



James L. Bolinger, R.E.G.C.
**Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Of Indiana**
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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

“Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment, full effort is full victory.”— Mahatma Gandhi

Congratulations to the new Grand Commandery Officers:

James L. Bolinger	Grand Commander
Donald D. Olvey	Deputy Grand Commander
Lawrence J. Williams	Grand Generalissimo
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Michael F. Robbins	Grand Senior Warden
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John W. Patterson	Grand Sword Bearer
James L. Davis	Grand Warder
Matthew E. Lowe	Grand Sentinel

May Birthdays:

Lady Charlotte, wife of Harley Eggers, Asst. Rec. 63, 5/1
Lady Lillian Bridenhager, widow of Charles Bridenhager, 6, 5/2
Richard A. Kroemer, 4, 5/3
Wayne L. Ithier, DBC 3, 5/3
Lady Beverly Ellis, wife of Ron Ellis, KCT, PGC, GIG, 5/4
Lady Sherry, wife of Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC, 5/4

Thomas W. Harper, Rec. 62, 5/4
 Charles A. Smelser, DBC 3, 5/7
 Jeffrey C. Reich, Rec. 57, 5/8
 Steve McKim, 14, 5/8
 Lady Nancy Foreman, wife of Dale Foreman, Aide, 5/10
 Lady Jean, widow of James N. Butler, GPE, 5/12
 James Coleman, PGHP, 4, 5/16
 James R. Dillman, 1, 5/17
 Lady Katie Newman, widow of Herbert Newman, KCT, PGC, 5/17
 John T. Fleming, 39, 5/17
 Lady Jean, wife of Ronald D. Simpson, KCT, PGC, 5/18
 Lin Tornese, 16, 5/18
 Thomas L. Bartelt, Rec. 64, 5/19
 Lady Pamela, wife of Dennis H. Rigsby, Rec. 8, 5/19
 Charles P. King, Rec. 42, 5/20
 Lady Cindy Rider, Fiancé of Edward L. Sebring, GPE, 5/22
 Lady Brenda, wife of Charles L. Combi, Rec. 28, 5/22
 Lady Ann Tornese, wife of Lin Tornese, 16, 5/22
 Jeffery A. Ping, 67, 5/23
 Lady Samantha Patterson, wife of John W. Patterson, GSwdB, 5/24
 Stephen P. Kroman, 56, 5/25
 Mark A. Kester, Sr., Rec. 16, 5/27
 Robert Kumpfer, 28, 5/29
 David L. Jenkins, 16, 5/29
 Randal P. Ellington, GPE, 5/31
 Lady Cindy Rees, wife of Marvin L. Rees, GO, 5/31

May Anniversaries:

Larry & Rita Gray, 5/4
 Duane & Mary Stucker, 5/8
 Clay & Norma Stahlka, 5/9
 Dustin & Marna Derickson, 5/11
 Ronald & Jean Simpson, 5/18
 Philip & Connie Whisner, 5/22
 Joseph & Jane Hedges, 5/22
 Charles & Karen Johnson, 5/25
 Franklin & Betty Boner, 5/27
 David & Donna Miller, 5/31

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.

“Life is thickly sown with thorns, and I know no other remedy than to pass quickly through them. The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us.”— Voltaire

Terre Haute Grand Master’s Class



It was a productive day in Terre Haute, 88 new Master Masons were raised by a cast consisting of only Terre Haute York Rite members portraying the Master Mason degree. Mark Kester, Sr.

Sickness & Distress:

Phoenix Bridegroom:

Update 4/7: Hi Friends! Phoenix continues to do well at home. She will see her Riley team on Thursday for blood counts, chemistries, & cyclosporine level checks. Prayers for continued health are always appreciated! She received a huge surprise of goodies today from her Brownies Troop #30373 & some other local Girl Scouts. Her favorite part was the photo of her besties.

Update 4/15: Phoenix is resting comfortably in her bed here at Riley Hospital, after spending time at Memorial (South Bend) and Porter (Valpo) yesterday. She has tested positive for Metapneumovirus, which is one of the "common cold" respiratory viruses. We are glad to know it isn't anything more serious. She will stay here for a couple of days while the docs watch her blood cultures, since she did have a fever last night. Thank you for praying for her comfort and healing.

Update 4/14: Well, my little girl is headed to the hospital with a cough and fever. She has been doing really well but it seems like this bug has just been all around us; Mom and me, grandma and grandpa and now Phoenix. Hoping it's just a little bug that resolves quickly... John

Update 4/17: Phoenix is feeling better today and since she has been fever-free, we get to go home today! Hooray!

Update 4/23: Day +64: Phoenix had a clinic check up today and I am ridiculously happy to tell you all that her blood work continues to be perfect! She is still recovering from the virus that took her down last week, but I know she will be bouncing back any day now. Thank you for continuing your show of love and support for our Superhero! Tammy

Update 5/5: Hello friends and family. I wanted to let you all know that Phoenix has been continuing to recover at home over the past couple weeks, and all of her blood counts have remained healthy. We received reassurance last week that her blood cells are still 99% donor, and that makes everyone extremely happy! In the grand scheme of things, she is doing fantastic. As for day to day, she has ups and downs...she continues to struggle with eating (due to nausea & no appetite) but she is doing great with fluid intake. She is taking an appetite stimulant and has been able to discontinue her IV fluids. She is waiting for her ankle-foot orthotics to arrive, so that she can walk & play with stability and without pain. She is able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, and swings on her swing set every day. Lately, for this mama, this journey feels long and hard...but we still take it day by day...and each day is a step forward. As always, I thank you all for your love and prayers...please keep 'em coming.

Dennis Rigsby, Recorder of Richmond Commandery: Dear Companions, Sir Knights, Brethren: I wanted to let you know that Dennis Rigsby successfully underwent surgery this morning to replace his aortic valve. I was able to sit with his family for a few minutes while they were still in the waiting room this morning. His surgery was wrapped up quite a bit earlier than was expected it could have been and his family members were summoned into the recovery area earlier than expected as well, both very good signs that things went well.

Our heart surgeons at Reid Hospital are excellent and I, for one, am happy that they were blessed by God again today and able to perform so well. It's my belief that Dennis will remain at Reid for a few days then will move to Arbor Trace here in Richmond to recuperate and rehab. But, those details/dates have not been confirmed yet. In the meantime, if anyone wishes to send a card to Dennis, you may want to use his home address, which is: Dennis H Rigsby, Recorder, Richmond Commandery #8, 1317 Glendale Rd, Richmond, IN 47374. While I wouldn't be expecting Dennis to be able to read/respond to emails or telephone calls for a number of days, his email address is dhrigsby@aol.com.

As I'm sure this email list does not include everyone who would like to know about Dennis, please feel free to forward to others who may have concern. Fraternaly yours, Charles A. (Chuck) Maines, Generalissimo, Richmond Commandery #8 K.T., Richmond, IN 47374

Jim Dove, KCT, PGC: Just got home from family Doctor and he put me back on Steroids again for Lung problems, just what I need to keep putting on weight. Not bad enough I get Nuclear X-rays

yesterday on heart, I get Lungs x-rayed today! Soon IU will glow at night? At least Bonnie can turn off night lights.

Update 4/1: Went to the VA Clinic this morning-spent 2 hours there-sent to ER in ambulance-5 hours there and they wanted to keep me overnight - only let me go if agreed to be wired up for a month. VA Doctor was excellent and concerned about my health and would not let me drive. Bad thing was, I was at the ER and my car was at the Clinic! How the heck do I get there to get to my car?

W. B. Eric Gutridge is at St Margaret's in Dyer. He is in surgery now which started at 12:00 and will continue till about 4:00 to reconstruct a valve. There was no blockage that required any stints. This procedure is a very serious, but very successful today. He will be required to rest peacefully for 3-5 days. He cannot take any calls or visitation during this time. Don Borchert or I will post immediately when he is allowed visitors. I will be getting a call from the surgeon around 5:00 to let me know how it went. Please keep W.B. Eric in your prayers.

Donald L. Borchert, GPE: Don, is back on IV antibiotics for the MRSA virus. Please keep both Don & Mickey in your prayers.

Indiana Deaths:

Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC



Kenneth E. Gibson of Indianapolis passed away at home on April 21, 2015 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Rita (Des Roches) Pfarr Gibson; children, Sherry (Daniel) Bernal, Vickie (Wayne) Doenges, Valorie (Robert) Shutt; stepchildren, Catherine Pfarr (Larry Lynch), Michael (Brenda) Pfarr, Thomas (Frough) Pfarr, and David (Babs) Pfarr; five granddaughters, six grandsons, and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dalbert and Pauline Gibson; and siblings, Louis Gibson and Joan Gibson Johnson.

Ken was born on June 19, 1933 in Fort Wayne, IN. After high school he studied mechanical engineering at Purdue University and served a Machinist All-Round Apprenticeship at International Harvester Company in Fort Wayne. He also served 8 years in the U.S. Naval Reserves, with 2 years of active duty as a machinist aboard the U.S.S. Piedmont in Japan and Korea. He was later appointed Director/Instructor of the

Apprenticeship Training Programs for the Manufacturing and Motor Truck Engineering Divisions of International Harvester in Fort Wayne. In 1963 he accepted a position as Apprenticeship Training Representative with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training at the U.S. Department of Labor in Fort Wayne. He was appointed State Director for Indiana, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in 1980 and was relocated to Indianapolis. He retired from this position in 1992.

During his years in New Haven, Ken was an active supporter of education and youth activities, serving in various volunteer positions with organizations such as the East Allen County Education System, the Meadowbrook P.T.A., Meadowbrook Community and New Haven United Methodist Church.

He was raised a Master Mason in 1954 in Eel River Lodge No. 510, F & A M at South Whitley,

Indiana, affiliated in 1961 with New Haven Lodge No. 740, F & A M at New Haven, Indiana and served as Worshipful Master in 1971. He was created a Knight Templar in 1959. Through decades of service he has held many positions of rank and leadership, with acceptance into the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne in 1977, and membership in the Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne, and the Gennesaret Tabernacle No. XVII, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests. He was elected Governor of Indiana York Rite College No. 55 for 1985-86 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1985. He served as Secretary of Indiana York Rite College No. 55 from 1987 to May 2006 and was named Secretary of the Year from the York Rite Sovereign College in 2008. He was elected Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana on April 25, 1975 at the 121st Annual Conclave held in Indianapolis and served as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1983-84. Ken received the Knight Commander of the Temple in 1993.

Ken and Rita were married September 24, 1988, and enjoyed many years of retirement together. Travel was a favorite hobby and he visited all 50 states, Canada and the British Isles. He made the most of opportunities to learn more about the places he visited. He had the mind of a teacher and problem solver and was always seeking ways to improve the world around him. He was an active and dedicated member of the Irvington United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be Friday, April 24, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., with a Masonic rite at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service is scheduled for Saturday at 10:00 a.m. also at Shirley Brothers, with interment at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Rd.

Ronald Thornton Shindle "Sonny" Demotte/ Hammond, IN Ronald "Sonny" Thornton Shindle, age 72, of Demotte, formerly of Hammond, entered into the gates of heaven on Saturday, April 11, 2014. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Betty J. Shindle (nee, Daugherty); three children: Mark (Michele) Shindle, Tracy (John) Cwiklinski, Kelly (Godofredo) DeJesus; five grandchildren: David (Danielle) Shindle, Cody, Ethan, Larry (fiancé, Vanessa) Shindle, Kayla Doughman; two great grandchildren: David and Jacob Shindle; one sister-in-law, Aunt Pat (Uncle Pat) Higgins; daughter-in-law Linda Kruhaj; Several nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his son, David Shindle; daughter-in-law, Becky Shindle; parents, and mother and father-in-law. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, April 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Bocken Funeral Home, 7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond (Hessville) with Dan Nichols, minister officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Hammond. Friends are invited to meet with the family for a time of visitation on Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Bocken Funeral Home. Sonny was born and raised in Hammond and was a graduate of Hammond Tech High School, class of 1960. He was a 50 year member of Operating Engineers Local #150. Sonny was a 32nd degree mason, member of F&AM Garfield Lodge #569, and member of Scottish Rite Consistory. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and his "Friday Night Poker". Sonny was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother who will be dearly missed by his family and many friends. For more information call Bocken Funeral Home at (219) 844-1600 or visit us at: www.bockenfunerals.com - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nwitimes/obituary.aspx?n=ronald-thornton-shindle-sonny&pid=174626307&fhid=5034#sthash.zCy24eZX.dpuf>

(Editor's Comment: I took my EA° on the same night with Ron back in 1970 – Larry V.)

Bruce W. Smith: It is with a sad heart that I inform you the Bro. has lost his battle with cancer and has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. You might have seen him participating in the 32nd Degree as one of the Guards, and for two Convocations he was the Captain of the Guard when I was unavailable. Bruce Smith's visitation and services will take place on Monday, May 4th. A memorial visitation will take place from 4-7PM, Monday, May 4, at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Stirling-Gerber Chapel, 5950 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis, IN 46237

Masonic and Military Services beginning at @ 7:00. If anyone has a picture of Bruce they wish to share - please bring it with you to the funeral home. Following services is a procession of Corvettes (and others) to Murat Shrine. There will be a celebration of Bruce at the Club with light refreshments in the Tunisian Room. The Oasis Lounge bar will remain open as a cash bar. This will be a difficult time for Rebecca - let's circle around her with our love and support. Please share this with any other groups as seen fit. Mike Gunner would like you to share with the Corvette Club and their wives. Please let me know if you have any questions. Blessings to you each!

“No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because Death is very likely the single best invention of Life. It is Life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new.” — Steve Jobs

Red Book Directory Changes:

Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.: 1735 S Golden Lake Rd, Angola, IN 46703-8948 delnala@msn.com

Harry Cartwright: heck0310@gmail.com

Mark Dill: jamesjdill43936@aol.com

“There's a big, wonderful world out there for you. It belongs to you. It's exciting and stimulating and rewarding. Don't cheat yourselves out of this promise.”— Nancy Reagan

“If what you have done yesterday still looks big to you, you haven't done much today.”— Mikhail Gorbachev

Important Dates:

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 at Warren Central High School, 9500 E 16th

St, Indianapolis, IN 46229 11:00 am Drill Awards Luncheon.

Sun. May 3, 2015.

We have been formally invited to attend a church service as Knights Templar on Sunday, May 3, 2015. This is for all Sir Knights that would like to come. Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN Link: <http://www.secondchurch.org>

Uniform without sword is the attire, and if you do not have a Commandery uniform, standard dark suit with white shirt and black tie will be the alternative. Service will begin at 0930 and I would like as

many Sir Knights as possible, with your families, to attend that are in the Indianapolis area. This is a great opportunity to highlight York Rite Masonry. We plan on arriving at 0910, and making our way into a section of the pews, that will be reserved for us. I need a head count of how many Sir Knights will be attending and how many others in your party will be with you. Immediately after the service, we will retire to a room set aside for coffee and donuts, and then Jack Moorman will provide a private tour of the church, which has Templar elements in its design and construction, and this will be explained during the tour of the building. After the tour is over, around 11:45-1200, we will retire for brunch, at a local restaurant, depending on the number of interested Sir Knights. So, along with your head count for the service, include the head count of your party that would like to attend the brunch, to fellowship and relax. The restaurant will be close, and we will make reservations based on the response. Please do not procrastinate! Cut off for lunch will be the Friday, April 24, and for the church service it will be Monday, April 27 so, please, the sooner the better. Send your email reservations for the service and meal to Randy Spaulding at ubuildu@yahoo.com
Randy Spaulding

Mon. May 4, 2015.

7:00 PM Stated Meeting; 8:00 PM Select Master Degree at Prather Council No. 100, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No 717, 7502 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Contact: Brian Lewis at 317-445-2843 or blewis717@gmail.com

Tues. May 5, 2015.

7:00 PM Order of Red Cross Practice, Greenfield Commandery No. 39 Hancock Lodge No. 101, 661 W Tague St, Greenfield, IN 46140. Contact: Larry Gray at 317-326-3632 or 317-431-4131 or lgray56586@aol.com

Thurs. May 7, 2015.

7:00 PM Mark Master Degree; Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40; Crawfordsville Masonic Temple, 221 S Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-2445. Contact: Kris Phillips at 765-720-0491 or kcphils@ccrtc.com

Thurs. May 7, 2015.

6:30 PM Dinner followed by Order of Red Cross, Greenfield Commandery No. 39, Hancock Lodge No. 101, 661 W Tague St, Greenfield, IN 46140. Contact: Larry Gray at 317-326-3632 or 317-431-4131 or lgray56586@aol.com

Sat. May 9, 2015.

Indiana KYCH Priory No. 8, 12:00 PM Banquet, 1:00 PM Annual Meeting at the Fort Wayne Masonic Temple, 216 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Contact David Ulrich at 260-248-2651 or 260-437-1678 or trvlplx@whitleynet.org

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. May 16, 2015.

Indiana York Rite College No. 55; 12:00 PM Banquet; 1:00 PM Ladies Program; 1:00 PM Degree; 3:30 PM Public Officers Installation; Fort

Wayne Masonic Temple, 216 E. Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802; Contact: Tyson Howenstine at thowenstine@embarqmail.com

Sat. May 16, 2015.

Banks of the Wabash York Rite College No. 72, 12:00 PM; Terre Haute Masonic Temple, 224 N 8th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807; Contact: Marty Evens at 765-693-6210 or marty@centuryconcrete.com

Sun. May 17, 2015.

The Members of Elkhart Commandery #31 invite you to join us as we celebrate Ascension Day on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at: Faith United Methodist Church, 22045 Co Rd 18, Goshen, IN 46528 (NW Corner CR#17 & CR#18 - Meet at the South Entrance) Service will begin: 8:30 am (Please meet at least 15 min early for procession line up.)

We will meet for breakfast and fellowship at a local restaurant following the services. Please call to make a reservation: William F. Roose, Eminent Commander, 27365 Sunset Strip, Elkhart IN 46514. 574-264-4342

Tues. May 19, 2015.

6:00 PM Dinner; 7:00 PM Stated Conclave; 7:00 PM SOOB Stated 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. May 23, 2015.

500 Festival Parade - 12 Noon. Everybody Loves a Parade! Parking, Box Lunch and a Great Seat! All for \$25.00 per person. A limited number of seats are still available. Call the Office to get yours today! 317-262-3100 or 800-489-3579.

Thurs. May 28, 2015.

7:00 PM Past Master Degree; Anderson Chapter No. 52, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 77, 3921 W Nichol Ave, Anderson, IN 46011; Contact: Max Maupin at 765-649-1753 or 765-749-4625 or maup@sbcglobal.net

Thurs. May 28, 2015.

Evansville Chapter No. 12, Evansville Masonic Temple, 301 Chestnut St, Evansville, IN 47713; 7:00 PM Most Excellent Master Degree Contact: Keith Spurgeon at 812-774-0013 or keithspu@aol.com

Wed. June 3, 2015.

Indy AASR Stated Meeting with a degree!

Sat. June 6, 2015.

Yeomen of York Annual Meeting 1:00 pm at Zelma's Restaurant, 950 N Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219; Contact Joe Hedges at 317-783-4652 or 317-979-4662 or kentrcflyer@att.net

Sat. June 6, 2015.

York Rite Chronological Degree Day
07:00 AM Registration
08:00 AM Select Master
08:45 AM Royal Master
09:45 AM Mark Master Degree
10:45 AM Most Excellent Master
11:00 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Past Master Degree
1:00 PM Super Excellent Master
2:30 PM Royal Arch Degree

4:00 PM Adjourn
Prather York Rite Bodies, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717, 7502 E
56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226; Contact Brian Lewis at 317-445-2843
or blewis717@gmail.com

Sat. June 6, 2015.

District Degree Day (3D Class) Logansport, IN

Thurs. June 11, 2015.

7:00 PM Royal Master Degree; Simpson Council No. 23, Evansville
Masonic Temple, 301 Chestnut St, Evansville, IN 47713; Contact: Keith
Spurgeon at 812-774-0013 or keithspu@aol.com

Sat. June 27, 2015.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Raiser (See attached flyer)

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. June 27, 2015.

All Order Day in New Albany;
08:00 AM Registration and Breakfast
09:00 AM Order of Red Cross
10:00 AM Order of Malta
11:00 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Order of the Temple
New Albany Commandery No. 5, New Albany Masonic Temple, 805 E
Market St, New Albany, IN 47150; Contact: Terry Kehrer at 812-945-
1037 or 502-836-5582 or tkehrer@otherside.com

Sat. June 27, 2015.

Council of Deliberation in Franklin, IN; Indiana Council of Deliberation
Registration: Registration for the 2015 Indiana Council of Deliberation
Annual Meeting is now OPEN! As this is an odd-numbered year this is a
business only meeting. After printing and completing the forms please
send them via traditional mail to:

Indiana Council of Deliberation, 650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN
46204

[2015 COD Registration](#)

[2015 COD Program](#)

Please note, 2015 Indiana Council of Deliberation Member Registration
Deadline is June 15, 2015.

COD Website Updates

We have made a few updates and changes to the COD website and invite
you to come and take a look. There is a new main menu layout as well as
some graphic improvements on the site. Also, we have added and
updated our [COD Awards & Medals](#) section featuring Indiana Scottish
Rite Masons that have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have
been honored by either the Indiana Council of Deliberation, Supreme
Council, NMJ, or both. We thank each of these Brothers for their
selfless and dedicated service to our Ancient Accepted Scottish
Rite. Sincerely & Fraternaly, Indiana Council of Deliberation

Sat. July 4, 2015.

Fourth of July Parade, Angola Masonic Temple, 35 S Public Square,
Angola, IN 46703; Contact: Jim Davis at 260-488-3881 or
jaleda58@aol.com

Sat. July 11, 2015.

We know that July is a distance away, but as you know, time flies! Between then and now there may be many social events for you to consider? Please add July 11th to your calendar. This is the date we have set for our annual "Ladies Party." This years' event will be held at the Scottish Rite. The evening will begin with our 'social hour' at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner. Our menu will be outstanding, and our entertainment is being finalized as this is being written. Additional details will be included in our invitations which will be sent your way late spring. Stay tuned. Until then, stay safe, and we hope to have you with us in July! Paul Page, James Acton, Dennis Sheets & John Duncan

Sat. July 18, 2015.

All Order Day in Ohio: *All Commandery orders conferred in full form* Saturday, July 18, 2015 – Registration 8:00 am - Open 9:00 am – lunch 11:30am – close 3:00pm. Dayton Masonic Center, 525 W Riverview Ave, Dayton, OH 45405; Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by Kentucky; Order of Malta by Ohio and Order of the Temple by Levant Preceptory of Indiana Order SEE ATTACHED FLYER.

Sat. August 8, 2015.

Triennial Drill Competition at Adams Mark Hotel and Event Center, 120 Church St, Buffalo, NY 14202; Contact: Bill Short at 317-782-0923 or at wm.short@att.net

August 9-12, 2015.

Grand Encampment 66th Triennial Conclave at Adams Mark Hotel and Event Center, 120 Church St, Buffalo, NY 14202;

Sat. August 15, 2015.

Commandery One Day Class
08:00 AM Registration
09:00 AM Order of the Red Cross
10:30 AM Order of Malta
11:30 AM Lunch
1:00 PM Order of the Temple
3:30 PM Adjourn
Prather Commandery No. 62, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717, 7502 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226; Contact Brian Lewis at 317-445-2843 or at blewis717@gmail.com

Fri. August 21, 2015.

7:30 PM Called Assembly; Isley York Rite College No. 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No. 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN 46126; Contact: Dave Willoughby at 317-837-1098 or dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com

Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 2015

2015 Supreme Council Registration (Indianapolis)

Registration: \$165.00 (no additional fee for ladies)

Special Notes: You NEED NOT be a 33° to attend the basic functions of Supreme Council! The only restriction is the degree conferral on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. If you have not been to a Supreme Council general session or have not participated in some of the other functions, you are strongly encouraged to join us in Indianapolis in August! This is a very enjoyable experience.

***If you are a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and wish to attend, you will need to contact Marie D'Amore at Supreme Council directly at (800)

814-1432 x 3311 as the online registration portal is for 33° members only.***

[2015 Annual Meeting Online Registration](#)
[The Annual Meeting Program](#)
[Tour Info and Order Form](#)

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. September 26, 2015.

Isley York Rite College No. 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No. 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN 46126; 12:00 PM Lunch; 1:00 PM Knight of York Degree; Contact: Dave Willoughby at 317-837-1098 or at dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com

Sat. October 3, 2015.

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08:00 AM Royal & Select Master Degrees
09:15 AM Mark Master Degree

10:15 AM Past Master Degree
10:45 AM Most Excellent Master
11:15 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Royal Arch Degree
2:15 PM Order of the Red Cross
3:30 PM Order of Malta
5:00 PM Order of the Temple
7:30 PM Adjourn

Prather York Rite Bodies, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717,
7502 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226; Contact Brian Lewis at
317-445-2843 or blewis717@gmail.com

Sat. October 10, 2015.

Grand Master's York Rite Festival in Evansville

Fri. November 6, 2015.
Sat. November 7, 2015.

RSKO – 2015 Annual Convivial – Louisville, KY

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

“We should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience.”— George Washington

Around the Encampment:

Think About It:

The Knights Templar Maps a Plan to Fight ISIS and Win

Author Unknown

Submitted by Carson C. Smith

701 years ago, on March 18th, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar was burned at the stake in France. As he died, Jacques de Molay cursed the French king who had betrayed him, and whose own dynasty collapsed fourteen years later. That didn't help de Molay, whose order was exterminated as a road bump in the path of French power.

Today, days after the Iraqi government admitted that its attack on Tikrit has ground to a halt, the death of the Templars offers lessons on how to fight the Islamic State, an entity they would have recognized very well.

The only successes against ISIS have come at the hands of expressly ethno-sectarian troops—not states you could identify on a Google map: the Shiite militias and Iranian advisors that accompany the Iraqi army into battle, the Alawi Syrians and their Hezbollah allies, or the Kurds fighting, with a wink, for the Iraqi state. Even the first time ISIS was defeated, in 2007-2008, it was by expressly sectarian Sunni militias in Anbar, not by the Iraqi army.

There is no state army winning in the Middle East; nor, really, against radical Islam elsewhere, which has exploded since 2001. The reason lies in the history of the Knights Templar.

Before Amnesty International, before Greenpeace, the Knights Templar and other crusading orders like the Knights Hospitaller were the original non-governmental organizations. They were created to fill the gaps in state capacity, protecting pilgrims enroute to the Holy Land after the First Crusade recaptured Jerusalem in 1099. The Templars supplied banking, medical care, and a permanently expeditionary military capacity that solidified Christendom's lines of communication to the Middle East, and they prospered by it.

Sovereignty was a bit of a confused concept at that time. Power was not wholly the prerogative of states, as it became after the Treaty of Westphalia in 1646, which put an end to the wars of religion. While there were recognizable national entities – like France, most of all, and England – the lines of feudal loyalty were distinctly non-national.

A baron could own lands in France but could also be nominally sworn to a lord in Burgundy or have vassals in the Holy Roman Empire who were nominally fighting his king, though they gave fealty to him. Underneath the map of medieval Europe, there were crisscrossing lines of identity and affiliation that were in many cases stronger than states. And no identity was stronger than Christendom.

That would change. The Templars were ultimately undone not because the French king was greedy for their lands, because the balance of power between state and non-state had swung back towards the state. There was no more service to offer: the Crusades were over, and the Holy Land was lost. France had become a more unified kingdom and with unification came the jealousy of temporal authority. Then, it was a function of time, politics and technology.

In the modern day, it has swung towards the non-state, and ISIS. ISIS revels in the gaps of state authority. The national Arab states it rivals have fallen far behind the rest of the world, with no efficiency other than the secret police. ISIS and other radical groups flood Twitter with an appeal to the global identity of Muslims. The spontaneity of a thousand different human interactions every day, across the globe, is bound to metastasize a network of ideas faster than any bureaucracy can keep manage. They are also aided, perversely, by the triumph of democratic capitalism.

As the world's only ideology, the victory of the West has laid bare its own weakness: that it offers no greater cause than more consumption and a softer life. Islamism, like communism and fascism, is the latest incarnation of man's desire to fill that nothing with something. The victory of no cause may have perversely begged the creation of some cause -- even a cruel and terrible one.

All the Interpol cooperation in the world hasn't been successful in choking off the supply of recruits pouring into Syria to fight for ISIS, a substate pipeline not too unlike that of the Templars. The shadow networks of hiwala funding, military recruiting, and Islamist ideology crisscross European and European-drawn boundaries.

So what, then, is the Templar lesson for ISIS? Perhaps it is simply that the hagiography of state authority waxes and wanes. Caesar will not always be Caesar. Today, it is expressly evident that there is a border between Iraq and Syria on our maps; but it is also expressly evident that there is no border in real life. Nor is there a real one between Syria and Lebanon; nor perhaps, really between Iraq and Iran. There is a gap in capacity.

ISIS has arisen to fill that gap, but something else will arise to push back against it, since states cannot. That something won't be the Templars, exactly, but it will also not be a state. It will instead be new non-state networks to funnel money and fighters against ISIS.

There are already reports of Americans and other Westerners going to join the Kurdish militias; how long before the Christian communities in Iraq and other ethno-sectarian communities under assault begin to attract adherents as well?

The war against ISIS and radical Islam may not always be state versus non-state, but perhaps eventually non-state versus non-state. Popularized violence and popularized sovereignty; more efficient, certainly, to cut out the middleman. It would be the return of DeMolay, at least for a while, until they don't need him anymore.

Link <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/knights-templar-maps-plan-fight-130000317.html>

Congratulations to Excellent Companion Todd Carpenter of Valparaiso Chapter #79 for winning the "High Priest of the Year Award" at the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons State of Indiana Annual Convocation!

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