

## Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana





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# Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana





James Catania

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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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# York Rite Newsletter December 2023

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

# Upcoming Events

Don't forget to make your Reservations

December 2—Mark Master and Past Master Degrees at Mishawaka Chapter #83. 9a degree. Contact Mike Bratcher.

**December 2**—Murat Shrine Ceremonial. 9:30a Registration, 10a Ceremony. Contact <u>Julie Whitehouse</u>.

December 2—Terre Haute Masonic Temple Open House. 11a—3p. Contact Tanner Shipman.

December 4—Commandery Reception at Valparaiso Commandery #28. 7p CST degree. Contact Bruce Bush

December 8—Past Master Degree (Actual) at Prather Lodge #717. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact Ryan Franzman.

**December 8**—Officer Installation at Porter Lodge #137. 6p Central Time. Contact <u>John Bridegroom</u>.

**December 9** Officer Installation at Prather Lodge #717, 11a. Contact Ryan Franzman.

December 9—Children's Christmas Party at Scottish Rite Cathedral Indianapolis. 2p-5p. Contact Tom Fallis.

December 9—Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery UD. 6p opening. Contact Joe Sparks.

**December 9**—Terre Haute Masonic Temple Christmas Party. 6p, Contact Mark Kester.

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

**December 19**– Prather All Bodies Christmas Party, 6p-9p. Contact <u>Ryan Franzman</u>.

January 13—Founders' Day. 8:30a Assemble, 9a begin, 2:30p conclusion. Contact Grand Lodge.

January 13—Central Indiana Freemasons Association (aka Masters and Wardens) at Lynhurst Lodge #723 6:30 dinner,

7:15p meeting Contact Adam Campbell.

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

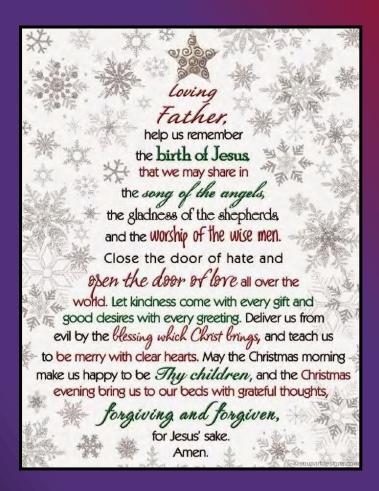
Degree, 11a Most Excellent Master Degree, 12p Lunch, 12:45 Royal Arch Degree, 2:15p Royal Arch Degree, 3p Select

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 Barry A. Clouser Companion and Sir Knight Brían Scott Du Bois Companion and Sir Knight James D. Pinnick Companion and Sir Knight Joseph C. Korschot Companion and Sir Knight Nicholas B. Miller Companion and Sir Knight Rowland C. Gorman Companion and Sir Knight Dennis H. Rigsby Companion and Sir Knight Jerry O. Deeter Companion and Sir Knight Joseph L. Scanland Lady Brittany Cottrell, wife of Clint R. Cottrell Lady Marna Stahlka, wife of Clay W. Stahlka Companion and Sir Knight Christopher J. Gamblin Companion and Sir Knight Steven J. Barton Companion and Sir Knight Thomas R. Retherford Lady Catherine Miller, wife of David W. Miller Lady Audrey Snyder, wife of Cary H. Snyder Lady Karen Deeter, wife of Jerry O. Deeter Lady Kandace Miller, wife of John Allen Miller Lady Tracy Sparks, wife of Joseph L. Sparks Companion and Sir Knight George W. Brutchen, Jr. Companion and Sir Knight De Wayne W. Richmond

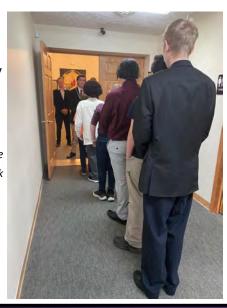
Companion and Sir Knight Gary A. Nicholson Companion and Sir Knight Donnie A. Robinette Companion and Sir Knight James A. Iles, II Companion and Sir Knight Michael A. Mang Lady Mandi Whitaker, wife of T.J. Whitaker Companion and Sir Knight Kenneth Roy, Jr. Companion and Sir Knight Joseph K. Hedges Lady Chere Phillips, wife of W. Kris Phillips Companion and Sir Knight Clint R. Cottrell Lady Patty Robbins, wife of Michael F. Robbins, Lady Monica Peterson, wife of Tony S. Peterson Lady Janel King, wife of Charles P. King Companion and Sir Knight Matthew T. Hobbs Carol Iles, wife of James A. Iles, II Sally Brindle, wife of Nathan C. Brindle Rhonda Harper, widow of Thomas W. Harper, Companion and Sir Knight Tyson J. Howenstine Companion and Sir Knight Ronald D. Simpson Companion and Sir Knight Patrick M. Briney Lady Beverly La Hurreau, widow of Henry E. La Hurreau Lady Jill Laudeman, wife of G. Donald Laudeman



#### **New DeMolay**

On November 5, great things stared in Terre Haute as the Jerry Burns DeMolay held their first meeting.

Patrick Elmore Facebook







Terry and Wanda Kehrer
David and Vickie Gundrum
Andy and Jennifer Hughes
Bob and Stephanie Addington
Glen and Jan Rogers
Duane and Georgia Vaught
Gary and Sally Nicholson
Jack and Carol Moorman
Virgil and Janice Humphrey
John and Marcia La Bounty
Kevin and Terri Blair
Dale and Nancy Foreman

#### 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.

#### Job's Daughters

On November 2, Bethel #107 preformed their "What is



a Mason" ceremony for Brownsburg Masonic Lodge #241 at the request of the Worshipful Master.

> Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook

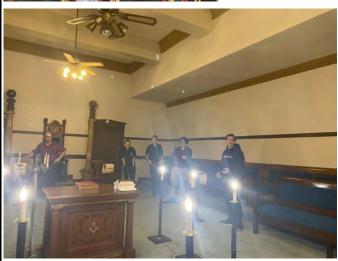


#### **Jerry Burns DeMolay**



On November 19, members of the Jerry Burns DeMolay chapter had a fun evening!

> Indiana DeMolay Facebook



#### York Rite at the Scottish Rite



On November 6, Sir Knights served as Temple Guards for the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne reunion in the 32nd Degree.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar Facebook







#### York Rite College

On November 5, the Banks of the Wabash York Rite College honored their OPCs.

Terry Bisping Facebook



#### **New Mason**

On November 3, Broad Ripple Lodge raised their newest Master Mason and had a fantastic weekend!

Broad Ripple Lodge #643, F&AM Facebook





#### Job's Daughters

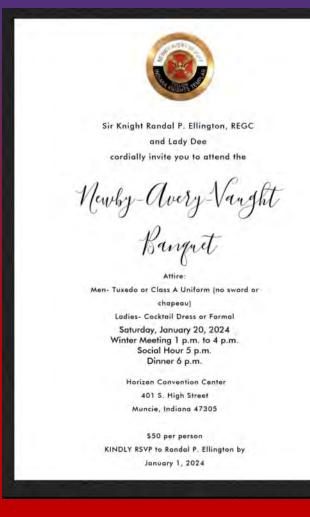
On November 1, Bethel #115 welcomed two new daughters. It was a wonderful meeting as they had girls from around the area participate. The dedication of the young women in their leadership positions is heartwarming.



Indiana Job's Daughters 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.



#### Ft. Wayne DeMolay

As the Grand Commandery continues to support our youth and help them grow, Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin, Grand Captain General was with the Fort Wayne Chapter Order of DeMolay as they visited Wayne Masonic Lodge #25 to present the DeMolay Ceremony of Light.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook







#### **Entered Apprentice**

Congratulations to Brother Chad Beesley on becoming an Entered Apprentice and joining our Fraternity.

Medora Lodge #328 F&AM Facebook



#### Feast of St. John the Evangelist

On Wednesday, December 27, a multi-Lodge Feast of St. John will be held at Angola Lodge #236. Everyone will gather at 6p, dinner will be at 6:30, with Table Lodge to follow. Masons from any Lodge are invited to attend.

Brother Steven Bates, Senior Grand Deacon will be the speaker of the evening.

In the early days of Masonry, the Lodges would sometimes meet in taverns and make toasts to Masonry and the leaders of the craft. It is now done in a similar assembly in the Lodge's dining room. The evening will include a festive meal, toast made to honor the days of od and the current fraternity, the Grand Lodge, our Blue Lodges, and more. To keep the Masonic concepts alive and well, we honor those men of old, as well as today's leaders.



A catered meal will be served. Reservations are required by December 17. Call or email Jay at 260-908-5666.

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#### **Anderson Commandery**



Anderson Commandery #32 held their Reception and Inspection on November 4 at Mount Moriah.

Randal P Ellington Facebook









#### **Holiday Party**



Pokagon Shrine held their holiday party on November 11 and had a great turnout!

Northeast Indiana Masonic







#### Star Lodge #225

Star Lodge #225 in Orland raises money each year for a community project. Benjamin Taylor, WM, had the honor of presenting ten \$100 gift certificates to Prairie



Heights Elementary counselor, Josh Troyer. The certificates will be used to support family in need of assistance during the holidays.

Northeast Indiana Masonic News

#### **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 <u>Google</u> or <u>Spotify</u>, or Tales from the Green Dragon <u>here</u>.





#### My Father's Masonic Journey

My name is Keely Roe, and I am your Miss Indiana Job's Daughter for the 2023-2024 term.

I recently interviewed my father, Terrence Roe, 33º, about his involvement with the Masonic Youth organizations of Indiana. My dad is a Past Master of Warsaw Lodge #73, Past Commanderin-Chief of the Fort Wayne Consistory, and an advisor of John Chapman DeMolay Chapter in Warsaw. He is also a member of the Mizpah Shrine and Warsaw Chapter #88, Order of Eastern Star. He was awarded the 2021 Scottish Rite Youth Advisor of the Year and 2023 Adult Youth Leadership Award from the Indiana Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for his involvement with DeMolay and Job's Daughters.

My dad started his Masonic career in 1984 as a charter member of Crimson Shield DeMolay Chapter in Kentucky. As a member, he "enjoyed getting to know people from around the state" at dances, regional meetings, and Conclave. He met many friends and mentors through DeMolay, many of whom he is close with today. DeMolay taught him several life lessons and skills, from learning how to tie a tie to public speaking. His career in DeMolay included a term as a State Officer after serving his chapter as Master Councilor. He was also presented with the Degree of Chevalier.

After being a member in his youth, my dad decided to join Freemasonry. Interestingly, his father was not a member. He really had no connection to Masonry other than DeMolay, but because "some of the advisors that we had in DeMolay were members of [Lodge]...I wanted to be a part of what they were a part of." He joined Polar Star Lodge #363 in 1990. He transferred to Warsaw Lodge #73 in 2013.

> My brother, Griffin, and I are involved in Masonic Youth organizations. I am a member of Job's Daughters Bethel 8 in Fort Wayne, and my brother is a member of John Chapman DeMolay Chapter in Warsaw. The influence to join these organizations came from my father. "I remember what an impact

DeMolay had on me," he said. "Having a common bond with other people my age" was very important. Learning how to "speak in public, conduct [yourself] in groups, and collaborative work in meetings" were skills that he wanted us to learn. Masonic Youth organizations were created for that purpose.

The influence of my father's support has given me the confidence and drive to be an active part of Job's Daughters. I'm sure my brother would say the same thing about DeMolay. My dad said that "knowing how to set goals and achieve them has been a real important part" of our Masonic Youth experience. Just like when he was a member, we have learned ritual, traveled around the state, and made connections. "You have been exposed to people I respect as Masons...You have had some exposure to some really good people and have good examples to look up to." On a personal note, being involved in Job's gave me an opportunity to grow closer with my dad. It gave us something to bond over. Our entire household is involved in at least one organization, which has given us something unique and special to enjoy together.

My dad's professional career is in education. With this in mind, he stated that "the youth of today need to learn to work collaboratively. They need to be exposed to the precepts of DeMolay and the ideals of Job's and Rainbow." All three of our organizations strive to teach citizenship, leadership, love and respect for parents, service, spirituality, and many more attributes that are necessary to be a well-rounded citizen. He also stated that the youth of today should have the opportunity to "get to know the quality of people that are in Freemasonry and the Masonic organizations." "It's good for all the youth to have some connections [to] people who will look out for them, provide examples, and get [them] prepared for what [their] adult lives could be."

We would love for you to invite your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, or any other youth in your life to join

one of our three organizations. Even if they are involved in other organizations or activities, the teaching of Masonic Youth is the icing on the cake. We encourage them to get involved even if they can't attend every meeting or event. The lessons and tenets of Freemasonry are important to the welfare of our communities, and it starts with our youth. I encourage you to give your youth the opportunity to join your legacy of Masonry and benefit from our teachings.

Please reach out to the following people for more information about Masonic Youth in Indiana!

Indiana Job's Daughters

Tammy Watson, Grand Guardian Jake Higgs, Associate Grand Guardian Email: indianaggc@gmail.com

Website: <a href="https://www.injdi.org/">https://www.injdi.org/</a>

Indiana DeMolay Eric Vermeulen, Personal Representative Mat Bryant, Executive Director

Email: info@indianademolay.org Website: https://

www.indianademolay.org/

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana

MASONIC YOUTH OF INDIANA

Masonic Youth

DeMolay

Rainbow for Girls

Job's Daughters

Lynn Shoulders, Supreme Inspector in Ind.

Email: <a href="mailto:lynnshoulders@gmail.com">lynnshoulders@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.iniorg.org/">http://www.iniorg.org/</a>













#### **Star Lodge**

Ray Tracey, newly elected Worshipful Master, received his Past Master degree on November 27.

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#### **DSA**

SK Jon McCracken, GSW, presented Distinguished Service Awards to Bedford Commandery #42 members, Nick Crulo and Jimmy Jarvis.

Bedford Commandery #42 Facebook

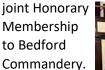


#### **Bedford Commandery**



On November 4, Bedford Commandery held their Inspection and Reception. They presented the Grand Commander with an Honorary Membership and gifts for he and his lady, Dee. Randy Ellington, REGC, presented a Distinguished Service Award to Rick Milligan on behalf of Bedford Commandery. Mike Robbins, PGC, made a special presentation to Lady Monica Peterson and her Sir Knight,







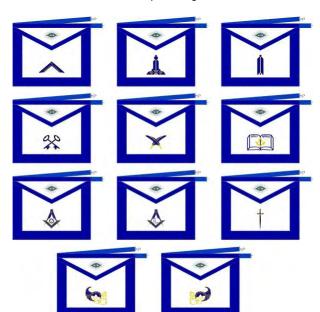




#### **Installation of Officers**

On Saturday, December 9 at 11:00a, Southport Lodge will be holding their 2024 Officer Installation. Their Installation will be open and all Brothers are encouraged to bring their families and friends. Join us as we congratulate and support our Brothers who have made this Fraternal commitment to our Lodge. Light snacks will be served at the Reception following Installation.

Southport Lodge No. 270 F&AM Facebook



#### **Master Mason**

Congratulations to the newest Master Mason of Knox Lodge, Wad Wrezinski. Welcome to the World's Largest Fraternity, brother.

Knox Masonic Lodge #639 Facebook

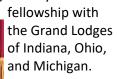


# Facebook Links

#### **Tri-State**



On November 25, the Tri-State Degree in Dayton, Ohio was a success! It was a great day of



John Bridegroom Facebook





#### **2024 Officers**

On November 29, Noblesville York Rite installed their 2024 Officers. Congratulations!



Mark Elder Facebook

#### **Job's Daughters**



On November 30, Bethel #108 had a great time at game night!

> Bethel #108 Lawrence Facebook





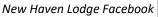


#### **Award of Gold**

On November 29, along with their regular stated meeting of Lodge business, New Haven Lodge was honored as one of their very own Brother's with a 50-year Award of Gold. Worshipful Master, Douglas Brouwer, PM, is truly deserving of the prestigious award. Presenting the award is Past Grand Master,

Richard Lentz.







#### **New Sir Knights**

On November 30, Greenfield Commandery #39 Knight eight new Sir Knights!

Larry Gray Facebook







2024 NORTHERN INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY WINTER MEETING & INDIANA TEMPLAR ACADEMY

OPEN TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS

SATURDAY, <mark>FEBR</mark>UARY 3, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

WARSAW LODGE # 73 1620 WEST CENTER STREET WARSAW, INDIANA

RSVP TO DATHAN REED, GJW DATHANREED@HOTMAIL.COM







#### **HOLD DATES FOR 2024**

SEEK OUT YORK RITE PETITIONS



Tri-State York Rite Festival 2024 51<sup>st</sup> Consecutive Year



State contacts to assist you:

Indiana: Mike Anderson 260-319-0586 canda.craig@outlook.com
Ohio: Ken Crouch 419-460-0296 kencrouch85@yahoo.com
Michigan: Don Trumbull 734-775-4045 trumbulldonald@gmail.com

#### Candidates welcome from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan

Saturday, February 24, 2024 Bryan Ohio Lodge 117 North Lynn Street, Bryan, Ohio Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - Angola Indiana Lodge 35 S. Public Square, Angola, Indiana Commandery Orders conferred

Degrees to start at 9:00 AM each Saturday. Over by 3:45 PM.

#### **Grant County Commandery**

On November 21, members of Grant County Commandery visited Muncie Chapter #104, Order of the Eastern Star and presented the Flag prior to their

George Ingles

meeting.

#### **Job's Daughters**

On November 28, Bethel #8 enjoyed having Jim



Catania, Most
Illustrious Grand
Master of the Grand
Council of Cryptic
Masons join them at
their meeting.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



#### **Website Links**

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list. Click on his name to get send him an email to be added to the distribution list and stay informed.



