



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

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

EVERY PENNY COUNTS



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When you park your car or walk down the street and you see that lonely penny lying on the ground, what do you do?

Do you pass it by only to leave it lay there remaining idle?

Do you pick it up and place it your penny jar at home?

Do those pennies in your penny jar become nothing more than an idle community?

Here is a suggestion to put those inactive pennies to work. As you place each penny in your penny jar imagine that you are planting seeds that will one day grow into a crop of dollars. The more pennies you plant the more dollars will grow. Now imagine a bountiful harvest in October / November. There is strength in numbers and although the pennies are still pennies you have an army. Armies that can help fight disorders, contribute to the betterment of man through research. Here is what I purpose. During the harvest take those idle pennies turn them into useful dollars and prayerfully consider sending a check in that amount to R.A.R.A. Now those idle pennies have a mission, a mission to help, aid and assist in funding CAPD Research.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO:

Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc.

Larry E. Gray

P.O. Box 128

Greenfield, IN 46140-0128

Please make your check payable to "R.A.R.A."

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!

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Saturday, February 7th

Goose-N-Tater No. 101

Greenfield Chapter No. 96

12:00 Noon - Lunch

1:00 PM - Degree

661 West Tague Street

Greenfield, Indiana

**Come on out and enjoy the fun and
fellowship!**

Get Goosed or Taterd!!

Saturday, February 28th

!! Tri-State York Rite Festival !!

9:00 AM Mark Master Degree

10:15 AM Past Master Degree

11:00 AM Most Excellent Master Degree

12:45 PM Royal Arch Degree

Bryan Masonic Lodge

117 North Lynn Street

Bryan, Ohio

Monday, March 2nd

Prather Chapter No. 157

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

7:00 PM

7502 East 56th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

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. 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!

- Many Brothers and Companions gathered in Wingate, Indiana, on December 20th, to pay a last tribute of respect to one of our beloved Companions and Past Grand High Priest, Gordon Leon Weber. Most Excellent Companion Weber was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana in 1994-95 and Entered the Celestial Lodge Above on December 16th, 2014. He will be sorely missed.

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE



Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Coleman visited Bloomington No. 127 (Above) and Versailles No. 113 (Above Right) this winter. Our Grand High Priest has been pretty active in his travels this year!



Plymouth No. 49 Exalted six new Royal Arch Masons in January using all their own Companions for the degree work, except one. Right Excellent Grand King Marty Evans (shown addressing the Companions at the right) and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Kris Phillips were visitors.



Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Coleman visited Vincennes No. 7 and the other York Rite Bodies for their Stated Meeting and Election in December.

Taking a Journey, A Royal Arch Presentation for Blue Lodges Matthew Backus, PHP Hammond Chapter No. 117 RAM

I want to ask you to walk with me on a short journey and if you would please, close your eyes briefly and listen, or if you are reading this, pause from time to time to reflect on the points I am going to illustrate.

Becoming a Freemason was, for whatever reason you chose, a big deal in your life. You decided that you were going to fill out your petition. Do you remember how big of a deal that was? I do. I remember writing so clearly and with attention to detail because I wanted to make sure that it was legible and because I had a curiosity as to whether I would even get in. When I got that call that I was going to be investigated, I was actually nervous about it! I had nothing to hide but was wondering why it was such a necessity. The night I received my Entered Apprentice Degree, I was so nervous I remember my hands sweating and when I was asked to kneel at the Altar, I just dropped down quickly without help.

Was this experience anything like anyone else had? After having some familiarity with the experience, the nights of my Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees were easier for me to get through...UNTIL!! My nervousness came back once again, the second half was different from all the other experiences I previously had and I didn't know what to expect! Do you remember being accosted by the 3 Craftsmen who pursued their "murderous designs"? Do you remember being felled on the spot? Do you remember being buried, moved and buried again? Do you remember being raised?

Open your eyes! So, do you remember? Was the experiences just described in various ways something that changed your life forever? Don't worry if it wasn't. Sometimes the conferral of Masonic Degrees is nothing more than meaningless rites to many. This is not a fault of anyone really. What this indicates however is a need for further understanding of what you experienced. Many Lodges are guilty of not being prepared to confer Degrees and furthermore are not preparing their candidates properly to receive them.

Many when raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason never even return to the Lodge because they think that's all there is! These men may learn on their own, they may dive into books, join other organizations and more. Others never find the value and chalk their Masonic journey up to just another thing they did. We all say that we seek "further light in Masonry" and how many of us actually thought about what that means?

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Let our journey continue! Do you know what a “profane” person is? It means one who is uninitiated, without (as in an organization) and in another way to look at it for us is anyone who is not a Freemason. The profane exist in the world-at-large. We initiates of an ancient mystery school are no longer “regular Joe’s”, like it or not.

That sentence alone beckons us to really think about things differently. When we became Entered Apprentices, we started on a journey that changed our lives whether we knew it or not. We symbolically divested ourselves of the material world when we changed our clothing and left all of our worldly possessions out of the Lodge room. We took an oath before God and man, we entered a state of preparation to become one of the Master Workmen at some point. In our Fellow Craft Degree, we became aware of the seven liberal arts and sciences. What is significant about this? Do you know where those arts and sciences were preserved and how? Perhaps it would be of certain importance to look into the Book of Enoch. Do you know what the word Enoch means? It translates into “Initiated”.

What about the night of our Master Mason Degree? Why was it important to experience the blow of the third ruffian and in the spot where we did? In all schools of ancient mystery, there is a symbolic death and rebirth. Why is this important? Consider this example and perhaps you will find it to be of value: when accosted by the third ruffian, he struck us in the location of our mystical “third eye”. Within the body, the pineal gland is the supposed seat of this eye. It is also important to reflect on why we had to symbolically die. As was pointed out, we once were a profane who became an initiate on a journey. This journey reaches a certain apex when we die and are reborn, thus sealing our journey as one that is now life-long. We are then raised a Master Mason and instructed. This “raising of the dead” means that from certain emptiness of our profane life, we are now given a new purpose and should walk the rest of our days as initiated men...different from all around us. Our demeanor and character should represent our affiliations to the Fraternity and the rule and guide to our faith is subsequently handed to us so that we too can walk with the confidence of the Greatest of all Masonic Light.

But what does this mean? Is the journey then over? The answer to that question is no. There are many avenues that a Mason can choose should he want to remain a traveling man on his symbolic journey. The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is one of the steps the initiate can choose, and should. A dear friend and Brother put together a program that he gives in a 3-minute timeframe...aptly entitled the 3-minute drill. In this drill, he asks the Senior Warden of a Lodge, if he had ever received the wages that he mentions every time he opens and closes Lodge from his Station. He asks if he knows what these wages consist of or even how to receive wages. I further add to this that the Senior Warden would also be remiss of how to earn the wages that might ought be due him or others. These wages that are referred to are learned in the Mark Master Degree.

What about the Temple that was never completed? Do you not desire to finish what you started? The Temple of Man is what we are symbolically striving to build in this life...but why? Why are we constructing it? To whom? If you say, we are constructing this Temple of Man to God, then where does God reside when we descends into the Temple? Where does God reside in our Temple? These things you learn more about in the Most Excellent Master Degree.

Next, my Brother asks if any have been told what the Master’s Word was? Not the substitute Word. But the real, true Master’s Word! The answer most commonly given is no. I will also add that it is a Rough and Rugged road an initiate must walk to learn the True Master’s Word. It is said in the Master Mason Degree that the Master’s Word is lost? Is it truly lost? Have you ever questioned where it might be found? If it were found, what would you do with it? How would that affect your life? Perhaps the journey through the Royal Arch would be quite illuminating for you.

Many believe that Freemasonry came from our Brothers in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The United Grand Lodge of England is where our Freemasonry comes from. This also means that to be considered a regular, constituent Lodge, they must recognize us via our Grand Lodge who must also be recognized by the UGLE. Within English Masonry, it is common to a Master Mason that he has not completed his Masonic Journey until he has received the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

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The reasons for this are quite simply put: what once was lost must be found. The English Mason who has not received his Royal Arch Degree is also ineligible to sit as Master of his Lodge. What might even further add some distinction to this sublime Degree is that unlike in the United States, a Mason has to be invited into the Royal Arch Chapter and the Degrees given in it take time to obtain. In the USA we might give all the York Rite Degrees and Orders within one day.

All of this being shared with you, I ask a few simple questions: Do you want to learn how to travel into foreign countries and receive work and wages as a traveling man? Would you like to learn how to receive your wages? Would you like to complete the Temple of Man? Would you like to learn what the True Master's Word is? All this and much, much more you will learn when you continue your Masonic Journey within a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Take the opportunity to lengthen your walk and I stand by the fact that you will be rewarded with further light and truth.



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NANCES.

CONTINUOUS ADVANCEMENT OF OUR CHARITABLE
ENDEAVORS.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2015

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM — Social Time

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM — Banquet Honoring
2014 Officers
Calhoun A / B
(All Companions and Families Invited)**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2015

Breakfast on your own

**8:00 AM — Opening of a Chapter by
Ft. Wayne Chapter No. 19
Calhoun A / B**

8:30 AM — Opening of Grand Convocation

**12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch
(All Companions and Families Invited)
The Gallery**

**1:15 PM — 2:15PM Breakout Sessions
Calhoun C / D**

**3:00 PM — Installation of 2014 Grand
Officers**

Calhoun A / B

**4:00 — Anointed High Priest Degree
Calhoun C / D**

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Social Time

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM — Banquet Honoring 2015
Officers**

**(All Companions and Families Invited)
Calhoun A / B**

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2015

**9:00 AM — Divine Service
(All Companions and Families Invited)
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***THE INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS***



***170th Grand Convocation
April 10th and 11th, 2015***

**Ft. Wayne Hilton and
Grand Wayne Center
1020 South Calhoun Street
Ft. Wayne, Indiana**



**James B. Coleman
Grand High Priest**

***GET READY...
GET SET ...***



The Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons
Of the State of Indiana

James B. Coleman	Grand High Priest
Marty A. Evens	Grand King
Carl D. Froedge	Grand Scribe
Phil E. Fowler, PGHP	Grand Treasurer
Richard A. Lochner, PGHP	Grand Secretary
James Davis	Grand Chaplain
G. Ray Windell	Grand Captain of the Host
Donald Olvey	Grand Principal Sojourner
Archie Smallwood	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Steve Arlington	Grand Master of the Third Veil
DeWayne Richmond	Grand Master of the Second Veil
Keith Spurgeon	Grand Master of the First Veil
Matt Lowe	Grand Lecturer
Tony Peterson	Grand Hospitaller
John Coleman	Grand Guard
Archie Smallwood	RARA Director
Don Decker	RA Deputy A
Joe Villareal	RA Deputy B
Don Laudeman	RA Deputy C
Steve Maxwell	RA Deputy D
Jeff Jordan, PGHP	RA Deputy E
David Maxey	RA Deputy G
Dale Foreman	RA Deputy H
Dennis Schraeder	RA Deputy J
Joseph Gross	RA Deputy K

The Grand Chapter would like to thank these Excellent Companions for their outstanding service to Indiana Royal Arch Masonry this past year!

BREAK OUT SESSION

This year the Grand Chapter is offering another organizational development session for all Royal Arch Masons who wish to attend them.

1:15 PM—2:15 PM Calhoun C/D

PRIDE IN ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

In this session, our objectives will be to see how pride in what we are as Royal Arch Masons fits into the concept of "mission"; how we can create an atmosphere of Royal Arch Masonry as "the place to be" for all Masons and fundamental ways that we can develop more recognition for our local Chapter efforts.

OUR PRESENTER, "BO" COOK

Excellent Companion Byford "Bo" Cook is no stranger to Royal Arch Masonry. He currently serves the Grand Chapter of Illinois as Grand Master of the 3rd Veil and has been a Mason for 30 years. Professionally, Bo has been an instructor at Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, IL, for the past 19 years; and he provides consulting and training solutions to improve organizational effectiveness emerging from the unique background of educational, corporate, and fraternal experience.

REGISTER FOR GRAND SESSION ONLINE !!

GO TO:

WWW.INDIANAROYALARCHMASONSONLINE.ORG

AND CLICK:

GRAND CONVOCATION REGISTRATION

MEAL INFORMATION

Friday Banquet _____ x \$42 = _____
Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables,
Salad and Mixed Berry Pie

Saturday Lunch _____ x \$23 = _____
Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls,
Chocolate Mousse

Saturday Banquet _____ X \$38 = _____
Loin of Pork, Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Corn
and Rain Bow Sherbet
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Total \$ _____

Companion _____

Title _____

Address _____

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317.776.0307

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 20th

***GO!! ... TO THE
170TH ANNUAL
GRAND CHAPTER
CONVOCATION***

***@ THE FT. WAYNE HILTON
APRIL 10TH AND 11TH***

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