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**Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Of Indiana**

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CHANGES TO INDIANA KT NEWSLETTER

Beginning January 2017, SK Donnie Robinette will be handling the monthly Indiana KT Newsletter.

Please send any events, news, and updates to him directly at dadrobinette@franklindemolay.org

UPDATED FORMAT AND LOOK COMING SOON!

February Birthdays

Steven A. Arlington, GPE, 41, 28, 2/2
Basil K. Isaac, 2/2
Lady Betty Boner, wife of Franklin C. Boner, KCT, PGC, PDC, 2/2
Herbert G. Roach, KCT, PGC, 2/4
Todd Haug, 32, 2/4
Lady Valerie Rader, wife of Dirk Rader, DBC 6, 2/5
Walter J. Colburn, Rec. 3, 2/6
J. William Meyers, GPE, 45, 2/6
Tony S. Peterson, GPE, 2/8
Lady Rita Gibson, wife of Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC, 2/13
SK Charles E. Johnson, GPE, 2/13
Lady Rae Ann Ostenberg, wife of William H. Ostenberg, 28, 2/13
Lady Faye Prairie, wife of James W. Prairie, KCT, PGC, 2/16
Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, MWPGM, REGM, 2/17
Lady Marlene Fiers, wife of J. Robert Fiers, GPE, 2/18
Lady Sally Nicholson, wife of Gary Nicholson, 2/20
Lady Shelley Craig, wife of Arthur J. Craig, III, 12, 2/22
Michael C. Anderson, Aide, DBC 2, 2/23
Lady Wilma Maupin, wife of Max Maupin, PMIGM, Rec. 32, 2/23
David N. Chaffee, 31, 2/23
Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, 2/25
Charles D. Wood, Jr., RIGR, 2/25
Gregory E. Snipes, GPE, 2/26
Aaron Taylor, 28, 2/28

February Anniversaries:

Thomas & Linda Retherford, 2/1
Mark & Barbara Kester, 2/14
Wayne & Joanne Ithier, 2/16
Ronald & Pat Tungett, 2/23

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.

Web Sites:

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

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

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

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:



Monday, January 30, 2017:

Update: Physical Therapy

Phoenix was so happy to put on her workout clothes today, because she knows that hard work pays off! Doug, one of her PT's, said she is still so strong and just needs to focus on building endurance over the next few weeks. It makes me so happy to see her smiling while she works.

Claudine Ellington, mother of Randal Ellington, GPE:

11/29/2016 “Mom” Claudine Ellington, mother of SK Randal Ellington, GPE, is currently fighting a major illness and needs prayers of uplifting. Last month, she was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and small cell carcinoma throughout her body. This was discovered after she went to her physician for a mild back ache. She has decided not to have any major medical intervention besides comfort therapies. SK Randy and his siblings are currently providing 24 care for their mother at her home, as she has declined in condition rapidly. “Mom” Ellington has been a part of the Shelby County Masonic Community for a number of years. Several of us have known her so long that we’ve always called her “Mom”, and I even had to ask several people ‘what is her real name?’ Please keep the Ellington Family in your prayers during this difficult holiday season for the family. Donnie Robinette

SK Paul Cole, PGC:

Reported by SK George Ingles, PGC, GR: On our drive home from the Newby Avery Brunch Saturday afternoon, Karen and I stopped to visit with PGC, Retire Major, Paul Allan Cole and his wife of 62 years lady Margaret. She just recently, two days ago, had her 39th birthday. They both looked good and Paul appeared to look better than the last I visited with them. Some time as we have medical issue we tend to isolate ourselves from our friends. Paul is having a difficult time hearing due to his time in Vietnam. I can understand his feelings as I smile a lot and nod, when I can't hear in crowds or with background noise.

Paul and Margaret decided to return his Past Grand Commanders Jewel, as he hasn't been visiting many functions and wearing his Uniform. I have accepted it and made sure he and Margaret understand, should he decide to attend a function and wear his uniform I will make sure he has a PGC Jewel on his uniform.

I would encourage you to send a card or better still call and visit, they will enjoy your company. Just speak loud for Paul's benefit.

SK Michael Ritter, PGC:

SK Ritter has been recently hospitalized after having hip surgery. After some testing and continued pain, it was determined that the hip replacement work that was completed would have to be removed and repeated. He is currently in Saxton Hospital. SK Adam Jackson, GPE, has been keeping updates through Facebook on Mike's progress. Prayers for a quick recovery.

01/05/2017 Update: “Ok Michael Ritter is out of surgery thing went as well as they could and are starting to look up. Thank you for all the prayers. Not 100% out of the woods but getting close.” – Adam Jackson, GPE

Indiana Deaths:

Sir Knight Harrison Eugene Lackey, HPGC – Passed January 2nd, 2017

Condolences can be made here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?n=harrison-e-lackey-uncle-gene&pid=183293300>

Contact Information & Red Book Directory Changes:

NONE REPORTED FOR PUBLICATION

Upcoming and Important Dates:

- Thurs. Feb. 2nd, 2017**
6:00pm Meal/Work
Order of the Red Cross
Greenfield Commandery #39, 661 W Tague Street, Greenfield, IN 46140
Contact: Larry Gray, Recorder – 317.326.3632, lgray56586@aol.com
- Fri., Feb. 3rd, 2017**
7:00pm
Battalion I Winter Meeting with SK Larry Williams, VEDGC
LaPorte Commandery #12, 820 Jefferson Avenue, LaPorte, IN 46350
Contact: Tom Johnson, Batt I Commander – marketprofile@comcast.net
- Sat. Feb. 4th, 2017**
7:00am -4:00pm
York Rite Chapter/Council Chronological Day
Honoring Michael Smith, MIGM
Prather York Rite, 7502 E 56th Street, Indianapolis
Register (Candidates & Companions) at www.pratheryorkrite.com
Contact: Brian Lewis, Secretary/Recorder – blewis717@gmail.com
- Sat. Feb. 4th, 2017**
10:00am
Battalion II/III Winter Meeting with SK Larry Williams, VEDGC
Fort Wayne Commandery #4, 216 E Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, 46802
Contact: Ed Fodrea, Batt III Commander – hfa.phd1@gmail.com
- Sat. Feb. 4th, 2017**
12:00pm – 3:00pm
Goose N Tater 101
Greenfield York Rite, 661 W Tague Street, Greenfield, IN 46140
Contact: Larry Gray, Secretary – 317.326.3632, lgray56586@aol.com
- Sat. Feb. 18th, 2017**
10:00am
Battalion IV Winter Meeting with SK Larry Williams, VEDGC
Crawfordsville Commandery #25, 221 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville
Contact: Phil Whisner, Batt IV Commander – p_whisner@aol.com
- Sat. Feb. 18th, 2017**
10:00am – 2:00pm
Battalion V Indiana Templar Academy
Prather Commandery #62, 7502 E 56th Street, Indianapolis
\$15 Early Bird Registration / \$20 At The Door
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-knights-templar-academy-tickets-31691144065>
Contact: Donnie Robinette, donnie.robinette@gmail.com
- Sat. Feb. 18th, 2017**
2:00pm
Battalion V Winter Meeting with SK Larry Williams, VEDGC
Prather Commandery #62, 7502 E 56th Street, Indianapolis
Contact: Donnie Robinette, donnie.robinette@gmail.com
- Sat. Feb. 18th, 2017**
5:00pm
Battalion VII/VIII Winter Meeting with SK Larry Williams, VEDGC
Greene County Commandery U.D., 69 S. Main Street, Linton, IN 47441
Contact: Mike Robbins, Batt VII Commander – mrobbins.pm@gmail.com
- Sat. Feb. 25, 2017**
8:00am – 4:00pm
Tri-State Festival
Michigan Center, MI, 355 Napoleon Rd., Jackson, MI
Chapter and Council Degrees
Contact: Paul Friend, pifriend67@yahoo.com
- Sat. Feb. 25th, 2017**
TBA
Battalion VI Winter Meeting with SK Larry Williams, VEDGC
Raper Commandery #1, 525 N Illinois Avenue, Indianapolis
Contact: Matthew Lowe, Battalion VI Commander – cirdangh@aol.com

- Sat. Mar. 4, 2017**
8:00am – 4:00pm
- Tri-State Festival**
117 N Lynn St, Bryan, OH 43506,
Commandery Orders
Contact: Paul Friend, pifriend67@yahoo.com
- Sat. Mar. 11, 2017**
8:00 am – 4:00pm
- East Central Department Meeting**
Embassy Suites Lexington, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511
See Attachment for More Information & Registration
- Saturday, Apr. 1, 2017**
TBA
- All Commandery Order Day**
Prather Commandery #62, 7502 E 56th Street, Indianapolis
Registration at www.pratheryorkrite.com
Contact: Brian Lewis, Recorder – blewis717@gmail.com
- Fri. Apr. 7 - 9, 2017**
8:00am – 4:00pm
- Indiana Grand Chapter and Council Sessions**
Majestic Star Casino and Hotel, 1 Buffington Harbor Dr., Gary, IN
Contact: Richard Lochner, GS, drlockner@gmail.com
- Wed. Apr. 12 - 16, 2017**
6:00am
- Washington D.C. Easter Sunrise Service Trip**
Contact: Jim Bolinger, KCT, PGC debo36@comcast.net
- Fri-Sun, Apr. 14-16, 2017**
- Mid-America Easter Sunrise Service**
Westin Crown Centre, 1 Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO
Indiana Delegation will tour DeMolay International Service & Leadership Center and other Order of DeMolay Landmarks in Kansas City, MO and enjoy the Nightlife in the Kansas City Centre Complex
Easter Sunrise Service in Uniform at Liberty Memorial Complex in KC
Contact: Donnie Robinette, GSW – donnie.robinette@gmail.com
- Fri. Apr. 28, 2017**
7:00am – 4:00pm
- Grand Commandery Annual Conclave**
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus
Contact; George A. Ingles, GR ginglespgc@comcast.net
- Sat. Apr. 29, 2017**
9:00am
- Grand Commandery Drill Competition**
Location (TBD)
Contact: William Short wm.short@att.net
- Sat. Jun. 3, 2017**
12:00pm Tee Time
- Holy Land Pilgrimage Golf Outing Fund Raiser**
Elks Country Club, 2100 US Highway 27 South, Richmond, IN 47374
Contact: Bob Frazer, PGC, GT - bobnancyfrazer@aol.com

DOES YOUR COMMANDERY AND/OR YORK RITE HAVE UPCOMING EVENTS? PICTURES? NEWS? PLEASE SEND THEM TO SK DONNIE ROBINETTE AT DONNIE.ROBINETTE@GMAIL.COM FOR PUBLICATION IN FUTURE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS! WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU ARE DOING AT YOUR COMMANDERY. NO EVENT IS TOO BIG OR SMALL!



2017 Officers of Raper Commandery #1 Knights Templar

Installed January 7th, 2017

Sir Knight David Strader, Sr., Eminent Commander



**Levant Preceptory Conferred the Order of the Temple at the Indiana Grand Master's Class
Honoring Worshipful Brother Carey B. Carter**

Saturday, January 28th, 2017 at Angola Commandery #45 in Angola, Indiana



[York Rite on Facebook](#)

Evansville York Rite Prather York Rite
Raper Commandery #1 KT Shelby County (Baldwin) York Rite



Most Worshipful Grand Master Carey B. Carter Class

Angola, Indiana

Twenty-one (21) New Sir Knights

The Order of the Temple was conferred in period costume by the Sir Knights of Levant Preceptory
Great Job to Angola Commandery #45 and all involved with making this day a success!

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master

of the Grand Encampment USA Knights Templar was also in attendance to welcome the new SKs



2017 Officers of Baldwin Commandery #2 Knights Templar

Installed on January 16th, 2017

Sir Knight Christopher Thomas, Eminent Commander

SK Randy Darling, PC, Captain General presented SK Steven Barton, PGC an Honorary Membership to Baldwin Commandery #2 Knights Templar

SK Randy Darling, PC, Captain General also presented the inaugural "2016 Baldwin Commandery #2 Sir Knight of the Year Award"

to SK Donnie Robinette, PC, Recorder for his efforts on behalf of Baldwin Commandery #2 and Indiana Templary in general.

Dear Friends,

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

I have no doubt that this year will be too!

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

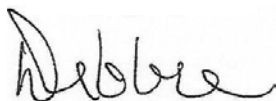
The price for a couple will remain the same as the last few years, \$1,275 with a \$100 deposit. See the brochure for singles or family prices. Please take a look at the brochure, complete the form and return it to me by December 20th with your deposit

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

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

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

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



2017 BUS TRIP ITINERARY

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

WEDNESDAY - April 12th

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

THURSDAY - APRIL 13th

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

FRIDAY - APRIL 14th

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

SATURDAY - APRIL 15th

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

SUNDAY - APRIL 16th

6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M. Breakfast with the Grand Encampment in Hotel
7:30 A.M. leave for the George Washington Masonic Memorial for our Easter Service
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. The Commandery March and Easter Service
9:00 A.M. approx. - return to Hotel for quick change and loading of bus
10:00 A.M. depart for Indianapolis
Stops every couple hours for potty breaks, lunch and dinner
10:00 P.M. arrive in Indy

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



All times and tours are subject to change depending on tour availability. Unavailable tours will be replaced with a pleasant alternative!



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NAMES

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TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR OUR TRIP, PLEASE

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Or JIM 574-876-8256

OR E-MAIL

debo36@comcast.net



**RIGHT EMINENT
GRAND COMMANDER**

Donald D. Olvey

And his Lady, Nina

Invite you to join them

On the

2017

EASTER SUNRISE

SERVICE TRIP

5TH ANNUAL MID-AMERICA EASTER OBSERVANCE

The Grand Encampment will sponsor the
5th Annual Mid-America Easter Service

*Hosted by the Grand Commanderies of
Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, & Nebraska*

**Banquet, Saturday April 15, 2017
Westin Crown Center at 7:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 8:00 A.M.
Liberty Memorial
100 W 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

**Easter Buffet Brunch
Westin Crown Center at 9:30 A.M.
Host Hotel – Westin Crown Center
1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri
816-474-4400**

Knight Templar Easter Service Special rate of \$113.00 plus taxes

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/GrandEncampmentEasterSunriseService>

Look for details at www.knightstemplar.org.

**THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
GOLF FUNDRAISER**

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

**ELKS COUNTRY CLUB, 2100 US Highway 27 S
RICHMOND, INDIANA 47374 -7270**

\$65.00 PER PERSON TEE TIME 12:00 PM (ET)

4 Man (Ladies welcome) GOLF SCRAMBLE

Total Team Handicap - 40 with one player 5 or less

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