

Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana





Dennis Schraeder

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers

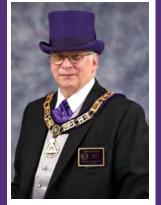
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James Catania

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James Catania, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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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,



Don't forget to ur Reservations

August 7—Prather Commandery #62 Reception and Centennial Celebration. 6:30p dinner, 7p open. Contact Brian August 10—Royal Arch Degree at Greenfield Chapter #96. 7p Degree. Contact Larry Gray.

August 14—Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees at Columbus Chapter #10. 6:30p Degree. Contact David. August 16—Mark Master Degree at Slayton-Stephens Chapter #168. 6:30p dinner, 7p meeting, 7:30 degree. Phil August 26—York Rite Education Day. 8a breakfast, 9a education begins, 3p education ends. Contact Brian Lewis. September 8—Scottish Rite Bean Supper. 6:30p assemble. Contact Tom Fallis.

September 9—Grand Chapter Instructional at Terre Haute Chapter #11. 10a doors open, 11a begin. Contact Brian. September 9—Grand Chapter Instructional at Prather Chapter #157. 4:30 doors open, 5:30 begin. Contact Brian Lewis A special thank you to Carson Smith for providing up to date information for the upcoming events.

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Dear Father, We thank you for everyone gathered here now. Thank you that you know each of us by name and have caused us to walk with You. We say that we are dependent on You and our trust is in You completely. As we surrender ourselves in adoration we ask that You would come by Your Holy Spirit and inspire our hearts today. Come fill our lives with Your love, Fill our conversations with

Your grace and truth, Fill this meeting with Your presence. We ask this for Your glory and praise. Amen.



Phil Stroud, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter

CarmelFest

On July 4, Carmel Lodge #421, Job's Daughters Bethel #68, and Sahara Grotto all participated in the 4th of July Parade at CarmelFest.





Norman and Gloriann Smith John and Kathy McClelland Steve and Sherry Barton **Clint and Brittany Cottrell** Larry and Vickie Deutscher Bob and Barb Durham Jon and Barbara Dahlstrom Mike and Patty Robbins Phillip and Kathy Stroud Jerald and Cindy Miller John and Danielle Freeland Paul and Inger Friend Jimmie and Judy Milleman Jim and Debbie Bolinger Dirk and Valerie Rader **Bud and Jennie Lutes** Douglas and Sue Green Jeff and Virginia Prairie Jeff and Cat Ping George and Karen Ingles

Masonic Education Day

On Saturday, August 26, Prather York Rite and Prather Council Knight Masons will host their third annual Masonic Education Day, which will include over four hours of educational presentations on Masonic topics. Presentations will include:

- Dogs, Cocks, and The Bone Box: An Examination of Early Catechisms
- Super Excellent Master, the Forgotten Degree of Knight Masonry
- The Mystical Number 15
- Nicholas of Cusa Mathematics and Faith
- Evidence for Intelligent Design as relates to the concept of the Grand Architect of the Universe
- The Centennial History of Prather Commandery No. 62
- The Case of William Morgan
- Light Upon Light: Exploring the Connections Between the Role of Light in Religious Symbolism and Freemasonry
- The Missing Link: Freemasonry, Jacob's Ladder, and the Great Chain of Being

You can learn more and register to attend <u>online</u>. Registration is \$30 and includes a printed program



book and lunch.

Carson Smith

Installation

On July 1, Bartimeus Lodge UD and Schofield Lodge 1818 UD, held their Installation of Officers at Bridgeport Lodge. Congratulations to Earl Hopkins, Dion Diakis and all the 2023-2024 Officers!

Gary Brinely Facebook



4th of July

Members of the Orak Shrine Pipe and Drums participated in the Whiting Parade.

Orak Shrine—Michigan City Facebook



Independence Day

Members of Noblesville Lodge and their families participated in the Noblesville 4th of July Parade.

Noblesville Lodge F&AM 57 Facebook



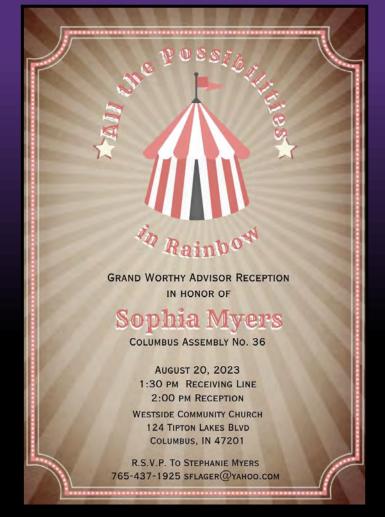
Rainbow Girls

Congratulations to the newly Installed Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives!









Fellow Craft Degree

On July 6, Linton Lodge passed five brethren to the Fellow Craft Degree. Congratulations





Presentation of Colors

On July 9, Sir Knights of Battalion 3 presented to Colors at Military Appreciation Night at the Kokomo Jackrabbit's game.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook

Three Rivers Festival Parade

On July 8, Sir Knights of Battalion 2 participated in the Three Rivers Festival Parade in Ft. Wayne and gave out cand to the kids. What a great time!

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Ice Cream

On July 8, Prather Lodge hosted their Ice Cream Social.

Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 F&AM Facebook



Job's Daughters

Job's Daughters held a promotion party on July 7. They had a great time!

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Picnic

On July 8, the Valley of South Bend Scottish Rite held their family picnic. They had a great time and even played Bingo!

John Bridegroom Facebook



Hawaiian Luau

On July 6, New Pal held their stated meeting with a Hawaiian Luau theme.

New Palestine Masonic Lodge #404 Facebook





Scholarship

Congratulations to Nathan Ratterman! On July 9 at the Scottish Rite, he was awarded a scholarship that will help him through the first semester of his Bachelor's Degree.

Lori Smith Facebook

Allied Masonic Degrees

On June 17, AMD held their third annual ingathering of Indiana AMD's at Prather Lodge.

Prather York Rite Facebook

4th of July

Have you ever been to the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis to watch the fireworks? They are launched about 100 yards from the parking lot giving an excellent view of the show.

Chris Hodapp Facebook





Job's Daughters

On July 11, Randy Ellington attend the State Meeting of Bethel #135 to present Honored Queen Tesse with a corrected certificate from the Grand Commandery.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook







On July 9, the Banks of the Wabash presented Duane Vaught with his 25 Year Award.

> Terry Bisping Facebook

Job's Daughters

On July 12, Bethel #108 welcomed Ella!

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Job's Daughters

On July 15, Southport Lodge had the honor of Forming the Lines for the retiring Honored Queen Protem, Grace (daughter of Sir Knight David Miller Jr and granddaughter of Sir Knight David Miller Sr) and for the Installation of Honored Queen Abby N. It was nice to also have a few daughters from Bethel #108 in attendance



with one of them just being initiated the week before!

Congratulations to all of the young ladies of Bethe #32!

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook







In Memory



Justin Daniel Henson, 41, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on January 31, 1982 to Danny Joe Henson and Sue Ann Henson (Sosbe) in Kokomo, Indiana.

Justin worked for

Hamilton County since 2006, and was a Field Service Coordinator for Hamilton County Community Corrections since 2011. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi while attending Indiana State University, where he earned a BS in Criminology. Justin coached for the Chaos girls' rugby team at Noblesville High School and was a member of Masonic Lodge 57.

Justin loved sports, especially football, rugby, and WWE wrestling. He was a faithful Indianapolis Colts fan, and loved to fire up his smoker on football game day and spend time with his wife and kids as he cheered at the TV each and every game. He was a memorabilia collector for sports and horror movies.

Justin was an avid supporter of who some would consider the "underdog", but he never saw them as anything less than who they were. He always showed up for anyone who needed him.

Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 14th, 2023 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to the time of service at the funeral home.

Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees

On July 13, Greenfield Chapter #96 conferred the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees on six candidates.

Larry Gray Facebook



Rededication

Every year in July, the New Albany Council #1 hosts a rededication ceremony that is performed by the Grand Council Officers. As is also the tradition, the Grand Commandery formed the lines. This year's event was threaten by severe weather, so the festivities were moved inside to ensure everyone's safety.

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Master Mason

On July 15, Vigo Lodge welcomed their newest Master Mason.

Vigo Lodge #29 Facebook



Welcome

On July 22, Carmel Lodge raised a worthy brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master. Welcome!

Carmel Lodge #421 Facebook



Sahara Grotto

The ladies and men of Sahara Grotto serve their community. On July 16, they held a back to school party and handed out school supplies.

Sahara Grotto Inc. Facebook



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



Johnson County Fair

On July 16, Randy Ellington, Grand Commander, helped Franklin DeMolay park cars at the Johnson County Fair. After they finished parking cars, the enjoyed a cod

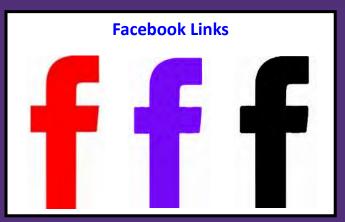


sandwich from the Johnson County Shrine Club at their booth.

Randal P Ellington Facebook







Brotherhood



On July 15, Speedway DeMolay had the honor of joining their Michigan DeMolay brothers for the Initiation of two new members!



Speedway DeMolay Facebook





Koscuisko County Fair



In mid-July, members of Warsaw Lodge had a great time participating the county fair.

> Warsaw Masonic Lodge #73 Facebook



Fellow Craft Degree

On July 19, two worthy brothers were given the Fellow Craft Degree at New Palestine Masonic Lodge. Four brothers from Carmel Lodge participated in the work.



Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook

Abbott Scholarships

Ft. Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite had their annual Abbott Scholarship Night Presentations on July 29. Congratulations to all the recipients!!!

DathanTeresa Reed Facebook



Master Masons

On July 29, eight brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: three from Mount Moriah, two from Lafayette, one from Quincy, one from Delaware, and one from Fellowship Lodges. Welcome to our Fraternity, Brothers!

Mounty Moriah No.77, F.& A.M. Facebook





Job's Daughters

On July 27, Annabelle H. won the title of Miss International Job's Daughter. Annabelle, Indiana is so proud of you!

Pictures from Indiana Job's Daughters 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.

Grand Master's Reception

On July 29, the Grand Master's Reception was held at Henke Hall in the North End Zone complex at Indiana



Gary E Brinley Facebook







Master Mason



On July 27, Greenwood Lodge welcomed Joe as he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook

PLAINFIELD LODGE #653

Join us as we Kaise a brother To the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason



Fellow Craft

On July 20, Oakland Lodge welcomed two new broth-



ers to the Fellow Craft degree.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook

Angola Lodge

On July 26, the local newspaper in Angola ran a story about the lodge!

Brant Moore Facebook



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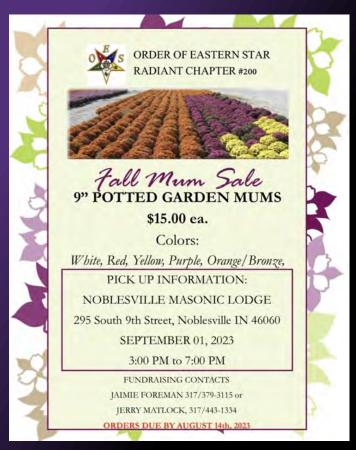
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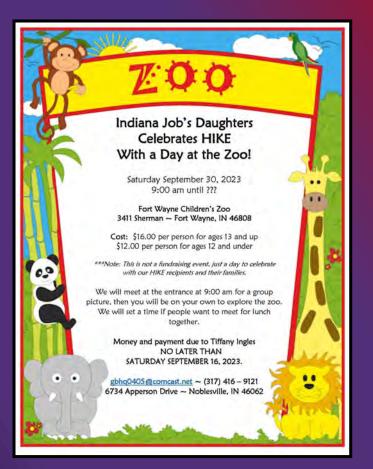
Angola Lodge welcomes Grand Lodge members, marks anniversary

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They also encourage





Clowns

On July 19, members of the Murat Shrine Clowns of Indianapolis attendee the North-South High School Game with their own Shriner kid, Owen.

Murat Shrine Clowns of Indianapolis Facebook



Master Mason

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Carme Lodge 421 Facebook





Summer Picnic



On July 22, Grand Commandery held their summer picnic with lots of good food and games for all.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana email









Bowling

Bowling is fun in your spare time! Bowler's keep their minds out of the gutter! A motley crew of #421 brothers bowled the night away on July 27, with Worshipful Brother Rick H. gaining the highest score aided by his trusted bumper guards.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook



DeMolay

On July 27, West Newton DeMolay had a great night of video games. They ate hot dogs and snacks while competing in Super Mario Brothers and Super Mario Cart tournaments. Mason G. won Super Mario Brothers and Mark H. won Super Mario Car. Hayden L. was runner up in both. Dad Marcus posted the highest



Job's Daughters



On July 26, Bethel #108 held their Installation of Officers.

> Bethel #108 Lawrence Facebook



Illinois Grand Conclave



On July 27, Indiana was well represented as your Grand Commandery officers attended the Grand Commandery of Illinois Grand Conclave.

Randal P Ellington Facebook



Shrine



On July 29, the Nobles of Orak Shrine were out in force in New Carlisle at the Home Town Parade!

Orak Shrine Facebook



Degree Day

On July 22, Evansville York Rite held an All Chapter and Council Degree Day. They exalted five to the Most Sublime degree of Royal Arch. Congratulations to the new members of Evansville York Rite Chapter and Council.

Dennis Schraeder Sr. Facebook



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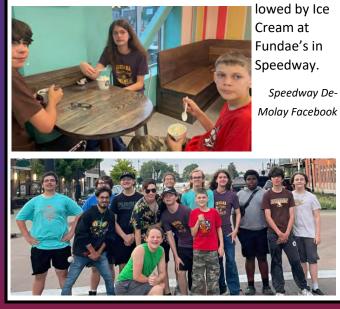
On July 25, the Indiana Supreme Messenger team finished their competition. They represented Indiana very





DeMolay

On July 26, Speedway DeMolay had a great rec night. They started with games at the Speedway Lodge, fol-



First Place

Orak Shrine Motor Patrol was presented with their first place trophy in the motorized division of the Michigan City Patriotic Parade.



Michigan City Facebook

Robert A. Woods Priory

On July 23, Robert A. Woods Priory Knights of the York Cross of Honor welcomed three candidates. Congratulations to Phil Whisner, Jim Fairchild, and Jim Catania for receiving their KYCH Jewel with their quadrant in it representing the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Congratulations to Mitch Rohrbaugh and Roy Wiseman for receiving their Membership Patents from Convent General.

Randal P Ellington Facebook



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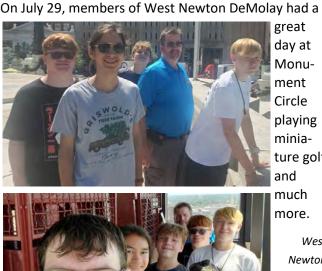
Master Mason

On July 21, Hamilton Lodge welcomed their newest Master Mason during a truly memorable evening.

Hamilton Lodge #533 Facebook



DeMolay



great day at Monument Circle playing miniature golf and much more.

West Newton DeMolav Facebook



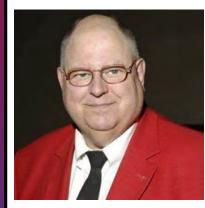
Family Tradition

On July 29, Past Master Charles Parker raised his grandson, Bryan, to the degree of Master Mason. They are pictured here with Charles' son and Bryan's uncle, Tom.

Mount Moriah No. 77, F.&A.M. Facebook



In Memory



Edward L. Sebring, known affectionately as "Big Ed" for his big heart and voice, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2023. He was surrounded by the love of his life, companion and soulmate Cindy

Rider, and their cherished family. He is survived by his stepchildren, Brian Rider (Lisa) and Christie Spalla (Dave), whom he loved dearly and treated as his own, as well as his grandchildren who brought immeasurable happiness to his life. His beloved cat Kallie held a special place in his heart, providing comfort and companionship during quiet moments. He is also survived by his former wife, Jo Ellen Keller (Earle) and was proceeded in death by their son Charles "Chuck" Stodghill Sebring, whom we are confident greeted him with "Hey old man, what took ya so long?" and a hilarious rendition of "The Spanish Inquisition."

Born on September 25, 1946 in Vincennes, Indiana, to Paul F. and Louise Lorentz Sebring, Ed's life was a testament to kindness, faith, dedication, and service to his community. He was proud to have attended The Ohio State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Ancient History as well as an MBA, and nurturing a lifelong love for the Buckeyes. Ed found fulfillment and purpose in serving as a lay pastor for many Presbyterian congregations over the years. His favorite message was "God's in charge; we ain't!"

Ed's family extended beyond his immediate kin, as he was an esteemed member of Freemasonry for 55 years, and a DeMolay for 60 years. He fully embraced the principles of brotherhood, charity, and integrity, serving in many leadership roles in Masonry, church, and the Boy Scouts. If you needed something done, Ed was your man.

With pen in hand and a heart full of stories, Ed made his mark as an award winning writer for the Vincennes Sun-Commercial newspaper. His words captured the essence of local events and offered uplifting stories and insights that inspired the community.

A memorial service to celebrate Ed's life will be held at the Vincennes #1 Masonic Lodge on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family kindly requests donations to be made in his honor to the Vincennes #1 Lodge F&AM, 501 Broadway, Vincennes, IN 47591; the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Wabash Valley, 400 8th Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47804; or the Masonic or community service organization of your choice.

Farewell, Big Ed. You will forever be remembered for your warmth, wisdom, and kind spirit. May you rest in eternal peace, knowing that your presence and loving legacy will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives you touched. Bravo!