



Michael F. Robbins, REGC
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

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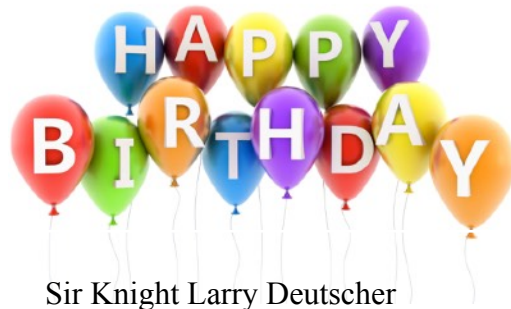
Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

“I don’t regret the things I’ve done, I regret the things I didn’t do when I had the chance.” – Unknown

2019-2020 Indiana Grand Commandery Officers:

Michael F. Robbins	Grand Commander
Donnie A. Robinette	Deputy Grand Commander
Edward E. Fodrea	Grand Generalissimo
Thomas D. Johnson	Grand Captain General
David Miller, Sr.	Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer, PGC	Grand Treasurer
George A. Ingles, Jr. PGC	Grand Recorder
Randal P. Ellington	Grand Senior Warden
Randy W. Spaulding	Grand Junior Warden
Randy J. Darling	Grand Standard Bearer
Michael C. Stoner	Grand Sword Bearer
Joseph L. Sparks	Grand Warder
Timothy R. Brinkmeyer	Grand Sentinel

Happy Birthday!!!
July Birthdays:



Lady Barbara, wife of Patrick Baird
Lady Richel, wife of Thomas Dillard
Lady Jean, wife of Michael Dutton
Lady Wilma, widow of Joe Friend
Lady Peggy, wife of John Hylemon
Lady Karen, wife of Charles Johnson
Lady Linda, wife of Keith Lender
Lady Rebecca, wife of Jonathan McCracken
Lady Donna, wife of David Miller, Sr.
Lady Casey, wife of Eric Pittman
Lady Cheryl, wife of Kevin Scott
Lady Ginny, widow of Wayne Sheets
Lady Lynne, wife of Charley Smelser
Lady Pat, wife of Ronald Tungett
Lady Cynthia, wife of Michael Virgin
Lady Shirley, wife of Jack Wallace
Sir Knight Don Borchert
Sir Knight John Bridegroom
Sir Knight Todd Carpenter

Sir Knight Larry Deutscher
Sir Knight Ed Fodrea
Sir Knight Eldred Glass
Sir Knight Larry Gray
Sir Knight Lewis Hill
Sir Knight Carleton Hinshaw
Sir Knight John Hylemon
Sir Knight Michael Johnson
Sir Knight John LaBounty
Sir Knight G. Donald Laundemann, III
Sir Knight John McClelland
Sir Knight John Patterson
Sir Knight Phil Ritter
Sir Knight Glenn Schmidt
Sir Knight Norman Smith
Sir Knight Jack Wallace
Sir Knight Phil (Bear) Whisner
Sir Knight Andy Wiley



Happy Anniversary!!!
July Anniversaries:

Lloyd and Barbara Atterson, Sr.
Richard and Cindy Bechinski
Harold and Barbara Black
John and Tammy Bridegroom
Jim and Carol Davis
Thomas and Richel Dillard
Jim and Bonnie Dove
Carl and Gaylynn Dykman
Lloyd and Barbara Forney

Bob and Nancy Frazer
Charles and Bonnie Huff
David and Jeanie Jenkins
Steven and Lenora Keller
Charlie and Janel King
W. Kris and Chere Phillips
Mitch and Ilona Rohrbaugh
Mike (Doc) and Barb Stoner
Jack and Shirley Wallace

Let us celebrate with you!

Send me your birthday and anniversary so you can be included in the newsletter.

monipaints4u@yahoo.com

BAT COM TRAINING 2019



The Battalion Commander Meeting was held June 8th. Attendance was fantastic! There were 31 Sir Knights and 10 Ladies. While the Sir Knights received training for a successful year, the Ladies went to tour the James Whitcomb Riley Home and Museum and enjoyed spending time together.





INDIANA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ACADEMY

*CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE
INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY*

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Inspections and Receptions
Ritual Award Program & Ritual Competition
History of the Knights Templar
Templar Protocol
Publicity and Social Media Communications
Uniform and Regalia
Sword Manual & Drill Tactics



NORTH

Saturday, June 22, 2019
Fort Wayne Masonic Temple
216 E Washington Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

CENTRAL

Saturday, June 29, 2019
Franklin Masonic Lodge #107
801 S. Main Street
Franklin, IN 46131

SOUTH

Saturday, July 6th, 2019
Bedford Lodge #14
917 1/2 15th Street
Bedford, IN 47421

ALL TRAINING SESSION TIMES ARE FROM 10:00AM TO 3:00PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME



OPEN TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS

\$15 PER PERSON PAYABLE AT THE DOOR TO
COVER TRAINING SUPPLIES, CERTIFICATE, PIN
AND LUNCH

**LINKS TO REGISTER AVAILABLE AT
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/INGrandCommandery**

Registration:

South: <http://ita-south.eventbrite.com/?s=100711975>

Holy Sanctuary Preceptory No. 131, London England
September 2018 Visitation



Holy Sanctuary Preceptory #131 of London England hosted a delegation from Indiana on September 26, 2018. They treated us to a wonderful presentation of Order of the Temple. After the meeting concluded we went to a dinner or Festive Board. Sir Knight Michael “Doc” Stoner gave the Visitors Response at the festivities thanking the Sir Knights for their hospitality they shared for the group. All 8 of our Knights had a wonderful time, however, everyone failed to remember to take a picture of the event. The Sir Knights of Holy Sanctuary Preceptory #131 of London England did send a recent picture of their members at our request. Holy Sanctuary Preceptory #131 uniform is Cap and Mantle with a Tunic.

The 8 Indiana Knights Masons that attended are:

1. Frank E. Capler Sr., Prather #62 Commandery
2. Frank E. Capler, Jr., Prather #62 Commandery
3. William S. Bell, Prather #62 Commandery
4. Craig M. Beidelman, Prather #62 Commandery
5. Michael Smith, Wm G. Bray #65 Commandery
6. Jeffery Craig, Raper #1 Commandery
7. Chuck C. Wicks, Elkhart #31 Commandery
8. Michael C. Stoner, Bloomington #63 Commandery

Submitted by: Frank E. Capler Jr.

New Albany Commandery #5

Sir Knights from New Albany Commandery #5 and their Ladies observed Ascension Sunday on June 2 at New Beginnings Community Church in New Albany, Indiana. We showed how, as Knights Templar, we are part of the Masonic family, and are the arm of Masonry who are Christian Knights. We talked about our philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, as well as our presence in the community. We were shown hospitality throughout our time at the Church. By the way, the Pastor was a Mason as well.

Many stayed for a great meal after the service.

Submitted by Archie Smallwood and Terry Kehrer



Tipton Commandery U.D.

Celebrating the Summer Solstice on June 22 with a day of fun and Masonic fellowship! Dylan Lee, Jason Johnson, James Moore, Tony Lee, Nate Rutledge, Ronnie Kingery.



Greenfield Commandery #39

Greenfield York Rite has been participating in the Hancock County Fair since 1963. This year the booth was open June 21-28. They had good attendance and good weather! People were waiting in line when the pizza booth opened in the afternoons.



Supporting our Youth Groups!

DeMolay



Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, GSW and Sir Knight Michael “Doc” Stoner, GSwB had the pleasure to attend the Indiana DeMolay Conclave Dinner and Installation of 2019-2020 Officers. Sir Knight Ellington, on behalf of Right Eminent Grand Commander Mike Robbins, had the privilege of presenting a check to Indiana DeMolay to State Master Councilor Lucas McIntosh. After dinner with the Brethren of Indiana DeMolay and Distinguished Guests, they attended the Installation Ceremony of State Master Councilor Elect Zion Benitez. It was a great night of Brotherhood with DeMolay Brothers and they will be looking forward to next year!



In the June 2019 issue, beside the picture of Ft. Wayne Commandery at the “Memorial Day” parade Paul Waters should have said Paul Walter. My apologies.

Supporting our Youth Groups!

Job's Daughters



Congratulations to Erin Carico, Dustin Pearce and Savannah O. on a great year!



Memorial

David Miller, Sr., Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, and Supreme Sr. Custodian of Job's Daughters participated in a memorial service at Job's Daughters Grand Session for Linda Fry, who passed away on May 28th.

Job's Daughters was my hang-out all day and evening Friday and Saturday. The Grand Bethel and the Grand Guardian Council met and held their Annual Sessions, June 21 & 22 to conduct their business. The newly installed Grand Guardian, Jamie Yeadon- Fagohum, smiled a lot as we attempted to pronounce her last name. She is one of only five ladies who have served as both Grand Bethel Honored Queen and as Grand Guardian. Master Masons serve as a part of the Adult leadership of both Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls in Indiana. The four elected Master Masons this year are all Past Masters of their Lodges, Associate Grand Guardian, Jason Rehkamp, #631, VAGG William "Tim" Glover #101 & 715, Grand Inner Guard Brandon Schultz #421, and GOG, Jacob Higgs #631. The attached picture is of a couple of young ladies who are members of the Grand Bethel. Yes, their dresses are red this year and they look very nice. The young lady in the center Corrine O'Neal of my Bethel #107 was my escort as I was installed as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Guardian Council. Divorce proceedings are progressing nicely.



Here's what's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...



Freemasons of Indiana

On June 1st, there was a Master Mason Degree at the Old Fort in Fort Wayne. Wayne Lodge #25 was the host lodge. 80 Brothers attended and 9 new Master Masons were Raised. Since 2007, the Master Mason degree at the Old Fort has become an annual tradition.

Order of the Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star held their Grand Session at the Wyndham Indianapolis West on June 7-9th. Archie R. Smallwood, Terry Turner, and Mike Robbins represented all three York Rite bodies.



Order of the Amaranth

Archie R. Smallwood, Mike Robbins, Roger Weaver, Kenneth Roy, Jr, and David Ulrich at Amaranth Grand Court on June 1st in Nashville, Indiana

Our own Grand Sentinel, Mike (Doc) Stoner, was Installed as the Grand Associate Patron of Grand Amaranth



Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund

Do you ever make a donation and wondered how it's being used?

**Here is a story from a Minister that
YOU helped send to the Holy Land!**

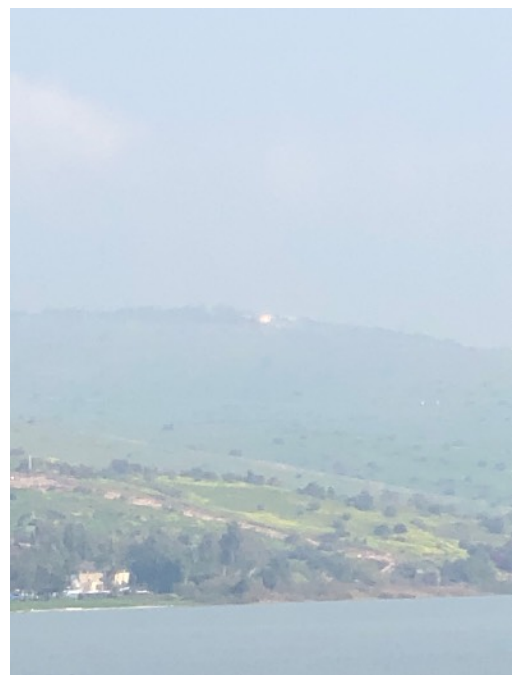
In the coming issues we will be sharing words and photos from some of the ministers that have gone to the Holy Land. Many of you have heard us speak about this trip, often times asking for donations to support the fund. Now we would like you to see how the money is changing the lives of so many by hearing from the ministers themselves. We hope it will encourage you to continue to support the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

The picture to the right is of the Sea of Galilee. We often hear is one of the most moving parts of the trip. We know that Jesus did so much in this area from miracles to feeding the crowds. The picture in the lower left is of a boat dated to the time that Jesus would have been in the area, and what the disciples would have been using at that time.



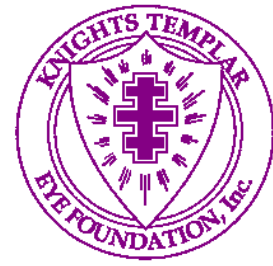
The picture in the lower right is of the area we know that Jesus fed 5000 people. So much was done in this area to teach, not only us years later, but also to teach those of that time. In the coming issues please enjoy the pictures, and what the ministers have to say about these areas and how it has changed their lives.

Submitted by Adam Jackson G.P.E.



Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



Is It Seasonal Allergies Or Dry Eye?

Two of the more common eye-related problems are dry eyes and eye allergies. While the symptoms are similar, there are differences between the two conditions. Sometimes they can occur at the same time, compounding the problem.

That's why it's important to have a medical eye exam to determine the cause of your symptoms so you can get the appropriate treatment. If you're concerned about the cost of the exam, the American Academy of Ophthalmology's EyeCare America program may be able to help.

Understanding Allergies

Seasonal eye allergy symptoms are like dry eye, but itchiness is more common. When you're sensitive to an allergen such as molds, pollen, dust or grass, histamine is released, causing itchy, red eyes that tear or burn. Over-the-counter medications are often effective. You can also take the following steps for relief:

- Limit exposure to the outdoors on high-pollen count days.
- Wash your face and hands after being outside to reduce the amount of pollen on the skin.
- Don't rub your eyes; it may increase the irritants and make symptoms worse.

Examining Dry Eye

Dry eye is a complex disease that has many causes that often overlap and interact. Dry eye can happen when the eye doesn't produce enough tears or when the quality of the tears can't keep the surface of the eye adequately lubricated. It frequently occurs with other health conditions.

People tend to make fewer tears as they get older due to hormonal changes. Both men and women can get dry eye. However, it is more common in women—especially after menopause.

Common symptoms of dry eye disease may include sensitivity to light, dryness and itchiness, the feeling that something is in the eye, fluctuating vision, eye fatigue and excess eye watering.

Ophthalmologists—physicians specializing in medical and surgical eye care—will prescribe a variety of treatments based on the cause of the dry eye. For many people, though, a few simple lifestyle changes can resolve the problem:

- Try adding moisture to the air with a humidifier.
- Protect your eyes from drying wind by wearing wraparound glasses outside.
- Add omega-3 fatty acids to your diet for dry eye relief. These are in oily fish (such as salmon, sardines, tuna, trout and anchovies) and in flaxseeds.
- Use artificial tear ointment or thick eyedrops just before you go to bed.

If your eyes remain red and irritated after trying these tips, see your ophthalmologist.

About EyeCare America

EyeCare America is a national public service program that provides eye care through volunteer ophthalmologists for seniors 65 and older, and those at increased risk for eye disease. To see if you or your loved ones are eligible, visit www.aao.org/eyecareamerica.

Since 1985, EyeCare America has helped more than 2 million people with sight-saving eye care and resources, and more than 90 percent of the care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. The program is co-sponsored by the **Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.**, with additional support provided by Alcon and Regeneron.

Source: www.hoosiertimes.com



**Right Eminent Grand Commander
Mike Robbins and his lady, Patty,**
Invite you to join them on the
**2020 Easter Sunrise Service
Bus Trip**

Prices:
Single \$1025
Couple \$1395
Family Rates available



Complete form and mail to Monica Peterson, 16065 E. 126th Street, Fishers, IN 46037
Contact George at ginglespgc@comcast.net to pay by credit card. Additional 3% processing fee will apply.
Please include \$150 non-refundable deposit made out to *Grand Commandery Knights Templar*.
Reservations due by January 1, 2020. Final Payment due by February 1, 2020
Any questions, please contact Monica Peterson (317) 696-4844 or monipaints4u@yahoo.com

Names: _____

Address: _____

His cell phone #: _____ Her cell phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a US Military Veteran? Y / N (circle one)

Are you a Senior? Y / N (circle one)

Do you require a wheelchair accessible bus? Y / N

Are you rooming with someone? Who? _____

IF there is a choice, do you
prefer: 2 double beds OR
1 king bed? (circle one)

Tuesday, April 7th

3:30 p.m or after - Meet and Greet at Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis - Southeast (included)
6:00 p.m. Pizza Party (included)
7:30 p.m. Bowling for those who'd like to go (not included)

Wednesday, April 8th

Breakfast is available at the hotel (included), but time is limited
6:30 a.m. The bus will arrive at our hotel. We will load the snacks and drinks for our trip.
6:45 a.m. Load the luggage and board the bus
7:00 a.m. The bus departs the hotel
11:30 a.m. Stop for lunch in St. Clairsville, Ohio (not included)
3:00 p.m. Christian Klay Winery - tour and tasting
4:45 p.m. Reboard the bus
6:30 p.m. Stop for dinner (not included)
8:30 p.m. Check into the Sleep Inn in Cumberland, MD

Thursday, April 9th

Breakfast is available at the hotel (included), but time is limited
7:00 a.m. The bus departs the hotel
9:30 a.m. Tour the National Law Enforcement Museum (guided tour - *Just the Facts*)
11:30 p.m. Board bus to Alexandria for lunch and to explore on your own
3:00 p.m. Bus will depart Alexandria and go to the hotel
Arrive at the hotel in Arlington - we stay here for 3 nights
Dinner is on your own
7:30 p.m. Night tour of the DC Monuments

Friday, April 10th

There will be a very light breakfast in the Hospitality Room.
9:15 a.m. The bus departs the hotel
10:00 a.m. Tour the Library of Congress (arrive early to go through security)
The rest of the day is yours to explore downtown Washington DC. The bus will come pick up passengers around 1, 4, 7, and 9pm. You will receive information by text that day.

Saturday, April 11th

There will be a very light breakfast in the Hospitality Room.
8:45 a.m. Bus departs for Arlington Cemetery (arrive early to go through security)
9:45 a.m. Board the tram to tour Arlington Cemetery and go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
11:15 a.m. Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
12:30 p.m. Depart Arlington Cemetery to return to the hotel
Lunch is on your own
2:30 p.m. The bus will take passengers to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for a tour
4:30 p.m. The bus will depart the Memorial to return to the hotel
7:00 p.m. Indiana State Dinner at Buca Di Beppo (included)

Sunday, April 12th

5:30 a.m. Grand Encampment breakfast at the hotel (included)
6:30 a.m. Bus departs for the George Washington Masonic Memorial for the Easter Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. Bus departs the Memorial to return to the hotel
10:00 a.m. Bus departs the hotel to return home
10:00 p.m. Arrive in Indianapolis

Times and tours subject to change.

Important Dates

Subject to Change

- July 6** **Indiana Templar Academy (ITA)**
917 1/2 15th Street, Bedford, IN 47421
See page 4 for details
- July 11-13** **Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly (Form the Lines on 7/11)**
The Seasons Lodge
560 SR 46, Nashville, IN 47448
Contact Tom Johnson to participate
Standard Uniform or Cap and Mantel
Sir Knights Assemble at 6:15 p.m.
marketprofile@comcast.net
- July 20** **Old Crypt Rededication (Form the Lines)**
New Albany Masonic Lodge
805 E. Market St., New Albany, IN 47150
Contact Tom Johnson to participate
Standard Uniform or Cap and Mantel
Sir Knights Assemble at 8:30 a.m.
marketprofile@comcast.net
- July 27** **Summer Meeting**
10am-Noon *please note the time change*
Franklin Masonic Lodge
801 S. Main St., Franklin, IN 46131
- July 27** **Grand Commandery Summer Picnic**
Noon-4pm
Immediately following Summer Meeting at approximately noon
Masonic Home shelter house
Ladies and Families welcome
- August 8** **Greenfield #39 Inspection**
6pm-10pm
661 W. Tague St, Greenfield IN 46141
Contact Randal P. Ellington rpellington@gmail.com
- August 9** **Kokomo #36 Inspection**
7pm-10pm
316 N. Washington St., Kokomo, IN 46901
Contact Randy Spaulding ubuildu@yahoo.com

August 10 **Battalion VIII Reception and Inspection**
Hosted by Vincennes #20
501 Broadway St. Vincennes, IN 47591
Contact Mike Stoner sk_doc_stoner@yahoo.com

August 24 **Battalion IV Meeting**
Hosted by Crawfordsville #25
221 S. Washington St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Contact Joseph L. Sparks joseph.sparks86@gmail.com

This Month in History...

- 1776 - The Liberty Bell rang at Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, inviting citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.
- 1826 - John Adams, second president of the United States, died the same day as Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, on the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the United States' Declaration of Independence. The two founding fathers did not get along during their careers.
- 1913 - Death Valley, California, hits 134 °F (57 °C), the highest temperature recorded in the US.
- 1914 - Babe Ruth made his debut in Major League Baseball with the Boston Red Sox.
- 1928 - Sliced bread was sold for the first time, by the Chillicothe Baking Company of Chillicothe, MO.
- 1937 - Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan were last heard from over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first equatorial round-the-world flight.
- 1937 - Spam (the luncheon meat, not the internet junk) was introduced into the market by Hormel Foods.
- 1939 - Lou Gehrig, gave his famous "The luckiest man on the face of the earth" speech, and announced his retirement from major league baseball.
- 1946 - Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis stage their first show as a comedy team at Club 500 in Atlantic City.
- 1954 - Elvis Presley made his radio debut when WHBQ Memphis played his recording for Sun Records, *That's All Right*.
- 1962 - The first Wal-Mart store opened in Rogers, Arkansas.
- 1979 - Sony introduced the Walkman (in Japan)
- 1981 - *Donkey Kong*, a video game created by Nintendo, was released, featuring the debut of Mario.
- 1985 - *Back to the Future* was released, featuring the now famous 1981 DeLorean DMC-12 time machine/automobile.

Source: popculturemadness.com



Check out Indiana Grand Commandery's website

<http://indianaknightstemplar.com/>



Indiana Grand Commandery is on Facebook too!

<https://www.facebook.com/INGrandCommandery/>



What is your Commandery doing?

Community Service? Public event? Reception? Rededication?

Pancake Breakfast? Chili Dinner? Social Hour? Bowling?

New Sir Knights? 50 year award? Parades?

Important Dates to add to the Calendar?

Send me your pictures and your stories!

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