



Paul A. Cole, R.E.G.C.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar Of Indiana September 2011

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies:

“Time is change; we measure its passage by how much things alter.” — *Nadine Gordimer*

September Birthdays:

Harley Eggers, Asst Rec. 63, 9/1
Lady Bonnie Huff, wife of Charles M. Huff, Rec. 64, 9/5
Roger S. VanGorden, KCT, PGM, 9/6
Ronald Adkins, PMIGM, 9/8
Lady Cheryl Kroemer, wife of Richard Kroemer, DBC 3, 9/8
Dennis Tudor, 29, 9/9
Charles V. Horton, KCT, 41, PMIGM, 9/11
Terry L. Kehrer, GSwdB, 9/13
Lady Joanie Fegenbush, wife of Douglas Fegenbush, PGM, PMIGM, 9/13
Bruce H. Royer, 16, 9/16
Harold D. Black, DBC 3, 9/16
Lady Edna Roberts, widow of James W. Roberts, KCT, PGC, 9/17
Lady Nancy Frazer, wife of Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT, 9/19
Phillip W. Crusemeyer, Rec. 31, 9/20
Steven A. Maxwell, Rec. 35, 9/20
Lady Holly Pinnick, wife of James D. Pinnick, Rec. 42, 9/21
Lincoln Hamilton, 63, 9/22
Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC, 9/23
Edward L. Sebring, KCT, GPE, DBC 8, 9/25
Lady Nina Olvey, wife of Donald D. Olvey, GJW, 9/25
Lady Pat Kerns, wife of James L. Kerns, KTCH, 9/25
Jerald L. Miller, DBC 5, 9/26
Wilford L. Lutes, Rec. 14, 9/27
Earl W. Adam, Jr., 5, 9/28
Donald D. Olvey, GJW, 9/28
Lady Norma Hoffman, wife of Vonn G. Hoffman, GPE, 9/29
Lawrence J. Williams, GSdB, 9/30

Lady Marcia LaBounty, wife of John LaBounty, 57, 9/30

September Anniversaries:

Richard & Cheryl Kroemer, 9/2

Jim & Pat De Mond, 9/4

Mike & Jean Dutton, 9/4

Stanton & Arlene Davis, 9/5

John & Peggy Hylemon, 9/9

Steven & Joyce Maxwell, 9/16

Andy & Mary Jackson, 9/18

Ron & Beverly Ellis, 9/19

Brian & Janice Du Bois, 9/21

DeWayne & Sally Richmond, 9/23

Ken & Rita Gibson, 9/24

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Craig, III, 12, 9/25

Carroll Joe & Wilma Friend, 9/28

If I have your birthday or anniversary wrong or if it is missing, please contact me at Grandrecorder@aol.com or by snail mail to Larry Kaminsky, P.O. Box 1690, Highland, IN 46322

“All imperfection is easier to tolerate if served up in small doses.”— Wislawa Szymborska

Sickness & Distress:

Yesterday (7/10) **Doris Bitting** called me to let me know how things are going with her. She had the surgery Thursday. The doctor said it would take 1 hr and 15 minutes. It took three hours. She stopped breathing when they removed the breathing tube so they had to put it back in. The breathing tube is now out and she is getting better. They might send her home today Monday July 11. She can't put weight on her leg for 6 weeks. She might have rehab for 6 weeks to get strength in her leg. She will be using a walker and just hop on the good leg. She believes this surgery will work. So we ask that you continue your prayers for her. She really believes in prayer. I am sure Get Well cards would be appreciated. Janet

Update 7/30: The doctors thought it better that Doris remain in the Wynscape Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 2180 Manchester Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187 until she gains some strength and gives the grafted bone a chance to take. She will be there about 3 more weeks. She can only put minimal weight on her leg. She has had her staples removed but she is still wearing a large brace (24/7) to keep her leg straight during the healing process. (Yuck, sounds totally uncomfortable). Larry V

Christopher Hodapp: (7/13) Most of you know by now that I was diagnosed with stomach cancer back in March. Docs caught it quite by accident and very early. I've been through 9 weeks of chemotherapy, followed by a month long detox period (because, you know, it's poison). And now today—finally—they wheel me into surgery to remove all, or at least a major chunk, of my stomach.

Update: (7/25): I am officially home after post-surgery recovery, and am again surrounded by the warm embraces of my bride and my poodle. So far the news is excellent. Almost two weeks ago, as the mask went over my face and the lights went out, my surgeon had anticipated removing all of my stomach in an effort to eradicate the cancer that was growing right at the connection between my esophagus and stomach. But once he perforated me across 270° of my total circumference (apparently with a Craftsman jigsaw) and started stomping around in my abdomen (apparently in cleats), it seems my chemotherapy had done more to stop the cancer in its tracks than he'd first thought. The result was

that he was able to leave me with a decent sized stomach (actually larger than what I had after lap band surgery last year!), and remove 3 inches or so from my esophagus. He took a fistful o' lymph nodes out, just for laughs, and the preliminary pathology report is that there was just one microscopic sliver of cancer in one lymph node, and that is the extent of the spread. To translate, that's the greatest news ever, and similar in tenor to the whizzing of a bullet sailing past my hairless head. Oddly, I still have a rubber hose with a small valve growing out of my belly that, shirtless, makes me appear to be a cherubic hot water heater, and clothed, a shoplifter. The best explanation I can get is that it's for "emergencies." I am apparently stuck with this odd accessory for the next two months. Otherwise, my collection of scars look like a human interactive map of Peru's Nazca lines, with tiny scrapes and cuts in enough random spots all over to convince me that someone overturned a drawer of silverware on me by accident. Recovery has been pockmarked with dazzling piles of narcotics and some truly startling hallucinations. At various times, I have been convinced I was in San Francisco, Seattle or San Diego, proving that drugs largely remain a West Coast fascination. And if it's all the same to everybody, I'd just as soon not have any more surgery again, like, ever. I still sleep more than I am awake, so I'm not being anti-social—just dancing the Oxycontin Meringue. But to give you some idea, this morning I felt just as fresh and prone to writhing in torment as I did the day after surgery, and I'm told to expect 5 to 6 more weeks of this before I feel like doing complex activities like changing from SyFy to the Weather Channel. On a pain scale of one to ten, with one being a baby unicorn gamboling in a field of buttercups, I am closer to the ten end, which is the equivalent of being hurled into the Stygian Pit at the end of a largish toasting fork, while being serenaded by the entire annoying cast of Glee with a selection of Neil Sedaka tunes. I'm at least slowly regaining my ability to form compound sentences. And, I am sufficiently emboldened by each day's progress to think that by the month's end I can tell friend, brother and attorney Michael Halleran that there's no need to sue anyone, after all. Again, Alice and I are both hugely appreciative of everyone's cards, letters, emails, prayers and good wishes, and I thank all of you. Please bear with me for the next few weeks if I seem unresponsive to messages or fail to answer the phone. I'm probably on a magic carpet ride to Seattle.

Robert C. Reicher, a 50-year member and long time recorder of Michigan City York Rite will be going in for colon cancer surgery on August 8th. Please keep Bob and Barbara in your prayers.

Update: Bob had several inches of his colon removed.

Larry, update on Bob Reicher. Went through surgery well to remove bad areas of Colon and now is in rehab for about a week. All seems to have gone well for him. Maybe he will get to go home shortly. He is now home and doing pretty good.

Robert Dove, brother of Jim Dove had a stroke and is now at LaPorte Hospital trying to find out what caused it and to get him back to health. Right now he has no control over his left side of the body. Doctors are still looking at the tests to determine the cause.

Steve Arlington's Father was diagnosed with B-cell type blood cancer, and they found a tumor on his pituitary gland. He spent two months at the Rush Medical Center in Chicago and recently has been moved to the Lifecare Center in Valparaiso for physical therapy. He is 71, and the therapy is needed to build his strength while taking the chemotherapy. Steve and his family would truly appreciate your prayers.

Phillip Ritter, Brother of Michael D. Ritter, GCG, was in a serious car accident up in Michigan on Saturday the 13th.

Update: Just to bring you up to date. Phillip is OK and is home. His truck is totaled. The individual that was hit was taken to the hospital and we have not heard how she is doing at this time. Sincerely,
Michael D. Ritter

Robin "Robo" Smith, Carson Smith's Brother.

Tuesday, August 2, 2011: I do have a bit of an update on Robin Smith, Carson's brother, who was critically injured in a motorcycle accident. He has suffered a closed head injury, broken pelvis, broken ribs, and a broken wrist. As far as I know, his condition remains critical. Please continue to pray for Rob and his family.

Update 8/3: Robin "Robo" Smith is at the Neuro Critical Care Unit on the fifth floor of Methodist Hospital. He is in shock, having suffered a closed head injury with subdural hematoma, fractured wrist, rib and pelvis. Doctors are treating neurological, respiratory, cardiological and hematological failure, and have assigned a 60-80% mortality risk. Carson.

Update 8/4: Robin "Robo" Smith has had no change in status, but he was taken into surgery from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 3, to have his pelvis pinned together and held in place with an external fixator. Carson.

Update 8/5: Robin "Robo" Smith has brain stem function, and he is able to breathe, but he requires ventilation to keep his air passages cleared. Sadly, preliminary test results indicate that he has no cortical function. And while laymen are fond of saying, "The first 72 hours are the most critical," the attending physician assures me that we will not really know where we are going for several days.

Update 8/6: Robin "Robo" Smith has had no change in status, he remains unconscious, he has brain stem function, but he has no cortical function, he does not respond to sound, and his eyes do not respond to light, despite the fact that is being reported on Facebook that he is "stabilized," or that he is "improving," or that "his coma was induced." Carson.

Update 8/9: Robin "Robo" Smith has had no change in status, and he remains unconscious, he has brain stem function, but he has no cortical function, he does not respond to sound, and his eyes do not respond to light, but with a week's worth of data, it has been determined that Robo has sustained significant Diffuse Axonal Brain Injury. What is Diffuse Axonal Brain Injury? Carson

<http://www.brainandspinalcord.org/traumatic-brain-injury-types/diffuse-axonal-injury/index.html>

Virgil Humphrey: Well, I haven't talked or made contact with you for some time and thought I should let you know where I am with my surgery of July 9th. The cancer is gone!! We're in the recovery mode and doing quite well, though I haven't gotten back to a full schedule as yet. I'm working on it. Still have a seep hole in the belly and it is supposed to be healing and then I can have the staples removed. Recovery is slower that I would like for it to be, but Doc says I am doing great and keep up the good work. My next apt with him is on the 22 of August and again, hopefully he will be able to remove the staples that day. I have had an excellent nurse in Janice. She has been very special to me these last few weeks and we are both so very thankful that we can look back on this and see perhaps that we have many more years to put up with each other again. One never knows about cancer, but the doc says my prostate cancer is gone. Will have a PSA test in about 60 days or so and see what the reading is for that. Virgil.

Archie Smallwood: Grand Commander of Kentucky was admitted to Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN today and had a 6 MM Kidney surgically removed. They also found a blockage in his heart. They can't do anything about his heart until he recovers from the Kidney Stone. He should be out of the Hospital in a couple of days and then recoup at home. Let us keep our Grand Commander in our prayers as he recovers. George Brooks, Deputy Grand Commander

Update 8/24: I just wanted to let you know S.K. Archie Smallwood has just left the hospital and is headed home. He will have to go back in for more surgery to clear the blockage, but that will not be

until approximately 3 weeks or so when he is healed from this surgery. Please continue to keep him and Sandi in your prayers.

Local Death Notices:

I am saddened to report the passing of **Mrs. Phyllis Bechinski**, mother of Rich Bechinski, Past Eminent Commander Michigan City York Rite, Michigan City, IN. Visitation will be 4:00- 7:00 PM CST on Thursday, August 11 at Ott/ Haverstock Funeral Home, 418 Washington St., Michigan City. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 12 at the funeral home. The procession will later proceed to St. Stanislaus Church, 109 Ann St., Michigan City. Please keep WB Rich, his wife Cindy and their entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dwight Lanman, KCT, PGC has lost his daughter to cancer. She had had surgery last fall to remove the cancer and it was thought successful. However, her liver and kidneys began shutting down a few days ago and the finality of those severe problems reached its end a couple of days ago. Would you please pass this on to the appropriate powers in the Grand Commandery? I know that he has many friends and acquaintances in the order that would like to respond to this tragedy. Thanks, Mike Anderson, Angola, EC

Robin Rea "Robo" Smith died at Methodist Hospital at 5:30 PM on Friday, August 12, as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident at West 56th Street and Georgetown Road at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. He was the son of Merritt W. "Redd" Smith of Plymouth, and Sally E. (Land) Smith of Knightstown, and the younger brother of Carson C. Smith. Robin was born in Rushville on Sunday, July 22, 1956. His family lived in Knightstown for five years, and moved to Indianapolis in 1961, where his father was a Vice President in the National Accounts Division of the Indiana National Bank and, later, President and CEO of Baldwin & Lyons, Inc. "Robby", later known as "Rob", and finally "Robo", attended John Strange Elementary School (1962-68), Northview Junior High School (1968-71), North Central High School (1971-74), and Indiana University (1974-75). He worked for the Carter-Lee Lumber Co., Hall & House Lumber Co., Furrow Building Materials, Morgan-Wightman Supply Co., Advance Printing Co., Specialty Coating Systems, and most recently, Thermal Structures. A Harley-Davidson enthusiast, he was a member of ABATE of Indiana, the Harley Owners Group (HOG), the Fukarwee Tribe, and the Bored Meeting. He is survived by his brother Carson C. (Patty) Smith, nephew Alexander C. (Steffanie) St. John, and nieces Sara and Liddy St. John. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Methodist Health Foundation, P.O. Box 168, Indianapolis, IN 46207, or to the charity of your choice.

Brother Nelson King passed away peacefully this morning, August 17, 2011, according to a brief statement by his wife Ellen and his daughter Vicki Rout. Nelson had fallen and was hospitalized over the weekend. He was released to go home Sunday, but fell again, breaking his right shoulder and collarbone, and was readmitted yesterday. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Nelson served as editor of the Philalethes Magazine from 1994 through 2009. From his website: Born June 13, 1945 in Montreal, received his primary education in Perth Ontario, and graduated from Banting Institute, University of Toronto, 1967. Married to Ellen, and had two children, Christopher, and Victoria and two granddaughters. Nelson was appointed Assistant Editor in 1992 and Editor in August 1994] of The Philalethes Society Journal of Masonic Research and Letters, the first non-United States Citizen to hold these positions. He was also only the second Mason to ever hold the position of President and Editor of The Philalethes at the same time. He retired as Editor in June 2009. Nelson was a well-known Masonic speaker. Nelson developed the highly successful Internet Masonic Leadership

Course. His book "Confessions of a Born Again Fundamentalist Freemason" has become a Masonic Best Seller. VoicePrint®, The National Broadcast Reading Service Inc. an international broadcasting reading service for the visually impaired has recorded some of his historical articles. Nelson was instrumental if the formation of the Masonic Relief for Cuba Committee. And he served as the Executive Director of that program. He was also one of the few Canadian Freemasons, listed in latest Edition of the "Who is Who of Freemasonry.

Council of Deliberation for the State of Indiana
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

Gail N. Kemp, 33° - Ill. Commander-in Chief
Jeffrey K. Saunders, 33° - Secretary



Ill. L. Gordon Meihls, 33E died Nov. 27, 2010. Brother Meihls, a member of the Valley of Terre Haute, was crowned a 33° on Sept. 28, 1977 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Ill. Elmer D. McIntosh, 33E died Nov. 9, 2010. Brother McIntosh, a member of the Valley of Evansville, was crowned a 33° in Boston, MA in 2002.

Ill. Jack N. VanStone, 33E died Nov. 16, 2010. Brother VanStone, a member of the Valley of Evansville, was crowned a 33° in Boston, MA in 1987.

Ill. Robert J. Moore, 33E died Oct. 24, 2010. Brother Moore, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° in 1975.

Ill. Robert E. Price, 33E died Nov. 13, 2010. Brother Price, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° in 1980.

Walter R. Ritchie, MSA died Dec. 28, 2010. Brother Ritchie, a member of the Valley of Evansville, received his MSA in 1990.

Donald K. New, MSA died Aug. 24, 2010. Brother New, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, received his MSA in 1999.

Ill. Richard A. McCann, 33E died Dec. 15, 2010. Brother McCann, a member of the Valley of Terre Haute, was crowned a 33° in Chicago, IL on Sept. 9, 1992.

Ill. Paul E. Seybert, 33E died Nov. 18, 2010. Brother Seybert, a member of the Valley of Fort Wayne, was crowned a 33° on September 24, 1986.

William Dunfee, MSA died Feb. 19, 2011. Brother Dunfee, a member of the Valley of Terre Haute, received his MSA in 1992.

Ill. Roger L. Dean, 33E died Mar. 8, 2011. Brother Dean, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° in Cincinnati, OH on September 29, 1998.

Harold E. Huffman, MSA died Mar. 30, 2011. Brother Huffman, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, received his MSA in 2003.

Robert A. Borgmann, MSA died April 27, 2011. Brother Borgmann, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, received his MSA in 2007.

Ill. Robert E. Hux, 33E died April 9, 2011. Brother Hux, a member of the Valley of Terre Haute, was crowned a 33° on September 29, 1992.

Ill. William A. Gallmeister, 33E died May 7, 2011. Brother Gallmeister, a member of the Valley of Evansville, was crowned a 33° in Boston, MA on September 28, 1966.

Ill. James R. Vaughn, 33E died April 15, 2011. Brother Vaughn, a member of the Valley of South Bend, was crowned a 33° on September 28, 1983.

Ill. Robert E. Reed, 33E died Jan. 13, 2011. Brother Reed, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° in Pittsburgh, PA on September 26, 2000.

Jesse A. Jackson, MSA died May 22, 2011. Brother Jackson, a member of the Valley of Terre Haute, received his MSA in 2007.

Maurice G. Ray, MSA died May 12, 2011. Brother Ray, a member of the Valley of Terre Haute, received his MSA in 1976.

Thomas S. Hammer, MSA died May 11, 2011. Brother Hammer, a member of the Valley of Evansville, received his MSA in 1998.

Aaron E. Busch, MSA died April 14, 2011. Brother Busch, a member of the Valley of South Bend, received his MSA in 2005.

Ill. Charles R. Kinney, 33E died July 3, 2011. Brother Kinney, a member of the Valley of Evansville, was crowned a 33° on August 30, 2005.

Ill. K. Edwin Applegate, 33E died July 9, 2011. Brother Applegate, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° on September 26, 1973.

“It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters, not the end.”
— Ursula K. LeGuin

A special Masonic event



CHARLIE NYE / THE STAR

Freemasons march down Capitol Avenue from the Grand Lodge of Indiana at 525 N. Illinois St. to the Statehouse to rededicate the statue of George Washington, a gift from the lodge. Thursday was the 258th anniversary of his elevation to Master Mason.

"We have an infinite capacity to improve on everything we touch." UNKNOWN

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Please advise all that Michigan Royal Arch has a new Grand Secretary. It is: Robert E. Cooper, PGHP 233 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616.893.4426 Email: bcooper@mkassoc.com; I thank everyone for their fantastic help and support throughout the years. I will still, for the immediate future, be the Editor of the Michigan Triple Tau Publication. You can view that monthly by going to the Grand Chapter of Michigan Web Site at: ram-mi.org and click on the "Triple Tau" download. Should you desire or need to contact me, my new email address is: meghpmi97@yahoo.com Paul Howell, PGHP, Gr. Sec. Em.

"I've learned only that you never say never."— Marina von Neumann Whitman

Important Dates:

Thurs. September 8, 2011. Greenfield-39; Meal 6:30PM (E) Reception to follow (no order)

Fri. September 9, 2011. Indianapolis ASSR Bean Supper 7 PM (E) don't forget your canned goods for the food bank. Free.

Sat. September 10, 2011. Lafayette-3 Matthewson-66 Inspection/Reception in Lafayette
OT at 2:00PM (E) Meal & Reception after the OT

Sat. September 10, 2011. Prather Commandery #62 1-day York Rite Class
Information on the 5th Annual Murat Shrine & Prather York Rite One-Day Class can be found at: www.pratheryorkrite.com/muratoneday.htm
Registration forms can be downloaded and viewed at:
<http://www.pratheryorkrite.com/One-Day%20Class%20Registration%20Form.pdf>
Please note the schedule of events has been adjusted from what was originally published since we have permission to confer the Degrees in a different order.

Sun. September 11, 2011. Masonic Home Festival, Franklin, Indiana
(Grand Commandery Officers)
Kresge Chapel Service 9:00AM (2 Ushers & 4 Readers)
Present USA Flag 11:00AM
Parade 2:00PM

Sat. September 17, 2011. Kokomo 36 Reception at 4:30 PM (E) Meal to follow. (No order)

Sat. September 17, 2011. The officers and cast will travel to the Masonic Temple in New Albany, IN to confer the Scottish Rite degrees on a class of Candidates. This provides an excellent opportunity for those in the southern area of our jurisdiction to bring their candidates. For more information contact Rick Purcell - 317-262-3122, 800-489-3579, ext. 244 or rpurcell@aastr-indy.org

Mon. September 19, 2011. New Albany 5; Meal 6:00 PM (E) Reception to follow. (No order)
KTEF Presentation of Grant by Duane Vaught, REGG

Fri. September 23, 2011. Valparaiso 28 & Michigan City 30 Meal at 6:00 PM (C) Reception to follow. (Host Valparaiso) (No order) Ladies invited.

Sat. September 24, 2011. E. H. Gary 57 & Hammond 41; Meal at 12:00 PM (C) Reception to follow. (Host E.H. Gary) (No order) Ladies invited.

Sat. September 24, 2011. LaPorte 12 & South Bend 13; Meal at 6:00 PM (C) Reception to follow. (Host LaPorte) (No order) Ladies invited.

Sat. September 24, 2011. The Family Life Committee invites all Scottish Rite Masons and their Family to join us for a day at the Indianapolis Children's Museum. The event will take place Saturday, September 24, 2011. Meet in the Lobby at 9:15 AM - Lunch at 11:00 AM - Conclude between 2:00 and 3:00 PM. The Cost is \$16.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children which will include lunch in addition to your ticket into the Museum. More information and sign up forms can be found online at www.aasr-indy.org under the Events tab or email us at familylife@aasr-indy.org

Sun. September 25, 2011. Indianapolis ASSR Our Annual Trip on the Ohio River aboard the Spirit of Jefferson will be Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 PM; \$17.50 for adults, \$10 for children. This includes a buffet meal.

Mon. September 26, 2011. Prather 62; Meal at 6:30 PM (E) Reception to follow. (No order).

Thurs. September 29, 2011. Greenfield # 39 has set their date for inspection of the order of temple for with dinner at 6:00PM and work at 7:00PM

Sat. October 1, 2011. Ish Sodi Table Council

Sat. October 8, 2011. Columbus # 14 Reception Meal 6:00 PM; Reception 7:00 PM. Open Inspection, Ladies Invited

Mon. Oct 24, 2011. Seymour Instructional at 7:00 PM; Meal TBD

Sat. October 29, 2011. Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot for our reception of candidates. 12:00--1:00pm BBQ sandwiches with all the trimmings. The Synod will open at 1:15 for the conferral. Contact Lloyd Atterson @ lloydatt@aol.com for a petition. Dress casual and come out and enjoy a group of fun loving Masons.

Sat. Nov 5, 2011. Bedford/Bloomington Inspection on the Order of the Temple at 9:30 AM; Meal 12:00 Noon; Reception 1:00 PM. Open Inspection, Ladies Invited

Mon. Nov 21, 2011. New Albany Inspection on the Order of the Temple at 7:30 PM. Eat at 6:30 PM.

“...I found out it is not what happens, it is how you tell it and who does the telling.”

— *Nancy Willard*

Around the Encampment

Robert E. Danskin, PGC Montana 1975: DOB: 5/22/1924; DOD: 4/14/2010

Warren Coleman Wilson, PGC MA & RI 1999: DOB: 10/2/1931; DOD: 7/12/2011

Seba T. Anderson, PGC West Virginia 1993: DOB: 8/21//1933; DOD: 3/2/2011

James P. Allen, PGC West Virginia 1982: DOB: 3/16/1921; DOD: 2/16/2011

Herbert J. Miller, PGC Washington 1990: DOB: 8/8/1929; DOD: 4/24/2011

Gerald Story Burkhar, PGC Montana 1981: DOB: 9/8/1927; DOD: 9/8/2010

MEC & Sir Knight Arthur L. Busacker who served as MEGHP of the Grand Chapter RAM of Idaho 2006-2007 passed away Tuesday. Funeral services for Arthur "Art" L. Busacker, PGHP, will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011, at 11:00 am, at the Cornelison Funeral Home, 431 North 15th Street, Pocatello. Graveside Masonic services will be conferred by Keystone Lodge #81, at the Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be given in Art's name to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite 1, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173. James L. Curtis, Grand Sec/Rec

MEC Edwin Andrew Opstad was born on January 1, 1934, in Ellensburg, and passed away on August 21, 2011 at St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way. Ed was initiated in Falls City Lodge, No. 66, in March, 1955. After retirement from the army in 1981, he became active once again in Falls City Lodge. He was elected Worshipful Master and served in that office during 1986. He served on several Grand Lodge committees over the next decade and was appointed Grand Historian in 1992. He served as Master of Falls City Lodge again in 2004 and 2005. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1985 in Falls City Chapter, No. 54, and served that year as Royal Arch Captain, then several terms alternating between Principal Sojourner and Chaplain. In 2002, he was elected King, and then served as High Priest of Falls City Chapter in 2003 and 2006. MEC Jim Stephens appointed him Grand Orator in 2002 and MEC Harold Rothgeb renewed the appointment in 2003. In 2004, MEC Don Beck appointed him Deputy of the Grand High Priest for District 16 but the delegate body took that appointment away from him by electing him Grand Scribe. The next three years saw him elected up the line culminating as Grand High Priest in 2007. Other Masonic affiliations include Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research, No. 281, Seattle Council, No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, and Rainier Commandery, No. 28, Knights Templar. He is a past Sovereign Master of Chinook Council, No. 77, Allied Masonic Degrees. For over five years, he was the Venerable Preceptor of the Alnwick Club, a dinner club devoted to conviviality, fraternalism, and Masonic education. He is a member of the Philaethes Society and the Phylaxis Society, being awarded the designation as a Fellow of the latter organization. He became a member of Tahoma York Rite College, No. 197, in 2005 and of St. Alban Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in 2006. A full obituary, directions and on-line guest book will be posted soon at www.flintofts.com.

Glenn J. Voskuil, PMEGHP 1990, Wisconsin, age 88, Black River Falls, died Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, at his residence in Black River Falls. He was born on Aug. 16, 1923, in Oostburg to Harry and Lilah (Oosterhuis) Voskuil. He graduated from Oostburg High School in 1942. He attended the school of music in Washington, D.C., and fire fighting school in Pearl Harbor. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and served from 1942-46. He was assigned to the quartermaster as a helmsman aboard the

aircraft carrier USS Lexington. Glenn married Audrey Sickles in Green Bay on Dec. 28, 1946. Following his discharge from the Navy, Glenn worked at Optenberg Iron Works in Sheboygan and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He was then employed for 19 years in the fishery management division of the Wisconsin Conservation Department. He worked in Sturgeon Bay, Waupaca, Madison, Wild Rose, Spooner and Black River Falls. After resigning from the conservation department, he and his wife, Audrey, purchased the former Taylor and Jones Department Store in Black River Falls. They operated the business until 1986. Being semi-retired, Glenn managed and operated a small picture framing business in his home. He was a weather observer for television stations WEAU in Eau Claire and WKBT in La Crosse. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and sang in the choir for many years. He served as an Explorer Scout leader and was a past member of the Rotary Club. Glenn was very active in the Masons. He was a member of Black River Lodge 74 F&AM and served as master in 1963; Black River Chapter 41; Neillsville Commandery 36; the Scottish Rite; Valley of both La Crosse and Eau Claire; Western Wisconsin York Rite College 85; the Zor Shrine; and the Merrilan Chapter 160, Order of Eastern Star. Surviving are one son, Craig (Deborah) of Whitefish Bay; two daughters, Wendy (Vince) Ulfig of DeForest and Heidi (Ken) Nighbor of Hixton; four grandchildren, Todd and Colin Voskuil, Weston Ulfig and Brian Nighbor; two step grandsons, Vince and Robert Ulfig; two great-granddaughters, Isabel and Emmalyn Kirchberg-Voskuil; and one sister, Miriam Werner of Wauwatosa. He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, on Dec. 27, 2009; a half-brother, Allan Voskuil; and his brother-in-law, Robert Werner.

Think about it:

LORD, ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING?

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I'M A FAILURE;

It does mean I have not yet succeeded.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING;

It does mean I have learned something.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE BEEN A FOOL;

It does mean I had enough faith to experiment.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE DISGRACED;

It does mean I have dared to try.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I DON'T HAVE IT;

It does mean I have something to do in a different way.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I AM INFERIOR;

It does mean I am not perfect.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE WASTED MY LIFE;

It does mean that I have an excuse to start over.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN THAT I SHOULD GIVE UP;

It does mean that I should try harder.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN THAT I WILL NEVER MAKE IT;

It does mean that I need more practice.

FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE ABANDONED ME;

It does mean that you must have a better idea

“The best way to win an argument is to begin by being right...” — *Jill Ruckelshaus*

EyeCare America's New Online Referral Center Offers Easier Access

KTEF members are now only a click away from helping their friends or family members see if they qualify for a free eye exam through EyeCare America.

For the last 15 years, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. and EyeCare America (Seniors Program) have successfully partnered together providing direct patient care through volunteer ophthalmologists at no out-of-pocket cost for the physician services to those who qualify.

In three easy steps you can now obtain a referral for your friends, family, or members of the community served by your Commandery directly through EyeCare America's new online referral center at www.eyecareamerica.org.

1. Accept the program guidelines
2. Answer the questionnaire
3. Write down or print the confirmation number

Knights Templar Eye Foundation members, family members, and friends can help those without computers find the medical eye care they need in just minutes. Libraries, senior centers, and clinics often offer computer access across the country.

As health care costs rise in the United States, more individuals are not receiving essential, preventive eye care. Medically underserved seniors with limited income to pay their out-of-pocket co-payments often forgo eye care until it is too late.

In addition to providing easier and faster access to referrals, this new online service also enables the KTEF to see how many people they have been able to help!

Take the KTEF-ECA 15th Anniversary Partnership Challenge:

In honor of our 15th year of partnership with EyeCare America, I challenge every Knights Templar Eye Foundation member and Commandery to use this powerful new online tool and see how many people you can help.

If every Knights Templar Eye Foundation member in each Commandery helped only one person, that would be helping 125,000 people. Imagine the impact we could have in our communities, states, and nation.

Help someone in need of eye care today by using the Online Referral Center www.eyecareamerica.org. If you do not have a computer, volunteer to help at your local senior center, library, or clinic where there are often computer terminals.

Thank you for taking the KTEF-ECA 15th Anniversary Partnership Challenge and helping those in need.

William Howard Koon



EyeCare America facilitates eye care for United States citizens or legal residents, who are without an EyeMD and who do not belong to an HMO or have eye care through the Veteran's Administration. **To be eligible for the program an individual should fall into one of the two categories below:**

1. Those who are age 65 or older and have not seen an ophthalmologist (EyeMD) in three or more years. These patients may be eligible to receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists will waive co-payments and unmet deductibles and accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive this care at no charge.

Or

2. If you are not eligible for the above care, those determined to be at increased risk for glaucoma (by age, race, and family history) and have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more may be eligible to receive a free glaucoma eye exam if they are uninsured. Those who are eligible and covered by insurance will be billed for the exam and are responsible for any co-payments.

Whether or not visitors are eligible for a referral, EyeCare America also offers other resources and medication assistance information at www.eyecareamerica.org.



*You are Cordially Invited to Attend
The 63rd Annual
Indiana Masonic Home Festival
Sunday, September 12, 2010*

*9:00 – Worship Service – Ransford Chapel, Administration Building
9:45 – Worship Service – Kresge Chapel, Medical Center
9:30 – Blackhawk Helicopter Landing, J.M.H. Circle*

11:00 – Food and Activity booths open As a major donor to J.M.H.F., be sure to visit the Foundation booth to receive your complimentary lunch tickets

*11:00 – Opening Ceremonies – Main Stage
12:00 – Time Capsule Dedication Ceremony – Main Stage
12:30 – Entertainment – Main Stage
2:30 – Indiana Rainbow Girls Flag Ceremony – Main Stage
2:40 – Indiana Job's Daughters Ceremonial Cross – Main Stage
2:45 – Parade – J.M.H. Circle*

We hope you and many of your Lodge Brothers, your ladies and family will attend this year's festival

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64th Annual Masonic Home Festival



September 11, 2011



Freemasonry always has inculcated lessons of love and helpfulness that reach out toward the unfavored and unfortunate, especially to the aged Mason, the widow and the orphan. Around its Altars are taught the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth that find expression in pure benevolence of which the Indiana Masonic Home is a noble example.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1877 approved Masonic Widows & Orphans Association. The resolution required that \$100,000 had to be raised before proceeding with building. Mrs. Nettie Ransford of the Indiana Order of The Eastern Star also dreamed of a Home for the aged masons, their widows and any orphans. She mounted a campaign and collected \$32,000 in pennies to begin the work of building the home. The cornerstone for the present Indiana Masonic Home was laid on October 21, 1915. One year later, October 28, 1916, the Home was dedicated and the first resident moved in. IMH has served over 9,000 Adults and 816 Children. Many of the "kids" have returned to retire.

Today, the Indiana Masonic Home is home to over 400 residents. It is a Continuing Care Retirement Community affording lifestyles in Ranch Homes, Paired Patio Homes, Classic Residential Apartments, Assisted Living Apartments, Skilled Nursing Care, Rehabilitation Care, and Memory Care. Our residents enjoy small town serenity just 20 minutes from Indianapolis and its malls, restaurants, professional sports and recreation. Within Franklin are miles of greenway trails, year-round festivals, the historic Artcraft Theatre and a public pool for summer fun. Whether you're looking for an airy 1,500-square-foot space, a cozy apartment with extra room for grandkids or a private suite in a secure care setting, we'll make you feel right at home.

America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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Festival Program Schedule of Events

- 7:00 a.m.** Breakfast-Franklin Chapter DeMolay
Worship Services:
- 9:00 a.m.** Ransford Chapel
Indianapolis Chapter Rose Croix, AASR
- 10:30 a.m.** Kresge Chapel
Grand Commandry, Knights Templar
- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Indiana Blood Center Blood Mobile
Blood Drive
- 10:00 a.m.** Tree Dedication
in memory of George E. Proctor, Executive Director, Indiana Masonic Home Foundation and Marilyn Marlowe, wife of Past Grand Master, Charles F. Marlowe. Located in the median of the front entrance to the new Assisted Living Center.
- 11:00 a.m.** Opening Ceremonies Circle Main Stage
- Welcome-Brian Lane, Executive Director
 - Introduction of Max L. Carpenter-PGM, Emcee
- 11:05 a.m.**
- Presentation of the Colors
Grand Commandry-Knights Templar
 - Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
Sung by MWB Max Carpenter
 - Vintage Air Craft Flyover
 - Living Cross-Job's Daughters
 - Invocation-WB George P. Weister, Grand Chaplain
 - Introduction of Dignitaries-MWB Max Carpenter
- Welcome Address:**
Deby Thomas, Worthy Grand Matron,
Indiana Order of the Eastern Star

Festival Program Schedule of Events

- Welcome Address:**
Most Worshipful Gregory C. Walbridge,
Grand Master of Masons, Indiana Grand Lodge
- 11:30 a.m.** Decommissioning Ceremony
Scottish Rite Building
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders (in the Craft Tent)
- 12:30 p.m.** "The Gathering Place" dedication
"Pie in Your Eye"-Small Shelter House
2010-2011 Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Patron project
- 1:00 p.m.** Entertainment
- The Wright Brothers Band - Circle Main Stage
 - Shrine Chanters - Admin Bld Main Lobby
 - The Holy Land Travelogue Journey and Tour (Tracy Edwards) Main Bld Ransford Chapel
- 2:00 p.m.** Butterfly Garden Dedication
A flowering Hydrangea has been planted in memory of Marilyn Marlowe, wife of Past Grand Master, Charles F. Marlowe. Located in the corner, outside the New Assisted Living Center dining room.
- 2:30 p.m.** Flag Ceremony-Indiana Rainbow Girls
- 3:00 p.m.** Parade-around Red Skelton Circle
- FOOD, FAMILY & FUN**
- 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Food Tent Open
- 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** KidZone Open
- Bouncers-R-Us Inflatables & Play Area
- Noon to 1:00 p.m.** Silly Safari KidZone Stage

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Comp. Ed Board, RIDGM, I.M. Ish Sodi Council, 1855 U.D. Requests the pleasure of your Company at the annual Statewide Ish Sodi Council's table Council to be held on Saturday

October 1, 2011

LOCATION: JOHNSON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB 751 W. KING ST. FRANKLIN, IND.

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THERE WILL BE A SPEAKER FROM THE CMMRF RESEARCH STAFF TO TELL US ABOUT THE MANY REMARKABLE BREAKTHROUGHS IN CARDIOVASCULAR BIOLOGY AT THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

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You, and your family, are cordially invited to attend the MASONIC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons of Noblesville, Indiana to be held on October 8, 2011

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MASONIC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Itinerary ~ October 8, 2011

10 O'clock AM ~ Rededication of Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons by the Most Illustrious Grand Master the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana and Grand Council Officers.

12 O'clock NOON ~ Luncheon banquet - \$10.00 - Reservations required.

1 O'clock PM ~ **PUBLIC** conferral of the Super Excellent Master Degree of Cryptic Freemasonry conducted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

CANDIDATES for the Super Excellent Master Degree of Cryptic Freemasonry will be Obligated privately prior to the public presentation of the Degree portrayal. Candidates will receive a beautiful Super Excellent Master Degree certificate and lifetime Super Excellent Mason membership in Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons. Also, a Super Excellent Master lapel pin will provided by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. Fee to receive the Degree of Super Excellent Master is \$25.00. This is a one-time fee and no further dues are required. Membership in the York Rite of Freemasonry is a prerequisite for being a candidate.

We sincerely hope that you and your family will be able to join with us for this milestone event in the history of Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons.

RSVP's are requested... A unique "token" Coin/Keychain (pictured) will be available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00 (plus shipping if required.)

Fraternally in the bonds of our ancient Order,

Michael D. Gillard, PTIM, OPC, Illustrious Master
Noblesville Council No. 89 Cryptic Masons

Sahara Grotto

Grand Master's One Day Masonic Lodge/ Sahara Grotto Membership Class

Saturday 11/05/2011

Location: 7620 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Cost: Grotto only \$35.00

7:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Mooreville Lodge #78 Entered Apprentice Degree
10:30 AM	Southport Lodge #270 Fellowcraft Degree
12:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:20 PM	Prospect Lodge #714 Master Mason Degree
4:15 PM	SAHARA GROTTTO CEREMONIAL
5:30 PM	Social Hour
6:30 PM	Dinner

Contact Person: Andrew R. Jackson, (317) 888-9868 or indianatemplar1@gmail.com

Please Pre-register, both Candidates and Mentors with Andy so we can prepare for your Class