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**Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Of Indiana**
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Officers of LaPorte Commandery #12 Knights Templar

150 Year Rededication Ceremony
July 29th, 2017 – LaPorte, Indiana

August Birthdays:

Debra Sue Spence wife of Kevin Spencer, GW
George A. Ingles, Jr., PGM, KCT, PGC, 8/4
Gary K. Fentress, GPE, 8/6
Wayne A. Sheets, GPE, 8/6
Paul A. Cole, KCT, PGC, 8/7
Gary A. Sherritze, Rec. 21, 8/12
James L. Bolinger, KCT, PGC, 8/13
Lady Vickie Gundrum, wife of David Gundrum, 39, 8/14
David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, PREGM, 8/15
Lady Barbara Black, wife of Harold Black, GPE, 8/17
Michael M. Dutton, 14, 8/17
Lloyd R. Forney, Rec. 12, 8/20
Robert S. Flint, KTCH, GPE, 8/21
Lady Barbara Forney, wife of Lloyd R. Forney, Rec. 12, 8/21
William W. Roberts, KTCH, GPE, 8/22
Lady Rita, wife of Kenneth W. Ward, 21, 8/22
Irwin H. Sacks, 1, 8/22
Michael D. Ritter, PGC, 8/25
Lady Kathy Stroud, wife of Phillip W. Stroud, 64, 8/25
Lady Georgia Vaught, wife of Duane L. Vaught, PGC, PGM, GCT, REGM, 8/26
John R. Freeland, 8/30
Lady Bonnie Dove, wife of James L. Dove, KCT, PGC, 8/31
Lady Marcy Lasko, Lady of Vance A. Roberts, 8/31
James W. Prairie, KCT, PGC, 8/31
Charles R. Bowling, Rec. 61, 8/31

August Anniversaries:

Norman & Gloria Smith, 8/1
John & Kathy McClelland, 8/3
Steve & Sherry Barton, 8/5
Clint & Brittany Cottrell, 8/5
Larry & Vickie Deutscher, 8/9
Michael & Patricia Robbins, 8/12
Phillip & Kathy Stroud, 8/13
Jerald & Cindy Miller, 8/14
Paul & Inger Friend, 8/19
Jim & Debbie Bolinger, 8/21
Dirk & Valerie Rader, 8/22
Wilford & Jennie Lutes, 8/23
Douglas & Sue Green, 8/25
George & Karen Ingles, 8/31

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.

Internet & Social Media Links

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

Grand Encampment KT USA: <http://www.knightstemplar.org>

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

Evansville York Rite: <http://www.evansvilleyorkrite.org/>

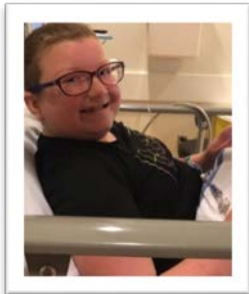
Prather York Rite: <http://www.pratheryorkrite.com>

Shelby County York Rite: <http://www.shelbyyorkrite.org>

Indiana Grand Commandery on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/INGrandCommandery/>

Sickness & Distress

Phoenix Bridegroom's Journey – Friends & Family of Phoenix Bridegroom Facebook Site:



July 10th, 2017:

Phoenix had her bone marrow biopsy and spinal tap this afternoon, and is currently finishing up her IVIG infusion. These tests will tell us how the CAR-T cell therapy is working and ensures that Phoenix remains in remission. Our doc just stopped in to tell us that the preliminary results look good so far, but the true results will not be in until Thursday. John and I are happy, but we know that we need the final results before we can relax. Thank you all for your love and prayers!

Contact Information & Red Book Directory Changes

Don Olvey (email update) – don.olvey@gmail.com

Monthly News & Notice Update

COMMANDERY BYLAWS:

Our Grand Recorder is requesting the latest and updated bylaws of all Indiana constituent commanderies.

Eminent Commanders and Recorders – please make appropriate copies and forward to your Battalion Commander as soon as possible. Refer any questions to your BC or to the Grand Recorder.

MMS INFORMATION:

RECORDERS – New dues cards will be printed by the Grand Encampment Office using data on 09/01/2017. Make sure that all new members, address changes, and other information is current within the MMS system no later than this date. If you have any questions, contact the Grand Recorder.



INDIANA RAINBOW FOR GIRLS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, July 6th, 2017 – Clarion Conference & Hotel, Columbus, Indiana

Miss Grace Nelson, 2016/17 Grand Worthy Advisor

Upcoming and Important Dates

Tuesday, August 8th, 2017:

6:00pm Meal / 7:00pm Work

Royal Arch Degree

Middletown Chapter #143, 959 N Beachwood Avenue, Middletown, IN

Contact: Daniel Edsall – dedsall04@gmail.com

Saturday, August 12th, 2017:

8:00am – 5:00pm

Emerging Leadership Program – Level 1

South Bend Scottish Rite, 427 N Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601

Register Online: www.indianaknightstemplar.com

Saturday, August 19th, 2017:

12:00pm

Battalion #I Reception & Templar Board

Hosted by LaPorte Commandery #12, 820 Jefferson Avenue, LaPorte, IN

Contact: Richard Bechinski – rjbech@comcast.net

Monday, August 21st, 2017:

6:00pm Meal / 7:00pm Order

Order of the Temple

New Albany Commandery #5, 805 E. Market Street, New Albany, IN

Contact: Terry Kehrer, DGC – tkehrer@otherside.com

Saturday, August 26th, 2017:

8:00am – 5:00pm

Emerging Leadership Program – Level 1

Millersville Masonic Temple, 4990 Kessler Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46220

Register Online: www.indianaknightstemplar.com

Thursday, August 31st, 2017:

Battalion #VIII Reception & Templar Board

Hosted by Vincennes Commandery #20, 501 Broadway Street, Vincennes, IN

Contact: Mark Wallace – mawallace70@gmail.com

Sunday, September 10th, 2017:

8:00am – 4:00pm

70th Annual Compass Park (Indiana Masonic Home) Festival

690 South State Street, Franklin, Indiana 46131

Contact: Donnie Robinette, GCG – donnie.robinette@gmail.com

Friday, September 22nd, 2017:

6:00pm Meal / 7:00pm Work

11th Annual Murat Shrine Potentate's York Rite Class

Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master Degrees

Hosted by Prather York Rite, 7502 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Register Online (candidates & members): www.pratheryorkrite.com

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017:

8:00am – 5:00pm

11th Annual Murat Shrine Potentate's York Rite Class

Royal Arch Degree, Royal & Select Master, Red Cross, Malta, Temple

Hosted by Prather York Rite, 7502 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Register Online (candidates & members): www.pratheryorkrite.com

Saturday, September 30th, 2017:

Battalion #III Reception & Templar Board

Hosted by Kokomo Commandery #36, 316 N Washington Street, Kokomo, IN 46901

Contact: Barry Clouser – barry.clouser@netzero.net

EMERGING LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

This is the First Part of a Three-Part Program. The Level I will be taught by Sir Knight, John Palmer of the Grand Encampment. This program is aimed at those who wish to Learn or Improve their Leadership Skills. The classes will run from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm (All times are local time).

Cost is \$25 Per Person and will include lunch and materials. Register online at www.indianaknightstemplar.com

August 5TH, 2017

**Bedford Commandery #42
915 15th Street, Bedford, IN**

August 12th, 2017

**South Bend Commandery #13
427 North Main Street, South Bend, IN**

August 26th, 2017

**H. E. Lackey Commandery #67
4990 Kessler Blvd E Drive, Indianapolis, IN**

Announcing the Crusader's Cross

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. has a number of donation programs most with associated recognition programs. One of our primary contribution programs is the Grand Master's Club. These are contributions of \$1,000 which can be accumulated over time. These accumulations are known as the Grand Commander's Club (\$100 each until \$1,000 is reached). Currently Grand Master's Club donors receive a plaque and a lapel pin.

Many Masons like and collect lapel pins but most of us have more than we can wear. However, except for a few state programs, there has been no way to recognize this generosity when in uniform. Now there is.

We are introducing a new award, The Crusader's Cross, to thank our donors. The Jewel comes in 5 levels, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3000, \$4,000, and \$5,000 or above. The award can be worn on a uniform, sport coat or displayed in your home. The award jewels are displayed above.

The \$1,000 level has the single, larger cross in the center. Each additional \$1,000 is identified with an additional small cross in a quadrant until at \$5,000 or above all four quadrants are occupied to complete the emblem known as the Crusader's Cross also known as the Cross of Jerusalem.

Only the Grand Master's Club donations will count toward this award but we will also present these jewels to those who have already reached these donor levels in the past. In coming months, we will be sending jewels to these past donors as a well-deserved "thank you".

Website

<http://www.knightstemplar.org/ktef/>

BATTALION #1 RECEPTION

HONORING THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER SIR
KNIGHT: LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS AND HIS LADY CLAIRE

LAPORTE COMMANDERY: #12

820 JEFFERSON AVE. LAPORTE, INDIANA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2017 CST

MEAL AT 12.00PM, RECEPTION 1.00PM

*MEAL: DRESS CODE- BLAZER OR UNIFORM LESS
CHAPEAUX GLOVES AND SWORD*

RECEPTION: STANDRD UNIFORM OR CAP AND MANTLE

RSVP: REQUIRED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15TH 2017
TO SIR KNIGHT DION DIAKIS, COMMANDER

DION.DIAKIS@YAHOO.COM 219-369-7335

Hosted by LaPorte Commandery #12

Participating Commanderies: Valparaiso #28, E.H. Gary
#57, South Bend #13, and Elkhart #31

BATTALION IV RECEPTION

HONORING RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER SIR KNIGHT

LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS AND HIS LADY CLAIR



FRANKFORT COMMANDERY, NO 29

**201 S. MAIN ST.
FRANKFORT, IN 46041**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 ET.

MEAL AT 11:00PM, RECEPTION 12:00PM

MEAL

MAILED IN- \$10.00 PER PERSON: NUMBER _____ TOTAL \$ _____

AT THE DOOR - \$12.00 PER PERSON: NUMBER ____ TOTAL \$ _____

MEAL; DRESS CODE- BLAZER OR UNIFORM LESS CHAPEAUX,
GLOVES AND SWORD

RECEPTION; CAP AND MANTLE OR STANDARD UNIFORM

RSVP REQUIRED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23TH, 2017 TO

SIR KNIGHT, DONALD HENDERSON

2000 WASHINGTON AVE, FRANKFORT, IN 46041

doink@sbcglobal.com or call 765-654-1230 or 654-5288



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



Bulletin No. 5 Williams

July 3, 2017

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018

To the Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies
Of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

We are pleased to announce the **2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. The only Pilgrimage will depart from JFK in New York, February 12, 2018, and return on February 22, 2018.

The itinerary will cover the major Holy Land sites. The pilgrim ministers chosen will have their entire roundtrip air fare paid from Indianapolis, IN to JFK, NY, then ELAL Airlines to Tel Aviv. As a guest of the Knights Templar, they will also receive three meals per day while in the Holy Land, lodging in a quality hotel, all admission fees to the various inspirational sites, gratuities for driver and guide, departure tax on return from Israel. Subject to release by the *Grand Master of the Grand Encampment*. **Please see all attached letters and forms.**

This will be a most exciting experience and is one, which every Knight Templar in Indiana can be proud to support. The Knights Templar of Indiana has sent over 200 ministers to Israel thus far. The number of ministers to be selected will depend on the amount of funds raised. The cost of sending a minister is approximately \$3,290.00 from JFK in New York. To the work, Sir Knights, draw your swords in defense of the Christian religion.

Send your recommendation by September 15, 2017 to the Grand Commandery of Indiana on the enclosed Holy Land Pilgrimage form. Mail the form along with contributions to: Robert J. Frazer, 3208 N.W. "C" St., Richmond, IN 47374 Checks should be made payable to: "Holy Land Pilgrimage".

This Bulletin shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of July 2017, A.O. 899.

Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Commander
ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder



Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF MINISTERS

The following are the selection criteria suggested for use in choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please carefully consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply.

Please take careful note, the guidelines have recently changed.

Ministers to be considered should:

- Have **never traveled to the Holy Land** before.
- Be serving in some form of **Credentialed Ministry** (Ordained, Certified, Licensed, etc.) A copy of the minister's credentials (certificate or letter) is to accompany the nomination form.
- Be currently serving in a **leadership ministry**, with regular preaching responsibility. This means that they are employed by the church in a leadership role and that ministry is considered their primary source of income.
- Have **served at least one year** in full time ministry in a primary leadership role as pastor / minister.
- Have **at least ten years of full time service** remaining in their active ministry. This opportunity is intended to enhance the ongoing preaching, teaching and overall biblical understanding of the participant, and in turn, benefit those they serve.
- Be of **good physical health** (if the idea of walking a brisk mile or more – uphill, non-stop, with steps - is a concern, this may not be the program from which this person would benefit). This is a physically rigorous program.
- Be willing to travel with an **ecumenical group** of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, both male and female ministers, and maintain a professional and courteous attitude toward all.
- Be willing to travel in a program sponsored by the **Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA**, an appendant organization of **Freemasonry**.
- Be willing to travel **without their spouse**. This is non-negotiable.
- Have the understanding that this is a **strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience** and not a vacation trip.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM 2018

1. FULL FIRST MIDDLE & LAST NAME: _____

2. HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

3. TELEPHONE: area code (_____) home: _____ work _____ mobile: _____

4. AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Email: _____

5. Spouse's name, if married: _____ Number of years married: _____

6. Children's name(s) and age(s), if any: _____

7. HIGHER EDUCATION - give name of school, years attended, and degrees achieved:

8. Type of ordination and name of body conferring ordination (***please attach a copy of your ordination certificate***):

9. Name of Church you currently serve and its complete address (including city, state & zip) and **office phone**:

10. Number of years in **full time ordained ministry**: _____

11. List other churches, years served and positions held:

12. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? _____ If yes, give the date(s) and the single most inspiring site visited:

13a. Why would you like to travel to the Holy Land? _____

13b. Upon your return, how might this experience effect your ministry? _____

14. Masonic affiliation, if any: _____

15. Why did you elect to become a minister? _____

16. **Please obtain a signature** from the Chair of your Personnel Committee, Church Board, District or Regional Supervisor, etc. If selected to be a Pilgrim Minister on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, this pastor will be granted leave to participate.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Contact information: _____

17. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? _____

18. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land WITHOUT your spouse (this is not negotiable)? _____

19. Are you willing to be a part of a traveling group made up of members of many other denominations? _____

20. Do you know of any Knights Templar in your church? _____

If so, please list name(s): _____

21. Are you aware of any health problems which would prevent or limit your participation in this strenuous trip? _____

22. Do you require medication? _____

23. What is the size of your congregation? _____

24. Number of ministers serving the congregation: _____

25. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to Israel? _____
If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? _____

26. If chosen, will you be able to travel on the dates, **Feb 12 to Feb 22, 2018**? _____

27. Has your name ever been submitted as a Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? _____

I commit to clearing my personal calendar and making the necessary arrangements with the church to facilitate my full participation and travel with the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage if selected.

Minister's Signature: _____ Date: _____

28. Recommending Commandery: _____ Commandery No. _____

29. Recommending Commander's Signature: _____

30. Recommending Commandery– Contact person for info, details, and arrangements (name, address, phones, & email): _____



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Lawrence J. Williams, GC

Our Knightly Loyalty

By SK LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS
Grand Commander

In the media, lately, there has been a lot of talk about loyalty and integrity. We are tempted to believe that they are the same thing, but they are not. Loyalty is defined as “1. Having or demonstrating undivided and constant support for someone or something. 2. Firm in allegiance to a person or institution, 3. Faithful to a person or cause.” In other words, Loyalty is pledging yourself to a cause, a group or a person. Integrity on the other hand, is an “adherence to a code of moral values.”

Loyalty is very important. It is what helps keep teams working well together. It makes no difference if that team is the little league baseball team down the street, the ritual team in our Masonic groups, a political party, or our combat units protecting our freedom. It creates those strong bonds that enable us to work through those times of trouble or strife.

Loyalty is also the basis of a strong personal relationship. Being honest with yourself and others is the surest way to build loyalty in any relationship.

However, loyalty, if you are not careful, can blind you as to what should be done at any given time or what should not be done. Because of peer pressures from within the group, you may feel that if you do not go along with them, they will think you are weak or they will speak badly of you or perhaps kick you out of the group. To stand up for what you as an individual feels is correct, takes real courage and strength. That may not be an easy decision to make. However, that is exactly what integrity is. It is doing the hard thing, and yes, sometimes the unpopular thing.

As we grow and evolve from our interactions from those around us, our loyalties may change. This is a normal part of growing as an

individual. We may embrace a particular cause now, but through life’s experiences, change our views, and as a result our loyalties will change. This is not uncommon and is part of growing as a person.

We as Knights Templar and Masons should always guard against loyalties that may have an adverse effect on our integrity and affect our ability to do the right thing at the right time.

Greenfield honors our most-senior PGC



GREENFIELD — Mayor Chuck Fewell, right, has presented SK Walter P. Worland, PGC, with a certificate honoring him for many decades of service to the community, and declaring May 17, 2017, to be Walter P. Worland Day in Greenfield. World is our most-senior past grand commander, serving 1970-71. For many years he managed the Indiana Freemason Printing Company on the grounds of the Indiana Masonic Home.