



Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana



Dennis Schraeder

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers

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Joseph Villarreal, Grand King

Jason Miller, Grand Scribe

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Marty Evens, PGHP, Grand Treasurer

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Graig Huber, Grand Principal Sojourner

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David Leach, Grand Master 1st Veil

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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

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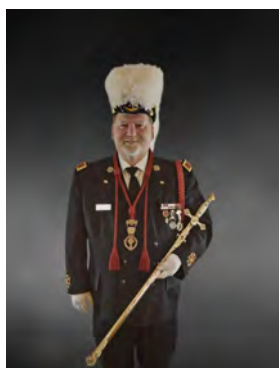
Mark Baker, Illustrious Grand Chaplain

James Castor, Illustrious Grand Sentinel

Charles Bowling, Ill. Grand Lecturer



Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



Randal Ellington

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

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Randy Darling, Deputy Grand Commander

Joseph Sparks, Grand Generalissimo

Dominic Hamblin, Grand Captain General

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Dathan Reed, Grand Junior Warden

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Mark Elder, Grand Warder

Jeff Prairie, Grand Sentinel

Barry Clouser, Grand Prelate

Mike Robbins, Grand Inspector General

Tony Peterson, Grand Marshal, Aide

York Rite Newsletter

February 2024

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

February 7-11—Masonic Week in Arlington Virginia. Contact [Moises Gomez](#).

February 10—Grand Commandery Battalion Meeting, North at Warsaw Lodge. 10a Assemble. Contact [Dathan Reed](#)

February 10—RARA Fundraiser dinner and auction. POSTPONED

February 10—DeMolay Sweetheart Dance at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. To form the lines, contact [Carson Smith](#)

February 15—Past Master (Virtual) & Most Excellent Master Degrees at Grant County. 6p Dinner, 7p Degree. [George](#)

February 17—Grand Commandery Battalion Meet., South at Bedford Masonic Temple. 10a Assemble. [Jon McCracken](#)

February 17—Council Instructional, North at Angola Masonic Lodge. 11a Assemble. Contact [Charlie Bowling](#).

February 17—Grand Commandery Battalion Meeting, Central at Mooresville Lodge. 4p Assemble. Contact [Jeff Prairie](#)

February 17—Council Instructional, North at Excelsior Lodge. 6p Assemble. Contact [Charlie Bowling](#).

February 24—Prather Chapter and Council Degree day. 7a Registration, 8a Mark Master Degree, 9:15a Past Master Degree (Virtual), 9:45a Most Excellent Master Degree, 10:30a, Royal Arch Degree, 12p Lunch, 1p Royal Master Degree, 1:45p Select Master Degree, 2:30p Adjourn. Contact [Brian Lewis](#).

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](#)

February 24— Council Instructional, Central at Howard County Masonic Temple. 11a Table Council, 12p Instructional. Contact [Charlie Bowling](#).

February 24—Council Instructional, Central at Millersville Masonic Temple. 5p set up, 6p Table Council, 7p Instructional. Contact [Charlie Bowling](#).

February 26—Past Master Degree (Virtual) at Valparaiso Chapter #79. 7p CST degree. Contact [Bruce Bush](#)

February 28—Mark Master Degree at Joshua Chapter #158. 6:30 dinner, 7:30, degree. [Tim Brinkmeyer](#)

March 2—Tri-State York Rite Festival in Angola. 8a Registration, 9a Order of the Red Cross (full form), 10:15a Order of the Malta (short form), 10:45a Chamber of Reflection, 10:45a Yeomen of York, 11:45a Lunch, 12:15p Order of the Temple. Contact [Mike Anderson](#)

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



Lady Faye Prairie, wife of James W. Prairie
Companion and Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught
Lady Sally Nicholson, wife of Gary A. Nicholson
Companion and Sir Knight Tommy Parsons
Lady Carolyn Smith, wife of Terry L. Smith
Lady Shelley Craig, wife of Arthur J. Craig, III
Companion and Sir Knight Michael C. Anderson

Companion and Sir Knight David N. Chaffee
Lyndsie Diakis wife of Dion G. Diakis
Companion and Sir Knight Charles D. Wood, Jr.
Companion and Sir Knight Gregory E. Snipes
Companion and Sir Knight Jerry E. Fray
Companion and Sir Knight Aaron Taylor
Companion and Sir Knight Kevin L. Waldroup

Almighty God,

Let us lay aside all evil, all lies, all Hypocrisy and jealousy. Grant us unity of purpose and show us the path wherein we might walk in common accord. Let us be like the tree that grows beside a steam. Grant us wisdom to contrive, strengthen to support, and beauty to adorn our Spiritual Temples. May our profession as Masons be the rule and guide of our conduct as men. Incline our hearts to Thy Holy Will in all our actions. Grant that we may never be ashamed to own Thy name before the men of this world.

Unto Thy Holy Name we pray.
AMEN

Mark Baker, Grand Chaplain
of the Grand Council



Tom and Linda Retherford
Mark and Barbara Kester
Kent and Julia Harting



Share with Us

Does your Lodge, Star, Chapter, Council or Com-mandery, 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 pic-tures? Did someone in your lodge just get an Award of Gold? Let us cele-brate with you! Send your pictures, upcoming events, flyers, birthdays, etc. to [Monica](#).



Congratulations

On January 2, Mike Anderson was named Mason of the Year by Angola Masonic Lodge. Congratulations, Mike!



Angola Masonic
Lodge #236
Facebook

Past Master's Degree

On January 5, Roger Liming completed is Actual Past Master Degree. Congratulations and best of luck for an amazing year!

Shirley Masonic Lodge #531 Facebook



2024 Officers

On January 7, Job's Daughters UD held their Installation of Officers. Congratulations to Libby and her corps of officers!

Indiana Job's Daughters
Facebook



Installation of Officers



On January 5, members of the Merou Grotto held their installation of Officers. Congratulations!

*Mike Neeley
Facebook*



Mark Masters

On January 8, Westside Chapter #138 welcomed four new Mark Masters into their Chapter. Congratulations!

Dennis Schraeder Sr. Facebook



2024 Officers

On January 6, Evansville York Rite held their Installation of Officers. Good luck on a fantastic year!

Evansville York Rite Facebook



In Memory



John Willam "Bill" Franks, 94, Michigan City, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Franciscan Health - Michigan City, Michigan City, Indiana. Funeral services were held on January 9, 2024, at Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel,

with his grandson Rick Foddrill officiating. Burial will follow in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Michigan City, Indiana. A Masonic service was provided by Acme Lodge #83. Full military services were conducted Tuesday in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Michigan City, Indiana.

He was born December 25th, 1929, in Michigan City, Indiana to the late Everett and Maurie (Ingwersen) Franks. On April 5th, 1952, in Michigan City, Indiana he married Jane Ayers who preceded him in death on August 29th, 2017.

Bill was a retired Tower Operator and Freight Agent for Con Rail, where he worked for 44 years on various jobs and various locations from Elkhart to Chicago, and the drawbridge in Michigan City. He was a veteran serving during the Korean War with the Counter Intelligence Corps in Tokyo, Japan. While in Tokyo he was joined by his wife, Jane, and they traveled on weekends throughout the city of Tokyo and nearby countryside. He was a Cub Master and Assistant Scout Master. He served as assistant superintendent of Sunday School and Trustee at the First Baptist Church and was a member of the Pines Bible Church, The Pines, Michigan City, Indiana. He was an active member of the Order of DeMolay and was on the DeMolay's Advisory Council for almost 30 years. He was a 73-year member of the Acme Lodge #83 F.& A.M., Michigan City where he was a past master. Bill was also a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Orak Shriners where he participated in many activities. Also for over 10 years, he was a professional shuttle driver for La Porte Hospital. He also received the award KYCH. Bill was an avid Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls, and Chicago Bears fan. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh.

Contributions may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60607.



Founder's Day



Founder's Day was held at the Scottish Rite on January 13. Lodges and Appendant Bodies from around the state participated. The DeMolay served breakfast across the street at Freemason Hall. The Knights Templar formed an Arch of Steel for the Grand Master. Various groups could be found at tables sharing more information about their organizations. Lodges hosted watch parties so members could participate virtually, while members from other lodges attended in large groups. While the weather was horrible, the messages that were delivered were inspirational.



Pictures and stories from various Facebook Posts



50 Year Award of Gold

On January 11, Fred Buckingham received his 50 year Award of Gold at Bray Commandery #65.



Sean Wayne Jones Facebook

2024 Officers

On January 12, Bethel #108 held their Installation of Officers. Best wishes in your new year!



Bethel #108 Lawrence Facebook



Entered Apprentice



On January 11, Greenwood #514 welcomed their newest Entered Apprentice, Lorin Corbin. Congratulations!

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook

Getting Ready

The Murat Shrine Clowns of Indianapolis are getting ready for the 2024 Murat Shrine Circus coming April 19 -21 to the Indiana State Fairgrounds.



Murat Shrine Clowns of Indianapolis Facebook

Having Fun

On January 2, members from Highland DeMolay of Illinois, Jerry Burns DeMolay, and Friendship Assembly of Rainbow Girls enjoyed some time of fellowship and fun.

Cheryl Phillips Facebook



Masonic Podcast



Check out That OTHER Masonic Podcast on Google or Spotify.

New Officers

On January 14, Bridgeport Masonic Lodge introduced their 2024 Lodge Officers. They are looking forward to continued growth of this fraternity and involvement in their community.

Bridgeport Masonic Lodge #162 Facebook



Social Night

On January 16, members of Angola Lodge braked the cold to enjoy some brotherhood and brews for their monthly social night.

Angola Masonic Lodge #236 Facebook



Bedford Commandery

On January 16, Bedford Commandery welcomed their newest members, Anon and Matt. Welcome!

Mike Robbins Facebook



New Member

On January 17, Mount Zion Lodge #2011 welcomed their newest member.

Dave Hosler Facebook



Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to Brothers Jon and Bian who took their first step in Freemasonry on January 11 by receiving their EA Degree at Linton Lodge.



Linton Masonic Lodge #560 Facebook



New Officers

On January 18, Job’s Daughter’s Mt. Moriah Bethel #115 held their Installation of Officers for the ensuing year.

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



SAHARA GROTTTO PRESENTS
THE DISCO BALL
 BENEFITTING THE GRAND MASTER 2025-26 FUND
MARCH 2ND, 2024
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 CASH BAR • ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN
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 Ribeye or Chicken with a salad, two sides, and dessert.
 Please indicate which entrée you would prefer on RSVP.
 Entertainment to follow • Raffles and 50/50 day of event.

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The Disco Ball - Please RSVP to Mike Neeley By February 3rd 2024
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 No. of Guests @ \$50.00: _____
 Entree Selections: Ribeye _____ Chicken _____
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 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GM 2025-2026 FUND.

Entered Apprentice Degree

On January 17, Noblesville Lodge welcomed two new Brothers in a double EA Degree.

Noblesville Lodge F&AM #57—Indiana Freemasons

(Noblesville Lodge #57) Facebook



Royal Arch Degree

On January 17, Slaton-Stephen and Vincennes Chapters joined together to confer the Royal Arch Degree on two worthy Companions, one from each Chapter.

Dubois County York Rite Facebook



New Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers of Speedway DeMolay!



*Speedway
DeMolay
Facebook*

Entered Apprentice

On January 16, Battle Ground Lodge #313 held a great Entered Apprentice Degree. It was horribly cold outside, but the food and fellowship inside the lodge were fantastic!

Dave Hosler Facebook



Three Generations



On January 18, Tom was a proud grandfather and Ed “Peaches” was a proud father as their grandson/son Maverick Hughes took his first step to becoming a Master Mason. Congratulations!!

Tipton Lodge #33—Free and Accepted Masons—Logansport, In Facebook



Master Mason

On January 18, there was a great Entered Apprentice Degree held at Libanus Lodge #154 in Monticello, In.

Dave Hosler Facebook



New Members

On January 20, Jerry Burns Chapter of DeMolay initiated six young men! Friendship Assembly #44 of Rainbow Girls served lunch for the DeMolay.

Indiana DeMolay/ Friendship Assembly #44 Facebook



8 Ball

Congratulations to the 2024 8-Ball Champion, Brother David Watts! Greenwood Lodge had a great turn out for the event.

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook



Masonic Education

Join in the fun for Spring 2024 Masonic Education Day, March 23, 7a-4p at Bridgeport Lodge. View the website for details and a speaker list.

Unlock the mysteries and explore the depth of Freemasonry for just \$25. Your ticket includes a hearty breakfast, a delicious lunch, and supported the esteemed out-of-state speakers. [Registration required](#) (click link).



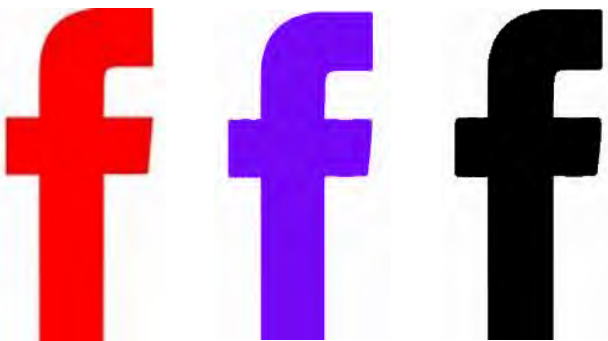
Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook

Knights Templar Ritual Competition

Sir Knights from across Indiana, come and compete to see who is the at the top of the state for the Junior Warden's Address, Prelate's Address, Ode to the Skill, Sword Presentation, Flag Lecture, and Warder's Part. April 26-27 5p-10a at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie. [Registration required](#) (click link).



Facebook Links



1920's

On January 20, Indiana Grand Bethel performed the 1920's ceremony.

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Indiana DeMolay Presents

Sweetheart Dance

10 Scottish Rite Cathedral
FEBRUARY 7PM - 10PM

\$10 per person

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.jubilee746.org



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

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DATHANREED@HOTMAIL.COM

THE FESTIVAL IS APPROACHING PETITIONS ARE DUE TO YOUR LOCAL YORK RITE



Tri-State York Rite Festival 2024 51st 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 734-778-4045 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.

ANY CURRENT YORK RITE MEMBER INVITED

RESERVATIONS A MUST - TO HAVE NOON MEAL

SEND TO STATE CONTACT LISTED ABOVE

Happy Birthday!

On December 27, Ron Simpson celebrated his 90th birthday with approximately 70 friends and family gathering to celebrate. Happy Birthday, Ron!



Stay Informed

Do you know members of your lodge who would like to receive the newsletter? Would your lady like to receive it? **Carson** can help you get on the distribution list. Click on his name to get send him an email to be added to the distribution list and stay informed.



Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet

On January 20, the Grand Commandery held their Winter Meeting followed by the 125th annual Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet with Owen V., Indiana DeMolay State Master Councilor as the evening's emcee.

Various Facebook Posts



Installation of Officers

On January 13, the Social Order of Beauceant, Indianapolis Assembly #90, held their Installation of Officers. Sir Knights presented the flag.

Social Order of the Beauceant (SSOB) #90 Facebook



Marion Crum Fellowship

Be among the first to join the Marion K. Crum Fellowship and support the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. www.mcfellow.com

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana Facebook



Greenfield York Rite

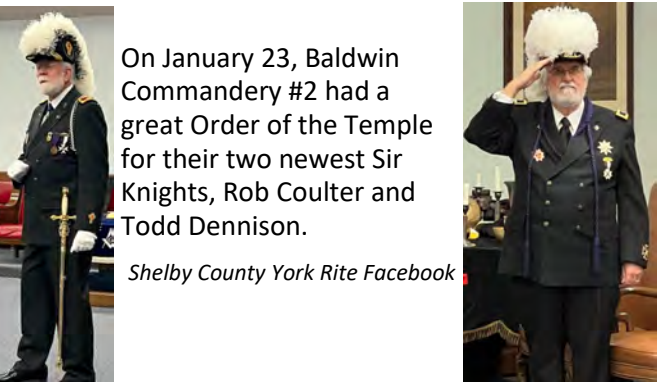
Greenfield York Rite has impressive group of dedicated members! At their meeting on December 7, they celebrated the birthdays of several of their past presiding Grand Officers, Jim Fairchild, Steve Barton, and Gary Wyne. Prior to the meeting, everyone gathered for a pre-meeting meal and birthday cakes.



Baldwin Commandery

On January 23, Baldwin Commandery #2 had a great Order of the Temple for their two newest Sir Knights, Rob Coulter and Todd Dennison.

Shelby County York Rite Facebook



Tobogganing



On January 21, members of Speedway DeMolay had a great time tobogganing at Pokagon State Park.

Speedway DeMolay Facebook



Carmel Lodge 421

Pancake Breakfast Saturday 7:30 - 10:30

PUBLIC INVITED

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS

BISCUITS & GRAVY, HAM

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
COME HUNGRY

February 10, 2024



Oakland Lodge



On January 24, friends and family of Oakland Lodge enjoyed a great evening together and had a beef stew dinner.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



Website Links

Click on the picture



Indiana Demolay Sweetheart Dance

February 10th

7:00pm to 10:00pm

Event is at the Scottish Rite, in Indianapolis

850 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Admission is \$10

Monthly Social Night!


Date: February 20, 2024

Where: Wings Ect

Time: 6:30-???

Who: Members and Friends

Lodge members and **their guests** are encouraged to join us on February 20th at our social night held at Wings Ect in Angola. Come and enjoy food, adult beverages, friendship and brotherhood. Come when you can, stay as long as you want!



Distinguished Service Award



On December 20, Crawfordsville Commandery presented Sir Knight TJ Whitaker was presented with the DSA.

Crawfordsville York Rite Facebook

Entered Apprentice Degree

On January 23, Battle Ground Lodge #313 held an Entered Apprentice Degree for Geoff, who happens to be the son of their Chaplain. Congratulations, Geoff!

Dave Hosler Facebook



Join us for

133RD PSALMS PRESENTATION

PRESENTED BY

RANDY SEIPEL

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA

Twelve Points Lodge 769

Stated Meeting 06 Feb 2024

2215 Garfield Ave. Terre Haute, Ind

Dinner @ 6pm • Meeting @ 7pm

A closer look at the deeper meanings of the 133rd Psalm for all Freemasons

Fellowcraft Degree

On January 25, New Albany Lodge had forty-one Brothers in attendance as their passed four worthy Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Candidates were from New Albany, Greenville, and Buckner Lodges. Congratulations!

New Albany Freemasons Facebook





Masonic Lodge Breakfast

SOUTHPORT LODGE # 270 MASONIC BREAKFAST

COME JOIN US THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR OUR ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST! Southport Lodge # 270 will be hosting "All You Can Eat Breakfast" every third Saturday of the month! Southport Lodge # 270 is conveniently located at 5678 S East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227 just five minutes south of I-465 and the S East Street Exit.

Breakfast begins at 7:30am until 10:30am. Menu of food is shown on the right.

COST – PAYABLE CASH OR CREDIT

Adults are \$10.00 per adult.
Children 6-12 are \$7.00 per child
Kids under 5 eat free!



BISCUITS & GRAVY

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EGGS TO ORDER

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SAUSAGE

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BACON

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PANCAKES

—

COFFEE, ORANGE JUICE, MILK & CHOCOLATE MILK

INFORMATION

2678 S. EAST STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227

<http://www.southportmasoniclodg #270/>

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=southport%20lodge%20no.%20270&rlz=209478am>

Noblesville Lodge

On January 24, members of Noblesville Lodge had a great night as they presented Worthy Brother Allyn Beaver with his 50-Year Past Master Award and raised a brother to the Sublime Degree. Congratulations to their newest Master Mason!



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



Mark Master Degree

On January 18, nineteen members of Grant County #55 came together to confer the Mark Master Degree on thirteen of their seventeen candidates. Congratulations!

George Ingles, Jr.



Community Project

Just days before the cold snap in January, members of Daylight Lodge #752 and Lessing Lodge #464 came



together to give back to their community by delivering winter coats and a variety of canned and boxed foods to Aurora of Evansville for distribution to those in need.



Lessing Lodge #464 F.&A.M.

Northeastern Lodge #210 F. & A.M.



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Food Pantry

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\$25 / PERSON (TEAMS OF 4)
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY FEB 24

22nd Annual

Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Wine Tasting Live & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 6:00 pm
Ceruti's Summit Park—Diamond Room
6601 Innovation Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Join us as we sample wine and food pairings.

\$45.00 per ticket
Purchase online at
AASR-FTWAYNE.ORG
or call 260-423-2593.

Come and join us and find your pot of gold!



Spencerville OES #386

Spencerville OES made three location donations and were featured in the local newspaper. The donations are from their donut sales at the DeKalb County Fair. The OES does a great job of organizing the donut

efforts each year. All local Concord Lodge member who are able, work at the donut stan for at least one shift.



Image of Hope receives donation

Northeast Indiana Masonic News



Serenity House receives donation from Eastern Star



Woodburn Christian Children's Home receives donation

Entered Apprentice

On January 27, Terre Haute Lodge #19 welcomed two of their newest Brothers. Congratulations to Jacob and Cory!

Terre Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



DeMolay

Welcome Michael, Jonathan, and Casey who were initiated on January 27 at Fort Wayne Chapter of DeMolay.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook



Masonic Chili Cook-Off

Looking for Lodges and Organizations to compete!

All proceeds go to support our youth groups!

Prizes? YES!
Popular Choice
1st place-\$100
2nd place-\$75
3rd place-\$50



Judge's Choice
Special Prize Packs and Ultimate Bragging Rights!

This event is hosted by the Social Order of the Beauceant. We will provide a toppings table, drinks, and anything else needed, you provide a pot of chili big enough to share so you can get votes!

Location: Hancock Masonic Lodge
661 Tague St, Greenfield, IN 46140
Date/Time: Sunday, March 24, 2024, 12:00 – 3:00
Email: soob_90@yahoo.com
Phone/Contact: Monica Peterson
Click on or scan the QR code to enter!
Or call/email to reserve your spot!



Renovations

The renovations of Ellettsville Masonic Lodge are coming to an end and looking great! They invite everyone to swing by and check it out for yourself!

Ellettsville Masonic Lodge #245



Grand Masters Youth Day

Compass Park Event Center



Saturday March 2, 2024 10:00 am-Lunch Noon-Pool available for swimming 12:30 pm

Join us as the Masonic youth groups perform public ceremonies:

- Jobs Daughters Living Cross & "What is a Mason"
- Rainbow "Rose Lecture"
- DeMolay "Ceremony of Light" & "Flower Talk"



The Grand Lodge of Indiana

"Dad" Gary E. Brinley

Grand Master Of Freemasons In Indiana



Remodeling

Concord Lodge #556 is remodeling their kitchen and restrooms. Work began in January. The next work session is scheduled for February 4. Contact Jim Rosenbury if you're interested in helping.



Northeast Indiana Masonic News



Rainbow Girls



In January, the members of Friendship Assembly in Terre Haute had a fun couple of days. Steve, Potentate of Zorah Shrine, attended their workshop and

presented the girls with a Certificate of Achievement and a donation for all of their hard work at the Shrine. Friday, they hosted a Bingo Event Fundraiser for their Grand Worthy Advisor Sophia's Supreme Assembly Challenge. It was a fun night with lots of laughs. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Friendship Assembly #44 Facebook



Burns Supper



On January 26, The Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis hosted their Annual Burns Supper.

Tim Brinkmeyer Facebook



Tall Cedars of Lebanon

On January 27, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Ironwood Forest #224 received their charter.

Freemasons Kane Lodge #183 Facebook



100th Birthday

Happy 100th Birthday to Bethel #2!

Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook



Chili Cook-Off

On January 27, LaPorte York Rite held a Chili Cook-Off and silent auction for the 2024-5 Grand High Priest find.

Joe Villarreal PM Facebook



Community Support

The Brothers of Steel City Lodge participated in the homeless count in Hammond, IN. The purpose of the event is to register those who are looking for housing so they may be accommodated in their search for a home.



Steel City Lodge #68 F&AM PHA



Job's Daughter Reception

On January 28, Bethel #8 hosted a reception honoring Keely R., Miss Indiana Job's Daughter and Gabriella C., Junior Miss Indiana Job's Daughter.



Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Facebook



Burns Dinner



On January 27, Terre Haute Lodge #19 hosted another great Burns Dinner. They are already looking forward to next year's celebration.

Terre Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



Virtual Past Master Degree

On January 29, Anderson Chapter held their Virtual Past Master Degree and welcomed new candidates.

Anderson York Rite Facebook



Mark Master Degree

On January 29, Valparaiso Chapter advanced fifteen candidates to the Mark Master Degree, eleven candidates from Valparaiso #79 and four candidates from Elbert H Gary #139.

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



Mason Masons

On January 27, Carmel Lodge raised four worthy Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The degree was attended from Brothers from multiple lodges across the state.

Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook



Masonic Education



On January 26, Pentalpha Lodge #564 held a well rounded and compelling meeting. Brother Thaine Briscoe, PM was the guest speaker and talked about the Geometric Art of Sward Parlay and it's unseeming connection to Freemasonry.

Tim Brinkmeyer Facebook



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Surprising the Grand Commander

REGC Sir Randal Ellington is a member and Twice Past Patron of the Flat Rock Chapter, now affiliated with Naamah. His Sister, Carla, is also a member and five-time Past Matron. He is just one year longer than her in membership, and they fondly and jokingly refer to each other as My Brother Brother or My Sister Sister.

Once Randy gained his position as REGC and announced his plan of helping our Youth Organizations grow, his fellow Sisters and Brothers in the Naamah Chapter #73 began making Motions, discussing ideas, and coming up with plans to surprise him and support him in his efforts. With his busy schedule, just how would they get him to the meeting??

The secret plan was to make Randy think he HAD to be a Special Escort, for Carla, and WOW, they couldn't believe the secret worked right to the very last minute! Lady Dee was invited to be there on behalf of her Sister in Law, and Lady Megan Ratterman came to visit the Chapter and brought Sir Knight Nathan to be a part of the audience. When asked, Randy escorted his Sister proudly to the East, and then, they turned towards the Chapter, and that was when he knew something was up. Carla squeezed his hand, thanked the Chapter and Visitors for coming to this very special presentation, and apologized to him for the white lie that she and Lady Dee kept just to get him into the meeting.

OES Naamah Chapter #73 Worthy Matron, Sister Brenda Fulenwider announced that she had a special donation from the Chapter. She presented Randy with the 'real check' while the Worthy Patron, Brother Larry Fenton, handed him the BIG Photogenic TV Style Cardboard Check!



The Special Guest Speaker, Sister Brenda Morin (Mrs. Morin to Randy), told a few stories as she was Randy's 8th Grade Foods teacher. He had sold her Halloween Insurance when he was a DeMolay, and that's when he found out that she was a Past Honored Queen. Luckily for him, Randy said, Mrs. Morin didn't have to cash in her insurance and was also quite relieved, as a new DeMolay, to have an instant bond with someone who understood these great organizations. Needless to say, they, of course, developed an amazing, mutual, and wonderful friendship over these many years.

Randy emotionally thanked All the Members of Naamah Chapter #73 for the heartfelt \$1,500.00 donation. That \$500 will go to each of the three Masonic Youth Groups: Indiana Order Rainbow Girls, Indiana DeMolay, and Job's Daughters International.



Carla Ellington