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## Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

December 2018

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### December Birthdays:

Barry Clouser, DBC 5 Rec 36 12/1

Brian Scott Du Bois, 15, 12/2

J. Robert Fiers, GPE, 12/3

Ronald Tungett, KCT, PGC, 12/4

James D. Pinnick, 42, 12/5

Joseph C. Korschot, 14, 12/5

Rowland C. Gorman, GPE, 12/6

Dennis H. Rigsby, 8, 12/6

Jerry O. Deeter, GPE, 12/8

Joseph L. Scanland, 1, 12/8

Lady Clorrissa Jackson, wife of Adam Jackson, GP, 12/9

Lady Brittany Cottrell, wife of Clint R. Cottrell, 16, 12/9

Lady Marna Stahlka, wife of Clay Stahlka, 4, 12/9

Christopher Gamblin, 28, 12/9

Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC, 12/10

Thomas R. Retherford, DBC 5, 12/10

Lady Karen Deeter, wife of Jerry O. Deeter, GPE, 12/14

George Brutchen, 32, 12/15

DeWayne Richmond, 12/15

Gary A. Nicholson, KTCH, 12/17

Donnie A. Robinette, GG, 12/17

James A. Iles, II, 28, DBC, Rec 28, 12/18,

Michael A. Mang, 29, 12/18

Kenneth Roy, Jr., 15, 12/19

Joseph K. Hedges, 67, 12/19

Lady Chere Phillips, wife of W. Kris Phillips, PGHP, Rec. 11, 12/19

Clint R. Cottrell, 15, 12/20

Lady Patricia Robbins, wife of Michael F. Robbins, DGG, 12/20  
Lady Monica Peterson, wife of Tony S. Peterson, GPE, Aide to GC, 12/20  
Lady Mickey Borchert, wife of Donald L. Borchert, GPE, 12/22  
Lady Janel King, wife of Charles King, 42, 12/22  
Matthew T. Hobbs, 2, 12/23  
Lady Carol Iles, wife of James Iles, 28, 12/23  
Lady Sally Brindle, wife of Nathan C. Brindle, 1, 12/24  
Lady Rhonda Harper, wife of Thomas Harper, 62, 12/24  
Tyson Howenstine, 4, 12/26  
Ronald D. Simpson, KCT, PGC, 12/27  
Lady Beverly LaHurreau, widow of Henry LaHurreau, KCT, PGC, 12/30  
Lady Jill Laudeman, wife of G. Donald Laudeman III, 31, 12/31

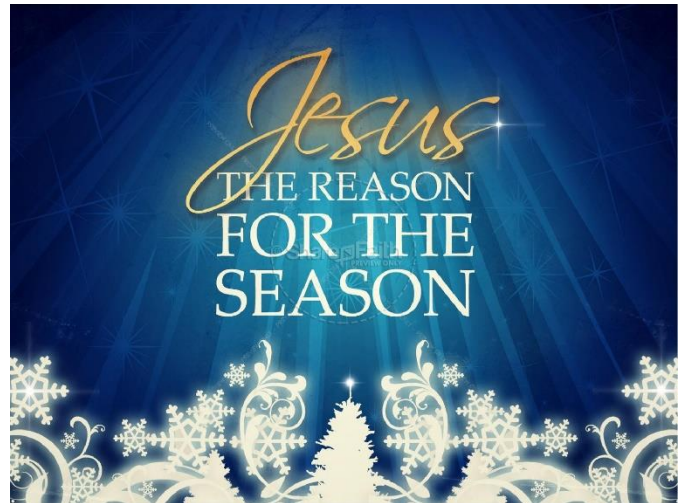
**December Anniversaries:**

Terry & Wanda Kehrer, 12/7  
David & Vickie Gundrum, 12/7  
Duane & Georgia Vaught, 12/16  
Larry & Suanna Brown, 12/17  
Gary & Sally Nicholson, 12/17  
Jack & Carol Moorman, 1 7/11  
Virgil & Janice Humphrey, 12/24  
John & Marcia LaBounty, 12/24  
Dale & Nancy Foreman, 12/31

**50 Year Awards**

**25 Year Awards**

George William Brutchen Jr., 12/12/1993, Anderson #32 & Noblesville #61  
Howard Allen Farrand, 12/10/93, Greencastle #11



**Happenings from this past month**



Sir Knights preparing to form the lines to present the flag and to receive Grand Master Culmann of Indiana and Grand Masters from Ohio and Michigan. At the Scottish Rite During the Tri-State All-Degree Exemplification EA By Indiana Grand Officers, FC By Kentucky and MM by Ohio.



Frankfort Commandery # 29 inspection and Order of the Temple for 11 worthy Sir Knights of Malta. Following lunch at the Inspection we presented 2 Awards of Gold to Companion and Sir Knight Sir Knight Sarge Wilburn and Michael Clark Companion from all 3 York Rite Bodies. Grand Chapter represented by MEGHP Don Olvey, Grand Chapter represented by Arch 3 Officer Terry Bisping and Grand Commandery represented and pictured above by REGC Terry Kehrer and MEPGM Duane L. Vaught of the

Grand Encampment Knights Templar. A great day starting with lunch and then the Order of the Temple was done. A wonderful day for York Rite Masonry in Indiana. Pictured to the left are 6 of the eleven Knights Terry Rhea, Andy Geiser ,Richard Huston, Brent Deal, Jacob Grist, and Mark Schock all from Camden Lodge #211. Randall Ellington, GStB Battalion Commander #4





Randal Ellington Front row standing, wrote: "Baldwin Commandery #2 & Greenfield #39 Inspection and Order of the Temple at Shelby Lodge #28. A BIG Thank You, to Worshipful Brother Dave Ross, Worshipful Master and the Brothers of Shelby Lodge #28 for making this event happen! 34 Brothers and Sir Knights from across Indiana came together tonight to break bread and preform the Order of the Temple for Tyler Ferrell and Scott Ferrell, who are 2nd and 3rd generation York Rite Masons. Their Father/Grand Father Sir Knight Paul Ferrell was a Past Presiding Officer of all 3 York Rite Bodies when the Shelby County York Rite met at Shelby Lodge. Tonight, was a special night to Honor him. Thank you to all of the Sir Knights for making this happen!"  
 Photographer, Steven P. Kroman, PC, GP, Aide to the Grand Commander.

### **Sickness & Distress:**

11/9/18 Nina is still trying to recover from her bout with acute bronchitis. She was released from the hospital several days ago and is somewhat better. She has another doctor's appointment Monday morning.

11/19/18 From my OES Secretary: Also, I heard at church this morning that Tom Harper is not getting any stronger. He's in Hamilton Town Center and needs prayers that he can get strong enough to go home

**Karen Ingles, wife of George:** Had a tonsillectomy on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October is still in a lot of pain. Age is not a friend to your body when there are operations you should have had as a child. 11/30/2019 She is finally almost back to normal. Thank God.

**11/30/2018** The condition of our **General Grand High Priest, James Hodge**, remains the same this morning. The Doctors indicate Jim has pressure on the brain and has been diagnosed with Bacterial Meningitis. The Doctors say he is infectious. They will not know anything more until at least Sunday. The family requests that no phone calls be made.

The next update will probably be Monday morning.

Fraternally,

Larry E. Gray,  
PGGHP, General Grand Secretary General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International  
P.O. Box 128 Greenfield, IN 46140-0128  
Tele: 317-467-3600  
[Ramintl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Ramintl@sbcglobal.net)

## **Indiana Deaths:**



### **Wayne Alan Sheets, GPE**

August 6, 1942 – November 6, 2018

Wayne A. Sheets, 76, passed away after a four-month battle with lung cancer at St. Vincent's Hospital on Election Day. His last regret was not being well enough to vote.

Wayne was born in Lafayette, IN where he attended school until his senior year in high school when his family moved to Indianapolis. Even though he graduated from Broad Ripple High School he always considered Lafayette Jefferson his home school. He enjoyed attending the Lafayette Jeff Class of 1960 monthly luncheon

gatherings and catching up on Purdue sports. Although he followed the Purdue teams, he never would watch a game for fear they would lose.

Growing up, he enjoyed going to both the Brown and Sheets family farms in Clinton County. He and his sister Harriet spent many weekends with their cousins exploring the nooks and crannies of the barns, chicken houses, and corn fields. Wayne was a Boy Scout and still has his uniform and badge sash; and, of course, the infamous Boy Scout canteen.

Wayne attended (IU)PUI and Purdue University Forestry School prior to being drafted into the Army. He served his two years in Germany, driving trucks between missile bases during the Cold War of the 1960s. Upon discharge from the Army in 1967, he began working for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources where he worked the majority of his career in the Division of Engineering. He became a registered land surveyor in 1986 after taking courses at IUPUI and doing a lot of independent study in the basement of Wayne and Ginny's first house. He retired in May 2009.

Wayne met Virginia "Ginny" Erhart at the Department of Natural Resources. Ginny also worked her entire career for IDNR retiring in 2008. Wayne and Ginny were married on June 29, 1974 in the courtyard of North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. Being state government employees, the wedding date was chosen to correspond with the end of the State's fiscal year. Wayne's two cousins, Bill Sheets and Dick Sheets, were also married the same summer which led to many great stories about how the three Sheets boys got captured.

Wayne thoroughly enjoyed the brotherhood of his Masonic fraternal organizations. He was Worshipful Master of Broad Ripple Lodge #643. He was the presiding head of all three York Rite bodies. He was part of the Raper #1 Commandery Drill Team that won six consecutive Triennial Drill Competitions. Wayne served for many years as Prelate for Raper Commandery and frequently was asked to do the Prelate's part in the degree work for other commanderies. He served as Deputy Inspector General for the Indiana Grand Commandery and was Prelate Emeritus. He was past Governor for the Banks of the

Wabash College and past Sovereign Master for the St. Bernard deClairvaux Council #256 Allied Masonic Degrees. Wayne was a member of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite (50 yr.), Murat Shrine (50 yr.), Sahara Grotto, Royal Order of Scotland, Yeoman of York, and probably a few others he kept secret from Ginny so she wouldn't complain about his attendance at so many meetings. For his dedication to Masonry, Wayne was honored with receiving the Knights Templar Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment of Knights' Templar, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and the Order of the Purple Cross. He was an honorary member of the Order of High Priesthood of South Dakota.

Wayne did have other interests. He maintained the cemetery for White Lick Presbyterian Church. He and Ginny had season tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony Pops concerts; played racquetball (a few years back); played some golf but enjoyed watching it more on TV; attended the Indy 500 for many years; loved NASCAR and Formula 1. Although seemingly a quiet individual, he had a quick wit and dry sense of humor. A Facebook tribute from Mike Sponsler, previous director of the Division of Reclamation, IDNR provides a fitting description of Wayne: "He was a kind man. You couldn't have asked for a better husband and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him."

Wayne is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ginny; his sister Harriet Sheets, sister-in-law Barb Barlow, Uncle Max Sheets, 105-year-old Aunt Dorothy Robinson, cousins, nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews and four rescue cats who comforted Wayne with extra warmth and purrs.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers, White Lick Presbyterian Church, your favorite charity, or plant in tree in Wayne's memory.

Visitation will be Monday, November 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm with Masonic service at 7:00 pm at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg. Service of Celebration will be Tuesday, November 13 at 11:00 am at White Lick Presbyterian Church followed by lunch and graveside services at 3:30 pm at Hopewell Cemetery north of Frankfort, IN.



### **Betty Applegate Widow of K. Edwin Applegate, PGC, PDC**

Elizabeth (Betty) Applegate 95, died peacefully in Kingwood, TX, surrounded by her children and grandchildren on November 22nd. Betty Sally Cook and other community-minded women turned what was once a small grocery store, on the west side of Bloomington, IN into a nonprofit dedicated to providing used merchandise of reasonable quality at rock-bottom prices. Opportunity House is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018.

In addition, Betty served for decades in other Bloomington-area service organizations. For 17 years she served Alpha Chi Omega Sorority in a variety of positions including as a Chapter Advisor and President of the Board. She was a long-standing member and former President of one of the Bloomington Tri-Kappa Chapters and was a 50-year member of the Bloomington Chapter of Eastern Star and PEO and served as PEO President. Betty was an active member of the Monroe County Library Board of Directors, founded and served as Director of the Bloomington Foster Home, and served as the Director of the Methodist Youth for the First Methodist Church. In addition, Betty held several other local, state and national leadership roles including as President of the Monroe County School Foundation Board and President of the Indiana Lawyers Auxiliary, ending her tenure as the National President of the American Lawyers Auxiliary. Betty was recognized in 2013 by the City of Bloomington when she received the Be More Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Betty returned to Indiana University to study interior design, after raising her family, and established a successful design business, Gateway Interiors.

In 1944, Elizabeth Dilts married her grade-school sweetheart and love of her life, Karl Edwin Applegate of Winamac Indiana, a union that celebrated its sixty-seventh year in 2011 and resulted in four children, Eric, Ray, Bob and Beth Applegate.

Betty was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She is survived by her sister, Mary Canada, CO; son Raymond Applegate (Rachel) of TX; son Bob Applegate (Vicki) of WI; and daughter Beth Applegate (Trish Kerle'); of Bloomington. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband K. Edwin Applegate; son Eric Applegate; mother Lenora Dilts; father Russel Dilts; and brothers John, Dick, Alan, Moses, Tom, Robert and Dan Dilts.

Her body will be cremated and her remains will be placed in the First Methodist Church, Columbarium where her husband and eldest son Eric also rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in memory of Betty Applegate to the Opportunity House <https://ophousethrift.org/>

A memorial in Bloomington will be announced at a future date.

Condolences may be directed to Beth Applegate, 911 West 3rd Street, Bloomington, IN 47404; Bob Applegate N9360 Anacker Rd, Portage, WI 53901; and Raymond Applegate, 3507 Lost Lake Drive, Kingwood 77339.

## Important Dates:

- Sat., Dec. 1, 2018**      **Columbus No. 14 Rededication** 4131 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN 47303 11:00am – 1:00pm Columbus Christmas Party to follow all attending the Rededication are welcome.  
Contact: Stephen Kroman, Cell 812-530-8327 [stephenp1510@gmail.com](mailto:stephenp1510@gmail.com)
- Sat., Dec. 1, 2018**      **Battalion 3, Reception, Anderson Commandery No. 32**  
3921 W. Nichol Ave., Anderson, IN 46013, 5:30 PM  
Contact: Max Maupin, 765-749-4625 [maup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maup@sbcglobal.net)
- Sat., Dec. 20, 2018**      **LaValette No. 15 Rededication** 301 Chestnut St., Evansville, IN  
6:30pm program by Grand Commander. Christmas Program to follow  
Contact: C. Keith Spurgeon, 812-938-2368 [keithspu@aol.com](mailto:keithspu@aol.com)
- Sat., Jan. 5, 2019**      **Grand Commandery Winter Meeting** Location TBD 10:00am – 1:30pm  
Contact: Terry Kehrer, Cell 502-836-5582 [tkehrer@otherside.com](mailto:tkehrer@otherside.com)
- Sat. Jan 12, 2019**      **Founders' Day** Scottish Rite 650 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN  
8:30am Form lines to Receive the Grand Master.  
Contact: Terry Kehrer, Cell 502-836-5582  
[tkehrer@otherside.com](mailto:tkehrer@otherside.com)
- ~~**Sat., Feb. 2, 2019**      **Columbus No. 14 Grand Master's All Degree Day** 4131 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN 47303 8:00am – 5:00pm.  
Contact: Stephen Kroman, Cell 812-530-8327 [stephenp1510@gmail.com](mailto:stephenp1510@gmail.com)~~  
**CANCELED**
- Sat. Feb. 23, 2019**      **Tri-State York Rite Festival** Angola Lodge #236 35 Public Sq., Angola, IN 46703 8:00am Registration  
Contact: Mike Anderson, Home 260-665-9376, Cell 260-319-0586  
[candacraig2@re-comm.net](mailto:candacraig2@re-comm.net)
- Sat. Mar. 2, 2019**      **Tri-State York Rite Festival** Jackson-Coolidge Lodge No. 17, 355 Napoleon Rd., Michigan Center, MI 49254-1264 8:00am Registration  
Contact: Mike Anderson, Home 260-665-9376, Cell 260-319-0586  
[candacraig2@re-comm.net](mailto:candacraig2@re-comm.net)
- Sat. Mar. 9, 2019**      **East Central Department Conference;** Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 S Calhoun St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802; 8:00am  
Contact: Terry Kehrer, Cell 502-836-5582 [tkehrer@otherside.com](mailto:tkehrer@otherside.com)
- Sat. Mar. 16, 2019**      **Newby/Avery/ Vaught Banquet @ Compass Park;**  
690 S. State Street, Franklin, IN 1:00pm,  
Contact: Terry Kehrer, Cell 502-836-5582 [tkehrer@otherside.com](mailto:tkehrer@otherside.com)
- Sun. Apr 29, 30, 2018**      **Grand Commandery Annual Conclave** Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN. Sun., 4:00pm Devine service, 5:00pm Social, 6:00pm Banquet. Mon. 8:00am Annual Conclave;



**Wed. Apr. 17–21 2019**

**Easter Sunrise Bus Trip:**

We are now taking reservations for the 2019 Easter Sunrise Service trip. We are very excited about next year's trip. Brochures are currently available online at [www.IndianaKnightsTemplar.com](http://www.IndianaKnightsTemplar.com) and will be handed out at upcoming Grand Commandery events. Recorder's and Grand Commandery

The trip will be hosted by Grand Commander Terry Kehrer. Because of the Grand Commander's interest and employment history, we designed the trip to visit Baltimore, so we could see Ft. McHenry and the USS Constitution. The price for a couple remains the same as last year: \$1,275.00, \$925.00 for a single and family prices by number.

We will gather in Indianapolis, on Tuesday, April 16th, at the Holiday Inn Express 465 Exit #52, 5302 Victory Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203. We will return to the same hotel on Sunday, April 21st. Please see the attached brochure for further details of the trip.

**Monica 317-696-4844**



**Right Eminent Grand Commander**  
*Terry Kehrer and his lady, Wanda,*  
 Invite you to join them on the

**2019**  
**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**Bus Trip**

Complete form and mail to George A. Ingles, 3601 N. Vienna Woods Dr., Muncie IN 47304

Please include \$150 non-refundable check deposit made out to **Grand Commandery Knights Templar.**

Reservations due by January 1, 2019. Final Payment due by February 1, 2019

Contact: George Ingles, Cell 317-417-2952 Off 765-284-1557 [ginglespgc@comcst.net](mailto:ginglespgc@comcst.net)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

His cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Her cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US Military Veteran? Y / N (circle one)

Do you require a wheelchair accessible bus? Y / N

IF there is a choice, do you prefer: 2 double beds OR 1 king bed? (circle one)

## **Tuesday, April 16th**

Meet and Greet at the Holiday Inn Express, 5302 Victory Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203

## **Wednesday, April 17th**

Breakfast is available at the hotel (included)

6:30 a.m. The bus will arrive at our hotel. We will load the snacks and drinks for our trip.

6:45 a.m. Load the luggage and board the bus

7:00 a.m. The bus departs the hotel

11:30a.m. Stop for lunch in St. Clairsville, Ohio on your own

1:00 p.m. Tour the West Virginia Penitentiary in Moundsville, WV

3:00 p.m. R-board the bus

5:45 p.m. Arrive at Curtis' Famous Weiner's in Cumberland, Md for dinner on your own

6:30 p.m. Check into the Sleep Inn in Cumberland, MD

## **Thursday, April 18th**

Breakfast is available at the hotel (included)

7:00 a.m. The bus departs the hotel

9:30 a.m. Arrive at Ft. McHenry in time for the morning flag change, the flag talk and tour

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Check into RL Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel

The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the incredible attractions Baltimore has to offer.

## **Friday, April 19th**

Breakfast is on your own

9:30 a.m. The bus departs the hotel

10:00 a.m. Tour the USS Constellation

12:00 noon Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m. Board the bus

3:30 p.m. Arrive in at hotel in Arlington

6:00 p.m. Pizza party in the hospitality room

7:30 p.m. Night tour of the DC monuments

## **Saturday, April 20th**

Breakfast is on your own

8:45 a.m. Bus departs for Arlington Cemetery

9:45 a.m. Board the tram to tour Arlington Cemetery and go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

11:15 a.m. Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

12:30 p.m. Depart Arlington Cemetery to return to the hotel

1:30 p.m. The bus will take passengers to the DC area to explore on your own

4:30 p.m. The bus will depart the DC area to return to the hotel

6:00 p.m. Social Hour and Grand Encampment Banquet (included)

## **Sunday, April 21st**

6:00 a.m. Grand Encampment breakfast at the hotel (included)

7:30 a.m. Bus departs for the George Washington Masonic Memorial for our Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. Bus departs the memorial to return to the hotel

10:00 a.m. Bus departs the hotel to return home

10:00 p.m. Arrive in Indianapolis

*Times and tours subject to change.*