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**Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Of Indiana**

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



On behalf of the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous Holiday Season.

December Birthdays:

Brian Scott Du Bois, 15, 12/2
J. Robert Fiers, GPE, 12/3
Ronald Tungett, KCT, PGC, 12/4
James D. Pinnick, 42, 12/5
Joseph C. Korschot, 14, 12/5
Rowland C. Gorman, GPE, 12/6
Dennis H. Rigsby, Rec. 8, 12/6
Jerry O. Deeter, GPE, 12/8
Joseph L. Scanland, 1, 12/8
Lady Clorissa Jackson, wife of Adam Jackson, GP, 12/9
Lady Brittany Cottrell, wife of Clint R. Cottrell, 16, 12/9
Lady Marna Stahlka, wife of Clay Stahlka, 4, 12/9
Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC, 12/10
Thomas R. Retherford, DBC 5, 12/10
Lady Karen Deeter, wife of Jerry O. Deeter, GPE, 12/14
George Brutchen, 32, 12/15
DeWayne Richmond, Aide to GC, 12/15
Gary A. Nicholson, KTCH, 12/17
Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB, 12/17
James A. Iles, II, 28, 12/18
Michael A. Mang, Rec. 29, 12/18
Kenneth Roy, Jr., 15, 12/19
Joseph K. Hedges, 67, 12/19
Lady Chere Phillips, wife of W. Kris Phillips, PGHP, Rec. 11 & 25, 12/19
Clint R. Cottrell, 15, 12/20
Lady Patricia Robbins, wife of Michael F. Robbins, GJW, 12/20
Lady Monica Peterson, wife of Tony S. Peterson, GPE, Aide to GC, 12/20
Lady Mickey Borchert, wife of Donald L. Borchert, GPE, 12/22
Lady Janel King, wife of Charles King, Rec. 42, 12/22
Matthew T. Hobbs, 2, 12/23
Lady Sally Brindle, wife of Nathan C. Brindle, Rec. 1, 12/24
Lady Rhonda Harper, wife of Thomas Harper, Rec. 62, 12/24
Tyson Howenstine, 4, 12/26
Ronald D. Simpson, KCT, PGC, 12/27
E. Stanton Davis, KTCH, DGIG, 12/29
Lady Beverly LaHurreau, wife of Henry LaHurreau, KCT, PGC, Rec. 4, 12/30
Lady Jill Laudeman, wife of G. Donald Laudeman III, 31, 12/31

“Affection is responsible for nine-tenths of whatever solid and durable happiness there is in our lives.”
— C. S. Lewis

December Anniversaries:

Terry & Wanda Kehrer, 12/7
David & Vickie Gundrum, 12/7
Duane & Georgia Vaught, 12/16
Larry & Suanna Brown, 12/17
Gary & Sally Nicholson, 12/17
Paul & Margaret Cole, 12/18
Virgil & Janice Humphrey, 12/24
John & Marcia LaBounty, 12/24
Roger & Denna Dimond, 12/27
Henry & Beverly LaHurreau, 12/30
Dale & Nancy Foreman, 12/31

“When we think we have been hurt by someone in the past, we build up defenses to protect ourselves from being hurt in the future. So the fearful past causes a fearful future and the past and future become one. We cannot love when we feel fear.... When we release the fearful past and forgive everyone, we will experience total love and oneness with all.”— Gerald G. Jampolsky

Veteran’s Day at the Masonic Home 2014



“What is tolerance? It is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly - that is the first law of nature.”— Voltaire

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana Collectable Medallion



This medallion, designed by John Bridegroom and issued by the Grand Commandery of Indiana, is a fundraiser for the 2018 Triennial to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana during the year that our own Duane Vaught will be the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Your purchase and support is very important. Please consider buying multiple quantities to receive shipping discount and to give away to your friends. Ask any Officer or go to <http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/> to order one, priced at \$10.00 each.

“Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.”— Unknown

Sickness & Distress:

Phoenix Bridegroom: Battles PreB ALL, original diagnosis 10-24-11 and relapse 10-21-14.

To be clear: Phoenix has relapsed, meaning, her cancer is back. The amazing hem/onc team at Memorial Hospital in South Bend acted swiftly this morning when my mom took her into the clinic for a 4-day headache. Phoenix has been airlifted to Riley Hospital due to an extremely high white count, and her oncology team is working on a treatment plan at this very minute. I will post again when I have more information. Your prayers and support are appreciated.

Update: Wednesday, Day 2: Phoenix remains her regular, smiling, sarcastic self and has spent the day watching TV, sleeping, and creating art. The doctors have been busy with constant labs, an EKG, an ultrasound of her heart, a MRI, and a spinal tap. Her white count is still at 400,000, which is what will keep her in ICU, as this is a dangerous count with many possible effects...so she is being monitored closely. John and I met with an oncology doctor this afternoon and we were informed of the plan for the days (weeks, months) ahead. Our goal is to get Phoenix into the condition that would allow her to have a stem cell transplant, which is her only option of beating this cancer. We begin an initial, 30 day, phase of chemo this evening. Our prayers will be for the cancer to respond to the chemo quickly, and for Phoenix's body to tolerate the toxicity of the medication. Your response in love, support, and prayer has been awesome and encourages us in this battle. We love you all.

Update: Friday, Day 4: Moving out of ICU. Yesterday was a tough day. Phoenix started feeling the effects of chemo, and we (mom & dad) realized that we are going down a path with a very mature, intelligent 8 year old who is asking lots of questions and communicating her feelings...and emotionally this is very difficult. Phoenix had some erratic and scary vitals in the night, and a wbc count that was increasing, which led us to a ct scan and a bedside catheter line placement at 2am. The doctors were prepping for an emergency apheresis (blood cleaning) for fear that her thick blood was about to cause a stroke. However, after a last minute cbc the docs saw a decline in the wbc, and she was able to avoid that process. Her vitals have stabilized since that time and this morning we were blessed to hear that her wbc count has amazingly decreased from 500K to 29,000. This means 2 very important things: 1. she is no longer at risk of a stroke or brain bleeds from the thick blood and 2. her cancer is responding to the chemo. Because of this, we will be able to move to the hem/onc inpatient floor today. We are taking this journey one day at a time, and so far today = progress and answered prayers. The immediate future will be chemotherapy and managing the side-

effects of it. I will continue to update as things move forward. I know all of our prayers are being heard, and we appreciate all of you that continue to lift us up.

Update: Sunday, Day 6: Waiting to go home. All things considered, Phoenix is doing very well today. She has experienced some severe leg pain, dizziness, and a sore throat and jaw today. Her docs have drawn a blood culture and started an antibiotic (sore throat & pain) and fluconazole (for thrush) as precautionary measures, while they wait for labs. The doctors want to send us home as soon as they can, and it looks like that could be any day now. Of course, things can change quickly, but I am very optimistic tonight. Once we get out of the hospital she will receive a chemo infusion, in an outpatient setting, for the next 3 Wednesdays. If she is healthy enough, we hope to use Memorial Children's Pediatric Hem/Onc Clinic in South Bend. Our prayers are now for zero pain, zero nausea, and zero infection. We are very much looking forward to sleeping in our own beds and Phoenix cannot wait to see her sister and her cats. Much love and many thanks to you all.

Update: 10/29: We have been out of the hospital for a couple of days and are very happy to be home, even with all these meds. Phoenix had a clinic appointment today in South Bend and received her weekly chemo infusion. She is doing mostly very well, with moments of leg pain (from the steroids) and overall fatigue. Before we left Riley, John and I met with the transplant coordinator, and were able to get a "bigger picture" idea of what the road ahead may look like. We are hoping to wipe out all traces of leukemia with a few months of chemo, have a donor ready to rock, and then on to the marrow/stem cell transplant phase. Diva, John, and I have all given blood to be analyzed against Phoenix's, in hopes of one of us being a match for her transplant. If we do not match well enough, then the team will start looking in the donor registry, and then the cord blood registry. The hospital will NOT test any individual specifically to be her donor. However, we do encourage everyone to visit "Be The Match" at <http://bethematch.com/Support-the-Cause/Donate-bone-marrow/Join-the-marrow-registry/> and get yourself on the registry. We are feeling very optimistic about making it to transplant in a timely fashion, and welcome all of your prayers and positive thoughts to help us along! Tammy.

Update 11/3: Today has been, well, interesting/stressful/ugh. We started the day off in South Bend's clinic for labs & possibly a platelet transfusion & have ended up inpatient for a headache that comes outta nowhere at a 12 on a pain scale of 0-10. Today Phoenix has endured an MRI (came back with good results) an EKG (borderline normal) labs (nearly zero ANC) and now an EEG (results pending). My poor babe has been dealing with leg pain, and this new headache is just too much. The docs are ruling out all the major concerns & trying to find the root of it, while trying to find a pain med that helps. Tonight we pray for wisdom for the doctors and relief from pain for my girl. Amen. Thank you.

Update 11/4: Quick update: We are hoping that Phoenix will be able to be discharged tomorrow afternoon, after her chemo infusion and spinal chemo injection. She had a rough night last night, but today, after upgrading her pain medication to morphine, she has been doing much better. She has spent the day receiving a necessary blood transfusion, playing Go-Fish with a volunteer, watching TV, and resting. It seems that the cause of her pain is simply side-effects of her treatment, and unfortunately, she must remain on these meds, according to her protocol. Thank you for all of your care, concern, and prayers. Love, Tammy.

Update 11/5: We have arrived at home.

Update 11/9: After some time of reflection, I am able to share with you that we were informed last week that we do not have a match for Phoenix's bone marrow transplant within our immediate family. We will now be waiting for our team to search for a donor from the registry. Our family would like to urge you to visit **Be The Match** online and find out how easy it is to join this life-saving registry. Someone could be waiting for you. **Join the bone marrow registry:** Be The Match® is a global leader in bone marrow transplantation. We conduct research to improve transplant outcomes provide support and resources for patients, and partner with a global network.

Update 11/12: It is so hard to know how to respond to the question "How is Phoenix doing?" We have been saying "She's doing ok. She's hanging in there." This photo sums up how our days are being spent. Clinically speaking, she is doing very well...treatment is going along as planned, and her blood counts have gone up and down as they should, showing us that her body is responding to the chemo. Physically she feels

exhausted and she is in pain most of the time. There is GOOD news though! We have received word from our stem cell transplant team that they have located a few possible donors for Phoenix, and will be continuing the process to narrow it down to The One. Also Phoenix was very happy to hear that one of her favorite people, Mrs. Herman, will be coming over next week to begin homebound tutoring. Tomorrow she receives chemo at the clinic and next week she will get a bone marrow aspiration to determine the amount of leukemia remaining in the marrow. We will pray for zero % leukemia present in her MRD (minimal residual disease) report. Thank you for caring about our amazing fighter.

Update 11/21: Please join us in prayer, meditation, positive thinking, and hoping...this morning, for Phoenix Faith's Bone Marrow Aspiration to show no leukemia cells. Thank you for taking a moment to lift her up this morning. Love to you all.

Update 11/22: Dear Friends, we will not know the results from Phoenix's BMA until next week some time, so stayed tuned for that. In the mean time, she has a short break from chemo over this Thanksgiving week, and begins her next chemo phase (Dec. 1st) with a 5-day inpatient infusion. Our goal this week is to hug and visit and laugh and feast with the people we love so much. I recommend that you all do the same, and be mindful of how MUCH you have to be thankful for...for we are all truly blessed. Love, Tammy.

Peter T. Zivanovich, KCT, PGC: Last month I reported that I talked to Pete and he told me that he had a heart attack and was in the hospital and was being moved to a rehabilitation center in Boynton Beach. He was doing better and expected to go home on Labor Day.

Update10/25: While Pete was in the rehabilitation center, he had another heart attack. Thankfully, he survived that and is doing better. Pete came home on the 23rd of October. Unfortunately, the story does not end there. He discovered that his condo was broken into and he was robbed of all his Masonic memorabilia and any other valuables the thieves could get their hands on, many of great sentimental and/or cost value. Pete has not been through enough with his health problems and all to have to put up with a robbery. Understandably, Pete was pretty down about the whole situation. Please keep Pete in your prayers. He can be reached at 561-734-6097. I'm sure he would like to hear from you.

Donald L. Borchert, GPE: Well after 8 hours in the ER they finally admitted Don to a room. The pain on the hip side was so bad this morning he could barely walk. Had to call an ambulance to take him to Community Hosp. Going to try and control his pain and have an orthopedic doctor look at hip. Please keep him in your prayers. And on my way home I stopped at urgent care and got told I have another kidney stone. Isn't life GRAND! Oh well got to make some lemonade.....

Update 8/29: Don is home resting.

Update 8/30: Don went back into the hospital with severe hip pain.

Update 9/1: Don was released and is now home.

Update 9/11: Here is where we are now. Saw Dr. Paprosky from Rush yesterday. He confirms hip has moved; will have to be replaced. Not sure why? Will do blood work in 10 days to see if there is infection. If not he is recommending another Doctor to do surgery. He can't do it till Dec. 3rd or Jan. 27th. TOO LONG. We see Dr. Levine on the 30th; surgery tentatively Oct. 9th at Rush in Chicago. If there is infection, it's a whole new ball game! We won't go into that till we know. By the way the fused ankle is doing well.

Update 9/30: Don update: Surgery Oct.16th to take out this hip and put in a spacer. Then 8 weeks with the spacer; 6weeks on anti-biotic, 2 off. If everything looks good, new hip goes in then; which would be 2 weeks before Christmas. Got to get lots of protein in him! Mickey.

Update 10/19: Hello everyone, Well Don's surgery went well over 4 hours. When they opened the hip it was loaded with infection, so bad it was eating the bone. So they had to put plate and screws to hold the bone together to mend. They also put a spacer in; so it will be 6 weeks of antibiotics, 2 weeks off, than next surgery to put in new hip if the infection is gone. Doctor doesn't know how he was walking on it. Let's just hope the fused ankle holds up. He'll be in hospital 3-5 days. Mickey

Update 10/21: Update: Don still at Rush. Will be transferred to Kindred (where he was for ankle) probably tomorrow. He had Pic line put in for antibiotics he has to go on. No weight bearing on right side AT ALL! That's why he can't come home yet. Keep him in your prayers, please. Mickey

Update 11/8: Thursday he got 36 staples out, 51 to go on Monday. He is now sitting on the edge of the bed for every meal. They did have him in therapy on Thursday, but let him slide on Friday and just do it all in his room. He was in the wheel chair for about an hour. As soon as we can get him to transfer easier he'll be able to come home; before the next surgery.

Update 11/30: Don update: Hello everyone hope everyone had a safe Blessed Thanksgiving! It looks like Don will be coming home Wednesday or Friday. He finishes IV antibiotic Friday, so unless I can give it to him at home it will be Friday. At least that will give him a couple of weeks at home until the next surgery on the 18th. Thanks for all the cards, calls and visits; but most of all the prayers! Mickey.

Ishmael D. Ison, Sr., PGM: I have contacted my doctor and they have postponed my hip operation until December 9, 2014. Ish.

Dick Kaufman fell and landed flat on his back and put a hole in his lower spinal cord he is much better now although they couldn't repair the hole he is getting around with a scooter and a special van he can drive while still on his scooter. Alan W Kaufman PGHP

“The happiest people in the world are those who feel absolutely terrific about themselves, and this is the natural outgrowth of accepting total responsibility for every part of their life.”— Brian Tracy

Indiana Deaths:

William Fulgraf, PM of McKinley Lodge #712 in 1985 passed away. There will be a Masonic service on Thursday 11/6 at 7:30 pm at Elmwood Chapel Funeral Home, St. John Location, 11300 West 97th Lane, St. John, Indiana 46373; Phone: (219) 365-3474; Visitation from 2 – 8 pm on Thursday 11/6; Funeral service at Elmwood on Friday 11/7 beginning at noon. Dennis Goulet PM # 712

John Cheeley: John T. "Elf" Cheeley, June 2, 1939 - November 16, 2014.

John was born to the late Henry G. and Helen Landwehr Cheeley June 2, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri. After high school, John joined the US Army and retired after a distinguished career of 25 years as a Sergeant Major. He was an active member in the Boy Scouts of America, since 1947, and was awarded Scouting's distinguished honor of Silver Beaver in 1995. He was a member of the Firecrafter organization, where he was awarded its highest rank, Minisino. His memberships included Sojourner Masonic Lodge #768 F. & A. M.; a Knight Templar in York Rite; Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite; and Murat Shrine. Survivors include wife, Susan Cheeley; children, Chris J. Karnes, Keith J. Karnes, Steve (Jennifer) K. Karnes; brother, James Cheeley; 3 grandchildren, Alex, Allison, Abigail Karnes; great grandson, Sawyer Karnes and a niece and 2 nephews. Calling will be Wednesday, November 19, 2014, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 West Main Street. Chaplain Charles Stanley will officiate a funeral 1:00 PM, Thursday, November 20 at the Indiana Masonic Home, Ransford Chapel, 690 State Street Franklin, IN 46131 with calling 1 hour prior. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Indiana Masonic Home, Boy Scouts of America or any veteran charities of your choice.

Charles Richard "Dick" Giesman: Larry, I report, with great sadness, the passing of Charles Richard "Dick" Giesman, KYCH. Dick was a Charter member and Past Master of Constellation Lodge No. 748 serving as WM in 1977. He was a Past High Priest of Evansville Chapter No. 12 RAM, Past Illustrious Master of Simpson Council No. 23 CM and Past Eminent Commander of LaValette Commander No. 15 KT. He served as Eminent Commander in 1973. (I am researching the dates he was High Priest and Illustrious Master). He was a member of Robert A. Woods Priory No. 62, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Dick was called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 AD; 6014

AL. This was the day of Constellation Lodge's Stated meeting for November. Doth endeth the life of a Just and Upright Mason. Constellation Lodge No. 748 F&AM will conduct a Masonic Memorial at Alexander Funeral Home, East Chapel; 2115 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN at 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 16. Members of the Craft are asked to arrive no later than 4:30 pm CST. There will be a Knight York Cross of Honour walk through at 4:45pm.

“Two tired eyes are sleeping, two willing hands are still. For one who suffered far too much is resting in God's will. You never said goodbye to us, perhaps its just as well, we never could have said goodbye to one we loved so well.” — Unknown

Red Book Directory Changes:

Cary H. Snyder new E-Mail: Courtaun@me.com

J. Robert (Bob) Fiers, GPE new address: 7620 Newport Bay Dr E, Indianapolis, IN 46240

“Confidence... thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection and on unselfish performance. Without them it cannot live.”— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Important Dates:

Wed. December 3, 2014. 7:00 PM Stated Meeting with debut of the 12th degree video. You won't want to miss this one as the entire cast is comprised of members of the Indianapolis Valley! Grab your Passport and come to the Cathedral for a very special evening. Following a short business session, we will show the recently released DVD of the 12th Degree. Every member of the cast is a member of the Indianapolis Valley and has been invited to attend this presentation. Following the closing, we will retire to the Ballroom for a reception honoring the cast and production crew of this degree. Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to the honorees. The Double Eagle Cafe will be open for dinner from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for your dining pleasure.

Sat. December 6, 2014. Frankfort Commandery No. 29 cordially invites you to their Inspection/Reception on December 6, 2014 at the Asylum of Frankfort Commandery No. 29, 210 E Main St, Frankfort IN, 46041. We will gather at 1 PM (ET). We will open at 2 PM (ET) followed by the exemplification of the Order of the Temple. We will have 2-4 candidates. The 10-Man Open Reception will begin following the Order of the Temple. A dinner will immediately follow the Open Reception and reservations are required. There will be a program for the ladies. Dinner cost is \$10.00 per person and must be reserved in advance in order to properly prepare enough food for the evening. As always, we encourage bringing guests and look forward to you attending. Please join us in honoring The Grand Officers of the Indiana Grand Commandery and having dinner with them. Reservations must be made in advance and received by November 28, 2014. Please make checks payable to Frankfort Commandery No. 29. Fraternaly, Virgil G. Humphrey, KCT, KTCH, Treasurer, 1004 N Prairie St, Frankfort, IN 46041-1451
PH: 765-652-1020; lund.vgh@gmail.com

Mon. December 8, 2014. Jerry Burns will receive the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Award of Gold. Please consider celebrating this milestone in his Masonic journey at the Terre

Haute Masonic Temple, 224 N 8th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807 at a 7:00 PM reception for him. If unable to attend, I am sure he would appreciate a card. Jerry L. Burns, 2444 N 14th St, Terre Haute, IN 47804-2426
Contact: Mark Kester at 812-466-3319 or makester33@hotmail.com

Sat. December 13, 2014.

2:00 PM – Indy AASR Children's Christmas Party. One of the most popular events of the year - I am sure you won't want to miss. An outstanding program of entertainment will begin in the Theater at 2:00 PM, followed by refreshments in the Grand Hall. Santa will be on hand to visit with each and every child present, so grab your children, grandchildren or even your neighbor's children and join us for this great day.

Sun. December 14, 2014.

2:00 PM – Indy AASR Carillon Concert followed by Orchestra/Chorus/Organ Concert. Prior to the Concert, the bells will be ringing in our bell tower! A carillon concert will begin at 2:00 PM, so arrive early to enjoy the sounds of the Holidays. At 3:00 PM our Orchestra and Chorus, accompanied by our Organist will perform their annual Holiday Concert. Cathedral Tours available from Noon - 3:00 PM.

December 12 - 23, 2014.

Twelve consecutive days of music for the Holiday Season: Enjoy Holiday music from the Carillon daily at 12 noon and 2:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

January 20, 2015.

St. Bernard de Clairvaux will confer the Degree of Past Sovereign Master degree on anyone who is entitled and has not received the degree, and would like to receive it on January 20, 2015. We will meet at the Murat Shrine Club in Indianapolis for a Social Hour at 5:30 pm order off the menu at 6:30 and hope to start the degree by 7:30. Please pass this information along to any Venerable Brother who has been installed as Sovereign Master and would like to attend. We did not plan on having the degree just before the AMD week but it worked out that way. If you are planning on going to AMD week and you want you can still attend and receive the degree here. You can then attend during the degree in Washington. I don't think there is a charge for just attending but there was a small fee when I received my degree in Washington DC. I ask that you please contact me to make a reservation for attending. For those who have not received the degree and would like the certificate I would ask for a \$2.00 donation to cover the cost of the certificates I received from the Grand Secretary. We also need a count to be sure to have a room large enough to accommodate everyone. PLEASE pass the word to ALL your present and Past Sovereign Masters that they are invited to attend by giving me their reservations. (Name) Fraternaly, George A. Ingles, Jr., Secretary

Feb 12 - Feb 15, 2015.

Masonic Week in Reston, VA Program now posted at:
<http://www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek>. Here is your link to making hotel reservations: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AMDMasonic2015>

Fri. February 20, 2015.

Isley York Rite College No. 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN 46126; Called Assembly ay 7:30 PM (ET). Contact: David Willoughby at home: (317) 837-1098, e-mail: dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com

Sat. February 28, 2015.

Tri-State York Rite Festival – First Part at Bryan Masonic Lodge
117 N. Lynn St, Bryan, OH 43506
09:00 AM Mark Master Degree
10:15 AM Past Master Degree
11:00 AM Most Excellent Master Degree
12:45 PM Royal Arch Degree
Lunch
02:15 PM Royal Master Degree
03:00 PM Select Master Degree
04:00 PM Super Excellent Master Degree
Contact: Mike Anderson at 260-665-9376 or candacraig2@re-comm.net

Sat. March 7, 2015.

Tri-State York Rite Festival – Second Part at Angola Masonic Temple
35 S Public Sq, Angola, IN 46703
09:00 AM Order of the Red Cross
10:15 AM Order of Malta
12:15 PM Order of the Temple
Contact: Mike Anderson at 260-665-9376 or candacraig2@re-comm.net

Sat. March 21, 2015.

Isley York Rite College No 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No 279, 4810 N 450 W,
Fairland, IN; 1 PM (ET) Knight of York; Contact: David Willoughby at (317)
837-1098 or e-mail: dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com

Friday, April 10-11, 2015.

Grand Session Grand Chapter in Fort Wayne, Indiana
Contact: Jeff Jordan at 317-650-1233 or jeffjdn@att.net

Sat. April 18, 2015.

Masonic Education Notice: Westchester Masonic Temple, 10210 Canterbury Street, Westchester, Illinois

- Author, Speaker, Pennsylvanian Certified Masonic Scholar **Shawn Gorley!!!**
- Assistant Grand Historian of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and Howard University Alumni **James Morgan III**
- Speaker and Masonic Scholar **Dr. E. Oscar Alleyne**, Grand Lodge of New York
- Chairman of the Commission on Bogus Masonic Practices for the Phylaxis Society, the Premier Prince Hall Academic Research Society, Brother **Antoine Lilly**
- Author and Masonic Speaker **Todd Creason**
- Speaker and host of the Whence You Came podcast **Robert Johnson**
- Keynote Speaker **Russ Schlosser**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights Templar for the State of Illinois

Members of the Roundtable Discussion Group found at themasonicroundtable.com will be on hand as well!!!!

All of these incredible Masonic educators, lunch, Festive Board, and keepsake firing glass, all in one event for only \$40.00!!!!

Please send your payment of \$40 to reserve your place made payable to:
Pleiades Lodge No. 478, 10210 Canterbury Street, Westchester, Illinois 60154
Attn: Pleiades Education Symposium

To pay online, please go to: [Pleiades Lodge No. 478 2nd Annual Educational Symposium](#)

Clear your schedules for April 18, 2015!!!! The 2nd Annual Masonic Education Symposium is here!!! This is a Master Mason only event.

Charles M. Harper Sr., charpersr@yahoo.com

Sat. September 12, 2015. Date for the Masonic Home Festival.

Sat. October 10, 2015. Grand Master's York Rite Festival in Evansville

November 6, 2015. **RSKO – 2015 Annual Convivial – Louisville, KY**

November 7, 2015. **SRICF – 2015 Annual High Council Meeting – Louisville, KY**

To Members of the SRICF, Since the recent release of the Program for Masonic Week, we have received a number of inquiries about the plans of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. After several years of discussions, among the Officers and Chief Adepts, it has been decided that our Annual Meeting would be more centrally located and at a time less susceptible to inclement weather.

The High Council will meet on November 7, 2015 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY. The RSKO (Royal Society of Knights Occidental) will have their annual Convivial, the night before on November 6, 2015 at the same location. Room rates will be \$129.00 with special parking rates, and free shuttle service to and from the airport. Check out the Brown Hotel at www.brownhotel.com. Those of you who miss the elegance of the Hotel Washington are going to love this Hotel. Reservations may be made by calling 888-888-5252. Tell them you are with SRICF to receive our rate or on-line by going to:

<https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1205886&hotelID=13721>

Keep watching our website www.sricf.org for the schedule and meal order forms.

Dan Pushee, Webmaster SRICF

“When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity.” — John F. Kennedy

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Around the Encampment:

I have just been informed that Sir Knight Howard Hatt of Springfield, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont in 2003 passed away Saturday, November 15th, 2014.

“The keys to patience are acceptance and faith. Accept things as they are, and look realistically at the world around you. Have faith in yourself and in the direction you have chosen.” — Ralph Marston

2015 BUS TRIP ITINERARY

TUESDAY – MARCH 31st LaQuinta – Indy

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 1st

6:00 A.M. Bus Arrives at the Indianapolis LaQuinta. We will load the snacks, drinks, etc. for the trip
6:00 A.M. – 6:30 A.M. Passengers eat breakfast at the LaQuinta
6:30 A.M. Load luggage
6:45 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. Depart LaQuinta
Approx. 9:30 A.M. Potty stop (ten minutes)
12:00 P.M. Lunch in Summersville, WV
1:00 P.M. Leave lunch and visit Kirkwood Winery in Summersville
4:00 P.M. Depart the Winery
6:00 P.M. Potty stop (fifteen minutes)
7:00 P.M. Check into the Sleep Inn hotel in Staunton, VA
9:00 P.M. Dinner on own at nearby restaurant.

THURSDAY – APRIL 2nd

6:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M. Breakfast at the Motel
7:45 – 8:00 A.M. Reload the luggage onto the bus
8:00 A.M. Depart Hopewell, VA for Williamsburg, VA to visit historic Colonial Williamsburg. We will be on our own to tour the town at our own speed.
Lunch on our own.
4:30 P.M. All meet for dinner at a Williamsburg restaurant (TBA)

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Tour Williamsburg Masonic Lodge
7:15 P.M. Return to bus to leave for Arlington Hilton, Arlington, VA
9:45 P.M. Check into Hilton

FRIDAY – APRIL 3rd

Breakfast on own
9:15 A.M. Depart for House of the Temple, in Washington D.C. (home of the Scottish Rite)
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Tour the House of the Temple
12:00 P.M. – Depart for lunch on our own in the Adams Morgan District of DC (a colorful, diverse neighborhood of stores and restaurants)
1:45 P.M. The bus will pick us up and take us either to tour the Eastern Star building, or back to the hotel for an afternoon off to rest or explore the area and shopping opportunities
5:30 P.M. We will meet in the Hospitality Room for pizza that will arrive at 6:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M. Those that wish may board the bus to take a ride into D.C. to take some sunset and night photos of some of America's most well known landmarks
9:30 – 10:00 P.M. Return to hotel

SATURDAY – APRIL 4th

Breakfast on own
8:00 A.M. Leave for Arlington Cemetery
8:30 A.M. Board the tram for the beginning of our tour of Arlington Cemetery

9:15 A.M. approx. the tram will leave us at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for our Wreath Laying at 10:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M. (after the Wreath Laying) we continue on the tram for the drive through Arlington.

11:45 A.M. Board bus for our tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Arlington, VA (Snacks on board the bus)

12:30 P.M. Our tour begins. After our tour we will return to hotel. Lunch on own or left over pizza & salad in the Hospitality Room

That evening is our Banquet with the Grand Encampment in the Hotel at 6:00 P.M.



SUNDAY – APRIL 5th

6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. Breakfast with the Grand Encampment in Hotel
7:30 A.M. leave for the George Washington Masonic Memorial for our Easter Service
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. The Commandery March and Easter Service
9:00 A.M. approx. – return to Hotel for quick change and loading of bus
10:00 A.M. depart for Indianapolis
Stops every couple hours for potty breaks, lunch and dinner
10:00 P.M. arrive at the LaQuinta, Indy

All times and tours are subject to change depending on tour availability. Unavailable tours will be replaced with a pleasant alternative!



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**Schedule: Saturday, February 28, 2015 8 AM to 4:30 PM, EST in Bryan, OH
Bryan Masonic Lodge, 117 N Lynn St.**

**Saturday, March 7, 2015 8 AM to 4:00 PM EST in Angola, IN
Angola Masonic Lodge, 35 S Public Square**

(Each day: registration at 8 AM - degrees starts at 9 AM)

This York Rite Class is the 42ND annual Tri-State Festival which is hosted and casted by the York Rite bodies of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Candidates are to petition their local York Rite body and need to attend both Saturdays. Meal cost each day is \$10.00, which is paid on day of event. Attendance and meal reservation deadline is February 15, 2015. Indiana candidates and/or members who are attending are to send reservations to: Michael Anderson, 484 N 600 E, Angola, IN 46703 or call (260)665-9376 or email candacraig2@re-comm.net.

Inquiries can be sent to: Vernon T. Barnhart, Chairman, Tri-State Festival at vbarnhart@yahoo.com

Schedule: February 28, 2015 – Bryan, Ohio

09:00 AM Mark Master Degree
10:15 AM Past Master Degree
11:00 AM Most Excellent Master Degree
Noon Lunch
12:45 PM Royal Arch Degree
2:15 PM Royal Master Degree
3:00 PM Select Master Degree
3:30 PM Super Excellent Master Degree (Ample Form)

Schedule: March 7, 2015 – Angola, Indiana

09:00 AM Order of the Red Cross
10:15 AM Order of Malta
11:30 AM Lunch
12:15 PM Order of the Temple

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