

# Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana





**Dennis Schraeder** 

#### 2023-2024 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers

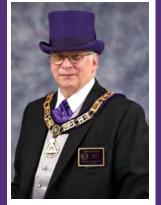
Dennis Schraeder, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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 Crpptic Masons of Indiana





James Catania

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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 Snights Templar 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

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



our Reservations

June 10—Grand Council OKI—Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana for more information contact Jim Catania June 16-17—AMD Councils of Indiana Ingathering at Prather Lodge. Contact Mike Doxsee June 20—Order of Malta at Grant County Commandery #21. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact George Ingles June 25—Masonic Service for Jerry Burns at Terre Haute Masonic Temple at 2p. Contact Mark Kester July 15—Grand Council Crypt Rededication at New Albany Masonic Lodge. Contact Keith Stiner July 18—Order of the Temple at Grant County Commandery #21. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact George Ingles July 22—Grand Chapter Instructional—Northwest at Valparaiso Chapter #79. 11a. Contact Chris Gamblin

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

#### Share with Us

Does your Lodge, Star, Chapter, Council or Commandery, 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 pictures? Did someone in your lodge just get an Award of Gold? Let us celebrate with you! Send your pictures, upcoming events, flyers, birthdays, etc. to Monica.





Companion and Sir Knight Marvin J. Ramsay Companion and Sir Knight Arthur J. Craig, III Lady Malia Mann, wife of Rodney A. Mann Lady Rebecca Arlington, wife of Steven A. Arlington Companion and Sir Knight Larry L. Spade Lady Diane Smith, widow of H. Fred Smith Companion and Sir Knight W. Dirk Rader

Lady Nancy Price, widow of Robert E. Price Companion and Sir Knight Clay W. Stahlka Lady Kathy Gahimer, lady of Christopher Dale Thomas Companion and Sir Knight Shamus J. Driver Companion and Sir Knight David W. Miller Companion and Sir Knight David L. Gundrum Companion and Sir Knight Tony W. Lee Companion and Sir Knight Carson C. Smith Lady Jane Hedges, wife of Joseph K. Hedges Companion and Sir Knight James Dimitri Lady Christine Fodrea, wife of Edward E. Fodrea Companion and Sir Knight Paul W. Friend Companion and Sir Knight Eric S. Pittman Lady Mickey Kelley, wife of Marion K. Crum Companion and Sir Knight Byron W. Schull Companion and Sir Knight Curt S. Hribernik Lady Sharis Glass, wife of Eldred T. Glass Companion and Sir Knight Matthew J. Backus Companion and Sir Knight Carl E. Culmann Lady Carol Davis, wife of James L. Davis Companion and Sir Knight William S. Bell Companion and Sir Knight David W. Pass Lady Tami Scanland, wife of Joseph L. Scanland Companion and Sir Knight David R. Ulrich Companion and Sir Knight Marion K. Crum Companion and Sir Knight Charles G. Hanson Companion and Sir Knight Ronald A. Wilson Companion and Sir Knight Joseph L. Sparks Lady Betty Applegate, widow of K. Edwin Applegate Companion and Sir Knight Frank R. Reiter Lady Barbara Harter, wife of Clarence D. Harter Companion and Sir Knight Marty A. Evens Lady Janet Kaminsky, widow of Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Therefore encourage one another with these words. - 1 Thessalonians 4:18

**Heavenly Father**, we Thank You for the words You have provided us in Your Holy Scriptures. Words of wisdom. Words of solace. Words of guidance. Words of hope. We ask that You help us to hold these words within our hearts, apply them to our daily lives, and



pass them along to the next generation. Let us never forget the Love You have shown us with something as simple as words. Amen. Barry Clouser, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery

#### **Templar Board**

On May 4, Angola Commandery #45 held a Templar Board, which is a festive board that includes a meal, the recognition of local Masons who have served the Knights Templar, and a guest speaker, who was Father Tom Adamson of the Holy Family Episcopal Church of Angola. Several ladies of the Templars attended this event.

The Angola Commandery sponsored Father Tom Adamson on an eleven day trip to the Holy Land earlier in 2023 to experience the sites and history of the Christian Religion. The trip was to Israel, especially Nazareth and Jerusalem, were Jesus spent his last days. Sites included the Wailing Wall, the Sea of Galilee, the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane and many more.

Father Tom gave a pictorial presentation of the many sites he visited. In his future ministry he will be able to describe these sites in detail as he preaches about the life of Jesus.

This is the fourth minister that Angola Commandery has sponsored since the 1980's.

Several Templars who have served as the Eminent Commander of Angola Commandery were recognized, including: Paul Friend, Ian Mountfield, James Davis, Glen Rogers, Jim Milleman, Brant Moore, Mike Anderson, Dan Ernsberger, and Benton Davis.

Angola Commandery is inviting the public to join them



on June 24 from 9a-12p to tour the building. This will be in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the completion of the buildings construction.

Paul Friend





Charles and Joanna Bowling Don and Dana Henderson Steve and Tracy Gilmore Randy and Penny Darling William IV and Rae Ann Ostenberg Rodney and Malia Mann Matthew and Stephanie Marie Backus Marion and Mickey Crum David and Marcia Ulrich Mike and Kim Morrison Jim and Pat Kerns John and Louise Coleman Bruce and Gisela Royer Joe and Tami Scanland

#### **Table Chapter**

On May 9, Westside Chapter #138 held an extremely successful Table Chapter where the Companions raised \$1000 for RARA.





#### Lodge Tour

On May 10, Angola Commandery #45 hosted a group of Angola Middle School 8th graders and their teachers. They got a tour of the lodge building, a lesson on Masonry and got to witness the flag presentation.

Angola York Rite 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





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: Tonie Wycoff ( 812-704-4091 biniewycoff@gmail.com

## NAAMAH CHAPTER NO. 73 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

#### Cordially invites you to our Open Installation of Officers

When:	Saturday June 24

Time: 2:00pm

Where: Shelbyville Masonic Lodge 519 S. Harrison Street Shelbyville, IN, 46176

Brenda Fulenwider P.M., Worthy Matron Elect Larry Fenton P.P., Worthy Patron Elect

#### **New Master Mason**

Congratulations to John B, Noblesville #57's newest Master Mason.



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

#### **Chapter Degrees**

On May 11, members of the Valley of South Bend Scottish Right had a very nice evening welcoming their new 2023-24 officers.

John Bridegroom Facebook



#### In Memory

#### Adopt-A-Highway



Thomas Richard Ulrey, 66, of Lebanon, IN, passed away May 4, 2023 at Witham Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was born August

25, 1956 in Evansville, IN to the late Lee Dean Ulrey and Joan Brown Ulrey.

He married Sandra Rose Kirkpatrick of Delphi on September 3, 1977 in Denver, Colorado. Sandy passed away April 26, 2019. Tom was very fortunate to reconnect with and marry his former Plainfield, IN high school classmate Ruth Ragsdale on December 27, 2021.

Tom was a proud member of Battle Ground Masonic Lodge No. 313 for over twenty years. He was also a member of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite, the Frankfort York Rite, and was a lifetime member of the Tippecanoe Shrine Club. Tom served the Masonic fraternity in many capacities from the local to the state level for many years and was loved and respected by many Brothers across Indiana.

He currently served as volunteer Facilitator of the Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group of the Area IV Agency on Aging at the Tippecanoe County Senior Center, which had provided him with important caregiving skills when he needed them earlier.

With a booming persona, a bit bigger than life, Tom was a maker of long-lasting friendships. He was caring and always willing to help. His signature greeting when his phone rang (nearly all day long) was "Hello, Tom Ulrey, how can I help?" If he had known what was coming that week, we know he would have called each of his friends to have a final chat.

Celebration of Life services were held on May 11 at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette with the Masonic memorial following the funeral ceremony.

#### **Order of Service to Masonry**

Join us in congratulating Brother David Peter on being awarded the Order of Service to Masonry at the Grand Lodge of Indiana Annual Communication banquet. The Order of Service to Masonry is given to Brothers for continual and distinguished service to Freemasonry in Indiana.

Terra Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



On May 13, members of the Linton Masonic Lodge helped serve their community by cleaning up along the highway, and they had fun too!

Linton Masonic Lodge #560 Facebook



#### **New Members**

On May 18, Oakland Lodge initiated three new Brothers. They had a great cast that made it a special night.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



#### **KYCH**

A total of eight new members joined Indiana Priory #8 on May 13 in Ft. Wayne. They also held their meeting and installed this year's officers.

Angola York Rite and Don Henderson's Facebook



#### **50 Year Awards of Gold**

At Pierceton Lodge #337 on May 20, Brothers Dennis Burnworth and Jerry Hartman received their 50 Year Awards of Gold.

Dathan Reed Facebook



#### **Trivia Night**

On May 19, Bethel #8 of the Job's Daughters had their inaugural trivia night in Ft. Wayne at the Mizpah Shrine. The Grand Commandery put together a team. Unfortunately, they came in second, but they had a great time.

Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Indiana Facebook



#### All Chapter Degree Day

On May 20, LaPorte Chapter #15 held their All Degree Day at the Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend. The work was near perfect and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the new companions who were exhault-



#### **Annual Communication**

Grand Lodge held their Annual Communication on May 16 with banquets on Monday and Tuesday night preceding and following the days events. Sir Knights from around the state gathered to form and Arch of Steel for Grand Master Richard Lentz.

Pictures by Randy Ellington











#### **Merou Grotto**



On May 20, Monarch Steve and his Lady Dani were hanging out at the Mosey Down Main Street.

Merou Grotto Facebook

#### Caleb B. Smith Award

Congratulations to Sir Knight Duane Vaught, MEPGM and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana on being the recipient of the Caleb B. Smith award from the Grand Lodge of Indiana presented by MWPGM Richard Lentz.

Caleb Blood Smith was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1837 and , today, the highest award presented by the Grand Lodge of Indiana is the Caleb B. Smith Medal of Honor.

Congratulations Sir Knight Vaught on receiving this Distinguished Honor!

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



#### **Rainbow Girls**

On May 21, members of the Rainbow Girls attended the All Members Banquet at the South Carolina Grand Chapter

Indiana IORG Facebook





#### In Memory

**Tony Scott Peterson**, 54, of Fishers, Indiana passed away from cardiac arrest on Saturday, May 20, 2023, with his loving wife by his side.

Tony served the community in various professional capacities over the years, his background was in

construction, and he used his skill set freely with his friends and family. After volunteering for Hamilton County Emergency Management for six years, he was asked to join them as an employee and served as the Logistical Staging Area Manager until his passing.

Tony was a proud Freemason of Indiana. He followed in his family's footsteps and was raised a Master Mason at Hamilton County Masonic Lodge No 533 in 2003. Five generations of Tony's family were Freemasons. Several of them joined the Scottish Rite, but Tony decided to follow in his great-grandfather's footsteps and join the York Rite in 2005. Tony had a very distinguished career in Masonry with his Lady Monica ever at his side. He was an amazing servant to the fraternity, always willing to use his skills and expertise when called upon. He has served as an aide to the Grand Commander or Deputy Grand Commander since 2010. He had the honor of becoming a Grand Prelate Emeritus in 2013. He received the honors of KTCH – Knight Templar Cross of Honor in 2017, and KCT – Knight Commander of the Temple in 2021. Tony served as Grand Sentinel for Grand Council in 2022 and Marshal for the Grand Chapter in 2018. Both Tony and Monica could be found running hospitality rooms, organizing bus trips, taking photos, providing sound equipment, and running banquets to serve the fraternity he loved. He leaves a huge hole in the fabric of the Masonic Brotherhood and his presence will most certainly be missed. We take solace in the knowledge that he will enter that celestial lodge in heaven, to that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens where he will hear the words, we all seek, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant".

The celebration of life services were held on Thursday, May 25. The Templar Memorial service was given by John Freeland. The Masonic Memorial service was performed by Chris Steele, who is the same Mason that performed the service for Tony's father. Following those, the Grand Commander of the State of Indiana, Randy Ellington officiated a personal memorial. The family knows that while this is a sad circumstance,

Tony's life was about finding joy, love, and laughter amid life's ups and downs, and that's how they'd like to honor him.



#### **Flower Talk**

Talk at Job's Daughters Bethel #108 in Lawrence.

On May 24, Speedway PMC and Indiana DeMolay State

Master Councilor-elect, Owen V, preformed the Flower

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



On May 19, Naamah OES welcomed Brother Thain Brisoce to their Chapter.

Naamah O.E.S. Facebook

#### **Scholarships**



Congratulations to Mackenzie and Elijah. Both were blessed with receiving Grand Lodge Scholarships.

Branchville Masonic Lodge Face-

#### OES

On May 17, District Deputy Mary Matlock presented



Worthy Matron Evelyn Miller and Worthy Patron Pete McKay of Radiant Chapter #200 with Certificates of Appreciation.

Al Mertz

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Award of Gold? Let us celebrate with you! Send your pictures, upcoming events, flyers, birthdays, etc. to <u>Monica</u>.





On May 24, it was a wonderful evening of Brother Love and Fellowship at St. John's Lodge #20 as Brother Korey was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. There were 28 Brothers in attendance from ten differ-

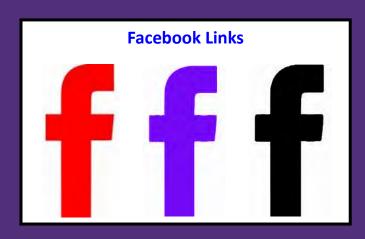


ent lodges. Freemasonry is alive and well in Bartholomew County.

> Dirk Rader Facebook









# ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE

## 100th Year Building Celebration!

25 South Public Square June 24, 2023 Open House 9:00-12:00





Ceremony at 11:00 am See Special Displays Tour the Building



#### **New Master Mason**



Congratulations to Mitchel Smith, who was raised as a Master Mason on May 22 at Hartsville Masonic Lodge #547.

Dirk Rader Facebook

### **Memorial Day**



Members of the Sahara Grotto had a great time in the Acton Memorial Day Parade.

Michael Neely Facebook



#### **Royal Arch Degree**

Crawfordsville Chapter #40 had a great night on May 26 as members from Terre Haute York Rite and Band of the Wabash York Rite College #72 assisted with a Royal Arch Degree and welcomed Johnnie Christenberry.

Terry Bisping Facebook



#### **Stay Informed**

Do you know members of your lodge who would like to receive the newsletter? Would your lady like to receive it? There are two people who can help you get



on the distribution list— Carson or Ed. Click on their name to get send them an email to be added to the distribution list and stay informed.



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.

#### **Flag Presentation**

Sir Knights from Indiana participated in a memorial service at the Riverside Cemetery in the tow of St. Joe. The service was dedicated to our service men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice while defending the great Red, White, and Blue. Jim Davis gave the Flag Presentation while flanked by Jim Milleman, Dan



Patterson, Rodney McGilvery, and Dominic Hamblin. Thank you to all the service men and women that have protected, currently protecting, and will protect this great nation.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



#### **Letter to the Editor**

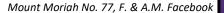
Ed Witt, Past Master and current Secretary of Edgewood Lodge submitted a letter to the editor of <u>The</u> <u>Herald Bulletin</u>. You can read the article below:

There is a hidden gem of the city on the west side of Anderson/Edgewood. Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge is the oldest institution in continuous operation in Anderson. It is older than any business, any church, or any bank in town. The lodge was chartered by the Indiana Grand Lodge in 1849. It was originally located downtown where the parking garage is now located. The lodge built a new lodge building, considered one of the most beautiful in the state, and moved to its current location at 3921 Nichol Avenue in 1974. As an organization the Freemasons' goal is to take good men and make them better. Our members are men over 18 years of age who are interested in improving themselves and their community and enjoy the fellowship of brothers.

Masons use ancient tools of architecture to teach important lessons of morality and brotherhood. In addition to these lessons, Masons also work to benefit their families, their communities, and the nation. Mount Moriah Lodge has conducted fundraisers to support local and national charities. Over the last few years, we have donated money by our fundraisers to benefit Shriners Childrens Hospitals, Riley Children's Hospital, Autism Research Institute, the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, Secret Families of Madison County, and the American Cancer Society. Our members also routinely donate to support the Masonic Home in Franklin Indiana to offer housing and support for Masons, their widows and orphans when needed.

Organizations related to the lodge also offer additional opportunities for fellowship and service. The Shriners, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Order of the Eastern Star and others are all appendant relatives of the Freemasons. The lodge also has youth organizations for young men, (Order of DeMolay), and young ladies (Job's Daughters). Anyone who is interested or in need of more information can contact us by our Facebook page or by email at MountMoriahno77@gmail.com.

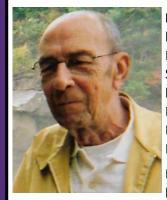
Daleville Lodge No. 730 merged with Mount Moriah Lodge No. 77 earlier this year. We will be opening the Daleville Lodge cornerstone Saturday June 10th at 1:00 P.M. The opening ceremony will be open to the public. The Daleville Lodge building is located at 14400 West Daleville Road in Daleville.







#### **In Memory**



Larry K. Rozelle, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. He was born on March 16, 1934 to Jesse and Mary (Koeniger) Rozelle in Huntsville, Indiana.

Larry graduated from Pendleton High School in 1952.

After several army civilian jobs in Indianapolis, he enlisted in the United States Army. After basic training in Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri, he was stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Upon his honorable discharge, in 1958 Larry returned to Pendleton, Indiana and worked as a computer programmer at the United States Army Finance and Accounting Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis until his retirement in 1988. After retirement, he worked as a driver for Hare Chevrolet, in Noblesville, Indiana.

He was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville, the Lions Club, the Order of Eastern Star, and was a past master of the Pendleton Masonic Lodge.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm on Monday June 5, 2023 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11:00 am until the time of service. Burial will be at Grovelawn Cemetery in Pendleton.

#### Master Mason Degree

Carmel Lodge #421 attended Plainfield Lodge #653's Master Mason degree on 5/30 while one of their own



received his degree that evening.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook