



**Michael F. Robbins, REGC**  
**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**  
**OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

**December 2019**

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

*“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” – Winston Churchill*

**2019-2020 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:**

Michael F. Robbins	Grand Commander
Edward E. Fodrea	Deputy Grand Commander
Thomas D. Johnson	Grand Generalissimo
Vacant	Grand Captain General
David Miller, Sr.	Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer, PGC	Grand Treasurer
George A. Ingles, Jr. PGC	Grand Recorder
Randal P. Ellington	Grand Senior Warden
Randy W. Spaulding	Grand Junior Warden
Randy J. Darling	Grand Standard Bearer
Michael C. Stoner	Grand Sword Bearer
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Warder
Timothy R. Brinkmeyer	Grand Sentinel

**Happy Birthday!!!**  
**December Birthdays:**



Lady Mickey Borchert, wife of Donald L. Borchert  
Lady Sally Brindle, wife of Nathan C. Brindle  
Lady Brittany Cottrell, wife of Clint R. Cottrell  
Lady Karen Deeter, wife of Jerry O. Deeter  
Lady Rhonda Harper, wife of Thomas W. Harper  
Lady Carol Iles, wife of James Iles, II  
Lady Clorissa Jackson, wife of Adam E. Jackson  
Lady Janel King, wife of Charles King  
Lady Beverly La Hurreau, widow of Henry E. La Hurreau  
Lady Jill Laudeman, wife of G. Donald Laudeman III  
Lady Monica Peterson, wife of Tony S. Peterson  
Lady Chere Phillips, wife of W. Kris Phillips  
Lady Patricia Robbins, wife of Michael F. Robbins  
Lady Marna Stahlka, wife of Clay Stahlka  
Sir Knight Steven J. Barton  
Sir Knight George Brutchen  
Sir Knight Barry Clouser  
Sir Knight Clint R. Cottrell  
Sir Knight Jerry O. Deeter  
Sir Knight Brian Scott Du Bois

Sir Knight Christopher J. Gamblin  
Sir Knight Rowland C. Gorman  
Sir Knight Joseph K. Hedges  
Sir Knight Matthew T. Hobbs  
Sir Knight Tyson Howenstine  
Sir Knight James A. Iles, II  
Sir Knight Joseph C. Korschot  
Sir Knight Keith D. Lender  
Sir Knight Michael A. Mang  
Sir Knight Gary A. Nicholson  
Sir Knight James D. Pinnick  
Sir Knight Thomas R. Retherford  
Sir Knight De Wayne Richmond  
Sir Knight Dennis H. Rigsby  
Sir Knight Donnie A. Robinette  
Sir Knight Kenneth Roy, Jr.  
Sir Knight Joseph L. Scanland  
Sir Knight Ronald D. Simpson  
Sir Knight Ronald L. Tungett



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
**December Anniversaries:**

Larry & Suanna Brown  
Dale & Nancy Foreman  
David & Vickie Gundrum  
Virgil & Janice Humphrey

Terry & Wanda Kehrer  
John & Marcia La Bounty  
Gary & Sally Nicholson  
Duane & Georgia Vaught

*Let us celebrate with you!*

*Send me your birthday and anniversary so you can be included in the newsletter.*

[monipaints4u@yahoo.com](mailto:monipaints4u@yahoo.com)

## Battalion VII Reception in Bedford



Bedford Commandery hosted the Battalion VII Reception on Saturday, November 2nd, which was attended by almost 50 Sir Knights, Ladies and guests. New Albany Commandery #5, Columbus Commandery #14, Bedford Commandery #42 and Bloomington Commandery #63 are in Battalion VII. Bedford Commandery is home to Grand Commander, Mike Robbins. Mike

talked about the importance of making a good first impression on new Sir Knights and welcoming them into the Commandery.



Larry Williams, PGC, KTEF Chairman, presented certificates to Bedford and Columbus Commanderies for their donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.





## Battalion V Special Reception At Bray Commandery #65



W. G. Bray Commandery #65 held their Special Reception on Saturday, November 2nd. The Special Reception is a tradition that started about 20 years ago, and is unlike any other Commandery Reception you may attend. It is a roast based on the career or hobbies of the Grand Commander. Mike Robbins, Grand Commander, is a retired police officer and a firearms instructor, so the event focused on those things. The evening started with an amazing meal! There was target practice using toy pistols with Mike calling the shots. The Grand Commander was escorted to the East through an “Arch of Batons” where he received tools of his trade. As a tribute to the length of time that Mike spent in law enforcement, he was presented with a caveman’s club and a toy flintlock pistol. Mike was also presented a plaque in appreciate of his support of Bray Commandery. Nearly 40 Sir Knights and their guests were present to enjoy the festivities.



## Battalion V Reception at Prather



Raper Commandery #1, Prather Commandery #62, W.G. Bray Commandery #65, and H.E. Lackey Commandery #67 make Battalion V. The Reception on Saturday, November 9th, was attended by close to 50 Sir Knights and their guests.

Sir Knight Larry Williams, PGC, KTEF Chairman, presented certificates to Raper and Prather Commanderies for their donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Prather Commandery presented Mike Robbins, Grand Commander, with their Malta jewel and an Honorary Membership.

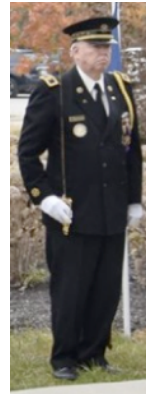
Mike talked about the importance of the Receptions and bringing in new Sir Knights. Sir Knight Carson Smith talked about the Membership Committee.



## Veteran's Day at Compass Park



*Thank you  
to all who  
served!*



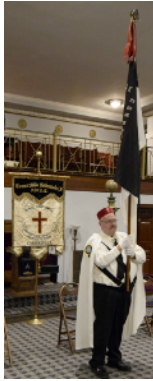
For the past several years, Compass Park (IMH) has had a Veteran's Program on Veteran's Day. The Grand Commandery posts the colors on the stage at the beginning of the program. There are guest speakers that share their stories. The program concludes as everyone moves outside and the Commandery raises the flag. The American Legion provides the volley and taps.

11/11/19





## Battalion VI Reception in Connersville



On Wednesday, October 13th, almost 60 people attended the Battalion IV Reception hosted by Connersville Commandery's beautiful historic building. Baldwin Commandery #2, Connersville Commandery #6, Richmond Commandery #8 and Greenfield Commandery #39 are in Battalion IV.

Mike Robbins, Grand Commander, presented Greenfield Commandery with a certificate of appreciation for their donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Connersville Commandery presented Mike with an Honorary Membership. Mike and Patty were presented with gifts on behalf of the Battalion.





## Battalion IV Reception in Frankfort



On November 16th, the Battalion IV Reception was held in Frankfort. Greencastle #11, Terre Haute #16, Crawfordsville #25, Frankfort #29 make up the Commanderies in Battalion IV. Around 55 people were in attendance.

Larry Williams, PGC and KTEF Chair made a presentation to Crawfordsville Commandery #25 in recognition of their donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Mike and Patty, Grand Commander and his lady, were presented gifts on behalf of Battalion IV. The Reception was followed by an Order of the Temple in which 3 candidates were newly Knighted.





**Blessed Father**, we rejoice in this time of remembrance. We rejoice in this time of renewal. We give you glory for your promised miracle wrapped in the tiniest of packages. Your gift to us is so very precious. We rejoice for His time here on Earth. We hope for the future with His life lessons given to us. We receive peace in the parables He taught. Mostly, our faith, given freely from You, is strengthened through His presence in us, everyday by Your Holy Spirit. We come to You offering our selves, a humble gift, knowing with the smallest of things, Your Miracles, Precious God of all, brighten our lives with Holy Love. AMEN.

*Rejoice*  
in the Lord

*Christine Fodrea*



A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting." - Author Unknown

*Source: Battle Ground Lodge #313*



## 60 Year Award

On November 20th, Sir Knight Albert McClelland received an award for 60 years of membership in the Fort Wayne York Rite. Congratulations!

*Source Mike Doxsee*



## York Rite Leadership Program

The General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Counsel and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, are jointly sponsoring the York Rite Leadership Program.

This is a program open to all York Rite Masons who are now in the beginning stages of leadership or who will be soon leaders within the fraternity. This program runs over a three-year period, with one day classes offered at the Department meetings in March. There is absolutely no cost to the participants for the program or materials. The only cost is transportation, hotel room, meals and conference registration fees. I would suggest that the local York Rite bodies pay the above cost or plan to reimburse the cost upon completion of the class if they are able. This is an investment in the future of your York Rite Bodies. By encouraging participation within this program, it will only help your group grow stronger in the long run.

A brief outline of the course is as follows:

Year one is General Leadership skills

Year two builds upon year one

Year three is communications skills

These are full days with very skilled instructors who are experienced in the fields that they teach.

In the past, the participants had to be nominated for an invitation for the program. Now it is open to all who may want to improve their leadership skills. I have forms available for those who have an interest in the next class.

These classes are now also open to women. If you know of any leaders within the Amaranth, Eastern Star or Beauceant, that you feel would benefit from this program please feel free to give them my contact information and I will see that they get the necessary registration forms.

Fraternally,  
Lawrence J. Williams, PGC  
State Coordinator for Indiana

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**Sir Knight Michael F. Robbins  
and Lady Patricia**  
cordially invite you to attend the  
*Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet*

at The Seasons Lodge  
560 St. Rd. 46 E.  
Nashville, Indiana 47448

***January 18, 2020***

Winter Meeting 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Social Hour 5 p.m.  
Dinner 6 p.m.

**Banquet Attire:**

Men - Tuxedo or Uniform (no sword, chapeau)  
Ladies - Cocktail Dress or Formal

**Hotel Reservations**

The Seasons Lodge  
(812) 988-2284  
Let them know you are with  
Indiana Grand Commandery  
to receive the special room rate of \$79/night.

*This special room rate is only  
available until December 17th.*

*This year, Mike and Patty have invited all Sir  
Knights to attend. It is not necessary to  
become a Fellow first. Come enjoy the evening!*

***Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet***

*Sir Knight:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Guest:* \_\_\_\_\_

\$45 per person / \$90 per couple  
RSVP no later than January 1, 2020

Make check payable to:  
Indiana Grand Commandery Knights Templar  
Mail to: Tony Peterson  
16065 E. 126th Street  
Fishers, IN 46037

This year, as we celebrate our Junior Past  
Grand Master of the Grand Encampment,  
Duane L. Vaught, ***all*** Indiana Sir Knights and  
their Ladies are invited to attend the Newby-  
Avery-Vaught Banquet.

If you have any questions about becoming a  
Newby-Avery-Vaught Fellow, please contact  
George Ingles, or go to the website at  
[IndianaKnightsTemplar.com](http://IndianaKnightsTemplar.com).

Print and Mail

## *In Memory...*



**Ezra P. Cradic**, 86, of Boggstown, passed away Monday, October 28, 2019 at his residence. Mr. Cradic had lived in this area for many years after moving from Indianapolis. He was a Past Master of Sugar Creek Lodge, a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, Murat Shrine since 1972, Eastern Star, Knights Templar, Hoosier Model A Club and a board member of Joseph Boggs Society. Ezra enjoyed golfing, fishing, gardening, horses, time spent around the farm, and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

*See complete obituary at [GlenneGeorgeAndSon.com](http://GlenneGeorgeAndSon.com).*

**Jeffrey Glen Burcham**, 60, of Martinsburg passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at his residence. He was a member of many Masonic Bodies, both in Virginia and West Virginia. He was a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia in 2000-2001. He served as Grand Commander, Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2008-2009. He also served as Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons, of the District of Columbia in 2011-2012. He was Department Commander, Mid-Atlantic Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA from 2012-2015. He was currently a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA from 2016-2018 and was currently serving as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee at the time of his passing.

*See complete obituary at [BrownFuneralHomesWV.com](http://BrownFuneralHomesWV.com)*

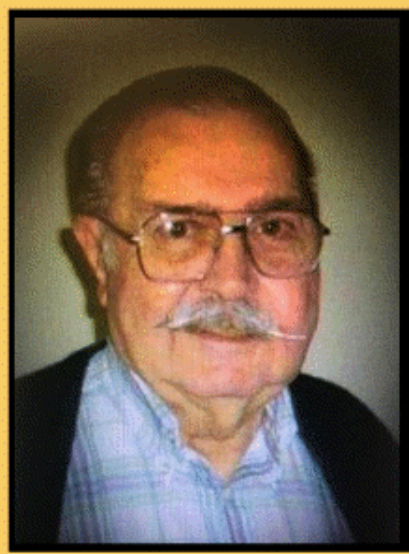


**Burnell R. Davis**, 81, formerly of Vincennes, passed away at his residence in Lowell, Indiana on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Burnell retired from Westport Auto in the service department and had also worked at the Vincennes First Church of God. Burnell was a graduate of Bruceville High School, belonged to the Bicknell Elks, and the Vincennes Lodge #1 where he had served as Worshipful Master and many other offices. He loved spending time with his wife Zenada, family, and especially his grandchildren.

*See complete obituary at [GoodwinFamilyFH.com](http://GoodwinFamilyFH.com)*





**Arthur (Art) Cleveland Harding**, age 95, of Trussville, AL (formerly of Center Point, AL) died peacefully surrounded by family on October 26, 2019. He was a retired Captain in the United States Air Force (formerly United States Army Air Corps) after proudly serving as a Bombardier/Navigator on a B-29 in WWII and the Korean War. He had a long career in accounting specializing in tax preparation, bookkeeping, and as a bank examiner for the State of Alabama. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge for over 75 years. K.Y.G.C.H., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Grand Secretary/Recorder of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama 1991 - 2005, Grand Secretary - Recorder, Emertis 2006-2019

Source [KnightsTemplar.org](http://KnightsTemplar.org)



# Supporting our Youth Groups!

## DeMolay

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

### Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Fund



The Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Fund has been awarding scholarships to students looking to further their education since 1951.

One of Freemasonry's fundamental principles is the belief in the importance of the educated mind, and the Scottish Rite is committed to fostering the value of education through this charity. Abbott Scholarship recipients include Scottish Rite Masters, young men and women from Scottish Rite families, and members of Masonic-related youth groups.

**\$376,534**  
Total Amount Distributed

**307**  
Total Scholarships Awarded

**2019 Abbott Scholarship recipient Jake Vermeulen had these words of thanks for our members:**

*I was lucky enough to receive an Abbott Scholarship from the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and I am incredibly thankful to receive that support from my Brothers. I'm a junior at Wabash College studying Political Science with minors in Religion and Economics. I'm also an Active DeMolay, a Past State Master Councilor, and a Master Mason at Frank S. Land Lodge #758 in Indianapolis, IN.*

*At a time when college costs are increasing rapidly, scholarships like the Abbott Scholarship are crucial in making college an option for many students without leaving them burdened by overwhelming debt. By lessening the burden on students and their families, scholarships like this allow students to devote themselves to their classes and preparing themselves for their future careers.*

*This investment in the future leaders of our nation, our communities, and our Lodges is a shining example of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's commitment to the future of our fraternity and nation. I am humbled to be connected with an organization that leads with its values like the Scottish Rite does with the Abbott Scholarship, and I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support of students like me.*

IMPACT REPORT 2019

Since 2011 Speedway DeMolays have earned over \$52K in scholarships and grants from our Masonic Family. The Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction funds the Abbott Scholarship, named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Speedway DeMolay PMC-MSA and PSMC of Indiana Jake V. earned a Abbott Scholarship and wrote a thank you letter to the Scottish Rite NMJ which appeared in their 2019 Impact Report.

For further information about scholarships available to Speedway DeMolays please visit this link.

Thank you to all of our Masonic Family for helping our youth be successful through the learning years of their lives.

<http://www.speedwaydemolay.org/scholarships.html>

Source: Speedway DeMolay





## Supporting our Youth Groups!

### Job's Daughters

#### Official Visit

The Cross at the Official Visit of Bethels #34 and #68



**The Coronation Ball** was held on November 2nd at the Sahara Grotto.



#### Exciting News!

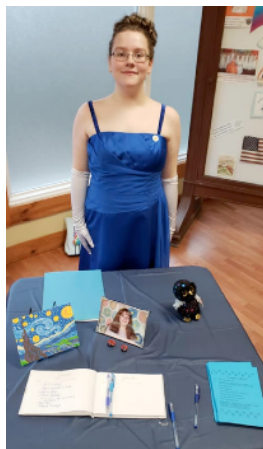
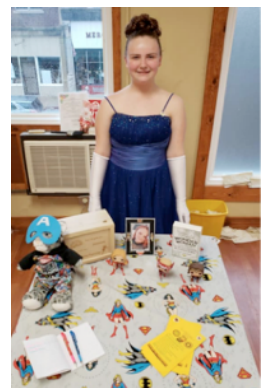
Congratulations to Bethel #44, Crown Point who have met the attendance requirements to come out of reorganization! Great work girls and adults for helping your Bethel to grow. 10 girls on the floor tonight (November 25th) from #44. Information to come about the ceremony to celebrate their achievement!

*Source Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook*



## Supporting our Youth Groups!

### Rainbow Girls



The Rainbow Girls had a wonderful Reception honoring the District 2 & 3 Grand Officers in Linton! Congrats Ladies!

## What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



### Congratulations!

On October 30th, Phil Whisner received the Tall Cedar of the Year from Past Supreme Tall Cedar James Morrison.

### 65 year Award

On November 15th, the Worthy Matron and her officers of Naamah O.E.S. in Shelbyville had the esteem privilege and blessing to present Mrs Margaret Cole with her 65 year OES pin (actual anniversary is 11-18-54/11-18-19 , she was installed into OES while her Mother was the WM and she shared this evening her original dues card that was only \$2 in 1954, the Bible she was presented and the handkerchief her mother gave her) A SURPRISE party was given and Margaret was not only surprised at the party but by all who attended including her family with one daughter flying in from Oklahoma! Happy 65th Queen Margaret , you are so loved !!!!

*Source Naamah O.E.S.*



### Giving Back

On November 12th, Poseyville Masonic Lodge #632 had “give back” event with North Elementary PTO during their Grandparents night. Homemade Ice Cream was sold to raise funds for this event.

*Source Poseyville Masonic Lodge #632*




## New Building Dedication

On November 16th our Grand Master and his Officers performed a New Building Dedication for Oakland Lodge #140.

*Source Grand Lodge of Indiana FB*





## *Seasons Greeting!*

The Grand Preceptory of the Yeomen of York would like to extend our warmest wishes for a happy Holiday Season to all of the members of our great Fraternity.

As we take the time to retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life, let us reflect on our blessings and to share the joys of the season with our loved ones. From our families to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

*Don Olvey*  
GRAND DIRECTOR GENERAL

GRAND PRECEPTORY  
YEOMEN OF YORK

## *Merry Christmas!*

# **Tri-State York Rite Festival 2020**

## **Membership Class**



For 47 years the York Rite bodies from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan have conducted the Tri-State Festival now with the Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 coordinating.

**NOW is the time to search out candidates.**

## **Candidates welcome from Indiana for Chapter, Council and/or Commandery work**

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Jackson-Coolidge MI Lodge  
355 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI (Near Jackson, MI)  
Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - Bryan, OH Lodge  
117 North Lynn Street, Bryan, OH  
Commandery Orders conferred

Registration for candidates and members are essential and must include the name of the York Body one is a member or is joining. Petitions must be approved in advance.

Reservations to: Mike Anderson, Angola York Rite 260-319-0586 or [candacraig2@re-comm.net](mailto:candacraig2@re-comm.net) or 484 N 600 E, Angola IN 46703

**\$10 charge for noon meal.**

**Submitted by Paul Friend, Promotion Committee**



# Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



## *A Thank You letter to All Sir Knights*

Dear Sir Knights,

EyeCare America (ECA) is tremendously grateful to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for their more than two decades of ongoing partnership and support. This vital public service is one of the only programs in the U.S. providing direct access to medical eye care, often at no out-of-pocket cost, for underserved older Americans. If every Knight member referred or helped one person in need of medical eye care through ECA, this could potentially preserve sight for thousands more seniors across the U.S.

Eyes are the one place on the body to clearly view blood vessels and nerves, which can reveal health issues beyond sight, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, even brain tumors. In addition to preserving sight, a simple, painless medical eye exam can sometimes save lives.

One of EyeCare America's volunteers recently saw a patient who came to him with complaints of partial vision loss. Following a comprehensive medical eye exam, Michael Feilmeier, M.D. detected troubling signs of a blood clot. He immediately sent the patient to his primary care physician for an ultrasound, which revealed a large clot obstructing 95% of the patient's left carotid artery. *"Had this condition not been quickly diagnosed and treated, the patient would have had a major stroke."* Said Dr. Feilmeier, Omaha Nebraska.

EyeCare America offers two programs for which people may be eligible:

### **Seniors Program**

- You are a U.S. Citizen or legal resident
- You are age 65 or older
- You do not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA
- You have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years

### **Glaucoma Program**

- You are a U.S. Citizen or legal resident
- You do not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA
- You have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more.
- You are at increased risk for glaucoma, determined by age, race and family history of glaucoma.

Within minutes, Knight Templar members can see if you, your friends or loved ones are eligible by answering a few online referral questions at [www.aaopt.org/eyecareamerica](http://www.aaopt.org/eyecareamerica). EyeCare America also offers "partner packets" including: brochures, flyers, risk factor cards and Power Point presentations for anyone interested. If you wish to receive a partner packet or if you have ECA questions, email [eyecareamerica@aaopt.org](mailto:eyecareamerica@aaopt.org).

Thank you to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and its members for helping underserved seniors access the medical eye care they so desperately need.

Sincerely,

C. Pat Wilkinson, M.D.  
Chair, EyeCare America

Source: [KnightsTemplar.com/KTEF](http://KnightsTemplar.com/KTEF)



## Community Breakfast with Santa! Hancock Masonic Lodge

661 Tague St., Greenfield, IN 46140  
Questions? IndianaSOOB@gmail.com

Suggested Meal Donation:  
\$7 Includes Everything  
\$3 Child (3-10 year old)



***Santa will be available for pictures!***

(Please bring your own camera)

**Free for kids of all ages:**

Activities

Crafts

Santa Time

Games

Fun for EVERYONE!



**Come in your PJ's for extra festive fun!**





## Templar Crusader

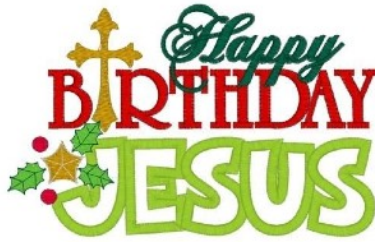
The 25th Edition of the Templar Crusader will be published in April. All proceeds go to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. Ads need to be submitted no later than March 20, 2020. The price of ads range from \$50 to \$250. If you or your Commandery are interested in placing an ad, please contact Bob Frazer at [bobnancyfrazer@aol.com](mailto:bobnancyfrazer@aol.com).



## Important Dates

*Subject to Change*

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>December 7th</b> | <b>Grand Commandery Christmas Party</b><br>12pm-3pm<br>Rainbow Girl's Camp in Flatrock<br>Contact Mike Robbins <a href="mailto:mrobbins.pm@gmail.com">mrobbins.pm@gmail.com</a>                                |
| <b>January 11th</b> | <b>Grand Lodge Founder's Day (Arch of Steel)</b><br>8am<br>Scottish Rite Cathedral, Indianapolis   |
| <b>January 18th</b> | <b>Grand Commandery Winter Meeting</b><br>1pm<br>The Seasons Lodge<br>560 St. Rd. 46 E., Nashville, Indiana 47448<br>Contact Mike Robbins <a href="mailto:mrobbins.pm@gmail.com">mrobbins.pm@gmail.com</a>     |
| <b>January 18th</b> | <b>Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet</b><br>5pm<br>The Seasons Lodge<br>560 St. Rd. 46 E., Nashville, Indiana 47448<br>Contact Tony Peterson <a href="mailto:tspetersoninc@hotmail.com">tspetersoninc@hotmail.com</a> |



### ***This Month in History...***

1620 - The British ship Mayflower docked at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

1790 - The US Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia.

1791 - The Bill of Rights was added to the United States' Constitution.

843 - Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol novella was published.

1877 - Thomas Edison demonstrated the first sound recording, his reciting of 'Mary had a Little Lamb', at his Menlo Park, NJ Laboratory.

1884 - The Washington Monument was completed.

1913 - The Ford Motor Company introduced the continuously moving assembly line, producing a complete automobile every two-and-a-half minutes. It was the first true "mass production" system.

1914 - An unofficial 'cease fire' on the Western Front, the "Christmas truce" began. Both sides stopped fighting, shared gifts, and celebrated Christmas together.

1935 - The patent was issued to Parker Brothers for the game of Monopoly.

1941 - Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, USA attacked by Japan.

1947 - Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S Truman.

1955 - Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

1957 - Elvis Presley was drafted. He served between March 1958 and March 1960.

1963 - Frank Sinatra Jr. was kidnapped, then released after \$250,000 ransom was paid. The kidnappers were all caught a few days later.

1964 - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer debuted on TV.

1989 - Christmas Vacation was released in theaters.

1999 - The Mars Polar Lander crashed into the Martian surface.

2014 - The United States and Cuba re-established diplomatic relations.

Source: [popculturemadness.com](http://popculturemadness.com)





**Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Mike Robbins and his lady, Patty,**  
Invite you to join them on the  
**2020 Easter Sunrise Service  
Bus Trip**

**Prices:**  
Single \$1025  
Couple \$1395  
Family Rates available



Complete form and mail to Monica Peterson, 16065 E. 126th Street, Fishers, IN 46037  
Contact George at ginglespgc@comcast.net to pay by credit card. Additional 3% processing fee will apply.  
Please include \$150 non-refundable deposit made out to *Grand Commandery Knights Templar*.  
Reservations due by January 1, 2020. Final Payment due by February 1, 2020  
Any questions, please contact Monica Peterson (317) 696-4844 or monipaints4u@yahoo.com

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

His cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Her cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US Military Veteran? Y / N (circle one)

Are you a Senior? Y / N (circle one)

Do you require a wheelchair accessible bus? Y / N

Are you rooming with someone? Who? \_\_\_\_\_

IF there is a choice, do you  
prefer: 2 double beds OR  
1 king bed? (circle one)



**Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website**

<http://indianaknightstemplar.com/>



**Indiana Grand Commandery is on Facebook too!**

<https://www.facebook.com/INGrandCommandery/>



**What is your Commandery doing?**

Community Service? Public event? Reception? Rededication?

Pancake Breakfast? Chili Dinner? Social Hour? Bowling?

New Sir Knights? 50 year award? Parades?

Important Dates to add to the Calendar?

Send me your pictures and your stories!

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