter RAM of the State of Indiana, Grand Marshal for Grand Lodge, Area Representative for Area 34, Board member of the Indiana Masonic Home, and 10 years as Secretary-Treasurer and Board Member of the Masonic Heritage Foundation. Stephen was Grand Photographer for Indiana Grand Lodge since 2013. He has served on many committees for Grand Lodge including leading Treasurer's Workshops around the State. He also served in the Grand Commandry as Grand Marshal and aide, and Grand Prelate. He was awarded Grand Prelate Emeritus and Knight Commander of the Temple by the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Visitation was held on May 3, 2023 at Surprise Christian Church followed by a Masonic service at 2:00 PM and memorial service at  $3:00 \, PM$ .

Memorial donations in honor of Stephen may be made to Surprise Christian Church or The Indiana Masonic Home Foundation.

#### **Community Service**

Members of Noblesville Lodge #57 spent a couple of hours cleaning



hours cleaning along local roads to help their community look better.

Kyle Moser Facebook

#### **Schofield House**



On April 22, Branchville Lodge had the honor to hold an EA degree at the Schofield House in Madison.

Branchville Masonic Lodge Facebook





#### **Updating the Sign**



Brother Kyle and his stepfather completed the task of replacing the lighting in the sign with LEDs. The sign for the Evansville Downtown Historic Masonic Temple will be shinning bring once again.

> Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville Facebook

#### **Blue Jean Ball**



On April 19, members of Sahara and Merou Grotto's presented Temple Lodge with the proceeds of the Blue Jean Ball fundraiser.

Randy Seipel Facebook



#### **New Master Mason**

Welcome to Brother Michael was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Medora Lodge on April 22.

Medora Lodge #328 F&AM Facebook



#### **Rookie Award**



Congratulations to Brother Matt for receiving the Rookie Award!

> Paoli Masonic Lodge #119 Facebook

#### **Grand Commander's Coin**



Randy Ellington, MEGC, has special coin for sale this year. The coin has four quadrants which represent Knights Templar, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls. The coins are being sold



and the proceeds will be split between the youth programs. If you are interested in purchasing a coin to support our youth, please contact Randy Ellington.