



THE MISSION OF INDIANA  
ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IS:

TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF KING  
SOLOMON THAT FUTURE AGES  
WOULD FIND OUT THE RIGHT.

TO PRESERVE THE COMPLETE  
TRADITION OF THE CRAFT.

TO FURTHER THE INTIMATE  
CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BLUE  
LODGE AND THE ROYAL ARCH.

TO SPREAD MASONIC  
ENLIGHTENMENT AND  
FELLOWSHIP AMONG ALL  
BRETHREN.

Indiana Royal Arch Masonry promotes these Essential Standards as keys to a complete understanding of the Masonic tradition and the perfection of the Royal Arch system.

- Extraordinary Masonic education and enlightenment of our craft in sublime and practical ways.
- Fellowship at its finest; in the chapters and in furthering our intimate connection with the Blue Lodge.
- Exceptional ritual development and delivery... always!... Thus preserving the time honored Masonic traditions of "the royal art."
- Effectiveness and value in Royal Arch organizational processes, communications and finances.
- Continuous advancement of our charitable endeavors.

These Standards are the measuring sticks of our Mission's progress!

# **THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER**

**NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA  
APRIL, 2015**



**Most Excellent Companion  
MARTIN A. EVENS  
Grand High Priest  
2015 - 2016**

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana elected and installed Most Excellent Companion Martin A. Evens as your Grand High Priest for the Capitular year 2015 – 2016. Most Excellent Marty's focus in the upcoming year will be to improve "PRIDE IN ROYAL ARCH MASONRY."

All the current elected Grand Officers were either retained in their stations or advanced in the progressive line. Excellent Companion Steve Arlington of Valparaiso Chapter No. 79 was elected by the Companions to the office of Grand Royal Arch Captain. In addition, Most Excellent Companion Evens appointed several worthy Companions to offices in the Grand Chapter and as Royal Arch Deputies. A complete list of all elected and appointed officers can be found on the following page of this Principal Sojourner.

Several Resolutions were introduced at the Grand Convocation in 2015, including the addition of Section C33 on "Guidelines to Amend" and amending Section 242 "Life Membership." A resolution concerning adding Kings and Scribes as voting members was tabled until next year's Grand Convocation. It was a Great Session!

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### **BIOGRAPHY AND MASONIC HISTORY OF MARTIN A. EVENS**

Martin Allen Evens was born June 27, 1951 on the Army Base at Camp Polk, Leesville, Louisiana to Morris A. and Vera J. Evens both deceased. Marty married Mary Jane Schilling on April 9, 2005 and they have three children and six grandchildren. They are members of the Rockville Methodist Church.

Marty graduated in the last class of Bainbridge High School in 1969. He attended Ball State University. He returned to operate the family precast concrete business which has been in operation for 54 years.

Marty was raised a Master Mason on November 19, 1976 in Morton Lodge #469. Served as Worshipful Master 5 times and has served as Secretary for 16 years. He is a member of the Terre Haute Valley of Scottish Rite, a Life member of Murat Shrine, Greencastle York Rite Bodies; Robert Woods Priory #62 KYCH; Banks of the Wabash Y.R. College #72; Cloverdale Chapter #369 OES; Edward Etchison Council AMD; Terre Haute Preceptory; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and the Red Cross of Constantine. He received his Order of the Purple Cross in 2010. He is currently serving as Eminent Prior of Robert Woods Priory.

He was appointed Grand Guard in 2008-2009, was elected Excellent Royal Arch Captain in 2010-2011 and was elected and installed as Grand High Priest on April 11th, 2015.

### **PAST MASTER DEGREE**

**Thursday April 23, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**Evansville Chapter No. 12  
Evansville Masonic Temple, 301 Chestnut St., Evansville**

### **PAST MASTER DEGREE**

**Monday, April 28, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**Anderson Chapter No. 52, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 77  
3921 W. Nichol Av., Anderson**

### **MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE**

**Thursday May 28, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**Evansville Chapter No. 12  
Evansville Masonic Temple, 301 Chestnut St., Evansville**

## IN THE QUARRY...

***Hail Companions! If you know of any Companion that is ill, has Entered the Celestial Lodge Above, has achieved some success or honor; or if there are special events or degree work planned by your Chapter ... please forward the details to the Editor of the Principal Sojourner at [dwood52281@aol.com](mailto:dwood52281@aol.com). Event pictures are also great; so please send them as well. We publish the Principal Sojourner every other month and will do our best to get the news out to you all!***

- **Excellent Companion Ronald A. DeFur** of Connersville Entered the Celestial Lodge Above on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Excellent Companion Ronald was a Past High Priest of Maxwell No. 18, Past Master of Warren Lodge No. 15, Past Illustrious Master of Fayette Council, Past Commander of Connersville Commandery, A Knight of the York Cross of Honor and Past Worthy Patron of Connersville OES. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- **Dr. Richard Lochner, PGHP**, has injured his arm, so please keep him in your prayers. Below is the what happened in his own words;

"I was closing my rear door and grabbed in wrong I guess. I felt the muscles in my upper arm give way. It is a very bad sprain or a tear. You wouldn't believe the contortions one goes through to do so many activities every day. I can work but I know which activities cause problems when I examine a patient and prepare to endure short lived pain. Of course my advice to patients is rest don't do those things. Had a steroid injection Wednesday and was really happy at how it progressed over the day. Slept well Wednesday night. Tuesday a cable in the elevator in my hotel broke. Was not fixed Thursday morning so they sent up a guy to help with my luggage. As I started down the stairs I instinctively grabbed the railing to stable myself. It was like I straight armed myself and jammed every thing from my elbow to my shoulder. Excruciating pain. Now back at square one hoping/expecting the steroid will start over and catch up. It seems to be. It seems as we get older muscle strains/sprains are more common.

- **Dennis Anness, PGHP**, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, has had hormone implants and will soon begin radiation treatments. Please pray that he will be able to overcome this difficulty.

## OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE

On February 4, 2015 after Lessing Lodge #464 Annual Rabbit Fry Fundraiser we had an Award Ceremony. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana presented Lewis Awards to Sixty-Five Brothers; Fathers and Sons from Twenty-Nine families. Presenting the awards were Grand Captain of the Host Ray Windell, Grand Royal Arch Captain Archie Smallwood, Grand Master of the First Veil C. Keith Spurgeon and Royal Arch Deputy Dennis Schraeder. Congratulations to the Brethren that received the awards. After the Lewis Awards were presented Grand Royal Arch Captain Archie Smallwood talk about the Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) program and Evansville Chapter #12 took up donations for the RARA, we collected \$314.00. A great time had by all!







Two ornery characters!!



The quietest room in the Lodge Hall. Everyone was eating!!

### La Porte No. 15 All Degree Day

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, LaPorte No. 15 conferred all four Degrees of the Royal Arch on 15 candidates. All of the work was superb and Excellent High Priest Joe Villarreal did a fantastic job of organizing and producing he entire day. Kudos!!!



### Green County Proficiency

On March 15, 2015, members of Green County Chapter, U.D. gathered to confer the Past Master Degree in full form. This completes their U.D. proficiencies and they will be issued a Charter establishing them as a full-fledged Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Indiana.

This Chapter is doing an outstanding job and we all should commend them!! If you get a chance, go visit them... you will not be disappointed.



The 2nd Annual Evansville Chapter #12 Open Door Program was held on Tuesday March 31, 2015. Nineteen Master Masons from around the area were able to witness a presentation of the Mark Master Degree as presented by Evansville Chapter #12 (along with some help from a few friends). The evening was very enjoyable and the degree work was great. Everyone did a superb job. At the end of the evening David Johnson, High Priest of Evansville Chapter #12, thanked everyone who helped with the degree work and especially thanked all those who attended. It was an outstanding gathering of Masons. Several of the brothers took petitions and are considering continuing their journey in York Rite Masonry.

## ***YORK RITE CHRONOLOGICAL DEGREE DAY***

**Saturday, June 6, 2015**

<b>07:00 AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>08:00 AM</b>	<b>SELECT MASTER</b>
<b>08:45 AM</b>	<b>ROYAL MASTER</b>
<b>09:45 AM</b>	<b>MARK MASTER DEGREE</b>
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>MOST EXCELLENT MASTER</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>PAST MASTER DEGREE</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>ROYAL ARCH DEGREE</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>

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### **INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2015 – 2016**

**FRONT ROW:** Don Olvey, Phil Fowler, Carl Froedge, ME Marty Evens, Ray Windell, Richard Lochner, Archie Smallwood  
**BACK ROW:** Steve Arlington, Sean Jones, Jim Fairchild, John Mathis, DeWayne Richmond, Keith Spurgeon, Steve Maxwell  
*That Doc Lochner... he's such a character!*



## **FREEMASONRY IS A GREAT BANQUET OF OPPORTUNITY!**

**From Carl Froedge, Grand King**

Brethren, what can Freemasonry do for you? In my opinion Freemasonry is a Great Banquet of opportunity. It allows us to feast on the knowledge that is found in each degree. Each degree has its own menu. The menu may not change, however it is up to each one of us to pick out any certain item on the menu and enjoy its own unique flavor. It is up to each one of us to try a new flavor from time to time and not chew on the same choice day in and day out. A Brother may enjoy the "Working Tools" and offer to present those tools at each and every meeting, or a Brother may enjoy "chewing" on the Middle Chamber lecture. I say it is good for Brother to change things up. Look for new opportunities to serve in your Lodge. Maybe try a new lecture, or present one that you may have done a long time ago. Come out to a Lodge dinner or breakfast and feast upon the fellowship of your Brethren. Please consider applying the "Parable of the Great Banquet" to your Masonic Life. The Parable goes something like this.

There once was a man who was making plans for a Great Banquet. He wanted to share his food and have a great time of celebration. He sent out invitations to those he wanted to come to his banquet. He sent his servants out with the invitations and the guests said they would come to this man's Great Banquet.

The man began preparations for his banquet. He made sure he had enough food prepared for all the guests who said they were coming. When all the preparations for the banquet were complete, he sent out his servant to tell the invited guests it was time to come and celebrate at his Great Banquet.

The servant must have been excited to go and tell each invited guest it was time to come to the banquet. He had smelled the food that was being prepared. He saw the table with many place settings waiting for each guest to come and take his/her seat. He even saw the joy and excitement on his master's face as he was looking forward to sharing this Great Banquet with his invited guests.

When the servant reached the homes of the invited guests he was met with many excuses why they could not come to the Great Banquet. One invited guest said, "I have just purchased some land and I must go check it out. Please excuse me from attending the banquet." Another invited guest said, "I have just bought ten oxen. I have to see if they will work well in my fields. Please excuse me from attending the banquet." Still another invited guest said, "I just got married so I cannot come."

How disappointing this news was to the servant. He knew how generous his master was by inviting them and preparing a great feast for them to enjoy together. None of the invited guests were planning to come to the Great Banquet.

When the servant told his master about all the excuses and how none of the invited guests were going to come to his banquet, he was very angry! These invited guests were rude. They told him they were coming; he made plans and had all the food ready and prepared. Now who would eat all the food that was prepared? The master told his servant to go out into the streets and alleys and invite the poor, handicapped, blind and lame to come to his banquet.

The servant did as he was told and returned to his master. He said, "I have done what you have told me and there is still room for more guests to sit at your Banquet." The man said, "Go outside the city, go up and down the roads in the country and invite all to come to my banquet so that my house will be full. All those who were originally invited and made excuses not to come, they will not get to eat any of my food." \*(Matthew 22 "The Story of the Wedding Banquet")

So Brethren, I say the table is set, the meal is prepared. So come to the Banquet and fill yourself with all the knowledge and fellowship that Freemasonry has to offer. It's time to celebrate and symbolically increase your waistline with Freemasonry.

