



# ***THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER***

## **NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA APRIL, 2016**



### **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.**



**CARL D. FROEDGE  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2016-2017**

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!

As the new Capitular year starts, so we start writing a new chapter in its history. The pages are blank and it is up to each of us to fill those pages with our own story. The story that starts at a "Place in the Heart". Much like our loved ones hold a special place in the heart, so does Royal Arch Masonry and Freemasonry in general hold a special place in the hearts of each one of you and many like you. Remember the fire that was kindled in your heart at your Entered Apprentice degree? I do. Remember how your heart pounded when you met Jubela? I do. Remember how impressive and heartfelt the Mark Master Degree was? I do. I can go on and on about each of the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite and how they have touched my own heart, but that is for another time. I think it is very important that each of us keep the fire burning within our own hearts.

Ludwig van Beethoven once said that "Music should strike fire from the heart of man, and bring tears from the eyes of woman." What Ludwig meant was that music should instill passion in people. For a man, passion is fire, for a woman it's tears. With that in mind I suggest that Freemasonry should strike fire in the heart of man and that we should inspire passion in others, so that they too can enjoy our Royal Art.

A father's advice to his children as they headed off to college was this: "Don't take courses. Take professors!" He understood that those who are the most passionate about what they teach can make even the driest subject come to life, and those along with it. He knew that what makes the biggest difference in the quality of any learning experience is a teacher's or mentor's passion. "More than knowledge of subject matter," says Robert Fried in *The Passionate Learner*. "More than variety of teaching techniques. More than being well organized or friendly or funny or fair. Passion. Passionate people are the ones who make a difference in our lives."

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One person's passion can have a profound effect on the unfolding of someone else's passion, and certainly if you're in any position of leadership or stewardship---perhaps especially relative to children and young adults. But whether you're a parent, teacher, minister, mentor, manager, coach, counselor, performer, politician, or CEO, this much is certain: your passion is critical to *their* engagement.

And your dispassion is critical, too. Not-engaged means checked out, but actively-disengaged means you're busy acting out your unhappiness and dispiritedness, and spreading the virus among your colleagues, family and friends. What it means is that if you're part of a rowing team out on a river, one of the team-members is rowing his heart out, five are just taking in the scenery, and two are actively trying to sink the boat.

I would like to encourage each of you or rather us to keep a journal of our Masonic experiences and refer back to it from time to time. I would encourage each of you to write a short talk on Royal Arch Masonry and or Freemasonry in general that you might offer to a sitting Worshipful Master as a bit of Masonic Education not only to help the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, but to promote Freemasonry and Royal Arch Masonry in particular.

Steve Irwin, Crocodile Hunter once said, *"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message."*

Companions, Masonic Education is all about the slogan "Freemasonry, Making Good Men Better".

You might also ask why I am so focused on Royal Arch Masonry and I will say this. Through the last few years I have had the opportunity to talk with non-York Rite Masons and discovered that they have heard of the York Rite and Knights Templar, but these Brothers have no idea of or have never even heard of Cryptic Masons or Royal Arch Masons. Therefore, I believe that Royal Arch Masonry deserves some more focused attention.

I ask that each of you take the time to Mentor to our newest Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights and show them the passion that sets your heart on fire. The Brethren will come because as Evangelist John Wesley once said, "When you set yourself on fire, people love to come and see you burn."

I will leave you with a few words from that great twentieth century philosopher Elvis Presley... Thank you, thank you very much...

#### TABLE CHAPTER

DISTRICT C – MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> - 6:00 PM  
ANGOLA NO. 58 ... 35 SOUTH PUBLIC SQUARE, ANGOLA

#### TABLE CHAPTER

MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> ... 6:00 PM  
GREENCASTLE NO. 22 ... 201 EAST WASHINGTON,  
GREENCASTLE

#### MARK MASTER & PAST MASTER DEGREES

THURSDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> ... 6:00 PM  
EVANSVILLE NO. 12  
301 CHESTNUT STREET ... 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!***

- A big “Thank You” to all of the Companions who have sent pictures and articles to the Principal Sojourner! They are very much appreciated and we hope that you will continue to send them.
- Nancy Foreman, spouse of Excellent Companion Dale Foreman, fell and broke her leg in several places. She has had surgery to repair and install plates and screws. Rehab is expected to take two months. Please keep her in your prayers.

## ***OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE***



**Most Excellent Grand High Priest Carl Froedge and Ex. Comp. Joe Villarreal, GM3V, surrounded by five new Royal Arch Masons from La Porte No.15. Exalted on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**



**Preparing for and conferring the Royal Arch Degree at Clinton No. 82. Three Exalted on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



**50 Year Award of Gold in Royal Arch Masonry presented to Ex. Comp. Ray Devault of Plymouth No. 49.**





Excellent Companion Warren DeFerbrache and Companion Jim Stiver receiving 50 Year Awards of Gold in all three York Rite Bodies on April 16<sup>th</sup>, at Concord No. 101 in Elkhart. They are seen here receiving their Commandery awards from Rt. Em. Grand Commander Jim Bolinger.



Ex. Companions Steve Maxwell, GRAC and Don Laudeman huddle with anticipation before presenting 50 Year Awards to Warren and Jim.

***SCENES FROM THE GRAND CONVOCATION, 2016***



**IN ..... OUT  
A Great Year Past ... a Great Year to Come!!**



**GHP Marty gets a new walking stick. Photobomb!!**



**Grand Master Reiners Speaks**



**The General Grand Chapter descends on PGHP Ron Smith**





**Your Indiana Grand Chapter Officers for 2016 – 2017!**



**Carl D. Froedge Installed as Grand High Priest of Indiana Royal Arch Masons**



**Keystone Awards**



**The Grand High Priest exercises his prerogatives.**



Greene County No. 169 conferred a Mark Master Degree on several candidates in early April.



New Companions at Valparaiso No.79

**MOST EXCELLENT & ROYAL ARCH DEGREES**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> ... 6:00 PM**  
**EVANSVILLE NO. 12**  
**301 CHESTNUT STREET ... EVANSVILLE**

## **FROM THE "JUNIOR" PGHP**

Companions all,

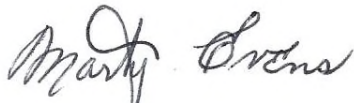
How quickly time flies. It seems like last week I was preparing to start my year as Grand High Priest and now I am preparing to close out my year of service. I cannot begin to tell you what a privilege it has been to be able to be in the position of leading a team of leaders who worked hard and supported my efforts to bring *Pride* to Royal Arch Masonry.

To the Companions of Indiana, thank you, for all the courtesies and hospitality you have shown to me as I visited you in your Chapter and when we have crossed paths in other functions during the year. I appreciate your friendship and support of our philanthropy at the District meetings, record giving was realized this year.

My years of service in the line have opened my eyes to many things and made me a more effective leader while finding ways to achieve goals with the assistance of others for a common cause. I have grown as a person in the process. It can be said that I received more than I was able to give.

I will be forever grateful for the friendships I have made and the experiences I have been able to participate in during my journey of service. To those I have served with thank you for your service to Royal Arch Masonry. I believe that together we have made a difference in the future of the fraternity.

Thanks for everything; I will never forget this privilege of service.



## **WILLIAM B. SMITH, PGHP MEMORIAL**

Saturday morning, April 23 at 10:30 A.M., members and representatives of Webb Lodge #24, Richmond Lodge #196, King Solomon Chapter #4, RAM; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana; and the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International gathered at the grave site of Most Excellent Companion William B Smith, PGHP, PM to re-dedicate the monument marking his grave site. The grave is located near the top of a hill in Earlham Cemetery, Richmond, Indiana.

The ceremony was performed near the top of one of the highest hills in the cemetery and under the Flag of the United States of America. The weather was cool and the sun shone bright. This seemed appropriate for the first re-dedication ceremony.

William B Smith was the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana. He was also the first Worshipful Master of Richmond Lodge #196 and a Past Master of Webb Lodge #24. The monument that marks his grave was erected by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana in cooperation with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, King Solomon Chapter #4, RAM, Webb Lodge #24, and Richmond Lodge #196.

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a brief history of Most Excellent Companion Smith's Masonic and Professional career. A carnation was placed on the monument by representatives from Webb Lodge #24, Richmond Lodge #196, King Solomon Chapter #4, RAM, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, and the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

Following the ceremony, the Companions and their ladies retired to King Solomon Chapter #4 for a Table Chapter in honor of Most Excellent Companion William B. Smith, PGHP.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:  
IF THERE ARE COMPANIONS WHO WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESERVATION OF THIS IMPORTANT  
ROYAL ARCH GRAVE MARKER, PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

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**PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CHECK: "WM. SMITH MARKER"**

**MARK MASTER DEGREE**

**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ... Meal at 6:30 PM ... Degree at 7:30 PM  
Plymouth No. 49  
109 Water Street, Plymouth**



## THOUGHTS FROM THE GHP

The 171<sup>st</sup> convocation of the Grand Chapter was very nicely attended. I would like to thank each one of you who attended and I hope you enjoyed yourself. I would encourage each you to make try to attend future Sessions. Convocations are a great place to meet new friends and renew old friendships. It's an opportunity to talk to the High Priests of other Chapters and learn what works for them.

We are all under the challenge to not only increase our membership but to retain members. It is our duty to one another to increase and enjoy the fellowship of others. After all the title of Companion has a deeper, meaning than that of Brother. Companion is said to be more welcoming, more understanding and more compassionate.

I would encourage each Chapter to hold a Table Chapter to Honor your Past High Priests, honor the Worshipful Masters and officers in your area. These social events will increase awareness in our Non-Royal Arch Brethren. Awareness of the Royal Arch needs to be increased, because believe it or not there are Non-Royal Arch Masons out there who do not know of or about Royal Arch Masonry.

Many of us do a good job of promoting the York Rite. We as York Rite Masons know that the Chapter, Council and Commandery are three separate bodies. However, there are many Non-York Rite Masons who do not know of three. Our Brethren have heard about the York Rite and the Templars, however somewhere along the line we as a whole seem to not promote the beauties of the Council and more especially the Chapter.

I would like to encourage each of you to write an original piece for Masonic Education to promote Freemasonry in General and offer the same to a sitting Worshipful Master as a bit of Masonic Education that might be used not only for the benefit of the Worshipful Master, but for the promotion of our Royal Art. After all, the slogan; FREEMASONRY – MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER in my opinion is all about Masonic

Education. If we want to attract and retain new members then we must do something different. We can't always expect them to be perfect ritualists, we can't expect them to be at each and every meeting. Our Brethren these days must be able to have the ability to balance their personal life with work, but also with their Masonic journeys.

Each Chapter must find its own individual character and promote its uniqueness. The Ritual shall remain the same, but it's the Chapters personality or brand that will draw the Brethren. We have been selling for years, but now is the time to pull them in. Pushing the Brethren toward membership no longer seems to work. Sometimes it seems like trying to get new members is like a steep slope. It is difficult for Brethren to ascend to the Royal Arch without assistance, so I ask that to extend a hand, a strong grip and help ascend to the Summit of Ancient Craft Masonry – the Most Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

## **!! CHAPTER ALL DEGREE DAY !!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
PRATHER NO. 157 ... 7502 EAST 56<sup>TH</sup> ST., INDIANAPOLIS**

**7:30 AM Registration  
8:00 AM Mark Master Degree  
9:15 AM Past Master Degree  
9:45 AM Most Excellent Master Degree  
10:30 AM Royal Arch Degree  
12:00 PM Adjourn**

