



Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana



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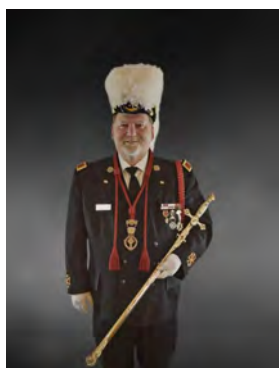
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2023-2024 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

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York Rite Newsletter

October 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

- October 7**—Masonic Auto Show at Prather. 8a, setup, 9 registration, 12, judging, 2:30 awards. Contact [Ryan Franzman](#)
- 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](#)
- October 9**—Commandery Inspection and Reception at Valpo Commandery #28, 7p Central Inspection. Contact [Bruce](#)
- October 12**—Commandery Inspection at Bray Commandery #65, 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [Bob Addington](#).
- October 13**—Levant Preceptory and Indiana DeMolay at Freemasons Hall. 6:30 assemble. Contact [Randy Ellington](#).
- October 14**—Commandery Inspection and Reception at Angola Commandery #45. 1p Inspection. Contact [Jim Milleman](#)
- October 17**—Commandery Inspection at LaValette Commandery #15. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [Keith Spurgeon](#)
- October 20**—Murat Shrine Prather York Rite Class at Prather Chapter #157, 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [Brian Lewis](#)
- October 20**—Order of Malta at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [Joe Sparks](#).
- October 21**—Murat Shrine Prather York Rite Class at Prather, 7a registration, 8a degrees, 11a lunch, 12p degrees, 5p adjourn. Contact [Brian Lewis](#)
- October 21**—Indiana Masonic Con at Camon Lodge #343. 11a—6p. Contact [Barry White](#).
- October 21**—Commandery Special Reception at Bray Commandery #65. 6p dinner, 7p reception. Contact [Sean Jones](#).
- October 22**—Commandery Inspection at Noblesville Commandery #61. 6p dinner, 7p inspection. Contact [Mark Elder](#).
- October 28**—Grand Master's One Day Classes, North at South Bend Scottish Rite, Central at Murat Shrine Center, South at Vincennes Masonic Temple. Contact [Grand Lodge office](#).
- October 28**—Halloween Party at Sahara Grotto. 6p dinner. Contact [Mike Neeley](#).
- November 9**—Order of the Temple at Bray Commandery #65, 7p degree. Contact [Bob Addington](#).
- November 11**—Veteran's Day Observance at Indiana Masonic Home. 9a Assemble. Contact [Randy Ellington](#).

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



Companion and Sir Knight Joseph H. Villarreal
Companion and Sir Knight Kurt A. Begue
Companion and Sir Knight James L. Dove
Companion and Sir Knight Clifford C. Lewis
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Companion and Sir Knight James L. Davis
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Companion and Sir Knight Damon G. Moore
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Companion and Sir Knight Richard L. Smith
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Lady Mary Jane Evens, wife of Marty A. Evens

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

Heavenly Father, we ask for your help every day to be the light in our world, not only in our own actions, but by encouraging others around us to be their best selves. With everyone striving to be their best, the world is sure to become a better place. Amen.



*Barry Clouser, Grand Prelate
of the Grand Commandery*

All Degree Day

Discover the Mysteries and Brotherhood of Freemasonry in an single day! On October 28, an All Degree Day will be held by the Grand Lodge at the South Bend Scottish Rite building. Registration starts at 7:30a, degrees start at 8:30, lunch is at noon, and the day is expected to end around 4:30p. Registration can be done online [HERE](#). Bring your apron, Bible, mentor, and candidates.



DeMolay

On September 2, Speedway DeMolay had the pleasure of providing the Installation Team for York Rite Chapter with Zach taking the East as Master Councilor.



Speedway DeMolay Facebook



- Dion and Shawna Diakis
- Randy and Mary Beth Spaulding
- Rick and Shelley Elman
- Charles and Cindy Lewis
- Jeff and Chris Jordan
- David and Cathy Chaffee
- Marvin and Darlene Ramsay
- Jerry and Karen Deeter
- Kurt and Lynnette Begue
- Matthew and Tisha Trice
- Jim and Carol Iles
- Tommy and Nanette Parsons
- Steve and Rebecca Arlington
- Tim and Kate Brinkmeyer
- Dennis and Pamela Rigsby
- Eldred and Sharis Glass
- Randy and Dee Ellington

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](#).



Family Pitch-In

Beech Grove Lodge had a great turn out for their Family Pitch-In on September 1.

Beech Grove Lodge #694, F&AM Facebook



Master Mason

Congratulations to the newly raised Master Mason of Hamilton Lodge!

Hamilton Lodge #533 Facebook



Order of the Temple

Grant County Commandery #21 held an Order of the Temple on September 5.

Pictures by Bruce Scott



Pork Chop Dinner



On September 2, Winchester carried on a 27 year tradition with their annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser.

Winchester Masonic Lodge No.56 Facebook

New Brother

Members of Broad Ripple Lodge had a great experience on September 1 as they brought another new Brother to light in Masonry!

Broad Ripple Lodge #643, F&AM Facebook



Scottish Rite

Thirty-four Brothers were at the September Stated meeting of the Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville on September 5. They enjoyed great food, fellowship, and discussion. Their Fall Class will be held on October 21.

Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville Facebook



Award of Gold

Congratulations to David Shafer for receiving his 50 Year Award of Gold on September 6.

John Bridegroom Facebook



Rookie Award

Congratulations to Brother Dan for achieving the Rookie Award!

New Palestine Masonic Lodge #404 Facebook





In Memory



Carl Wayne Crisman, 66, of Waldron, passed away Monday, September 4, 2023, at his home.

Carl attended Waldron High School and transferred during his senior year to Rushville Consolidated High School, graduating in 1975.

He was police officer for the Shelbyville Police Department from 1981 to 1996; and was currently working for the Indiana Department of Transportation since 1997.

Carl was a member of the Shelby Masonic Lodge No. 28 F&AM since 1988 and was the president of the Shelby County Shrine Club in 2012 and 2013. he joined the Scottish Rite in 1990, and Murat Shrine in 2004. He was also a member of the Shelby County Fraternal Order of Police, serving as president from 1989 to 1990.

He was a lover of animals whether it be cats, dogs, more dogs or horses, you knew they would be well taken care of for their entire lives. He also leaves behind his german shepherd, Seger and yorkie, Bentley.

Carl and his beloved wife, Angie, loved to travel and spend time together, they spent many nights dancing in the living room. He also loved good, old fashioned comfort food, practical jokes and most importantly being a good father, step-father and grandfather. His big smile and gentle bantering and an easy going personality made for many life-long friends.

Visitation was Friday, September 8, 2023, at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville.

Masonic services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home, followed by the funeral service officiated by Rev. Beth Crouch.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shelbyville -Shelby County Animal Shelter, 705 Hale Road, Shelbyville, Indiana 46176 or Shelby Masonic Lodge No. 28 F&AM, 519 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville, IN 46176.

In Memory



Marvin Richard "Rick" Hinkle, 69, of Waldron, passed away on August 31, 2023 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Born May 28, 1954 in Shelbyville to Norman C. Hinkle and Doris M. Hoban Hinkle.

He married Susan J. Beckett on November 25, 1982 and she survives.

Rick was a lifetime resident of Shelby County where he was a self-employed farmer. He graduated from Waldron High School, class of 1972 and he also graduated from Indiana University with a degree in medical science. He was a member of the Waldron Masonic Lodge #217 where he was a past master. Rick enjoyed playing music, shooting sports, motorcycle riding, woodworking, and going on vacation with his family.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 8, 2023 at 10:00 am at Glenn E. George & Son Funeral Home , with Pastor David Galbraith officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shelby County Cancer Association in care of the funeral home.

The Grotto is Growing

On September 7, the Saraha Grotto grew by 5 new members!

Michael S Neely for Grant Caption of the Guard Facebook



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.



In Memory



Robert S. Flint, 98, died peacefully at St. Vincent Kokomo Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Aug. 21, 1925, to Cecil and Georgia Flint. His family moved back to Greencastle, Indiana,

when he was 3 years old, and he was raised there. He served in the Navy in the Pacific theatre during WWII. After returning home, he met and eventually married the love of his life, Helen Tzouanakis, and remained married for 44 years until her death.

Bob was a licensed watch maker and co-owned a jewelry store in Greencastle with his father-in-law. After a few years, he moved his family to Kokomo to work at Delco Radio as a technician in the crystal growing lab, and later as a journeyman tool and die maker until his retirement from Delco Electronics in 1991. From 1946 to 2000, he also worked at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on the safety patrol for the activities associated with the Indy 500 each May. Bob joined the Masons at 21 years of age. He became more active in his later years, holding many official positions and receiving multiple honors. In addition, Bob was a member of the Board of Directors and served as the treasurer for the Horologic Association of Indiana. Bob also greatly enjoyed driving his minivan around the country to visit friends and family, often traveling up to 6,000 miles in a single trip. Visitation was held in Kokomo at Ellers Mortuary on Friday, Sept. 15, from 3 to 7 p.m. There was a York Rite service at 7 p.m. Visitation was held in Greencastle at the Hopkins-Rector Funeral Home on Monday, Sept. 18, from 3 to 7 p.m. There was a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Funeral service was held at the Hopkins-Rector Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m., with a procession to the cemetery to follow. Please, rather than flowers, make a donation to your preferred charity in Bob's memory.

Homemade Ice Cream!



On September 9, Poseyville Masonic Lodge had homemade ice cream for those who stopped by for a visit.

*Poseyville Masonic Lodge 632
Facebook*



DeMolay

On September 9, Evansville-Compton Chapter initiated two new Brothers!

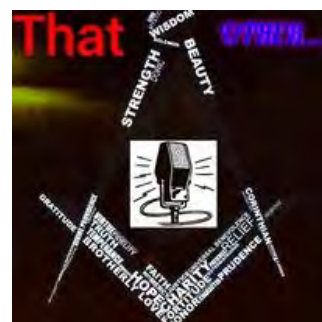
Indiana DeMolay Facebook



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](#).



Hat Night

It was Hat Night at New Palestine Lodge on September 7. A great bunch of Brothers!!

New Palestine Masonic Lodge #404 Facebook



In Memory



Richard E. "Dick" Hickam, 97, of Bloomington passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Hearthstone Health Campus.

He was born on November 17, 1925 the son of Ross and Sue Lena (Faust) Hickam.

Following his graduation from Bloomington High School in 1943 he entered the United States Naval Reserve officer training program during the latter part of World War II. Upon discharge he returned to Indiana University and was graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Business.

After graduation he was employed by Indiana University as an accountant. He later served as Director of Internal Auditing, Business Manager of the I.U. Foundation, Director of Accounting and Director of Investments and Cash Management. He served as president of the Association of College and University Auditors, and was a member of the National Association of Cash Managers. He retired from Indiana University in 1988, after forty-one years of service in these various administration positions.

Active in civic and community affairs, he is a former Chairman of the Board of the University Y.M.C.A. and served as a director of the Bloomington and Monroe County United Fund. In 1954 he was recognized with the Bloomington Junior Chambers of Commerce's distinguished Service Award. Since his retirement he has been an active volunteer in the Bloomington Hospital Meals-on-Wheels program and the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross Transportation Service.

He married Phyllis Joan Harrell on August 12, 1945. Phyllis passed away on February 11, 2011 after sixty-five years of marriage.

His masonic record began in May 1954, when he was raised a Master Mason in Monroe Lodge No.22 in Bloomington. He served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1963, during which time he was one of three Masters in Indiana to serve on the board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home.

He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1965, and advanced regularly each year to higher office until his election in May 1970 to the office of Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. He served during 1970-71 as the one hundred twentieth Mason to be honored.

In 1973 he was first elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, to which office he was re-elected for twenty-one consecutive terms. In July, 1993 he resigned the office following more than twenty years of service.

He became a member of the Masonic Home Board of Directors a second time when he was Deputy Grand Master and continued on the board as Grand Master. When his year as Grand Master was finished, he was appointed to a three-year term on the Board. After completing two years of that three-year term and his election as Grand Treasurer he became a Board member by virtue of office, and continued as a Board member until 1993 when he resigned as Grand Treasurer, at which time he was again appointed to a three-year term. His Home Board membership has, as a result been continuous since 1969 to date, a period of fifty-four years. During this period, he was re-elected annually as Chairman of the Board since January 1979.

He is affiliated with the three York Rite bodies in Bloomington and served as High Priest of Bloomington Chapter No 127, Royal Arch Masons in 1981, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis in which he served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1984-85. He received the thirty-third degree as a honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1970.

Other affiliations include St. Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, having served as Illustrious Sovereign in 1978, Southern Indiana Chapter no 328, National Sojourners having served as President during 1990-92, Royal Order of Scotland and Society of Rosicrucian's. He is the recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, an honorary member of the DeMolay Supreme Council and a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana DeMolay Foundation, having served as Board President during 1988-1990, and as Treasurer since that time to present.

A funeral Service was held at 11:00am Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Allen Funeral Home. Visitation was held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Sunday, September 10, 2023 with a Masonic Service at 7:00pm followed by a Scottish Rite thirty-third degree service. And visitation also on Monday from 10:00am to service time both at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Hearthstone Heath Campus for their care and kindness during his stay at their facility.

In lieu of flowers, Richard has requested memorial contributions be made to the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, 525 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.





Semi-Annual Breakfast

On October 7, Oakland Lodge will hold their semi-annual breakfast at 11756 Verdin Street in Oakland. They will be serving all you care to eat from 7a-11a. The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy, hashbrowns, mil, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$100 with kids 5 and under being free.

If you're in the area, support one of our own and have a great meal!

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



Masonic Home Day (Compass Park Fall Festival)

The 75th Annual Masonic Home Day was held on September 10. Multiple Appendant Bodies participated in the opening ceremonies, had booths, and/or came to enjoy a great day with

beautiful weather.

Pictures by Bruce Scott



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

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WILD WEST
ISH SODI FUNDRAISING GALA

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at The Sahara Grotto
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023
SOCIAL AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 6:30PM
7620 MADISON AVE., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227

RSVP To: Ish Sodi Council #1855 U.D.
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Facebook Links

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Instructional

The Grand Chapter Instructional was held the morning of September 9 at Terre Haute Chapter #11.



Pictures by Bruce Scott





Farmer's Market

Get the word out about your Lodge! On September 2, Noblesville Lodge set up a booth at their local Farmer's Market to talk to attendees about Freemasonry.



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

Sahara Grotto

On September 9, Sahara Grotto hosted the Masonic Youth Groups with great music and a good time!

Sahara Grotto Inc. Facebook







Gold Honour Award

On September 11, Terry Bisping presented William Payton and Chuck Avery with Good Honour Awards on behalf of the Banks of the Wabash York Rite College. Congratulations gentlemen!

Terry Bisping Facebook



Instructional



On the afternoon of September 9, Grand Chapter held an



Instructional at Prather Chapter #157.

Pictures by Bruce Scott



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.



Job's Daughters

Bethel 24 initiated TWO new members on September 11!

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to Brother Chris Spall on becoming an Entered Apprentice and joining the Fraternity!

Medora Lodge #328 F&AM Facebook



Website Links

Click on the picture



Past Master Degree

On September 13, Dubois County York Rite had a good crowd for the Past Master's degree for four worthy candidates.

Dubois County York Rite Facebook



In Memory



Wayne "Buzo" Goldman, age 83, of English, IN passed away on September 12, 2023, at Harrison County Hospital in Corydon, IN. Buzo was one of the founding members of the Crawford County Coon Hunting, a member of the Liar's Table at Deb's Truck

Stop in Birdseye, played Euchre daily with friends and an avid basketball fan. He was a member of the West Fork Christian Church, and Lifetime member of the Branchville Masonic Lodge 496. Buzo worked a lifetime as a sawyer at a sawmill, a career that he was very proud of. He really enjoyed riding his side by side around the farm that he lived on. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family, but especially his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was on Monday, September 18, 2023, at Denbo Funeral Home at 11:00 am. Visitation was on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Denbo Funeral Home from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm and on Monday from 9:00 am until service time at 11:00 am. A Masonic Service was held at 7p.

Anchor and the Ark



On September 14, David Bridkey from the Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville attended Lessing Lodge and gave a great presentation for Masonic Education on the symbolism of the Anchor and the Ark.



*Lessing Lodge #464 F.&A.M.
Facebook*

Order of the Red Cross

Greenfield Commandery conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on seven worthy Companions on September 14.

Larry Gray Facebook



PLAINFIELD LODGE #653

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 2023 AT 10:00AM

Join us as we Raise a brother

To the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason



Scan to Register

Master Mason - Castle Degree

\$25 Registrations Required - Limited Seating

Contact: Plainfield Lodge Secretary
admin@plainfieldmasoniclodge.com
Lodge Phone: (317) 839-6060



Clayshire Castle

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Miss Indiana

THEME ANNOUNCEMENT
2023-2024

THEME: "WE ARE EAGER FOR KNOWLEDGE"

COLORS: PURPLE AND WHITE

QUOTE: "IF YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY,
YOU CAN TEACH SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY"
- MARTHA STEWART

MASCOT: OWL



EMBLEM: "URN" OF KNOWLEDGE

WATCHWORDS: LEARN, TEACH, LEAD



PROJECT: MEMBER RECOGNITION - PROMOTING NEW MEMBER ACADEMY,
ROSE AWARD, AND GRAND RITUALIST PROGRAM

Job's Daughters



On September 14, Tessa attended her last Job's meeting before heading off to college.

Bethel #108 Facebook



Entered Apprentice



On September 14, Paul had the honor of Raiser his own son to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook



Entered Apprentices

On September 14, Kane Lodge welcomed their newest Entered Apprentices!

Freemasons Kane Lodge #183Facebook



Commandery Reception



Kokomo Commandery #36 and Noblesville Commandery #61 held a joint Reception at Kokomo on September 14. The ladies of the Beauceant made dinner which was served in their beautifully decorated dining room.



There was a memorial table to remember the Sir Knights from both Commanderies who have passed away this year.

Pictures from Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Entered Apprentice Degree

On September 14, Pentalpha Lodge had an EA degree and welcomed their newest member.

Tim Brinkmeyer Facebook



50 Years

On September 14, Brother Charles Blackwell was presented the 50-Year Award of Gold.

The award is a testament to a lifetime of unwavering dedication, commitment, and service to the principles of this ancient and honorable fraternity. This prestigious recognition is not merely a milestone; it is a shining beacon of an individual's enduring commitment to the craft.

For five decades, these dedicated Freemasons have waled the path of enlightenment, using the tools of morality and virtue to shape their character and influence the world around them. They have stood as pillars of wisdom, charity and brotherly love, demonstrating the timeless values upon which Freemasonry was founded.

May this milestone serve as a reminder than in Freemasonry, as in line, the true treasures are the virtues we cultivate, the friendships we forge, and the lasting impact we make on the world. The 50-Year Award of Gold is a symbol of these enduring values



and a tribute to those who have embodied them for half a century, lighting the way for generations to come.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook



Angola



On September 20, Angola had a Car Show and members of the lodge were promoting Freemasonry.

*Angola
Masonic
Lodge #236
Facebook*



Diamond Award

On September 16, Terry Bisping presented the Diamond Award on behalf of the Banks of the Wabash York Rite College #72 to Barb Pefley, Associate Grand Conductress of the Order of the Eastern Star.



*Terry
Bisping
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 [Dirk Rader](#). Learn more and buy tickets [here](#).



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



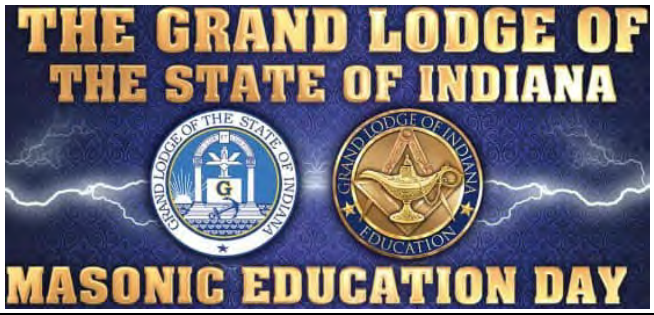
For more information
kanelodge183@gmail.com

Masonic Education Day

On November 18 from 8a-12p, Masonic Education Day will be held at Freemasons Hall in Indianapolis. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is preferred. Here’s some information that may be helpful:

- Parking is available at the Scottish Rite
- Breakfast is served from 6:30a-7:30a for \$5
- Event doors open at 7a
- Registration is from 7a-8a
- There will be eight classes operating simultaneously for the first hour

You can learn a lot more details and register [HERE](#).



Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to the newest Entered Apprentice of Terre Haute Lodge!

Terre Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



Entered Apprentice

On September 20, Brother Randal Smith joined the Fraternity as an Entered Apprentice. Congratulations!

Medora Lodge #328 F&AM Facebook



Grand Chapter Instructional

On September 16, the Grand Chapter of Indiana Royal Arch Masons held an Instructional in the 1st Veil in Evansville.

The Evansville Masonic Temple is home to several lodges; in particular, Lessing Lodge, which practiced the Craft degrees in German until the WWII era; and the Evansville York Rite bodies.

Attendees enjoyed the hospitality and a very good time with their Companions in southwest Indiana. With the addition of the Grand High Priest coin sales, they raised over \$6000 for RARA!

Congratulations to our very own Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Dennis Schraeder Sr., who was awarded the General Grand Chapter Keystone Award for his contributions to RARA made from selling his challenge coins up to this point in his term.



Tim
Brinkmeyer
and Joe
Villarreal
Facebook



Join the Sahara Grotto for a

Halloween
PARTY

OCTOBER 28

DINNER AT 6PM

At 7620 Madison Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Costume Contest • Live Band

\$20 per Person

\$35 Per Couple

1922 Masonic Trial

The 1922 Masonic Trial of Jack Rufus Smith

Today, we turn our calendars back to October 2, 1922. Things everywhere seem different, even in the way people dress and move about. Life, as we have come to know it, does not yet exist. We see people leaving their farms and moving to the city. We see trolley cars and horse drawn wagons still outnumbering motor cars on the streets. Roads in town are often paved with brick or gravel, while county roads remain little more than wagon trails in the dirt. Even today's normal in-home services, such as electricity, water and telephone are still not available to all. This was a different era, and this is where we will be finding ourselves today as we step into October 1922.

1922 finds us residing in southwest, Indiana, and are all members of Evansville Masonic Lodge. On this day, we have come to attend a lodge stated meeting. We look forward to this as we hope to catch up on lodge business, visit with a few friends and enjoy a little Masonic camaraderie. Unfortunately, this meeting is not going to be like that. Tonight, one of our own, Brother, J. Rufus Smith is to stand trial on Un-Masonic Conduct charges. Tonight, a trial will be called, evidence will be presented, and we will be required to judge a man's innocence or guilt. We must do this, for it is our duty. After all, we took an oath to protect and preserve. Therefore, it is up to us to decide. We must remain unbiased and form our decisions based on the evidence, and if found guilty, we must further determine a level of punishment.

[Come join your brethren](#) of southwestern Indiana for an evening of education and entertainment. Witness and take part in a revisitation of a full Masonic Trial. You will serve as a juror in the very same room where the original trial took place 100 years ago. Decide for yourself if you think J. Rufus Smith is innocent or guilty. Never again will you be able to say you had never seen or taken part in a Masonic Trial. Decide for



yourself if you believe society's tolerances have changed, or do we still hold to the same principles that we did in 1922.

Medora Lodge #328 F&AM
Facebook



Commandery Reception



On September 19, Lavalette Commandery #15 and Wright Commandery #64 held their Reception with Evansville-Compton Chapter Order of DeMolay in attendance. Each DeMolay boy and advisor was presented with a coin and a

pin from Grand Commander, Randal Ellington

Randal P Ellington Facebook



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF BETHELS 110 & 22

Saturday, November 11th at 2 PM

Eminence Lodge
6499 IN 42
Martinsville, IN 46151

Refreshments will follow after the meeting



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#68 Presents...**



**4th Annual
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**Meal Includes :
Two Pieces of Catfish
Fillets~Spaghetti~Green
Beans~Dinner Roll~Pound Cake**

**Join Us @
The East Chicago Shrine Center
3711 Pulaski St. East Chicago, In 46312
Saturday October 14, 2023 from 12 - 4**

Kentucky Grand Session

Indiana York Rite Bodies were well represented at the Kentucky Grand Session in September.

Randal P Ellington Facebook












On the Road

Anderson York Rite is hitting the road on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana! We will be conferring the Mark Master Degree at Delaware Lodge #46, following their stated meeting, on October 11th!

How does this work? With dispensation from the Grand Chapter, and when a Lodge gives us permission, we can confer the Mark Master Degree on Master Masons who wish to participate and pay the small \$10 fee. There is no annual dues, unless you continue and join a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

There is no commitment to continue in the Royal Arch or York Rite, but you will have that first degree completed and if you want to continue, just submit the petition! Receiving this degree does not make a Brother a York Rite Mason, but gives the first steps and a glimpse into the York Rite.

What do Master Masons get? This is a unique opportunity for Masonic Education. You will receive the full Mark Master Degree, which unto itself is an appendant body in the UK but is connected into the Royal Arch in the USA. You will get full understanding of our Keystone symbol, see what happens following the 3rd degree, find tidbits throughout the degree that answers some questions about the Blue Lodge itself, and learn an important moral and Masonic lesson in the process.

What if I'm already a current Royal Arch Mason? Then you can come and participate in the degree or join our Brothers on the sidelines. No additional fees are needed for Royal Arch Masons as you've already received this degree!

Interested in bringing this to your Blue Lodge? Contact the [Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or Royal Arch Deputy](#) for more information.


For District D (Anderson, Kokomo, Grant County, and Clinton County), contact Russ Sthrome, RAD-D

For any questions on the upcoming conferral, want to participate in the degree, contact [Russ Sthrome](#), PHP, RAD-D, or contact Excellent High Priest [Christopher Bentlage](#), PHP, Grand Marshal.

Anderson York Rite

Mark On The Road

Anderson Chapter #52 Royal Arch Masons



MARK MASTER

- \$10 per Master Mason.
- No annual dues, unless you continue in the Royal Arch.
- No commitment to continue in Royal Arch or York Rite.
- Membership will be placed in David Widmoyer Mark Lodge Under Dispensation, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana.
- Continue the Masonic Journey picking up from the end of the 3rd Degree. Learn about the Keystone, fill in gaps on Blue Lodge knowledge, and receive further light!

Fall Festival

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge had a booth with refreshments at the Monroe County Fall Festival. They were joined by the Stonebelt Shrine Clue and the LaOrMa Shrine Club with their mini cars as all three groups participate in the parade.



Ellettsville
Masonic Lodge
#245 Facebook



Commandery Reception

It was a wonderful night at the Grant County Commandery #21 Reception on September 19.

DathanTeresa Reed Facebook



Friday, December 29, 2023

Doors Open at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Tickets are
\$30/person,
\$50/couple, or
\$200/ table of 8
Dinner, dancing, silent
auction, 50/50 raffle, and
cash bar!

Sahara Grotto
7620 Madison Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227



All proceeds go to the
MIJD Travel Fund

Oh, The Places She'll Go
Dinner, Dance & Auction.

ADULTS ONLY (21+)

33rd Reception

In August, Roger, Tom and David became members of a prestigious group of 33rd Degree Masons. In September, the Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville had a reception in their honor.



Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville Facebook



Commandery Reception

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DathanTeresa Reed Facebook



Fundraiser for Shriner's Hospital

Many HADI Shrine Divan & UCO'S were on hand for a donation check presentation from the Huntingburg Herbstfest Committee yesterday. This donation was made possible from the proceeds of the baby photo contest at last year's fest. These proceeds will be forwarded on the Shriners Childrens Hospital.



Dubois County
Shrine Club
Facebook

Fall Meeting

Grand Council had their Fall Meeting on September 24. A great time was had by all.

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana Facebook



New AMD

On September 23, in Versailles, Indiana, a new AMD Council was consecrated. Congratulations to Richard Lee Day Council #592!

John Bridegroom Facebook



Job's Daughters



On September 23, Bethel #32 had their Official Visit and it looks like they had a lot of fun!

Job's Daughters Facebook



Hometown Parade

On September 23, Speedway DeMolay participated in the Speedway Hometown Parade.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Most Excellent Masters

On September 23, Plymouth Chapter #49 welcomed five new Most Excellent Masters.

DathanTeresa Reed Facebook



WHERE
Sahara Grotto
7620 Madison Ave
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

EVENTS
Join Sahara Grotto for an evening of fun and fellowship with your brethren. Sahara will have plenty of beans and cornbread, and desserts.
Bourbon
Cigars
Master Masons please come join us and bring a prospective brother as well. Did we mention this is a FREE Event!

Yellow Dog Degree (\$10 life membership)
Tuxedo Dinner

When
October 14th 2023
4-8pm
Fun & Fellowship

Please RSVP to our website:
Saharagrotto.com
BENEFITING
Sahara Grotto
317-859-0805



New Brothers

New Palestine Lodge No. 404 had a fantastic evening last night as we initiated and welcomed 3 new Brothers into the Lodge, Drew Brown, Joshua Treft, and Daniel Zarzour.

A Special Guest, Deputy Grand Master David G. Morgan, came to visit and honored our new candidates by presenting them with their white leather aprons. Thank you, DGM !

New Palestine Lodge also honored 2 Brothers with an Honorary Membership - many thanks to WB Neil Anger, PM and Brother Merle Kranning for their excellent work.



New Palestine Masonic Lodge #404 Facebook



DeMolay

On September 20, Speedway DeMolay welcomed Terry Bisping from Banks of the Wabash York Rite College. Terry presented each of the young men with a York Rite College youth coin.

Terry Bisping Facebook



In Memory



Christopher John "Wee-Thing" Langford, 43, of New Haven, Indiana, passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer on September 19, 2023. To say Chris was beloved by many is an understatement. Once a Marine, always a Marine, Chris served as a sergeant with the 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, Weapons Company where he dutifully

fulfilled his obligation to his country in a deployment to Iraq in 2005. He was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, but raised in Parma, Ohio. He graduated high school with honors and went on to do the same in college at Wittenberg University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He was the President of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity for two terms during his time at Wittenberg. Following graduation, he became a kindergarten teacher and principal at Johnny Appleseed Montessori Center. Following his teaching career, Chris went on to work in the finance field with OneMain Holding, Inc. as a Regional Quality Coordinator. His drive to be an educator never ceased, though, as he was a lifelong learner and mentor to nearly everyone in his life. He was a man of strong faith and an unwavering desire to help others. He was a member of the Free Masons Lodge #740, New Haven where he was a past master and current secretary. He was also involved in numerous clubs and volunteer opportunities, including, Hash House Harriers, VFW, American Legion, and was an upstanding member of his community. An active sports parent, Chris was always the first to volunteer when help was needed. Whether it was coaching or just a helping hand, he could always be counted on for help. Memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E. New Haven with visitation two hours (9am-11am) prior with military honors. A Celebration of life Event will be held following the service from 2pm to 6pm with location details TBA. Preferred memorials are to the children's education fund, c/o Jennifer Langford or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to the newest Brother of Noblesville Lodge!

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



Entered Apprentice

On September 18, Chad Moore was welcomed as Monroe Lodge's newest Entered Apprentice.

Monroe Lodge #22 F&AM Facebook



Table Chapter

On September 22, Greenfield Chapter #96 held their Table Chapter and Awards presentations and raised over \$800 for RARA!

Photos by Bruce Scott



Commandery Reception

Baldwin Commandery #2 hosted their annual Reception on September 25. Baldwin happens to be the home Commandery to Grand Commander, Randal Ellington.

Pictures by Bruce Scott



Master Masons

Oakland Lodge #140 had a great evening on September 26 as they Raised two now Master Masons.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



JUBILEE'S COUNTRY BREAKFAST

1st Saturday Every Month!
7:00-10:00am



JUBILEE MASONIC LODGE #746 F & AM
39 South Front Street
Whiteland, Indiana 46184
www.jubileelodge.org





Fun and Laughter

On September 28, Brothers from Carmel Lodge enjoyed each others company at dinner. The importance of brotherhood and the value of friendship will continue to enrich their lives.



Carmel Lodge 421
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



For more information
kanelodge183@gmail.com

Servants at Work



On Saturday, September 23rd, the Brothers of Calvin W. Prather Lodge, along with family and friends, built a wheelchair ramp with Servants at Work, Inc. for Arthur and his wife. This was the third straight year they've been blessed with the opportunity to provide someone in

need with the gift of freedom.

Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 F&AM



Quarry Degree

On September 30, Noblesville Lodge had a great weather for their annual Quarry Degree where they Raised two Master Masons.



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

Nov. 18th

Merou Grotto to host

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The Ancient Order

of the

Golden Leaf & Barley Degree

Open to

all

Master

Masons

Registration @ 4pm

Degree @ 6pm

Champs Sports Bar

610 S Earl Ave, Lafayette,

IN 47904

Social Order of the Beauceant



Last week, three officers of Indianapolis Social Order of the Beauceant attended Supreme Beauceant in Waco, Texas.

Indiana IORG Facebook

Rainbow Girls



On September 30, the Grand Officers did a wonderful job with the District 4 School of Instruction.



Most Excellent Master

On September 27, at Vincennes Chapter #7, eleven candidates were Received and Acknowledged to the degree of Most Excellent Master. Congratulations!

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



HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR PIZZA
TAKE & BAKE PIZZA SALE

Greenfield York Rite is having a Take & Bake pizza sale with the same great pizza sold at the Hancock County Fair for over 50 years.

All pizzas are 12" and are take & bake only.

ORDER PICK UP: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST BETWEEN 1:00 PM—3:00 PM
HANCOCK MASONIC LODGE, 661 W. TAGUE STREET, GREENFIELD, IN
ALL PIZZAS MUST BE PICKED UP DURING THIS TIME — THERE IS NO STORAGE AVAILABLE

CHEESE ONLY	\$13
1 TOPPING*	\$14
2 TOPPINGS*	\$15
3 OR MORE TOPPINGS*	\$16

*Standard cheese is included on all pizzas and does not count as a topping. Extra cheese counts as 1 topping.

TOPPINGS	
SAUSAGE	MUSHROOM
PEPPERONI	GREEN PEPPER
HAMBURGER	ONION

Two ways to order:

(Mail order including type of pizza(s), quantity, name, phone number, and email address to York Rite Pizza, 5528 Greenhill Pl, Apt D, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Include check made out to York Rite Pizza.

OR

Order by email and pay by check/debit card. Email order to yrpizza36@gmail.com including type of pizza(s), quantity, name, phone number, and email address. A link will be sent to you to pay for your pizza. A 3% surcharge applies to all debit/credit card orders.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID FOR BY OCTOBER 11TH FOR PICKUP ON OCTOBER 21ST

Grotto

Last week, Indiana was well represented at the Midwest Grotto Association.

Michael S
Neely for
Grand
Captain of the
Guard
Facebook



Instructional

On September 30, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana held an Instruction in the morning at Huntington Chapter #27 where the Companions raised \$3050 for RARA.

Photos by Bruce Scott



Master Mason

On September 27, Brother Todd was Raised to the degree of Master Mason.

Northeast Indiana Masonic News



60 years!

On September 12, Brother Jim Dwyer was honored for his 60th year as a Master Mason.

Northeast Indiana Masonic News



Instructional

On September 30, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana held an Instruction in the afternoon at Valparaiso Chapter #79 where the Companions raised \$1715 for RARA.

Photos by Bruce Scott

