



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA JULY, 2016

The Triple Tau and Triangle.

Don Olvey, Right Excellent Grand Scribe



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 Triple Tau and Triangle are the common insignia for Royal Arch Masons. You see them on jewels, emblems, aprons, and other items. But how many of us could do more than identify the two?

The Triple Tau is in the center of our most popularly used symbol. If you need a picture of this emblem just take a look at your latest dues card or on our Website.. One Scottish ritual describes the Triple Tau as "the compound character known as the Triple Tau is one of the Royal Arch mason's emblems." Calling it a compound character helps to explain it. A Triple Tau is literally "three Tau's," the tau being the nineteenth letter in the Greek Alphabet. The Tau is not our English letter "T". The Triple Tau of Royal Arch Masonry consists of 3 T's linked in the center joined at their base. This character can be described in a several different ways.

First, the Triple Tau takes on the interpretation of the initial letters in Hiram Abif's name. It is similar to a brand in the Old West, and the symbol of a Mark Master Mark.

Second, it signifies the Temple of Jerusalem, and when used as the Royal Arch symbol, some jurisdictions teach that the wearer acknowledges himself a servant of the true God.

Third, in early church history it represented the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This Royal Arch symbol reminds us of our constant duty to the Everlasting and Almighty God.

The Triangle is a simple shape in Geometry. An Equilateral Triangle is the type we use as Royal Arch Masons. The Scottish ritual teaches that "the equilateral triangle was much revered by ancient nations as containing the greatest and most abstruse mysteries, and as a symbol of God, denoting a Triad of Intelligence, a Triad of Deity, a Tribune God."

The equilateral triangle shows equality with its three angles of the same degrees. In one way, it best represents Deity by its equality and perfection in design and proportion.

The Triangle is a symbol of divine union, and an emblem of the mysterious Triune, equally representing the attributes of Deity, and His Triune essence: Omnipotent (All Powerful), Omnipresence (Eternal) and Omniscience (All Knowing).

Hopefully this helps you to understand what you see when you look at the Royal Arch symbols, the Triple Tau and Triangle.

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THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND COMPANIONS OF E.H. GARY NO. 139, R.A.M. BECKON YOU TO A RECEPTION HONORING OUR GRAND HIGH PRIEST, CARL D. FROEDGE

**SATURDAY, JULY 9TH
BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM, C.D.T.
AT THE PARAGON RESTAURANT
1701 EAST 37TH AVENUE, HOBART, INDIANA
PRIME RIB DINNER! \$27.00 PER PERSON
PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO JEFF REICH
ehgarvyorkritebodies@frontier.com**

EVENS INSTALLED AS GRAND TREASURER



Past Grand High Priest, Martin A. Evens was installed by the Grand Chapter officers as the Indiana Grand Chapter's new Grand Treasurer on Thursday, May 26th, in Greencastle. He succeeds Most Excellent Companion Phil Fowler, who is stepping down after almost 20 years of service, "because it's time." Marty will fill the remaining portion of Phil's term and will stand for election in 2017. Congratulations to both Marty and Phil!

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!

- Lady Joyce Maxwell, our Grand Royal Arch Captain's spouse, has experienced some serious heart issues; and has had a pacemaker implanted to help her keep the beat. Prayers and cards are prescribed!
- Excellent Companion Warren DeFerbrache's spouse, Rosemary, passed away on June 29th, 2016. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 2nd. Please pray for strength for Excellent Companion Warren. Rosemary and Warren have always been great supporters of our Craft.
- Excellent Companion Jon Beach was tragically killed in a car accident in Florida on July 2nd. He was attending the Shrine Imperial in Tampa. Our prayers go out to his family on the loss of their loved one and an outstanding Brother and Companion. He was a member of La Porte No. 15; RAM, Council, Commandery, the Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend and Orak Shrine.

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE



Awards of Gold for 50 Years of Service in Chapter, Council and Commandery were presented to Companions and Sir Knights Larry Shepard and Donald Ward at Clinton No. 82 in Frankfort. All three Grand York Rite bodies were represented at the presentation. Pictured on the left are Companions Larry Shephard and Don Ward, R.E. Grand Commander, James Bolinger, M.E. Grand High Priest, Carl Froedge and Grand Steward Terry Turner of the Grand Council. The presentation was very well attended by families, friends and Companions. Atta boy, Companions!

!! TABLE CHAPTER !!

DISTRICT B

Thursday, August 18th

Dinner at 6:30 PM ... Table Chapter at 7:30 PM

Mishawaka No. 83 ...

1810 Went Avenue, Mishawaka

!! TABLE CHAPTER !!

DISTRICT F

Monday, July 25th

Dinner at 6:30 PM ... Table Chapter at 7:30 PM

Prather Chapter No. 157

7502 East 56th Street, Indianapolis



!! TABLE CHAPTER !!

DISTRICT H

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

TABLE CHAPTER AT NOON

GREENE COUNTY No. 170

**28 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET,
BLOOMFIELD**



The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana received a check from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star for the benefit of Royal Arch Research Assistance! This marks the fifth year that the Eastern Star has made R.A.R.A. a part of their charitable campaign. The picture on the Left shows Excellent Companion Archie Smallwood accepting the check at the Star's grand session. On the right, a Royal Arch Research Assistance display, manned by faithful RAM members at the grand session of Eastern Star. Thank you Sisters!!



Four Past Grand High Priests were present at the 149th Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, on June 24th and 25th in French Lick, Indiana. Most Excellent Companions Jim Coleman and Jeff Jordan received their Meritorious Service Awards from the Scottish Rite. Red IS the color!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH

!! PAST MASTER DEGREE !!

PLYMOUTH CHAPTER NO. 49, R.A.M.

109 Water Street, Plymouth, Indiana

Dinner at 6:30 PM -- Chapter Convenes at 7:30 PM

Autism Resources of Marshall County provides our Masonic Education for the evening!



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To the High Priest, King, Scribe, Officers and Companions

This letter is to read at the next Stated Meeting following the receipt of the same and made a part of the minutes of the Chapter.

Our Most Excellent Companion Philip E. Fowler he has served this Grand Chapter since 1981. 35 years of service to Royal Arch Masonry, with the last 17 years as Grand Treasurer. But it is with sadness that Most Excellent Companion Phil has decided to retire as Grand Treasurer so that he can enjoy a more leisurely life with his loving and caring bride Doris. Please join me in expressing to Most Excellent Companion Phil our appreciation of the many years of service and mentorship that he has given us all.

I have appointed and installed Most Excellent Companion Martin A. Evens to fill the vacancy in the office of Grand Treasurer.

Most Excellent Companion Martin A. Evens was installed in due and ancient form as Grand Treasurer on the 26th day of May, 2016 at Greencastle, Indiana, by me as your MEGHP.

Please congratulate our worthy Companion Marty in these worthy endeavors. I believe that Most Excellent Companion Evens will do his utmost in fulfilling the duties of his office.

Fraternally,

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1810 Wendt Avenue
Mishawaka

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

THURSDAY, JULY 14th

6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Royal Arch Degree
Greenfield Chapter No. 96
Hancock Lodge No. 101
661 W. Tague Street, Greenfield

PASSION!

Have we lost our way? What is the business of Royal Arch Masonry? One thing it is not is to increase our numbers by selling our Royal Art. The pursuit of pure numbers has become our reason for being and that's not what Royal Arch Masonry or Freemasonry, in general, is about.

It's about sharing a passion for what we believe in. Not the passion that we have for Freemasonry or Royal Arch Masonry, but the passion for the core principles of Freemasonry.

I don't have to tell any Freemason that the Masonic core principals are Brotherly love, Relief and Truth. I have been saying that our Masonic journeys start "At a place in the Heart". Freemasonry has at it's heart the three core principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Brotherly Love - Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and will behave with compassion and understanding to his fellows.

Relief – From the earliest time Freemasons have been taught to help those in distress without detriment to their dependents, and to give their support to outside charities.

Truth – Freemasons strive for truth both in their view of themselves and in their dealings with others.

Masonry requires high moral standards and its members endeavor to uphold these principles in their public and private lives. By holding these core principals in our heart we can be passionate about what we do. If we as leaders tap into these core principals and reveal our true passion and share that passion consistently through the stories we tell then we will have spread the cement of Brotherly Love and binds each other to a common purpose. Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz once said, "When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible."

Again I would suggest to keep a diary of your Masonic experiences, write a short bit for Masonic Education and offer it as a presentation to help a sitting Worshipful Master.

By sharing your passion, don't sell your passion. Passion cannot be sold, it can only be experienced. Once experienced, one may be naturally drawn into an organization that exhibits these core principals. We can plant the seed, but the seed will not grow without a nurturing soul to help guide that growth.

Tell your story. Share your passion. Nurture the seed.

JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY!

