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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA  
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***It will be celebrated with pomp and parade, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other. – John Adams***

**2021-2022 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:**

Edward E. Fodrea	Grand Commander
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 Sir Knight Todd T. Carpenter

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 Sir Knight Eldred T. Glass  
 Sir Knight Larry E. Gray  
 Sir Knight Lewis C. Hill  
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 Harold & Barbara Black  
 John & Tammy Bridegroom  
 Jim & Carol Davis  
 Paul and Robbie Daugherty  
 Jim & Bonnie Dove  
 Carl & Gaylynn Dykman

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 Bob & Nancy Frazer  
 Charles & Bonnie Huff  
 David & Jeanine Marie Jenkins  
 Steven & Lenora Keller  
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 Kris & Chere Phillips  
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*Let us celebrate with you!*

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

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**Glorious Father**, You give us every good thing. We praise Your Holy Name. We celebrate the freedoms You have given us and pray for the country You have established. We pray for guidance and discernment for our leaders; that they will seek Your will in governing our land. We pray for the men and women in our armed forces. We pray for their families. We pray for courage and bravery in the face of adversity. We pray for the men who represent and bring Your stories to life. Lend them Your presence and grace. Most of all we give You honor and glory for being Our God. Thank you for the freedoms You give us, thank you for our country, the men and women who defend it, and thank you for the men that endeavor to be better by honoring You. In all these things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we give you praise. AMEN.

*By Christine Fodrea*



### Summer Meeting and Picnic

Grand Commander, Ed Fodrea, will hold the Summer Meeting at Mounds State Park in Anderson on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. There is a \$7.00 charge per car to get into the State Park.

The Grand Commandery Picnic will follow the meeting. Grand Commandery will supply the meat and refreshments. Please bring a dish to share.

RSVP with [Ed Fodrea](#), GC.

*Larry Williams*



### Greenfield York Rite

Greenfield York Rite just completed another fair season at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. has been making pizzas for the Hancock County Fair since 1963. Greenfield plans to have another Take & Bake Pizza event in October.

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, Larry Gray presented at \$1000.00 scholarship to Ryan Hilkstrom on behalf of Greenfield York Rite.

*Source: Larry Gray's Facebook page*







## Elkhart Commandery #31

James Gillen received his Order of the Temple on Tuesday, June 22 at Elkhart Commandery.

*Photo courtesy of Carson Smith*



## LaPorte Commandery #12

The Masonic organizations in and around LaPorte are throwing a public free meal to let the public learn about, and possibly join, Freemasonry, and Freemasons learn about, and possibly join, Freemasonry's appendant bodies.

SK Jim Dove, KTC PGC, said the event will run from noon until 3 p.m. EDT on Saturday, Aug. 18, in Kesling Park.

The event is being spearheaded by Excelsior Lodge No. 41, and the LaPorte York Rite bodies, but will also involve the Scottish Rite, Shrine, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Dove said.

"Some negativity about Freemasonry is going around again these days," Dove said. "Our purpose behind the event is twofold: to tell the public what Freemasonry is all about, and also to educate the public about what we offer to mankind, such as our philanthropies."

Each body will have a display to showcase itself and its philanthropies. In addition, Shriners will entertain the children, and Eastern Star will have a large tent erected in which to play BINGO. All Masons attending will receive a free tee shirt, saying "We are community," on the front with a square and compass, and the emblems of the appendant bodies on the back.

"We hope that by telling the stories of all these facets of our fraternity, we will educate the public that Freemasonry has a lot for you, and if you aren't one, you should be," Dove said. "And if you already are a Mason, you should consider joining the appendant bodies."

*Article by Ed Sebring*



## New Albany Commandery #5

Knights Templar from New Albany Commandery #5 are standing at the Memorial in New Albany

*Source: posted by Roy Wiseman on Facebook*

## Bedford York Rite

Companion and Sir Knight Marvin Thrasher received his three York Rite Awards of Gold on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Grand Master of the First Veil, Rick Milligan, Most Illustrious Grand Master Sean Jones, and Past Grand Commander Mike Robbins made the presentations.

*Source: Mike Robbins' Facebook Page*



## KCT

SK Brian Lewis KTCH, kneeling, has conferred upon him the title and honor of a Knight Commander of the Temple by SK Rodney Mann KCT, PGC, as SK Carson Smith KCT KTCH looks on. The high honor is given by the Grand Encampment for outstanding service to Templary, Freemasonry, or mankind. Lewis is one of only 12 Hoosier Sir Knights to hold both the KCT and the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

*Article by Ed Sebring*



## Prather Commandery #62

The Sir Knights of Prather Commandery No. 62 form the lines for the arrival of Grand Lodge Officers and Distinguished Guests at the Centennial Charter Re-Presentation at Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717 on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

*Source: Carson Smith*



## Shelby County York Rite

Sir Knights Gary Nicholson, Jeff Prairie, and Randy Ellington had the honor of presenting the US Flag at the Stated meeting of Union Village Chapter #584 OES on June 5.

*Source: Shelby County York Rite Facebook page*

## Noblesville Commandery #61

On June 22, Sir Knight Randy Ellington, GCG, presented Sir Knight Mark Elder with a Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit Award for 2020-2021. The same night, Noblesville Commandery hosted the Order of the Red Cross for five candidates.

*Source: Randy Ellington's Facebook page*





## Baldwin Commandery #2

No fair season would be complete without Baldwin Commandery making pizzas at the Shelby County Fair. They have been making pizzas at the fair since 1955!

*Picture: Fair Pizza by Baldwin Commandery #2 Drill Team's Facebook page*



## LaPorte Commandery #12

Meeting face-to-face again brought a large donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

For its May stated meeting, LaPorte Commandery No. 12 decided to conduct a Templar Board. This is a ritualistic dinner, with the tables placed in a symbolic manner around an altar, and Commandery officers breaking into the eating with toasts or short lessons on the teachings of the Order. A standard part of the evening is soliciting donations for a charitable purpose, in this case, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. 26 people were in attendance.

But this particular Templar Board went farther toward charitable giving than the norm: LaPorte Commandery also set up a silent auction of various sorts of memorabilia. The result of the evening was the Knight Templar Eye Foundation received a donation of \$579.

In addition, the Commandery took advantage of the presence of SK Thomas D. Johnson, Deputy Grand Commander, to present Knights Templar Educational Foundation scholarships to the parents of two worthy young people. They were two of the seven scholarships granted by the foundation this year.

*Article by Ed Sebring*





# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

## HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE GOLF OUTING



TO BENEFIT THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE FUND



**Saturday, August 28th, 2021**  
**Muncie Elk's Country Club**  
**909 North CR 500 West, Muncie IN 47304**

11am Registration, **12:30pm Shotgun Start**. 4 Person Best Ball Scramble  
\$75.00 per person. \$300 per Team. Register soon Space Limited.  
Each Commandery that Sends a Team will receive 250 activity Points.

**Reservations must be paid before July 31th, 2021.**

Longest Drive Hole, Closest to the Pin Hole, Mulligans, Great door prizes!  
Opportunity to take home the annual Fodrea Battalion Trophy!

### 4 MAN TEAMS (Ladies welcome?)

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| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |

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### Register by July 18th, 2020

Make checks payable to Grand Commandery KT Indiana • Return this form with your payment to:  
**Dan Patterson 3702 Temberton Way Fort Wayne IN. 46815**

For more Information Contact Dan@ 260-760-1878 Or email at [Dannypatt1961@gmail.com](mailto:Dannypatt1961@gmail.com)



*The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana*



PRESENTS THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE BY

# LEVANT PRECEPTORY

*AS SEEN ON THE HISTORY CHANNEL*

**Saturday, August 7th, 2021**

THE OLD FORT, 1201 Spy Run Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46802



**Set Up and Sign In: 5:00 - 5:30pm**

**Refreshments Available (\$): 6:00pm**

**Order of the Temple: 7:00pm**



Bring your Candidates and witness the Order of the Temple by the First and Oldest Period Dress Team of Masonic Templars - Levant Preceptory, in the historic Old Fort of Fort Wayne! Dont Miss this Special Event!

**Food and Drink will be available for purchase**

To register your candidates contact Fort Wayne Commandery:  
Recorder Michael Doxsee: 260-417-5256 • [msdoxsee@gmail.com](mailto:msdoxsee@gmail.com)



# WE ARE COMMUNITY!

## FREE PUBLIC PICNIC & CELEBRATION



AUGUST 14TH • NOON TO 3PM  
KESSLING PARK IN LA PORTE  
2150 A St, La Porte, IN 46350

Come spend the day with us as we celebrate our  
Community and the incredible charities doing  
wonderful things in our area!

It is FREE to all who attend, including hamburgers,  
hot dogs, chips, pop, and water! Also, **FREE Back to  
School backpacks** while they last!

There will be fun for the whole family, including  
children's activities, ladies bingo, corn hole games,  
great fellowship and spotlights on the great  
organizations serving the community.

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THE GRAND LODGE  
OF INDIANA  
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You are cordially invited to attend

150th Anniversary Observance  
of  
Grant County Commandery No. 21  
Knights Templar of Indiana

**Friday August 13, 2021**

**Meshingomesia Golf & Social Club**

**2225 North Lagro Road**

**Marion, Indiana 46952**



5:30 P.M. Social (cash bar)

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Program



**\$35.00 per person**

**Reservations due by July 26\*, 2021**



# Registration Form

\$35 per person



Attire– Sir Knights: Class A Uniform or Dark Suit

Meal provided by:

Jefferson Street BBQ

Indiana Pulled Pork, Sliced Chicken Breast

Green Beans with Bacon, Macaroni and Cheese

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Dessert-Cake

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**Reservations due by July 26th, 2021**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Lady\_\_\_\_\_

Title\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Grant County Commandery No.21**

Mail to: George Ingles

3601 N. Vienna Woods Drive

Muncie, IN 47304-2071

317-417-2952 ginglespgc@comcast.net



## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

### DEMOLAY



#### Warsaw DeMolay

We had a small but mighty group for our Parents' Day obligatory observance. We had a nice place setting and delicious lasagna. Thank you to our DeMolay and Chapter Sweetheart for helping out tonight.

*Source: Warsaw Indiana John Chapman DeMolay Chapter*

#### Speedway DeMolay

Congratulations to Speedway PMC and Indiana State Junior Deacon, Owen V., who was named the winner of the DeMolay International's Representative DeMolay Competition for grade 10 and below at this evening's DeMolay International Grand Banquet!

*Source: Speedway DeMolay's Facebook page*



#### West Newton DeMolay

The guys got together to do a couple o service projects. They painted the parking poles for West Newton Masonic Lodge No. 707 and helped the Decatur Central Lions Club serve watermelon at the Decatur Central Lions Clun 4H Fair.

*Source: West Newton DeMolay Facebook Page*

# Supporting Our Youth Job's Daughters

## Bethel #8

Bethel #8 initiated a new daughter on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Gracie! She has patiently waited to join throughout the pandemic.

*Source Indiana Job's Daughter Facebook Page*



## Grand Session

Congratulations to the newly installed 2021-2022 officers.

*Source Indiana Job's Daughter Facebook Page*





# Supporting Our Own



*Source: Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 F&AM Facebook Page*

## Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717

On June 26<sup>th</sup> the brothers of Calvin W. Prather gave the gift of freedom and mobility back to a local Indianapolis family.

The brothers partnered with SAW (Servants At Work) to raise funds for and build a wooden wheelchair ramp for a local family. Through their fundraising and labor, they were able to build this life changing ramp at no cost to the homeowner.

## Scottish Rite

On June 5<sup>th</sup> Michael Dempsey received his Meritorious Service Award (MSA) at the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation in Ft. Wayne. Congratulations!

*Source: Dirk Rader's Facebook Page*



## Farmers Lodge #147

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, Farmers Lodge held a Master Mason degree for Brother Larry Snyder. His own brother, David, traveled from Savannah, Georgia and had the honor of raising him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Brother Larry also had the honor of his family joining him for the Bible presentation.

*Source: Farmers Lodge No. 147, F&A Facebook Page*



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Presents

# FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DINNER



## Saturday September 25, 2021

HILTON GARDEN INN • INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT  
8910 HATFIELD DR., INDPLS, IN 46241

### BUFFET DINNER:

HORS D'OEUVRES • SALAD  
PRIME RIB • GLAZED PORK • GLAZED SALMON  
VEGETABLES • POTATOES  
DESSERT • COFFEE/ICED TEA

### CASH BAR

\$60.00 PER PERSON  
LIMIT 200 PEOPLE

GUEST SPEAKER  
MOISES GOMEZ



**Checks payable to the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana**

SEND CHECKS TO SEAN JONES, MIGM:  
5427 NORCROFT DR., INDPLS, IN 46221

**Questions: Call Sean Jones: 317-658-8103**

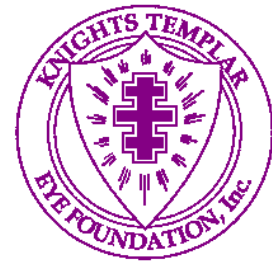


# SALUTE TO THE BRAVE

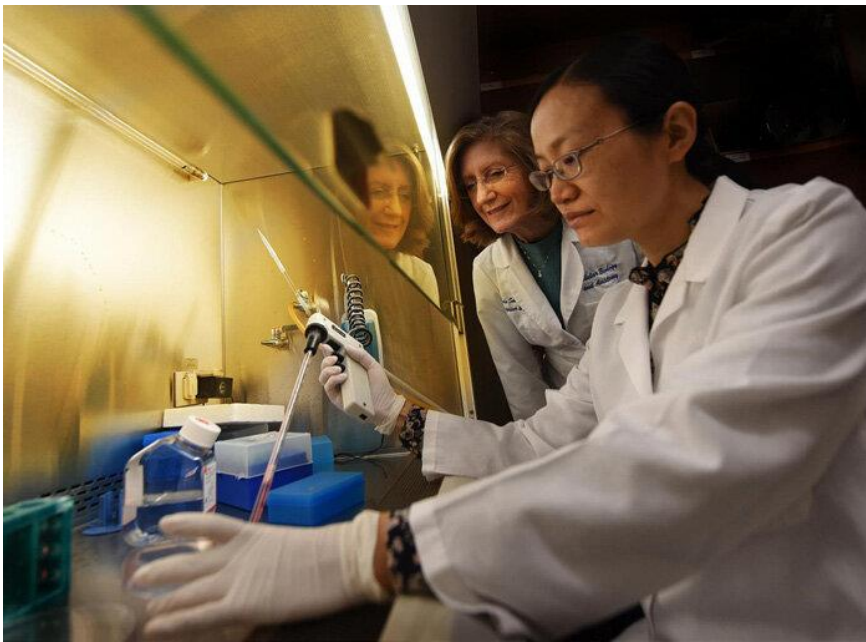


## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



### Dr. Jing Wang from Medical College of Georgia awarded \$70,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Retinopathy of Prematurity Research



Dr. Wang wants to know how to rescue a blinding disease in childhood, called retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). ROP is a disease damaging both vascular and neuronal part of retina, the back part of the eye. This damage leads to significant vision loss or total blindness in infant patients. Current clinical standard-of-care targets the vascular part. However, many children suffer vision loss even after this therapy. It is the neurons that allow visual images to be seen, so the damaged neuronal part also needs to be treated.

Our bodies have many molecular helpers, called receptors. They have discovered a unique receptor (Sig1R) that we think helps to rescue both vascular and

neuronal structures of the eye. Dr. Wang will activate Sig1R in a mouse model of ROP. They will ask “Will Sig1R help rescue the neurovascular injury and let mice see well?” and “How long the rescue can persist?” the testing also is to see if we are correct by working with a mouse model that is missing Sig1R. When they have ROP disease, do they have a harder time seeing? Based on this study, a new medicine acting through Sig1R can be developed.

They hope that in the future when babies have ROP, doctors can give this medicine to them. This medicine will help them recover from both the damaged vessels and neurons in the eyes, and let them see well again.

*Source: Knights Templar Eye Foundation Facebook Page*



Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website at  
[IndianaKnightsTemplar.com](http://IndianaKnightsTemplar.com)

Grand Commander, Ed Fodrea, has a coin available. The coin is \$20, and all proceeds go to support the **Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund**. If you are interested in a coin, contact any Grand Commandery Officer.



Indiana Grand Commandery is on Facebook too!  
[Indiana Grand Commandery Facebook Page](#)

### **What is your Commandery Doing?**

Community Service? Public Event? Reception? Rededication?  
Pancake Breakfast? Chili Dinner? Social Hour? Bowling?  
New Sir Knights? One Day Class? 50 Year Award? Parades?  
Important Dates to add to the Calendar?  
Send me your pictures and stories!

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