



**Edward E. Fodrea, REGC**  
**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**  
**OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**  
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*Once you're grown up, you can't go back.*

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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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**Mighty, Gracious Father**, we turn to you praying our lives honor and glorify you. In this season, as we celebrate your great plan, the plan that pulls us together, binding us to each other, we ask your unifying strength hold us together, husband to wife, brother to brother, family to family. We seek your great kingdom through opportunities to meet together, serve together and have fellowship together. Thank you for bringing us through this time of great separation to see that your strength is what holds us together when other things keep us apart. We sing your praises, Holy Father with the flute, with our voices and with all our hearts. Bind us together as one we pray in Jesus name. AMEN

*By Christine Fodrea*



### **Indiana Grand Commandery**

Attending the Grand Lodge of Indiana forming the Lines for MWGM Kenneth Roy Jr.

*Photo courtesy of Bill Sassman*



## Knight Commander of the Temple

Congratulations to Mike Steven Morrison who received the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) award on 05-03-21. This Honor is given for service to the Order, the Fraternity, the Community, or Mankind. This was presented to him at his blue Lodge by PGM, PGC Rodney Mann. Well-deserved and congratulations!

*Source: Joe Sparks' Facebook Page*



## New Sir Knights

On 05-07 Crawfordsville Commandery 25 conferred the Order of the Temple on 2 candidates. These two were scheduled to receive this order 2 days after we were shut down from COVID. Congratulations Sir Knights and thank you to everyone who helped make that night a memorable event. Thank you to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for joining us.

*Source: Joe Sparks' Facebook Page*



## Valparaiso Commandery #28

Valparaiso Commandery No.28 Knights Templar was honored to present the folding of the flag ceremony at a Veterans event in Chesterton, Indiana, along with the Department of Defense and other local groups. It was a solemn event, honoring Veterans and First Responders who serve and who were lost in the line of duty.

*Source: John Bridegroom's Facebook Page*



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## Battalions 2 and 3

Knights Templar from Battalions 2 and 3 participated in the permanent Vietnam Memorial Wall dedication at Veterans Park and Museum in Fort Wayne on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.





## Grand Commanders'

### Plans for 2021

Greetings Sir Knights!

As we get back into a regular rhythm of knight life, we are glad to be able to travel, meet together with friends and have some fellowship with our fraters.

The first formal reception for REGC Edward E Fodrea will be held at Fort Wayne on July 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a cash bar beginning at 5:30 PM with dinner to follow. We will be joined by companions of the Royal Arch to honor MEGHP Steven A Maxwell. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Please contact Fort Wayne Commandery #4 c/o Mike Doxsee PO Box 10577 Fort Wayne 46853 by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

We have an incredible opportunity to be a part of the exemplification of the Order of the Temple to be held in period costume by our very own Levant Preceptory at the Old Fort in Fort Wayne on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be available at 5 PM with orders to follow. There will be a program for the ladies after dinner. RSVP to Fort Wayne Commandery #4 c/o Mike Doxsee PO Box 10577 Fort Wayne 46853.

Our Templar Year will be exciting as we gather together to witness the various orders during inspection tours. Please refer to the calendar on the Grand Commandery website at [Indianaknightstemplar.org](http://Indianaknightstemplar.org) for more information.

Plans are coming together for the winter meeting and Newby Avery Banquet to be held at the Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A basket auction is planned during the event. Watch for more details to come.

What about the bus trip? Yes! After 2 years of disappointing cancellations, we are again in the process of planning a bus trip. The trip will meet in Indianapolis on April 12, and returning to Indianapolis April 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for flyers and information. Monica Peterson is again the contact for this trip. Thanks Monica!

Finally, Grand Conclave will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The particulars are being discussed and more firm dates will be available as our Templar Year progresses.

The Grand Officers and I are looking forward to having a GREAT Templar year with all of you. We anticipate a year of learning, mistakes, more learning, fellowship and great FUN! We hope you will join us when and where you can.

## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH DEMOLAY



### Speedway DeMolay

Speedway DeMolay visited Bethel 108 to present to Flower Talk for their Mother's Day Celebration.



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Indiana DeMolay State Master Councilor and Speedway DeMolay PMC-MSA Griffin Vermeulen for being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 24th at Frank S. Land Lodge.



## *Supporting Our Youth Job's Daughters*



### **Grand Lodge Banquet**

Grand Lodge Banquet on May 18 with Isabel Alger, Elizabeth Fisher, Jason Rehkamp, and Amanda Ashton Rehkamp.



# Supporting Our Own



**The Grand Masters Pin** for 2021-22 represents several features that are very dear to Worshipful Brother Daniel Martin. Framing the entire pin is the American Eagle, representing the Majesty of the United States of America and the enduring Freedom which it provides to all of its citizens. Emblazoned upon its breast is a Shield, with the colors of the American Flag, representing the honor and respect we have for our Veterans who have defended our freedoms at all costs. Like a shield, they protect our freedoms and our way of life. Upon the Shield are 3 stars, emblematic of the three virtues of Freemasonry, Faith, Hope and Charity. Resting below them is the Square and Compass and the letter G, as the beacon of the Craft and its belief in the Grand Architect of the universe.

The pin proclaims the providence of Free men, a deep gratitude for those that protect them, and the bonds that tie them together as Free and Accepted Masons.

On the reverse, the words Honor and Integrity are fixed, as a reminder that these virtues make a good man, and are recommended to all Freemasons, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the globe.

*Source: Indiana Grand Lodge Facebook Page*

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## Grand Chapter

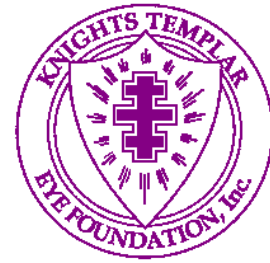
It was a great night for Capitular Masonry as La Porte Chapter #15 conferred the Royal Arch Degree with our MEGHP in attendance! That marks the 22nd candidate exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch within District A in just the past few months! Good things are happening, not only in Northwest Indiana, but also all over our state. Congrats to all especially our newly exalted companions!

*Source: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Masons of the State of Indiana  
Facebook Page*



## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



### **Dr. Srinivasa Sripathi from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine awarded \$70,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Leber Congenital Amaurosis Research**



Dr. Srinivasa Sripathi from the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine was awarded a \$70,000 grant entitled: Inhibiting Epithelial Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) as an Approach to Improving RPE Transplantation for Treatment of the Juvenile Macular Dystrophies.

Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA) and stargardt disease are the most common forms of inherited retinal dystrophies in children characterized by severe vision loss or blindness at birth. Primarily, vision impairment occurs due to progressive degeneration and death of photoreceptor (PR) and retinal pigment epithelium (RPE). For afflicted children, this disease can be devastating and there are currently no treatments to prevent, let alone cure this disease. However, in last decade there has been much excitement in the development of human stem cell derived retinal cell transplantation clinical trial approaches to treat these diseases.

In this application, Dr. Sripathi will focus his efforts to help improve the preparation of human stem cell derived RPE

cell for transplantation for the treatment of stargardt disease and LCA. RPE cells can also be transplanted on a substrate, but indeed, even a mild perturbation of the monolayer or cell environment can induce hRPE de-differentiation and epithelial to mesenchymal transition (EMT), which includes loss of the stereotypical RPE cobblestone morphology.

In order to aid in the treatment of childhood blindness, he will propose to use the tools we have developed to study hRPE EMT to further develop and apply small molecule EMT inhibitors to help improve the safety and efficacy of hRPE cells for the treatment of diseases such as stargardt disease and LCA. His goal is to inhibit enzymatic dissociation induced RPE EMT using bioactive small molecules and better use them for sub-retinal transplantation.

*Source: Knights Templar Eye Foundation Facebook Page*



Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website at  
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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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