



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

**Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Of Indiana
January 2012**

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies:



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Special Notice: Any Sir Knight may attend our winter meeting on January 7, 2012 at 9 AM at the Marriott Hotel East on Shadeland Ave and 21st St.

January Birthdays:

Lady Jeanene Marie Jenkins, wife of David L. Jenkins, 16, 1/1
Walter P. Worland, KCT, PGC, 1/2
Steven Keller, 16, 1/3
James S. De Mond, KCT, KGC, PGC, PDC, 1/4
Lady Suanna Brown, wife of Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, 1/4
Lady Pat De Mond, wife of James S. De Mond, KCT, KGC, PGC, PDC, 1/7
Lady Jennie Lutes, wife of Wilford Lutes, Rec. 14, 1/7
Dale Foreman, Aide, 32, 1/7
William J. Reagin, Rec 56, 1/8
Omar E. Hager, KCT, PGC, 1/9 **100 Years Old!!!!**
Lady Betty Metcalf, wife if Walter E. Metcalf, Aide, 41, 1/10
Joseph R. Haydock, 23, 1/11
Michael A. Moxley, 1/12

Lady Shari Coleman, wife of James B. Coleman, EGPS, 4, 1/13
Charles M. Huff, Rec. 64, 1/15
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT, 1/16
Michael D. Virgin, 3, 1/18
Lady Janice Humphrey, wife of Virgil G. Humphrey, KTCH, KCT, Lanyard Program, 1/20
Lady Margaret Cole, wife of Paul A. Cole, CG, 1/21
Lady Tammy Bridegroom, wife of John A. Bridegroom, Arch 1 Officer, EC, 41, 1/23
David L. Miller, 1, 1/25
Lady Barbara Atterson, wife of Lloyd Atterson, Sr., PGHP, Rec 67, 1/27
Lady Natalie Robinson, widow of Sam Robinson, GPE, 1/28
Lady Barbara Gillard, wife of Michael Gillard, 61, 1/28
Ramphai (Toon) Brutchen, wife of George Brutchen, Rec. 32, 1/30

January Anniversaries:

Mike & Mary Anderson, 1/2
James & Holly Pinnick, 1/18
Marion & Iris Crum, 1/19
George & Ramphai Brutchen, 1/30

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

**ANY COMMANDERY INTERESTED IN FIELDING A DRILL TEAM
AT THE GRAND CONCLAVE IN APRIL 2012, PLEASE CONTACT
STEVE BARTON AT: ss.barton@comcast.net**

You can have everything in life you want, if you will just help other people get what they want. - Zig Ziglar

Happy News:

I am a nephew, writing on behalf of Omar Hager. He received your Christmas card the other day, and was very pleased to hear from you. He told me you were a Past Grand Commander of Indiana. Uncle Omar is now in a nursing home in Rushville, Illinois. He remains alert and in good spirits, but unfortunately his physical strength is diminished to the point he requires constant assistance. Omar will be turning 100 years old in January. Right now, he has a desire to see his 100th birthday. Omar has told me about his years of service in the Masonic organization. I remember attending his inauguration when he became the Grand Commander in 1971. He is very proud to be a Mason. Thank you very much for remembering Uncle Omar, by sending him a Christmas card. Sincerely, Bill Hager, 1109 Washington St, Beardstown, IL 62618
Omar Hager, KCT, PGC, 400 W Logan St. Apt 7B, Rushville, IL 62681-1480

The picture below shows Omar in line for introductions at Hammond Commandery No. 41 in 2005, the last time he visited his home Commandery. Omar served as Grand Commander in 1971-72. He was preceded in line by Walter Worland (pictured to the left of Omar) who was Grand Commander in 1970-71. At this meeting, they enjoyed several hours of reminiscing.



Sickness & Distress:

John Bridegroom, Arch 1 Officer Grand Council just found out on 10/26 that his youngest daughter, Phoenix has leukemia. She has responded to the therapy thus far, but has a long road ahead of her. She is currently in Riley's Children's hospital in Indianapolis. Please say a prayer for them tonight! Update 12/02/2011: Well, we have been at Riley's Hospital for 40 days today. We have come so very far from where we were when we were admitted. There are many things that are improving, but today I just wanted to share with everyone that we are being discharged from the Hospital today! We are going to stay here in Indy at Ronald McDonald house with Phoenix for a while still, so we are close to our Doctors, Pharmacy and Therapists, but the fact that everyone feels she is strong enough to leave the hospital is wonderful. Tammy and I are excited, and yet a little scared at the same time. We will be responsible for administering many of her medications, and keeping her on schedule with her various treatments and therapies that need to happen in the outpatient clinic here at the hospital. We know this is where we need to go though, and it is one step closer to going home. This tough little girl is showing us just how strong she can be, and 40 days later we are all amazed. Thank you all for your love and support, and for God's Grace.

Update 12/12: Hello everyone! I know it has been a bit too long without an update on Phoenix, and I am sorry about that. Things are going well, and Tammy and I are very happy. Phoenix is getting stronger every day, and her personality is in full force! She is wrestling her dad and very sassy...lol. She has been improving with all of her therapy and she is walking quite a bit all on her own, and talking with a full voice nonstop...She has her eye surgery scheduled for Friday, and we are feeling good that she will regain her vision in that eye. Her vision is already improving on its own, and she can see when the lights are on or off, and some shadows and shapes. This leads us to believe that with the

surgery she will regain her site quickly. She is still taking all of her medicines, but she is no longer on her feeding tube! She is eating normal foods and taking all of her medicines orally except the one that goes in the IV. It appears we will be able to come home for Christmas for a few days, and we think we may be able to come home all together very soon. Thank you all so much, and I will do a better job on the updates, I promise! Phoenix is fighting and we are too, and we love you all!

Update 12/20: John Bridegroom wrote 2 hours ago on Facebook: It appears as if it is very likely that we will be going home Friday, and staying home! We have some meeting, and some questions, that need addressed the next two days, but it seems as if the doctors and therapists feel Phoenix has progressed quickly enough, and improved to a point that she can cut back to therapy twice a week and receive her treatments in an outpatient setting!

Update 12/24: John Bridegroom writes: It's the day before Christmas Eve. Two months ago, Tammy and I raced our little girl to the ICU of Riley's hospital, and for a long time we were unsure if we would ever bring her home. Now, we sit in our living room, with both our daughters, and I cannot tell you the gratitude I have to God and to the amazing and wonderful people in our lives that never left our side despite the distance between us all. If you ever doubted that Christmas was never about the presents, and that the ones you love are the only thing that make this season wonderful, never doubt again. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, A very Merry Christmas. For us, it very well may be the most important, most special, most life changing Christmas we have ever had. I am filled with love, and I am certain that we are so very blessed. Thank you all for being in our lives, and sharing our trials and our joys. Merry Christmas, from Myself, Tammy, Diva and most of all from Phoenix!!!!

Update 12/31: Phoenix continues to do very well and improve. She is handling her medications like a champion, and working hard. This month we will begin new phases of treatment, and continue physical therapy here at Jacobs Ladder in Portage. Regular trips to Riley's, and a few short admission stays will be a part of January for us. Tonight Phoenix will see the arrival of 2012. God bless that little girl. For all the doubt, and all the fear, through love and faith she is still here. 2011 was a formidable foe, thank you for preparing us for 2012. Happy New Year everyone! John Bridegroom

Donald Borchert, GPE: Don had surgery for a hip replacement last week. Tuesday everything was fine. Today woke at 8:30 with steady drainage so I called the surgeon. He has an appointment at 8:00 AM at surgeon's office, than to hospital. He has an infection. Nursing home called the surgeon and told him the sample they took Sunday came back positive! Will probably have the surgery tomorrow night to flush everything out.... Please keep us in your prayers. Mickey Don was readmitted today and will have the surgery at 6 PM hopefully to clean out the infection. Larry V

Update: Don is now home and on a regime of antibiotics for the next 6 weeks.

Update 12/29: Don is home resting. He just finished Occupational therapy and one regimen of antibiotics. He is still taking antibiotics and is now walking with a cane.

Joe Eiler: Companion/Sir Knight Joe Eiler is now at home. I talked with Nancy on Friday evening, by phone. Both Joe and Lady Nancy are still hanging in there. Joe is sleeping a lot. Still has trouble communicating. Both have finished radiation treatments. Joe has several Doctor Appointments and a MRI scheduled. They still desire to have no company yet but cards would be appreciated. Keep Joe and Nancy in your prayers.

Gary Fentress: Companion/Sir Knight Gary Fentress is doing pretty well. I talked with him on the phone. He is getting out and around using a walker. Lady Mary Jo wants him to keep coming to our York Rite meetings. Please keep Gary and Mary Jo in your prayers.

Rita Todd: I wanted to send along an update regarding Mom and please share this with all. We took mom to the Frankfort St. Vincent's emergency room on Monday, November 28, with what appeared to be stroke-like symptoms. After a head CT and chest x-rays, the ER doctor told us they had found large

masses in her lung and she needed to be transported to Indianapolis for further evaluation. Further tests revealed she had a "pea-sized" tumor in the brain located in the cerebellum region and she had not had a stroke. The placement of the tumor is in the region that controls movement and balance. Mom is experiencing balance issues, double vision, nauseous and speech impairment. The tumor in the brain is a result of the growths in her lung's having metastasized, a total of three mass areas have been identified in the right lung. The neurology team has started mom on a steroid treatment to reduce the swelling around the tumor. This has resulted in her blood sugar spiking and is now being treat "as a diabetic" to control the issue. She receives insulin injections as needed. A biopsy was performed on two of the three masses in the lung Friday. The lung surgeon said they were able to retrieve two "good samples" from the affected areas and the initial pathology findings in the OR were both samples are cancerous. Complete results will not be available until Tuesday or Wednesday of next week (Dec. 6 or 7). Mom did have an issue coming out of the anesthetic as she was not able to breathe on her own. After approximately 90 minutes, they were able to get her breathing on her own once again. The medical oncologist told us due to the cancer moving to the brain this would be considered a stage 4 cancer - terminal. He has scheduled a full body PET-CT for Thursday, December 8. He said this will reveal how the cancer has (and is) spreading and at what rate of growth. We will then have an office visit with him on Tuesday, December 13, to learn the results of the tests and discuss what treatment options are available. Due to mom's conditions as I described above, the medical team is keeping mom in the hospital until they get her up and moving. She is in room 5220 in St. Vincent's Indianapolis off of 86th Street. He room phone number is 317-338-0582. Brett

Gene (Skip) Lee, the Senior Warden at Kingsbury Lodge #222 had a minor stroke this past Wednesday; December 30, 2011. When he had the stroke, he fell and broke his pelvis. He is in LaPorte hospital in room 6218. He is progressing very well but is expected to be in the hospital for an extended stay. Visitors and cards are welcome. LaPorte Hospital Room # 6218; 1007 Lincolnway LaPorte, IN 46350-3201; Fraternaly, Jim Burkhart

Sarge and Ruth Wilburn: Well, it seems that the first week of December wasn't good for PMIGM Sarge Wilburn, and Ruth. On Monday the 5th, Ruth was bowling, and fell and broke her wrist in two places. And if that wasn't enough, Sarge, not to be out-done, went to his York Rite meeting on Tuesday, and reaching for the door handle of the front door, missed the handle and was of balance, and fell to the side walk, busting his head, and had to go to the Hospital for x-rays and stitches. But we are both healing, Ruth will have to be in a cast for six to eight weeks, but I get my stitches out Wednesday. Sarge and Ruth Wilburn

Rick Elman, PGM, GSec: We are now home at 7:00 pm finally. Rick's surgery went well - his knee was done with the little holes and should be all fixed now. Of course lots of arthritis but the floaters and tears have been taken out and fixed. HE IS NOT supposed to go anywhere until his Dr. appt. on Friday, but I know where he is going tomorrow night. Thanks for all the well wishes. Shelly.

Doris Bitting: It started about three weeks ago as an upset stomach, nauseous, no appetite and just a feeling of unrest. She thought it would pass in time, but as time went on it continued to get worse. She was losing energy and could not eat. Monday she started having pain in the area of the stomach, by Tuesday the pain was unbearable at 11:00 A.M. we called the EMT's and transported her St. Anthony hospital in Crown Point where they started doing tests and found she had a perforated colon. On Wednesday afternoon they did surgery on her that turned out to be very extensive. She is now in ICU and will remain there for several more days. We had a conference with the surgeon last night and he said she is a very sick girl and it is going to take time for her to heal as the infection had spread throughout her body. This morning she was starting to respond to commands such as griping our

fingers and moving her toes. They are going to start letting her try to breathe on her own for a few minutes each day. The supervisor of ICU is a friend of ours and she has given me a room to stay in so I will be spending my time there with her. I can be reached on my cell phone 1-219-789-5231 or 1-219-789-3084. I will keep Larry and John Hylemon updated so they can keep everyone informed. Please keep her in your prayers. Irv

Update 12/29: Doris is still in ICU and we don't know when she will be moved. She is still very weak and cannot lift her arms and head. They did a cat scan last night to see if she has a build-up of fluid, we will find out today. The Doctors say this healing process will be long and drawn out. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Irv

Update 1/1/2012: I'm sorry to report that Doris passed this morning (1/1/2012) Larry V

Carolyn Davis: Wife of Burnell Davis of Vincennes is in Willow Manor Nursing Home in Vincennes. Burnell told me that he brought her home for Christmas.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
INSTEAD OF YOUR CROSSES;
COUNT YOUR GAINS
INSTEAD OF YOUR LOSSES.
COUNT YOUR JOYS
INSTEAD OF YOUR WOES;
COUNT YOUR FRIENDS
INSTEAD OF YOUR FOES.
COUNT YOUR SMILES
INSTEAD OF YOUR TEARS;
COUNT YOUR COURAGE
INSTEAD OF YOUR FEARS.

COUNT YOUR FULL YEARS INSTEAD OF YOUR LEAN
COUNT YOUR KIND DEEDS INSTEAD OF YOUR MEAN.
COUNT YOUR HEALTH INSTEAD OF YOUR WEALTH;
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS MUCH AS YOURSELF.

Indiana Death Notices:

Caroline "Carrie" Thorne: Merrillville, IN; Caroline "Carrie" Thorne (nee Takacs), age 77, of Merrillville, passed away Monday, December 5, 2011 at Methodist Hospital, Southlake Campus.

Carrie had been a longtime Hessville area resident and member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Hebron. She was a Past High Priestess of Awalim Court #9, Hammond, IN in 1986, an Honored Lady of the Orak Shrine, and lifetime member of Awalim Drum Corps. Caroline is survived by three daughters: Jane (Kevin) Freeman of Hobart, Debra Briney of Merrillville, and Mary B. (Bobby) Spear of Crown Point, grandchildren: Stephen (Meghan) Pozywio, Walt Pozywio, Josh Freeman, Erika VanNoort, and Bobby Spear III; two great grandsons: Sebastian Pozywio and Collin VanNoort; sister, Rose Lambert of Schererville; brother, Joseph (Yvonne) Takacs of Hammond; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph and son, David. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the **Rees Funeral Home**, 600 W. Old Ridge Road, Hobart, IN with Pastor Timothy Engel officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home, Hobart Chapel, (219) 942-2109 or online at: www.ReesFuneralHomes.com

Beverly J. Stafford: 72, Indianapolis, passed away on Dec. 10, 2011. Beverly was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. She worked as a bus driver for Perry Township Transportation for 23 years. She was a fifty year member of the Prospect Chapter number 452 O.E.S., and past president of the Sahara Grotto Drum and Bugle Corp aux. Beverly is survived by her husband, Donald Stafford, of 53 years; sons, Mark and wife Deborah, Jeff and wife Vicki; her Daughter, Pam and husband Chris Gordin; eight grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Friends may call on Wednesday, December 14 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home; 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis IN. Services will be conducted on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 11:30 am at the funeral home. Beverly will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Walter Skip Whiting: Brethren, Our brother Walter Skip Whiting passed away yesterday morning. For those who knew Skip his health had been declining for awhile. The family has requested a Masonic Service which will be held Monday, December 19th at 12:00 PM at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg. If you plan on attending, please be at the Mortuary by 11:30 AM. Tom Andrews

Earl J. Byrum: I regret to advise you that Ill. Earl J. Byrum, 33° died August 14, 2011. Brother Byrum, a member of the Valley of Fort Wayne, was crowned a 33° in 2005.

James Garland, PGHP: I regret to advise you that James Garland, MSA died November 13, 2011. Brother Garland, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, received his MSA in June 2004.

Paul S. Shambaugh: I regret to advise you that Ill. Paul S. Shambaugh, 33° died October 21, 2011. Brother Shambaugh, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° on Aug. 27, 1996.

Michael George Barth, Jr.: I regret to advise you that Ill. Michael George Barth, Jr., 33° died November 14, 2011. Brother Barth, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, was crowned a 33° on Sept. 28, 1977.

F. Martin Donahue, KCT, KYCH, OPC, and current RAD, Royal Arch Masons, also Past State President of High 12 International, among many other Masonic titles, passed away at approximately 7:30 PM, on Christmas Day, December 25, 2011 after a long illness. Funeral Home is D.O. McCombs, Pine Valley, (Dupont Rd.) Driving directions: Take I-69 to Dupont Rd, Exit 116, turn west approximately 1 mile; on south side, next to McDonald's Restaurant. Calling will be Thursday, December 29th, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM; with Masonic Memorial Service at 8:00 PM., with

Knights Templar Guard from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Calling from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Funeral Service will be at 2:00 PM, with internment immediately after, at Highland Park Cemetery, on Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, IN., with Military Honors, and Taps. Marty was instrumental in setting up the Fort Wayne Band to play at drills luncheon for many years. Fraternaly, Harold D. Black KCT

Mrs. Irma Ingles: My Step-Mother Irma Ingles passed away last evening about 10:20 pm long illness with many trips in and out of the emergency room. My sister is a real trooper. Viewing will be on Thursday evening and the services on Friday AM, in Hillsboro, Ohio. George Ingles

Doris Bitting: It is with saddened heart, to communicate with you and with all the Sir Knights of Indiana, that SK Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, called to inform us that Lady Doris passed away this morning. Our prayers are with Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, and all his loved ones in this time of sorrow. May the blessings of strength and comfort be with him and with all in knowing Lady Doris has been received into the widespread and extended arms of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Arrangements are incomplete. Fraternal Love – in Christian Freemasonry and Templary, Paul A. Cole, GC (Arrangements will be made at Jackson Funeral Services, Demotte, IN)

Kathryn Whisner: Another Saddened Loss: Phillip Whisner's mother, Lady Kathryn Whisner, passed-away at 7:30 am(EST) 1/1/2012 ... some thirty minutes after Lady Doris passed. Her announcements are also pending. Just letting you know when Phillip and I talked on 12/30/11 he and the family were prepared for this to happen. Phillip is my Aide this year. Paul A. Cole, GC

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place*

*Gods garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best
He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never get well on Earth again*

*He saw the road was getting rough and the hills
too hard to climb
He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be Thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you the day God called you home*

Directory Changes:

Irvin Bitting, PGC, 9091 N 950 W, DeMotte, IN 46310-8441

Mrs. Betty Applegate, 2455 N Tamarack Trl. Apt 221, Bloomington, IN 47408-1203

R. Frank and Gracie Williams, River Oaks, Room 503, 1244 Vail St., Princeton, IN 47670-9513
(812) 386-6406

Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC: rodneymann33@gmail.com

Byron Schull, GPE: bdocschull@comcast.net

Change of address of the Grand Commandery website. The new address is:
www.indianaknightstemplar.com **Please take some time and check out this new website. SK Kurt Begue has put together a great site.**

Important Dates:

Wed. Jan 4, 2012. 7:00 PM (ET) Raper Drill Corps, Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N Illinois St., Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1209

Dear Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights:

According to our bylaws, the Drill Corps meets the first Thursday in January, for the election of officers and the scheduling of drill practices.

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Conflicts with Stated Meeting for Sahara Grotto

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Conflicts with Stated Meeting for Scottish Rite

Conflicts with Stated Meeting for Prospect Lodge

Consequently, it has been suggested that we move the meeting for the Raper Drill Corps to the second Thursday, on January 12, 2012 at 7 PM (ET).

Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N. Illinois St., Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1209

Fri. Jan 6, 2012. Grand Commandery Elected Officer's meeting in the Den at 7 PM (ET)

Sat. Jan 7, 2012. Grand Commandery Winter Meeting at the Marriott East 9 AM (ET)
Newby Avery Dinner 6 PM (ET)

Sun. Jan 8, 2012. Take down the Nativity Scene at the Masonic Home 10 AM (ET).

Sat. Jan 14, 2012. Founder's Day for Grand Lodge at the Scottish Rite Temple in Indy.

Sat. Jan 21, 2012. Battalion 2 winter meeting, 10 AM (ET) South Bend Scottish Rite

Sat. Jan 21, 2012.

Battalion 1 winter meeting in Portage at 2:00pm (CT)

Sat. Jan 21, 2012.

There will be the Winter Battalion III Meeting on January 21, 2012 to be held at Huntington Commandery #35, located at 400 E. Franklin St, Huntington, IN 46750. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm (ET). All dais Officers (as well as any other interested Sir Knight) of the following Commanderies are requested to attend this meeting: Fort Wayne #4, Grant County #21, Anderson #32, Huntington #35 and Noblesville #61. Among the things to be discussed are: the status of Battalion III, goals for next year, the Battalion Inspection that will be held on October 27, 2012 at Fort Wayne Commandery #4 and any other questions or concerns that you may have. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Bobby Roberts is scheduled to attend. If you have any question or concerns for him this maybe a good time to ask. Kurt A. Begue, Battalion III

Sat. Jan 28, 2012.

Battalion #4 will hold a Battalion Meeting on Saturday, January 28th, 2012 at Kokomo #36, located at 316 Washington St., Kokomo IN. The meeting will start at 10:00am and is expected to last no more than 2 hours. All dais Officers and Deputy Battalion Commanders are asked to attend this meeting and all Sir Knights are invited. Please remember, this is your meeting and is a good time to discuss any issues you may have or offer your suggestions for the improvement of your Commandery, Battalion, or the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knight Bobby Roberts, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, will be present to discuss his plans for next year. Sincerely, Michael D. Ritter, GCG Commander, Battalion #4

Sat. Feb 11, 2012.

Battalion 6 winter meeting, 11:00AM (ET) at Elmhurst Masonic Lodge on 779 S SR 121, Connersville

Sat. Feb 18, 2012.

Battalion #5 and Battalion #8 will hold a combined Winter Battalion Meeting on Saturday, February 18th, 2012 at Terre Haute Commandery #16, located at 224 N 8th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807. The meeting will start at 10:00 am and is expected to last no more than 2 hours. All dais Officers and Deputy Battalion Commanders are asked to attend this meeting and all Sir Knights are invited. Please remember, this is your meeting and is a good time to discuss any issues you may have or offer your suggestions for the improvement of your Commandery or Battalion. Sir Knight Bobby Roberts, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, will be present to discuss his plans for next year.

Sat. Feb 25, 2012.

York Rite Class honoring Grand Master Walbridge Chapter & Council Degrees in Bryan, OH (see attached flyer)

Sat. Mar 3, 2012.

York Rite Class honoring Grand Master Walbridge Commandery Orders in Fort Wayne, IN (see attached flyer)

Sat. Mar 10, 2012.

East Central Department Meeting at the Radisson (Star Plaza) I-65 and Route 30 in Merrillville, IN. Details to follow.

Sat. Mar 24, 2012.

It is still a while off, but all Indiana Sir Knights should mark their calendar for the pilgrimage to Detroit Commandery No. 1 KT at the historic, iconic, and amazing Detroit Masonic Temple on Saturday, March 24, 2012. Levant Preceptory will confer the Order of the Temple in historic Templar dress. All Knights of the Temple, from across the land, are welcome, and we hope you will join this historic and blessed pilgrimage.

Sat. Mar 24, 2012.

We will have a Battalion 7 meeting on Saturday March 24, 2012 at Seymour Commandery starting at 10 AM and ending about noon.

Around the Encampment:

Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33° February 14, 1924 – December 1, 2011; of Maryland, our Past Grand Commander, will be seen by us no more in this world. It was not so long ago, when our Supreme Council closed, that he stood in the circle of the brethren around the altar and repeated with them the solemn words of parting: “It may be that we shall not all again assemble together in

The funeral for Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, Past Grand Commander, will be held at the House of the Temple, 1733 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, 202–232–3579, on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. W. Kenneth Lyons, 33°, G.C., Grand Chaplain of the Supreme Council. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Robert Spaulding, RE Grand Commandery of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas passed from this life Sunday, December 4, 2011. Survived by his wife of 33 years, Nancy Spaulding. Funeral arrangements by North Little Rock Funeral Home, North Little Rock AR. Mass of Christian burial Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. , At St. Mary's Catholic Church. Royce H. Taylor, Grand Recorder, Arkansas

Richard P. "Dick" Tower, 91, of Youngstown, NY, died at his residence, December 24, 2011, under the loving care of his family. Born in Niagara Falls, NY, July 17, 1920 to the late George P. and Adelaide (Thomas) Tower, and had been a lifelong resident of the Town of Porter. Dick was a former Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. Dick's long-time love and passion was with the Masonic Lodge F & AM, both locally and state-wide. He was a member and Past Master of the Ransomville Masonic Lodge #551, a former member of the Niagara Commandery #64, Niagara Falls, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1965. He served as High Priest in the Royal Arch Masons and received the Millennium Award Service for serving our nation in the military. Former member of the York Cross on Honorary Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, member of the A.M.O. and Member of the Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers. Dick was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown and served as a Trustee, and was an ordained Elder and Deacon. He served as a Councilman for the Town of Porter for 20 years. Member of the Youngstown Historical Society; member of the PTA of the Lewiston-Porter School District and was active in the Ransomville Rural Retirees and the Youngstown & Lewiston Senior Citizens. Dick's biggest enjoyment was his family, and loved traveling, playing Euchre and Bridge and visiting with his many friends.



TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL
HONORING
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
GREGORY C. WALBRIDGE 33□



To: York Rite Chapter, Council and Commandery Bodies of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan:

The Tri-State Festival Committee requests your assistance to promote candidates for the festival, as we honor Sir Knight Gregory C. Walbridge, Grand Master of Masons in Indiana.

The Chapter and Council Degrees will be conferred at the Bryan, Ohio Masonic Lodge on Saturday, February 25, 2012, beginning at 9 AM, EST. The Orders of the Commandery will be conferred in Angola, Indiana Masonic Lodge on Saturday, March 3, 2012, beginning at 9 AM, EST. Come early each Saturday for coffee and refreshments.

Information you need to know is:

- 1) The cost for each day is \$10.00 for meal and refreshments. Pay that day.
- 2) Registration begins at 8:00 AM EST each day. Degree work starts at 9:00 AM EST.
- 3) Local York Rite pays for candidate meals. Members pay own meal costs.
- 4) Run all petitions/candidate fees through your local York Rite body.
- 5) Local York Rite to verify Blue Lodge membership—furnish Penny and Malta jewel.
- 6) Meal reservations deadline is February 11 to your State Coordinator:
IN: Mike Anderson, 484 N 600 E, Angola, IN 46703; 260-665-9376
candacraig2@re-comm.net
OH: Ken Crouch, 01171 CR 12, Bryan, OH 43506; 419-460-0296
kc33rd@yahoo.com
MI: James Hawn, 41508 Woodland Creek Dr, Novi, MI 48375; 248-890-9402
jehawn@yahoo.com
- 7) Meal reservation form and petition form available upon request.

Fraternally yours,
Paul W. Friend, Chairman
Email questions to: pifriend67@yahoo.com

The Order of Knight Masons is an invitational body originally sponsored by the Knight Masons of Ireland. It is also known as the "Green Degrees." Membership requires affiliation with a Royal Arch Chapter. The presiding body is a Council, members are Cousins, and the presiding officer is a Chief.

Website

<http://www.knight-masons.org/>

Indiana Council No. 15 of the Knight Masons USA hold their next meeting as follows:
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 12 Noon Lunch - (Andy's famous Chili) Donations will be accepted for lunch.

If you are coming for lunch email rodneymann33@gmail.com (we need to know how much to prepare)

1:00 PM Meeting and Conferral of Degrees; A cash bar will available after the meeting.

Meeting Place: Sahara Grotto, 7620 Madison Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227

Driving Directions; <http://www.mapquest.com>

Dress is TUX.

I am attaching a formal flyer for the meeting a Invitation for membership. Please bring the Invitations to the meeting on Saturday the 21st. I plan to vote on the new Invitations on the 21st. We will then confer the degrees again by summer.

If any members have questions please email me at rodneymann33@gmail.com

Thank you!

Rodney Mann

Think about it:

- 1] **Prayer** is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
- 2] So, a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small. Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] **Friendship** is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] **Old Friends** are Gold! **New Friends** are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, **GOD** smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
- 7] When **GOD** solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when **GOD** doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked **St. Anthony**: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, **God** listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] **WORRYING** does not take away tomorrow's **TROUBLES**; it takes away today's **PEACE**.