

Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Indiana





Dennis Schraeder

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Chapter Officers

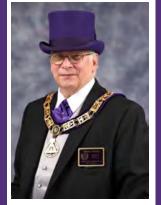
Dennis Schraeder, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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 Crpptic Masons of Indiana





James Catania

2023-2024 Indiana Grand Council Officers

James Catania, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

James Davis, Right III. Deputy Grand Master Todd Carpenter, Right III. Grand Principle Conductor of Work David Ulrich, PMIGM, Grand Recorder Max Maupin, PMIGM, Grand Treasurer W. Keith Stiner, Right III. Grand Captain of the Guard Frank Capler, Right III. 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 Snights 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 Barry Clouser, Grand Prelate Mike Robbins, Grand Inspector General Tony Peterson, Grand Marshal, Aide

York Rite Newsletter March 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,





- 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 <u>Mike Anderson</u>
- March 9—East Central Department Conference at Grand Wayne Convention Center. 7:45a Registration, 8a Session begins, 6p social hour, 7p dinner. Contact <u>Marty Trent</u>
- March 16—Grand Master's One Day Class—South At Falls Lodge in Clarksville, South at Vincennes Masonic Temple in Vincennes, Central at Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis, Central at Dayton Lodge in Dayton, IN, Nort at Mizpah Shrine in Ft. Wayne. Contact Grand Lodge

March 16—Council Instructional, Central at Richmond Masonic Temple. 11a Assemble. Contact Charlie Bowling.

- March 16—Council Instructional, Central at Mooresville Lodge. 6p Assemble. Contact Charlie Bowling.
- March 18—Mark Master Degree at Anderson Chapter #52. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact Max Maupin.
- March 21—Royal Arch Degree at Grant County Chapter #55. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact George Ingles.
- March 22—Mark Master Degree at Crawfordsville Chapter #40. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact Joe Sparks.
- March 23—Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery UD. 9:30a assemble, 10a opening. Contact Joe Sparks.
- March 23—Levant Preceptory Order of the Temple at Vincennes. 11a assemble, 12p degree. Contact Carson Smith.
- March 23—Past Master Degree (Virtual) and Most Excellent Master Degrees at Ft. Wayne. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact Mike Doxsee.
- March 23—Most Excellent Master Degree at Valparaiso. 7p degree. Contact Bruce Bush.
- March 31—Prater Commandery Easter Observance at Second Presbyterian Church. 9:30a assemble, 10a service, 11a Walkabout, 11:30 brunch at Aristocrat Pub and Restaurant. Contact <u>Carson Smith</u>.
- April 5-7—179th Annual Convocation Grand Chapter. Online reservations required.

April 18—Royal and Select Master Degrees at Grant County Council #28. 6p dinner, 7p degree. Contact <u>George Ingles</u>.
 April 20—Prather Commandery All Order Day. 8a registration, 9a Order of the Red Cross (full form), 10a Order of Malta, 11a lunch, 12p Order of the Temple. 2:30 adjourn, 3p refreshment at Fort Ben Pub. Contact <u>Brian Lewis</u>.

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





Lady Vanessa Attkisson, wife of Joey Attkinson Companion and Sir Knight Mark L. Baker Lady Cindy Bechinski, wife of Richard J. Bechinski Companion and Sir Knight Harry E. Cartwright Lady Penny Darling, wife of Randy J. Darling Companion and Sir Knight Dion G. Diakis Lady Dee Ellington, wife of Randal P. Ellington Companion and Sir Knight William R. Gray Companion and Sir Knight James E. Harris Lady Dana Henderson, wife of Donald E. Henderson Lady Joanne Ithier, wife of Wayne L. Ithier Companion and Sir Knight Adam E. Jackson Companion and Sir Knight Jerome A. Kipper Companion and Sir Knight Charles L. Lewis Companion and Sir Knight Max E. Maupin Companion and Sir Knight Michael S. Morrison Companion and Sir Knight W. Kris Phillips Companion and Sir Knight Marvin L. Rees Companion and Sir Knight Mitchell H. Rohrbaugh Companion and Sir Knight William A. Short Companion and Sir Knight C. Keith Spurgeon Companion and Sir Knight Jerry A. Thomas Lady Connie Whisner, wife of Philip D. Whisner Lady Patricia Wooten, wife of Bradley C. Wooten

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



Joey and Vanessa Attkisson David and Cathy Miller David II & Kelly Miller Jim & Faye Prairie Kevin & Debra Sue Spencer Carson & Patty Smith

Installation

On February 3, Rainbow Girls Friendship Assembly #44



held their spring Installation of Officers. Congratulations to Amber, who was installed as Worthy Advisor, and all of the officers.

> Friendship Assembly #44 Facebook

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 <u>Monica</u>.



Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to Spencer Lodge's newest Entered



Apprentice, Hunter Stogsdill! Spencer Masonic Lodge #95 Facebook

Official Visit

Bethels #107 and 108 had an amazing Official Visit on February 10, with a full officer corp and choir present.



There were twentyseven daughters in attendance!

> Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook

Shrine Clowns

In this town of Fort Wayne, a Shrine Circus was had! For those who missed it, they were surely sad. The Mizpah Shrine and Clowns rolled out the red carpet.

And the visiting clowns from Aladdin, Antioch, Syrian, Medinah and Orak, were glad to be part of it! For the Circus goers and fans left with cheer. For all of us clowns, we look forward to next year!

International Shrine Clown Association Facebook



Levant Preceptory

Order of the Temple

March 23rd, 2024 11:00 AM EDT Assemble 12:00 PM EDT Conferral 3:00 PM EDT Conclusion Vincennes Masonic Temple 501 Broadway St. Vincennes, IN 47591-2025 Contact <u>Carson Smith</u>



Chili Cook-Off

A packed house enjoyed Greenwood Lodge's annual chili cook-off on February 1. When the votes were all tallied Brother Frank O'Dell that took home first prize. This marks his third title! Second place went to Brother Bill Porter, last year's champion.

Greenwood Lodge 514 Facebook



Candlelight Lodge

They had a candlelight Stated Meeting on February 8 at Oakland Lodge. It was unique and a great way to share the Light in Masonry.

Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



Ceremony of Light

What do you do when you don't have seven candlesticks for the Ceremony Of Light? Well, if you are State Master Councilor Owen Vermeulen you improvise and do what it takes to deliver your message! Brother



Owen not only delivered the Ceremony Of Light but talked up DeMolay at Mooresville Masonic Lodge's Stated Meeting on February 5.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook



Master Mason

Congratulations to Brother Jean who was raised as a Master Mason on February 8. Welcome to the Fraternity!



Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 F&AM Facebook

Vetrans

Thank you to some of the Orak Vets for removing the wreaths from the grave sites of deceased veterans in February!

Orak Shrine—Michigan City Facebook



First Responders

The Edgewood Police Department used the parking lot at Mount Moriah on February 8 for training. Thank you for helping keep the community safe!

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



Mark Master Degree

On February 8, Greenfield Chapter conferred the Mark Master Degree on two worthy Brothers.



Ladies Night



Tri County Shrine in Clarksville held their first Ladies Night on February 7, with forty-three ladies enjoying a night of painting, food, drinks, and fun!

> Tri-County Shrine Club Official Facebook



50 Years

Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Joe Campbell, who was presented his 50 year Award of Gold at



Master Mason

Congratulations to Kane Lodge's new Master Mason, Brian Steenbeke!

Freemasons Kane Lodge #183 Facebook



Orders of the Red Cross and Malta

On February 7, Vincennes Commandery #20 hosted the Orders of the Red Cross and Malt with a to tal of nine candidates from Vincennes, Green County, and Wright Commanderies.

Randal P Ellington Facebook



Pizza Party

Rainbow Girls, Friendship Assembly , held their annual Get Ready pizza party at the lodge before they went to the DeMolay Sweetheart dance on February 10.

Friendship Assembly #44 Facebook



Traveling Gavel

M.L. McClelland Lodge took the Traveling Gavel from Dunes Lodge on February 7.

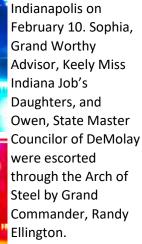
Carl Froedge Facebook



Sweetheart Dance

The DeMolay Sweetheart Dance was held at the





Scottish Rite Cathedral in

> Randal P Ellington Facebook





Getting Ready

Angola York Rite was in Orland to perform the Mark Master Degree for three worthy candidates.

Angola York Rite Facebook



Masonic Podcast



Check out That OTHER Masonic Podcast on <u>Google</u> or <u>Spotify</u>.

New Members

On February 15, Kerman Grotto obligated six new members and one for Merou Grotto. Congratulations!

Midwest Grotto Association Facebook



DeMolay

On February 17, Speedway DeMolay held their Installation of Officers. This is one fine group of young men!



Terry Bisping Facebook

Arch Inspection

On February 17, Angola Council #27 had the pleasure of hosting the Inspection for Arch 2.

Angola York Rite Facebook



New Candidates

On February 19, Hacker Chapter #34 held a Mark Master for two new candidates.

Bedford Commandery #42 Facebook

Entered Apprentice

Congratulations to the newest Entered Apprentice of Bethlehem Lodge #574 F&AM, Joseph Kelly.

That OTHER Masonic Podcast Facebook



Honorary Membership



High Priest, Brian Bates, of Grant County Chapter #55 presented Dennis Schraeder Sr, MIGHP, with an Honorary Membership on February 17.

Dennis Schraeder Sr Facebook



Merou Grotto

The men of Merou Grotto had a fantastic evening. There's something about that good fellowship that you just can't beat.

Dave Hosler Facebook





Mark Master

Congratulations to the newest Mark Master of DeKalb York Rite!



Dekalb Masonic Lodge #214 Facebook

Entered Apprentice

On February 21, Oakland Lodge initiated two new



Entered Apprentices. Congratulations to the two new Brothers!

> Oakland Lodge 140 F&AM Facebook



Fellow Craft Degree

On February 20, Clay #85 conferred the Fellow Craft Degree two new brothers, including one from Terre Haute.

Terre Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



Most Excellent Master

On February 19, Anderson York Rite held a Most Excellent Master Degree. They now have five candidates ready to move to their Royal Arch Degree.

Anderson York Rite Facebook



Master Masons

Congratulations to the newly raised Master Masons of New Pal Lodge, Matt and Jerry, who were raised to the Sublime Degree on February 21.



New Palestine Masonic Lodge #404 Facebook





Royal Arch Degree

Terre Haute Chapter #11 held a Royal Arch Degree on February 24 with the assistance of Westside #138. Both Terre Haute and Westside had two Companions go through the degree.

> Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State 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. <u>Registration required</u> (click link).



Entered Apprentice

On February 23, Cloverdale Lodge had a great turn out for their for their newly initiated EAs.

Coverdale Masonic Lodge #132 Facebook



Fellow Craft

On February 22, Linton Masonic Lodge held a Fellow Craft Degree for two new Brothers, Jon and Aaron.

Linton Masonic Lodge #560 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-ofstate speakers. <u>Registration</u> <u>required</u> (click link).

Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook





Billiards Tournament

On February 24, Indiana DeMolay held the State Billiards Tournament at Freemasons Hall. Congratulations to the medalists!

Indiana DeMolay Facebook





Rookie Award





Carmel Lodge 421 Facebook

State Patriots Observance

February 24 started with the State Patriots Observance



with Indiana DeMolay's writing thank you letters to our service men, women, and veterans.

Indiana DeMolay Facebook













Instructional

On February 24, the Arch 5 Council Instruction was held at Millersville Temple.

Carson C. Smith Facebook



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alan, AJ, Bob, and John for becoming part of Angola Chapter and Council at the 51st Annual Tri-State York Rite Festival!



Angola York Rite Facebook



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 stav informed.

Official Visit

On February 24, Bethel #68 of Carmel and Bethel #32 of Southport had their Official Visit.

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diate Release: For Imme

The Murat Shrine Circus will return in 2025. Tickets for 2024 will be refund

diana State Fairgrounds contractual relationship with the Indy Fuel Ice Hockey team, the Due to the In Fairgrounds has required the use of the Indiana Farmers Coliseum for the contracted dates of April 19-21, 2024.

They do not have a suitable replacement for the Coliseum therefore, we will have to postpone the MURAT SHRINE CIRCUS in 2024.

We cannot accurately describe the sadness in receiving this news. We are excited about bringing the $68^{
m th}$ Edition of the Circus back to Indianapolis in 2025 after what will be a Twelve-year hiatus, and make next year' Circus even better than what we had planned for 2024.

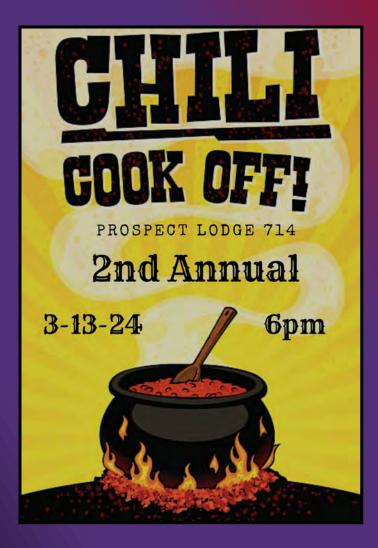
We are awaiting the details from the Indiana State Fairgrounds regarding the refunding of purchased tickets. As soon as we have those details, we will be sharing them with you.

Murat Promotions, Inc. is an independent company, created and operated by Shriners and has been working diligently for over a year to bring back our beloved circus.

We look forward to seeing all of you in 2025.

se read this press rele ease in its entirety, if you have further questions or concerns, you may Contact: Robert Yeftich, CEO Murat Promotions, Inc.

MURAT







On February 26, Lessing Lodge had their Rabbit Fry, which was a great success.

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



Website Links Click on the picture







New Companions

On February 24, Prather Chapter and Council exalted nine new Royal Arch Masons and greeted nine new Select Masters. Congratulations to the new Companions!

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana





Virtual Past Master Degree

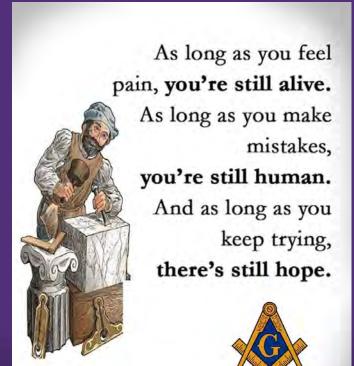
On February 26, fifteen candidates from Valparaiso and EH Gary Chapters received the Virtual Past Master Degree.

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











Grand Master Royal Arch Night



Grand Master, Gary Brinley presided as the Right Worshipful Master as three candidates continued their York Rite Journey.

Bob Brown





or call 260-423-2593. Come and join us and find your pot of gold!

In Memory



Ronald Lee Ellis, 84, of Columbus, passed away Thursday February 22, 2024. He was born September 23, 1939 in Columbus to B. Gail and Bessie (Adams) Ellis. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Ellis earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University. He retired from both Arvin Industries and NTN

Driveshaft. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Columbus.

Ron was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and Knights Templar. In 2009, he was Past Master of the Camon Lodge #343, Hope, IN. He also served as their current chaplain. He was Past Grand Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knight Templar of Indiana in 2004.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Beverly K. Ellis, in 2021.

Survivors include his loving daughter, Gail (Al) Scroggins of Mooresville, NC; and companion, Wilma Friend of Greensburg.

The funeral service with Masonic Rites, was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2024 at Myers-Reed Chapel with Rev. Howard Boles officiating. Visitation was also held at the funeral home Monday from 10:00 a.m. until service time at 1:00 p.m. Burial followed at Harmony Cemetery, Mineral Springs.

In Memory



Joe Valenti was born on July 25, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio and passed away February 14, 2024, after a brief illness.

Joe Joined the Air Force in 1954 and retired in 1974 as Major. He then pursued another career with, and retired from, the IRS. Since that time, Joe has always worked. Joe was the longtime security guard at

Freemason Hall. Joe loved this job and his fellow employees. Joe completed his B.S. in Criminal Justice at I.U.P.U.I. He was an avid reader and highly recommends Fortunate Pilgrim by Mario Puzo. Joe, also, was very proud of his Master Gardener training and frequently flaunted his knowledge. Joe, his smile, and good sense of humor will be missed by his family and many, many, many friends.

Grand Sessions

BRAND CHAPTER INDIANA

The 179th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter Indiana Royal Arch Masons will take place on April 5-7 at The Seasons Lodge in Nashville. Electronic registration is required for all attendees that are purchasing meals and can be done on their **website**. Meals must be reserved online. When making the reservation, you will have the option of using a credit card or mailing your check. Reservations deadline for meals is March 26.



The 169th Annual Assembly of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana will be held on April 21-22 at the Marriott in Indianapolis. Additional details and information for meal reservations can be found on their website. Meal reservations must be made by April 6.



The 170th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana will be held April 26-27 at The Horizon Convention Center in Muncie. Hotel reservations, event information, and meal reservations can be made on their **website**. Meals can be purchased with a credit card or check. Meal reservations are due by March 29.



