

Indiana Grand Commandery

August 2021 Newsletter

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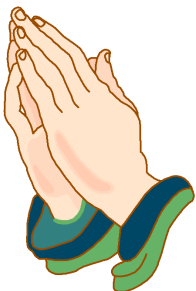
Edward E. Fodrea, REGC

2021-2022 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

Edward E. Fodrea	Grand Commander
Thomas D. Johnson	Deputy Grand Commander
Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Generalissimo
Randal P. Ellington	Grand Captain General
Dan Patterson	Grand Prelate
Robert Frazer	Grand Treasurer
Lawrence Williams, PGC	Grand Recorder
Randy J. Darling	Grand Senior Warden
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Junior Warden
Dominic Hamblin	Grand Standard Bearer
Jonathan M. McCracken	Grand Sword Bearer
Dion Diakis	Grand Warder
Kenneth Roy, Jr.	Grand Sentinel

Holy Father,

You bless us with so many good things. Thank you for your abundance. Thank you for the opportunities You give us to be Your messengers. We praise Your great name. We pray blessings today for our children, the teachers and bus drivers as they return to school. We pray for blessings as we travel to meetings and perform our duties to make good men better. We pray for blessings as we hold events to send ministers to the land Your Son, Jesus walked. Prosper the work of our hands for Your honor and glory. We pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus. AMEN.



Christine Fodrea

Share with Us

Does your Chapter, Council or Commandery have an upcoming event that we can put on the calendar? Is your lodge having a fish fry or chili cook-off? 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 and anniversaries to [Monica](#).

Grand Commander's Reception



Reception for Sir Knight Ed Fodrea, REGC and ME Companion Steve Maxwell, MEGHP hosted by Ft Wayne Commandery #4. Our Master of Ceremonies was RWB Richard Lentz, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. A great dinner and social brotherhood was had by all! Thank you to the Ft. Wayne Commandery and all who assisted in putting such a wonderful evening!



Happy Birthday

Lady Barbara Black, wife of Harold D. Black
Lady Bonnie Dove, wife of James L. Dove
Lady Barbara Forney, wife of Lloyd R. Forney
Lady Vickie Gundrum, wife of David L. Gundrum
Lady Linda Sue Ravellette, wife of Lawrence Wayne Ravellette
Lady Marcy Lasko, lady of Vance A. Roberts
Lady Debra Sue Spencer, wife of Kevin M. Spencer
Lady Kathy Stroud, wife of Phillip W. Stroud
Lady Georgia Vaught, wife of Duane L. Vaught
Lady Rita, wife of Kenneth W. Ward
Sir Knight James L. Bolinger
Sir Knight Charles R. Bowling
Sir Knight Michael M. Dutton
Sir Knight Lloyd R. Forney
Sir Knight Robert S. Flint
Sir Knight John R. Freeland
Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr.
Sir Knight Brant Moore
Sir Knight James W. Prairie
Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter
Sir Knight Gary A. Sherritze



Happy Anniversary

Steve & Sherry Barton
Jim & Debbie Bolinger
Clint & Brittany Cottrell
Larry & Vickie Deutscher
Paul & Inger Friend
Douglas & Sue Green
George & Karen Ingles
Keith & Linda Lender
Wilford & Jennie Lutes
John & Kathy McClelland
Jerald & Cindy Miller
Jeff & Virginia Prairie
Dirk & Valerie Rader
Michael & Patricia Robbins
Norman & Gloria Smith
Phillip & Kathy Stroud



Upcoming Events

August 7—Order of the Temple Old Fort. Contact [Mike Doxsee](#) to register your candidates.
August 12—Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta at Angola #45 . Contact [Mike Anderson](#) for more information.
August 13—Grant Commandery #21 150th Anniversary. Contact [George Ingles](#) to make meal reservations
August 14—Apollo Commandery #19 150th Anniversary. Contact [Jim Davis](#) for mor information.
August 24—Order of the Temple at Noblesville Commandery #61. Contact [Jeff Jordan](#) for more information
August 28—Holy Land Pilgrimage Golf Outing. Contact [Dan Patterson](#) for reservations or sponsorship
September 12—Compass Park Home Festival aka Masonic Home Festival.
September 17—Order of the Red Cross at Crawfordsville Commandery #25. Contact [Joe Sparks](#) for details.
September 18— Grand Commandery Reception at Raper Commandery #1. Contact [Bill Short](#) for details.
September 21—Grand Commandery Inspection at Grant County Commandery #21. Contact [George Ingles](#) for details.
September 25—First Responder's Banquet. Contact [Sean Jones](#) for meal reservations.
September 29—Royal Master and Select Master at Hiram Council #111. Contact [Tim Brinkmeyer](#) for details.
September 30—Grand Commandery Inspection at Greenfield Commandery #39. Contact [Larry Gray](#) for details.
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—Grand Commandery Inspection. Apollo #19 and Angola #45. Contact [Jimmie Milleman](#) for 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 #2. Contact [Randy Ellington](#) for details.
October 30—Grand Commandery Inspection, Greencastle, Terre Haute, Crawfordsville. Contact [Mark Kester](#) for info.
October 30—Grand Commandery Inspection, Huntington and Ft. Wayne. Contact [Jan Henline](#) for details.

Grand Commandery has an online [calendar](#)

Summer Meeting and Picnic

The Summer Meeting and Picnic was held on July 10th at Mounds State Park in Anderson. Ed Fodrea, REGC had a productive meeting that included discussions that look toward the future of Indiana Grand Commandery. Lady Christine put together a wonderful Ladies Program and organized a great meal. Everyone enjoyed spending time together and visiting with friends.

Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Indiana 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!



Grant County Commandery



On July 6, Grand Captain General, Randy Ellington, visited Grant County Commandery #21. He presented Excellent High Priest, Steve Dooley, with Indiana Grand Commandery's grey membership cord and Indiana Templar Academy Certificate. He also presented Past Eminent Commander, David Turner, with the 2020-2021 Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit.

Randal P Ellington Facebook

College of Honors



During Grand Commander Ed Fodrea's reception on July 31 in Fort Wayne, SK James Milleman of Angola Commandery No. 45, and Lady Inger Friend, lady of SK Paul Friend, KCT, PGC, were honored with the titles of Knight Commander of the Temple, and Companion of the Temple, respectively. These honors are among the highest granted by the College of Honors of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, and were conferred by SK Rodney Mann PGC, who is a Knight Grand Cross of the Temple and Deputy of the College of Honors for Indiana



The title Knight Commander of the Temple is granted to a Sir Knight for outstanding service to the Order, to Freemasonry, or to humanity. The title Companion of the Temple is granted to non-members of the Order, regardless of gender, for their outstanding support of the work of the Order.

Ed Sebring

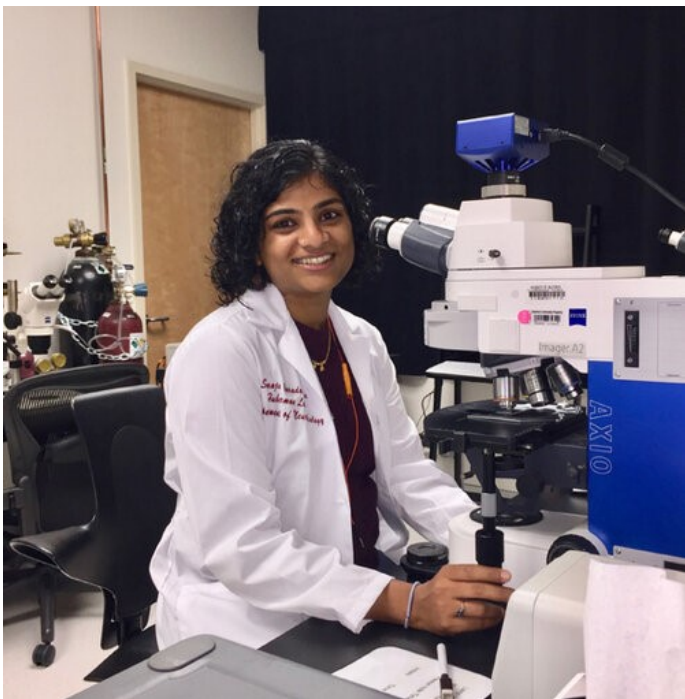
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Dr. Supraja G. Varadarajan from Stanford University School of Medicine awarded \$70,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Retinal Regeneration Research

Dr. Supraja G. Varadarajan from Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA was awarded a grant for \$70,000 for the research project entitled: Role of post-synaptic cells in promoting retinal regeneration

Vision is the most important sense for humans to navigate the world and survive. In neurodegenerative diseases such as Optic Atrophy I and Congenital Glaucoma, the optic nerve - the bundle of retinal ganglion cell (RGC) axons that connect the eye to the brain - is vulnerable to damage and can cause vision loss in children. As the retina and optic nerve are part of the central nervous system, RGC axons cannot repair themselves without intervention. Previous studies have shown that "reapplying" mechanisms that are critical for normal development to an injured or diseased environment can promote regeneration of RGC axons; these studies use strategies that work on the front-end, in the eye. However, during development, electrical activity in both ends of the circuit, cells in the eye and cells they connect with in the brain, is essential for accurate wiring. Hence, another promising strategy is to manipulate the electrical activity of target cells in the brain to provide regenerative cues.

The overall goal of this research is to investigate whether the target cells RGC axons connect with in the brain can be leveraged to restore vision. Using chemogenetic approaches to increase the electrical activity of cells that RGCs connect to and examine the anatomical and behavioral changes that take place after a distal-injury. The results from this work will provide fundamental insights for restoring functional visual circuits and thus treating blinding disorders such as Optic Atrophy I and Congenital Glaucoma.



To see more stories of how your donations are used, visit ktef.org.

Illinois Grand Commandery

Grand Commandery officers visited Illinois during their Grand Session: Ed Fodrea, Phil Whisner and Randy Ellington

*Grand Commandery
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Bradley C. Wooten



Age 63, of Indianapolis, passed away on July 28, 2021. He was born on November 8, 1957 in Indianapolis. He loved being a Mason (PM, Tiler of A.A.S.R., MSA), and was a member of Pleasant Lodge #134, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Murat Shrine and

many other organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years: Trish Wooten of Indianapolis; son: Bradley T. Wooten of Indianapolis; sister: Linda (Gordon) Cranfill of Texas; brother: Lewis (Sue) Wooten of Tennessee; grandchildren: Elyssa, Addison, Kendra, and Sofia; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Children's Dyslexia Center at aasr-indy.org, or the Shriner's Hospital for Children at shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

[Simplicity Funeral Tributes](#)

Flag Presentation

Noblesville Commandery #61 presented the flag at the Noblesville Masonic Lodge Roll Call dinner on Saturday, June 17.

*Mark Elder
Facebook*



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Elkhart Commandery #31

Elkhart Commandery #31 conferred the Order of the Temple upon Sir Knight Scott Ritchey on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.



Photo taken by David Higgins and shared by Carson Smith

Dress Code for Ft. Wayne on 8/7

It suppose to be a hot and humid day next weekend. If you plan to attend the Order of the Temple in Ft. Wayne on August 7, the Grand Commander has decided that Polo Shirts are a good choice for the day. Class "A" uniforms are not required.



Noblesville Commandery #61

Sir Knight Mark Elder Eminent Commander and the Sir Knights of Noblesville Commandery #61 hosted the Order of Malta for 5 Sir Knights of the Order of Red Cross.

A great night of Templary was had in Indiana where Sir Knights from at least 6 Commandery's came together to put on the Order of Malta in Full Form for our Sir Knights of the Order of Red Cross from Noblesville Commandery #61 and Wm. G. Bray Commandery #65.

We were honored to have SK George Ingles, PGC, PGM and SK Ronald Simpson, PGC participating in the degree work along with SK Randal Ellington, GCG. Also in attendance were SK Joe Sparks, GJW and SK Sean Wayne Jones, MIGM, SK Jeff Prairie, DBC and SK Andy Hughes, DBC.



Randy Ellington
Facebook

Editors

Newsletter edited by [Ed Sebring](#), KCT, KTCH, GPE, and [Monica Peterson](#), CT.

SUPPORTING OUR OWN



SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021

73rd ANNUAL COMPASS PARK FESTIVAL

IF INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOOD/CRAFT VENDORS

ENTERTAINMENT ACTS

PARADE

PANDEMIC CONDITIONS MAY APPLY

Please contact Alana Buck at 317-346-1457

Email: abuck@compasspark.org



Angola Masonic Lodge



Worshipful Master Sanborn presented a 50 year Award of Gold to Brother Gray Hensley prior to the EA degree at Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236 on June 29th.

Angola Masonic Lodge #236 Facebook

Job's Daughters #34



Bethel #34 participated in the Noblesville July 4th parade.

Indiana Job's
Daughters Face-
book

SUPPORTING OUR OWN

Indiana Rainbow Girls

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 newly installed officers of the Rainbow Girls. Their Grand Session was held at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville on July 8-10.

The Rainbow Girls recently launched The Promise Fund, an annual campaign to help sponsor areas of need and help ensure the future of the Rainbow Girls in Indiana. If you'd like to help, see the flyer to the right.

Indiana IORG Facebook



The Promise Fund

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

WHAT IS IT?

The Promise Fund is an annual giving campaign which will benefit the current and future members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana. Donors who give to The Promise Fund help sponsor areas of need annually and also help to ensure the future of IORG in Indiana.

DONOR LEVELS

SUNSHINE \$1-\$99	FRIENDSHIP \$100-\$249	HTC \$250-\$499	POT OF GOLD \$500 & UP

HOW TO DONATE

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For additional questions please see a Promise Fund Committee Member



Indiana DeMolay

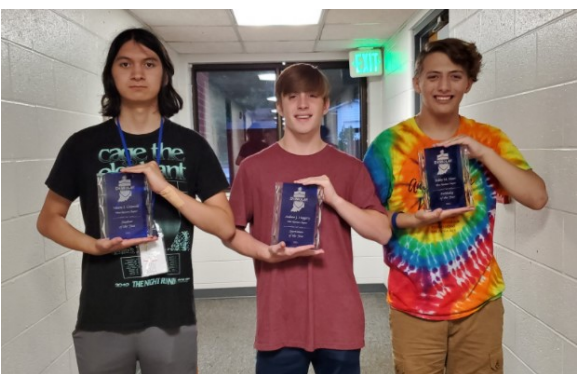
DeMolay held their Conclave on the second weekend of July.



West Newton Chapter was named the DeMolay Chapter of the year.



Speedway DeMolay had shirts for each day. Here they have their Alpha Bravo Shirt.



Student of the Year, Sportsman of the Year and DeMolay of the Year.

Speedway and West Newton DeMolay Facebook



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana



On the third weekend in July, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana officers can be found gathered in Clarks-ville, near New Albany for a weekend full of festivities. On Friday, they sponsor a golf outing to raise funds for CMMRF.

On Saturday, July 17th, The Grand Council held the annual rededication ceremony at the Crypt at Indiana Council #1 in New Albany. Mike Robbins, PGC, escorted Sean Jones, MIGM, through the Arch of Steel. Companion Mike Bailey and his lady were instrumental in helping Companion Keith Stiner and his lady plan for the weekend.

Once the rededication ceremony is complete, everyone gathers in the Hospitality Room for Masonic Education. This year's Masonic Education was a presentation from Carson Smith. Carson, a member of Prather York Rite Bodies, made a ninety slide, forty minute PowerPoint presentation on *This History of the Indiana Masonic Lodge aka Grand Lodge Building aka Indiana Freemasons' Hall*. Carson's presentation was very popular this year, as all chairs were filled and the audience overflowed into the hallway. Masonic Education is followed by a luncheon on a river boat cruise, which is a great way to relax. The Royal Order of Zanzabar is held on Saturday evening in the Hospitality Room. It's a great weekend full of fun and fellowship.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana



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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

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 26th, 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

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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.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Sponsored by local organizations and charities

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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'OEUVERS • 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





Annual Grand Council Ish Sodi Banquet



You're Invited
To the

Winter Wonderland

Join us for a
special evening, in
your formal attire,
Tuxedo or Dark
Suit, and Evening
Wear for the Ladies!

At The Sahara Grotto!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2021

SOCIAL AT 6PM, DINNER AT 7PM

7620 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227

RSVP To: Ish Sodi Council #1855 U.D.

David Miller, RIDGM • 9537 Northcote Ave., Munster, IN 46321

Make Checks Payable to: Ish Sodi Council #1855 U.D.

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES FOLLOWED BY
PARMESAN CRUSTED CHICKEN AND ACCOMPANIMENTS



\$30.00 Single



\$50.00 Couple



***There is a silent auction that will be going on during this event, and a Table Council. Remember to bring your money! All proceeds will go to the C.M.M.R.F.**

CUT-OFF DATE: 9-15-2021