



Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana



Dennis Schraeder

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers

Dennis Schraeder, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Joseph Villarreal, Grand King

Jason Miller, Grand Scribe

W. Kris Phillips, PGHP, Grand Secretary

Marty Evens, PGHP, Grand Treasurer

Tim Brinkmeyer, Grand Captain of the Host

Graig Huber, Grand Principal Sojourner

Christopher Gamblin, Grand Royal Arch Captain

Dion Diakis, Grand Master 3rd Veil

George McAfoos, Grand Master 2nd Veil

David Leach, Grand Master 1st Veil

Phil Stroud, Grand Chaplain

Brian Lewis, Grand Lecturer

Dave Lingenfelter, Grand Guard

Christopher Bentlage, Grand Marshal



Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana



James Catania

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Council Officers

James Catania, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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David Ulrich, PMIGM, Grand Recorder

Max Maupin, PMIGM, Grand Treasurer

W. Keith Stiner, Right Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard

Frank Capler, Right Ill. Grand Conductor of Council

Michael Doxsee, Right Illustrious Grand Steward

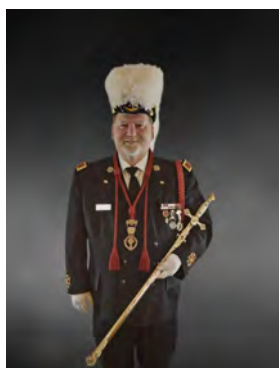
Mark Baker, Illustrious Grand Chaplain

James Castor, Illustrious Grand Sentinel

Charles Bowling, Ill. Grand Lecturer



Grand Commandery Knights 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

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Mike Robbins, Grand Inspector General

Tony Peterson, Grand Marshal, Aide

York Rite Newsletter

November 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

- November 4**—Commandery Inspection and Reception at Bedford Commandery #42, 10a Inspection, 12 lunch, 1p Recp
- November 4**—Commandery Reception and Inspection at Anderson Commandery #32, 6p dinner, 7p degree. [Max](#)
- November 8**—Royal Arch Degree at Vincennes Chapter #7. 6:30p dinner, 7:30p degree. Contact [Cecil Scott](#).
- 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](#).
- November 14**—Commandery Reception and Inspection at Raper Commandery #1. 6p dinner, 6:45 Reception. [Bill Short](#)
- November 18**—Central Indiana Freemasons Association Masonic Education Day. 6:30 breakfast, 8a start. [Adam C.](#)
- November 20**—Commandery Inspection at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. 6p dinner, 7p Reception. Contact [Joe S.](#)
- November 27**—Order of Malta (full form) at Baldwin Commandery #2. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact [Randy Ellington](#)
- November 30**—Commandery Inspection at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. 6p dinner, 7p Reception. Contact [Joe S.](#)
- December 4**—Commandery Reception at Valparaiso Commandery #28. 7p CST degree. Contact [Bruce Bush](#)
- December 9**—Children's Christmas Party at Scottish Rite Cathedral Indianapolis. 2p-5p. Contact [Tom Fallis](#)
- December 10**—Scottish Rite Chorus Concert. 3p-5p. Contact [Tom Fallis](#)
- December 16**—Grand Commandery Christmas Party at Rainbow Girls Lodge. 12p-3p. Contact [Randy Ellington](#)
- January 13**—Founders' Day. 8:30a Assemble, 9a begin, 2:30p conclusion. Contact [Grand Lodge](#).
- January 20**—Grand Commandery Winter Meeting. 10a Jurisprudence, 1p Winter meeting, 5p Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet. Contact [Randy Ellington](#)
- February 24**—Tri-state York Rite Festival in Bryan, Ohio. 8a Registration, 9a Mark Master Degree, 10:15 a Past Master Degree, 11a Most Excellent Master Degree, 12p Lunch, 12:45 Royal Arch Degree, 2:15p Royal Arch Degree, 3p Select Master Degree. Contact [Mike Anderson](#)

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



Companion and Sir Knight Phillip W. Stroud
Lady Donna Clutter, CT, widow of Willard R. Clutter
Rev. Janice Yvonne Akers-Du Bois, wife of Brian Scott Du Bois
Lady Jane Stevens, wife of John V. Stevens
Companion and Sir Knight Lloyd E. Atterson, Sr
Companion and Sir Knight Rudell "Sarge" Wilburn
Lady Vicki Deutscher, wife of Larry Deutscher
Companion and Sir Knight Jeffrey M. Jordan
Companion and Sir Knight Rodney A. Mann
Lady Deborah Bolinger, CT, wife of James L. Bolinger
Lady Debra McKim, wife of Stephen A. McKim
Lady Ruth Wilburn, wife of Rudell "Sarge" Wilburn,
Lady Lynnette Begue, wife of Kurt A. Begue
Companion and Sir Knight David G. Kirschman
Lady Camille Pond, wife of William W. Pond
Lady Mary Claire Barry Wiley, wife of Andrew W. Wiley

Lady Barbara Kester, wife of Mark A. Kester, Sr.
Companion and Sir Knight David C. Willoughby
Companion and Sir Knight Christopher L. Hodapp
Lady Amy Frazer, wife of Bruce J. Frazer
Lady Sue Green, wife of Douglas B. Green
Lady Lyndsie Diakis, wife of Dion G. Diakis
Lady Katie Keck, wife of Nolan E. Keck
Companion and Sir Knight Michael F. Robbins
Companion and Sir Knight Douglas B. Green
Lady Elizabeth Reich, widow of Jeffrey C. Reich
Companion and Sir Knight Terry L. Turner
Companion and Sir Knight Michael C. Stoner
Companion and Sir Knight Kevin J. Scott
Companion and Sir Knight Gerald W. Cook
Companion and Sir Knight Mark Andy Hughes
Companion and Sir Knight Jeffery N. Nelson
Companion and Sir Knight Nathan C. Brindle
Companion and Sir Knight Robert L. Hicks
Lady Karen Ingles, wife of George A. Ingles, Jr.
Companion and Sir Knight Bobby J. Roberts
Companion and Sir Knight Richard J. Elman
Companion and Sir Knight Philip E. Fowler

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.

*Phil Stroud, Grand Chaplain
of the Grand Commandery*



Mizpah Shrine

Angola Masonic Lodge hosted the October meeting of the Mizpah Shrine. This is the first time they have had a meeting outside of Ft. Wayne since the Shrine started in 1910.

Angola Masonic Lodge #236 Facebook



Centennial Celebration



On October 3, Vincennes Lodge #1 celebrated the Centennial of a monument dedicated to General Washington Johnson, a preeminent Mason, who spread Masonry in Indiana and participated in the creation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

*Evansville Lodge No 64, F & A M
Facebook*



- 11/01 Lin and Ann Tornese
- 11/03 Rick and Patty Smith
- 11/04 Ed and Christine Fodrea
- 11/16 Ron and Sharon Wilson
- 11/17 Larry and Claire Williams
- 11/20 Nolan and Katie Keck
- 11/21 Chuck and Brenda Combi
- 11/26 Herbert and Loretta Roach



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](#).



Breakfast

On October 7, members of Oakland Lodge gathered in the kitchen bright and early that morning as they got ready to serve breakfast.



*Oakland
Lodge 140
F&AM
Facebook*

Gold Honour Award

On October 4, Eric Vermeulen was presented with the Gold Honour Award from the Banks of Wabash York Rite College. The presentation was made at a Speedway DeMolay.



*Terry Bisping
Facebook*



Parade

The Lessing Lodge family had a blast joining the Fall Festival Parade alongside their Shrine Brothers and the Evansville Compton DeMolay. It was an awesome evening filled with community spirit and good company.



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



Commandery Reception

On October 7, Columbus Commandery #14 and New Albany Commandery #5 held their Reception and Inspection.

*Broad Ripple Lodge #643, F&AM
Facebook*



Entered Apprentice Degree



On October 9, Keystone Lodge #251 welcomed new members through an EA degree.

*Tim Brinkmeyer
Facebook*

Banks of Wabash York Rite College

On October 8, Banks of Wabash York Rite College honored their Past Governors and their ladies at their annual lunch in their honor.

Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville Facebook



Fellow Craft

Congratulations to Oakland Lodge’s newest Fellow Craft member!

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM



Ish Sodi

Grand Council hosted the Ish Sodi Banquet on October 7, at the Sahara Grotto. The Ish Sodi Banquet is their annual fundraiser for CMMRF. This year’s theme was the Wild West.

Photos by Bruce Scott



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.





Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, REGC
and Lady Dee
cordially invite you to attend the

Newby-Avery-Vaught
Banquet

Attire:
Men- Tuxedo or Class A Uniform (no sword or
chapeau)
Ladies- Cocktail Dress or Formal

Saturday, January 20, 2024
Winter Meeting 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Social Hour 5 p.m.
Dinner 6 p.m.

Horizen Convention Center
401 S. High Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

\$50 per person
KINDLY RSVP to Randal P. Ellington by
January 1, 2024

Job's Daughters

On October 24, Bethel #34 carved pumpkins as part of their monthly fun event.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Fish Fry

Steel City Lodge Prince Hall Masons had a very successful Fish Fry in October!

Steel City Lodge #68 F&AM PHA Facebook



Crawfordsville

On October 18, Crawfordsville York Rite presented canes to Dennis Schraeder, Grand High Priest, and Jim Catania, Grand Illustrious Master.

Terry Bisping Facebook



Eastern Star

On October 14, the District Six OES meeting was held at Naaema OES.

Randal P Ellington 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](#).



Indiana DeMolay and Levant Preceptory

On October 13, Indiana DeMolay and Levant Preceptory held a Friday the 13th Reenactment at Freemason's Hall downtown. The event was open to all DeMolays, Advisors, Master Mason's, DeMolay candidates and their parents.



Photos by Bruce Scott



GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Potentate's York Rite Class

On October 20 and 21, the 16th Annual Murat Shrine and Prather York Rite Potentate's York Rite Class was held in honor of Illustrious Sir Joseph R. Collings.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



Job's Daughters



On October 28, Job's Daughters Bethels 107 and 108 held their Official Visit at Prater Lodge.

Indiana Job's Daughter's Facebook



Job's Daughters

On October 21, Job's Daughter's Bethel #8 and #44 held their Official Visit with visitors attending from Bethels around the state.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Noblesville Lodge

On October 21, members of the Noblesville Lodge, started the day doing their part to keep Noblesville nice and tidy. Freemasonry is about making good men better and thereby making our communities better.

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



Special Reception

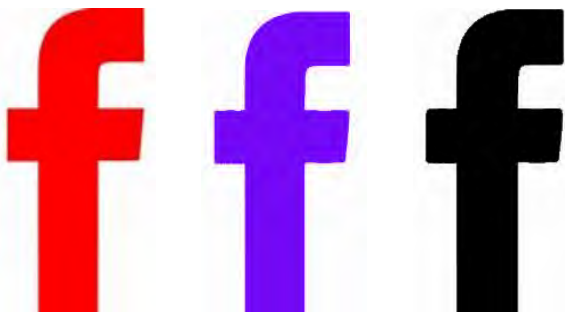
On October 22, Bray Commandery #65 held their Special Reception for Grand Commander, Randy Ellington, The Special Reception starts with a fantastic meal, then moves to the lodge room for a fun evening for the Grand Commander



Randal P Ellington Facebook



Facebook Links



Colts

On October 22, Grand Lodge of Indiana Freemasons and their friends presented the American Flag on the field of the Colts game for a great day of fellowship and football.

John Bridegroom Facebook



Ohio Grand Commandery

On October 6, Richard Ganion was Installed as the new Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio. Congratulations to him and his Lady, Debbie. May the new Templar Year in Ohio be fruitful, productive, and harmonious.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio Facebook



Trunk or Treat



On October 28, Sahara Grotto hosted a trunk or treat.

Michael Neeley
Facebook



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite - Valley of South Bend



SOUTH BEND SCOTTISH RITE
427 N. Main St., South Bend, IN • 574-233-3158

32nd Degree performed Live!
Saturday, November 4th, 2023
FULL FALL REUNION!!

\$20.00 Per Person for Banquet
As this is a prepared meal, reservations are a MUST
Reservations Required by October 30, 2023



FALL REUNION SCHEDULE
2:00 PM (EST) Registration
2:45 PM (EST) Video Presentation of the 4th°, 9th°, 23rd°, 27th°
5:00 PM (EST) 32nd° LIVE! Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret!
Scottish Rite Cathedral – Candidates & Members Only • Attire Coat and Tie
6:30 PM (EST) – Dinner and Social
Welcome to new Members. Introductions and announcements to follow!

www.southbendscottishrite.org
to reserve and pay online or Call 574-233-3158

Youth Groups

On October 27, Banks of the Wabash York Rite College held a banquet. Recently, they have been selling a coin as a fundraiser for the youth groups. The banquet was an opportunity to enjoy each other's fellowship and present checks to each of the youth group organizations.

Terry Bisping Facebook



**2024 NORTHERN INDIANA
GRAND COMMANDERY
WINTER MEETING &
INDIANA TEMPLAR ACADEMY**

OPEN TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
@ 12:00 PM**

**WARSAW LODGE # 73
1620 WEST CENTER STREET
WARSAW, INDIANA**

**RSVP TO DATHAN REED, GJW
DATHANREED@HOTMAIL.COM**

Reception/Inspection

On October 28, LaPorte Commandery #12 held their Reception and Inspection.



Randy Darling
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.



Reception/Inspection



On October 28, Ft. Wayne Commandery #4 and Huntington Commandery #35 held a join Reception and Inspection on the Order of the Temple.

Randal P Ellington
Facebook





BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY SHRINE CLUB
License #149593

2023 REVERSE RAFFLE & DANCE
November 4th, 2023 @ 6pm
4-H Community Building

Over **\$14,000** In Cash Prizes

Join us **NOVEMBER 4TH**

Tickets are \$50

Includes: Cash bar, refreshments and entertainment

Grand Prize \$10,000
2nd Prize \$2,000
3rd Prize \$1,000
4th Prize \$500
5th - 20th \$50
1st Ticket Drawn \$100

Music Entertainment - Tip Boards - 50/50 Drawing

All proceeds benefit the Bartholomew County Shrine Club and are not tax deductible.
Need not be present to win. License #149593
www.bartholomewcountyshriners.org

Website Links

Click on the picture





Award of Gold



On October 29, Illustrious Master and Past High Priest, Gregory Noland, received his 50 Year Award of Gold from the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Congratulations!

Anderson York Rite Facebook

Council Degrees

On October 26, Shelby County York Rite had a great evening with the Companions of Emil L. Steffey Council #3. They held the Royal and Select Master Degrees for Companions Rob Coulter and Todd Dennison.



Shelby County York Rite Facebook

Ft. Wayne



Ft. Wayne Masonic Temple host its 100 year Rededication.

Pictures by Bruce Scott



Job's Daughters



On Halloween, members of Betel #121 were handing out candy to kids in Brazil.

Brazil JDI #121 Facebook

Master Mason

On October 26, AJ Hocker was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Northeast Indiana Masonic News



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](#).



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+)

Nov. 18th
Merou Grotto to host

\$30

\$30

Afficionados

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

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BEERSHERA GROTTO

JUBILEE'S COUNTRY BREAKFAST

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

Fluffy Pancakes
Biscuits and Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Links or Patties
Beverages

JUBILEE MASONIC LODGE #746 F & AM
39 South Front Street
Whiteland, Indiana 46184
[www.whitelandmasonic.org](#)

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Inspection

On October 14, Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 held a join Inspection at the Angola Masonic Lodge.

Northeast Indiana Masonic News

**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

