



**Michael F. Robbins, REGC  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

**May 2020**

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

*“It's not what happens to you, It's what you do about it.” –W. Mitchell*

**2019-2020 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:**

Michael F. Robbins	Grand Commander
Edward E. Fodrea	Deputy Grand Commander
Thomas D. Johnson	Grand Generalissimo
Phillip D. Whisner	Grand Captain General
David Miller, Sr.	Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer, PGC	Grand Treasurer
George A. Ingles, Jr. PGC	Grand Recorder
Randal P. Ellington	Grand Senior Warden
Randy W. Spaulding	Grand Junior Warden
Randy J. Darling	Grand Standard Bearer
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Sword Bearer
Rex A. Goodman	Grand Warder
Jonathan M. McCracken	Grand Sentinel

**Happy Birthday!!!**  
**May Birthdays:**



Lady Charlotte, wife of Harley Eggers  
Lady Sherry, CT, wife of Steven J. Barton  
Lady Lillian Bridenhager, widow of Charles Bridenhager  
Lady Brenda, wife of Charles L. Combi  
Lady Jean, widow of James N. Butler  
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 Cindy Rees, wife of Marvin L. Rees  
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 Thomas W. Harper  
Sir Knight Wayne L. Ithier  
Sir Knight David L. Jenkins  
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 Steven A. McKim  
Sir Knight Jeffery A. Ping  
Sir Knight Charles A. Smelser  
Sir Knight Lin Tornese



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
**May Anniversaries:**

Terry and Paice Bisping  
Franklin & Betty Boner  
Dustin & Marna Derickson  
Dale & Nancy Foreman  
Larry & Rita Gray  
Joseph & Jane Hedges

Charles & Karen Johnson  
David I & Donna Miller  
Ronald & Jean Simpson  
Clay & Norma Stahlka  
Philip & Connie Whisner

*Let us celebrate with you!*

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

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# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



**Bulletin No. 12 Rev. 1 Robbins**

**April 13, 2020**

## THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

To the Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

We are pleased to announce the One Hundred Sixty-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana will be held in the City of Muncie on **Friday June 19, 2020** and **Saturday June 20, 2020**.

The Conclave Committee are completing arrangements to extend a courteous welcome and Knightly Greetings to the Sir Knights of Indiana, and their Ladies, who will be attending the One Hundred Sixty-Sixth Annual Conclave. It will be located at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Muncie. An interesting Conclave for both the Sir Knights and their Ladies has been arranged.

Sir Knight Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, PDC is the General Chairman for The One Hundred Sixty-Sixth Annual Conclave. The Right Eminent Grand Commander Michael F. Robbins and Lady Patty are the honorary Chairmen.

A large representation of the Officers and Sir Knights of each of our Constituent Commanderies will be greatly appreciated by the Grand Commander and the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

### HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Sir Knights who desire hotel accommodations should make their reservations directly with the Courtyard of Muncie, by calling (765) 287-8550 ask for Reservations and then "Grand York Rite Session" for your Group Rate of \$107.00 plus tax. Web site booking is available at this link <http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/>

When you arrive, if the front is a bit crowded, you can drive around to the west side of the hotel, park under the covering, enter the hotel from there, parking is in the garage just west of where you parked

To receive the above rate. Reservations must be made **before 5:00 pm EDST May 18, 2020**.

**Cancellation policy is 48 hours before arrival.**

### REGISTRATION

All Sir Knights MUST register to secure programs and tickets. Thursday you may pick up your meal tickets in the Hospitality Room from Tony or Monica Peterson.

Register on Friday in the Convention Center on the Northside of Delaware 2 from **7:00 AM – 10:00 AM**. Sir Knights arriving on Friday should park in the Convention Center Parking lot and enter from the westside of the Convention Center.

### HOSPITALITY ROOM

Hotel Lobby across from the elevator.

### MEETINGS AND MEALS

All meetings and lunch and banquet meals will be held in the adjacent Convention Center with the

exception of Breakfast in the hotel.

**The Following meals will be in the “Interurban Hall”**

**Friday June 19, 2020: Grand Commander’s Banquet**

Social Hour (Cash Bar,) at 6:00 PM

Banquet 7:00 PM by reservation only.

**Saturday June 20, 2020 Breakfast 6:00 – 9:00 AM.**

**Hotel Lobby Conference Room across from the elevator, reservations required.**

**Saturday June 20, 2020 Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 PM.**

**Saturday June 20, 2020 Joint Saturday Banquet**

Social Hour (Cash Bar,) at 6:00 PM

Banquet 7:00 PM by reservation only.

\*\*\*\* *A meal reservation form with menu choices and prices are posted at the website at*

<http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/>

**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER’S MEETING**

The Grand Officers, to include Deputy Battalion Commanders for the years 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021, will meet in the “**Prairie Creek**” at **1:00 PM**, on Friday, June 19, 2020.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEES**

The Jurisprudence Committee will meet in the “**Hackley Reserve 2**” at **2:00 PM**, on Friday, June 19, 2020.

The Chairmen of all other committees are requested to meet with their members in the Hospitality Room at the same time so that reports can be prepared and ready when called for in the business sessions, if they have not been preprinted for distribution.

**DIVINE SERVICE**

Divine Services will be held, in **Delaware Hall 2**, on Friday, June 19, 2020 at **5:00 PM**

**PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION**

The Past Commanders Association will open in the **Hackley Reserve 1** at 6:00 AM on Saturday June 20, 2020. Registration for this meeting is available from your Recorder, or contact the PCA Recorder, Allen Dale Foreman at 765-717-3722 or email [dale\\_nancyforeman@att.net](mailto:dale_nancyforeman@att.net)

**CONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY**

The Grand Commandery will convene in **Delaware Hall 2** on Saturday June 20, 2020. The Grand Conclave will open at **8:30 AM** with ladies present for introductions of Distinguish Guests. The first business session will follow. A recess of the Grand Conclave will be called at 12:25 PM for lunch. The business session if necessary, will reconvene at **1:15 PM**. Nomination of Officers will begin at 10:35 AM with the election of Officers to follow.

**INSTALLATION**

Installation of the 2020–2021 Grand Commandery Officers will be held in **Delaware Hall 2** at **3:00 PM** on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

**PICTURES**

Pictures of all Grand Officers, their Ladies, and Deputy Battalion Commanders and their Ladies will be taken beginning at **4:00 PM**, in the **Delaware 2** on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

### COMPETITIVE DRILLS

Competitive Drills, at the state level, will be held for all Commanderies wishing to enter the competition. Drill schedules have been designed by, and may be secured from, the Chairman of Competitive Drills, SK William Short.

All Drills will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 in **Delaware Hall 2 Rear**, beginning at **1:30 PM**. Prizes and Awards for Drill Competition will be awarded following the Drill Competition or at the Banquet Saturday evening.

### RITUAL COMPETITION

Ritual Competition, will be held in the **Cardinal Creek Rooms beginning at 1:30 PM Saturday, June 20, 2020**. For those Sir Knights wishing to enter the competition, contact the Chairman of Competitive Drills, SK Edward Fodrea, DGC and secure a scheduled time. Awards to be made during the Banquet Saturday evening.

### OFFICERS DUTY TO ATTEND GRAND CONCLAVE

It is the duty of the Commander, the Generalissimo and the Captain General of Constituent Commanderies to attend the Conclaves of their Grand Commandery. (Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., Section 67.) This is for the benefit and interest of their respective Commanderies as well as the Grand Commandery.

### CREDENTIALS & PROXIES

The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery, who are unable to attend the Conclave, are entitled to be represented and to vote by proxy. Proxies must be filed with the Grand Recorder or the Credentials Committee on or before the day of the Conclave, Saturday, June 20, 2020.

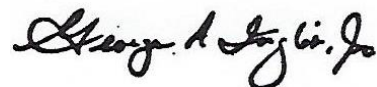
This Bulletin **MUST** be read at the first Conclave of each Commandery after its receipt and again at the April Conclave in order that the Officers and Sir Knights may be fully informed of the details contained herein with reference to the One Hundred Sixty-Sixth Annual Grand Conclave to be held in Muncie, IN on June 19, 20, 2020.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



Michael F. Robbins, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder



## Meal & Hotel Reservations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive an email confirmation when your Reservation Form is received.

### Thursday June 18, 2020

#### Banquet

Braised Beef Short Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miso-Glazer Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ X \$37.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veg. Cauliflower Steak \_\_\_\_\_ X \$32.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL RESERVATIONS BY CHECK OR  
 CREDIT CARD DUE BELOW BY  
 MIDNIGHT June 13, 2020**

### Friday June 19, 2020

**Breakfast** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
**Grand Commandery KT of Indiana**

#### Lunch

Roasted Turkey Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ X \$27.50 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veg. Calif. Roll Steak \_\_\_\_\_ X \$27.50 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form to:  
 George A. Ingles, Jr.  
 3601 N. Vienna Woods Dr.  
 Muncie, IN 47304

#### Banquet

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ X \$42.50 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crab Cakes \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veg. Spanakopita \_\_\_\_\_ X \$37.50 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions (765) 284-1557

### Saturday June 20, 2020

**Breakfast** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Lunch

Baked Potato Bar \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Banquet

Beer-Braised Beef Roast \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Herb-Roasted Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ X \$37.50 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veg. Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_ X \$32.50 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Pay by Check*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Convenience Fee Plus 3.5%** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Pay by Credit Card*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Reservations Information

You may make your reservations directly with the Courtyard by Marriott, 601 S. High St., Muncie, IN by calling (765) 287-8550 ask for Reservations and then "Grand York Rite Session" for your Group Rate of \$107.00 plus tax. Web site booking at this link [Book your group rate for Grand York Rite Sessions](#)

**To receive the above rate. Reservations must be made before 5:00 PM Monday May 18, 2020.  
 Cancellation policy is 48 hours before arrival.**



# Grand Lodge

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Office of the  
GRAND MASTER

April 10, 2020

## Official Directive - Annual Communication Postponed

The health and safety of our Members when attending the Annual Communication is, has been and will remain of the highest priority. Government and State Officials continue to elevate concerns regarding the Covid-19 virus and reports indicate that Indiana may become the next hot spot for the virus. With this current information and pursuant to Grand Lodge By-Laws Section 1.010, the Annual Communication scheduled on Tuesday May 19, 2020 is postponed until Tuesday June 16, 2020. The abbreviated agenda and attendance guidelines outlined in previous directive will remain in place.

The new date of the Annual Communication is fluid and may change as conditions unfold regarding the virus. Contingency dates of Tuesday July 14, 2020 and Tuesday August 11, 2020 have been scheduled should future circumstances necessitate. Annual Communication planning will continue, and all deadlines are still applicable.

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers are looking at various methods of virtual meeting while considering those Members who are unable to participate for various technology reasons. You are encouraged to continue to do wellbeing calls and provide any services necessary to help your Members through this unprecedented time.

Stay Healthy and God Bless!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth Roy, Jr.  
Grand Master





### **Drill Team Competition**

The 2020 Drill Team Competition will be held at Grand Conclave. So far, three teams have begun to practice for the competition: Raper #1, Baldwin #2, and Greenfield #39.

This year's Drill Team Competition will include a Pass and Review at the end of the Competition. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bill Short at [wm.short@att.net](mailto:wm.short@att.net).

### **Drill Team Competition and Ritual Competition have been scheduled for June 20th**

**If you use some of your unexpected time at home to brush up on your  
Ritual work, and would like to enter, please contact Ed Fodrea.**



### **Ritual Competition**

Indiana will be holding its first Ritual Competition at Grand Conclave. Sir Knights will have the opportunity to compete in the Junior Warden's Address, the Prelate's Address or the Ode to the Skull. You may compete in the Drill Team Competition and the Ritual Competition. If you are interested in competing, contact Ed Fodrea at [hfa.phd1@gmail.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@gmail.com).



**Holy Father, Magnificent God,** You mark the changing of the world. Your seasons bring life, or rest, or death. We blossom and grow under your watchful care and grace and love. You give us each other to love, to care for and to enjoy. We magnify your Holy and Perfect ways. As you bring us back together in community with each other, remind us to be mindful of ourselves and others. Encourage us to be Good neighbors, showing kindness and tolerance for for everyone. Guide us to those who need to see your light. Show us your path, hold us next to you, inspire us in this life. We praise you as we look into the beautiful futures you have for us. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN.



*By Christine Fodrea*



Companions and Sir Knights,

I am sorry to inform you that one of our own, Companion and Sir Knight Roger Spoonmore, Secretary/Recorder of the Bloomington York Rite bodies, has passed to the Celestial Council above. He was overcome by the Corona Virus, his wife, son Ricky and his wife were all stricken with the virus and are all doing well. Roger was a Vietnam veteran and had health issues due to Agent Orange. We all mourn his passing, please keep his family in your prayers.

Fraternally;  
Chuck Wood, PMIGM

Roger Spoonmore (left) is pictured here with Past Grand Master Richard Hickman (right).

## Quarantine News

It's been about 6 weeks since the Stay at Home order was issued, 6 weeks since Masonic meetings were last held, and 6 weeks since we've been able to gather in groups. We've see Grand Sessions for Indiana Grand Lodge, all three York Rite Bodies, Job's and many others rescheduled until later in the year. What have you been doing to stay in touch with each other?



Prather York Rite attended virtual Easter Services at Second Presbyterian Church.



Social Order of the Beauceant #90 is having weekly Zoom meetings, just to say hi.



The Rainbow Girls are posting pictures of past events in an online challenge.



Speedway Demolay is hosting the Quarantine Cafe with a virtual demonstration of how to make a meal.



Many people have reached out to each other by text or phone calls.



Job;s are visiting on Zoom and inviting other Bethel's to crash their party.

## What can your Lodge do to Support Masonic Youth Groups? (continued)

46. Do you teach or have a specialty subject? How about offering tutoring or homework help for youth groups?
47. Offer to teach a particular skill, like car maintenance, basic carpentry, et cetera, as a unique youth group activity.
48. "Adopt" a needy family for the holidays, and involve youth in shopping and delivery of gifts.
49. Offer to act as a "photographer" for youth functions.
50. Hold a fundraiser or special fund drive in your lodge specifically to benefit youth. How about a Lodge "yard sale" with youth participating?
51. Provide a new or used computer for a local chapter to use for record-keeping and publications.
52. Recommend capable Lodge members to youth groups as Advisors.
53. Buy or donate tickets to a Shrine Circus for a local youth group to use for prospective members.
54. Sponsor a blood drive in your community, and invite youth group members to recruit donors and volunteer at the drive.
55. Have a special presentation at your lodge on the charities of the youth groups. Help support one or more of them!
56. Start a scholarship fund in your lodge for local youth.
57. Coach a Masonic Youth group sports team.
58. Donate a piece of athletic equipment to a local youth group.
59. Allow a local youth group to use your Lodge's FAX or Phone number for messages/contacts.
60. Consider waiving Lodge rental fees for youth groups, or paying them on their behalf if your lodge doesn't own the Temple.
61. Ask a youth group to hold a Masonic "Shadow Night" where Lodge officers sit with Youth Group officers to learn about their work.
62. Sponsor and organize a "career night" in which Lodge members provide information to local youth about career options.
63. Include youth groups in publicity opportunities, especially contributions to other youth groups or to schools. Ask that youth groups be mentioned in press coverage.
64. Be prepared to answer questions/concerns about the nature and purpose of Masonic Youth groups.
65. Introduce youth group members to your eligible relatives and neighbors to allow them to recruit.
66. Consider organizing interested Masons to open a new Chapter, Bethel, or Assembly, or to reorganize one that used to exist in your area.
67. Arrange for Youth Group Road Signs (provided by the Grand Lodge) to be posted with your Lodge sign in the community.
68. Write an article or make a report to the MYM on a success of your lodge's youth program, so other Lodges can follow your example.
69. Have a special program or dinner to recognize and honor youth group advisors in your area.
70. Sponsor the purchase of one or more books about the youth groups to be placed in a local public or school library. Arrange for a press release.
71. List area youth groups in your monthly Lodge notice or other publication.
72. Offer to assist your Lodge Youth chair with his job responsibilities, or to serve on the Lodge Youth Committee.
73. Play the piano/organ or provide other music for youth group meetings, degrees, or other ceremonies.
74. Recognize members of your lodge who have received various honors from the Masonic Youth Groups.
75. Scottish Rite? Don't throw away old costumes or sets! Offer them to DeMolay first!



See the complete list at: [https://pamasonicyouth.blogspot.com/2020/02/101-things-you-and-your-lodge-can-do.html?spref=fb&fbclid=IwAR1Z58Cj437JxntS3buuJM56EH\\_wfuSyPdQK-RCWZh3ccbmgGkn2yZ7QMzk](https://pamasonicyouth.blogspot.com/2020/02/101-things-you-and-your-lodge-can-do.html?spref=fb&fbclid=IwAR1Z58Cj437JxntS3buuJM56EH_wfuSyPdQK-RCWZh3ccbmgGkn2yZ7QMzk)

## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GROUPS DEMOLAY



### **Speedway Claims Record 9th Consecutive State Ritual Crown**

With 10 of 12 ritualists classified as junior competitors (under 16 years old), the "Brickyard Babies" of Speedway Chapter came away from the 2020 Wayne M. Reid Memorial Indiana DeMolay State Ritual Tournament yesterday with an unprecedented ninth straight State Sweepstakes Championship, the eighteenth in our history.

Speedway competed in twelve team events and thirty-six individual events overall, with members expanding their ritual repertoires in preparation for the tournament, then hitting their marks on judgment day. The chapter logged eighteen (18) first-place finishes to go along with eighteen (18) second-place finishes, and eight (8) third-place finishes. The total included four victories in team competitions, including Initiatory Degree, DeMolay Degree, Preceptor Corps and Preceptor Trio.

Congratulations!

# SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH RAINBOW GIRLS

Indiana Rainbow Girls had an online challenge. They posted pictures every day for two weeks. Here are some of their memories.



# SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH JOB'S DAUGHTERS



Job's is collecting shoes for HIKE.



Job's has had fun surveys for its members.



Job's have been posting pictures of their hobbies.

## What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

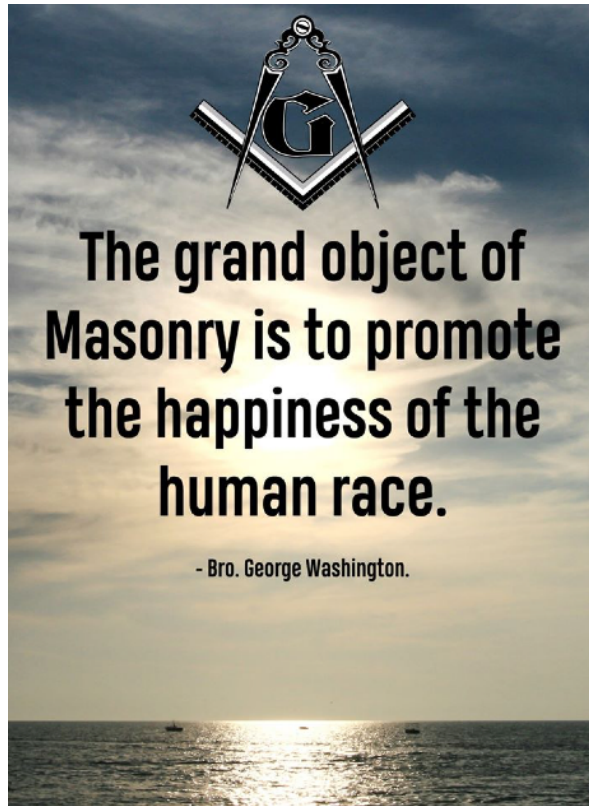
Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



TriState Chapter Council Degrees were held in Michigan City and had 23 candidates.



TriState Commandery Orders were held in Ohio with 12 candidates receiving the Orders.



### **Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons**

The Grand Chapter has set the date of August 15, 2020 starting at 10:00. Please put his date on your calendar, More information will be forth coming. At this time there are no banquets or luncheons plan. Any questions can be sent to me at [grsecramin@iendeavor.com](mailto:grsecramin@iendeavor.com) Kris Phillips  
REGS



### **Triennial**

Are you looking for information about the General Grand Chapter's and General Grand Council's Triennial?

[www.yrtriennial2020.com](http://www.yrtriennial2020.com)



# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW & FISH FRY



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800 Indianapolis Road  
 Mooresville, IN 46158

Join us for a fish fry, raffles, awards, and a whole 'lot of fun!  
Plus, a portion of the proceeds will go to Pediatric Cardiac Research.

## SATURDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

**REGISTRATION: 8am-12pm**  
**COST: \$15 minimum donation**  
**FISH FRY START TIME: 11am**

- AWARDS START TIME: 2:30pm**
- First 100 cars get **FREE** dash plaque
  - Award categories: Car, Truck, Rat Rod, 4x4/ Off Road, People's Choice, Master's Trophy & Kids' Class (power wheels, go carts, minibikes, bicycles, wagons, golf carts)



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## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



*Irina De La Huerta, M.D., Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University receives  
\$65,000 grant to prevent childhood diabetes retinal diseases*



Irina De La Huerta, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Vanderbilt Eye Institute has received a grant in the amount of \$65,000 which will support her research which will pave the way toward developing future treatments to prevent retinal diseases of childhood that are associated with high blood sugar levels.

Increasing numbers of children are born prematurely, and are diagnosed with diabetes. Retinopathy of prematurity develops in premature infants whose retinal blood vessels are not fully grown. Most premature infants who are very small at birth have abnormally high blood sugar levels, and this is associated with delayed retinal blood vessel growth. In children with diabetes, high blood sugar levels are associated with the development of retinal blood vessel abnormalities typical of diabetic retinopathy. Photoreceptors are the most numerous cells in the retina, and the cells that use the most energy.

Photoreceptors are affected by high blood sugar levels and may contribute to the delay in retinal blood vessel growth in premature infants and to the development of retinopathy in patients with diabetes. However, the mechanisms by which photoreceptors under high sugar conditions impact the retinal blood vessels are not well understood.

This project aims to investigate the response of photoreceptors to high sugar conditions by testing the effect of photoreceptors exposed to high sugar on the retinal cells that are responsible for blood vessel growth and for maintaining blood vessel integrity and the goal is to help develop future treatments to prevent childhood retinal diseases.

*Source: KTEF Facebook Page*

## Important Dates

*Subject to Change*

**June 16, 2020**    **Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Indiana**  
Scottish Rite, 650 N. Meridian, Indianapolis

**June 18-20, 2020**    **Grand Council and Grand Commandery Grand Sessions**  
Courtyard by Marriott Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center  
601 S. High St. Muncie, IN 47305  
See pages 20-22 of this newsletter for more information  
or visit: [IndianaKnightsTemplar.com](http://IndianaKnightsTemplar.com)

**August 15, 2020**    **Grand Chapter Grand Session**  
The Seasons Lodge in Nashville, IN  
[IndianaRoyalArchMasons.org/events/175th-annual-convocation/](http://IndianaRoyalArchMasons.org/events/175th-annual-convocation/)

### *This Month in History...*

585 BC - A solar eclipse occurred on May 28th, as predicted by the Greek philosopher and scientist Thales. Knowing this exact date helped historians find other exact and near exact historical dates.

1607 - English in Virginia founded Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America.

1775 - John Hancock was elected president of the Second Continental Congress.

1800 - President John Adams ordered the new US federal government to leave Philadelphia and move to the nation's new capital in Washington DC.

1804 - Lewis and Clark expedition left St. Louis, Missouri

1859 - Big Ben, located at the top London's 320-foot-high St. Stephen's Tower, began operating.

1884 - Samuel F.B. Morse sent the first public telegraph message - "What Hath God Wrought?" through the Washington-to-Baltimore telegraph line.

1896 - Charles Dow published the first edition of the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

1911 - The inaugural Indianapolis 500 was run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana.

1947 - B.F. Goodrich Co. announced the development of tubeless tire.

1963 - Dr No, starring Sean Connery, opened in theaters.

2004 - The National World War II Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

2011 - Osama bin Laden was reported killed by U.S. forces

Source: [popsulturemadness.com](http://popsulturemadness.com)



**Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website**

<http://indianaknightstemplar.com/>



**Indiana Grand Commandery is on Facebook too!**

<https://www.facebook.com/INGrandCommandery/>



**What is your Commandery doing?**

Community Service? Public event? Reception? Rededication?

Pancake Breakfast? Chili Dinner? Social Hour? Bowling?

New Sir Knights? 50 year award? Parades?

Important Dates to add to the Calendar?

Send me your pictures and your stories!

[monipaints4u@yahoo.com](mailto:monipaints4u@yahoo.com)

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