



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

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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

*“Find something you’re passionate about, and keep tremendously interested in it.” – Julia Child*

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**Happy Birthday!!!**  
October Birthdays:



Lady Mary Anderson, wife of Michael C. Anderson  
Lady Gaylynn Dykman, wife of Carl E. Dykman  
Lady Mary Jane Evens, wife of Marty A. Evens  
Lady Cindy Lewis, wife of Charles J. Lewis  
Lady Kathy McClelland, wife of John McClelland  
Lady Judy Milleman, wife of Jimmie L. Milleman  
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Lady Barbara Reicher, widow of Robert C. Reicher  
Lady Sally Noel, Lady of De Wayne W. Richmond  
Lady Whiz Roberts, widow of Wally Roberts  
Lady Gloria Spurgeon, wife of C. Keith Spurgeon  
Lady Tisha Trice, wife of Matthew E. Trice  
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Sir Knight Walter E. Metcalf  
Sir Knight Damon G. Moore  
Sir Knight Glenn A. Moulton  
Sir Knight William H. Ostenberg, IV  
Sir Knight Randy W. Spaulding  
Sir Knight John V. Stevens  
Sir Knight Joseph H. Villarreal



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
October Anniversaries:

Chuck & Paula Wood, Jr.  
Dion & Shawna Diakis  
Randy and Mary Beth Spaulding  
Charles & Cindy Lewis  
Adam & Clorissa Jackson  
David & Cathy Chaffee  
Harley & Charlotte Eggers  
Lewis and Linda Hill  
Marvin & Darlene Ramsay  
Jerry & Karen Deeter

Kurt & Lynnette Begue  
Matthew & Tisha Trice  
James and Carol Iles  
Steve & Rebecca Arlington  
Tim & Kate Brinkmeyer  
Dennis & Pamela Rigsby  
Patrick & Barbara Baird  
Eldred & Sharis Glass  
Randy & Dee Ellington

*Let us celebrate with you!*

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

[monipaints4u@yahoo.com](mailto:monipaints4u@yahoo.com)

## Battalion III Reception in Gas City



On Saturday, September 14, the Battalion III Reception was hosted by Grant County Commandery #21 in Gas City. The evening started with a great meal.



Jerry Hyatt and Fred Reynolds received their 50 year awards. Archie Smallwood, MWGHP, and David Ulrich, MIGM, made their presentations.



Sir Knight Larry Williams, PGC, presented Grant County Commandery #21 with a Certificate of Appreciation for their donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

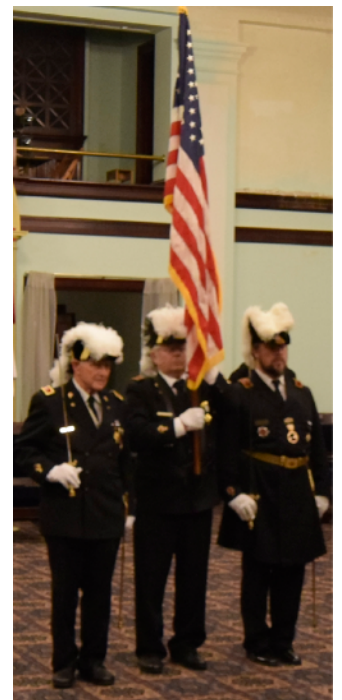


Grant County #21, Anderson #32, Kokomo #36 and Noblesville #61 were the Commanderies represented in Battalion III. There were two young men from DeMolay that came and joined in the Reception, including participating in an abbreviated Nine o'Clock Interpolation. There were 61 Sir Knights and their ladies present.

## Battalion III Reception in Kokomo



On Saturday, September 27th, Kokomo Commandery #36 hosted a Reception at the Howard Masonic Lodge. The Reception was attended by 54 people. It was great to see so many side liners and family members supporting their Sir Knights! Kokomo Commandery presented Mike Robbins with an Honorary Membership.



## 72nd Annual Compass Park Indiana Masonic Home Festival



Traditionally Sir Knights from across the state of Indiana post the Colors at the opening ceremony of the Masonic Home Festival. This year



continued with tradition as 7 Sir Knights Posted the Colors at the Opening on September 15th.



When it was first announced that the Job's Daughters would not be in their robes, I heard some people were disappointed, BUT the changes were amazing. The Job's Daughters joined forces with DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls and made a very impressive cross that integrated the young men kneeling to pray, and the Rainbow Girl's Bow circle. It was a site to see! There were approximately 60 youth members participating.



Commandery lead the parade with 12 Sir Knights marching. They were followed closely by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons on Indiana, and the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana.



Others in the parade included, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, OES, Shriners, the Scottish Highlanders, the Grand Lodge, and many more.





**Sir Knight Michael F. Robbins  
and Lady Patricia**  
cordially invite you to attend the  
*Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet*

at The Seasons Lodge  
560 St. Rd. 46 E.  
Nashville, Indiana 47448

***January 18, 2020***

Winter Meeting 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Social Hour 5 p.m.  
Dinner 6 p.m.

**Banquet Attire:**

Men - Tuxedo or Uniform (no sword, chapeau)  
Ladies - Cocktail Dress or Formal

**Hotel Reservations**

The Seasons Lodge  
(812) 988-2284

Let them know you are with  
Indiana Grand Commandery  
to receive the special room rate of \$79/night.

*This special room rate is only  
available until December 17th.*

***Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet***

*Sir Knight:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Guest:* \_\_\_\_\_

\$45 per person / \$90 per couple  
RSVP no later than January 1, 2020

Make check payable to:  
Indiana Grand Commandery Knights Templar  
Mail to: Tony Peterson  
16065 E. 126th Street  
Fishers, IN 46037

This year, as we celebrate our Junior Past  
Grand Master of the Grand Encampment,  
Duane L. Vaught, *all* Indiana Sir Knights and  
their Ladies are invited to attend the Newby-  
Avery-Vaught Banquet.

If you have any questions about becoming a  
Newby-Avery-Vaught Fellow, please contact  
George Ingles, or go to the website at  
[IndianaKnightsTemplar.com](http://IndianaKnightsTemplar.com).

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## *In Memory...*



### **James Anthony Owens**

James Anthony Owens, 63, peacefully passed away in his sleep Monday morning, August 26, 2019, in his home. He is survived by his wife of twenty-nine years, Clair Juenell (Williams) Owens, his sons Benjamin Earl Jesse Owens (Sarah) and Jared Lawrence Nelson Owens (Kaylee), brother Kelly Carl Owens, father Lawrence C. Owens, half-sister Michele Costner and other half-siblings, sister Joyce Owens, along with a vast and loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Betty J. (Gray) Owens and his step-mother Bea (Foley) Owens.

During his high school years, Jim competed as a Golden Gloves pugilist and billiards player. He had a passion for working on cars and developed his love of woodworking early in life, polishing skills which he used throughout his career.

Jim graduated early from Wood Memorial High School and entered the United States Navy, initially serving as a Boiler Technician on the USS Hoel and later serving as a Seal. After assignments in several locations around the world, he was honorably discharged from the Navy and then served as a captain in the Merchant Marines, piloting barges on the Southern river ways. After returning to Southern Indiana, he focused on construction, taking enjoyment from working on custom furniture cabinet design and construction, carpentry, and interior design, working both independently with his own company Owens Construction and at Styline Office Furniture Systems, Gibson General Hospital, Corporate Design, Furrows, North American Construction, Hobgood, and Menards where he was employed since the Princeton store opened in 2008.

Jim served as a deacon at First Christian Church in Oakland City in the 80s and 90s and later as a Trustee at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Princeton in the 90s. He attended Bethel Memorial Church in Princeton for the last fifteen years.

He was raised as a Master Mason in Prince Lodge #231 on January 19, 2010, moving through the ranks to serve as Worshipful Master in 2017. He also joined the Vincennes York Rite Commandery of Knights Templar.

He was an avid outdoorsman and sharpshooter who instructed his sons in marksmanship and dedicated himself to raising his sons to be strong men who valued family. He readily told anyone within arm's length how he was so proud of the men they had become. He was devoted to his wife, constantly surprising her with flowers.

Above all his professional accomplishments and endeavors, he was a loving husband and father.

Visitation on Sunday, September 1, will begin at 1:00 p.m. (Central time) at the Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton. The Masonic memorial will begin at 3:30, followed by a service led by Pastor Kevin Wilson of Bethel Memorial Church. Graveside services will follow at Montgomery Cemetery in Oakland City, Indiana. Full military rites will be provided by Retired Military Veterans. Flowers or memorial donations to the Indiana Masonic Home or Masonic Scholarship (information available through Prince Lodge #231) are both welcome. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

*Source: colvinfuneralhome.com*

# Supporting our Youth Groups!

## DeMolay



### Speedway DeMolay September 7th

The results are in from Gettysburg this evening, and we have exceeded our Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions performance from last year!

We came away from tonight's MATOC Awards Banquet with 13 championships and 4 runner-up finishes out of 18 total competitions entered!

Here's a quick summary of the results:

- Preceptor Corps, Championship Division - CHAMPION
- Representative DeMolay Investiture, Championship Division - CHAMPION
- 9 o'Clock Interpolation, Championship Division - CO-CHAMPION
- Initiatory Degree, Open Division - CHAMPION
- Flower Talk, Junior Open Division (Ryan A) - CHAMPION
- Ceremony of Light, Championship Division (Jake V) - CO-CHAMPION
- Magnificent Seven, Championship Division (Jake V) - CHAMPION
- Preceptor Trio, Junior Open Division (Owen V) - CHAMPION
- Orator, Championship Division (Griffin V) - CHAMPION
- Rookie of the Year (Ean F) - CHAMPION
- Third Preceptor (Ryan A) - CHAMPION
- Fourth Preceptor (Joshua H) - CHAMPION
- Sixth Preceptor (Ean F) - CHAMPION
- 9 o'Clock Interpolation, Open Division - RUNNER-UP
- Chapter Proficiency, Open Division - RUNNER-UP
- Ceremony of Light, Senior Open Division (Griffin V) - RUNNER-UP
- Chaplain, Junior Open Division (Ean F) - RUNNER-UP



Thank you to everyone from MATOC, Region II and Pennsylvania DeMolay for being such superb hosts. It has been a fun weekend!

*Source: Speedway DeMolay Facebook Page*





# Supporting our Youth Groups!

## DeMolay - continued



### Steel City DeMolay September 11th

Steel City Chapter of Indiana DeMolay volunteered at Humane Indiana as part of a Pets for Vets program. This program helps to connect cats, dogs and other pets with veterans. This provides a series of benefits for the Veteran and for the adopted animal. Great to see how the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Indiana support our veterans!



*Source Indiana DeMolay Facebook Page*

# Supporting our Youth Groups!

## Job's Daughters



### Bethel #110

Eminence Bethel #110 had their Official Visit on August 28th.



### Bethel #67

Pajama party and spa night!



### Bethels #67 and #115

Greenfield Bethel #67 and Daleville Bethel #115 set up a booth at the Heritage Festival in Pendleton on September 6th.



# Supporting our Youth Groups!

## Rainbow Girls



The Fallfest was held on Saturday, September 14th at the Rainbow Camp. Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters joined together for fun and fellowship!!!

*By Lynn Shoulders*

## What's Happening in Other Masonic Bodies...

Supporting and celebrating the accomplishments of others



### 50 Year Award

Worshipful Brother Jack Sandler received his 50 year award of Gold at Mooresville Lodge #78 on September 6th. He is pictured with members of Greenfield York Rite. Jack is Past Presiding Officer at Greenfield York Rite and current Eminent Prior of Robert A. Woods Priory 62, KYCH. Worship Brother David Willoughby also received his award of Gold.

*By Larry Gray*



### Monrovia Lodge #654

Monrovia Lodge No #654 held it's annual Car Show which benefits their Scholarship Fund. This year was a record turnout of 110 entries.

*Source: Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook Page*





## Winchester Lodge #56

On Saturday, September 14th, Winchester Lodge #56 held a 175th Rededication Ceremony performed by the Grand Lodge Officers.

*Source: Grand Lodge of Indiana Facebook Page*

## OES Reception

On Saturday, September 14th, there was a Reception for the the Grand Sentinel, Denver Gray, for Grand Chapter OES.

*Source: Steve Kroman*



## Bluffton #145

On Thursday, September 19th, Bluffton Mason Lodge #145 participated in the Bluffton Street Fair Parade and invited several Grand Lodge Officers to join them.

*Source: Steve Kroman*





### **Shelby County Outdoor Masonic Degree**

Nineveh Masonic Lodge #317 hosted an Outdoor Masonic Degree at the Rainbow Girl's Camp in Edinburgh on Saturday, September 21st where Kasey Meriwether became a Master Mason.

*Sources: Shelby Lodge Facebook Page  
And Nineveh Lodge Facebook Page*



## Compass Park



Inside an old building on a Franklin Masonic Home campus, police dogs are practicing how to sweep for drugs, pull people from cars and navigate gunfire.

For the next couple months, the Franklin police and fire departments can train however they best see fit inside an old Compass Park building that's fate has been sealed.

Compass Park volunteered its old health center, which is slated for demolition later this year, to local public safety agencies on the hunt for a large vacant space for training.

Last week, the Franklin Police Department used the facility to train two K9 dogs to serve dual purposes — narcotics investigations and patrols, said Tim Coy, an officer and trainer with the department.

On Wednesday, the dogs were learning vehicle extractions, Coy said, shouting above the barking and commands in the background.

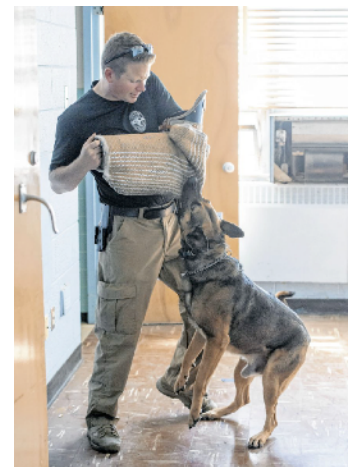
In the coming weeks, the Franklin Fire Department will use the building for various fire drills. Last week, the local SWAT team used it, said Jenna Butler, executive administrative assistant at Compass Park who helped facilitate the trainings.

"One of the hardest things for us to do is find buildings like this to use," Coy said.

Usually, Franklin police will travel to Camp Atterbury in southern Johnson County to conduct trainings, or use much smaller dorm rooms at Franklin College during the summer.

With a space that size, the officers can teach the dogs how to search a large building for people, drugs or man-made devices.

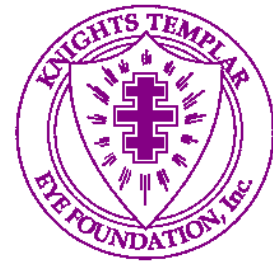
"They're learning everything from vehicle extraction to track to bite. Next, we'll work on gunfire," Coy said.



See the complete article from 9/2/19 at [dailyjournal.net](http://dailyjournal.net)

# Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Some ways your donations are being used...



## *Researcher wants to unlock the mysteries of strabismus*



Strabismus, also known as being cross-eyed or having a wandering eye, is one of the most common reasons that children undergo eye surgery. But little has changed in its treatment since the 1800s, according to Jolene Rudell, acting assistant professor of ophthalmology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

“We still don’t understand why or how some children develop strabismus,” she said.

With the goal of advancing treatment, Rudell is working to detect what causes strabismus. She said research has shown that sometimes problems in the brain can lead to strabismus, noting it’s common for patients with brain injuries and strokes to develop the eye disease. She said there is also evidence that abnormalities in the eye muscles that move the eyes, known as the extraocular muscles, may play a role.

She and colleagues are examining extraocular muscle tissue removed during surgery to study the morphology of neuromuscular junctions – the nerve connections that direct the muscle’s movement. Preliminary data suggests that patients with strabismus might have a significantly higher percentage of a specific type of synapse, an “en grappe,” or grapelike, synapse, than expected.

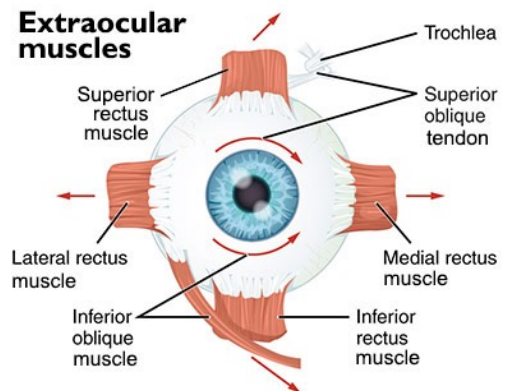


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The findings might inform new treatments for strabismus, such as strengthening the synapses that communicate to the extraocular muscles.

“I want to bring attention to a field that has not generated a lot of scientific interest,” Rudell said.

Because little research, if any, has explored the role of extraocular muscles in strabismus, surgery remains the standard treatment, and it is effective for most children. Some literature indicates, however, that more than half of children who undergo strabismus surgery need a second such procedure to correct the condition. And surgery is not guaranteed to succeed: Some patients may remain cross-eyed or experience an overcorrection.

Rudell added that, in muscular dystrophy, children experience generalized muscle wasting – except in their eye muscles. It’s another area of interest and potential clues for researchers.

Rudell’s research is being supported by a \$65,000 award from the Knights Templar Foundation, a group that supports research to cure childhood blindness.

Source: *Knights Templar Eye Foundation Facebook page*





# Who are the YEOMEN OF YORK

— JOHN A. BRIDEGROOM, PR & MARKETING —

**T**he Yeomen of York is an honorary body of York Rite Masonry which was begun in Merrillville, Indiana. While it began here in Indiana, it has since grown and exists in other states as well.

Yeomen of York meets in Preceptories of the Order, which is limited in membership to York Rite members recommended by an existing Yeomen of York. Their members are recognizable by the distinctive black beret they wear.

To become a Yeomen of York, one must be invited. Only active members of York Rite bodies may expect to be recommended for membership in a Preceptory of Yeomen of York.

Currently, officers of a Preceptory are limited to those Masons who have received the KYCH or Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

**“IT’S PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE  
YORK RITE MASONRY, INCLUDING  
THE SYMBOLIC LODGE.”**

The Yeoman of York confer upon its members a distinctive degree, which is impressive and unique in its character. The Order’s founders were distinguished York Rite Masons of Indiana. They were Paul Friend, John H. Labounty, Hank LaHurreau, Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., Lawrence V. Kaminsky, William W. Roberts, and Richard P. Somers. Currently, there are the following Preceptories in Indiana: North West No.1, Angola No.2, Indianapolis No.4, Elkhart No.5, New Albany No.7, Evansville No.14, and Frankfort No.15.

The order works actively to promote and improve York Rite Masonry, including Symbolic Lodge. The Grand Director General, Donald D. Olvey, has engaged his officers with new ideas and a renewed vigor to utilize the Yeoman of York in the improvement of every aspect of York Rite Masonry.

The Yeoman of York are growing organization who’s roots are right here in Indiana Freemasonry. It is an honor that is distinct for any York Rite mason, but uniquely special to an Indiana York Rite Mason. If you would like more information, you may contact the Grand Adjutant Lloyd Atterson at [lloydatt1@comcast.net](mailto:lloydatt1@comcast.net), or look for any member wearing his black beret. You can also visit their website at [www.yemenofyork.org](http://www.yemenofyork.org)

## Membership Webinar

### Ideas for Recruiting and Retaining York Rite Members - Part 2

Brian C. Lewis, CAE  
September 19, 2019

On September 19th, Brian Lewis, of Prather Commandery #62, recorded Part 2 of a webinar on YouTube. If you didn't have a chance to watch it live, it is still available. It is about an hour and a half long. The presentation was very well done and easy to follow. Brian talked about ideas for electronic communications and retention of members. He discussed the importance of electronic communication, having a social media presence, having a website, reaching members by phone, and how to implement these ideas with

little or no cost. You can find the link on Indiana Grand Commandery's Facebook page, Brian's Facebook page, or you can search YouTube by typing in "Evolving Membership". If you are interested in creating a web presence for your lodge or appendant body, do yourself a favor, and take the time listen to this webinar!

## Important Dates

*Subject to Change*

- October 5**      **Terre Haute #16 Inspection**  
5pm-9pm  
224 N. 8th St, Terre Haute, IN 47807  
Meal at 5, Inspection at 6  
Battalion Commander: Joe Sparks [joseph.sparks86@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.sparks86@gmail.com)  
Contact Mark Kester [makester33@hotmail.com](mailto:makester33@hotmail.com)
- October 8**      **Elkhart #31 Inspection**  
7pm-10pm  
931 Industrial Pkwy, Elkhart, IN 46516  
Battalion Commander: Tom Johnson [marketprofile@comcast.net](mailto:marketprofile@comcast.net)  
Contact Tom Hamilton [hamiltonlaw@comcast.net](mailto:hamiltonlaw@comcast.net)
- October 12**     **Columbus #14 Inspection**  
9am-1pm  
4131 Rockyford Rd, Columbus, IN 47203  
Battalion Commander: Randy Darling [randyjdarling@gmail.com](mailto:randyjdarling@gmail.com)  
Contact Stephen Kroman [stephenp1510@gmail.com](mailto:stephenp1510@gmail.com)

- October 12**      **Battalion I Reception**  
11am-2pm CENTRAL TIME  
Hosted by Valparaiso Commandery #28  
113 Lincoln Way, Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Battalion Commander: Tom Johnson [marketprofile@comcast.net](mailto:marketprofile@comcast.net)  
Contact Jim Iles II [jim.iles@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.iles@yahoo.com)  
Open to Ladies and Guests
- October 19**      **Angola #45 / Apollo #19 Reception and Inspection**  
1pm-3pm  
Hosted by Angola Commandery #45  
135 S. Public Square, Angola, IN 46703  
Battalion Commander: Ed Fodrea [hfa.phd1@frontier.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@frontier.com)  
Contact Mike Anderson [candacraig2@re-comm.net](mailto:candacraig2@re-comm.net)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- October 21**      **Valparaiso #28 / E.H. Gary #57 Inspection**  
7pm-11pm CENTRAL TIME  
Hosted by Valparaiso Commandery #28  
113 Lincoln Way, Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Battalion Commander: Tom Johnson [marketprofile@comcast.net](mailto:marketprofile@comcast.net)  
Contact Jim Iles II [jim.iles@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.iles@yahoo.com)
- October 24**      **LaPorte #12 Inspection**  
7pm-10pm CENTRAL TIME  
820 Jefferson Ave, LaPorte, IN 46350  
Battalion Commander: Tom Johnson [marketprofile@comcast.net](mailto:marketprofile@comcast.net)  
Contact Richard Bechinski [rjbech@comcast.net](mailto:rjbech@comcast.net)
- October 26**      **Battalion II Reception and Inspection**  
1pm-3pm  
Hosted by Ft. Wayne Commandery #4  
216 E. Washington Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN 46802  
Battalion Commander: Ed Fodrea [hfa.phd1@frontier.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@frontier.com)  
Contact Mike Doxsee [msdoxsee@gmail.com](mailto:msdoxsee@gmail.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- October 28**      **Prather Commandery #62 Inspection**  
6:30pm  
7502 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Brian Lewis [info@pratheryorkrite.com](mailto:info@pratheryorkrite.com)

- November 1      Anderson #32 / Noblesville #61 Inspection**  
6pm-10pm  
Hosted by Anderson Commandery #32  
3921 W. Nichol Ave., Anderson, IN 46011  
Battalion Commander: Randy Spaulding [ubuildu@yahoo.com](mailto:ubuildu@yahoo.com)  
Contact Max Maupin [maup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maup@sbcglobal.net)
- November 2      Battalion VII Reception and Inspection**  
9:30am-2pm  
Hosted by Bedford Commandery #42  
917 1/2 15th St., Bedford, IN 47421  
Battalion Commander: Randy Darling [randyjdarling@gmail.com](mailto:randyjdarling@gmail.com)  
Contact Ray Souders [raysouders@bluemarble.net](mailto:raysouders@bluemarble.net)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- November 2      Battalion V Special Reception**  
5pm-8pm  
Hosted by Bray Commandery #65  
800 Indianapolis Rd., Mooresville, IN 47158  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Sean Jones [diver978a@yahoo.com](mailto:diver978a@yahoo.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- November 9      Greencastle #11 / Crawfordsville #25 Inspection**  
12pm-4pm  
Hosted by Greencastle Commandery #11  
118 E. Washington St., Greencastle, IN 46135  
Battalion Commander: Joe Sparks [joseph.sparks86@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.sparks86@gmail.com)  
Contact Kris Phillips [kcphils@ccrtc.com](mailto:kcphils@ccrtc.com)
- November 9      Battalion V Reception**  
6pm-9pm  
Hosted by Prather Commandery #62  
7502 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Brian Lewis [info@pratheryorkrite.com](mailto:info@pratheryorkrite.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests
- November 13     Battalion VI Reception**  
6pm-9pm  
Hosted by Connersville Commandery #6  
779 S. SR 121, Connersville, IN 47331  
Battalion Commander Randy Ellington [rpellington@gmail.com](mailto:rpellington@gmail.com)  
Contact David Bertch [dbertch1@gmail.com](mailto:dbertch1@gmail.com)

**November 14    Bray #65 Inspection**  
6pm-10pm  
800 Indianapolis Rd., Mooresville, IN 47158  
Battalion Commander: Tim Brinkmeyer [trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com](mailto:trbrinkeyer27@gmail.com)  
Contact Sean Jones [diver978a@yahoo.com](mailto:diver978a@yahoo.com)

**November 16    Battalion IV Reception and Inspection**  
11:30am-3:30pm  
Hosted by Frankfort Commandery #29  
210 S. Main St., Frankfort, IN 46041  
Battalion Commander: Joe Sparks [joseph.sparks86@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.sparks86@gmail.com)  
Contact Virgil Humphrey [lund.vgh@gmail.com](mailto:lund.vgh@gmail.com)  
Reception Open to Ladies and Guests

### *This Month in History...*

- 1860 - Telegraph line between Los Angeles and San Francisco began operating.
- 1863 - The last Thursday in November was declared as Thanksgiving Day by US President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1880 - First electric lamp factory was opened by Thomas Edison.
- 1908 - For \$825 each, Ford's Model T car was put on the market.
- 1929 - Stock market crash on the New York Stock Exchange "Black Thursday".
- 1936 - The first electric generator at Hoover Dam went into operation.
- 1950 - *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* debuted on CBS.
- 1957 - First appearance of *In God We Trust* on U.S. paper currency, on one dollar bills.
- 1962 - *Dr. No*, the first in the James Bond film series, was released.
- 1966 - *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* aired for the first time (on CBS).
- 1971 - Walt Disney World opened near Orlando, Florida.
- 1979 - Mother Teresa won the *Nobel Peace Prize*.
- 1983 - Microsoft released Word, version 1.
- 2001 - Barry Bonds surpassed Mark McGwire's single-season home run total with his 71st & 72nd home runs
- 2012 - Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast of the United States.

Source: [popculturemadness.com](http://popculturemadness.com)



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OF INDIANA**



**Bulletin No. 7 Robbins**

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**Indiana Grand Commandery Ritual Competition**

Sir Knights All,

I am pleased to announce the first Indiana Grand Commandery Ritual Competition to be held at the Grand Conclave in Muncie, Indiana on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The competition is based on your command of the ritual for accuracy and delivery.

Three addresses in the Commandery Ritual have been chosen for this initial competition. The Junior Wardens Address, found on pages 113 and 114, the Prelate's Address, found on page 136 through the middle of page 138, and Ode to the Skull, found on page 131. You may choose to compete in one or all three addresses.

The only requirement is that you are a member in good standing of a Constituent Commandery of Indiana at the time of the Grand Commandery Conclave.

The registration form, complete rules, and information for this competition is attached to this Bulletin.

Registration forms must be completed and submitted by April 17, 2020. Forms are also available by contacting Ed Fodrea at [hfa.phd1@gmail.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@gmail.com)

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of July, A.D. 2019, A.O. 901.

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



## 2019-2020 Grand Commandery Ritual Competition

**Eligibility:** Any member of any Constituent Commandery of Indiana is eligible (any card-carrying member). Any Sir Knight can participate in one or all of the categories chosen this year. You do not have to hold that or any office in your Commandery.

**Judging:** Judging will consist of 3 judges. There will be 2 judges for the accuracy and 1 for the delivery.

The ritual judges will follow the ritual and score for accuracy (**wording MUST be exactly as in the ritual, word for word**).

Deductions as follows:

1 point off for each missed/added word.

10 points off for each time a prompt is requested by the competitor. Prompts will ONLY be given by request from the competitor.

The delivery judge will score the competitor on the manner in which the Sir Knight exemplifies the work, makes eye contact with the "candidate", remains calm and makes proper use of the props, etc. The final score cards will be totaled by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's ruling will be final.

Each competitor will be allowed to give the lecture to a "candidate", but this is not required. If used, the "candidate" MUST be a Sir Knight. Any help or signage from this Sir Knight will result in a 50-point deduction.

The Junior Warden MUST be in Full Templar uniform and have any needed props.

The Prelate MUST be in Full Regalia OR Full Templar uniform together with all props (i.e., Bible, Cross, etc.)

The Ode to the Skull must be in Full Templar uniform or appropriate ceremonial costume.

Scoring is similar to Drill Competition. A base of 1000 points is the starting point for the competition.

In case of a tie the following method will be used to break it:

Ritual Work – 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker

Delivery Work – 2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker

Competitors will be placed in 15-minute blocks. Each competitor will be notified of his time slot via mail or e-mail by April 21, 2020. If a competitor is participating in the Drill Competition this will be considered in placing his time slot for the Ritual Competition.

Complete and return this portion to:

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Edward Fodrea, GG  
Chairman Ritual Competition  
11128 Hickory Tree Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845  
[hfa.phd1@gmail.com](mailto:hfa.phd1@gmail.com)

### 2019-2020 Grand Commandery of Indiana Ritual Competition Registration Form

Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Commandery \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Warden's Address     Prelate's Address     Ode to the Skull

You can compete in all three if you desire.

Drill Team Member? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which team? \_\_\_\_\_



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



**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.*



**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!

[monipaints4u@yahoo.com](mailto:monipaints4u@yahoo.com)

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