



Paul A. Cole, R.E.G.C.

**Grand Commandery Knights Templar  
Of Indiana  
May 2011**

Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies:

*“One of the oddest things in life, I think, is the things one remembers.” — Agatha Christie*

**May Birthdays:**

Lady Charlotte, wife of Harley Eggers, Asst. Rec. 63, 5/1

Lady Vicky Tudor, wife of Dennis Tudor, 29, 5/2

Wayne L. Ithier, DBC 3, 5/3

Lady Beverly Ellis, wife of Ron Ellis, KCT, PGC, 5/4

Lady Sherry, wife of Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC, 5/4

Thomas W. Harper, Rec. 62, 5/4

Jeffrey C. Reich, Rec. 57, 5/8

Steve McKim, 5/8

F. Martin Donahue, 5/10

Vonn G. Hoffman, GPE, 5/10

Lady Jean, widow of James N. Butler, GPE, 5/12

James Coleman, 4, 5/16

Lady Katie Newman, widow of Herbert Newman, KCT, PGC, 5/17

John T. Fleming, 39, 5/17

Lady Jean, wife of Ronald D. Simpson, KCT, PGC, 5/18

Lin Tornese, 16, 5/18

Lady Pamela, wife of Dennis H. Rigsby, Rec. 8, 5/19

Lady Cindy Rider, Fiancé of Edward L. Sebring, GPE, 5/22

Lady Brenda, wife of Charles L. Combi, Rec. 28, 5/22

Lady Ann Tornese, wife if Lin Tornese, 16, 5/22

Mark A. Kester, Sr., Rec. 16, 5/27

Robert Kumpfer, 28, 8/29

David L. Jenkins, 16, 5/29  
Randall P. Ellington, DBC 7, 5/31

**May Anniversaries:**

Duane & Mary Stucker, 5/8  
Ronald & Jean Simpson, 5/18  
Philip & Connie Whisner, 5/22  
Charles & Karen Johnson, 5/25  
Franklin & Betty Boner, 5/27

*If I have your birthday or anniversary wrong or if it is missing, please contact me at [Grandrecorder@aol.com](mailto:Grandrecorder@aol.com) or by snail mail to Larry Kaminsky, P.O. Box 1690, Highland, IN 46322*

**Sickness & Distress:**

**Bill Rich:** Just received a call from Barb Rich about 10 minutes ago and she told me that she and Bill were on their way to the Clinton House here in Frankfort! Apparently, for the time being he will not be taking dialysis. They think he will not need it. He is to check in with his doctor the middle of next week so may know more by then. What terrific news! Please spread the word! Virgil

**Death Notices:**

*“All endings are also beginnings. We just don’t know it at the time.” — Mitch Albom*

**Arlene Davis’ father:** RUSHVILLE — Robert W. Gordon, 93, of Connersville, a former member of the Indiana House of Representatives District #56, passed away Monday, April 25, 2011 at the Heritage House of Connersville, where he had been a resident since April 6, 2011.

He was born Feb. 3, 1918 in Franklin County, one of two children of Roscoe C. and Helen Wright Gordon. He attended school in Brookville, graduating from the Brookville High School, Class of 1936. While he attended high school, he was a member of the men's varsity basketball and baseball teams, playing for the Brookville Greyhounds.

On March 12, 1938 he married Charlotte E. Osborn of Metamora. They moved to Connersville for residence in 1940 and raised five children: Roberta, Arlene, Harold, Philip and June. Mrs. Gordon died March 27, 2002.

A U.S. veteran of World War II, he served with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. During his military tour, he served as military clerk for the Nuremberg War Trials. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Connersville for residence.

Formerly employed for 38 years at McQuay-Norris Manufacturing as a machinist, he also served as the president of McQuay-Norris labor union, the UAW-CIO Local #315 and had served as president of the Fayette County Labor Council.

Active in community affairs, he served in the Indiana House of Representatives from District #56 for 12 years. His district included portions of Franklin, Wayne, Union and Rush Counties and all of Fayette County. His first terms were from 1963 to 1967, followed by additional terms from 1969 to 1977. While in the House of Representatives, Robert became known as a spokesman for the working class and underprivileged. Legislative bills that he helped sponsor included a Handicapped Ramp Legislative Reform Bill; a bill that licensed foreign trained and licensed doctors to practice medicine in Indiana; a bill that sponsored the Whitewater Valley Canal

Restoration in Metamora; and a bill that was key in the efforts to renovate the official Indiana Governor's portraits that are now displayed throughout the state capital.

In addition to his service in Indianapolis on behalf of his constituents, Robert served the local community by being a board member of the United Way, a member of the YMCA and the Red Cross Board of Directors, a coach for Little League Baseball, service officer for the V.F.W., member of the American Legion, AMVETS, Fayette County Democratic Men's Club, Franklin County Odd Fellows of Metamora, a distinguished member of the Fayette County Democratic Committeeman for the Fayette County Democratic Central Committee and an official member of President Barack Obama's "Kitchen Cabinet.

In recognition of his life of service and his distinguished career, Robert was awarded in 1988 as the "Citizen of the Year" by the Connersville Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include daughters, Arlene Davis (and husband, Stanton) of Rushville and Vivian June Shepler (and husband, Brent) of Brookville; sons, Harold W. Gordon (and wife, Pat) of Connersville and Philip Charles Gordon (and wife, Sandra) of Tomball, Texas; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins; a half brother, George Gordon (and wife, Louise) of Fort Wayne; and half-sister, Marlene Thomas of Edmonds, Wash.

Besides his wife of 64 years, Charlotte E. Gordon, he was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Roberta Carol Newhouse; a grandson, Richard Stanton Davis; a brother, William R. "Bill" Gordon; two half brothers, John and Jerry Gordon; and a half sister, Iona Hertel.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011 with Reverend Tony Augsburg officiating at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home in Connersville. Burial will be in Metamora Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the Brookville American Legion. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Regenstreif Boys and Girls Club of Connersville.

Friends may visit online anytime at millermosterrobbins.com to sign the guest book or leave a message of sympathy.

**Laura Uplinger:** (Mother of Marcia Lochner, wife of Richard Lochner, REGS of Grand Chapter) died this morning. She was 89. She succumbed to pneumonia and sleep apnea being unable to remove carbon dioxide from her system. Visitation for Marcia's mother is from 4-7 CST at the Cooper Funeral Home on route 72 in Genoa, IL. Services will be at 11:00 A.M. at the Kingston, U.M. Church in Kingston, IL, one block south of 72 and one block east of the main street in Kingston, IL. Visitation will also occur one hour before the service at the church. There will be a lunch after. We will not be going to the cemetery after. There will be a private burial after cremation at a later time. We are grateful for all the condolences and courtesies we have received. Richard.

**John Myers:** Anyone who has been active in Blue Lodge or York Rite knew John. For those who have not heard, a Masonic Funeral will be held at Weicht's in Angola this Sunday at 4 PM. I can only presume that it will be a full house. NE 210 will provide Masonic items. Paul Friend will conduct service. Funeral/burial will be Monday. Uniformed Knights will be needed as pall bearers. I will update as information becomes available. Mike Anderson, EC; PS: John served as Recorder of Angola for several years and was a true Brother and Friend. Larry V

## **Directory Changes:**

John Hylemon: New Cell: **219-476-6179**

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email: [mrobbins.pm@gmail.com](mailto:mrobbins.pm@gmail.com) Phone: 812-675-6562

J.D. Pinnick: New e-mail address: [jdpinnick08@gmail.com](mailto:jdpinnick08@gmail.com)

*“Don’t waste your time hating failure. Failure is a greater teacher than success.” — Clarissa Pinkola Estés*

## **Congratulations:**

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011 Lincoln Chapter was presented their Charter and returned to full Chapter status, enabling them to work and confer all Degrees of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Way to go guys!

Congratulations to John E. Hylemon and James L. Kerns upon their receipt of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor given at the Grand Commander’s Banquet 4/28/2011.

Also, congratulations to Jeffrey C. Reich upon receiving the Grand Commandery “Star Recorder of the Year” award.

## **Special Note:**

The Grand York Office of AL will be closed this week to help Tornado victims in Shoal Creek (St Clair County AL) Thank you for your patience. Hiram Williams, Grand Recorder.

I talked to Smoky's (General Grand High Priest) lady Bobbie this morning, they are safe and doing fine, they are in Oklahoma with their daughter. Their home and immediate neighborhood was spared in the rash or tornados in Alabama the last 2 days, but she indicated that their town was wiped out, but luckily no loss of life in their community. Our prayers go out to the families of the 300+ who lost their lives in Alabama and Georgia. Mother Nature can be so beautiful and yet so deadly.

I also heard yesterday that Stanton T. Brown is in the hospital with a severe and dangerous infection - please take the time to call Johnnie and let her know we are thinking of our good Brother. Kbs...

## **Important Dates:**

May 15, 2011 Cornerstone ceremony will be held at the Masonic Home for the new assisted-living building. 12:30 PM Form the Lines, Procession with Colors.

Grand Lodge of Indiana convenes with Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth Willis, Jr., Grand Master presiding. Meet at 8:30 AM in full uniform to escort the Grand Master into Grand Lodge.

May 18, 2011 Grand Lodge continues.

## **Around the Encampment**

**Abram Baker Church, Jr.** REPGC 1985, September 3, 1929 – April 22, 2011; Visitation Monday April 25th 2011 11:00 am - 1:00 PM; Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 3009 Columbia Ave, Franklin, TN; SERVICES - Monday April 25th 2011 1:00 PM. SK David White, VEDGC.

**Robert M. Ohman**, 88, of the 8100 block of Old Ocean View Road, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2011. Bob was a member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War, Korea, Dominican Republic and Vietnam. He was the Past Master of Ocean View Lodge No. 335 and a member in good standing of many other Masonic Orders and a 33rd Degree Mason. He is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Ann Jones of Norfolk and Shirley Jean Floyd and husband William of Virginia Beach and two brothers, Melvin W. Ohman Jr. of Minneapolis and John H. Ohman of Springfield, VA.

**Edward R. Saunders, Jr.:** RW Edward R. Saunders, Jr. has laid down his working tools. There will be a Masonic Service, but the time as not been confirmed yet, the day will most likely be Thursday, May 5; I will send anther email with confirmation. The below was taken from his obit:  
Edward R. Saunders, Jr. - September 30, 1924 - May 1, 2011, The list of his civic participation is endless and his service in Freemasonry spans more than 60 years and includes responsibilities in the Holy Order of the High Priesthood and the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor. The Right Worshipful Edward Ripley Saunders, Jr. became a Master Mason in September 1946 in Kensington, MD. He later moved to Virginia, became active in several Lodges, 303, 271, 78, 1777, 1949, and served as Grand Lodge Chaplain in 1992. He served as Master of Cochran Lodge 271 in The Plains, VA and Washington Lodge 0078 in Washington, VA in 1984, he was named Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Virginia, and in 1990-91 he was Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia. He was District Deputy Grand Master in District 4 in 1973 and a member of Cochran Lodge 271 AF&AM in The Plains, VA until his passing. The Masonic community will miss his zeal to serve and teach the art of being a Mason. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m. at the Royston Funeral Home in Marshall, VA. Viewing will be on Thursday, May 5 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Royston Funeral Home in Marshall, VA. Royston Funeral Home, 125 Rectortown Rd, Marshall, VA 20115 Phone Number: (540) 364-1731  
Additional Honors known by Dan, Pushee, Friend and Brother; Past Governor General, York Rite Sovereign College, North America, 1994; Past Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights, York Cross of Honour, 1993-94; Past Great Chief, Grand Council, Knight Masons, USA, 1996; Past Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America, HRAKTP, 1992

**Richard A. Meacham:** This is to let you know that Richard A. Meacham, PGC of Ohio passed away this morning in Florida. Dick served as Grand Commander in 1992. All arrangements are pending. Will you please publish it to the York Rite list? Fraternally, Bruce "D" Basil, KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder, Phone/Fax 419-299-3084; [gcktoh@earthlink.net](mailto:gcktoh@earthlink.net)

**William N. Wine, PGHP:** California; I have completed Uncle Bill's Obituary and it is online here:  
<http://www.ouimetbrothers.com/obituaries/William-Newton-Wine2651479829/#/Obituary>

**Think about it:**

Interesting video of Masonic History for May <http://blip.tv/file/5007159> (From "*The Working Tools Magazine*")

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***2011 Easter Sunrise Ceremony  
East and West Coast Pictures  
Available at:***

Pictures are now available on line at [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org)  
for the Observances at Alexandria (East Coast) & 1st West Coast, California.  
Enjoy, Dan Pushee

# Mishawaka Memorial Day Parade

May 1, 2011

Dear Brothers,

In 2010 we had a very nice turnout of brothers and knights from all around the area marching (and riding) with Mishawaka Lodge in the Mishawaka Memorial Day Parade. It was a great group and Mishawaka Lodge once again hosted a very nice hot dog roast afterwards. Memorial Day is right around the corner so prepare to show your Masonic Pride to the thousands attending the parade in 2011.

The parade is scheduled for Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. **All participants must be in line up position no later than 9:15 a.m.** The Masonic parade participants have been assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> division. This division lines up on Lincolnway West at the County City Building at the corner of 219 Lincolnway W. and Spring St. We assemble in the parking lot at the back. The roads around the parade route will be blocked and very busy. We have been asked to reach that destination by using streets other than Main Street or the two blocks of Lincolnway on either side of Main St. If coming from the east that means circling around south and coming up on side streets until you can park somewhere as close as possible to the corner of Lincolnway and Spring. From the west, you can come in on Lincolnway to a spot as close as you can get to that corner. The parade will cross the river on Main Street and turn west onto Mishawaka Ave. for about two blocks, past Battell Park and then the parade will continue on to Forest and Wilson Streets to a point where Division 3 can disperse without blocking the exit streets. Hopefully, some of our family members will be at the end of the parade to help deliver participants back to their cars.

The Parade participants have been informed that no candy or other items are to be thrown to the spectators and no advertisements are to be carried in the parade. Signs announcing the names of the organizations participating in the parade are allowed so we will be able to have our Masonic emblems and a sign for Mishawaka Lodge.

Please join us and have a great day with your Masonic brothers in the parade. Dress for the parade is whatever you like that represents your lodge or other Masonic affiliation, for example, officers can wear jewels and aprons. Your families can cheer you on from the sidelines and then all brothers and their families will be welcome to Mishawaka Lodge #130 for a hot dog feast after the parade. Please let me know how many will be attending the hot dog feast so we will be sure to have enough to go around.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 269-476-9737 or cell 574-876-8256 or e-mail at [debo36@comcast.net](mailto:debo36@comcast.net). Together, we can make this another good day for Masonry and the community.

Sincerely,

James Bolinger

South Bend Commandery #13

## **TO ALL CRYPTIC FREEMASONS WHERESOEVER DISPERSED**

You, and your family, are cordially invited to attend the MASONIC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons of Noblesville, Indiana to be held on October 8, 2011 ~~

### **MASONIC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Itinerary ~ October 8, 2011**

10 O'clock AM ~ Rededication of Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons by the Most Illustrious Grand Master the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana and Grand Council Officers.

12 O'clock NOON ~ Luncheon banquet - \$10.00 - Reservations required.

1 O'clock PM ~ **PUBLIC** conferral of the Super Excellent Master Degree of Cryptic Freemasonry conducted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

CANDIDATES for the Super Excellent Master Degree of Cryptic Freemasonry will be Obligated privately prior to the public presentation of the Degree portrayal. Candidates will receive a beautiful Super Excellent Master Degree certificate and lifetime Super Excellent Mason membership in Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons. Also, a Super Excellent Master lapel pin will provided by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. Fee to receive the Degree of Super Excellent Master is \$25.00. This is a one-time fee and no further dues are required. Membership in the York Rite of Freemasonry is a prerequisite for being a candidate.

We sincerely hope that you and your family will be able to join with us for this milestone event in the history of Noblesville Council No. 89, Cryptic Masons.

RSVP's are requested... A unique "token" Coin/Keychain (pictured) will be available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00 (plus shipping if required.)

Fraternally in the bonds of our ancient Order,

Michael D. Gillard, PTIM, OPC, Illustrious Master  
Noblesville Council No. 89 Cryptic Masons