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Grand Commandery Knights Templar Of Indiana

March 2012

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies:

March Birthdays:

W. Kris Phillips, PGHP, Rec. 11, 25, 3/1

Charles L. Lewis, 14, 3/3

Lady Zelma Lackey, wife of Harrison E. Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC, 3/6

Marvin L. Rees, GO, 3/8

Adam E. Jackson, DBC 4, 3/9

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR 3/9

William H. Koon, II, GCT, MEGM, 3/12

Lady Helen Marsh, wife of Lloyd Marsh, Rec. 6, 3/12

Jerome A. Kipper, 28, 3/12

James E. Welling, 13, 3/12

Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC, 3/15

Lady Joanne Ithier, wife of Wayne L. Ithier, 3/16

Lady Patricia Wooten, wife of Brad Wooten, 3/16

Lady Joyce Maxwell, wife of Steven Maxwell, Rec 35, 3/17

Lady Connie Whisner, wife of Philip Whisner, DBC 5, 3/23

Dion G. Diakis, DBC 1, 3/31

March Anniversaries:

David & Vickie Willoughby, 3/6

Phillip & Doris Fowler, 3/8

Jim & Faye Prairie, 3/15

Tony & Monica Peterson, 3/24

Carson & Patty Smith, 3/31

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

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." - Henry Ford

Sickness & Distress:

John Bridegroom's Daughter Phoenix, Arch 1 Officer Grand Council

Update 2/1: Hello everyone! Phoenix is doing ok these past few days. She is still a little nauseous and tired, but she is trying very hard. Her eye surgery is scheduled for this Friday, so please keep her in your prayers! We are hopeful she will have the same success as she did with her first surgery. Her Birthday is coming up on February 27th, and some folks have asked what they can do, and Tammy and I have come up with something special. We would like to ask each of you, who would like to do something for Phoenix's Birthday, to please go out and give blood. Phoenix has had to have over 20 transfusions so far, and quite a few Platelets transfusions. It has shown us how important the supply of blood is for those who need it. We would love for everyone we know to go give blood and take a photo and post it here on the Friends and Family of Phoenix Bridegroom page! Thank you all, for your continued prayers and support, and please give blood and post your pictures! John

Update 2/3: Surgery went well today, we will remove the patch in the morning. Unfortunately, as soon as we arrived home Phoenix had a fever, and we were admitted to the Hospital tonight. She will receive antibiotics over the next few days, and we will watch her closely. They took blood for cultures, and we hope that nothing develops from those. Please keep her in your prayers, she is not feeling well, running a fever and we are all very tired and stressed. She is strong, but can use all the help she can get. Thank you all so much!

Update 2/4: Her eye is healing. We are not very sure how well she is seeing so far. She has an eye appointment on Friday, so I'll know more.

Update 2/6: Hello friends, after a terrible night of vomit & other things we are going to be doing various tests today to rule out any gastro infections. The fever is gone, so yay for that. If the kid can eat & drink a little we should be going home "soon".

Update 2/7: Things are going well at the moment, but we are definitely here for another night, while she heals & we rule out various issues. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement & love.

Update 2/8: Phoenix is going to be released from Memorial Hospital today to go home. Her blood counts are up, fever is down, & vomiting is less severe. The next steps for us are a follow up eye appointment at Riley on Friday, the next 6 day chemo admission on Tuesday the 14th, and labs in between.

Update 2/13: Phoenix & I are in Indy and will begin a new round of inpatient chemo in the morning, we both wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day! We love you all! Tammy

Update 2/16: Short update: Phoenix had a bit of a tough night, but is doing well today. She has been sleeping most of the day, but wakes occasionally to eat happy meals & Cheetos...orders me around for a bit, watches Spongebob, then back to sleep. Her ability to take her meds in pill form has greatly improved our quality of life. Tammy

Update 2/18: Good morning friends. I just wanted to give a quick update. Phoenix has been spending her days sleeping & trying to feel better. She hates taking her medicine (duh) & other than those times, is very calm & brave. She has continued to be able to eat somewhat...we really miss home & may get there late Sunday night.

Update 2/19: Docs have confirmed that we are going home today! Phoenix is crabby but awake, this morning, eating Cheetos & watching Spongebob. She has some nausea & mouth pain, so she has reason to be nippy. We will be looking forward to a night of uninterrupted sleep.

Update 2/22: Phoenix's fever has climbed again, so we are on our way back to the hospital to be admitted. She is feeling pretty bad; hopefully she will begin to feel better soon. I'll post a little more later on tonight.

Update 2/23: I thought I would take some time and give everyone as accurate of a picture as I can about Phoenix and her current treatment. We are so grateful for everyone's prayers and support, and I

hope this brings everyone up to speed. The following description is in addition to the various meds she must take each day, including regular shots that Tammy must administer to her. The current phase of treatment that Phoenix is in requires her to be admitted into Riley's in intervals for a concentrated dose of Chemotherapy. The mixtures of Chemotherapy drugs are particularly hard on her, and she must be admitted so she can be monitored until they are completely metabolized through her system. Once they are, she is released from the Hospital but the drugs continue to work. By work, I mean they continue to kill fast growing cells in her body, like the Leukemia cells, but also include much of her healthy cells as well. As a result, her blood counts continue to fall and she becomes nauseous, has various pains and generally feels weak and terrible. At this point she is at a very high risk for infections. It also causes the cells in her mouth to deteriorate, and her saliva productions to decrease significantly. This results in mouth sores and pain, and dry mouth with ultra thick saliva. This often gags her and pushes the nausea... it also causes her to not want to eat or drink much. The days are hard and long. When her blood counts are low, she is likely to begin to run a fever. If her fever gets to 101, she must be taken back to the hospital; for fear that she may have a blood infection or fungal infection. She is put on antibiotics and cultures are monitored for these things. If things go well, her fever will drop back down as her counts recover, no infections will appear and she will begin to feel better. By that time, it is usually time to back into Riley's for the next batch of Chemotherapy. This is the routine we are currently in, and all things considered, she is handling it ok. She is fairly miserable, but that is to be expected I suppose. We want to crush this Leukemia, and save Phoenix's life, so we are doing everything we can to accomplish that. She has a couple more rounds of what I have described above, and then we move to the next phase. We do not know what that phase looks like exactly, but I am sure it will have its own challenges. Our faith is holding fast, and yours and our prayers are making a real difference. We try to love her and make sure she knows she is not alone in all of this. She turns 6 years old on Monday, and we are grateful for that. We thank you all, we thank God, and we know that when we reach the other side of this ordeal we will have a deeper understanding of our family and the love we have for each other. Thank you all for caring and being there for our family.

Update 2/24: Phoenix's fever left us overnight & hasn't come back yet today, & her tests/cultures still show zero infection, which is great news. Unfortunately, her mouth & throat have some awful sores that hurt, & are preventing her from eating or drinking. She will remain in the hospital for pain management & transfusions, until her neutrophils come back, hopefully by Wednesday. Tammy

Update 2/26: John Bridegroom wrote five hours ago on Facebook: Things have taken a bad turn for Phoenix today. Early this morning, her oxygen levels dropped and after a CT scan it was discovered that she had a large amount of fluid on her left lung. They immediately decided to place a drain tube in her left side, and they drained over 20 ounces of fluid in the first hour or so. It appears to be some sort of infection, but we have not found what it causing it yet. Her fever returned, and they had to give her some blood as well. She is now on 4 different antibiotics, as well as her regular medications, Tylenol for the fever and morphine for the pain. She still has the mouth sores, and has a lot of difficulty eating and drinking. She is in ICU now, and generally miserable. It appears, so far, that there are no organisms growing in the fluid they drained, which is good. This is yet another challenge stacked up on this little girl... your prayers and thoughts are wonderful and welcomed. It's going to be a less than ideal Birthday, I think.

Update 2/28: Thank you all for the birthday wishes for Phoenix. She remains in ICU with her chest tube still draining. Many samples of the fluid have been sent out, but nothing specific has been identified. She is recovering, but at a very slow rate. She is getting an IV this afternoon in order to receive IV nutrition, because she is in too much pain to eat or drink. We hope some nutrition may speed up her recovery process. Thank you for all the positive wishes. Tammy

Update 3/1: Here's the update for today: Phoenix is still in ICU with her chest tube draining. The tube will remain until this drainage stops. Her blood counts are finally recovering, & her mouth & GI sores are healing nicely. We had a setback today, learning that she has some acute pancreatitis, a side effect

of a chemo. Her doc believes if she does not eat, & the pancreas can rest, it will heal quickly. This kid is amazing & has been cracking the staff up with her outrageous sarcasm. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Wayne Williams, KCT, KTCH, Recorder of Raper Commandery No. 1 has been admitted to St. Francis Hospital, having suffered two (2) mini strokes. Contact: Tracy Williams, Cell: (317) 871-1805 blakefan4life@sbcglobal.net. Wayne was released and is now home resting.

Carroll Joe Friend, GPE: I wanted to let you know that Joe suffered a stroke sometime this morning and he was life lined to Indianapolis. I was told it has affected his left eye and some of his movements. That is all I know as of this time. (2/1)

Update 2/3: Sir Knights: Please extend your prayers and concerns for Sir Knight Carroll Joe Friend, Grand Prelate Emeritus (2006-07); to his Lady Wilma, family and all his loved ones. He is currently in Room 5010, Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana receiving further medical evaluation from experiencing a stroke. Our prayers are for his speedy recovery, strength and comfort in the widespread and extended arms of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Fraternally & Sincerely in Christian Freemasonry and Templary, SK Paul Cole, GC

Update 2/3: I talked with C. Joe Friend this afternoon and he sounded like his old self. He had been up and walking and doing very well. The hospital is going to run some test Friday to try to determine why he was throwing a blood clot. Also Methodist told him that he only had one incident and not two in separate places of the brain. Actually the pain he was having in the right frontal area did not fit his symptoms. He cannot see out of the left eye but the doctors feel that will resolve itself in time. I hope to be able to see him Friday. Dr. Ronald W. Woods

Update 2/4: I visited with Joe Friend Friday at noon time and his improvement is outstanding. The only sign that he had such a serious problem last Wednesday was his loss of eyesight in the left eye. He is getting lots of instruction on care, diet and general health issues from those very attractive nurses. It appears that he will be able to come home today, Saturday, if so I will see him at home. He was visited by our very good friend Rev. Dover of the Adams Baptist Church, who also was the last minister that the Greensburg Commandery sent to the Holy Land. Thank GOD for the Power of Prayer.

Update 2/5: Great news. Joe Friend is home and very happy about it. He still has problems with the left eye, but time will tell about that.

Update 2/7: I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts. I feel better but I will feel a whole lot better when I get my eye sight back. Fraternally, Carroll Joe Friend, GPE

Ronald W. Woods: For those that knew about my outpatient surgery a week and half ago to rule out Cancer. Good news. No cancer.

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: **Update 1/27:** Just got home from St Vincent's on 86th St and was very pleased with Rita's appearance and her ability to talk with us for the period of time we were there. We spent a little over an hour with her and she seemed alert the while we were there. They are moving her from ICU back into a normal room on the 5th floor tonight and will do some tests for her tomorrow to see where they stand with treatments. Virgil

Byron Schull: Just a quick note to let you know that I will be going in for out-patient arthroscopic surgery on my right knee on Mon. Feb. 6th. Surgery at 10:15 AM and home by 1:30 or so. Rehab

starts on Tues. Surgery is to correct some rough edges in the meniscus due to a fall a year ago July. Good thoughts and prayers are welcome. Will keep you posted. Thanks, Byron Schull, GPE

Update 2/6: Here's the update I promised: I got to the surgical center about 9 am, courtesy of my son, Mark, and filled out the papers, and before 10 am I was back in surgery - told to undress and put on the gown. Got indoctrinated by the surgeon, and the anesthesiologist, and before I knew it they were feeding me a cocktail. Next thing I knew, I was waking up kind of groggy being instructed on the care and feeding of my newly operated on right knee. Wrapped up in a big ace bandage and an ice bag, I just sat there saying, yeah, right, uhuh, and gotcha. Lot of leg lifts to do - 100 on each leg, daily, ice packs regularly and I start rehab Tues. All went well, and I am able to walk around at home. Dr will tell me on the 20th if all is OK. Thanks for being with me, in spirit and prayer. It really helps, when you are alone, to know that actually, you are not alone at all. Friends and family are with you. So thanks again. Byron Again, my love and thanks to Mark for his help today.

Update 2/16: Just a minute to bring you all up to date and thank all of you for your good thoughts and prayers following my arthroscopic surgery on my right knee a week ago Monday. I can't tell you how much it means to an old man, living alone, to have so many friends and family, and church family helping with prayers and best wishes. I am pretty much recovered, except for a few more sessions of rehab, from the surgery. My special thanks to Larry and Janet K who sent a card that arrived the day after surgery, and to Anderson Commandery, whose card arrived then too. Thanks very much. Then, meeting and seeing so many at the calling for SK Avery last night meant so much. When you think you are all alone, and think nobody cares, I remind you to pause and be comforted by the fact that family, church and fraternal family is out there, praying for you. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Again, I give my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all. Please keep Phoenix Bridegroom in your prayers and help that sweet little girl to complete health. Thanks, Byron Schull, GPE

Fay Roberts, wife of Bobby Roberts, VEDGC was admitted to the hospital with severe stomach pain. She had an operation to remove part of her colon and after a long and tenuous term in ICU, she was released and now is home resting.

Indiana Death Notices:

George D. Kivett's brother: **John Richard Kivett, Sr.**, 77, of Plainfield, passed away at Methodist Hospital on Friday, February 3, 2012. John was born July 11, 1934, in Indianapolis, Indiana to George and Maggie Kivett. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Adolphus and William Kivett and two nephews, Billy and Bobby Kivett. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Martha, of 55 years; son, John Richard, Jr. (Patti) of Plainfield and daughter, Jane Kivett Greer (Mike) of Greenwood. He was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren, John Richard Kivett, III and Lindsay Jo Kivett, Laura, Brian, Elizabeth and David Greer. He is also survived by brothers, George and Harold Kivett and brother in-law, Roland H. Hiles, Jr. Online condolences can be made to the family at: <http://www.bakerfuneralservice.com>

Joseph O. Eiler, PGHP: With a sad heart, I report that Companion and Sir Knight Joe Eiler passed on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012 at 6:15 AM. He will be at Garr Funeral Home in Sellersburg. No further arrangements are known at this time. He has a niece coming in from Norway. Please keep his family in your prayers. Fraternally, Terry Kehrer

We have learned that there will be a Masonic service for Brother Joseph O. Eiler, Jr. on this Friday, February 10th at 7:00 P.M. (E.S.T.). It will be held at Garr Funeral Home, 7806 Highway 311, Sellersburg, Indiana 47172; [\(812\) 246-3344](tel:(812)246-3344). I hope to see you there, but if you cannot make it I am sure that as in life the same in death Joe would understand. All of his Brothers at Pythagoras Lodge No. 355 F. & A.M. will be mourning our Brother Joe a good friend, a lodge Brother and one who will

surely be missed. Please remember the family in this time of sorrow. Fraternally, Archie R. Smallwood

Harold C. "Luke" Lewis: 88 of Indianapolis passed away February 6, 2012. Luke was a member of the Brookside Masonic Lodge #720, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine and Prather Chapter and Council. He was a carpenter. Luke was preceded in death by his wives Margie E. Lewis and Louise Barnhart Lewis. Luke is survived by his children Clifford C. (Linda) Lewis, Linda K. (Michael) Snyder, Patricia Craycraft and Nancy (Phillip D.) Guyer; and step-children John S. (Cathy) Barnhart and Joseph M. (Chris) Barnhart; many grand and great-grandchildren, and brothers Richard and Donald Lewis. Services will be Saturday, February 11, 11am at Flanner and Buchanan-Lawrence, 5215 N. Shadeland Ave with visitation at the center Friday, February 10, from 4 to 8pm with Masonic service, Friday 7:30pm. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Garden. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospitals. <http://www.flannerbuchanan.com>

Cynthia Sue (Friend) Troop: Dear Masonic Brethren: Please inform your email listing (and others) of the death of Cynthia Sue (Friend) Troop, the oldest daughter of Donald and LeAnna Friend. She passed away this morning (Thursday, February 16) at the age of 64. There are no details of the final arrangements at this time. Another incident to report is that when LeAnna was attempting to answer the phone this morning, she fell which caused her to hit her head. As a result she was taken to the Auburn Hospital, later transferred to a hospital in Ft. Wayne with a severe head and neck injury. I do not know the extent of LeAnna's injury at this time. Funeral Services for Cynthia will be held Monday, February 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with visitation 1 hour prior to 11:00 AM services. Visitation will also be on Sunday, February 19 at the Feller Clark Funeral Home on South Center Street in Auburn. Cindy is the daughter of LeAnna and Donald Friend. Paul W. Friend, PGC

Directory Changes:

Bobby J. Roberts – New Cell Phone: **(765) 253-0538**

R. Frank Williams: New e-mail: **rfrankwilliams@gmail.com**

Gary Fentress: New e-mail: **gfentress@att.net**

Rita Todd: 850 Center Dr, Frankfort, IN 46041-2213

Important Dates:

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.

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.

Sun. Mar 25, 2012. Feast of the Pascal Lamb – South Bend Scottish Rite – 3:00 PM (ET)

Sat. Mar 31, 2012. Goose 'n' Tater 101, a fun degree open to all Royal Arch Masons, and Petitioners, will be conferred following a 12:00 PM lunch at 1:00 PM at Hancock Lodge No 101, 661 W Tague St., Greenfield, IN 46140-3605. Cost \$15.00, Contact Larry Gray at (317) 431-4131 (Cell)

Fri/Sat. Apr 13-14, 2012. Grand Chapter Session – See attached Flyer

Wed/Thurs. Apr 25-26, 2012. Grand Council Session – See attached flyer

Thurs/Sat. April 26-28, 2012. Grand Commandery Conclave – See attached Flyer

Sat. May 5, 2012. Indiana Templar Academy at Fort Wayne Masonic Temple (See flyer)

Sat. May 19, 2012. All Commandery Orders will be conferred in full form. A Templar Festive Board will complete the day. (See flyer)

Sat. Jun 2, 2012. Indiana Templar Academy at Columbus Masonic Temple (See flyer)

Congratulations:

Congratulation goes out to **Christopher Hodapp**, who was elected the 101st Blue Friar during Masonic Week in Washington, DC in mid-February. The Society of Blue Friars" was formed in 1932, explicitly "to recognize Masonic Authors." It is probably the smallest, and certainly one of the oddest, concordant bodies in Masonry. It has no fixed ritual or ceremonies, no dues or fees, and very few records. The name was chosen, presumably, because "Friar" is related to the French word for "Brother," and is therefore appropriate for a Masonic group; but it would also call to mind the monks of the middle Ages, the ones who wrote most of the books in those days. The regulations (at least in their present form) state that "One new Friar shall be appointed each year," but that "additional Friars may be appointed to fill vacancies caused by demise or resignation when the total membership is not over twenty.

A little non-Masonic news: Also congratulations to my son Jason, owner of **Four Corners 4X4, LLC** in Durango, CO <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Four-Corners-4x4-LLC/276135049063837> who participated in his first official Griffin King of the Hammers race in California and finished 5th in his class. Not bad for the first outing. Just finishing was great! See a sample of some of the wild rides at http://www.youtube.com/embed/0jWMQYEx_gs Jason's brother John flew out from Indiana to work in the pit crew as well as his friends Ken & Mary Bates who flew in from Florida. I also can't forget Jason's wife Mariah, who lets him do these things. He sure loves that off-road racing! Check out this site: http://www.autoblog.com/2012/03/01/griffin-king-of-the-hammers-is-a-week-long-test-of-trucks-wills/?icid=maing-grid10%7Chtmlws-main-bb%7Cdl10%7Csec3_Lnk1%26pLid%3D139838

Something Truly Beautiful

CTL-Click here: Sistine Chapel Note: To view every part of the Michelangelo's masterpiece, just click and drag your arrow in the direction you wish to see. In the lower left, click on the plus (+) to move closer, on the minus (-) to move away. Choir is thrown in free. Move the arrow and you will see every part of the chapel.

Around the Encampment:

Leo Magnuson, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Kansas: I am deeply sorrowed and saddened at the passing of SK Leo Magnuson, Eminent Grand Senior Warden. Leo was not only a Masonic gentleman for whom I have always had great respect, but he was a close personal friend as well. Leo and I did National Sojourners Flag Presentations together, and shared a lot of Wichita York Rite time together. When I entered the York Rite Bodies in 2000 in Wichita, he was Generalissimo, and the following year he brought my in the Commandery Line as his Junior Warden. Anyway, his funeral service will be on Thursday at 1:00PM, at Smith Funeral Home, located at 1415 N. Rock Road in Derby, KS. Their Phone # is (316) 788-2828. We should try to arrive at the funeral home at approximately 12 noon. Please wear the Dress Class "A" Commandery Uniform with chapeau, belt, and sword. We will need swords, chapeau, and gloves, because we will serve, in pairs, as casket sentinels, with each pair of Sir Knights guarding the casket in 5 minute rotations. We will start the rotations approximately 40 minutes prior to the beginning of the service. We will then march in together, remove chapeaus, and file out together. Leo will be interred in Leavenworth at the National Cemetery the following day (Friday). The gravesite service in Leavenworth on Friday at 11:00am will be a Military Honor Guard Ceremony because he was an Air Force Veteran and retiree. Please come to Derby and honor Leo and his fine family! Chuck Arens, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Kansas, 2011-2012

Most Puissant Companion Orville Wessler, Past General Grand Master 1996-1999, passed away last night, February 20th, in a hospital in Wichita, Kansas. The Great Creator has call upon one of our number once again. Orville Elmer Wessler was born 18 November 1922 and passed away 20 February 2012. Brother/Companion/Sir Knight Orville served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas 1992, Most Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas in 1986, and Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International during the 1996-1999 Triennial. Services will be held on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church, 330 N Broadway, Wichita, Kansas. Burial will be in Arkansas City at 2:00 P.M. Orville was a Mason that will be missed. He showed the leadership from his heart. Please keep Dorothy Mae in your prayers.

Fraternally, Dave Grindle

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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 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

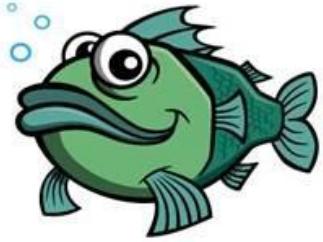
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- 7) Meal reservation form and petition form available upon request.

Fraternally yours,

Paul W. Friend, Chairman

Email questions to: pifriend67@yahoo.com



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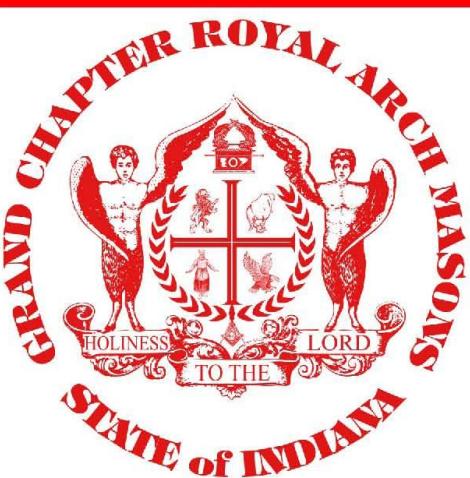
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***Grand Chapter
Session
April 13 & 14 2012***

Companions,

You are invited to the 2012 Grand Session of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Indiana. It will be held April 13 and 14, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN. Please come prepared for an informative and interesting session. This facility and area are very family friendly. Please bring your wife and children!

Highlights

Friday night—Banquet honoring James W Daugherty II, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Saturday morning—Grand Session

Saturday Lunch (Honors and Awards will be awarded during lunch. Your family is invited!)

Saturday afternoon—Breakout sessions will be held

Saturday evening—Installation of 2012-2013 Grand Officers followed by Reception and Banquet

Sunday morning—Divine services following by Grand Line officers meeting

Meal & room rates will be finalized shortly and communicated to the Companions. They will be reasonable.

Special guests will be Duane Kemerley (a respected Masonic speaker. Check out www.Kemerley.com) and a surprise

More detailed information will follow

Please make meeting reservations with Jeff Jordan at jeffjdn@att.net or by mail at 18852 Auburn Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060. Please send your name, contact info (address, phone, email), chapter, if your spouse or children will be attending, and which meals you plan on attending. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!



Saturday Afternoon Workshops

Meetings People Will Attend

Agendas that are: Effective, Efficient, Planned, & Purposeful: Nothing saps the life out of your organization like long meetings that are often ineffective and struggle to make positive, forward movement. Learn how to lead your group to success by refining the art of planning a detailed agenda before the gavel falls.

The Tie That Binds:

How Members Bond & Intervening in the Dropout Track: Too often we think that members automatically feel comfortably connected to our organization. This module details how that bonding process works and how to enhance those relationships. The second part walks through the steps through which members pass when they become detached and begin to fall away from the organization. Specific intervention approaches and techniques are included.

Getting the Word Out . . . and Back:

Developing Effective Communication Strategies: Do you have a detailed plan for communication - or do you assume that it just happens. This process seminar guides you in defining the necessary layers within the concentric circles of communication throughout your organization. Developing effective methods of gathering feedback and interaction are included.

Saturday Night Banquet Topic

James W Daugherty, II MEGHP



Grand Session April 13, 14 2012

Clarion Hotel Columbus, IN

Keys to Membership:
Attracting New Members, Positive Attitudes, Retention:
Creating a positive internal atmosphere and culture with your organization is central to gaining new members and holding on to the members you have.

Bro. Kemerley is a graduate of Carey High School, Bowling Green State University, and the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He is currently serving as the pastor of the Pandora and Riley Creek United Methodist Churches in Putnam County. He and his wife, Deb, live near Pandora, Ohio. Bro. Kemerley is a Past Master (three times) of Carey Lodge No. 420. He is also a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in the York Rite and a 33rd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite. In the Grand Commandery of Ohio, he has served as the Grand Prelate (Chaplain) or the Associate Grand Prelate for many years since 1985 and was the Grand Chaplain for the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons in 1997. Duane began his association with Freemasonry in Carey Chapter, Order of DeMolay, served as a state officer with the Ohio State Council, and continues as an adult leader by serving as the Director of Education and Training for Ohio DeMolay and as an Active Member of the International Supreme Council.



No other artist in history has contributed more to creating new directions for music than Howie Damion. At the early age of 8 years old a passion for the guitar and singing started in the hills of Southern Ohio. His infatuation with music had him practicing as much as eight hours a day. His first standing ovation was in front of 500 people at the age of 10 at a political rally at his elementary school. He could never learn to read music or follow a music sheet because in the late 60's and early 70's little was recognized or known about Dyslexia. Howie says "I always knew something was wrong but I didn't know how to combat it so I found that music somehow helped me build my self esteem and I used it for my own self found therapy" By the time he was 16 he was being sneaked in the back door of a Huntington, West Virginia night club to sing on stage. They would lock the door because he was under age. His mother said "If I would have known it I would have wore him out". His music career was off and running. Performing everywhere there was a crowd including the W. Va. Ski Resorts. His dad saved up the money to take him to Nashville where he was able to meet some great people and started recording a couple of songs. He was heard by a World Class Talent Agency and on the road he went. His dad stepped in and took over as road manager and the fun and the real career started. Howie's dad was a long time Master Mason who set Howie down and explained the importance of considering Freemasonry. He joined. They along with a 5 piece band traveled all over the country together making memories that would last for a lifetime. In most every town his Dad would find the local lodge and invite the brethren to the shows. Often he and his Dad would perform in their lodges and at Masonic Functions. Howie worked with over 200 Major Nashville artists in those years and ended up as one of the hottest acts in Las Vegas. It started taking a major toll on him from 5 shows per night and 7 days a week. After he'd go on for years he called his dad into his room and said "I'm through, I've became a puppet of the business and I've lost my creativity and that's why I started in the first place. I've completely forgot that I love my music". His dad said "Let's go home". Over those years he had became friends and worked for many years with the late great legend Johnny Paycheck. During his rest he wrote the song "The Masonic Ring" from a personal experience that soon became the Masonic Anthem. A whole new career and mission began. His awards are endless and his perseverance and personality is magnetic. He's a true role model for today's youth and a representative of why we should all love and respect the very gift of life.

Message from MEGHP

I want to take a moment of your time and personally invite you to attend our Grand Session. In the enclosed brochure, you'll find all the information you will need to place your reservations. Consider bringing your family with you. I believe a fun time will be had by all. The new location and date of the Grand Session has afforded us to provide warm fellowship, relevant Masonic education, all at an affordable venue for our companions.

We hope you will take full advantage of all the activities, meetings, and education my officers and I have worked so hard to bring to you and your family

The Grand Chapter officers have been blessed to have worked for you this past year, and are looking forward to moving the Grand Chapter to new heights this next year and pledge our continued service to you.

I know that if you walk away from the Grand Session proud to be a Freemason, and even more proud to be a Royal Arch Mason, then we've done our job, and I will be proud to have served you.

Fraternally Yours,

James W Daugherty II MEGHP

Hotel Information

Rates \$85 + taxes per night

Clarion Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn)
2480 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, IN 47201
Hotel Front Desk: 1-812-372-1541

Check-In Time: 4:00 PM
Check-Out Time: 11:00 AM

Large Indoor pool
Whirlpool
Free wireless internet

Ladies Program

Details are still be worked out, but activities will include shopping and architectural tours. There will be a cost of \$20 for the architectural tours to cover transportation and admittance fees.

Friday, April 13th, 2012

Registration from 4:00 PM—6:00

6:30 PM Social Time

7:00 PM Banquet honoring 2011 Officers **

(dress will be coat and tie)

(entertainment by Howie Darren)

Hospitality suite will be open after banquet

Saturday, April 14th, 2012

Registration opens at 6:30 AM

7:45 AM—Opening of Grand Chapter

8:00 Introductions of Distinguished Guests

9:00 AM—Beginning of Grand Session

9:30 AM Ladies brunch and program **

12:00 PM—1:00 PM Lunch & Awards **

1:00 PM—4:00 PM Workshop Sessions

Any mason is invited (\$10 charge for non York Rite Masons)

(See descriptions on back)

4:15 PM Anointed High Priest Degree

6:30 PM Social Time **

7:00 PM Installation **

7:30 PM Banquet Honoring 2012 Officers **

(dress will be formal)

INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS

NAME _____

Sunday, April 15th, 2012

9:00 AM Divine Service

(Rev. George Weister)

**** Childcare available during these events**

Friday night Buffet

Meat entree

Fresh California medley

Parsiled redskin potatoes

Tossed salad

Sherbert/Ice cream

Saturday ladies brunch buffet

X \$15 = _____

Saturday afternoon lunch buffet

X \$20 = _____

Sliced roast beef au jus

Chicken Alfredo

Gaulic herb mash potatoes

Country style green beans

Tossed salad

Assorted pies

Saturday night Buffet

Prime rib buffet

Asiago red skin potatoes

Corn confetti

Tossed salad

Chocolate mousse

Kids meals

Pizza, chicken fingers, mac & cheese

X \$8

Total \$ _____

Please send name, number of tickets per meal, and total amount to

Grand Chapter Sessions

9407 State Road 17

Plymouth, IN 46563

Make checks payable to

INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE , ZIP CODE _____



Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



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January 28, 2012

To: Grand Commandery Family
Re: 158th Annual Conclave

The 158th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, will be held beginning Thursday, April 26, 2012 through Saturday, April 28, 2012. We will again be assembling at the Marriott Hotel, East in Indianapolis.

Enclosed you will find the necessary information pertaining to this joint session with the Grand Council of Indiana. Included with the program is a detachable meal reservation form. Please make all of your meal reservations using this form and mail to the address indicated. Make your room reservations directly with the hotel on the enclosed Reservation Request sheet. The deadline for room reservations is March 24, 2012.

Please note: The Grand Commander's Banquet will be held on Thursday evening. The Annual 3-way Grand York Rite Reception will be held on Friday evening, following the Grand Commandery Conclave.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Paul A. Cole, the officers of Baldwin Commandery No. 2, and the Grand Officers are looking forward to hosting you for this 158th Annual Conclave. Please make your necessary reservations now and plan to attend.

Fraternally,

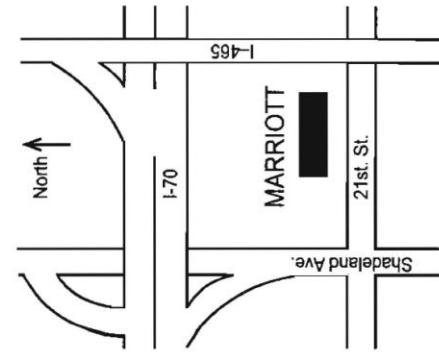
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

Enclosed: Conclave Program
Hotel Reservation Sheet

The Grand Officers of the York Rite Bodies of the State of Indiana wish to welcome you and your Lady to our annual sessions. We hope you will have an enjoyable time with us in Indianapolis.

Please make reservations with the Marriott:

7202 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 352-1231



2012 Grand Session Program



Grand York Rite Bodies of Indiana

157th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana

INDIANA

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES

Illustrious Grand Master's Banquet

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Grand Commandery Divine Services

Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 5:30 PM

Grand Commander Banquet

Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Grand York Rite (3-way) Reception

Friday, April 27, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

All Banquet Dress

Officers and Distinguished Guests:
Men - Templar Uniform, Tuxedo or Business Suit
Ladies - Dinner or Long Dress

MARRIOTT HOTEL EAST

7202 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 352-1231

April 26, 27, 2012 Annual Meetings
April 28, 2012 Competitive Drills



Most Illustrious Grand Master

158TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

Cary H. Snyder and Lady Audrey

Paul A. Cole and Lady Margaret

MARRIOTT HOTEL EAST

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The Marriott is located on the east side of Indianapolis near the interchange of I-465 and I-70. Take the Shadeland Ave. exit off of I-70, travel south on Shadeland Ave. to 21st Street, then turn East (left) on 21st Street to the Marriott. The Marriott is visible from the interstate and Shadeland Ave.

Reservation Request
Indianapolis Marriott Center
7202 East 21st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Direct Line (317) 322-3716 ext. 1230
Fax: (317) 352-9775

Grand York Rite Week

Dates: Wednesday April 22, 2008 - Saturday April 26, 2008
Guest Accommodations

Single/Double/Triple/Quad- \$96.00 + 15% tax
Cutoff date: Monday, March 24, 2008

Name: (please print) _____

Phone # (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Marriott Rewards # _____

For arrival on day/date: _____

Departure on day/date: _____

Name (s) of person (s) sharing

Accommodations: _____

ALL ROOMS ARE SMOKE FREE

# of Rooms	# of Guests	Room Type Preferred
		One (1) King Bed
		Two (2) Double Beds
		Handicap Accessible
		No Preference

Any special requests (Please keep in mind these are not guaranteed):

• _____
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** All preferences are subject to change to availability**

When requesting a reservation, please note your arrival and departure dates carefully. You understand you are liable for one night's room and tax in the event you do not cancel by 6:00pm or arrive on the arrival date. This will be deducted from your deposit or billed through your credit card. If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.

Check or Money Order Enclosed for amount of _____

OR

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration _____

Signature _____

The Indianapolis Marriott East is pleased you have chosen us for your upcoming visit.
Our staff looks forward to serving you in fine Marriott tradition

PLEASE NOTE: Hotel checkout time is 12:00 noon. Hotel check-in time is 4:00 PM. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. ROOMS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE: HOWEVER, THE GROUP RATE IS NOT GUARANTEED.

Indiana Templar Academy 2012

To All Sir Knights:

This year there will be two sessions of the Indiana Templar Academy:

- Fort Wayne Masonic Temple May 5, 2012 Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4
(Host) 216 E Washington Blvd Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3122
- Columbus Masonic Temple June 2, 2012 Columbus Commandery No. 14
(Host) 4131 Rocky Ford Rd Columbus IN 47203-2547

Each session will start at 10:00 A.M. (ET) and end around 3:00 P.M. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 noon. A nominal fee of \$20.00 per person per event will be charged to each Sir Knight in attendance to cover lunch and materials needed to present these academies.

Please remember to bring a notebook and writing instrument, as you will be encouraged to take notes. The digital presentations will be available to access or download online at the Grand Commandery website after the first ITA.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 A.M. (ET) - Officer Selection

presented by SK Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC

What to look for in the selecting of an officer?

How to train and mentor a new officer?

How to deal with a bad officer?

11:00 A.M. (ET) – Membership

presented by SK James L. Bolinger, GSW and

SK Kurt A. Begue, GW

Current Demographics of Templary in Indiana

Good and Bad Methods of Promoting Membership

Membership Lanyard Program

Grand Encampment Membership Award

12:00 Noon - Luncheon

1:00 P.M. (ET) - Planning Your Year as Eminent Commander
presented by SK Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC

*Reception and/or Templar Board to Honor SK's of your Commandery
Activities: Patriotic Duties, Community Presence, Family Events*

1:30 P.M. (ET) - Preparing for Your Inspection
presented by SK Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC

When to start preparing?

Who to get involved?

Tips and Tricks to Pass with Flying Colors!

2:00 P.M. (ET) - Proper Templar Protocol –
presented by SK Henry E. "Hank" LaHurreau, PGC

Saluting: Hand and Sword

Recognizing Templar Uniform Details

Proper use of Titles when addressing SK's

Setting up a Head Table

Please complete the attached form and mail it with payment for the Sir Knights that will be attending the Indiana Templar Academy, along with which location and date to as soon as possible and no later than two weeks prior to the event.

The Committee feels that those Sir Knights that wish to improve their skills should be in attendance. Certificates and pins will be awarded to those who complete the training. We also encourage all ITA graduates to come back and renew what you have learned. Recorders, please read this at your next stated meeting upon receiving this information.

Fraternally yours,

Dwight E Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC, ITA Committee Chairman
1735 S Golden Lake Rd, Angola, IN 46703-8948
(260) 665-6643

Indiana Templar Academy 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

Reservations for attendance must be made at least two weeks prior to the event.

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ @ _____

HOME COMMANDERY _____

LOCATION ATTENDING? (Check one)

Fort Wayne on May 5, 2012

Columbus on June 2, 2012

Please enclose \$20.00 per person per event to cover expenses and lunch

Make check payable to:
Indiana Grand Commandery

Mail to: Dwight E Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC
ITA Committee Chairman
1735 S Golden Lake Rd
Angola IN 46703-8948



**Commandery All Order Day
And
Templar Festive Board**

Eminent Commander Michael Gillard, OPC and the Sir Knights of Noblesville Commandery No. 61, Knights Templar are pleased to announce that a Commandery All Order Day and Templar Festive Board will be held at the Noblesville Masonic Temple; 295 S. 9th. Street; Noblesville, Indiana on

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Beginning at 9 A.M. (ET)

All Indiana Commanderies are invited to bring candidates...

All Commandery Orders will be conferred in full form...

A Templar Festive Board will complete the day...

Reservations are requested for the Templar Festive Board ~ Cost will be \$15.00 per person including candidates for the Orders. Contact EC Michael Gillard at Mdwizard28@att.net cell phone: 765-702-4346