

Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana





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Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana





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James Catania, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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Grand Commandery Anights Cemplar of Indiana





Randal Ellington

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

Randal P. Ellington, Most Eminent Grand Commander

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Dominic Hamblin, Grand Captain General
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York Rite Newsletter

September 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

September 5—Commandery Inspection at Grant County Commandery #21. 6p dinner, 7p Inspection. Contact George.

September 7—Order of Red Cross at Bray Commandery #65. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact Bob Addington.

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

September 10—75th Annual Masonic Home Festival. 11a opening ceremonies, 3p parade. Contact Elizabeth Dillman.

September 14—Commandery Reception at Kokomo Commandery #36. 6p dinner, 7p begin. Contact Barry Clouser.

September 15—Order of the Red Cross at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. 6p dinner, 7p begin. Contact Joe Sparks.

September 16—Grand Chapter Instructional at Corydon Chapter #156. 10a doors open, 11a begin. Contact Brian Lewis

September 16—Grand Chapter Instructional at Evansville Chapter #12. 3:30a doors open, 4:30a begin (NOTE—CDT time zone). Contact <u>Brian Lewis</u>.

September 18—Commandery Reception at Richmond Commandery #8. 6p dinner, 7p reception. Contact <u>David Sparks</u>.

September 19—Commandery Reception at Grant County Commandery #21. 6p dinner, 7p reception. Contact George.

September 19—Commandery Reception at Wright Commandery #64. 6p dinner, 7p reception. Contact Keith Spurgeon

September 30—Grand Chapter Instructional at Roanoke Chapter #195. 10a doors open, 11a begin. Contact Brian Lewis

September 30—Grand Chapter Instructional at Valpo Chapter #79. 2:30p doors open, 3:30p begin. (NOTE—CDT

time zone). Contact <u>Brian Lewis</u>.

September 30—Commandery Inspection at Richmond Commandery #8. 6p begin. Contact <u>David Sparks</u>.

October 7— Commandery Inspection at Terre Haute. 11a, Chamber of Reflection, 12p, lunch, 12:45 begin. Mark K.

October 7—Ish Sodi Banquet at Sahara Grotto. 5:30p social, 6:30p dinner. Contact Jim Davis.

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



Companion and Sir Knight Kent A. Harting Lady Paice Bisping, wife of Terry L. Bisping Lady Bonnie Huff, wife of Charles M. Huff Lady Inger Friend, wife of Paul W. Friend Companion and Sir Knight Roger S. Van Gorden Companion and Sir Knight Ronald W. Adkins Lady Cheryl Kroemer, wife of Richard A. Kroemer Companion and Sir Knight Kevin M. Spencer Lady Linda Retherford, wife of Thomas R. Retherford Companion and Sir Knight David L. Miller Companion and Sir Knight Charles V. Horton Companion and Sir Knight Terry L. Kehrer Lady Joanie Fegenbush, wife of Douglas O. Fegenbush Companion and Sir Knight Bruce H. Royer Companion and Sir Knight Harold D. Black Companion and Sir Knight Dustin G. Derickson

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Companions, Sir Knights, and Brethren all,

Once again we are quickly approaching the Autumn Equinox ...a time of change... much to do, much to do. Farmers will be harvesting crops, gardeners canning and freezing their produce. Contractors try to "dry-in" before the rapidly approaching first frost. Homeowners caulking for the same reason. So much to do!! Each of us have projects or chores that need to be completed while time flies by. Do what you can as you can. But when our labors day is done, our tasks completed. Let us remember to celebrate and share the fruits of our labors. Take time to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage that is just around the corner. Invite your family and friends to share the bounty that the Lord has blessed us with. Gather with them roundabout a fire and roast marshmallows for s'mores. have some cider or hot chocolate. Sing a song or two. Most importantly, love and enjoy one another.

Please pray with me.

Supreme Architect of the Universe, creator of all things in the Heavens and in the Earth. We humbly come before you, Thankful for the many blessings of life that you bestow upon us each and every day. We are thankful that we live in a free country where we are enabled to practice our gentle art. And for the Brethren, friends and connections that it allows us to enjoy. We appreciate the bounty of your nature by which we are

sustained. Most of all, we are so grateful for your promise of a hope for Salvation and Eternal Life with thee on Thy Holy Hill.

Mark Baker, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council



National Night Out

National Night Out is held around the country each year on the first Tuesday of August. While it mainly focuses on Public Safety, many cities welcome community involvement. Southport Lodge, DeMolay, and Job's all participated in their local event.









Shonta Stephen Roberts





Richard and Cheryl Kroemer
Kevin and Sarah Waldroup
John and Peggy Hylemon
Nathan and Sally Brindle
Andy and Mary Jackson
Walter and Betty Metcalf
Brían and Janice Du Bois
Chris and Jordan Bentlage
De Wayne and Sally Richmond
Douglas and Sue Green
Arthur III and Shelley Craig
Jeff and Virginia Prairie

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.

Parade

On July 30, Orak Shrine participated in the Bass Lake parade. They won the trophy for spiritual group.



Orak Shrine—Michigan City Facebook







Installation

Congratulations to Brother Koy who was installed as Master Councilor of West Newton DeMolay on August 3! In addition, the chapter was awarded the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award from



Brother Noah's term. Dad
Mathew was on hand to present scholarship check to Mason and Alex.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook





Stated Meeting

On August 3, Kane Lodge #183 had a great meeting and even better Fellowship!

Freemasons Kane Lodge #183 Facebook



Angola Lodge



Members of Angola Lodge #236 were promoting the lodge and Masonry at the downtown art show on August 5.

Angola Masonic Lodge #236 Facebook



Farmers Lodge

On August 3, MWGM Gary Brinley and several Grand Officer attended the meeting of Farmers Lodge #147 to dedication the Indiana Rainbow Girls Camp as the official meeting hall of Farmers Lodge. Grand Worthy Advisor, Sophia, and several of her officers were in attendance. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Sophia and the Rainbow Girls of Indiana.

MWGM Brinley presented 50 year Awards of Gold to Max Courtney and Jerry Wasson, both who had family members in attendance and were presented wit their

AWG pin by their ladies.

MWGM Brinley was presented with an Honorary Membership to Farmers Lodge.

Randal P Ellington Facebook











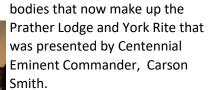




Reception

On August 7, Prather Commandery #62 held their Reception with a Centennial Celebration of all of Prather Commandery comprised of Oriental, Trinity, and DeMolay Commanderies.

There was a wonderful dinner and a presentation of the interesting history of all of the York Rite and Lodge



Following the Reception, Eminent

Commander Smith
presented REGC with an
certificate of Honorary
Membership and a Malta
Jewel of Prather
Commandery #62. SK Jeff
Prairie, presented SK Smith

Prather Commandery's Certificate from the KTEF 55th campaign.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook













In Memory



Joseph D. "Joe" Settles, a lifelong resident of Hancock County passed away at his home surrounded by his family, Saturday, August 5, 2023, at the age of 92. He was born October 2, 1930, in Greenfield to the late Clarence E. Settles and Gladys E.

(Warden) Roberts. Joe attended Mount Comfort High School until his junior year where he was a tremendous basketball player and then continued his school career and was a 1949 graduate of the Riverside Military Academy. He served in the United States Army Reserves from 1951 until 1968. Joe married the love of his life Carolyn (Mills) Settles on September 16, 1955, and together they made their home and raised their family in Hancock County.

Joe began his 35-year long career as a budget analyst for Chrysler Automotive in 1953. Always active in his community Joe served in many elected offices throughout the years including Jackson Township Trustee from 1975 until 1984, Hancock County Treasurer for 2 terms beginning in 1985, and Hancock County Auditor for 2 terms beginning in 1994. During his tenure as Treasurer Joe served as a lobbyist for the Indiana Treasurers Association. Joe had long-time memberships with many local and state organizations including Past President of the Indiana Polled Hereford Association in 1977 and 1979, Greenfield Elks Lodge 1720 for 51 years, American Legion #119 for 27 years, and received his 50-year pin in 2016 from Greenfield Masonic Lodge F & AM 101.

In his spare time Joe enjoyed working with his cattle, playing cards, boating/lake life and avidly followed his children's, grandchildren's, and great grandchildren's 4-H and sporting events.

Visitation was held on Thursday, August 10 at Stillinger Family Funeral Home followed by a Masonic Memorial Service at 4:15.

Easter Sunrise Trip

Each year, the Grand Commander hosts a trip to Washington DC. The trip is five days long, leaving the Wednesday before Easter and returning late on Easter day. This year's trip will include stops at the Flight 93 Memorial, a tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, a tour and lunch at Mt. Vernon, a tour of the Scottish Rite Temple, and much more. The highlights of the trip include a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and Easter Sunrise Services at the George Washington Masonic

Memorial with Sir Knights and their families from around the country. This year's trip is planned reservations are now being accepted. You can learn more by visiting the Grand Commandery Facebook Page or Website. The flyer is also attached to this email.



Traveling Gavel

During the stated meeting at Jubilee Lodge #746, the Secretary of Longs Peak Lodge #197 of Loveland, Colorado, presented a Traveling Gavel to members of Jubilee Lodge. The gavels were handmade by WB Bill Hutchison. The idea is to see how far each gavel could travel by handing it over to another lodge, who in turn would hand it over to another lodge, etc. A handwritten ledger accompanies each gavel. Members of Jubilee Lodge haven't decided which lodge to visit for the hand -off yet, but they hope the journey will bring good travels.

Jubilee Lodge #746 F & AM Facebook



Ten Years



On August 19, the Valley of Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite presented Dathan Reed with his 10 year service award. Congratulations!

> DathanTeresa Reed Facebook

Gold Honour Award



On August 21, Terry Bisping, Governor of Banks of Wabash York Rite College #72 presented Glenn Miller with the Gold Honour Award.

> Terry Bisping Facebook

A Packed House

On August 16, members of New Pal Lodge #404 had a fantastic evening as 36 Brothers worked together to Raise two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Welcome Scott and Brian!

New Palestine Masonic Lodge #404 Facebook



In Memory



Larry Joe Harris, 75 years old of Knox, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in Knox, Indiana.

He was born Friday, March 19, 1948 in Laporte, Indiana, Son of the late Albert "Bub" Harris and the

late Printha(Hurt) Harris.

Larry was a member of the Knox Masonic Lodge #639, Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend and Orak Shrine in Michigan City. He was a member of the Knox United Methodist church and participated in the Youth Fellowship when he was younger. Larry was a graduating member of the Knox High School Class of 1966 and received his Bachelor degree from Taylor University. Larry was the Starke County local office director for the Department of Child Services. He was also heavily involved in the Starke County court, being a court advocate and a CASA volunteer.

Celebration of Life Services will be held Friday,
October 13, 2023 from 5 PM to 7 PM with a Masonic
service starting at 6:30 PM and a service to follow at 7
PM with Rev. Jim Hurtsellers officiating.

Masonic Podcasts

There are now TWO Masonic Podcasts in Indiana! That OTHER Masonic Podcast and Tales from the Green Dragon. Podcasts features interviews from Masons whom you probably know.

Check out That OTHER Masonic Podcast on Google or Spotify, or Tales from the Green Dragon here.





Sports and Games Fest

On August 19, members of Indiana DeMolay gathered at the Hamill-Hoage Chateau for their Sports and Games Fest. Chapters from across the state converged on southern Indiana to celebrate brotherhood, friendly competition, and all the hotdogs and



hamburgers they could eat!

> Indiana DeMolay Facebook















Job's Daughters

On August 16, the Governor of York Rite Sovereign College visited Bethel #121 in Brazil. Terry presented all the daughters with a youth group coin from Banks of Wabash York Rite College #72.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



In Memory



Ray "Bill" Tolson passed away peacefully on August 5, 2023 in Laporte, Indiana, at the age of 88. Bill was born November 28, 1934 in Winchester, Kentucky.

Bill was a dedicated, kind and loving grandparent to his 2 granddaughters

and his five great grandchildren. An avid outdoorsman, Bill enjoyed flying, skydiving, scuba diving, boating, hunting, fishing and driving his Jaguar XK-8. Bill was also a U.S. Army veteran, a retiree of Ford Motor Company, a member of Knox Masonic Lodge #639, a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

Bill's celebration of is life was on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, with a Masonic service at 2 PM. Memorials may be to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Hog Roast

On August 19, Orak Shrine had a Hog Roast.

Orak Shrine—Michigan City Facebook





Rainbow Girls

In August, the Rainbow Girls had a fun weekend kicking off the year with their first Grand Officer overnighter and Sophia's GWA Reception.

Indiana IORG Facebook



Fellow Craft

Congratulations to the four newest Fellow Craft of Terra Haute Lodge #19!

Terre Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



New Sir Knight

On August 23, Bedford Commandery #42 welcomed their newest Sir Knight in their newly air-conditioned Asylum.

Bedford Commandery #42 Facebook



Board Games

On August 24, members of West Newton DeMolay enjoyed a night of Blokus and chess. They even had some watermelon!



West Newton DeMolay Facebook



Virtual Past Master Degree

On August 23, Vincennes Chapter #7 conferred the Virtual Past Master Degree on eight brethren, seven from Vincennes and one from Green County Chapter.

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



Game Night

On August 23, Speedway DeMolay had a great time playing Monopoly and Battleship.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Oriental Band

On August 26, the World Famous Orak Oriental Band participated in the Union Mills parade.



Orak Shrine— Michigan City Facebook

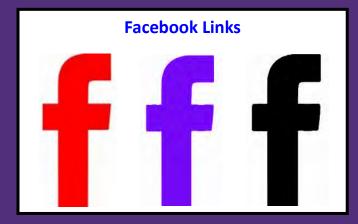


Entered Apprentice

On August 24, Greenwood #514 welcomed their newest Entered Apprentice, James B.

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook





Triennial

In the middle of August, Missouri Grand York Rite hosted Triennial for Grand Chapter and Grand Council in Branson. There were many members of Chapter and Council from Indiana who made the trip to participate.



Pictures from John Bridegroom's Facebook







York Rite College

On August 26, Marvin L. Isley York Rite College #129 had a a wonderful stated meeting starting it off with Indiana DeMolay State Master Councilor, Brother Owen V., who preformed the Ceremony of Light (without being prompted!). He was ten presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a donation to Speedway Chapter of the Order of DeMolay by Governor James Catania. Governor Catania also presented three Gold Award to



Companion Knights Stephen Roberts, Douglas Fraker, and Dennis Schroeder. Congratulations to each of you!

> Marvin L. Isley York Rite College #129 Facebook





Family Picnic



On August 28, Westville Masonic Lodge held a family picnic with roughly 65 people attending!

Westville Masonic Lodge #192 Facebook



Fifth Tuesday

On August 29, Federal Coffee + Fine Foods hosted Terre Haute Lodge for their "Fifth Tuesday Event", which was a coffee class!

Terre Haute Lodge 19F&AM Facebook





Concert on the Square

On August 27, Cloverdale Masonic Lodge helped with the Greencastle Concert on the Square!

Cloverdale Masonic Lodge #132 Facebook









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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—

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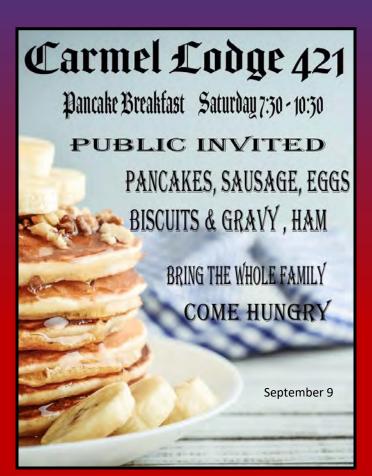
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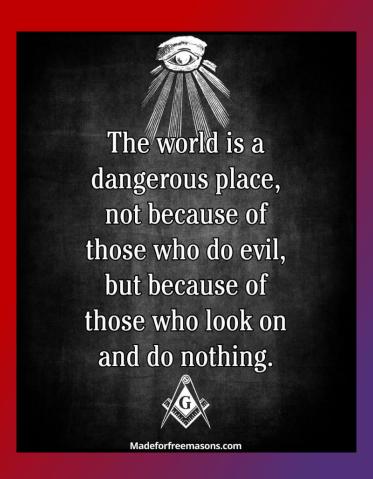
Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to the newest Entered Apprentice of Oakland Lodge #140.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook







Congratulations



Congratulations to Roger VanGorden on being installed as the newest Active from the State of Indiana!

Indiana Council of Deliberation Facebook



Royal and Select Masters

On August 31, Greenfield Council #94 greeted eight new Royal and Select Masters.

Larry Gray Facebook



AMD

Last night, Saints John Council #541 of the Allied Masonic Degrees met at Mount Moriah Lodge (Home of the Anderson York Rite) for their quarterly stated meeting. Pictured here are the Companions and Sir Knights of Anderson York Rite who are members of Saints John Council #541 AMD.

Anderson York Rite Facebook







Orders

On August 31, LaPorte Commandery #12 had a full hours for the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta.

Joe Villarreal PM Facebook





Entered Apprentice

On August 31, Carmel Lodge initiated four worthy candidates into the Entered Apprentice Degree. It was an event filled evening as they welcome these four new Brothers as they start their Masonic journey.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook



Master Mason

On August 30, Dubois County York Rite advanced four worthy Brothers to the degree of Mark Master.

Dubois County York Rite Facebook



33rd Degree

This year's 33rd Degree class from Indiana: Brad Keen, Steve Sonafrank, Paul Gosnell, Jim Dillman, Amzie Wenning,



Rick Milligan, Tom Bartlett and Archie Smallwood





Michigan Grand Session

On August 18, several Companions and Sir Knights from Indiana traveled to Michigan to support their Brothers to the north during their Grand Sessions.

Picture from Jim Davis' Facebook



Kane Lodge #183, F. & A.M.

Pancake, Belgian Waffle & Sausage Breakfast



All you can eat breakfast Lodge Fundraiser

Saturday, October 7th 8am-11am

Adults \$10.00 / Children 10 and under \$5

Cash and Major Credit Cards are accepted

Kane Lodge #183 = 931 Industrial Pkwy Elkhart, IN 46514



DeMolay

On August 30, Speedway DeMolay enjoyed a great



evening of brotherhood and kickball at Leonard Park in Speedway!

> Speedway DeMolay Facebook







Present the American Flag

Grand Lodge members, friends, and families are invited to join us as the Colts take on the Cleveland Browns! All are invited to



participate in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to present the Full-Field American Flag during the National Anthem. This opportunity is limited to the FIRST 350 TICKETS SOLD, so buy your tickets now!

October 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm, Lucas Oil Stadium

Grand Lodge will also be hosting a catered tailgate party in Lucas Oil Stadium Exhibit Hall 1 directly following the Full Field flag Rehearsal. If you wish to participate, please indicate how many will be attending on the next page (there is an add-on option under where you select your seats and the stadium map). The tailgate party is limited to 120 people. NOTE: Season Ticket Holder Opportunity is not yet available and will be opened after we review sales from the group program, please watch your email for upcoming opportunities.

The first 350 people to opt-in for this experience will present the Full Field American Flag. All Flag Participants are required to attend a rehearsal approximately 5 hours prior to kick-off on game day. More information will be communicated closer to the event.

For questions, please reach out to <u>Dirk Rader</u>. Learn more and buy tickets <u>here</u>.