

# Indiana Grand Commandery

## September 2021 Newsletter

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*Not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path.*



Edward E. Fodrea, REGC

### 2021-2022 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers

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| Edward E. Fodrea       | Grand Commander        |
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| Jonathan M. McCracken  | Grand Sword Bearer     |
| Dion Diakis            | Grand Warder           |
| Kenneth Roy, Jr.       | Grand Sentinel         |

### A Message from the Grand Commander

MINNEAPOLIS – The resolution on Templar Aprons has been approved by the Grand Encampment at the Triennial. But I have to inform you that you will have to wait to wear them in Indiana until this is brought up for legislation at the next Grand Conclave and it is received and approved, or until a Grand Commander’s written Resolution is received, since this is not in our uniform regulations as of yet.

So, despite the vote at the Triennial, at this time the triangular Knight Templar apron may NOT be worn in Indiana. Photos exist from the 1850s showing large groups of Sir Knights wearing the uniform of those days: tail coats over black, triangular aprons with a skull and crossbones displayed thereon, then a wide, white sash over the right shoulder, which supported the sword. Their chapeaux were quite similar to what we wear today.

In one of the lodge room anterooms in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial there is a life-size portrait of a standing Marquis de Lafayette. Under a long, open coat he is wearing the jewel of a Knights Templar prelate and a black, triangular apron with a square and compass thereon, but he wears neither sword nor chapeau.

At some point in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, aprons fell out of fashion and then were removed from the list of what is acceptable on a Knight Templar uniform. This occurred about the same time we stopped wearing formal civilian coats with sashes and aprons and started wearing Union Civil War surplus military uniforms, obtained cheap from uniform manufacturers who were desperately trying to get rid of them. Someone must have decided an apron, despite our Masonic affiliation, didn’t belong on a “real” military uniform.

Regardless, some men continued to wear their aprons into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Plus, a few Masonic supply houses continued to display the aprons in their catalogs, which kept the image alive in our minds.

Let’s face it, those triangular aprons look cool, and maybe more so because they were outlawed.

This year, Sir Knights from two states proposed readopting the black Templar apron, and also adopting a new white triangular apron. The proposal carried handily at the Triennial. But what passed may not be as straightforward as it seems:

First, as I said above, no Hoosier Sir Knight may wear an apron on his uniform until the decision is made by the Grand Commandery of Indiana to adopt it.

Second, the apron is not a substitute for a uniform; in fact, it may be worn ONLY atop a full uniform.

Third, the black triangular apron with skull and crossbones may be worn ONLY within the Asylum, not in public.

Fourth, a white triangular apron featuring the Cross and Crown was also approved, and MAY be worn outside the Asylum. A suggestion has been made that the aprons could be manufactured double-faced; white on one side and black on the other.

Please be patient Sir Knights; there will be legislation or a decision about aprons, and I am sure they will be on the horizon in the future.



## Happy Birthday

Lady Monica Derickson, wife of Dustin G. Derickson  
Lady Joanie Fegenbush, wife of Douglas O. Fegenbush  
Lady Nancy Frazer, wife of Robert J. Frazer  
Lady Inger Friend, wife of Paul W. Friend  
Lady Norma Hoffman, widow of Vonn G. Hoffman  
Lady Bonnie Huff, wife of Charles M. Huff  
Lady Pat Kerns, widow of James L. Kerns  
Lady Cheryl Kroemer, wife of Richard A. Kroemer  
Lady Marcia La Bounty, wife of John La Bounty  
Lady Nina Olvey, CT, wife of Donald D. Olvey  
Lady Linda Retherford, wife of Thomas R. Retherford  
Lady Katie Roy, wife of Kenneth Roy, Jr.  
Sir Knight Earl W. Adam, Jr.  
Sir Knight Ronald W. Adkins  
Sir Knight Harold D. Black  
Sir Knight Andrew Bowman  
Sir Knight Timothy R. Brinkmeyer  
Sir Knight Dustin G. Derickson  
Sir Knight Harley Eggers



## Holy Father,

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, protect us. We are your Holy and beloved children. We glorify and honor you, our God and Father. Thank you for your provision. Thank you for the good friends; brothers and sisters we are able to have fellowship with. Comfort and uplift those who are unable to come meet with us. We ask your mighty hand to be with us and protect us during this time of increasing pandemic. Help us to protect ourselves and others. As we travel, give us travel mercies. Help us to arrive and return again home safely. You give us your best. Help us strive to give our best as we do your work with whatever you give us to do and wherever you have asked us to go. Help us to remember you have put us in this place for just such a time as this. We pray these things in Your Son Jesus Holy Name. AMEN.



*Christine Fodrea*

## Happy Anniversary

Nathan & Sally Brindle  
Arthur III & Shelley Craig  
Brian & Janice Du Bois  
Ron & Beverly Ellis  
Douglas & Sue Green  
John & Peggy Hylemon



## 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!



## Upcoming Events

**Don't forget to make your Reservations**

**September 11**—Grand Chapter Instructional—North. Contact [Jason Miller](#) for info.

**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 [Jim 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.

Grand Commandery has an online [calendar](#)

*A special thank you to Carson Smith for providing contact information for many of the upcoming events.*



## Levant Preceptory

On Saturday, August 7th, Levant Preceptory conferred the Order of the Temple in period dress at the Old Fort of Fort Wayne were eight new Sir Knights were knighted.

*Photos by Quincy Worthington*



## Triennial

The 68th Triennial of the Grand Encampment was held in Minneapolis on August 14-18. Several of your Grand Commandery officers and their ladies attended. The next Triennial will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 18-22, 2024.

*Randal P Ellington Facebook*





## Noblesville Commandery #61

Noblesville Commandery #61 Order of the Temple and Inspection. We had a wonderful dinner prepared and served by the Social Order of the Beauceant #90.

*Randy Ellington Facebook*



## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

**Dr. Edmund Tsui from Stein Eye Institute Awarded \$70,000 Knight Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Pediatric Anterior Uveitis Research**

Dr. Edmund Tsui from the Stein Eye Institute, Los Angeles, CA was awarded a \$70,000 grant for the research entitled: Discovery of quantitative imaging biomarkers in pediatric anterior uveitis.

Anterior uveitis (inflammation in the front of the eye) is the most common form of uveitis in children. Uveitis can lead to vision loss and blindness. Careful and frequent monitoring of inflammation is necessary to prevent blindness in children. Dr. Tsui's aim is to improve the detection and monitoring of inflammation in children with anterior uveitis so that measurements of inflammation can be more accurate and reproducible for monitoring disease. He will use special instruments called anterior segment optical coherence tomography and laser flare photometry to quantify inflammation inside the eye and identify risk factors leading to vision loss.

This approach is quick and may be more tolerable for children. His research will lead to improved detection and monitoring of inflammation inside the eye resulting in earlier treatment, which will improve children's long-term vision outcomes and quality of life.



## First Responder's Appreciation

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Indiana are sponsoring a First Responders Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 8910 Hatfield Drive Indianapolis, IN 46241. Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm, with dinner beginning at 7:00 pm. Hors D'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available during social hour. Dress for the evening is a dark suit or tuxedo for men and a dress or evening attire for women. Dinner will be a buffet which will include: Salad, Prime Rib, Glazed Pork, Glazed Salmon, vegetables, potatoes, dessert, and coffee/iced tea/water. When dinner is complete our guest speaker Moises Gomez (First Responder and Brother) will talk about the aftermath of the events following the attacks on September 11, 2001. All First Responders (Masons and Non-Masons) will receive a certificate **and/or a jewel**/lapel pin from the Grand Bodies. If the First Responder is a Mason, he will receive the Jewel. If the First Responder is NOT a Mason He/She will receive a lapel pin.

The cost of the dinner is \$60.00 per person and checks can be made payable to: Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana and mailed to Sean Jones, MIGM at 5427 Norcroft Drive Indianapolis, IN 46221. If you have any questions please contact Sean Jones 317-658-8103 or [diver978a@yahoo.com](mailto:diver978a@yahoo.com).



The first responder does NOT need to be currently working in that capacity. As long as that person was at any time in their life a first responder, we want to honor them. Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies are encouraged to sponsor a First Responder to attend this dinner. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday September 15, 2021. Rooms are available at the hotel at the normal rates. If you would like to stay after the event, contact the hotel directly to make a reservation (317-856-9100). This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public servants how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice for our safety and security.

*Email from Sean Jones*



# SUPPORTING OUR OWN

## OKI

Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, or more affectionately known as OKI, is an annual event participated in and sponsored by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of each respective state. The event is rotated each year to a different state where all three degrees of the Council are conferred for candidates. This year, Ohio hosted the event at Middletown Masonic Lodge on August 7, 2021. Indiana Grand Council conferred the Royal Master Degree led by Most Illustrious Grand Master, Sean Jones. Forty-six Royal Arch Masons from all three jurisdictions received the Royal Master Degree, Select Master Degree, and Super Excellent Master Degree in full form. There were 100 Companions in attendance and were able to see the differences in ritual from the three jurisdictions. Indiana had several candidates in attendance to receive the degrees and they are now ready to begin their journey through the orders of the Commandery. We would like to congratulate all of the Companions from all of the jurisdictions for continuing their search for Masonic Light. We would also like to congratulate the Grand Council of Indiana for representing Indiana Masonry so well in other jurisdictions. You make us proud.

*Photo from Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana Facebook page*



## We are Community!

Hundreds came to find out how much we love our community, share with our neighbors, support our kids and have fun serving.

*Orak Shrine-Michigan City Facebook*



## Award of Gold

As a Master, it is always an honor to be able to present the 50-Year Award of Gold. Sunday, August 15 was such a blessing. Bill Short, PM, Chris Steel, PM, David Mitchell, PM and Jim Williams PM, WM, presented Brother Kenneth Woolf with his Award of Gold.

*Keystone Lodge 215*

*F&AM Facebook*



## 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](mailto:abuck@compasspark.org)



## Naamah Chapter #73



Order of the Eastern Star, Naamah Chapter #73 in Shelbyville presented six \$1000 scholarships and had dinner with the recipients at a ceremony on August 6.

*Sally Nicholson Facebook*





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## Evansville Chapter #12

On August 21, the Evansville York Rite hosted an all York Rite Chapter Degrees Day honoring MWB Kenneth Roy, Jr., PGM. There were four candidates for the class from Evansville Chapter #12, Vincennes Chapter #7, and Slayton-Stephens Chapter #168. Congratulations to the four newest Companions. A special thanks to all the Companions that made this day possible. A very special thanks to all the Grand Chapter Officers who traveled from all over the State of Indiana to confer the Royal Arch Degree. It was a great day for York Rite Masonry in the State of Indiana.

*Grand Chapter of Ryal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana Facebook*



## Linton Lodge #560

Such an honor to hand out two 50-year pins to Brothers Delmar Hasler and Ron Brown on August 11.

*Linton Masonic Lodge #560 Facebook*



## Entered Apprentice



Meet Brother Charlie Smith, the newest oldest Entered Apprentice in the state of Indiana.

Welcome, Brother!

*Randy Seipel Facebook*

## Preceptory #15

On August 21, five brothers were initiated into Yeomen of York Preceptory #15. Congratulations!

*Don Henderson Facebook*



## Greenfield Chapter #96

Three Wortheby Brethren were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters in Greenfield Chapter #96 on August 12.

*Larry Gray Facebook*



## Prather Council #126 Knight Masons

It was an exciting day as we Instituted Prather Council #126 UD Knight Masons. Knight Masons is an Invitational Body requiring Royal Arch Membership. Our goals are to promote Masonic Education, perpetuate the Degrees associated with the Knight Masons, and provide opportunities to participate in the formal Festive Boards.

We also announced that we will be hosting a Masonic Education Day on Saturday, November 6, which will be then next meeting of our Knight Masons Council. For our Education Day we are doing a call for Presentations/Papers. If you would be interested in presenting on any Masonic topic, please follow our [page](#) for more information about this exciting event.

*Prather York Rite Facebook*





# Supporting our Youth

## Indiana Job's Daughters



The 2021 Miss/Jr. Miss Indiana Job's Daughter Coronation Dance was held on August 28 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Farwell Speeches were given and the Crowning on the new Miss and Jr. Miss Indiana Job's Daughter was held

*Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook*



## Indiana DeMolay



DeMolay showed their support for Job's by attending the Miss and Jr. Miss Job's Daughter Coronation Dance.

*Speedway DeMolay Facebook*



## Rainbow Girls

The Grand Officers had a great workshop last on August 28 and are looking forward to the upcoming Schools of Instruction.

*Indiana IORG 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](#).







# 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**



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**

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

**SALUTE TO THE BRAVE**

