



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA AUGUST, 2014

GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER BEGINS OPERATIONS UNDER DISPENSATION!



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!

On June 28th, 2014, about sixty Companions and their families gathered in the Linton Masonic Lodge to receive their Dispensation to operate as Greene County Chapter, Under Dispensation.

In August of 2013, the Grand High Priest was approached by four Royal Arch Masons from Greene County: Danny Gadbury, Gary Roberts, Kent Harting and Keith Burris; requesting information on how to start an active York Rite in their area. The four Companions and the Grand High Priest met for lunch at a Cracker Barrel in Indianapolis and it was suggested to them that they start with one body, get it up and running and then build the other groups.

The suggestion was followed, recruiting meetings were held and early in 2014, seventeen Royal Arch Masons petitioned the Grand Chapter for Dispensation to operate. Their petition was granted by the Grand Chapter at the Grand Convocation in April and the official Dispensation presentation was made on June 28th.

Excellent Companion Shelby Olvey will serve as High Priest during the Dispensation, along with Danny Gadbury as King, Keith Burris and Gary Roberts as Secretary. The U.D. Chapter already has another twelve candidates in process for membership and participated in a local 4th of July Parade; so it appears that Greene County U.D. is off to a great start. Congratulations!!

RECEPTION FOR

**MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION
JAMES B. COLEMAN**

**GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

Saturday, August 23RD ... 2:00 PM

**Ft. Wayne Masonic Temple, 216 E. Washington Blvd., Ft. Wayne
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Thoughts on Royal Arch Masonry

R. E Companion Carl Froedge, Grand Scribe

Royal Arch Masonry is the root of Freemasonry. Freemasonry like the Acacia has the deep roots, the deep and meaningful roots of Royal Arch Masonry. This is the why we, as Royal Arch Masons, feed and nurture our roots from the pond of our Blue Lodges. By feeding our roots we will help Freemasonry grow stronger in order to withstand the winds of barbarous forces, which come to attack this great and good work that we offer to society.

Royal Arch Masonry is the heart of Freemasonry. The heart being the Long Lost Master's Word. It is possible that Freemasonry could live on with an artificial heart of the substitute word. It is my belief that Freemasonry and Royal Arch Masonry, in particular, comes from the heart. Only from the true heart, not an artificial heart, can passion exist. This passion must be kept alive; the fire that is in the heart of a newly raised Brother must be stoked and feed with the seasoned fuel of the tenants of our profession. The tenants of our profession provide us with fuel to keep our hearts and minds warm with Brotherly Love. But remember the un-seasoned wood (fuel) will create sparks that can be thrown out at random and cause destruction to the unaware Brother.

As a Royal Arch Mason, more especially a Most Excellent Master, it is our duty feed the hearts and minds of our Brethren with true Masonic Light and Knowledge. I ask you Companions to develop a short talk, which comes from the heart, to promote Freemasonry, York Rite Masonry and in particular Royal Arch Masonry. Offer your talk to your Blue Lodge and the neighboring Blue Lodges to be used toward Masonic Education. As you are very much aware our membership in the Royal Arch comes from the Blue Lodge, which has been described as the pond in we fish. There is nothing better than the feel of catching the big one. Will you go fishing? Will you catch the big one? Will you become fishers of men?

When faced with a difficult task, act as though it is impossible to fail. If going after Moby Dick, take along the tartar sauce.

I leave with a few words from that great twentieth century philosophical movie JAWS, "We're 'gonna' need a bigger boat!"

ALL CHAPTER DEGREE DAY

Saturday, September 6th

7:30 AM ... Pancake Breakfast

10:00 AM ... Degrees Begin

Noblesville No. 120

295 South 9th Street ... Noblesville

IN THE QUARRY...

Keep in Your Prayers: Most Excellent Companion Bill Meyers, PGHP in 1986-87, has moved to the Northern Lakes Retirement Community, 516 North Williams Street in Angola, Indiana. He is doing great!

Most Excellent Companion Lloyd Atterson, PGHP in 2001 – 02, had knee replacement surgery in June.

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE



Members of Mishawaka-Osceola No. 83 gather to present Ex. Companion Cecil R. 'Bus' Kelter his Award of Gold for 50 years membership in Royal Arch Masonry! Bus was Exalted on May 28th, 1964. Congratulations, Bus!!

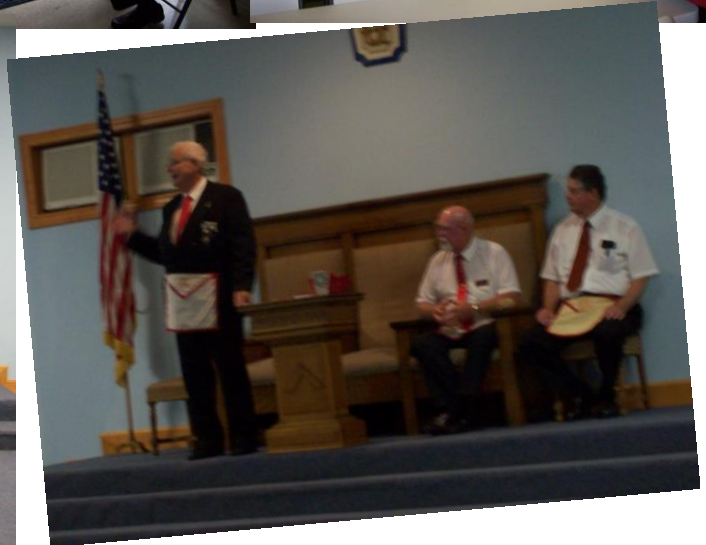


M.E. Grand High Priest, Jim Coleman and several of his officers attended the Grand Council Crypt Re-Dedication in New Albany, in July.



Several Grand Chapter Officers and a host of others gathered to help confer the Royal Arch Degree at Shelby No. 20 on July 21st.

SCENES FROM GREENE COUNTY, U.D.



A joint effort between Middletown No. 143 and Anderson No. 53 saw the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree on 4 candidates in July. In addition, Ex. Comps. Alan Martinez and Steve Lawler were presented with honorary memberships in Middletown No 143.



MATT BACKUS - RESPONSIBILITY AND FREEMASONRY

This study comes again from Most Excellent Companion Steven Tiner, PGHP of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

"To the doors of the Chapter room comes the young Mason, fresh from the Altar of the Symbolic Degrees, where he has served due time as an Apprentice, wrought therein as a Fellow Craft, and now comes bearing the title of Master with the working tools in his hand, eagerly seeking more light and ready to prove his skill. He knows that Capitular Masonry will take him farther into this new and interesting science, and he wants to proceed and learn. He now enters, symbolically, upon the responsibilities of life. Henceforth his work will be judged on its own merits. It must be good, true, and square. Masonry is moral geometry. The angles must all be right angles; the surfaces must all be square; length, breadth, and height are all equal. Of course, these dimensions are symbolical of the proportions of a perfect man. Our imperfect work in these earthly quarries is rejected. We are all imperfect and lopsided in one way or another, so we must try again and again. It is an example of the geometry of manhood."

Most Excellent Companion Tiner offers us something to consider on a much deeper level. He says that when we step into becoming a Capitular Mason, we are now symbolically entering upon the responsibilities of life. By the explanations of what we learn in Capitular Masonry, I do tend to agree; where I disagree is that as a Mason we are being schooled in responsibility from our first lessons as an Entered Apprentice onward.

While all Masons have a lifelong goal of perfecting a rough ashlar, it is a goal that is not so easily achieved. Our responsibilities revolve around the development and maintenance of our character. To manage our time properly, to eliminate bad habit and unnecessary activities which might poorly effect us, to be moral and upright, to be honest and full of integrity, to be mindful of equality toward all mankind...these are heavy responsibilities!

We can learn all about Masonry! It's an enjoyable hobby. Making Masonry part of your daily existence doesn't mean being at every function, sitting as the presiding officer or a master ritualist...it means being aware of the application of your working tools, living by the teachings, praying for guidance and providence and so much more.

We also read in MEC's quote that we are all "imperfect and lopsided". We have no way of reaching perfection in the flesh. We have no time to waste in trying, however. If we take the time to understand our flaws and take action to overcome them, we step closer! If we fail to hit the mark on a daily basis, but can amend for it during a reflection of our day, we step closer! All action given toward the inner development of ourselves is living Masonry!

Jack Canfield, a motivational speaker of great renown, has a book entitled, "The Success Principles". In this book, the very first principle is to "take 100% responsibility for your actions". As a Mason, our responsibilities are action-based. We take action toward changing and knowing ourselves and we learn to live by our responsibilities to adhere to our teachings.

!! YORK RITE ONE DAY CLASS !!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

PRATHER YORK RITE BODIES

7502 EAST 56TH STREET, INDIANAPOLIS

7:00 AM: Registration ... 8:00 AM: Royal and Select Master Degrees ... 9:45 AM: Mark Master Degree ... 11:00 AM: Past Master Degree ... 11:30 AM: MEM Degree ... 11:45 AM: Lunch ...

1:15 PM: Royal Arch Degree ... 3:00 PM: Order of the Red Cross ... 4:15 PM: Order of Malta ...

5:30 PM: Order of the Temple