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Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies,

“Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens.”— Khalil Gibran

June Birthdays:

Marvin J. Ramsay, 25, 6/1

Arthur J. Craig, III, 12, 6/1

Brian Schneckenburger, DBC 1, 6/1

Lady Malia Mann, wife of Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC, 6/2

Lady Rebecca Arlington, wife of Steven Arlington, 41, 28, GM3V, 6/4

Larry L. Spade, Rec. 19, 6/6

Lady Diane Smith, wife of H. Fred Smith, Rec. 31, 6/7

Dirk Rader, DBC 6, 6/8

Lady Nancy Price, widow of Robert E. Price, KCT, KGC, HPDC, 6/9

Clay Stahlka, 4, 6/9

Harrison E. “Gene” Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC, 6/10

Larry E. Gray, KCT, KTCH, PGHP, PGSEC, PGGHP, GGSEC, Rec. 39, 6/12

Kenneth W. Ward, 21, 6/12

David L. Gundrum, 39, 6/12

Carson C. Smith, KCT 6/12

Lady Jane Hedges, wife of Joseph K. Hedges, 67, 6/13

James Dimitri, GPE, 6/14

Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC, 6/14

Lady Christine Fodrea, wife of Edward F. Fodrea, 4, 35, 6/14

Byron W. Schull, KTCH, GPE, 6/16

Lloyd L. Marsh, KTCH, 6, 6/17

Lady Sharis Glass, wife of Eldred T. Glass, 35, 6/17

Matthew Backus, Rec. 41, 6/19
 Lady Carol Davis, wife of James L. Davis, Rec. 45, 6/19
 Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC, 6/19
 Lady Tami Scanland, wife of Joseph L. Scanland, 1, 6/20
 William S. Bell, 62, 6/20
 Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC 6/23
 Lady Betty Applegate, widow of K. Edwin Applegate, KCT, PGC, PDC, 6/24
 Lady Barbara Harter, wife of Clarence D. Harter, 6/26
 Marty A. Evens, REGK, 11, 6/27
 Roger D. Dimond, 35, 6/29
 Lady Janet Kaminsky, wife of Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR, 6/30

“A true friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably.”— William Penn

June Anniversaries:

Charles & Joanna Bowling, 6/1
 Tom & Rhonda Harper, 6/1
 Jon & Michelle Beach, 6/1
 Don & Dana Henderson, 6/1
 William & Rae Ann Ostenberg, IV, 28, 6/4
 Rodney & Malia Mann, 6/9
 Gene & Zelma Lackey, 6/10
 James & Marty Welling, 6/15
 Mike & Kim Morrison, 6/18
 Marvin & Cindy Rees, 6/20
 Jim & Pat Kerns, 6/20
 Dwight & Alberta Lanman, 6/22
 Bruce & Gisela Royer, 6/28
 Wayne & Ginny Sheets, 6/29
 Joseph & Tami Scanland, 6/30

“Life is only as good as you decide to make it. So stand up, be bold, and don't let everyone else define it.”— Unknown

**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.

“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”— Vince Lombardi

Sickness & Distress:

“Bad things do happen; how I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life. I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have - life itself.”— Walter Anderson

James L. Dove, KCT, PGC: Jim was going into the hospital for some tests and possible surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Update 3/25: Hello Larry, I'm going for a Nuclear Stress Test tomorrow (Wed.) at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Doctor won't do in normal office lab due to aneurism on my aorta. Wants to be sure if something goes wrong facilities are available to take care of. This test will tell them the exact blockage (flow) of the Widow Maker Vein and the exact size of the aneurism. Maybe they will be able to finally make some decisions as to what course they want to pursue, either the Widow-Maker first or the aneurism. I'm getting tired of being poked and prodded and just want them to tell me exactly what needs to be done. My diet is going well as I have lost over 14 pounds but I still want to take off 20 more. I plan on being at the Grand Conclave as I already have my hotel reservation although I may not attend the banquets. Fraternaly and Best Wishes, Jim

Update 5/30: Hello Larry, having outpatient surgery at 11 AM on bleeding situation from rectum, also I have outpatient surgery scheduled next Thursday to trim the bone inside both nostrils of my nose. The rectum is just a minor setback but the nose job is going to be worse. Dr. tells me I have to keep my nose packed for at least a week, sleep upright and hopefully don't sneeze? When it rains it pours for me but life is good. Sorry not to see you this weekend. Fraternaly, Jim

James Kerns, KTCH: Thought you would like to know. Jim Kerns is in the ICU unit at Saint V in Indy on 86th street room #2641. He's been in a coma since Wednesday. His wife said he is better but not out of the woods by a long shot. His bile duct got plugged and poisoned his system. If you would spread the word lots of guys know him.

Terry Terhune: I am doing much better, but need more of the similar procedures in a few weeks. I had a complete blockage of one (1) of three (3) arteries (RCA). I got to VA Hospital minutes before I had complete heart failure (no pulse), but I was quickly brought back and was stented quickly. As a result, I recovered quickly. I have the best RN caregiver in the world named Roxanne. I will keep you posted. Thanks again, Terry Terhune

Worthy Matron, Doris Bedell, Fairland Chapter #359 OES needs our Prayers for a quick and complete recovery. See email below. Bob Esarey, PM, WP Fairland Chapter 359 OES, Area 29 Representative

Sisters and Brothers, Sister Doris Bedell, WM at Fairland Chapter, fell yesterday and broke her arm, no other details are available. Please keep Doris in your prayers and remember her with cards sent to: 08 Miller Ave., Shelbyville 46176. Sue Midkiff, Email News

Virgil Humphrey, KTCH, KTC: Larry: In response to my email regarding doctor appointments, got them taken care of with one hitch--my prostate doctor was not happy with my PSA since it has gone from 0.0 after my surgery in July of 2011 to 0.6 and when I talked with the radiation doctor yesterday, I will be getting radiation treatments when we return from our Canadian trip and my first appointment is July 8th. Since it is still less than 1.0, he had no issue with us doing our trip and working on it after we arrive back home. Virgil

M.W. Bro. Roger Van Gorden, PGM of Indiana and Founding President of The Masonic Society suffered a heart attack early Wednesday morning. He underwent a heart catheterization and had a stint inserted in a major artery that was ninety percent blocked. He is resting well in the Columbus hospital and is expected to make a complete recovery. Please keep Roger and his wife Patti in your prayers as Patti has been having some health problems of her own. Jim Dillman.

Janet Kaminsky: Janet underwent a double epidural shot in the lower back to relieve her back pain. It seemed to help for about a week but she is now having more pain. They are going to give her one more shot this week in hopes that will help. If not, then she either has to live with the pain or have back surgery.

Larry Kaminsky: Has not been feeling well for a while now. Initial tests indicate a probable problem with the gall bladder. I will have a MRI next week.

Donald L. Borchert, GPE: Is scheduled to have ankle surgery next week. He currently cannot walk on the ankle as it has folded over. He will be laid up 4-6 weeks after surgery.

Kyle Polster: My grandson Kyle was performing a flag ceremony on Memorial Day for the Town when he passed out from the heat. He fell forward and broke his jaw. He had surgery on Tuesday and is now wired shut for the next 4-6 weeks. He was scheduled to leave for Colorado on the 17th to spend a week with his uncle off-roading and then 2 weeks in New Mexico at the Philmont High Adventure Scout Camp. Sorry to say he will miss both things. If you get a chance, please send him a get well card at 3536 Laporte St, Highland, IN 46322-1450. I'm sure it will cheer him up. Larry V

Betty Metcalf: Lady Betty had surgery for a spot of cancer on her kidney. She is home and resting.

“Trust is to human relationships what faith is to gospel living. It is the beginning place, the foundation upon which more can be built. Where trust is, love can flourish.”— Barbara Smith

Indiana Deaths:

Ill. William H. Hardacre, 33°: Sad to report the passing of Ill. William H. Hardacre, 33°, Anderson. Bro. Bill, 82, died Saturday and leaves his widow, Ann. He was a member of Fellowship Lodge #681. The family has not requested a Masonic Memorial Service. Post online condolences: Rozelle-Johnson.com. (News story @ TheHeraldBulletin.com)

Sandy Keuper: April 8, 1956 - May 17, 2014; Funeral services will be held on Wednesday May 21st at 11am. Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 51980 Mayflower Rd, South Bend, IN. Family will receive

friends at the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home on Tuesday May 20th from 4-8pm. Welsheimer Family Funeral Home, 521 N William St, South Bend, IN; The family will also receive friends on Wednesday from 10am till the service starts at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions can be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children. E-mail condolences can be sent at <http://www.welsheimer.com>

Marilyn Sue Kemp: Jul. 29, 1941 - May 20, 2014:

Marilyn Sue Kemp, age 72, of Huntingburg, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at her residence. She was born July 29, 1941 in Oakland City, Indiana, to Paul Charles and Dorothea Mae (Ankrom) Kemper. She was united in marriage to Gail N. Kemp on June 16, 1961 at Emanuel Church in Huntingburg. Marilyn was a retired Laundromat attendant and homemaker. She was a member of the Huntingburg United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and Huntingburg High School Class of '59. She was preceded in death by: her parents; one brother, Morris Kemper; and two sisters, Phyllis Kemper and Tina Boyd. She is survived by: Her husband, Gail N. Kemp of Huntingburg, IN, One daughter and son-in-law, Christine Ann (Chad) Willis of Huntingburg, IN, One son, Michael William Kemp of Huntingburg, IN, One brother, Mark Kemper of Huntingburg, IN, by (7) grandchildren and (2) great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service for Marilyn Kemp will be held at 7:00 p.m., E.D.T., on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at the Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg. Reverend Paula Young Mayberry will officiate at the service. Friends may call for visitation at the Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg from 1:00-7:00 p.m., on Saturday. The Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a vigil at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial donations can be made to the Huntingburg United Methodist Church or the Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund. Condolences may be made online at: www.nassandson.com

“The highest form of ignorance is when you reject something you don't know anything about.”— Wayne Dyer

Burial Plots Available

Rick: Thank you for talking with me yesterday. As I mentioned Helena Brickley, a close friend, has a burial lot (188C) with four spaces (1-2-3-4) available for sale in the Masonic Garden at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. The price is negotiable. She has been unable to find a means to advertise these spaces to an appropriate Masonic Lodge audience. As Grand Secretary of the Indiana Grand Lodge we hope that you might be able to help. I have attached a map of the Masonic Garden. Regards, John Kerrigan (jkerrigan@indy.rr.com)

Red Book Directory Changes:

Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC: New E-Mail: jackwallace3901@comcast.net

H. E. “Gene” Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC: New E-mail: gene@building-specialist.com

Lloyd Atterson, Sr. PGHP: Red Book Correction: lloydatt1@comcast.net

Tim Brinkmeyer: trbrinkmeyer27@gmail.com

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT: Redbook has wrong phone number on pages 19 and 29. It should be (765) 966-5684. Bob Frazer

James S. De Mond, KGC, PGC, PDC: jsdemo1@aol.com

Lloyd Forney, Rec. 12: Phone: 219-874-9708, email forneyl@att.net

Jon Beach, DBC 1: Phone: 219-362-7142, email jonmic@gmail.com

Carl D. Froedge, REGS: My address and home phone are incorrect on page 7 of the Red Book, also home phone is wrong on page 34. Address: 1102 Country Club Drive, Crown Point 46307;
Home Phone: **219-305-2080**

Jaye Blazer: lazyjhomestead@att.net

Jeff Jordan, PGHP: Phone: **(317) 650-1233**; email: jeffj@jordanvideosolutions.com

“It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.”— Saint Augustine

Important Dates:

Wed. June 4, 2014. 6:30 PM Mark Master and Past Master Degrees at the Angola Masonic Temple, 35 S Public Square, Angola, IN 46703-1926; Contact: Benton Davis @ behada9345@reagan.com for further information

Wed. June 4, 2014. The Indianapolis Valley will present the 13th Degree following the stated meeting. The stated meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner prior to the stated meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Thurs. June 5, 2014. All Indiana Freemason and Shrine Golf Outing will be held at the Country Club of Indianapolis; Registration at 11:00 AM; shotgun start at noon. \$100 per person includes green fees, cart, deli box lunch and evening buffet. Contact Kate Miller or Danyelle Hoshauer at 1-800-277-4643 or golf@imhf.org for details or registration. This charity event benefits the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Thurs. June 5, 2014. 6:00 PM Dinner; 7:00 PM Royal and Select Master Degrees will be held at Greenfield Council No. 94, Hancock Lodge No. 101, 661 W Tague St, Greenfield, IN 46140-3605. Contact: Larry Gray at (317) 326-3632 or (317) 431-4131 or lgray56586@aol.com

Thurs. June 5, 2014. **The Grand Court of Indiana Order of the Amaranth**
6:30 P.M. Musical Prelude
Escorting of Guest to the Throne
Presentation of Distinguished Guests
Informal Opening

Fri. June 6, 2014. **The Grand Court of Indiana Order of the Amaranth**
8:15 A.M. Musical Prelude
Escorting of Distinguished Guest
Ritualistic Opening
Escorting

Business
 Reports of Grand Elective Officers
 12:30 P.M. "A Special Brew of Friends" Luncheon
 Honoring the Indiana Past Grand Royal Matrons and Past Grand Royal Patrons.
 Entire Membership invited to attend
 2:00 P.M. Musical Prelude
 Call to Order
 Reports and business
 Necrology and Memorial
 6:30 P.M. "Tea Party" Banquet, Honoring
 Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Royal Patron, Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron

Sat. June 7, 2004.

The Grand Court of Indiana Order of the Amaranth
 8:30 A.M. Musical Prelude
 Escorting of Distinguished Guest
 Call to Order
 Escorting
 Election of Grand Officers
 Business
 Address of Supreme Royal Patron and Supreme Royal Matron
 1:00 P.M. "Keep Your Eyes on Us" Luncheon, Honoring
 Newly elected Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron and their officers
 2:00 P.M. Musical Prelude
 Call to Order (If necessary)
 Completion of Business
 7:00 P.M. Uncrowning
 Installation and Coronation
 Closing of the Session

For further information contact: SK Tracy Falls, Grand Secretary, 2262 East Franklin Street, Evansville, IN 47711-6040 or (812) 477-8213

Sat. June 7, 2014.

GC Officers Battalion & DBC Training (Open GC w/Rehearsal of Duties) at Anderson Commandery, 3921 W Nichol Ave., Anderson, Indiana

Sat. June 7, 2014.

District Degree Day will be held at New Albany #39. Degrees start at 10:00 a.m. The 4th, 14th, 19th, 29th, and 32nd degrees will be conferred. For more information call 800-489-3579 x 244.

Tues. June 10, 2014.

6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Most Excellent Master Degree at Middletown Chapter No. 143, Middletown Lodge No. 271, 959 N Beachwood Ave, Middletown, IN 47356; Contact: Jerry McRoberts at (765) 810-5610 or jmcroberts46186@gmail.com

Fri. June 13, 2014.

Order of the Eastern Star Annual Session at the Marriott East- 7202 E 21st St Indianapolis, Indiana

Fri, June 13, 2014.

7:00 PM (CT) Order of the Temple at Hammond Commandery, 2234 Martha St, Highland, IN. Contact: Matthew Backus @ matthew.backus@gmail.com

June 18 – 21, 2014.

The 164th Grand Convocation, 157th Grand Assembly and 156th Grand Conclave of these Grand York Rite Bodies of Wisconsin will be held June 18–21, 2014 at the Hyatt on Main, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301.

June 19-21, 2014.

Indiana Council of Deliberation

THURSDAY, June 19, 2014 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

FRIDAY, June 20, 2014 8:00 am-5:00 pm

SATURDAY, June 21, 2014 8:30 am-10:00 am

(Note all times Central Daylight Time)

Thursday, June 19:

All Day Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa Activities
(See www.bluechipcasino.com) *** Hospitality Rooms Open ***

Friday, June 20:

All Day Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Area Activities on your own
11:00 a.m. Trap and Skeet Shoot – Oakwood Gun Club, Wheatfield
11:00 a.m. Golf Outing at the Brassie Golf Club, Chesterton
(Registration at 10 a.m., shotgun start at 11 a.m.)

5:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner your own *** Hospitality Rooms Open ***

Saturday, June 21:

Indiana Council of Deliberation

7:30 a.m. Line Officer Meetings and Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own

7:30 a.m. MSA Breakfast

9:30 a.m. General session

9:00 a.m. Ladies Tour – Lighthouse Museum, Barker Mansion and Outlet Mall with lunch at Shoreline Brewery

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

1:30 p.m. Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Area Activities on your own

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet and MSA Award Presentations *** Hospitality Rooms Open ***

The Indiana Council of Deliberation is an annual gathering of Scottish Rite Freemasons and their families. There is a brief business meeting to conduct the necessary business along with numerous opportunities for fellowship, education and activities for members and their families. The 2014 meeting will be held at the Blue Chip Casino Resort in Michigan City, Indiana.

Registration Information is available by the following:

Online Registration - Choose this option if you prefer to complete your registration electronically.

Manual Registration - Choose this option if you prefer to print off your packet and submit via traditional mail service. This contains complete instructions on hotel reservations as well as registration for the event. Join us in Michigan City for Scottish Rite Friends, Family and Fun.

Registration closes on June 1, 2014 so please register soon!

Sat, June 21, 2014.

4:00 PM, Job's Daughters Grand Session at Manchester University, North Manchester, IN (See the article in the Knights Templar Magazine in June.

Sun. June 22, 2014.

Summer Picnic at Uncle Gene Lackey's house located at 1514 Ridgeview Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46219. 1:00 PM.

Tues. June 24, 2014.

Lodge Vitruvian No. 767 F&AM, Broad Ripple Masonic Temple, 1716 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220. **7:00 - 8:00 PM Stated Meeting.** Come join us for an evening of fellowship and scholarly discussion. "In the style of European Lodges, members are expected to dress in tuxedo for all Communications of the Lodge. Members also purchase their own regalia, (apron, collar, gloves, case), according to Lodge Vitruvian specifications." Visitors dress in tuxedo, Highland dress, or business attire. **8:30 - 10:30 PM Festive Board.** Capri Italian Ristorante, 2602 Ruth Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240; **Keynote Speaker:** Bro. Jack Moorman. **Subject:** *Masonic Symbolology*; Visiting brethren are welcome to join us for the Stated Meeting, ladies and guests are welcome to join us for the Festive Board. Each attendee will be responsible to the Lodge for the cost of his meal. The cost for the Festive Board is \$40 per person, exclusive of alcoholic beverages, payable to the Secretary. Gratuity will be paid by the Lodge. In an effort to assist our Secretary, I am requesting dinner reservations from members and guests, and regrets from our members. RSVP: Carson C. Smith at carson.c.smith@gmail.com or **(317) 319-3712.**

Sun. June 29, 2014.

10:00 AM (ET) St. John the Baptist Observance; Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802-2105; Contact: Ed Fodrea at (260) 417-9946 or hfa.phd1@gmail.com

Tues. July 1, 2014.

Summer meeting reports due to the Grand Recorder.

Fri. July 4, 2014.

4th of July Fireworks party at 6:30 PM: Bring the entire family to downtown Indianapolis AASR to enjoy some food, fellowship and fireworks! Food service will begin at 6:30 in the Banquet Hall. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children. At 8:00 PM the cast will present a short Masonic Play - *The Last Full Measure* in the Theater. This event is open to all members and their accompanied guests. Fireworks will begin at dusk. Don't forget your coolers and chairs!

Thurs. July 10-12, 2014.

The Knights Templar have been asked to perform the receiving lines for the Rainbow Girls Grand Session at Columbus. Thus, we will need to form the Lines on Thursday, July 10 at 7 PM and provide the Arch of Steel and Present Swords. The Grand Commander will be in attendance therefore, we can do an actual Arch of Steel for him. Let's see how many Sir Knights we can get out to support the Rainbow Girls.

Sat. July 19, 2014.

Grand Commandery Summer Meeting at 9351 E 450 S Selma, IN 47383 (Larry Brown's home); Start time at 10 AM (ET)

Fri-Sat. July 18-19, 2014.

Grand Council Crypt Rededication – **See attached Flyer for information.** Contact: Jim Adamson at (812) 945-2771 or jr-adamson@msn.com

- Sat, July 19, 2014.** 10:00 AM Royal Arch Degree, 12:00 PM Lunch at Clinton Chapter No. 82, Frankfort Masonic Temple, 201 S Main St, Frankfort, IN 46041; Contact: Virgil Humphrey at (765) 652-1020 or lund.vgh@gmail.com
- Sat. July 19, 2014.** Gatekeepers Chapter of Widows Sons will be riding for the Indianapolis Learning Center. Starting at Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis and will finish at Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Ride starts at 9:30 a.m. \$25 per rider, \$10 per passenger. Proceeds benefit Scottish Rite Dyslexia Center. For details or pre-register contact Bob Jones at 317-850-2499 or rjones1372@sbcglobal.net
- Thu-Fri July 24-25, 2014.** DeMolay Grand Session at DePauw University
- Sat. July 26, 2014.** Illinois Grand Conclave at Normal, IL
- Jul. 30-Aug. 2, 2014.** York Rite Sovereign College Annual Session information: www.yrscna.org
- August 15-17, 2014.** The Fifth Annual Masonic Restoration Foundation Symposium will be held in Cincinnati on August 15-17, 2014. Speakers and workshops focus on enabling Masons and Lodges to improve their Masonic experience. Link: <http://www.mrfsymposium.org>
 This year's symposium will be jointly hosted by four Lodges: Lodge Vitruvian No. 767 of Indiana, Caliburn Lodge No. 785 and Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792 of Ohio, and Lodge Ad Lucem No. 812 of Pennsylvania. Link: <http://www.vitruvian.org>
 They represent the full spectrum of observant Lodges, from European Concept, to Traditional Observance. The support of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania are gratefully acknowledged.
 Link: <http://www.vitruvian.org/concept>
 Make reservations at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Hotel at 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd in Erlanger, Kentucky. Attendees should request the 2014 MRF Symposium rate of \$92 per night when making their reservations. Link: <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/erlanger/cvgap/hoteldetail>
 Contact: Lodge Vitruvian No. 767 F&AM, W. Bro. Carson C. Smith, 2207 Van Ness Place, Indianapolis, IN 46240-4703; carson.c.smith@gmail.com
- Sat. August 23, 2014.** **8:00 PM: Colts vs. Saints**
 If you haven't heard, The Grand Lodge of Indiana has partnered with the Indianapolis Colts to celebrate Masonic Day at Lucas Oil Stadium. In support of this endeavor, the Indiana Council of Deliberation has purchased 200 tickets for Scottish Rite members. 400 members of the Masonic Family will be able to be on the field and participate in the pre-game Flag Presentation in full Masonic Regalia! Ticket reservations are now available by calling the Council of Deliberation office at 317 -262-3100. Please advise if you want a spot on the field. Tickets are \$98.00 each. In addition, several Membership booths will be spread throughout the various concourses to promote our Fraternity.

- Sat. August 23, 2014.** Grand High Priest Reception: Fort Wayne Masonic Temple, 216 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3122. Contact: Hank LaHurreau (260) 248-4970 Home or hanknbev@centurylink.net
- Fri. August 29, 2014.** Isley York Rite College No. 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN 46126; Called Assembly ay 7:30 PM (ET). Contact: David Willoughby at home: (317) 837-1098, e-mail: dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com
- Sat. September 27, 2014.** Isley York Rite College No 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN; 1 PM (ET) Knight of York; Contact: David Willoughby at (317) 837-1098 or e-mail: dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com
- Tues. September 30, 2014.** Indy AASR: Murder Mystery Dinner.
- Sat. October 4, 2014.** York Rite One Day Class, Prather York Rite Bodies, Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717, 7502 E 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226-1309. 07:00 AM (ET) Registration; Council Degrees: 08:00 AM Select Master Degree; 08:45 AM Royal Master Degree; Chapter Degrees: 09:45 AM Mark Master Degree; 11:00 AM Past Master Degree; 11:30 AM Most Excellent Master Degree; 11:45 AM Lunch. Chapter Degrees: 1:15 PM; Royal Arch Degree; Commandery Orders: 3:00 PM Order of Red Cross; 4:15 PM Order of Malta; 5:30 PM Order of the Temple. Contact: Brian Lewis at (317) 445-2843 or blewis717@gmail.com
- Sat. October 25, 2014.** Order of Malta will be held at Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4, Fort Wayne Masonic Temple, 216 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3122. Contact: William Pond at (260) 602-5167 or wvpond@gmail.com
- Fri. February 20, 2015.** Isley York Rite College No. 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN 46126; Called Assembly ay 7:30 PM (ET). Contact: David Willoughby at home: (317) 837-1098, e-mail: dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com
- Sat. March 21, 2015.** Isley York Rite College No 129; Sugar Creek Lodge No 279, 4810 N 450 W, Fairland, IN; 1 PM (ET) Knight of York; Contact: David Willoughby at (317) 837-1098 or e-mail: dwilloughby001@indy.rr.com

“Nothing stops the man who desires to achieve. Every obstacle is simply a course to develop his achievement muscle. It's a strengthening of his powers of accomplishment.”— Thomas Carlyle

Around the Encampment:

Passing of RE William A. Howard, Past Grand Commander (1988); Florida; It is with sadness to report the death of Right Eminent William A. Howard, Past Grand Commander (1988). May the soul of our departed through the infinite mercy of God rest in peace and light eternal shine upon him. Yours in Christ, Paul W. Friend, KTCH, Right Eminent Grand Commander

“Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.” — Charles Kingsley

Is Ritual Boring?

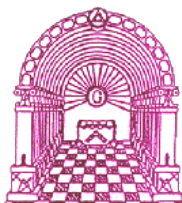
In the *Tao Te Ching*, which is a holy book for Taoists, there is a verse which says, “Ritual is the beginning of ignorance.”

The classical commentaries of that verse say blind ritual, without knowledge of what or why it is being performed leads to ignorance. The following is a funny story to illustrate this point: There once was a Hindu priest who led the faithful in prayer every morning in the temple. Right in the middle of the service his pet cat would come and rub and scratch him to get fed. To prevent this disturbance the priest began tying the cat to the central pillar of the temple just before the service began.

Now, 1,000 years later there are conferences and committees arguing and debating the virtues and procedures of tying a cat before a service, and how that will get the faithful into heaven, and why an orange cat is better than white!

John Robinson in his book *A Pilgrim’s Path*, asked many Masons around the country why they didn’t attend the Lodge. The answer was that the rituals were “Boring, boring, boring.” This is the result of not researching, studying and knowing what our rituals are about. Is a child’s knowledge of the birds and the bees equal to that of a grown-up and parent? Children might find the subject uninteresting or perhaps boring, but as we age and grow in wisdom this subject becomes much more important. Our responsibility, dare I say Duty, as Masons is to discover the rhyme and reason behind our rituals, be they simple or grand. Our rituals, which are so broad and rich in meaning, are the catalog and encyclopedia for our Masonic education. I offer a quote from one of my Martial Art masters, T.T. Liang, “Life is limited and knowledge is unlimited, so even in our whole life we cannot begin to finish our studies.” How can the limitless be boring?

Submitted to Cinosam by Brother Ray Hayward



GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF INDIANA
39th ANNUAL CRYPT REDEDICATION AND PILGRIMAGE
July 18 and 19, 2014

Friday, July 18th;

- Hospitality Ohio Rooms # 1 & 2 open at 8:00 AM (ET). Entertainment for ladies
- Golf Outing at New Salisbury Golf Course, 1320 Old State Rd. 64, New Salisbury, IN — 10:00 AM EST, \$35 per person.
- For golf registration contact: Terry Smith, 4240 E. Whiskey Run Rd., Georgetown, IN 47122, (812-366-3361) or Lloyd Smith, 7300 Greenbrier Rd., Georgetown, IN 47122, Phone: (812)366-3546

Saturday, July 19

- 9:00 AM Annual Rededication of the Cryptic Shrine at Indiana Council No. 1, 805 E Market St .New Albany
- 10:30 AM Seminar on Cryptic Masonry.
- 12:15 PM Leave hotel for lunch cruise, Ohio Riverboat Excursion on the CQ Princess 5700 Captains Quarters Road, Harrods Creek, Kentucky; Boarding time 1:00 PM cruise begins 1:30 PM \$35.00 per person.
 - Children **12 & UNDER** Pizza Party on the boat—NO CHARGE
 - 5:00 PM – Grand Council summer meeting
 - Dinner on your own
 - 8:00 PM Zanzibar and Zanzibar Ladies orders to be conferred
 - Headquarters Hotel — **Best Western** \$89.95 per night (same hotel, different name) 411 W. Spring St., New Albany, IN 47150 (812)945-2771

Cut-off dates for hotel reservations **June 30, 2014**

Group: Grand Council Cryptic Masons, make reservations directly with the hotel.

Please make Riverboat Cruise reservations by **July 1, 2014**

Payment **MUST** accompany Riverboat Cruise reservations. Payable to: **Grand Council Cryptic Masons**

For Boat Trip send reservations to: James R. Adamson, 1300 Hwy 64 NE, New Salisbury, IN 47161

Home: 812-347-3311 Cell: 502-744-3038

Name _____ #Reservations: _____

Address: _____

City, State _____

Phone: _____ Total amt enclosed @ \$35 person _____

Number of children to attend Pizza Party (Age 12 & under) _____