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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

“Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.”— Denis Waitley



Happy Valentines' Day

“Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence. A time to let go and allow people to hurl themselves into their own destiny. And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it's all over.” — Octavia Butler

February Birthdays

Steven A. Arlington, GM3V, 41, 28, 2/2
Basil K. Isaac, GS, 2/2
Lady Betty Boner, wife of Franklin C. Boner, KCT, PGC, PDC, 2/2
Herbert G. Roach, KCT, PGC, 2/4
Todd Haug, 32, 2/4
Lady Valerie Rader, wife of Dirk Rader, DBC 6, 2/5
Walter J. Colburn, Rec. 3, 2/6
J. William Meyers, GPE, 45, 2/6
Tony S. Peterson, GPE, GSwdB, 2/8
Lady Rita Gibson, wife of Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC, 2/13
SK Charles E. Johnson, GPE, 2/13
Lady Rae Ann Ostenberg, wife of William H. Ostenberg, 28, 2/13
Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT, PGC, Rec. 4, 2/14
Lady Vickie Willoughby, wife of David Willoughby, GW, 2/15
Lady Faye Prairie, wife of James W. Prairie, KCT, PGC, 2/16
Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, MWPGM, REDGM, 2/17
Lady Marlene Fiers, wife of J. Robert Fiers, GPE, 2/18
Lady Sally Nicholson, wife of Gary Nicholson, Aide, 2/20
Lady Shelley Craig, wife of Arthur J. Craig, III, 12, 2/22
Michael C. Anderson, Aide, DBC 2, 2/23
Lady Wilma Maupin, wife of Max Maupin, PMIGM, Rec. 32, 2/23
David N. Chaffee, 31, 2/23
Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, 2/25
Charles D. Wood, Jr., RIGR, 2/25
Gregory E. Snipes, GPE, 2/26
Aaron Taylor, 28, 2/28

February Anniversaries:

Thomas & Linda Retherford, 2/1
Mark & Barbara Kester, 2/14
Bobby & Fay Roberts, 2/16
Wayne & Joanne Ithier, 2/16
Ronald & Pat Tungett, 2/23



*“Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”—
St. Francis of Assisi*

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.

“You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.”— Aristotle

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.

Update 12/5: Many people have asked me for an update on our favorite 8 year old, so here we go. Hello to you all from Riley Hospital. Phoenix was admitted on Monday, as scheduled, for a week long chemo infusion. We should be on our way home, but as most "best laid plans" go...we are not. Phoenix has had a week full of ups and downs (mostly fever up, blood pressure down) and so we will remain inpatient until she is well. Her team suspects that she has a stomach virus, and it is currently making her miserable. We will stay put until her fever goes away, her pain is under control, and maybe as a bonus she will eat/drink.

Preliminary bone marrow testing has shown that Phoenix has achieved remission, and docs will be re-checking with another BMA in a few weeks. Once we can get discharged from this stay, we will be back for more high dose chemo right before Christmas...after a few weeks of recovery from chemo, (sometime in January) we will be getting pre-stem cell transplant work-ups, and then rollin' into the transplant world.

John and I would like to thank all of you who have sent Phoenix cards and gifts, and I beg your forgiveness for my lack of proper "thank you" cards. The nurses, therapists and doctors have been fantastic and are so proud to have seen their favorite patient on TV & in the latest Riley magazine. We welcome continued prayers for remission, resolving viruses, and comfort from side effects. Thank you all for caring and loving.

Update 12/14: Dear Friends, we had a very scary day yesterday, but I am happy to report that today is so much better. On Thursday evening Phoenix was admitted to Memorial Children's in South Bend for a neutropenic fever. Things were par for the course until yesterday afternoon when John and I witnessed a few neurological "episodes" that scared us beyond words. She was nearly hysterical, said she couldn't see, and wasn't making any sense. With her brain injury history, and her current low platelets, we suspected hemorrhaging or seizure related problems. Phoenix was transported directly to Riley Hospital after CT scan showed no evidence of bleeding or masses on her brain. She has done great since she has been here, and has had no additional scary "episodes". She is scheduled for an MRI today, in order to rule out anything viral in her CNS, but we do not expect to find anything. After all the teams have examined her and consulted, it looks as though she may have experienced a hallucinogenic, paranoid "high" from a drug she was taking for

nausea. Needless to say, this drug has been discontinued. We know we will be home real soon. Please keep our sweet girl in your thoughts and prayers. Tammy

Update 1/1: Quick update on Phoenix: She is doing well, her mtx level is coming down very quickly (yay), but she spiked a fever at 2am (boo) and so now we will have to be fever-free for 24 hours before discharge. She isn't showing any other symptoms of being ill, other than having low hemoglobin. SO, our plan is: continue IV fluids to clear the mtx, once cleared she will need a blood transfusion (to boost the hg), then (if no more fevers) we head home. She had a great day yesterday visiting and playing air hockey with Grandma and Poppo, who came down to keep us company. We wish you all a Happy New Year!

Update 1/12: Today Phoenix went to the clinic in South Bend to get her labs checked and all of her numbers were fabulous. She has recovered from her methotrexate crash, and is eating, drinking, playing, and doing school work with Mrs. Herman! We are on a break from Riley Hospital, and do not have to return until January 26th. That is when Phoenix will begin her pre-transplant (vital organ) testing that will include: chest x-ray, spinal tap, bone marrow biopsy, kidney function study GFR, EKG, CT of maxillofacial area, echocardiogram, pulmonary function study, audiometric testing, dental exam, and blood work. Once we have the results of these tests, we will know how to proceed. Transplant is still on track for early February. Thank you for continuing to encourage, support, and pray for Phoenix and our whole family.

Update 1/21: Phoenix will begin her pre-transplant testing tomorrow morning at the Riley Outpatient Center. (I listed all the tests in my previous post). This is sooner than we anticipated, but are happy to be moving forward. We will get to stay at the Ronald McDonald House and are excited to look for Phoenix's heart on the Heart Wall. Although she is covered in an annoying rash from her oral chemo, Phoenix has been feeling good and is in great spirits. Last week she was able to visit with her 2nd grade class and even attended a Girl Scout meeting! Yesterday Grandma Lisa took us to Chicago and we had a fantastic day at the Museum of Science and Industry. Our latest transplant update has Phoenix scheduled to begin radiation on Feb.10th, and then the transplant on Feb.17th. This week we shall direct our thoughts and prayers for the best test results possible and continued health and strength for Phoenix. Additionally, please pray for, and encourage, John and I to set aside our fears (that grow as we get closer to February), stay strong in our faith, and believe in the complete healing of our girl. We could not do this alone...you all are such an important part of this journey...your love helps to fuel us, and we thank you for being "here". Love on.

Update 1/28: Today I would like to welcome all of our new "friends and family" that have joined our page from Brummitt Elementary! Mrs. [Elissa Ellis Dortmund](#) and the student council have thoughtfully provided all of Phoenix's schoolmates and teachers with bracelets to wear in support of her battle. (Insert smiles and warm fuzzies here.) As Phoenix continues to prepare for the bone marrow transplant, she still has many appointments and exams coming up. This week she will have dental work done at Riley Outpatient Center and will do a radiation simulation at the cancer center. Next week she will see Dr. Delgado, our stem cell doctor, for an exam and a family consultation, where he will give Phoenix the low-down on what is going to happen. Later in the week she is going to have outpatient surgery to remove her port, and have it replaced with a double-lumen central line. She will also visit her ophthalmologist. Phoenix has been feeling very good these days and has been spending her time with big sister [Diva](#), grandparents, cousins, and favorite great-aunts. As always, our family is humbled and grateful for all of the kind words, concern, and support that come from this group. Love to you all!

Update 1/30: TBI (total body irradiation) begins with precise measuring, marking, and body moldings. The machine in front is a \$5 million Cancer killer. (Not the technical name). In the background you can see Phoenix getting a mattress molded to fit her body, so she is in the same position every day. Dr. Buchsbaum is trying to download "Sleeping Beauty" on his iPad for her, lol. In the foreground you can see the finished mold for her right side.



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 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.

Update 12/1: Well folks it looks like Don will be coming home Saturday morning. He gets his final antibiotic Friday night. So he'll have almost 2 weeks home before the next surgery on the 18th.

Update 12/1: We brought Don home today, so it was a Great day!

Update 1/5: Well folks, let's hope the 3rd time is the charm! Had doctor appointment today; visiting nurse was concerned with the drainage from the surgery site. Doctor very concerned with the amount it still was draining. So Thursday we are back at Rush for another surgery! Will look and see what is going on, do cultures and inspect hip. Hoping this will be the end of it. Prayers please!

Update 1/8: Mickey Borchert wanted me to let everyone know that Don is doing great. He is recovering from a 3rd surgery. Doctor was able to clean out infection and put a hip back in. So now, we wait on culture results.

Update 1/10: Don is still at Rush to probably Monday or Tuesday. Primary results show MRSA and another bacteria. We will know more on Monday. Therapy is going well. Will have pic line in for IV antibiotics for 6 weeks, plus a oral antibiotic for 6 months. No loss of advancement from this set back. Has his cell phone if anyone wants to call. We still have to figure a way home.

Update 1/23: Don Update: The saga continues! He is now allergic to the IV antibiotic! He has a rash all over his arms and legs. Start another one tomorrow!

Update 1/28: Finally! A good Update! On new antibiotic for 6 weeks, local doctor for this! Surgeon today, 1/2 the stitches out! Partial weight bearing! See surgeon in 6 weeks! Yeah!!!!!!

Floyd Sendmeyer Update: Dear Friends, I just returned from the hospital--long day because the plastic surgery was delayed until this afternoon because of a couple emergencies that had to be done first. He came through it just fine and is resting comfortably right now. His vitals are good, but he was "asleep" for lack of a better word and not as responsive as he had been before the surgery. He responded to both Amanda (granddaughter) and me with toe wiggles, arm movements, and so forth. The surgery was delayed so long the medical team decided to postpone the extubation until tomorrow, and we hope his lungs will be in better

shape and able to work more effectively. The surgery today was an eyelid repair/skin graft which was necessary and successful. I spoke to the critical care doctor, the neurosurgeon, and the plastic surgeon at some point today and they all three had positive remarks. I also got out to Lowe's to have a new set of house keys made so my sister can get into the house to retrieve things for me. It is going to be a long hard ordeal to get him back, but we'll get the job done. Thanks to you all for all your thoughts and prayers, and I appreciate all your efforts and support. Love to you all, Carole

Update 12/28: Floyd was successfully extubated today and is holding his own. His oxygen level is good and he is coughing on his own. He still hasn't opened eyes, but we are hopeful it will happen tomorrow. Today has been a very good day. Carole

Update 1/1: First of all, Happy New Year, dear friends. I went to bed early after a short trip back to the hospital from 8-9. This morning a wonderful surprise--Floyd had eyes open wide and definitely saw us and knew we were somebody he knew. He wasn't able to speak but he was pointing and gesturing, so somebody is home. I hope he is as alert when we go back later. We also talked to the social worker about what comes next and got a list of appropriate rehab places--basically nursing homes but that is what it is going to have to be. At this point he qualifies for the next step up because he still has respiratory issues but that (fortunately) is getting better and better. It would require an ALS ambulance ride north and nobody is in any hurry. That's the big news from Nashville--thanks for all you have been doing. We really appreciate it. Carole

Update 1/8: Floyd updates; he is doing better but still wrestling with long discharge although he is on medication to relieve the issue. He is looking to be released to Indianapolis in a day or two if everything goes well and will be transported here in an ambulance to a rehabilitation facility that will get him back to his old joyful self. Carol is doing well and recovering from her bruises and is very anxious to get back home.

Update 1/11: Floyd needs an LTAC [Long Term Acute Care Facility] at this point and the Masonic Home was not even on the list. I'm just trying to get him back to Indy and we can look elsewhere if we aren't satisfied. Floyd had a good afternoon. He was sitting up in the chair and was awake instead of lethargic in the bed. He didn't talk much, but he nodded his head when we asked him a question, and he held my hand tight all afternoon and wouldn't let me move it. We watched the Green Bay Cowboys game and half the Colts game, and I think he knew it was the Colts because he perked up and watched the screen when we talked about Andrew Luck. Carole

Update 1/14: Judi spent some time this evening talking to Carole concerning Floyd. His injuries consist of a fractured left collarbone, ribs and a fracture to his eye orbit along with eyelid repair which is working fine. He has pneumonia but is getting better daily. Currently he has an N/G tube in for feeding and an oxygen mask for breathing, but no tube to his lungs. He is getting Physical Therapy in bed and is having good days as well as bad. He continues to be semi alert and somewhat responsive. Carole indicates it is going to be a lengthy recovery and there continues to be a restriction on all visitors. James Chris-Chief Lawson

Update 1/26: We have had four very good days in the recovery department. A gastric tube was inserted last Friday which relieved the necessity of the NG tube down the nose [a nasogastric tube is passed through the nose and down through the nasopharynx and esophagus into the stomach], the trumpet device to aid in suction through the nose was removed by Floyd himself on Saturday and not replaced, and best of all, he started talking! His throat is still raw because of mouth breathing for a month, so he is pretty soft spoken, but I can hear and understand him pretty well. Among other words of wisdom from Mr. Floyd are, "Get me out of here," followed an hour later by, "Come on, we have got to leave." "I'm getting out of this bed to go make us some coffee," several winks to me and an, "Are you OK," to me. If asked how he feels, he'll say, "I'm OK," or, "I hurt all over," depending on how he feels, and yesterday after the IU game which we "watched" on TV together, he said, "You know, I never did like that coach," meaning Crean. He has a long way to go, but he is much more alert and responsive. He tires easily, but he was mostly awake for four hours yesterday afternoon. They are supposed to do swallow studies very soon, (I hope today), to determine whether he can have something to drink, I'm sure he would prefer wine, but water will be just fine. He is still in the intensive care part of Kindred Hospital, but he has been released to go back to a normal room as soon as one is available. Kindred Hospital is located at 1700 W. 10th Street, just across the White River Bridge on the north side of 10th Street. Visiting hours are 10-9 daily. Once he is back in a regular room, visiting

will be easier than it is now in the intensive care part, but he enjoys seeing people, and if he didn't recognize you last time, he probably will now. He even listened and tried to talk to two of his children on the telephone yesterday. Scott is here from Italy at present, although he has to go to Washington D.C. tomorrow for a few days. Carole

Indiana Deaths:

Suzanne Hancock, 74, Carmel, passed away Friday, January 2, 2015. She was the daughter of Frank and Louise (Schmidt) Byrkit. She was raised Catholic, and graduated from St. Agnes Academy High School in Indianapolis. She married Robert E. Hancock, Jr. in 1961, which preceded her in death. Suzanne Hancock, 74, Carmel, passed away Friday, January 2, 2015. She was the daughter of Frank and Louise (Schmidt) Byrkit. She was raised Catholic, and graduated from St. Agnes Academy High School in Indianapolis. She married Robert E. Hancock, Jr. in 1961, which preceded her in death in 2008. Suzanne and Bob spent many happy and fulfilling years being very involved in the Masonic fraternity. Bob was active in the Murat Shrine, Scottish Rite, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana. All parts of these philanthropic organizations filled their lives with happy memories and dear and happy friends. She spent many hours as a volunteer at St. Vincent's Carmel Hospital. It was her special time with her new friends. She was a long time member of Meridian Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Louise (Troy) Hanna of Carmel; son, Robert E. Hancock, III of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Kyla and Lauren Hancock, and Spencer and Hayden Hanna. Calling will take place on Thursday, January 8, from 4-8PM, at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main Street, Greenwood. A funeral service will take place at 10:30 A.M., Friday, January 9, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, 650 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; Murat Shrine, 510 N. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; or Meridian Street United Methodist Church, 5500 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Link <http://www.wilsonstpierre.com/obituary/suzanne-hancock/>

Hayward E. Glidewell, age 90 of Highland, IN passed away December 18, 2014. He is survived by his son, Michael (fiancé, Stella); two grandsons: Andrew and James Glidewell both of Hammond. Preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 2006. Hayward was a member of the South Side Christian Church, The McKinley Lodge F&A.M. Schererville, Past Master in 1979, The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (South Bend Valley), Hammond York Rite and Orak Shrine Temple, Michigan City and a WWII Veteran of the United States Navy. Hayward enjoyed painting on canvas as a hobby. A service of remembrance will be conducted by McCoy Funeral Chapel Saturday, January 10, 2014 at 11:00 AM from The South Side Christian Church, Munster with Pastor Michael Gillespie officiating. There is going to be a Masonic memorial Service our brethren need to be at the Church by 10:30 am. We will attend the church service starting at 11:00 am followed by the Masonic Service followed by Navy Military Service South side Christian Church is located at: 1000 Broadmoor Ave., Munster IN.

Carroll Anderson: an active member of Garfield Lodge passed away this morning in his home surrounded by his family. Services will take place at Solan-Prizin in Schererville (corner of Main and Kennedy) 219-322-7766. Wake will be Tuesday 1-13-15 from 3p.m.-8p.m, with Masonic services at 7 pm. His wife is requesting my dad...Gerald Hancock (219-365-8089 home or 219-746-7858 cell) to do the service. Funeral will be on Wednesday 1-14-15 @11a.m. Any questions you can call his wife Sharon Anderson on her cell @ 219-682-4769. Fraternally yours, Matthew Backus, WM

Alfred V. Hurst, age 84, of Portage, passed away on January 25, 2015. Alfred was a 46 year member of New York Central (Penn Central) Conrail Railroads, an avid bowler of 50 years and a member of Rays Lanes in Lake Station. He was a 60 year Mason and member of Ivory C. Tolle #736 and Dunes Lodge #741 serving as Secretary, Treasurer and a past Master. He was a member of several Masonic orders including past Governor of York Rite College #73 and Treasurer, past Prior of Knight York Cross of Honor, Director

General of Yeomen of York, member of "Order of Purple Cross", Knight Commander of the Red Branch ERI-AMD, Chaplain of Tall Cedars of Lebanon Addrian Forest #209 and member at Royal Order of Scotland, as well as a 32 degree member of Scottish Rite of South Bend and member of Orak Shrine of Michigan City, Chicago and Cincinnati Shriners Hospital for Children, as well as St. Jude in Memphis. Alfred was a proud Veteran of the Korean/Cold War where he was stationed in Germany and member of the VFW Post 5365 Hobart, IN. Alfred was preceded in death by his wife Betty Darlene Hurst (nee Saunders), parents James Ervin and Olive Hurst and brothers, James and Glenn Hurst. Alfred is survived by his sons-James (Gina) Hurst of Portage, IN, Michael (Billie Jo) Hurst of Zionsville, IN; daughter-Kimberly (Jason) Cain of St. Charles, IL; grandchildren-Taylor, Logan, Marissa, Lauren Hurst, Grayson, Michaylann Ella Cain. Funeral service for Alfred will be held January 31, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, Rev. Bob Burton officiating. Friends are invited to visit with Alfred's family on Friday, January 30, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Burns (Hobart), with a Masonic service at 7:00 p.m. Entombment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com (219) 942-1117

William "Bill" C. Keehn: Crown Point, IN William "Bill" C. Keehn, age 88, a long-time Crown Point resident and owner of Keehn's Hardware, passed away Friday, January 9, 2015. He is survived by his wife Jean (nee Absher) Keehn of 65 years; son Scott Keehn; two daughters: Kathryn (Doug) Lain, Laurel Ann (Mark) Denham; and his grandson, Evan Lain. He was preceded in death by his brother; Jack Keehn, Jr. Bill was a very active Mason and active member of E. H. Gary York Rite and the appendant bodies. A memorial service for Mr. Keehn will be held in the spring of 2015. Pruzin & Little Funeral & Cremation Service of Crown Point will be in charge of services. Family and friends may share an online condolence or memory at: www.pruzinfuneralservice.com

David Edwin "Bal" Ballinger, 67, Angola, passed away January 26, 2015, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born December 13, 1947, in Anderson, the son of C. Edwin and Helen (Perry) Ballinger. Bal was a graduate of Anderson High School, Tri-State College, Wisconsin School of Banking and received his MBA from Saint Francis-Fort Wayne. From 1970 to 1992 Dave work as a FDIC-field supervisor and then with Angola State Bank in various positions ending with Community Bank president and board member. He served as vice president of Institutional Advancement and vice president of Financial and Fiscal Affairs with Tri-State University from 1992 to 2002 and vice president of business development with Wells Fargo Bank until 2005. He retired in 2014 after nine years as senior vice president-branch administration with Farmers State Bank. Dave was a selfless, energetic and dedicated man. His community involvement included serving as Industrial Drive chairman and Fund Drive chairman of the United Way, board president of the Angola Carnegie Public Library, past president and board member of the Steuben County Community Foundation, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital board member and fundraising chairman, Mayor's Economic Committee member, Steuben County Junior Achievement board member, Breeden YMCA chair of the Fundraising Dance, Steuben County Crime Stoppers treasurer, Angola Industrial Growth board vice president, Tri-State University board member and Kappa Sigma Fraternity alumni advisor. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Ellen M. (Pike) Ballinger of Angola; one daughter, Jessica L. Ballinger of Angola; two grandchildren, Cooper S. and Tucker D. Kosis; one sister, Anita (Tony) Canaday of Anderson; one niece and her family, Dawn Jackson, Alexandra and Tyler Jackson; his mother-in-law, Betty Casey; and sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Elizabeth (Tom) Prough, Jamee Wren, Rosalie (Kenton) Landis, Carolyn (John) McNabb and Larry (Marcia) Pike. He was preceded in death by his parents, C. Edwin and Helen Ballinger; father-in-law, Raymond E. Pike; and both sets of grandparents. Service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, January 30, 2015, at Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E. C.R 200N, Angola, IN 46703, with Pastor Glenn Flint officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson, Indiana. Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the Fairview Missionary Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Steuben County Community Foundation, 1701 N Wayne St, Angola IN 46703. Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory in Anderson will be handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brownbutzdiedring.com

“Some people may have greatness thrust upon them. Very few have excellence thrust upon them. They achieve it. They do not achieve it unwittingly, by 'doing what comes naturally'; and they don't stumble into it in the course of amusing themselves. All excellence involves discipline and tenacity of purpose.”

— John William Gardner

Red Book Directory Changes:

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“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”— Lao Tzu

Important Dates:

February 2, 2015.

Prather Chapter No. 157, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717, 7502 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226: 7:00 PM Stated Meeting; 8:00 PM Past Master and MEM Degrees. Contact: Brian Lewis at 317-445-2843 or at blewis717@gmail.com

Wed. February 4, 2015.

Indy AASR: You are invited to spend an evening at the Cathedral. The Double Eagle Café will be open from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for dinner followed by our Stated Meeting which begins promptly at 7:00 PM. Following a brief business session, the Dramatic Cast will present the 17th degree - *KnighT of the East and West*. Following the degree, Washington's Retreat will be open for refreshments. Don't forget your Passport!

Sat. February 7, 2015.

Goose 'n' Tater 101 at Greenfield Chapter No. 96, Hancock Lodge No. 101, 661 W. Tague St, Greenfield, IN 46140. (ET)
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Goose 'n' Tater 101
Contact: Larry Gray at 317-326-3632 or 317-431-4131 or lgray56586@aol.com

Sat. February 14, 2015.

10:00 AM Battalion 4 Spring Meeting at Indiana Freemasons' Hall
525 N. Illinois St. Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1209
Raper Commandery No. 1; Connersville Commandery No. 6;
Richmond Commandery No. 8; Greenfield Commandery No. 39;
Prather Commandery No. 62 and H.E. Lackey Commandery No. 67
Contact: Donnie Robinette at 317-716-1156 or donnier@inmasonichome.org

Sat. February 14, 2015.

DeMolay Sweetheart Dance; 6:30 PM Doors Open; 7:00 PM Dance begins;
8:00 PM Assemble; 8:30 PM Form the Lines; Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Contact: Carson Smith at 317-319-3712 or carson.c.smith@gmail.com

- Sat. February 14, 2015** **Indy AASR Sweetheart Dinner/Dance - 6:30 PM:** This is a great opportunity for you to spend Valentine's Day with your loved one! Enjoy a delicious Buffet Dinner followed by Dancing and Games. This event is gaining in popularity so get your reservations in soon! **Cost is only \$20.00 per person with reservations due by February 10th.** Please call the office for tickets at 317-262-3100 or 800-489-3579
- 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>
- Tues. February 17, 2015.** Raper Commandery No. 1, Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N Illinois St Floor 7 Indianapolis, IN 46204; 6:00 PM Dinner; 7:00 PM Stated Conclave
7:00 PM SOOB Stated Meeting
8:00 PM Practice for Order of Red Cross
Contact: Randy Spaulding at 317-679-7416 or ubuildu@yahoo.com
- 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
- Tues. February 24, 2015.** 7:00 PM Conferral of Order of Red Cross at Raper Commandery No. 1, Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N Illinois St. Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Contact: Randy Spaulding at 317-679-7416 or ubuildu@yahoo.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 A.M. Mark Master Degree
10:15 A.M. Past Master Degree
11:00 A.M. Most Excellent Master Degree
12:45 P.M. Royal Arch Degree
Lunch
02:15 P.M. Royal Master Degree
03:00 P.M. Select Master Degree
04:00 P.M. Super Excellent Master Degree
Contact: Mike Anderson at 260-665-9376 or candacraig2@re-comm.net
- Mon. March 2, 2015.** Prather Chapter No. 157, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717, 7502 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226: 7:00 PM Stated Meeting; 8:00 PM Royal Arch degree. Contact: Brian Lewis at 317-445-2843 or at blewis717@gmail.com
- Sat. March 7, 2015.** Tri-State York Rite Festival – Second Part at Angola Masonic Temple
35 S Public Sq, Angola, IN 46703
09:00 A.M. Order of the Red Cross
10:15 A.M. Order of Malta
12:15 P.M. Order of the Temple
Contact: Mike Anderson at 260-665-9376 or candacraig2@re-comm.net

Sat. March 7, 2015.

Terre Haute Preceptory No VI, Yeomen of York will meet at 4:30pm on Saturday, March 7th at the Terre Haute Masonic Temple where they will invest Distinguished York Rite Masons with the Yeomen of York.

Following the meeting, members are invited to remain as Terre Haute Council No. 8 will be conferring the Royal and Select Master Degrees.

“I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.”— Abraham Lincoln

Sat. March 13-14, 2015.

East Central Department Meeting in Indianapolis – All Companions and Sir Knights are invited to the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites, 120 W Market St, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Contact: Larry W. Brown, ECDC at 765-288-0169 or 765-212-4702 or lwbrown23@yahoo.com

Sat. March 21, 2015.

Battalions 5 & 6 Spring Meeting; Time: 10am-12pm (Eastern).

Location: Vincennes Commandery No.20, 501 Broadway St, Vincennes, IN
Dress: Casual; Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander James Bolinger plans to be in attendance and discuss his plans and vision as Grand Commander for the 2015-16 Commandery year. Several topics will be discussed including Receptions and Inspections. I would encourage each Commandery to contemplate at this time a possible Inspection date so that we can get them on the schedule. Also of note, the Grand Master's York Rite class is scheduled to be held at Evansville on October 10, 2015 and it will take a joint effort from all of us to make sure this goes off smoothly. All questions or concerns you might have are welcome and will be addressed.

All SK's are encouraged to attend. All dais officers, or their representative, should make every effort to attend so that we are all on the same page for the coming year. Address any questions or concerns to: Mike Robbins, GJW, Battalion Commander 6; 812-583-7398 or mrobbins.pm@gmail.com or Terry Kehrer, GSW, Battalion Commander 5 at 502-836-5582 or tkehrer@otherside.com

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

Sat. March 28, 2015.

Battalion II Meeting: We have set Saturday, March 28 at 3:00 pm at Angola Commandery, for our Battalion meeting This is a very important meeting for us we need to finalize Reception Schedule dates and times, as well as workshops & ITA meetings. And most important the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander "James L. Bolinger" will share with us what he expects during his year as Grand Commander. Please share this info with your Commanderies. It is essential that all Dias Officers attend. This meeting is open to all members of your Commanderies. Please come prepared with your calendars & notebooks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me either by e-mail at: basil244@msn.com or phone, my cell number is 765-438-1323. Hope to see everyone there, Basil K. Isaac GS - Battalion 2 Commander. **Battalion II consists of** Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4

Apollo Commandery No. 19, Grant County Commandery No. 21, Elkhart Commandery No. 31, Huntington Commandery No. 35 and Angola Commandery No. 45.

Tues. February 24, 2015. 7:00 PM Conferral of Order of Malta at Raper Commandery No. 1, Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N Illinois St. Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Contact: Randy Spaulding at 317-679-7416 or ubuildu@yahoo.com

Thurs-Sun. April 2-5, 2015. Grand Commandery Easter Trip; Contact: Jim Bolinger at 269-476-9737 or debo36@comcast.net. See attached brochure.

Fri. April 10-11, 2015. Grand Session Grand Chapter in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 S Calhoun St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802; Contact: Jeff Jordan at 317-650-1233 or jeffjdn@att.net

Fri. April 17, 2015. **Grand Master's Class** at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Registration: Double Eagle Café Opens; Meeting for Candidates; Entered Apprentice Degree; Fellow Craft Degree

Sat. April 18, 2015. **Grand Master's Class** at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Double Eagle Café Opens; Registration; Master Mason Degree; Scottish Rite Candidates Assemble
04° Master Traveler
14° Grand Elect Mason
19° Brothers of the Trail
29° Knight of St. Andrew
32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
Contact: Carson Smith at 317-319-3712 or carson.c.smith@gmail.com

Sat. April 18, 2015. Richmond Commandery No. 8 150-Year Rededication; Richmond Masonic Temple 4090 South "A" Street, Richmond, IN 47374; Contact: Dennis Rigsby at 765-935-2078 or dhrigsby@aol.com

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

Tues. April 28 2015. 7:00 PM Conferral of Order of Temple at Raper Commandery No. 1, Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N Illinois St. Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Contact: Randy Spaulding at 317-679-7416 or ubuildu@yahoo.com

Wed. April 29, 2015. Grand Session Grand Council (See attached Tri-Fold)
7:00 PM Illustrious Grand Master's Banquet
Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, 7202 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219
Contact: Chuck Wood at 765-346-1159 or woodchuck32@att.net

Thurs. April 30, 2015. Grand Session Grand Council (See attached Tri-Fold)
07:30 AM Registration
08:30 AM Grand Council Opens
09:00 AM Distinguished Guests
12:00 PM Companions Lunch
1:00 PM Grand Council Resumes
1:00 PM Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
3:00 PM Installation of Officers
Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, 7202 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219
Contact: Chuck Wood at 765-346-1159 or woodchuck32@att.net

Thurs. April 30, 2015. Grand Conclave Grand Commandery (See attached Tri-Fold)
5:30 PM Divine Services
7:00 PM Grand Commander's Banquet
Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, 7202 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219
Contact: Larry Kaminsky at 219-789-0625 or larrykhome@aol.com

Fri. May 1, 2015. Grand Conclave Grand Commandery (See attached Tri-Fold)
07:00 AM Past Commander's Association
07:30 AM Registration
08:30 AM Grand Commandery Opens
09:00 AM Distinguished Guests
12:00 PM Sir Knights Lunch
1:00 PM Grand Commandery Resumes
3:00 PM Installation of Officers
Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, 7202 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219
Contact: Larry Kaminsky at 219-789-0625 or larrykhome@aol.com

Sat. May 2, 2015. Grand Conclave Grand Commandery (See attached Tri-Fold)
08:00 AM Competitive Drills
11:00 AM Drill Awards Luncheon
Warren Central High School, 9500 E 16th St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tues. May 12, 2015. 7:00 PM Conferral of Order of the Temple at Raper Commandery No. 1, Indiana Freemasons' Hall, 525 N Illinois St, Floor 7, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Contact: Randy Spaulding at 317-679-7416 or ubuildu@yahoo.com

Sat. June 6, 2015. Yeomen of York Annual Meeting at Zelma's Restaurant in Indianapolis

Sat. June 27, 2015. **Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Raiser**
12:00 PM Tee Time
Elks Country Club, 2100 US Highway 27 South, Richmond, IN 47374-7270
Contact: Bob Frazer at 765-966-5684 or 765-914-2130 or bobnancyfrazer@aol.com

Sat. August 8, 2015. Triennial Drill Competition in Buffalo, New York; Contact: Bill Short at 317-782-0923 or at wm.short@att.net

Sat. September 12, 2015. Date for the Masonic Home Festival. Indiana Masonic Home, 690 State St, Franklin, IN 46131. Contact: Donnie Robinette at 317-716-1156 or donnier@inmasonichome.org

September 18-20, 2015: The Masonic Society, the Masonic Library and Museum Association, and the Masonic Information Center are pleased to announce that Phase II of The Quarry Project will be held September 18-20, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN. The conference will be held in a downtown Indianapolis hotel to be determined within a few weeks. The Quarry Project is a continuing effort designed to promote Masonic research and preservation by providing instruction and guidance to Masonic writers, researchers, and editors both within and without the fraternity and also to Masonic librarians and museum curators on the display, preservation, and cataloging of Masonic archives. Phase II will feature a third track on Masonic public relations sponsored by the Masonic Information Center, an arm of the Masonic Service Association. The format for Phase II will remain basically the same with a few tweaks based on feedback from Phase I attendees. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will begin with a general session featuring a keynote speaker. Attendees will then break out to the instructional sessions of their choice on Friday and Saturday with both days adjourning at approximately 5:00 P.M. Lunch on Friday and Saturday will be included in the registration fee. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening. Sunday will feature a roundtable discussion immediately after the morning keynote address and the conference will adjourn by noon. We invite anyone, Freemason or not, with an interest in these topics to attend the conference. The programs are currently being developed and will be made available as soon as they are complete. Further information will be released as it becomes available. Registration will begin on March 1, 2015. The Quarry Project website is www.thequarryproject.com. In conjunction with The Quarry Project, The Masonic Library and Museum Association will hold their annual meeting prior to this event on Thursday, September 17. Please contact the MLMA for further details on their meeting. Their website is located at www.masoniclibraries.org.

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

Fri. November 6, 2015.

RSKO – 2015 Annual Convivial – Louisville, KY

Sat. 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

“A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.”— Dwight D. Eisenhower

Around the Encampment:

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Greetings, We now have our group of 30 Pilgrim Ministers set and two Knight Templar Servants (travel hosts). Our international flights have been confirmed and ticketed. We will be departing from JFK on EL AL Flight 008 at 11:50 PM on Monday, February 23, 2015. It is important that you arrive will **ample time** for check-in and security. It is suggested that you arrive **at least 3 - 4 hours prior** to overseas flight check in time (around 8:30 PM). Keep in mind that weather delays are possible from your point of departure. An early flight leaves you options. If you are delayed and miss our flight, you will miss at least one or more days of the pilgrimage in Israel. Come early, enjoy a latte, and bring a book, whatever. I will be at JFK around 3:30 PM that afternoon to be in place to greet you and give you any pre-check-in information. Our return flight to JFK is EL AL Flight 001, due to arrive at 6:00 AM on Thursday, March 5, 2015. Do not arrange your domestic flight to home close to this arrival time. Many factors can delay when you will be available. It is better to wait some extra hours at JFK than to be missing flights at this point in the trip. Your domestic flights are to be handled by your sponsoring state committee, your local Commandery of Knights Templar, or yourself (this is different from state to state). For clarification, contact the person who nominated you or the person who is your contact from your state. **The Grand Encampment Committee does not arrange your domestic flights.** Neither Emmett Mills nor I will be handling your domestic flights (unless you are from Ohio). We do suggest that these arrangements be made with Gate 1 Travel. This helps with the overall coordination of flight times and arrangements. Gate 1 Travel, Attn: T.J. Leigh, 1.800.682.3333 ext. 1264 FAX 215.886.2228 tleigh@gate1travel.com. I am going in for surgery this Thursday and will be off the radar for a few days. After that, you will receive frequent emails from me as the days and weeks pass. Please check your email regularly. Rev. Duane A. Kemerley, Travel Host Coordinator, Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage: DKemerley@gmail.com or www.Kemerley.com 1.567.376.9741 Mobile and Text

Murray Cooke, PGGHP, PGHP: Companions, The Memorial Service for MEC Murray Cooke, PGGHP, PGHP will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Ocean Park Masonic Temple, located at 1720 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica at 11:00 AM. MW Steven Doan, PGM will conduct the Masonic Memorial Service. There will be a reception following the service at the lodge. Kenneth G. Hope, Grand Secretary

Daniel Paul Grambush, PGC, Minn. 2002: Daniel Paul Grambush, 84, of Duluth, passed away in the company of his family Thursday, Dec. 25, in St. Luke's Hospital after a brief illness. Dan was born Jan. 31, 1930, in Minneapolis to Leo and Ella Grambush. After graduating from Anoka High School in 1948, he entered the Navy. Dan worked as an Air Traffic Controller for 32 years until his retirement in 1980. Dan was very active in the Masonic fraternity and was a member of Glen Avon lodge for 40 years. He was honored with its Hiram Award for his service. He was a past presiding officer of the four York Rite bodies and was honored with the designation of Knight of the York Cross of Honor. He served as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Minnesota in 2002. He twice served as Grand Royal Patron of the Order of Amaranth. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and several other Masonic related organizations, serving as secretary for several of the m. Dan was very enthusiastic about all aspects of aviation and was active in the Duluth Chapter 272 of the Experimental Aircraft Association serving as its Vice President. Dan is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Harriet; sons Eric (Mary), and Michael; daughter Lisa; grandchildren Aaron, Austin, and Katrina; brothers Vernon (Lorraine), and John (Joyce) and extended family. GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. by Glen Avon Lodge in the Masonic Center of Duluth, 4 West 2nd Street, Duluth. A remembrance service honoring Dan's life will be held in Darrow Road Wesleyan Church, Superior, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 2 p.m. with visitation with the family at 1 p.m.

James E. Olmstead, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Ohio: Gentlemen, about an hour ago, James E. Olmstead, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Past Deputy for Ohio AASR, Past Chief Adept, Ohio College, SRICF, & PSGM of AMD passed to his eternal reward. He was truly an outstanding man and Mason, championing many good causes. He shall always be remembered as the Grand Master who took the bold step of championing Prince Hall Recognition in Ohio, as well as being a Charter Member of the first HRAKTP Tabernacle attached to a Prince Hall Grand Commandery. He has fought the good fight, battling cancer for the past 15 years and never giving up. I pray that God will give him the comfort he so richly deserves. Fraternaly, Bill

“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you would not be forgotten,
as soon as you are dead and rotten,
either write things worth reading,
or do things worth the writing.

Benjamin Franklin



**YORK RITE CLASS TO HONOR
PAST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF INDIANA
J. WILLIAM MEYERS**

**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**

**York Rite candidates from
Indiana, Ohio and Michigan
are welcome. A registration
form to be sent at a later date!**

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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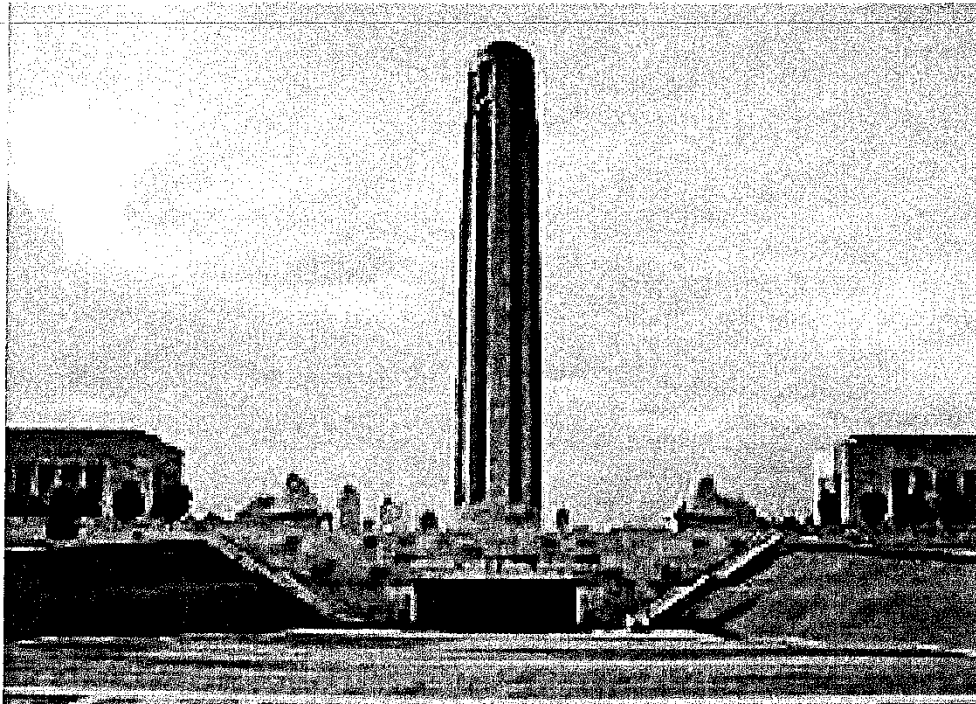
Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 8:00 am

Liberty Memorial
100 W 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri

Host Hotel - Westin Crown Center
1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri
816-474-4400

Knight Templar Easter Service Special rate of \$109 .00 plus taxes

Look for details later at www.knightstemplar.org





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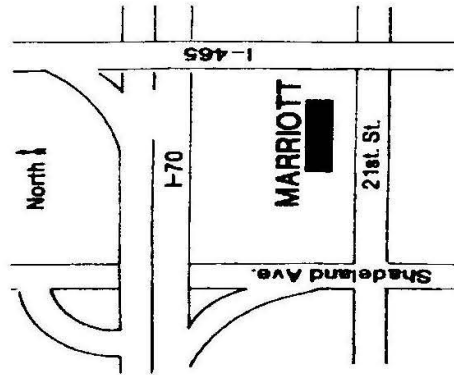
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The Grand Officers of the York Rite Bodies of the State of Indiana wish to welcome you and your Lady to our annual sessions. We hope you will have an enjoyable time with us in Indianapolis.

Please make reservations with the Marriott:
 7202 East 21st Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46219-1717
 (317) 352-1231



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.

2015 Grand Session Program



Grand York Rite Bodies of Indiana

160th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana

Paul E. Wenning and Lady Sue
 Most Illustrious Grand Master

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 Right Eminent Grand Commander

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April 29-May 2, 2015 Annual Meetings
 May 2, 2015 Competitive Drills



INDIANA

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES

Illustrious Grand Master's Banquet
 Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Grand Commandery Divine Services
 Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Grand Commander Banquet
 Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Grand York Rite (3-way) Reception
 Friday, May 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Grand Commandery Drills
 Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Companion's Program



Wednesday, April 29, 2015
7:00 P.M. Illustrious Grand Master's Banquet

Thursday, April 30, 2015

7:30 A.M. Registration
8:30 A.M. Grand Council Opens
9:00 A.M. Receive Distinguished Guests
12:00 Noon Companion's Lunch
1:00 P.M. Grand Recorder's Seminar
1:00 P.M. Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
3:00 P.M. Installation of Officers

Ladies Program

12:00 Noon Ladies Luncheon
8:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite 160

Grand Council Officers for 2014 - 2015

Paul E. Wenning Most Illustrious Grand Master
Michael C. Stoner Right Ill. Deputy Grand Master
Michael J. Smith R. Ill. Grand Prin. Cond. of the Work
John C. Gray, PM/IGM Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Charles D. Wood, Jr., PM/IGM Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
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John A. Bridegroom Right Ill. Grand Cond. of the Council
David Ulrich Right Illustrious Grand Steward
W. Keith Stiner Illustrious Grand Lecturer
Amzie L. Wenning Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Glenn A. Moulton Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Jerry L. Burns Illustrious Grand Organist

Thrice Illustrious Master Degree

Conferred Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. Fee \$15.00

Sir Knight's Program



Thursday, April 30, 2015
5:30 P.M. Divine Services
7:00 P.M. Grand Commander's Banquet

Friday, May 1, 2015

7:00 A.M. Past Commander's Association
7:30 A.M. Registration
8:30 A.M. Grand Commandery Opens
9:00 A.M. Receive Distinguished Guests
12:00 Noon Sir Knights Lunch
3:00 P.M. Installation of Officers
7:00 P.M. 3-Way Banquet

Ladies Program

12:00 Noon Ladies Luncheon
8:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite 160

Saturday, May 2, 2015

8:00 A.M. Competitive Drills
11:00 A.M. Drill Awards & Luncheon
Exhibition Hall - Marriott Hotel

Grand Commandery Officers for 2014- 2015

Michael D. Ritter Right Eminent Grand Commander
James L. Bollinger V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
Donald D. Olive Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Lawrence J. Williams Eminent Grand Captain General
Terry L. Kehrer Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Michael F. Robbins Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Adam E. Jackson Eminent Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer, PGC Eminent Grand Treasurer
Lawrence Kaminsky, PGC Eminent Grand Recorder
Donnie A. Robinette Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Tony S. Peterson Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
John W. Patterson Eminent Grand Warden
Basil K. Isaac Eminent Grand Sentinel
David M. Betch, PGC E. Grand Inspector General
Marvin L. Rees Eminent Grand Organist
H. E. "Gene" Lackey, HPGC Marshal of Grand Commandery

Past Commander's Association

Conferred Friday, May 1, 2015 at 7:00 A.M. Fee \$35.00

Reservations

Check the program carefully and order the needed meal tickets. Tickets may be picked up in the registration area. Include a check with your reservation requests. Reservation deadline is April 11, 2015. No tickets will be sold at the Grand Session.

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Grand Master Banquet @ \$47.50 \$_____

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Companions Lunch @ \$27.50 \$_____
Ladies Luncheon @ \$27.50 \$_____
Grand Commander's Banquet @ \$47.50 \$_____

Friday, May 1, 2015

Sir Knights Lunch @ \$27.50 \$_____
Ladies Luncheon @ \$27.50 \$_____
Grand York Rite @ \$37.50 \$_____
(3-way) Reception @ \$27.50 \$_____

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Drill Awards Luncheon @ \$27.50 \$_____

Name: _____
Title: _____
Spouse's Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: "York Rite Sessions."

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