



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

**November 2019**

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

*“The words we say about others speak volumes about us.” – Lysa Terkeurst*

**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!!!**  
November Birthdays:



Lady Lynnette Begue, wife of Kurt A. Begue  
Lady Deborah Bolinger, wife of James Bolinger  
Lady Lyndsie Diakis, wife of Dion Diakis  
Lady Donna Clutter, widow of Willard R. Clutter  
Rev. Janice Yvonne Akers-Du Bois, wife of Brian Du Bois  
Lady Vicki Deutscher, wife of Larry Deutscher  
Lady Amy Frazer, wife of Bruce J. Frazer  
Lady Sue Green, wife of Douglas B. Green  
Lady Karen Ingles, wife of George A. Ingles, Jr.  
Lady Barbara Kester, wife of Mark A. Kester, Sr.  
Lady Elizabeth Reich, widow of Jeffrey Reich  
Lady Jane Stevens, wife of John V. Stevens  
Lady Ruth Wilburn, wife of Rudell "Sarge" Wilburn  
Sir Knight Lloyd E. Atterson, Sr.  
Sir Knight Nathan C. Brindle  
Sir Knight Gerald W. Cook

Sir Knight Burnell R. Davis  
Sir Knight Richard J. Elman  
Sir Knight Philip E. Fowler  
Sir Knight Douglas B. Green  
Sir Knight Robert L. Hicks  
Sir Knight Christopher L. Hodapp  
Sir Knight Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.  
Sir Knight Rodney A. Mann  
Sir Knight Michael F. Robbins  
Sir Knight Bobby J. Roberts  
Sir Knight Kevin J. Scott  
Sir Knight Phillip W. Stroud  
Sir Knight Terry L. Turner  
Sir Knight Rudell "Sarge" Wilburn  
Sir Knight David C. Willoughby  
Sir Knight Bradley C. Wooten



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
November Anniversaries:

Chuck & Brenda Combi  
Ed & Christine Fodrea  
Herbert & Loretta Roach

Lin & Ann Tornese  
Larry & Claire Williams

*Let us celebrate with you!*

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

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## Battalion I Reception in Valparaíso



Battalion 1 held their Reception at Porter Lodge in Valparaíso on Saturday, October 12th. The Reception was well attended by over 40 Sir Knights and their Ladies. Battalion 1 consists of LaPorte Commandery #12, Valparaíso Commandery #28, Elkhart Commandery # 31, and E.H. Gary Commandery #57

Sir Knight Larry Williams, PGC, KTEF Chairman, made presentations to Valparaíso, E.H. Gary, and Valparaíso Commanderies for their generous donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Battalion Commander, Tom Johnson, recently wrote a new version of the Flag Presentation that was performed by Battalion 1. The ceremony included eight Sir Knights presenting a folded flag, unfolding it for display, and the Flag Lecture. The ceremony concluded with the flag being folded as the 13 Folds were explained by Jim Dove, PGC. It was a beautiful ceremony!



Battalion 1 worked hard to prepare for their Reception this year.



## Battalion II Reception in Angola



Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 held their Inspection and Reception on Saturday, October 19th. There were over 40 people there, including 4 Sir Knights from Michigan. There was an excellent meal made by the ladies of the Angola Sir Knights. Welcome to new Sir Knight Stacey Roth.



## Battalion II Reception in Ft. Wayne

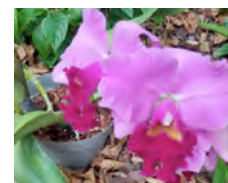
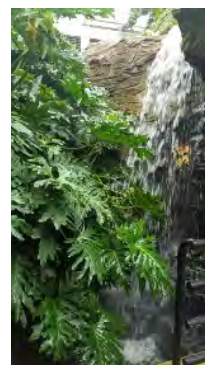


More than 40 Sir Knights and their Ladies attended the Battalion II Reception in Ft. Wayne on Saturday, October 26th.

Sir Knight Larry Williams, PGC, KTEF Chairman, presented certificates to Apollo Commandery #19 and Angola Commandery #45 for their donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Ft. Wayne Commandery #4 treated the Ladies to a fun afternoon at the Botanical Gardens while the Sir Knights were conferring the Order of the Temple.



**Holy and Gracious God**, we glorify and honor You. We acknowledge every breath we take belongs to You. You are our Father and Protector. We are grateful we can come to you in prayer. We are joyful for Your presence in our lives. We come asking wisdom for our daily lives. We come thanking you for the abundance you have given us this past year. The abundance of time, talents and gifts You graciously bestow on us to fill our lives and serve Your people. Help us to use Your gifts wisely. We ask Your blessings on our sisters wherever they are serving you. Give them encouragement and joy. We ask Your blessings on our brother Sir Knights wherever they are shining Your light. Give them courage and strength. We ask Your blessings on our military folks and their families give them endurance and hope. Finally, we ask your blessings for those who govern us. Give them vision and discernment, we pray for favor and abundance for them so it will go well with our communities and our nation. We praise Your Name and give all these things to You, our Loving Father in Jesus Name. AMEN.

*By Christine Fodrea*



### Ohio Grand Session

Right Eminent Grand Commander Mike Robbins and Lady Patty journeyed over to Ohio for their Annual Grand Commandery Session with REGC Martin Trent presiding. Your Indiana contingency consisted of several Sir Knights and their Ladies who attended. Not pictured: Irv Bitting, Steve Barton and Jim Hodge

### Shelby York Rite

Emil L Steffey Council #3 and Shelby Chapter #20 held their stated meeting on Monday, October 14th. They had the pleasure of having James Prairie, PGC visiting them from Texas. Companion Jim is also the father of Eminent Commander Jeff Prairie of Baldwin #2 who also presented him with an Honorary Membership to Baldwin #2.





## Welcome

Due to a resignation in the line, please welcome the new Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Ed Fodrea, and Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Tom Johnson.

## Pizza Orders

Baldwin Commandery #2 is well known for their pizzas. They are now taking orders for frozen pizzas starting at \$10. Contact them through the Shelby County York Rite Facebook page, or email Randy Ellington at [rpellington@gmail.com](mailto:rpellington@gmail.com).



## Pastor becomes a Sir Knight

On October 24th at LaPorte Commandery #12, four Past Grand Commanders were a part of the Knighting of new Sir Knight Dennis Meyer, Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church. Pastor Meyer was one of the ministers sent on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Senior Past Grand Commander Ron Simpson Did the Knighting.

*Source: Jim Dove's Facebook Page*

## Veteran's Day Celebration

The Grand Commandery has been asked to form lines for Veterans Day and do a flag ceremony, it will be on November 11th, 2019 at the Masonic Home in Franklin Indiana, it will start at 9.00am and should be done around 1.00-1.30pm. Please contact SK Thomas D. Johnson, GG if you are planning on participating in the ceremony.  
[marketprofile@comcast.net](mailto:marketprofile@comcast.net)



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



**This will be the 47<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the York Rite bodies from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan have put on the Tri-State Festival. The festival is planned and conducted by the members of Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2.**

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

**Indiana contact: Mike Anderson, Angola York Rite 260-319-0586**

**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**

**Degrees to start at 9:00 AM each Saturday.  
Registration for candidates and members  
attending is required (forms to be sent early in  
2020).**

**\$10 noon meal charge.**

**Submitted by Paul Friend, Promotion Committee**



**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.*

***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 . . .*



**Bob Melcher**

**Robert Wayne "Bob" Melcher**, 72, of Greensburg passed away on October 2. Bob retired from Cummins after 33 years of service. He worked at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for 43 years and umpired softball for several years. He was a member of the Greensburg and Batesville Masonic Lodges. He was Past Master of the Greensburg Masonic Lodge # 36 F. & A.M. and former Secretary of the Greensburg Masonic Lodge # 36 and Batesville Masonic Lodge # 668. He was a member of the Scottish rite, Shriners, York Rite and the High Twelve. He married Mary Schwendenmann on November 16th, 1991 at St Mary's Catholic Church and she survives.

*See the full obituary at [Bassgasper.com](http://Bassgasper.com)*

### **Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Arkansas**

Silas Melton Wilson passed away on October 10, 2019. He was a Most Illustrious Past Grand Master serving in 2013 and was currently serving as the MEGHP of Arkansas.

*See the full obituary at [MemorialGardensSheridan.com](http://MemorialGardensSheridan.com)*



**Allen Meyerrose**

Allen Wm. Meyerrose, 87, passed away peacefully in his Atlanta home surrounded by his loving wife of 68 years and his family. A graduate of The Arsenal Technical High School and a member of the Letterman's Club, Allen was known to reminisce fondly on his Football and Track & Field participation there. As the 1950 State Champion in the 440-Yard Dash and holder of the Indianapolis City Long Jump record for twenty-one years, he was inducted into Tech's Athlete's Hall of Fame in 2010. Allen saw the light of Free Masonry and joined Hinkle Lodge #310, F. & A. M. His other masonic memberships included the York Rite bodies of Noblesville where he served as Illustrious Master. Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Murat Shrine Temple and Cicero Eastern Star round out the masonic heritage he passed down to his family. Allen was an esteemed member of each group for more than fifty years.

*See the full obituary at [HartleyFuneralHomes.com](http://HartleyFuneralHomes.com)*

# In Memory...

## Harley Eggers

Harley was born on September 1, 1936 and passed away on Friday, October 18, 2019. Harley was a graduate of Avon High School. He was a member of the Paragon Christian Church, Masonic Lodge #74, Indianapolis Valley Scottish Rite, Bloomington York Rite and Marvin Isley College in Shelbyville. In 2016 he became an Honorary Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana. He enjoyed woodworking and doing Masonic work.

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



## Elijah Cummings

The Masonic funeral team standing watch at the observance for congressman and Brother Elijah Cummings who passed away on October 17th.

*Source: SK JeffBolstad, REGCG Facebook page*



# Supporting our Youth Groups!

## DeMolay

Indiana DeMolay had an excellent day on Saturday, October 5th for the 2019 State Rifle Tournament! Thanks to all who participated this year! Here are the results from this year's tourney.

### Rookie DeMolay- Target

- 1st- Griffin V, Speedway
- 2nd- Brody D, Franklin
- 3rd- Jorway S, Steel City

### Rookie DeMolay- Poker

- 1st- Eli D, Franklin
- 2nd- Brody D, Franklin

### Experience DeMolay- Target \*

- 1st- Gavin S, Franklin
- 2nd- Bryce T, Yorkrite
- 3rd- Aidan B, Steel City

### Experience DeMolay- Poker

- 1st- Seth B, Steel City
- 2nd- Issac E, Yorkrite
- 3rd- Spencer W, JAB



### Adults- Target

- 1st- David Johnson, Franklin
- 2nd- JR Perez, Steel City
- 3rd- Steve Andrews, Speedway

### Adults- Poker

- 1st- Rod Ira, JAB
- 2nd- Andy July, Steel City
- 3rd- Nathan Snyder, Yorkrite

\*results may appear differently than announced as errors were found and we corrected and updated the results.

Thanks to PGR and their staff for another successful event, we greatly appreciate their time to make sure it was a fun day! [#DeMolay](#)

*Source: Indiana DeMolay Facebook Page*



## Supporting our Youth Groups!

### Job's Daughters



#### Go to Church

Grand Bethel hosted a Go To Church Sunday at the new Medical Center at Compass Park followed by a cook-off.



#### Bethel #24

Monday, October 14th, Bethel #24 had a Glow-In-The-Dark Meeting!

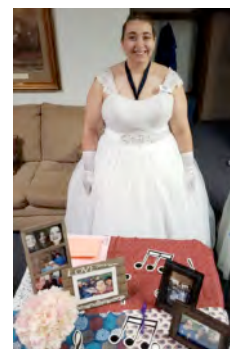
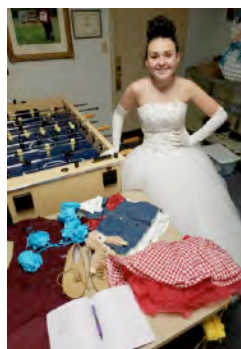
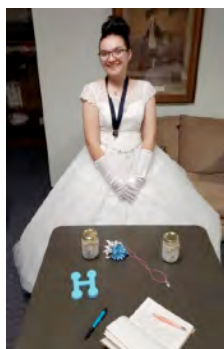


#### Bethel #110

Friday, October 11th. Had a great time at the Bethel #110 initiation! Welcome to the two new daughters!

## Supporting our Youth Groups!

### Rainbow Girls



A wonderful School of Instruction in District 4 at Greenwood! Congrats to our 2 new sisters and the District 4 Grand Officers on a beautiful reception!



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

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



### Rededication

Saturday, September 28th the Grand Master and his Officers performed a 150th Rededication ceremony for the Brothers of Eureka Lodge #397 in Rockport, Indiana.

*source: Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook Page*

### Murat Shrine

The Murat Shrine Fireman's Club participated in the parade at Riley Day's in Greenfield on Saturday, October 5th.



### Rededication

Saturday, October 5th, your Grand Lodge Officers performed a 100th year Rededication Ceremony for Van Buren Lodge #711.

*Source: Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook Page*





## Noblesville Masonic Lodge #57

Saturday, October 12th, members of Noblesville Masonic Lodge cleaned up trash along Hague Road between 196th Street and Carrigan Road. At least twice a year we come together and do this. A great time was had by all as we worked together to help clean up our community a little.

*Source: Noblesville Lodge #57 Facebook Page*

## Congratulations!

On October 5th, Gary Wyne was elected and installed as the Most Eminent Grand Master-General, Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

KYCH's Grand Session will be held in Indiana next year. It will be at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, August 26-29th, 2020.

Congratulations and best wishes on a fantastic year, Gary!

*Photo: Steve Kroman*



## Rededication

Saturday, October 12th, Grand Lodge members held a 175th Rededication ceremony for Webb Lodge #24. During this event WB Randolph L. Seipel was installed as the Jr. Grand Deacon for Grand Lodge.

*Source: Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook Page*

# Knights Templar Eye Foundation

## Some ways your donations are being used...



### *Boston College Biologist Awarded \$65,000 Grant Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Study Parasite*

### *From the That Causes Blindness*

Researchers seek to pinpoint mechanics of parasite division in *Toxoplasma gondii*

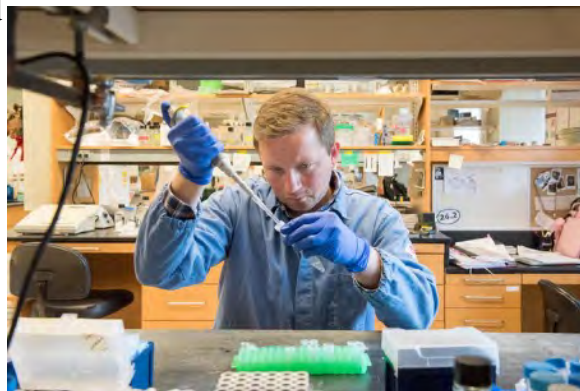
Chestnut Hill, Mass. (5/30/2019) – [Boston College](#) biologist Klemens Engelberg has been awarded a \$65,000 grant by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to study *Toxoplasma gondii*, a parasite that infects nearly a third of the world's population and can complicate pregnancies and lead to eye disease and blindness.

The funding will support Engelberg's research into how the parasite, which inhabits human cells, divides to proliferate throughout its host, a process that damages and destroys cells and tissue, particularly in individuals with compromised immune systems. Current treatments offer limited results in preventing mother to fetus transmission and can have unwanted side effects.

"We have identified a parasite-specific kinase, a protein switch that can either turn on or off certain processes in the parasite," said Engelberg. "Our work shows that this kinase is critically involved in cell division, a key aspect of *Toxoplasma gondii* virulence. Under this proposal we will dissect the processes that are controlled by this switch using CRISPR/Cas9 technology."

Engelberg said the goal is to pinpoint the role of the kinase in parasite division and to further identify the components the molecule regulates.

"This will not only lead to a better understanding of the unique cell division of *Toxoplasma*, but will also facilitate the characterization of potential new drug targets that will allow the development of better therapeutics to treat toxoplasmosis," Engelberg said.



Sponsored by the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation works "to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care."

During a ceremony in May, Engelberg was presented with a check by Northeast Department Commander of the Knights Templar Stuart Drost, Grand Commander for Massachusetts/Rhode Island Mark Kay, and past Grand Commander Richard Van Doren, as well as his wife Nancy Van Doren, of the Knights' auxiliary organization, the Social Order of the Beauceant.

"During the year we raise funds throughout our organization to support research, so coming to BC offers us a chance to meet the people who are doing this work we support," said Drost. "This is a great opportunity for us, personally, and we're proud to represent the Knights Templar and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation." Engelberg is a researcher in the lab of Professor of Biology Marc-Jan Gubbels, who said the funding award not only supports research, but is an important step for a young researcher like Engelberg, who received his PhD from the University of Hamburg in his native Germany.

"This funding from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation gives a researcher like Klemens at this stage in his career a track record of obtaining independent funding. That is important for him. It also helps us do our research, which is the most important thing," Gubbels said.

*Source: Knights Templar Eye Foundation Facebook page*

## 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*

- November 1      Anderson #32 / Noblesville #61 Inspection**  
6pm-10pm  
Hosted by Anderson Commandery #32  
3921 W. Nichol Ave., Anderson, IN 46011  
Battalion Commander: Randy Spaulding [ubuildu@yahoo.com](mailto:ubuildu@yahoo.com)  
Contact Max Maupin [maup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maup@sbcglobal.net)
- November 2      Battalion VII Reception and Inspection**  
9:30am-2pm  
Hosted by Bedford Commandery #42  
917 1/2 15th St., Bedford, IN 47421  
Battalion Commander: Randy Darling [randyjdarling@gmail.com](mailto:randyjdarling@gmail.com)  
Contact Ray Souders [raysouders@bluemarble.net](mailto:raysouders@bluemarble.net)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- November 2      Battalion V Special Reception**  
5pm-8pm  
Hosted by Bray Commandery #65  
800 Indianapolis Rd., Mooresville, IN 47158  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Sean Jones [diver978a@yahoo.com](mailto:diver978a@yahoo.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- November 9      Greencastle #11 / Crawfordsville #25 Inspection**  
12pm-4pm  
Hosted by Greencastle Commandery #11  
118 E. Washington St., Greencastle, IN 46135  
Battalion Commander: Joe Sparks [joseph.sparks86@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.sparks86@gmail.com)  
Contact Kris Phillips [kcphils@ccrtc.com](mailto:kcphils@ccrtc.com)



- November 9      Battalion V Reception**  
6pm-9pm  
Hosted by Prather Commandery #62  
7502 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Brian Lewis [info@pratheryorkrite.com](mailto:info@pratheryorkrite.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- November 11      Veteran's Day Program - Flag Ceremony**  
9am-1pm  
Compass Park - Community Center  
690 State St., Franklin, IN 46131  
**Contact Tom Johnson to participate in the Ceremonies**  
**Standard Uniform or Cap and Mantle**  
Contact Tom Johnson [marketprofile@comcast.net](mailto:marketprofile@comcast.net)
- November 13      Battalion VI Reception**  
6pm-9pm  
Hosted by Connersville Commandery #6  
779 S. SR 121, Connersville, IN 47331  
Battalion Commander Randy Ellington [rpellington@gmail.com](mailto:rpellington@gmail.com)  
Contact David Bertch [dbertch1@gmail.com](mailto:dbertch1@gmail.com)
- November 14      Bray #65 Inspection**  
6pm-10pm  
800 Indianapolis Rd., Mooresville, IN 47158  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Sean Jones [diver978a@yahoo.com](mailto:diver978a@yahoo.com)
- November 16      Battalion IV Reception and Inspection**  
11:30am-3:30pm  
Hosted by Frankfort Commandery #29  
210 S. Main St., Frankfort, IN 46041  
Battalion Commander: Joe Sparks [joseph.sparks86@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.sparks86@gmail.com)  
Contact Virgil Humphrey [lund.vgh@gmail.com](mailto:lund.vgh@gmail.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests

**December 7th      Grand Commandery Christmas Party**  
12pm-3pm  
Rainbow Girl's Camp in Flatrock  
Contact Mike Robbins [mrobbins.pm@gmail.com](mailto:mrobbins.pm@gmail.com)

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

1307 - William Tell shot an apple off his son's head with an arrow.

1731 - In Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin (with members of his Junto Club) opened the first US library. Plans had begun in earnest in July, and Ben retired as the Librarian in 1734.

1863 - US President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg address beginning "Four score & seven years ago..."

1928 - Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse first appeared in NY in "Steamboat Willie." Walt Disney did the voice.

1933 - First known photo of so-called Loch Ness Monster was taken

1940 - Walt Disney released Fantasia, an film experience mixing animation and classical music.

1956 - Love Me Tender, starring Elvis Presley was released in US theaters.

1963 - President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas.

1972 - Atari presented Pong, as an arcade game. By 1974 there was a home version.

1973 - A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving aired on CBS for the first time.

1982 - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a monument consisting of two black granite walls engraved with the names of 58,272 US soldiers that did not return from Vietnam, was dedicated in Washington D.C.

1989 - The Berlin Wall fell. It was constructed by the German Democratic Republic (GDR, East Germany) starting on August 13, 1961.

1995 - Pixar's Toy Story was released. It was the first feature-length film created completely using computer generated animation.

2000 - The first crew arrived at the International Space Station. The assembly of the IISS began in November 1998.

2011 - At 2:00 PM EST, all US TV and radio stations in the Emergency Alert System were tested simultaneously, the first nationwide test of the system since the 1997 inception of the EAS.

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



# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



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**July 18, 2019**

## **Indiana Grand Commandery Ritual Competition**

Sir Knights All,

I am pleased to announce the first Indiana Grand Commandery Ritual Competition to be held at the Grand Conclave in Muncie, Indiana on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The competition is based on your command of the ritual for accuracy and delivery.

Three addresses in the Commandery Ritual have been chosen for this initial competition. The Junior Wardens Address, found on pages 113 and 114, the Prelate's Address, found on page 136 through the middle of page 138, and Ode to the Skull, found on page 131. You may choose to compete in one or all three addresses.

The only requirement is that you are a member in good standing of a Constituent Commandery of Indiana at the time of the Grand Commandery Conclave.

The registration form, complete rules, and information for this competition is attached to this Bulletin.

Registration forms must be completed and submitted by April 17, 2020. Forms are also available by contacting Ed Fodrea at [hfa.phd1@gmail.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@gmail.com)

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of July, A.D. 2019, A.O. 901.

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder



## 2019-2020 Grand Commandery Ritual Competition

**Eligibility:** Any member of any Constituent Commandery of Indiana is eligible (any card-carrying member). Any Sir Knight can participate in one or all of the categories chosen this year. You do not have to hold that or any office in your Commandery.

**Judging:** Judging will consist of 3 judges. There will be 2 judges for the accuracy and 1 for the delivery.

The ritual judges will follow the ritual and score for accuracy (**wording MUST be exactly as in the ritual, word for word**).

Deductions as follows:

1 point off for each missed/added word.

10 points off for each time a prompt is requested by the competitor. Prompts will **ONLY** be given by request from the competitor.

The delivery judge will score the competitor on the manner in which the Sir Knight exemplifies the work, makes eye contact with the "candidate", remains calm and makes proper use of the props, etc. The final score cards will be totaled by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's ruling will be final.

Each competitor will be allowed to give the lecture to a "candidate", but this is not required. If used, the "candidate" **MUST** be a Sir Knight. Any help or signage from this Sir Knight will result in a 50-point deduction.

The Junior Warden **MUST** be in Full Templar uniform and have any needed props.

The Prelate **MUST** be in Full Regalia OR Full Templar uniform together with all props (i.e., Bible, Cross, etc.)

The Ode to the Skull must be in Full Templar uniform or appropriate ceremonial costume.

Scoring is similar to Drill Competition. A base of 1000 points is the starting point for the competition.

In case of a tie the following method will be used to break it:

Ritual Work – 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker

Delivery Work – 2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker

Competitors will be placed in 15-minute blocks. Each competitor will be notified of his time slot via mail or e-mail by April 21, 2020. If a competitor is participating in the Drill Competition this will be considered in placing his time slot for the Ritual Competition.

Complete and return this portion to:

Edward Fodrea, GG  
Chairman Ritual Competition  
11128 Hickory Tree Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845  
[hfa.phd1@gmail.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@gmail.com)

### 2019-2020 Grand Commandery of Indiana Ritual Competition Registration Form

Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Commandery \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Jr. Warden's Address    ☐ Prelate's Address    ☐ Ode to the Skull

You can compete in all three if you desire.

Drill Team Member? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which team? \_\_\_\_\_



**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)

**Tuesday, April 7th**

3:30 p.m. or after - Meet and Greet at Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis - Southeast (included)  
6:00 p.m. Pizza Party (included)  
7:30 p.m. Bowling for those who'd like to go (not included)

**Wednesday, April 8th**

Breakfast is available at the hotel (included), but time is limited  
6:30 a.m. The bus will arrive at our hotel. We will load the snacks and drinks for our trip.  
6:45 a.m. Load the luggage and board the bus  
7:00 a.m. The bus departs the hotel  
11:30 a.m. Stop for lunch in St. Clairsville, Ohio (not included)  
3:00 p.m. Christian Klay Winery - tour and tasting  
4:45 p.m. Reboard the bus  
6:30 p.m. Stop for dinner (not included)  
8:30 p.m. Check into the Sleep Inn in Cumberland, MD

**Thursday, April 9th**

Breakfast is available at the hotel (included), but time is limited  
7:00 a.m. The bus departs the hotel  
9:30 a.m. Tour the National Law Enforcement Museum (guided tour - *Just the Facts*)  
11:30 p.m. Board bus to Alexandria for lunch and to explore on your own  
3:00 p.m. Bus will depart Alexandria and go to the hotel  
Arrive at the hotel in Arlington - we stay here for 3 nights  
Dinner is on your own  
7:30 p.m. Night tour of the DC Monuments

**Friday, April 10th**

There will be a very light breakfast in the Hospitality Room.  
9:15 a.m. The bus departs the hotel  
10:00 a.m. Tour the Library of Congress (arrive early to go through security)  
The rest of the day is yours to explore downtown Washington DC. The bus will come pick up passengers around 1, 4, 7, and 9pm. You will receive information by text that day.

**Saturday, April 11th**

There will be a very light breakfast in the Hospitality Room.  
8:45 a.m. Bus departs for Arlington Cemetery (arrive early to go through security)  
9:45 a.m. Board the tram to tour Arlington Cemetery and go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
11:15 a.m. Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
12:30 p.m. Depart Arlington Cemetery to return to the hotel  
Lunch is on your own  
2:30 p.m. The bus will take passengers to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for a tour  
4:30 p.m. The bus will depart the Memorial to return to the hotel  
7:00 p.m. Indiana State Dinner at Buca Di Beppo (included)

**Sunday, April 12th**

5:30 a.m. Grand Encampment breakfast at the hotel (included)  
6:30 a.m. Bus departs for the George Washington Masonic Memorial for the Easter Sunrise Service  
8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
9:00 a.m. Bus departs the Memorial to return to the hotel  
10:00 a.m. Bus departs the hotel to return home  
10:00 p.m. Arrive in Indianapolis

*Times and tours subject to change.*



**Do you have an Inspection,  
Official Visit or special  
event coming up?**

**Are you needing to feed a  
large group of people and  
not do the clean up?**

**Let Social Order of the Beauceant, Assembly #90,  
do the cooking and cleaning for you!**

**Home cooked meals ranging in price  
from \$12-\$25 per person.**

**We will work with you to come up with a menu for  
your event.**

**Please contact:  
Monica Peterson  
(317) 696-4844  
monipaints4u@yahoo.com**



**OR**



**Jennifer Herring  
(317) 410-9423  
jlh1996@hotmail.com**



**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!

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

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