



**Edward E. Fodrea, REGC**  
**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**  
**OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**  
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*“If it doesn't open, it's not your door”.*

**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 J. Frazer, PGC	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



Lady Sherry, CT, wife of Steven J. Barton  
 Lady Lillian Bridenhager, widow of Charles Bridenhager  
 Lady Jean, widow of James N. Butler  
 Lady Brenda, wife of Charles L. Combi  
 Lady Charlotte, wife of Harley Eggers  
 Lady Beverly Ellis, wife of Ronald L. Ellis  
 Lady Nancy Foreman, wife of Dale A. Foreman  
 Lady Samantha Patterson, wife of John W. Patterson  
 Lady Pamela, wife of Dennis H. Rigsby  
 Lady Cindy Rider, Lady of Edward L. Sebring  
 Lady Jean, wife of Ronald D. Simpson  
 Lady Ann Tornese, wife of Lin Tornese  
 Sir Knight Thomas L. Bartelt  
 Sir Knight Randy J. Darling

Sir Knight James R. Dillman  
 Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington  
 Sir Knight John T. Fleming  
 Sir Knight Wayne L. Ithier  
 Sir Knight Thomas D. Johnson  
 Sir Knight Mark A. Kester, Sr.  
 Sir Knight Charles P. King  
 Sir Knight Richard A. Kroemer  
 Sir Knight Stephen P. Kroman  
 Sir Knight David L. Jenkins  
 Sir Knight Steven A. McKim  
 Sir Knight Jeffery A. Ping  
 Sir Knight Charles A. Smelser  
 Sir Knight Lin Tornese



Larry & Rita Gray  
 Clay & Norma Stahlka  
 Dustin & Marna Derickson  
 Ronald & Jean Simpson  
 Philip & Connie Whisner

Joseph & Jane Hedges  
 Charles & Karen Johnson  
 Franklin & Betty Boner  
 David I & Donna Miller

*Let us celebrate with you!*

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**Holy Father**, we come to you in gratitude for the many blessings you give us. Blessings of family and blessings of the example of undeserved unrelenting love shown to us by the women in our lives. Their overwhelming love gives us a glimpse of your never-ending love for us. It is both a lesson and a guide for us to be able to witness this type of reckless abandonment we find in their love for us. Help is to appreciate them more, hold them close to us each chance we get, and to return to them a portion of the love they have shown us. Thank you, Lord for your love for us. AMEN

*By Christine Fodrea*

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**



## **Newly Installed Grand Commandery Officers**

### **Elected Officers:**

Grand Commander – Edward E. Fodrea, KCT  
Deputy Grand Commander – Thomas D. Johnson, KCT  
Grand Generalissimo – Phillip D. Whisner, KTCH  
Grand Senior Warden – Randal Ellington, GPE  
Grand Junior Warden – Joseph Sparks  
Grand Treasurer – Robert Frazer, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder – Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC

### **Appointed Officers:**

Grand Prelate – Dan Patterson  
Grand Standard Bearer – Dominic Hamblin  
Grand Sword Bearer – Jonathan McCracken  
Grand Warder – Dion Diakis  
Grand Sentinel – Kenneth Roy, Jr.  
Grand Marshal – Paul Page  
Grand Organist – Christopher Gamblin





## Grand Commandery Presentations and Awards

Grand Session was held Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie.

This was the first year of the Ritual Competition. Sir Knights had the opportunity to present the Prelate's Address, the Junior Warden's Address or the Ode to the Skull. The contest came down to a couple of points difference between the candidates. The judges had to pay close attention to the Ritual as each candidate made their presentation. A hardy congratulations to the winners! Jerry Kipper of Valparaiso Commandery #28 won both the Junior Warden's Address and the Ode to the Skull competitions, and Joshua Dunsmore of Fort Wayne Commandery #4 won the Prelate's Address competition.



Dale Foreman of Anderson Commandery #32 was awarded the KCTH



Congratulations are also in order for Jimmie Milleman of Angola Commandery #45 who was awarded the Star Recorder of the Year.

Apollo Commandery #19 won the J. Rufus Hinshaw Award for the Highest Percentage Gain in Membership. Fort Wayne Commandery #4 won the Grand Commander's for the Highest Number of Knights.

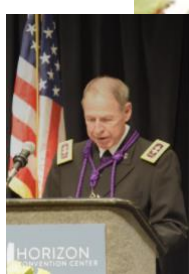


Ed Fodrea received his Past Grand Commander's Award.



Tony Peterson of Noblesville Commandery #61 was awarded the KCT.

## Grand Commandery Pictures





# SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH DEMOLAY

## Installation

Speedway DeMolay held their  
Installation of Officers on April 25.



## Learning

Speedway DeMolay attended the  
Indiana DeMolay Congress on April  
17<sup>th</sup>.

## *Supporting Our Youth Job's Daughters*



### **Bethel #34**

It was pajama night at Bethel #34.

*Indiana Job's Daughters Facebook  
page*



### **Easter Eggs**

Easter Egg hunt at Piney Acres.

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Daughters Facebook  
page*



## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



### First-ever lab model of human eye offers hope for macular degeneration patients

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD), which leads to a loss of central vision, is the most frequent cause of blindness in adults 50 years of age or older, affecting an estimated 196 million people worldwide. There is no cure, though treatment can slow the onset and preserve some vision.

Recently, however, researchers at the University of Rochester have made an important breakthrough in the quest for an AMD cure. Their first three-dimensional (3D) lab eye model mimics the part of the human retina affected in macular degeneration.

Their model combines stem cell-derived retinal tissue and vascular networks from human patients with bioengineered synthetic materials in a three-dimensional “matrix.” Notably, using patient-derived 3D retinal tissue allowed the researchers to investigate the underlying mechanisms involved in advanced neovascular macular degeneration, the wet form of macular degeneration, which is the more debilitating and blinding form of the disease.

The researchers have also demonstrated that wet-AMD-related changes in their human retina model could be targeted with drugs.

“Once we have validated this over a large sample, the next hope would be to develop rational drug therapies and potentially even test the efficacy of a specific drug to work for individual patients,” says Ruchira Singh, an associate professor of ophthalmology at the University’s Flaum Eye Institute.

The lab of Danielle Benoit, professor of biomedical engineering and director of the Materials Science Program, engineered the synthetic materials for the matrix and helped configure it, as described in a paper in *Cell Stem Cell*.

Singh says the findings should help resolve a “huge” debate among researchers in the field who have been trying to determine whether:

Defects in the retina itself are responsible for the disease (and if so, which parts of the retina are responsible); or  
The disease is caused by other “systemic issues,” for example, in blood supply.

Their research points strongly to retinal defects as being responsible—and in particular, to defects in an area called the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE), a pigmented cell layer that nourishes the retina’s photoreceptor cells.

[Read the rest of the article here.](#)





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[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.



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### **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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