



Donald D. Olvey, R.E.G.C.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar Of Indiana

December 2016

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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

December Birthdays:

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

December Anniversaries:

Terry & Wanda Kehrer, 12/7
David & Vickie Gundrum, 12/7
Duane & Georgia Vaught, 12/16
Larry & Suanna Brown, 12/17
Gary & Sally Nicholson, 12/17
Paul & Margaret Cole, 12/18
Jack & Carol Moorman, 1 7/11
Virgil & Janice Humphrey, 12/24
John & Marcia LaBounty, 12/24
Dale & Nancy Foreman, 12/31

Missing Picture in the recent K.T. Magazine

Your Grand Recorder was told in February to send a picture of the Grand Commander serving for the year 2016 – 2017 as soon as possible, to the KT Magazine Editor, after his installation. I just plain forgot. My deepest apology to our Grand Commander and to all Sir Knight of Indiana. George

To help yourself, you must be yourself. Be the best that you can be. When you make a mistake, learn from it, pick yourself up and move on. - Dave Pelzer

Donnie Robinette: Has agreed to take over the writing of this Newsletter effective in January. However, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either Donnie or myself.

George A. Ingles, Jr.

Veteran’s Day at the Masonic Home 2016





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



SIDE 1

SIDE 2

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.



Greene County Commandery U.D. Conferred all the Orders, Saturday November 19, 2016 on 3 of their Candidates and 2 from Bedford No. 42. Fourteen Sir Knights from Greene County U.D. were in the cast plus several visiting Sir Knights assisted in the Orders.

Bicentennial Celebration Malta Jewel (**Last Call**) Program ends 12/31/2016



To the left is the Bicenennial Celebration Malta Jewel for the new Knights receiving the Order of the Temple this year. The same jewel only with a solid black ribbon is available to Sir Knights thru your Grand Recorder for \$25.00.

If you see me, just ask if you call there will be \$5.00 Shipping and postage charge added. 765-284-1557

Web Sites

Indiana KT Web Site: <http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/>

“3 new videos” under “Information” “York Rite Videos”

“Downloads” “Other” has or will soon a revised layout to make it easier to find information. plus new Certificates, By-Laws, Revisions to By-Laws and other Information most in Fillable PDF format.

National Information: <http://www.yorkrite.org/>

Evansville York Rite: <http://www.evansville.yorkrite.org/>

Sickness & Distress:

11/18/16 Phoenix Bridegroom: is back on the front line battling the 4 letter C word again. God!! PLEASE give this little girl and her family a longer break. If I were to put all the information in beginning until I send this out ten days from now. I would need a second newsletter. Please watch for Facebook updates at **Friends and Family of Phoenix Bridegroom**

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Update from ICU

Phoenix continues to rest while on the ventilator in ICU. Her doc began the weening process yesterday, and because this takes time, we are hoping within the next few days her lungs will show that they are strong and ready. She still has a respiratory virus lingering and because she has no white blood cells to fight it, it will take longer than usual to get rid of it. The CT scan of her lungs yesterday looked very good.

Her leukemia has responded very well to the treatment given so far, which has been an oral chemo pill and steroids. The oncology team would like to keep the cancer treatment as simple as possible, and as easy on her body as possible. This means that she needs transfusions of blood and platelets fairly often.

Phoenix's kidneys have some micro abscesses on them, and the renal team says this explains her high blood pressure and possibly the infection that was never otherwise found. They have advised on meds for both, and will watch the kidneys with ultrasound each week. Her liver appears to have been aggravated by the leukemic cells and is showing improvement, although slow, as those cells clear from her body.

Phoenix has started ng tube feeds, which she is tolerating well, as she has not been able to eat in about a week. With the help of many laxatives, she has also shown us that her bowels are fully functional again.

Tomorrow Phoenix will have surgery to remove her apheresis line and replace it with a smaller, more permanent, tunneled central line. This line will be used for lab draws and infusions of chemo, medicines, and blood products.

Overall Phoenix is making progress, but with so much going on, it takes a lot of time. We will continue to try to be patient and positive and thankful and strong in faith. We will need you all to continue to pray and believe in her complete healing. Thank you and God Bless

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Update from ICU

Phoenix came off of the ventilator this afternoon, and her lungs seem to be doing well so far. Within a couple hours of being vent-free, in true Phoenix fashion, she spiked a fever and jumped her blood pressure and heart rate into the crazy zone. We aren't sure what to make of it, but obviously she's being watched closely. She is still having severe abdominal pain, so she's not exactly happy, but definitely more comfortable. She is on IV pain meds to help her. Her nutrition is being switched to TPN (IV nutrition) as we are worried that putting food through her digestive system could be aggravating her liver and causing more pain. She is improving little by little... and we are so thankful. Hearing her little voice was exactly what my heart needed today. Thank you all for your constant love and concern. God Bless. ❤️.

Irv Bitting will be starting that 4 letter C word starting December 30 for Bladder Cancer, but said it non-life threatening. Somehow, to me, (George) Cancer and non-life threatening is an oxymoron.

Connie Whisner is receiving Dialysis and is still in the hospital and looking forward to getting out soon!!!!

Terry Sanders It is with sadness that I report to you H. Terry Sanders has had a serious medical set back. As reported By Lloyd Atterson, Sr.

11/29/2016 "Mom" Claudine Ellington, mother of SK Randal Ellington, GPE, is currently fighting a major illness and needs prayers of uplifting. Last month, she was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and small cell carcinoma throughout her body. This was discovered after she went to her physician for a mild back ache. She has decided not to have any major medical intervention besides comfort therapies. SK Randy and his siblings are currently providing 24 care for their mother at her home, as she has declined in condition rapidly.

"Mom" Ellington has been a part of the Shelby County Masonic Community for a number of years. Several of us have known her so long that we've always called her "Mom", and I even had to ask several people 'what is her real name?' Please keep the Ellington Family in your prayers during this difficult holiday season for the family.

Please forward to those you believe will provide prayers of comfort.

SK Donnie Robinette

Secretary / Recorder - Shelby County York Rite

11/29/2016 Nina Olvey is doing fairly well. No temp and lungs are still clear.

G. C. Don Olvey Back to Dr. in the morning to have lung congestion checked. Other than that, I think are headed in right direction.

Still don't have voice back but that's probably not a real issue.

11/30/2016 I went to Dr this morning. I'll be starting on yet another round of anti-biotics and steroids. Still using inhaler 4 times a day. Oxygen levels are low but chest x-ray did not show any pneumonia. I do have a lot of lung congestion, as Dr put it "your lungs are not very happy". My voice is weak in the morning and gets worse as the day goes on. Not on house arrest but instructed to avoid contact with the young and the elderly during this round of drugs.

Nina is doing very well. No lung issues and really getting back to normal.

Don

Around the Encampment:

California York Rite From an email last week: Most Illustrious Companion Paul E. McCleary, M. I. Past Grand Master (1998-99) passed away this morning 11-11-2016, Poway CA

South Dakota York Rite Masonry has lost a significant and valued leader.

Eugene Leao served as Grand Commander of the South Dakota Knights Templar for the year 1979. He was elected and Installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the year 1991 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of South Dakota in 1992.

Companion and Sir Knight Leao passed on Wednesday, 23 November in Pierre, South Dakota.

Funeral services for Gene will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis on Wednesday, November 30th at 2:00 PM. Family would like to have an Eastern Star Service and also will have a short Masonic memorial.

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

Red Book Directory Changes:

None reported this month

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

Important Dates:

Sat. Jan. 7, 2017
10:00am - 3:00pm

Grand Commandery Winter Meeting
Freemason's Hall 625 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN 46204,
Contact: George A. Ingles, Grand Recorder, ginglespgc@comcast.net

Sat. Jan. 14, 2016.
8:30am - 1:30pm

Founder's Day, ,
Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N Meridian St Indianapolis, IN.
(Possible Form Arch of Steel)

Sat. Jan. 21, 2017
10:00am – 1:00pm

Newby/Avery Brunch
Freemason's Hall 625 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN 46204,
Contact: George A. Ingles, Grand Recorder, ginglespgc@comcast.net

Jan, 28, 2017 8:00am

Grand Master's York Rite Day

To York Rite Members Wheresoever dispersed

THE MAIN MESSAGE OF THIS LETTER IS TO REQUEST LOCAL YORK RITE CHAPTERS ON THEIR OWN OR IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER CHAPTERS TO SET YOUR DATES FOR THE MM, PM AND MEM DEGREES. AS YOU KNOW, THESE MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE OF THE JANUARY 28, 2017 CLASS - THEN LET US KNOW THE SPECIFIC DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS.

Once various areas have set some dates for these three degrees we will communicate it back to all areas of the State of Indiana so that you may be able to send candidates to one of several locations. We anticipate some will do the work on weekdays and some on a weekend. Please get these dates set

soon. We can then have potential alternate locations for degree work for the candidates.

The Royal Arch thru the Order of the Commandery will be conducted at the Angola Masonic Lodge on Saturday, January 28, starting at 9:00 AM. Registration starts at 8:00 AM with coffee and donuts. There will be a noon meal, which will require reservations. The cost will be \$10 - which is to be taken up by Mike Anderson of Angola candacraig2@re-comm.net (260-665-9376). There will be no evening meal.

The Co-Chairmen for this event are: Ed Fodrea hfa.phd1@gmail.com (260-417-9946) and James Davis jaleda58@aol.com (260-488-3881). Please direct your questions of the class to them. The casts for the work is being completed now and that information will be coming out next month.

In the meantime, please be working on candidates. It appears that Auburn Chapter and Council and Apollo Commandery have several candidates, including Richard Lentz from Concord Lodge that was recently elected into the Indiana Grand Lodge line.

If you have questions or concerns, fire back an email. Keep up your membership work and I will send an update early in November. Have a great day!

Paul Friend
Publicity and Promotion
260-402-6122

Sat. Feb. 25, 2017
8:00am – 4:00pm

Tri-State Festival
Michigan Center, MI, 355 Napoleon Rd., Jackson, MI
Chapter and Council Degrees
Contact: Paul Friend, pifriend67@yahoo.com

Sat. Mar. 4, 2017
8:00am – 4:00pm

Tri-State Festival
117 N Lynn St, Bryan, OH 43506,
Commandery Orders
Contact: Paul Friend, pifriend67@yahoo.com

Sat. Mar. 11, 2017
8:00 am – 4:00pm

East Central Department Meeting
1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY

Fri. Apr. 7 - 9, 2017
8:00am – 4:00pm

Indiana Grand Chapter and Council Sessions
Majestic Star Casino and Hotel, 1 Buffington Harbor Dr., Gary, IN
Contact: Richard Lochner, GS, drlockner@gmail.com

Wed. Apr. 12 - 16, 2017
6:00am

Easter Sunrise Service Trip
Contact: Jim Bolinger, KCT, PGC debo36@comcast.net

Fri. Apr. 28, 2017

Grand Commandery Annual Conclave

7:00am – 4:00pm

Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN

Contact; George A. Ingles, GR ginglespgc@comcast.net

Sat. Apr. 29, 2017

9:00am

Grand Commandery Drill Competition

Location (TBD)

Contact: William Short wm.short@att.net

Sat. Jun. 3, 2017

12:00pm

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

Scottish Rite

The Supreme Council:

Aug. 27 - Aug. 29, 2017

Reconvenes, in Rochester, NY, for a full Annual Meeting, including the General session, vesper service, and the conferral of the 33°.

The schedule after Rochester:

2018 - Lexington, MA, executive sessions only

2019 - Milwaukee, WI, Meetings and conferral

2020 - Lexington, MA, executive sessions only

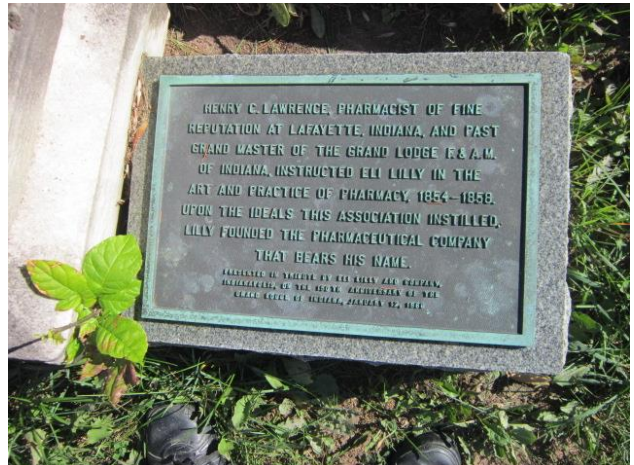
2021 - Cleveland, OH, Meetings and conferral

If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right. - Henry Ford

A bit of Trivia as promised from last month

Sir Knight Henry C. Lawrence: was elected the first Grand Master of Grand Encampment of Indiana in Lafayette, in December of 1854 serving for three terms to December of 1857. He was also serving as the 21st Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Indiana in 1854 at the age of 33, when he was elected as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Encampment. He went to California in 1849 for the Gold Rush. His occupation was a Druggist in Lafayette where he was a member of Lafayette No. 123. During his years in Lafayette his new drugstore was in downtown Lafayette. Eli Lilly served as an apprentice under Brother Lawrence. Lilly later form the Drug industry located in Indianapolis, IN. Brother Lawrence died of an accident in Lafayette December 20, 1862 at the age of 42 years. He is buried in Stevens Family Cemetery in Knowlesville, NY. In 1855 Brother Lawrence lost his Father, a Brother and his 22-year-old wife. All of them are buried in the small Stevens Family Cemetery in Knowlesville, NY.

In 1968 during the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the Grand Lodge of Indiana a plaque was placed at the markers of those Grand Master whose grave site could be found. In September of this year I visited the Cemetery and found most of the markers unreadable many had fallen over or were leaning a great deal. A friend who lives in Rochester, NY and I did some work but two old men couldn't finish the job. Pictured below is the site when I first arrived, a picture of the marker and plaque and a picture of the site when I left. My plan is by next summer during our 200th Anniversary of our Grand Lodge it will be upright and complete.



Dear Friends,

The time is here to start thinking about the annual Easter Sunrise Service Trip to Washington, D.C. This years trip will be hosted by Grand Commander Don Olvey and Lady Nina. Together we have designed an outstanding trip! As past participants, you already know that it is always a great time with wonderful people.

I have no doubt that this year will be too!

We will gather, as usual, in Indianapolis, on Tuesday, April 11th, but on the south side this year as to be in a better location to head south. At this time, I can't name the hotel because of reservation delays but you will have plenty of notice before we leave. Early on Wednesday we will head to Louisville, KY to have breakfast trackside while watching the horses practice at Churchill Downs. This will be followed by a tour and a stop at the museum. I'm thinking AWESOME. From there we will head to West Virginia for the night so we will be fresh for our voyage into the world of science at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, WV. There we will see the largest steerable satellite (485 feet tall) that they use to listen for sounds in space. At the science center we will learn and see all sorts of interesting "spacer things as well as have lunch at the Starlight Café. Friday, in DC we will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Catholic Church in the US, and totally breathtaking. Friday afternoon we well visit the Stables of the Old Guard where the horses used at Arlington Cemetery are housed and trained. We will also have our pizza party in the Hospitality on Friday night followed by our night tour of DC. On Saturday, our traditional wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown will be in the morning with the Grand Encampment Banquet on Saturday evening. The trip wraps up with our Easter Service and march up Shooter's Hill on Easter morning.

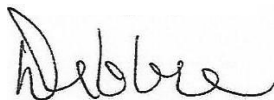
The price for a couple will remain the same as the last few years, \$1,275 with a \$100 deposit. See the brochure for singles or family prices. Please take a look at the brochure, complete the form and return it to me by December 20th with your deposit

As we are spending our first winter in Florida this year, please send your reservations to the following address:

**James and Deborah Bolinger 2140 Cottage St. #510
Ft. Myers, FL 33901**

Of course, feel free to call Jim or me with any questions, 574-220-8486 Debbie's cell, 574-876-8256, Jim's cell, 239-791-8459 (FL home#) or e-mail deb036@comcast.net.

I am VERY excited about this trip and I hope you are too! Please sign up soon as I am eager to know who is going with us!



2017 BUS TRIP ITINERARY

TUESDAY April 11th Meet/Greet - Indy
Hotel TBA (included in price)

WEDNESDAY - April 12th

6:00 A.M. Bus arrives at our hotel in Indianapolis. We will load the snacks, drinks, etc. for the trip
6:15 A.M. - Load luggage
6:30 A.M. - Depart hotel for Louisville, KY
8:30 A.M. Backstretch Breakfast and tour Churchill Downs, Home of the Kentucky Derby
11:30 A.M. Depart Churchill Downs for Summersville, WV
1:00 P.M. Lunch break TBA
6:00 P.M. Arrive Comfort Inn, Summersville, WV
7:00 P.M. Dinner

THURSDAY - APRIL 13th

6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at the Motel
8:00 - 8:15 A.M. Reload the luggage onto the bus
8:15 A.M. Depart Summersville, WV for Green Bank, WV National Radio Astronomy Observatory
11:00 A.M. Tour the Science Center and Bus tour of the world's largest telescope
12:00 P.M. Lunch at the Science Center
1:00 P.M. Depart for Arlington, VA
Approx 6:00 P.M. Arrive at Hotel
The rest of the day is free to settle in at hotel, dinner on our own, and Hospitality Room will open after dinner.

FRIDAY - APRIL 14th

Breakfast on own
9:15 A.M. Depart for Washington, D.C.
10:00 A.M. Tour of the Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church. Depart 11:30 A.M.
At 12:00 P.M. Lunch on your own in the quaint downtown of Alexandria, VA
2:00 P.M. Those that wish to visit the Old Guard Caisson Platoon at Ft. Myers Stables will depart.
Those that prefer to remain in Alexandria to shop or site see may do that and we will pick them up at 4:30P.M.
We will return to the hotel by 5:00 P.M. for our Pizza Party (6:00 pm) in the Hospitality Room and night tour of D.C. monuments.

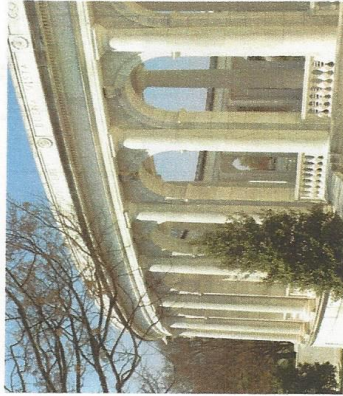
SATURDAY - APRIL 15th

Breakfast on own
8:45 A.M. Leave for Arlington Cemetery
9:45 A.M. Board the tram for the beginning of our tour of Arlington Cemetery
10:40 A.M. approx. the tram will leave us at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for our Wreath Laying at 11:15 P.M.
11:30 P.M. (after the Wreath Lying) we continue on the tram for the drive through cemetery.
12:30 P.M. (or when everyone has boarded) Return to hotel.
Rest of the afternoon is free - Hospitality Room open.

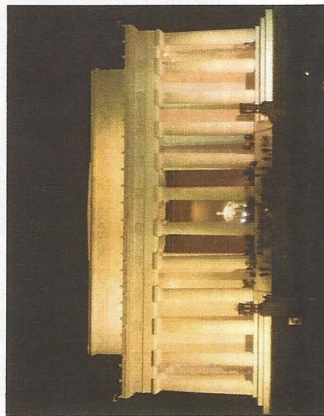
SUNDAY - APRIL 16th

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 in Indy

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



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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OR E-MAIL

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And his Lady, Nina

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JUNE 3, 2017

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