

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies:

"A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit." -- John C. Maxwell

April Birthdays:

Lady Mary Jackson, wife of Andrew R. Jackson, KCT, PGC, 4/1 Lady Darlene Ramsay, wife of Marvin Ramsay, 25, 4/2 Lady Arlene Davis, wife of Stanton Davis, KTCH, 4/4 Ronald E. Snell, Rec 5, 4/5 Jesse Jackson, DBC 4, 4/7 Thomas C. Patterson, GPE, 4/8 Lady Mary Stucker, wife of Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC, 4/8 Patrick Baird, 12, 4/8 Lady Shawna Diakis, wife of Dion Diakis, DBC 1, 4/9 David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC, 4/9 Matthew Trice, DBC 2, 4/12 Lady Cathy Chaffee, wife of David Chaffee, DBC 2, 4/12 Alan Martinez, 32, 4/12 John Tuttle, 4, 4/15 Dennis R. York, GPE, 4/16 Virgil G. Humphrey, KCT, KTCH, Lanyard Cord Program, 4/18 Brian C. Lewis, 62, 4/21 Lady Patty Smith, wife of Carson Smith, KCT, 4/25 George D. Kivett, Jr., KCT, KTCH, HPGC, 4/25 Andrew R. Jackson, KCT, PGC, 4/26 Carl Dykman, DBC 1, 4/26 Lady Joanna Bowling, wife of Charles R. Bowling, 4/27 Lady Carolyn Davis, wife of Burnell L. Davis, Rec. 20, 4/29 Lady Wanda Kehrer, wife of Terry Kehrer, GSwdB, 4/30

April Anniversaries:

Glenn & Debra Moulton, 4/2 Phillip & Verna Crussemeyer, 4/5 Donald & Nina Olvey, 4/6 Jim & Shari Coleman, 4/9 Marty & Mary Jane Evens, 4/9 Donald & Jill Laudeman, 4/10 Kevin & Cheryl Scott, 4/10 Bradley & Patricia Wooten, 4/21 Don & Mickey Borchert, 4/24 Clarence & Barbara Harter, 4/29

If I have your birthday or anniversary wrong or if it is missing, please contact me at <u>Grandrecorder@aol.com</u> or by snail mail to Larry Kaminsky, P.O. Box 1690, Highland, IN 46322

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." - Henry Ford

Sickness & Distress:

John Bridegroom's Daughter Phoenix, Arch 1 Officer Grand Council

Update 3/4: John Bridegroom wrote on Facebook 40 minutes ago: Phoenix has been struggling for a couple weeks now, and today her fever shot back up to 103.5 and she is in a lot of pain. Her heart rate was very high, in the 198 range. She does not seem to have any infections, and CT scans of her head and abdomen all seem to not show anything wrong. Her pancreas looks ok, her brain looks ok, her heart looks ok, her circulation is good... we just do not know what the problem is. As a result, Tammy and I decided to move her to Riley's today, and she is on her way in an ambulance now. I have arrived here early as it appears I drive faster than the ambulance (no surprise to anyone I am sure). Please take a moment, pause from your evenings activities, and say a prayer for her. She really needs a reprieve from all this pain. Though we have no signs of major issues, the symptoms are real, and the not knowing the cause scares us all. Thank you.

Update 3/5: Phoenix is doing better this morning! Her heart rate has come down to the 140s; she was alert and talking today. She seemed to be in much less pain and her breathing was back to normal. The docs here in Indy have confirmed that she has acute Pancreatitis, which you just wait to subside while not eating or drinking anything. They have placed a PIC line, so they can deliver some meds more effectively and a drain tube into her stomach, by way of her nose, to keep fluid from accumulating there. That will ease the nausea, and help the Pancreatitis heal quicker. We are very pleased with the difference from yesterday to today, very happy to be back at Riley's where they are better equipped to handle our situation, and so grateful for all your prayers, as you can see they are making a real difference! We are being moved out of ICU today (YAY!) and onto the oncology floor. All in all, so far, things are improving and that makes the sun shine a little brighter for us today. Thank you!

Update 3/8: Phoenix is finally feeling better! Her pancreatitis has mostly healed, she has not had a fever in 24 hours, & she has recovered from her chest tube placement yesterday. Her new chest tube is still draining a high volume of fluid, but she started some steroids last night that will help this along. Today she is eating crackers & drinking water & juice, which makes her happy. The docs have decided to continue to delay her chemo until the chest tube is out, or will reevaluate next week. She will start some therapy in her bed to help her muscles, since she hasn't been up & moving in 4 weeks. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers! Tammy

Update 3/10: Phoenix continues to feel better each day. This morning she ate breakfast, did some therapy, and had a smile on her face! Oh her beautiful smile makes me happier than I can ever say. I

am re-energized with help from John and our parents this week. It looks like her chest tube may be able to come out within the next few days. So with this improvement, her next round of chemo is right around the corner, so please continue all that positive energy you love to give! Tammy

Update 3/13: Phoenix is doing well. She is still in Indy at Riley's, but as of right now she is not hooked up to anything but the drain tube in her chest! This is good, no antibiotics, medications or pain meds. She is feeling good, though she is bored. She has been up and walking the past two days, and having Physical Therapy as well as School during the day. She is eating pretty well though they have her on a low fat diet until they are sure the Pancreatitis is gone entirely. We are hopeful that the drain tube can be removed in the next few days, but that depends entirely on the fluid output. It still needs to slow down a bit. They will begin her next round of Chemo as soon as the tube is out and possibly before. She will be here at Riley's for a couple more weeks as a result I think. Thank you, everyone, for all of your support. These are long days and nights, especially for Tammy. In the last month and a half she has been home for approx. 4 days, and she sleeps in a recliner next to Phoenix's bed every night. I travel back and forth from home to Indy, staying when I can for a couple nights at a time, sometimes just staying for a few hours and then driving back. All of your support helps us in many ways. Thank you.

Update 3/19: Just realized I told my mom I would update yesterday! So, things are going well at the moment. Phoenix started chemo on Thursday, had a spinal injection this morning, & will finish up tomorrow. Her chest tube is still draining, & we will remain here until it stops. She is feeling tired & a little nauseous, but overall she's doing great. We will keep her busy doing physical therapy & school (Riley style) while we hope she doesn't get hit too hard with side effects from this round. Tammy **Update 3/19:** Update from Riley: Phoenix had an NG feeding tube placed last week & is now on some custom formula for nutrition. The reason for this is to help her pleural fluid dry up. The pleural effusion is very complicated, but has slowed over the last couple days. She is having some discomfort associated with being on liquid feeds & she is neutropenic, so now is the time to worry about fevers...but we haven't seen it yet. Phoenix's spirit is still strong & she continues to fight this fight. We still do not know when we may be able to come home. Again, I thank you all for your kind words and support. Tammy

Update 3/29: Update from Riley: still here. Phoenix vomited out her NG a few days ago & I requested a new form of nutrition due to her nausea, so she is on TPN (IV feeds). She spiked a fever & her cultures showed that she has a strep bacterial infection, which is being treated with antibiotics. She has needed transfusions of blood, platelets, & antibodies. Today she will be having an echocardiogram to make sure the strep is not affecting her heart, which apparently it is known to do. She remains neutropenic, nauseous, & suffers from diarrhea & the fever. The good news is that her pleural effusion has slowed its output dramatically, & we may see the chest tube come out soon. Keep the positivity a flowin! Tammy

Update 3/29: Things are moving in a positive direction for Miss Phoenix. She has been put on a low fat diet today & if the food does not increase her chest fluid output, the tube will be removed this week! Her nutrition & this chest tube are the only issues keeping us here. We start a new chapter of treatment this Thursday, with a spinal injection...& then we have to come to clinic every Thursday. As long as she stays healthy we will only be here once a week!! It feels so good to see a light peaking thru the clouds.

Update 4/05: Chest Tube is out! Now, if all goes well with her Spinal tomorrow, it is likely that Phoenix can come home! Its been a long hard two months, but here we are. Very excited, what a great Easter it will be!



Greetings!

The Take Ten Team is planning to participate in an awesome event this April 18-20 in support of cancer research. We have a specific target in mind, and that's pediatric oncology. At Notre Dame on those days, there is an opportunity to participate in "Bald is Beautiful" Days, which affords us the chance to shave our heads, cut our hair and donate it, or have orange hair extensions put in. The link for further information is: <u>https://sites.google.com/a/nd.edu/ndclass12/</u>

This event will, by us participating and paying our fee to do so, benefit Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Oncology unit. So orange hair and shaved heads will help local kids with cancer! Beyond our participation fees, though, we are taking part in order to help the Bridegroom family, who is pictured here. Phoenix, who just turned 6 in February, has leukemia. She has spent many weeks since last October at Riley Children's Hospital, other days at Memorial, and continues to struggle. She has had numerous chemo treatments, fever spikes, acute pancreatitis, and the many side effects that chemo treatments bring. She continues to endure, showing her family her strength and sassy attitude as much as she can. This turn of events has been emotionally and financially devastating to the entire family. In order to help these outstanding members of our community, we are asking you to make a donation to help them, in support of our participation in Bald is Beautiful. A suggested donation is one dollar for every year of life you've celebrated; if you can't afford that, please consider at least one dollar for every year of Phoenix's life (she's only 6!). Donations may be made in cash or by check, at the address below or to any of us in person. We can't cure the cancer from which Phoenix suffers, but we can show her and her family our love and support and do our part to alleviate her family's financial burden! Thank you so much, The Take Ten Team (Ellen, Lauren, Rachael, Victoria, Kwame, Rocky and Carlos) Take Ten, 921 N. Eddy St., South Bend, IN 46617 (574) 631-9424

Lloyd Marsh: Helen called tonight and they brought Elmer home this evening. He is still on oxygen and pretty weak. Home health is going to come in and help with therapy until he gets strong enough to go to the local hospital for therapy. They did an echogram on his heart and Helen said it was pretty good but not pumping the way it should. She thinks they have him on some medication to help.

<u>Alan Martinez</u>, of Anderson York Rite, underwent double-bypass heart surgery on Sunday 3/11. The surgery was successful and he is on the road to recovery. Please keep Alan in your thoughts and prayers.

Fay Roberts, wife of Bobby Roberts, VEDGC was admitted to the hospital with severe stomach pain. She had an operation to remove part of her colon and after a long and tenuous term in ICU, she was released and now is home resting. Later in the month, she returned to the hospital in serious condition. She again has been released and is home resting. Our prayers are with you, Fay.

David Willoughby, GS: Dave was taken to the hospital this evening (3/14) for tests. He is expected to remain at least overnight. Keep Dave and Vicky in your payers. I will send further information as I receive it. F&S, Don Olvey

Update 3/15: Dave does NOT have a cardiac condition. He will be undergoing further tests and be in the hospital for a while.

Update 3/19: David is home and resting.

Joe Moran: Yesterday afternoon, 3/27 he reported that he felt as though he was having a stroke, Joe Moran, member of Century Lodge No. 764, and the Indianapolis York Rite Bodies, was taken in an ambulance from his place of business, at Hardwicke's Pipe and Tobacco, to the hospital. After a diagnosis, he informed me that it now appears that he has a chicken egg sized brain tumor, and that he is unable to drive, but the good news is that the tumor appears to be benign, operable, and that it is entirely likely that, once he is able to work out the financing, he will be restored to full health.

<u>Rita Todd</u>: She is back at home and I went over early afternoon as they were returning from her doctor visit to Indy. She is able to sit up in the living room and take some short walks around the house at present. She is back to being her "sassy" self and I think she looks great! We know she has a long way to go but she is definitely making progress. I know she would love to get some cards from the Commandery gang! Her address is 850 Center Drive, Frankfort, IN, 46041 is anyone would like to send her a note or such.

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." -- St. Thomas Aquinas

Indiana Death Notices:

James B. (J.B.) Willoughby: February 08, 1963 - March 10, 2012; James B. (J.B.) Willoughby, 49, of Bedford, passed away at 12:01 pm on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Monroe Hospital in Bloomington following a short illness. Born February 8, 1963 in San Mateo, CA, he was the son of James F. and Sandy (Linneman) Willoughby. He married Brenda Callahan on October 15, 1988 and she survives. He was a Past Master of the Bedford Masonic Lodge F&AM #14 where he was a member for over 20 years and an officer of the Bedford York Rite. James attended Free Methodist church and was the customer service manager at ESPY services. Survivors include his wife, Brenda of Bedford; his father and stepmother, James F. and Betty S. Willoughby of DeFuniak Springs, FL; a brother, Kurt and Vanessa Willoughby of Danvers, IL; two stepbrothers, Monty Pritchard of Bedford, and Jim Pritchard of DeFuniak Springs, FL; a nephew Hunter J. Willoughby; a niece Shandre' Willoughby; and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Sandy Willoughby. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14th at Free Methodist Church in Bedford with Pastor John Lane and Pastor Reed Beard officiating. Burial will follow at Cresthaven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13th at Day & Carter Mortuary and from 11:00 am to the time of service on Wednesday, March 14th at Free Methodist Church. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13th.

Vonn Graeme Hoffman, 73, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Indiana, 1991-92 and Past Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, 1999-2000 passed away on Friday, March 30, 2012, at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Surviving are his loving wife, Norma Kay Hoffman; many extended family members; and his Masonic brothers. A Memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children or Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Son's Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne.

Illustrious Actives and Honorary Members Supreme Council, 33E:

- I regret to advise you that Ill. William D. Richter, 33E died December 28, 2011. Brother Richter, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° August 31, 1993 in Boston MA.
- I regret to advise you that Ill. Douglas H. White, Jr., MD, 33E died January 11, 2012. Brother White, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° September 27, 1978.
- I regret to advise you that Ill. Willard M. Avery, 33E died February 11, 2012. Brother Avery, of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° on September 27, 1967.
- I regret to advise you that Ill. Joseph O. Eiler Jr., 33E died February 7, 2012. Brother Eiler, a member of the Valley of Evansville, was crowned a 33° on August 27, 2007 in Washington DC.
- I regret to advise you that Ill. David L. Weatherford, MSA, 33E died March 14, 2012. Brother Weatherford, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, received his MSA in 1991, and was crowned a 33° on September 3, 2002 in Boston MA.
- I regret to advise you that Jack R. Gutermuth, MSA died August 28, 2011. Brother Gutermuth, a member of the Valley of Fort Wayne, received his MSA in 2011.

Gail N. Kemp, 33[•] - Ill. Commander-in-Chief; Jeffrey K. Saunders, 33[•] - Secretary

Levant Preceptory

Levant Preceptory is a group of Knights Templar from across the State of Indiana who has formed a medieval reenactment unit for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple while clothed in costumes appropriate to the Crusader period. As many of you know, Levant Preceptory traveled to Detroit Michigan to exemplify the Order of the Temple in period dress. It was a great day of fun and fellowship as well as educational. The cast performed in an exemplary manner and made all us Indiana Templars quite proud. Below is a picture of the Detroit Asylum.





Front Row: Chris Hodapp, Jim Dillman, Terry Turner, Tom Tuttle, Billy Koon, Paul Cole, Jack Wallace, and Hermits Rob Kumpfer and Mark Haworth

Back Row: Jim Iles, Phil Whisner, Mitchell Rohrbaugh, Aaron Taylor, Carson Smith, Dale Adams, John Bridegroom, and Hermit Gary Messer

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Lawrence V. Kaminsky: Phone 219-789-0625

Important Dates:

- <u>April 4, 2012.</u> Indy AASR: 7:00 PM. Immediately following the Business Meeting, the Dramatic Department will present the 30° for your enjoyment! The Double Eagle Cafe' will be open from 5:30 7:00 PM for dinner. Cost is approximately \$10.00. Don't forget to bring your Passport!
- **Fri/Sat. Apr 13-14, 2012.** Grand Chapter Session See attached Flyer
- **Sat. April 14, 2012.** Indy AASR - 8:00 AM; The Lodges in Howard County, in conjunction with the Valley of Indianapolis, will be presenting the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees beginning at 8:00 AM in the Hall of Howard Lodge No. 93 located at 316 N. Washington St. Kokomo, IN. Immediately following the Master Mason degree the Valley will present a number of degrees including the 32°. This is an excellent opportunity for a Lodge to complete the degrees for a busy candidate as well as a convenient time to join the Scottish Rite! For more information, please contact: Rick Purcell in the Valley office - 317-262-3122, 800-489-3579 or rpurcell@aasr-indy.org.
- **Sat. April 21, 2012.** Indy AASR: 6:30 PM; "Death of a Distinguished Gentleman" is the title of this increasingly popular event. Please join us for dinner and help solve the murder mystery. Tickets are \$25 for members and their guests. Get your tickets now by calling the Valley office: 317-262-3100, 800-489-3579.
- Sat. April 21, 2012 Valley of Fort Wayne AASR Spring Convocation
- Sat. April 21, 2012 Valley of Terre Haute AASR Spring Convocation

Wed/Thurs. Apr 25-26, 2012. Grand Council Session – See attached flyer

Thurs/Sat. April 26-28, 2012. Grand Commandery Conclave – See attached Flyer

- <u>April 28, 2012</u> Valley of Evansville AASR Spring Convocation
- April 28, 2012 Valley of South Bend AASR Spring Convocation
- <u>Wed. May 2, 2012</u> Indy AASR: 7:00 PM. The annual meetings of Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, Saraiah Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix, and Indiana Consistory, S.P.R.S. will be held jointly in the Theater of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, for the purpose of electing officers to serve during the ensuing year. In addition, two trustees will be elected by the Lodge of Perfection to serve during the ensuing two years as well as the Treasurer for all bodies. Prior to the meeting, a complimentary dinner will be available in the Double Eagle Cafe' from

| | at your earliest convenience. 317-262-3100, 800-489-3579. |
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| <u>Sat. May 5, 2012.</u> | Indiana Templar Academy at Fort Wayne Masonic Temple (See flyer) |
| <u>Sat. May 19, 2012.</u> | All Commandery Orders will be conferred in full form. A Templar Festive Board will complete the day. (See flyer) |
| <u>Sat. Jun 2, 2012.</u> | Indiana Templar Academy at Columbus Masonic Temple (See flyer) |

Around the Encampment:

James V. Acker, PGC, PMIGM, and EGK: Arrangements have been made for Masonic Service and Funeral Service for James V. Acker of West Fargo ND. Jim was Grand Commander of the ND Grand Commandery in 2008 and Illustrious Grand Master of the ND Grand Council in 2009. He was currently serving as Grand King of the ND Grand Chapter. There will be a Masonic Service following a Prayer Service at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 9th at the Wight Comes & Sogn Funeral Home, 1111 4th St NE, Watertown SD and a Funeral Service on Saturday, March 10th at 10:30 AM at the Holy Name Church, 1009 Skyline Drive, Watertown SD. Memorials and cards can be sent to Rita Acker, 3523 5th St W Apt 108, West Fargo ND 58078. Merle

William Skrepnek, KCT, PGC, PMIGM, and PGM (June 10, 1937 - March 21, 2012)

William Skrepnek of Lennon, age 74, died Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at McLaren Flint. A Masonic Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Rossell Funeral Home, conducted by W. Don Baugher, Past Grand Master. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Clio. Visitation will be Noon-8 p.m. Friday. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Masonic Home. Bill was a member and officer of several Masonic organizations. He was a member of Flushing Masonic Lodge #223, F&AM and had served as Worshipful Master for three times, was currently serving as Treasurer, and he was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, F&AM in 1991. He was a member of the Flint Rapids Chapter #116 and had served five times as High Priest, Secretary for 22 years, D.D.I. for seven years, and had served as Grand Chaplain of the Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Bill was a member of Flint Council, #56 and served twice as Thrice Illustrious Master, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masons of Michigan in 1983, the



Regional Deputy Grand Master from 1984-87, and awarded the Columbian Medal. He was a member of the Genesee Valley Commandery #15 and served as Commander three times, the R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Michigan in 2004, awarded the KCT, and was the current treasurer in two Commanderies. Bill was a member of the Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Bay City and served as Past Most Wise Master, Past Commander-In-Chief, and was a 33rd Degree Mason. He was a member of the Elf Khurafeh Shrine Temple.

Bill is survived by: wife, Doris; five daughters, Julie Bond of Bentley; Kay (Greg) Cherry of Genesee, Mick (Ted) Speers of South Lyon, Barbie (Mark) Benedetti of Howell, Terri (Greg) Green of New Hill, NC; the mother of his daughters, Barbara Skrepnek of Howell; step-son, Rick (Jennifer) Walkling of Durand; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Alex (Lavada) Ewanchuk of Salisbury, MD; niece, Janice Dawson, of Salisbury, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents and a stepson, Greg Walkling.

Think about it:

A lthough things are not perfect B ecause of trial or pain C ontinue in thanksgiving D o not begin to blame E ven when the times are hard ${f F}$ ierce winds are bound to blow G OD is forever able H old on to what you know I magine life without His love \underline{J} oy would cease to be $\,K\,$ eep thanking Him for all the things L ove imparts to thee M ove out of "Camp Complaining" ${f N}$ o weapon that is known On earth can yield the power P raise can do alone Q uit looking at the future $\,R\,$ edeem the time at hand ${f S}$ tart every day with worship ${
m T}$ o "thank" is a command U ntil we see Him coming V ictorious in the sky W e'll run the race with gratitude $\underline{X} \text{ alting God most high}$ \underline{Y} es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but... \underline{Z} ion waits in glory....where none are ever sad!

And God Bless

"I AM too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen

Received: 3/12/2012 http://www.photoshow.com/watch/Vp6Iz2KD

The Grand Line was recently in Southern Indiana where we were presenting Area Conferences. This is a slide show put together by Wm. Dirk Rader of St. John's Lodge # 20. It shows our trip to Henryville Indiana where the Tornadoes came through last week. The young man with the sling is a state trooper, and a Brother, who was standing on the second step from the top of his basement stairs when the tornado literally wiped his house away. He ended up in the basement under the large Oak tree you see laying across what is left of the basement.

Local Lodges got together and very quickly donated a couple thousand dollars and the Grand Lodge and officers were there to help as well. Stay with it until about 8 minutes 30 seconds or so when you hear a second song. It is called the Masonic Ring by Howie Damron. It is one of my favorites. You will see what is left of Brother Wimp's house and his parents' house next door. You will also see an aerial shot of the school which the staff evacuated minutes before the storm hit it. Gutsy call to leave a building like that one but it was the right thing to do.

The same afternoon we were there, a Brother from way up North near South Bend showed up with a truck full of supplies donated by the Brothers in the NW corner of the state.

We all went to the Lodge building after the state police escorted us in to the city. The Grand Master opened a Lodge and we all gathered around the altar and thanked God that no more damage was done. You know you are not alone, that you are a part of something much larger than yourself. You realize that the obligations you take are written in your heart, not just on paper. I was with my Brothers and we were standing together. It was a special moment in Freemasonry.

Carey

The reason a lot of people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work. - **Thomas Edison** -

From: The Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Indiana

Brethren,

Most of you have learned of the recent rash of tornados to hit southern Indiana. The Grand Lodge office has had several inquiries regarding ways to help with the recovery efforts. We have been in contact with two different Worshipful Masters regarding damages. The Worshipful Master of Grandview #161, WB Ira David Bevins reported that the front awning roof of their building was heavily damaged, and the building is unsafe to enter at this time. WM Bevins was not aware of any injuries, and no other serious damage in Grandview, Indiana. Their insurance company has been contacted and will help them deal with the damage.

The Worshipful Master of Henryville Lodge #651, WB Jerry Wayne Zollman, Jr. has informed us of their current situation. The lodge building escaped with minor damage, a few broken windows and some minor roof damage, which is also covered by insurance. The Masonry structure still has electricity, heat and water. WM Zollman has informed us that some members had some home damage, and one brother had serious injuries. WM Zollman has been in contact with the Red Cross and the local township authorities in his area, and has offered the use of the lodge hall as a possible shelter or distribution center. He was told that there are facilities close by to act as shelters for displaced residents as well as adequate food necessities flowing in. The lodge hall may likely become a distribution center in the coming days. WM Zollman will let us know if and what we all can do to help with their tragic situation in a couple of days as disaster relief plans are implemented. He cautions that physical help and supplies should not simply come to the community, since professional disaster relief people are on the scene and will likely turn such aide away. This office will send out further updates as information comes available. You can contact Worshipful Master Zollman at jzollman@insight.com or by telephone at (812) 569-7814 if you wish to discuss assistance with him. Money donations will likely be the best help at this time. Monetary donations can be made through the Grand Lodge Web Site under the Contributions heading followed by Disaster Relief. Monetary contributions have also been set up as listed below.

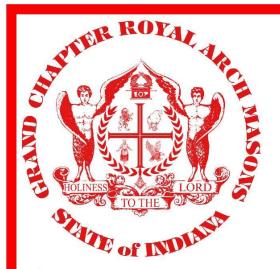
AUSTIN:

Disaster Relief Donation Center, Jennings Twp. VFD Parking Lot, Trailer will be parked between Austin City Hall & Jennings Twp. Vol. Fire Department Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10 am - Noon & 2 pm - 7 pm Donations needed: good used furniture, good clean clothes, toiletries & household items. Please no food items @ this location. For More info call: 812-794-6646

SCOTTSBURG

Disaster Relief Donation Center, Mid America Science Park, Lake Road behind Pizza Hut; Donations needed are: non-perishable food items and snacks, water, personal hygiene items, pillows, blankets, towels and wash cloths, pet food, and disposable diapers. Also needed are work gloves, generators, chain saws, rakes, shovels, flash lights, large heavy duty trash bags, tarps, and large storage totes. Check donations can be made to: Disaster Relief Fund Clothing is not being accepted at this time. For More Info Call: 812.820.3472

Richard J. Elman, PGM, Grand Secretary 317-634-7904; grsec@ingrandlodge.org



Grand Chapter Session April 13 & 14 2012

Companions,

You are invited to the 2012 Grand Session of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Indiana. It will be held April 13 and 14, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN. Please come prepared for an informative and interesting session. This facility and area are very family friendly. Please bring your wife and children!

Highlights

Friday night—Banquet honoring James W Daugherty II, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Saturday morning—Grand Session Saturday Lunch (Honors and Awards will be awarded during lunch. Your family is invited!) Saturday afternoon—Breakout sessions will be held Saturday evening—Installation of 2012-2013 Grand Officers followed by Reception and Banquet Sunday morning—Divine services following by Grand Line officers meeting

Meal & room rates will be finalized shortly and communicated to the Companions. They will be reasonable.

Special guests will be Duane Kemerley (a respected Masonic speaker. Check out www. Kemerley.com) and a surprise

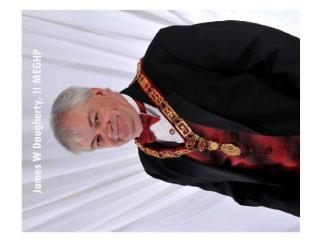
More detailed information will follow

Please make meeting reservations with Jeff Jordan at jeffjdn@att.net or by mail at 18852 Auburn Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060. Please send your name, contact info (address, phone, email), chapter, if your spouse or children will be attending, and which meals you plan on attending. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!



Grand Session April 13, 14 2012

Clarion Hotel Columbus, IN







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Masonic Anthem. A whole new career and mission began.

Ring" from a personal experience that soon became the



Paycheck. During his rest he wrote the song "The Masonic

Damron. At the early age for the guitar and singing Southern Ohio. His infathim practicing as much as eight hours a day. His first standhave known it I would have wore him out". His music career road manager and the fun and the real career started. Howlast for a lifetime. In most every town his Dad would find the tivity and that's why I started in the first place. I've completepolitical rally at his elementary school. He could never learn Dyslexia. Howie says "I always knew something was wrong down and explained the importance of considering Freemaacts in Las Vegas. It started taking a major toll on him from I've became a puppet of the business and I've lost my creahas contributed more to of 8 years old a passion ing ovation was in front of 500 people at the age of 10 at a songs. He was heard by a World Class Talent Agency and years he called his dad into his room and said "I'm through No other artist in history somehow helped me build my self esteem and I used it for ginia night club to sing on stage. They would lock the door meet some great people and started recording a couple of creating new directions my own self found therapy" By the time he was 16 he was being sneaked in the back door of a Huntington, West Viron the road he went. His dad stepped in and took over as and his Dad would perform in their lodges and at Masonic crowd including the W.Va. Ski Resorts. His dad saved up sonry. He joined. They along with a 5 piece band traveled all over the country together making memories that would local lodge and invite the brethren to the shows. Often he 5 shows per night and 7 days a week. After he'd go on for to read music or follow a music sheet because in the late was off and running. Performing everywhere there was a the money to take him to Nashville where he was able to worked for many years with the late great legend Johnny uation with music had 60's and early 70's little was recognized or known about artists in those years and ended up as one of the hottest for music than Howie Functions. Howie worked with over 200 Major Nashville but I didn't know how to combat it so I found that music started in the hills of because he was under age. His mother said "If I would ie's dad was a long time Master Mason who sat Howie home". Over those years he had became friends and ly forgot that I love my music". His dad said "Let's go

Saturday Afternoon Workshops

to success by refining the art of planning a detailed agenda positive, forward movement. Learn how to lead your group Agendas that are: Effective, Efficient, Planned, & Purposeful: Nothing saps the life out of your organization like long meetings that are often ineffective and struggle to make

how that bonding process works and how to enhance those through which members pass when they become detached fortably connected to our organization. This module details and begin to fall away from the organization. Specific inter-How Members Bond & Intervening in the Dropout Track: Too often we think that members automatically feel comrelationships. The second part walks through the steps vention approaches and techniques are included.

have a detailed plan for communication - or do you assume of communication throughout your organization. Developing effective methods of gathering feedback and interaction are defining the necessary layers within the concentric circles Developing Effective Communication Strategies: Do you that it just happens. This process seminar guides you in

Saturday Night Banquet Topic

| Friday night Buffet X \$25 = Mont outroo | Fresh California medley | Parslied redskin potatoes Tossed salad | Sherbert/Ice cream | Saturday ladies brunch buffet X \$15 = | | Saturday afternoon lunch buffet X \$20 = | Sliced roast beef au jus Chicken alfredo Garlic herb mash potatoes | Country style green beans Tossed salad | Assorted pies | Saturday night Buffet X \$28 = | Asiago red skin potatoes | Corn contern Tossed salad | Chocolate mousse | Kids meals X \$8 Piza, chicken fingers, mac & cheese | Total \$ | | Please send name, number of | tickets per meal, and total amount to | Grand Chapter Sessions 9407 State Road 17 Diversivel IN 16622 | riymoun, in 40303 Make checks payable to INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER POYAL ARCH MASONS | NAME | ADDRESS | | CITY | STATE, ZIP CODE | |
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| Friday, April 13th, 2012 | Registration from 4:00 PM6:00 | 6:30 PM Social Time | 7:00 PM Banquet honoring 2011 Officers ** | (dress will be coat and tie) | (entertainment by Howie Damron) | Hospitality suite will be open after banquet | Saturday, April 14th, 2012 | Registration opens at 6:30 AM | 7:45 AM—Opening of Grand Chapter | 8:00 Introductions of Distinguished Guests | 9:00 AM—Beginning of Grand Session | 9:30 AM Ladies brunch and program ** | 12:00 PM—1:00 PM Lunch & Awards ** | 1:00 PM—4:00 PM Workshop Sessions | Any mason is invited (\$10 charge for non York Rite Masons) | (See descriptions on back) | 4:15 PM Anointed High Priest Degree | 6:30 PM Social Time ** | 7:00 PM Installation ** | 7:30 PM Banquet Honoring 2012 Officers ** (dress will be formal) | Cumudana Anamil 1544, 2019 | A 1 V2 (IIIC IIIQA , Aponuc | 9:00 AM Divine Service | (Rev. George Weister) | ** Childcare available during these events | |
| Message from MEGHP | I want to take a moment of vour time and nersonally invite vou | to attend our Grand Session. In the enclosed brochur, you'll find all the information vou will need to place vour reservations. | Consider bringing your family with you, I believe a fun time will be had by all. The new location and date of the Grand Session | has afforded us to provide warm fellowship, relevant Masonic education, all at an affordable venue for our companions. | We hope you will take full advantage of all the activities, meet- | ings, and education my officers and I have worked so hard to bring to you and your family | The Grand Chapter officers have been blessed to have worked for you this past year, and are looking forward to moving the Grand Chapter to new heights this next year and pledge our continued service to you. | I know that if you walk away from the Grand Session proud to | be a Freemason, and even more proud to be a Royal Arch Mason, then we've done our job, and I will be proud to have | served you. | Fratemally Yours, | James W Daugherty II MEGHP | | Hotel Information | Rates \$85 + taxes per night | Clarion Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn) | 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike | Hotel Front Desk: 1-812-372-1541 | Check-In Time:4:00 PM Check-Out Time:11:00 AM | Large Indoor pool Whirlpool | Free wireless internet Ladies Program | 3 | Details are still be worked out, but activities will include shopping and architectural tours. There will be a cost of | \$20 for the architectural tours to cover transportation | and admittance fees. | |



Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



OFFICE OF Lawrence V. Kaminsky P.O. Box 1690 Highland, IN 46322-1690 219-789-0625 grandrecorder@aol.com

January 28, 2012

- To: Grand Commandery Family
- Re: 158th Annual Conclave

The 158th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, will be held beginning Thursday, April 26, 2012 through Saturday, April 28, 2012. We will again be assembling at the Marriott Hotel, East in Indianapolis.

Enclosed you will find the necessary information pertaining to this joint session with the Grand Council of Indiana. Included with the program is a detachable meal reservation form. Please make all of your meal reservations using this form and mail to the address indicated. Make your room reservations directly with the hotel on the enclosed Reservation Request sheet. The deadline for room reservations is <u>March 24, 2012</u>.

Please note: The Grand Commander's Banquet will be held on Thursday evening. The Annual 3-way Grand York Rite Reception will be held on Friday evening, following the Grand Commandery Conclave.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Paul A. Cole, the officers of Baldwin Commandery No. 2, and the Grand Officers are looking forward to hosting you for this 158th Annual Conclave. Please make your necessary reservations now and plan to attend.

Fraternally,

Lawrence V. Kaminky

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC Grand Recorder

Enclosed: Conclave Program Hotel Reservation Sheet

| 2012 Grand Session Program | Grand York Rite Bodies of Indiana | 157th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY | Cary H. Snyder and Lady Audrey | Most Illustrious Grand Master 158TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE | Grand Commandery Knights Templar | or Indiana Paul A. Cole and Lady Margaret | MARRIOTT HOTEL EAST 7202 E. 21st Street Indianapolis. IN 46219 | (317) 352-1231 | April 26, 27, 2012 Annual Meetings April 28, 2012 Competitive Drills | |
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Please make reservations with the Marriott:

in Indianapolis.

7202 East 21st Street

Indianapolis, IN 46219

(317) 352-1231

The Grand Officers of the York Rite

Bodies of the State of Indiana wish to welcome you and your Lady to our annual sessions. We hope you will have an enjoyable time with us

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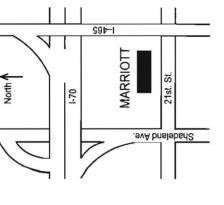
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| | Companion's | Program | Jav. April 25. 2012 | Illustrious Grood | muserious crand Master's Banquet | Thursday, April 26, 2012 | Registration | Grand Council Opens | Receive Distinguished Guests | Companion's Lunch | Grand Council Resumes | Installation of Officers | Thrice Illustrious Master Degree | Ladies Program | Ladies Luncheon | 8:00 A.M 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite 160 | Grand Council Officers for 2011 - 2012 | Cary H. Snyder Most Illustrious Grand Master | Edwin E. Board Right III. Deputy Grand Master | William M. Imel R. III. Grand Prin. Cond. of the Work | John C. Gray, PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer | Charles D. Wood, Jr., PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Recorder | Paul E. Wenning Right III. Grand Captain of the Guard | Michael C. Stoner Right III. Grand Cond. of the Council | Michael J. Smith Right Illustrious Grand Steward | W. Keith Stiner | Dennis J. Anness Illustrious Grand Chaplain | | | Mono Mo | | |

Reservation Request Indianapolis Marriott Center 7202 East 21st St. Indianapolis, IN 46219 Direct Line (317) 322-3716 ext. 1230 Fax: (317) 352-9775

Grand York Rite Week Dates: Wednesday April 22, 2008 - Saturday April 26, 2008 Guest Accommodations

Single/Double/Triple/Quad- \$96.00 + 15% tax Cutoff date: Monday, March 24, 2008

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| | | One (1) King Bed | |
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Any special requests (Please keep in mind these are not guaranteed):

** All preferences are subject to change to availability**

When requesting a reservation, please note your arrival and departure dates carefully. You understand you are liable for one night's room and tax in the event you do not cancel by 6:00pm or arrive on the arrival date. This will be deducted from your deposit or billed through your credit card. If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.

Check or Money Order Enclosed for amount of _____

OR
Credit Card Number
_____Expiration ______
Signature _____

The Indianapolis Marriott East is pleased you have chosen us for your upcoming visit. Our staff looks forward to serving you in fine Marriott tradition

PLEASE NOTE: Hotel checkout time is 12:00 noon. Hotel check-in time is 4:00 PM. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE IS SUBJECT TO AVALIBILITY. ROOMS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE: HOWEVER, THE GROUP RATE IS NOT GUARENTEED.

Indiana Templar Academy 2012

To All Sir Knights:

This year there will be two sessions of the Indiana Templar Academy:

- Fort Wayne Masonic Temple May 5, 2012 Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 (Host) 216 E Washington Blvd Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3122
- Columbus Masonic Temple June 2, 2012 Columbus Commandery No. 14 (Host) 4131 Rocky Ford Rd Columbus IN 47203-2547

Each session will start at 10:00 A.M. (ET) and end around 3:00 P.M. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 noon. A nominal fee of \$20.00 per person per event will be charged to each Sir Knight in attendance to cover lunch and materials needed to present these academies.

Please remember to bring a notebook and writing instrument, as you will be encouraged to take notes. The digital presentations will be available to access or download online at the Grand Commandery website after the first ITA.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 A.M. (ET) - Officer Selection Presented by SK Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC What to look for in the selecting of an officer? How to train and mentor a new officer? How to deal with a bad officer?

11:00 A.M. (ET) – Membership Presented by SK James L. Bolinger, GSW and SK Kurt A. Begue, GW Current Demographics of Templary in Indiana Good and Bad Methods of Promoting Membership Membership Lanyard Program Grand Encampment Membership Award

12:00 Noon - Luncheon

1:00 P.M. (ET) - Planning Your Year as Eminent Commander Presented by SK Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC Reception and/or Templar Board to Honor SK's of your Commandery Activities: Patriotic Duties, Community Presence, Family Events

1:30 P.M. (ET) - Preparing for Your Inspection Presented by SK Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC When to start preparing? Who to get involved? Tips and Tricks to Pass with Flying Colors!

2:00 P.M. (ET) - Proper Templar Protocol – Presented by SK Henry E. "Hank" LaHurreau, PGC Saluting: Hand and Sword Recognizing Templar Uniform Details Proper use of Titles when addressing SK's Setting up a Head Table

Please complete the attached form and mail it with payment for the Sir Knights that will be attending the Indiana Templar Academy, along with which location and date to as soon as possible and <u>no later than two weeks prior to the event.</u>

The Committee feels that those Sir Knights that wish to improve their skills should be in attendance. Certificates and pins will be awarded to those who complete the training. We also encourage all ITA graduates to come back and renew what you have learned. Recorders, please read this at your next stated meeting upon receiving this information.

Fraternally yours,

Dwight E Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC, ITA Committee Chairman 1735 S Golden Lake Rd, Angola, IN 46703-8948 (260) 665-6643

Indiana Templar Academy 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

| Reservations for attendance must be made at least two weeks pr | ior to the |
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| event. | |
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| LOCATION ATTENDING? (Check one) | |
| Fort Wayne on May 5, 2012 | |
| Columbus on June 2, 2012 | |
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| Please enclose \$20.00 per person per event to cover expenses and lu | unch |
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Make check payable to: Indiana Grand Commandery

Mail to: Dwight E Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC ITA Committee Chairman 1735 S Golden Lake Rd Angola IN 46703-8948



Commandery All Order Day And Templar Festive Board

Eminent Commander Michael Gillard, OPC and the Sir Knights of Noblesville Commandery No. 61, Knights Templar are pleased to announce that a Commandery All Order Day and Templar Festive Board will be held at the Noblesville Masonic Temple; 295 S. 9th. Street; Noblesville, Indiana on

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Beginning at 9 A.M. (ET)

All Indiana Commanderies are invited to bring candidates...

All Commandery Orders will be conferred in full form...

A Templar Festive Board will complete the day...

Reservations are requested for the Templar Festive Board ~ Cost will be \$15.00 per person including candidates for the Orders. Contact EC Michael Gillard at <u>Mdwizard28@att.net</u> cell phone: 765-702-4346