

Indiana Grand Commandery

October 2021 Newsletter

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Edward E. Fodrea, REGC

2021-2022 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

Edward E. Fodrea	Grand Commander
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Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Generalissimo
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Dan Patterson	Grand Prelate
Robert Frazer	Grand Treasurer
Lawrence Williams, PGC	Grand Recorder
Randy J. Darling	Grand Senior Warden
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Dominic Hamblin	Grand Standard Bearer
Jonathan M. McCracken	Grand Sword Bearer
Dion Diakis	Grand Warder
Kenneth Roy, Jr.	Grand Sentinel

A Message from the Grand Commander

Greetings to all Sir Knights!

We have been enjoying our travels around the East Central Conference and are looking forward to our travels to the last Grand conclave of the year in Ohio. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there, greeting old friends and making new ones.

Thank you to the Sir Knights who traveled to Kentucky Grand Conclave. We had a great time and truly enjoyed our time together having conversations and laughter.

Our Reception and Inspection schedule has begun in Indiana. So far, we have been blessed to see good friends, hear heartfelt flag lectures, and see the Order of the Red Cross completed in full form. Thanks Sir Knights for all your hard work! It truly makes me proud of the Sir Knights in Indiana. All the time and energy you have expended to make a good impression on our candidates is not wasted effort.

It's encouraging to see our Commanderies become proficient in full form Order of Malta and the Order of the Red Cross. We are looking forward to seeing the Order of Malta- taking 22 members working together to perform this degree. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

Looking forward into 2022, we have scheduled several exciting meetings and events.

The Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 5th at Crawfordsville Masonic Temple. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Winter Meeting and Newby Avery banquet will be held together again in Muncie at the Convention center. We are anticipating having great fellowship at the meeting, there will be a craft for the ladies, then wonderful fellowship at the banquet following.

Although we have had to cancel two bus trips, we are looking forward with anticipation to this one. We may be changing agendas on the fly, but we are resilient and so far, the United 93 memorial, Valley Forge, Medieval Times and Arlington Cemetery are still anticipating being open. There are fliers being circulated, and if you are interested, but have not received a flier, please find it attached and on the IndianaKnightsTemplar.org website. We are working on a way to receive payment by credit card, so please stand by if that is your preference. Even though our agenda may be a little shaky- one thing is sure we WILL have FUN!

Finally, let me encourage you in your endeavors to live each day as fully as possible. Uplift our officers, encourage our new members, try new ideas, and promote the Christian values of our order. Hoping to see you in my travels!

-Your Grand Commander



Happy Birthday

Lady Mary Anderson, lady of Michael C. Anderson
Lady Kate Brinkmeyer, lady of Timothy R. Brinkmeyer
Lady Gaylynn Dykman, lady of Carl Dykman
Lady Mary Jane Evens, lady of Marty A. Evens
Lady Cindy Lewis, lady of Charles J. Lewis
Lady Kathy McClelland, lady of John McClelland
Lady Judy Milleman, lady of Jimmie Milleman
Lady Cindy Miller, lady of Jerald L. Miller
Lady Debra Moulton, lady of Glenn A. Moulton
Lady Barbara Reicher, lady of Robert C. Reicher
Lady Sally Noel, Lady of De Wayne Richmond
Lady Whiz Roberts, widow of Wally Roberts
Lady Gloria Spurgeon, lady of C. Keith Spurgeon
Lady Tisha Trice, lady of Matthew E. Trice
Lady Claire Williams, lady of Lawrence J. Williams
Companion and Sir Knight Dale Adams
Companion and Sir Knight Kurt A. Begue
Companion and Sir Knight Robert L. Brown
Companion and Sir Knight Charles L. Combi
Companion and Sir Knight James L. Davis
Companion and Sir Knight James L. Dove
Companion and Sir Knight Larry G. Huffman
Companion and Sir Knight Matthew E. Lowe
Companion and Sir Knight Walter E. Metcalf
Companion and Sir Knight Damon G. Moore
Companion and Sir Knight Glenn A. Moulton
Companion and Sir Knight William H. Ostenberg, IV
Companion and Sir Knight Randy W. Spaulding
Companion and Sir Knight John V. Stevens
Companion and Sir Knight Joseph H. Villarreal



Great God of all!

Your Spirit dwells in us guiding and directing us in our lives, encouraging and uplifting us so that we can encourage and uplift others for your honor and glory. As we see your splendor in every turning leaf against your magnificent sky, falling in the sun we acknowledge and celebrate your greatness we know our time of rest and inward growth is coming so that when the days turn again, we will be able to honor and glorify you in our newness. For now, we pray to let the old fall away and allow your spirit to fill us preparing us for the growth you have planned for us. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus AMEN.

Christine Fodrea



Happy Anniversary

Eric and Riley Anderson
Steve & Rebecca Arlington
Patrick & Barbara Baird
Kurt & Lynnette Begue
Tim & Kate Brinkmeyer
David & Cathy Chaffee
Jerry & Karen Deeter
Dion & Shawna Diakis
Randy & Dee Ellington
Rick & Shelly Elman
Harley & Charlotte Eggers
Eldred & Sharis Glass
Lewis and Linda Hill
James and Carol Iles
Jeff & Chris Jordan
Charles & Cindy Lewis
Marvin & Darlene Ramsay
Dennis & Pamela Rigsby
Randy and Mary Beth Spaulding
Jerry and Virginia Thomas
Matthew & Tisha Trice



Did I miss you?

Is it your birthday or anniversary and I missed you? [Send](#) me your information so I don't miss it next time.



Grand Commandery of Kentucky

Several Grand Commandery officers visited the Grand Commandery of Kentucky for their Grand Session on September 20. Pictured also, is Archie Smallwood, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana and Past Grand Commander of Kentucky.

Grand Commandery
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Upcoming Events

Don't forget to make your
Meal Reservations

October 1—Order of Malta at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. Contact [Joe Sparks](#) for details.

October 2—Ish Sodi Banquet. Contact [Dave Miller](#) for meal reservations.

October 7—Order of Malta at Greenfield Commandery #39. Contact [Larry Gray](#) for details.

October 13—Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta at HE Lackey Commandery #67. Contact [Tim Brinkmeyer](#) for info.

October 16—Angola Yeoman of York Preceptory #2. Contact [Mike Anderson](#) for details

October 16—Banks of the Wabash York Rite College #72. Contact [Bob Addington](#) for reservations and details.

October 16—Grand Commandery Inspection, Apollo #19 and Angola #45. Contact [Jim Milleman](#) for details.

October 16—150th Anniversary Celebration, Mishawaka Chapter #83. Contact [Mike Bratcher](#) reservations & details

October 16—Special Reception at Bray Commandery #65. Contact [Bob Addington](#) for meal reservations and details.

October 18—Grand Commandery Inspection, Valparaiso #28 and EH Gary #57. Contact [Jim Iles](#) for details

October 19—Grand Commandery Inspection, Elkhart Commandery #31. Contact [Ron Ross](#) for details.

October 21—Grand Commandery Inspection, LaPorte Commandery #12. Contact [Joe Villarreal](#) for details.

October 25—Grand Commandery Reception, Battalion VI at Baldwin. Contact [Randy Ellington](#) for details.

October 30—Grand Commandery Inspection at Terre Haute Commandery #16. Contact [Mark Kester](#) for reservations

October 30—Grand Commandery Inspection at Fort Wayne Commandery #25. Contact [Jan Henline](#) for details

November 4—Order of Malta at Greenfield #39. Contact [Larry Gray](#) for details.

November 6—Grand Commandery Inspection, Battalion VII at Bedford. Contact [Ray Souders](#) for reservations and info

November 6—Gennesaret HRAKTP Tabernacle #XVII. Contact [Carl Froedge](#) for details.

November 11—Veteran's Day Observance at Compass Park Community Center. Contact [Ed Fodrea](#) for details.

Grand Commandery has an online [calendar](#)

A special thank you to Carson Smith for providing much of this information.

Grand Commandery Golf Outing

On Saturday, August 28, the Grand Commandery held their annual Golf Outing to benefit the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

Photos by Bruce Scott



Compass Park Festival

In 2020, the Compass Park Festival was cancelled due to COVID. In 2021, there were some changes to what had been the tradition for many years. The big tent was gone and smaller 10x10 tents were stationed around the circle. Sometimes change is hard, and sometimes there are hidden benefits to changes. The smaller tents allowed more visibility for each tent. It also allowed better access for those who needed stable ground to walk on and those in wheelchairs. Many of the residents of Compass Park remained inside as COVID raises it's ugly head again. They were missed by many and we hope they will be able to return to the festivities next year. *Photos by Bruce Scott*

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^The newly dedicated Veteran's Memorial on the west side of the circle.



> Dedication Ceremony



< Presentation of Colors



- > Visiting with Friends, old and new

<Marching in the Parade



Battalion V Reception

The Battalion V Reception was held on Saturday, September 18. It was a joint venture between Raper Commandery #1, Prather Commandery #62, Bray Commandery #65, and H.E. Lackey Commandery #67. Lunch was provided by the ladies of Social Order of the Beauceant #90.

Photos by Bruce Scott



Sir Knights at the Rainbow Girls Initiation

Sir Knights John Freeland, John Helfrich and Carson Smith attended the Rainbow Girl Initiation at Greenwood Lodge #541 on Saturday, September 11.

Carson Smith



Grant County Commandery #21



Grant County Commandery #21 Inspection and Order of the Red Cross with candidates from Grant County Commandery #21 and Kokomo Commandery #36.

Randy Ellington Facebook



BLUE LODGE

Knox Masonic Lodge #639



Knox Masonic Lodge makes a generous donation to the Knox School Corporation Band Program.

Knox Lodge #639, F&AM Facebook



Beech Grove Lodge #694



On September 24, WM Travis Cross had the honor to present Ralph E. Davis with his 75-year award. He will be 101 years old this month.

Beech Grove Lodge #694, F&AM Facebook

Terre Haute Lodge #19

Saturday, September 18, the Grand Lodge Officers performed a Rededication Ceremony for Terre Haute Lodge #19 to celebrate 200 years of Masonry. The lodge opened their doors to visitors to tour the building and view historic records and artifacts. In 1819 they were the first lodge in Vigo county and organized by 13 local Freemasons.

Terre Haute Lodge 19 F&AM Facebook



First Responders Appreciation

On September 25, the Grand York Rite Bodies of Indiana sponsored a First Responders Appreciation Dinner. First Responders were presented a certificate of appreciate. If the First Responder was a Mason, he received a First Responders Jewel from General Grand Council. If the First Responder was not a Mason, they received a lapel pin very similar to the jewel. It was a wonderful way to recognize the dedication and sacrifices of many our First Responders. Twenty-three First Responders were recognized.



Moises Gomez, a Companion and Sir Knight, was the guest speaker for the evening. Moises works for the Port Authority and was in New York on September 11, 2001.



Marvin Isley York Rite College #129

Marvin Isley York Rite College held their stated meeting on September 25.

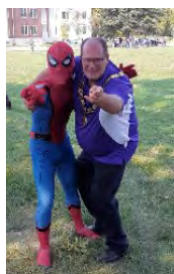
Randy Ellington Facebook



Cryptic Masons of Indiana

Compass Park Fall Festival

Several Grand Chapter and Grand Council Officers proudly displayed flags of the armed services during the dedication of the new veteran's memorial.



Grand Council Picnic and Summer Meeting



On Sunday, September 19, the Grand Council held their summer meeting in conjunction with a picnic. It was a beautiful day filled with great fellowship.



SUPPORTING OUR OWN

Beech Grove Lodge #694

When Beech Grove holds their Fall Festival, the members of Lodge #694 serves famous Root beer or Orange Soda Floats.



Beech Grove Lodge #694,
F&AM Facebook

Plainfield Lodge #653

Plainfield lodge sponsored and participated in the Quaker Day Parade on Saturday, September 18.

Plainfield
Lodge & ap-
pendant Bod-
ies Facebook



Website

The Indiana Grand Commandery [website](#) has recently been given an update and new style. The website is user-friendly and has a lot of information. If you haven't seen it recently, take a look!



Awards of Gold

A truly special night was held on September 9. Five very fine Masonic gentlemen were awarded their 50-year pin. Carl Hart, David Devore, Michael Shields, Rover Wilson and David Maxey were honored for a lifetime of dedication to the craft, and on the other end of the spectrum, Brother Nathan Ratterman began his Masonic journey as he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. A plated dinner was prepared by the Eastern Star and Past Masters' night made memorable evening was had by all who embraced our craft.

Greenwood Lodge 514
Facebook



Indiana Rainbow Girls

Compass Park Fall Festival

Indiana Rainbow Girls participated in Compass Park Fall Festival. They distributed bags with candy and stickers to attendees and took part in the parade.



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Indiana DeMolay

Speedway Chapter

Speedway DeMolay assisted with Terre Haute Lodges' bicentennial celebration by serving dinner.

DeMolay International Facebook



Steel City Chapter

Steel City DeMolay attended the Compass Park Fall Festival and participated in the parade.

Steel City DeMolay chapter, Indiana Facebook



Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Dear Sir Knights,

Thank you!

The Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF of AAPOS) is extremely grateful to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) for their transformative investment in Stop Infant Blindness in Africa (SIBA).

SIBA is an initiative to end preventable vision loss and blindness from Retinopathy of Prematurity in newborns in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Through the training of African healthcare professionals and the delivery of essential equipment, SIBA is launching in Nigeria, Uganda and Rwanda and will eventually scale throughout SSA.

As a result of KTEF's visionary support, SIBA was conceptualized and will deliver the care necessary to spare these infants from the consequences of vision impairment and blindness—an especially devastating prognosis in these regions.

Sincerely,
The CEF of AAPOS
Board of Directors

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Facebook



Social Order of the Beauceant Assembly #90

It was a pleasure and a honor to prepare and serve the meal for the Battalion 5 Reception held at Raper Commandery #1 on September 18.



Social Order of the Beauceant (SOOB) #90 Facebook

Share with Us

Does your Lodge, Star, Chapter, Council or Commandery, etc. have an upcoming event that we can put on the calendar? Are having a fish fry or chili cookoff that you'd like to advertise? Did you just have a degree and you took pictures? Did someone in your lodge just get an Award of Gold? Let us celebrate with you! Send your pictures, upcoming events, birthdays, etc. to [Monica](#).





Battalion 7 Inspection and Reception

Dear Sir Knight:

You and your Lady are cordially invited to the Battalion 7 Inspection and Open Reception for Right Eminent Grand Commander Edward E. Fodrea.

Date Saturday, November 6, 2021

Time Inspection will begin promptly at 10:00am EST

Lunch to follow Inspection at app. noon

10 Man Open Reception of the Grand Commander at app. 1:00pm EST
(All times approximate due to number of candidates in attendance)

Place Bedford Masonic Temple
917 ½ 15th St. Bedford, IN 47421 (north side of public square)
(please be advised that the elevator is currently out of service)

Uniform Officers Standard Uniform or Cap and Mantle. All others coat and tie.

Cost \$15.00 per plate

Your payment will be due at the door. Please send me an email advising that you will be present so that we can figure numbers for lunch.

Courteously,

Michael Robbins, KCT, PGC
Eminent Commander Bedford 42
mrobbins.pm@gmail.com
812-583-7398

Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Ed Fodrea and his lady, Christine
Invite you to join them on the
**2022 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
BUS TRIP**



Prices:

Single: \$1415

Couple: \$1625

Complete the form and mail to Monica Peterson, 16065 E. 126th Street, Fishers, IN 46037.

All payments must be made in the form of a check made payable to *Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana*. Reservations and \$150 deposit are due by 12/1/21. If you plan to go to the White House, full payment must be received no later than 12/5/21. If you are not going to the White House, full payment is due no later than 2/1/22. Please contact Monica with any questions at MoniPaints4u@yahoo.com.

Names: _____

Address: _____

His cell phone #: _____ Her cell phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you require a wheelchair accessible bus? Yes / No

Do you prefer a King bed or Double beds?

Are you rooming with someone? Who? _____

Tuesday, April 12

3:30 p.m. or after—Meet and greet at the Holiday Inn Express, Indianapolis-Southeast (included)

6:00 p.m.—Pizza Party at the hotel (included)

Wednesday, April 13

6:00 a.m. breakfast is available at the hotel, but time is limited (included)

6:45 a.m. Board the bus.

7:00 a.m. Bus departs.

11:30 a.m. Stop for lunch in St. Clairsville, Ohio (not included)

3:30 p.m. Visit Flight 93 National Memorial

5:00 p.m. Bus departs. We will stop for dinner on the way to the hotel (not included).

8:15 p.m. Arrive at the hotel in Carlisle, PA

Thursday, April 14

6:30 a.m. breakfast is available at the hotel (included)

7:00 a.m. Board the bus.

7:15 a.m. Bus departs.

9:00 a.m. Visit Valley Forge National Park.

11:00 a.m. Bus departs. We will stop for lunch on the way to the next stop (not included)

3:30 p.m. Visit the NRA Firearms Museum

5:30 p.m. Bus departs.

6:30 p.m. Visit Medieval Times (dinner included)

9:00 p.m. Bus departs.

10:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel in Alexandria, VA.

Friday, April 15

The Hospitality Room will have a light continental breakfast available (included)

9:30 a.m. Bus departs.

10:00 a.m. Visit the White House. An alternate location will be plan in the event that we are not able to tour the White House.

The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the sites of Washington DC. The bus will make multiple pre-scheduled trips downtown to take people to and from the hotel as they wish.

Saturday, April 16

The Hospitality Room will have a light continental breakfast available (included).

9:45 a.m. Bus Departs for Arlington Cemetery for 11:30 Wreath Ceremony.

1:30 p.m. Bus Departs for the hotel.

The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the sites of Washington DC or Arlington VA. The bus will make pre-scheduled trips downtown to take people to and from the hotel with the last trip scheduled for 4:30p

6:00 p.m. Grand Encampment Banquet (included).

Sunday, April 17

5:30 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel (included)

6:30 a.m. Bus departs for the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Services start at 8a. Bus departs at 9a

10:00 a.m. Bus departs for home. We will stop for lunch and dinner along the way (not included)

Times and tours subject to change.