



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA MAY, 2013

WELCOME!

The Principal Sojourner is our first attempt to relay Royal Arch news, views and event dates to the Royal Arch Companions of Indiana. We have absolutely no idea how this is going to turn out...yet.

Our goal is to provide useful information, such as event dates, articles and ideas that will build Royal Arch Masonry to new levels of activity in northern Indiana. We will try to inform you on a bi - monthly basis. A calendar will be added soon.

The only way this will truly work is with your input and cooperation in providing timely information for us to pass on.

We hope you enjoy this effort and that you help us to make it successful!



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.**

***Golf is a game that was invented
by Scottish women to keep their
husbands from drinking at
home...***

2013 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!

Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, was the place to be in early April; as the Indiana Grand Chapter met for its 168th Annual Convocation. Nearly 150 Companions and their Ladies were in attendance at the northern Indiana hotel and convention center, located in the heart of "Amish Country." It was the largest attendance of Royal Arch Masons at a Grand Convocation in some time. The country style meals and the service were outstanding; and the cost very affordable.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in the Round Barn Theatre by Prather No. 157 and Noblesville No. 120. Most Excellent Companion Jeffrey M. Jordan, Grand High Priest, was introduced and tendered the gavel; and the 168th Grand Convocation began.

It was a light year for legislation in the Grand Chapter. The new and revised Degree Ritual was ratified; and the updated Constitution and General Regulations were also approved.

During the Election of Officers, all elected officers were advanced one station. Right Excellent Companion David F. Wood of Plymouth No. 49 was elected as Grand High Priest; and Excellent Companion Donald Olvey was elected as Grand Royal Arch Captain. A complete listing of Grand Officers and their contact information is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Anointed High Priest Degree was conferred on 27 sitting High Priests of Indiana Chapters in a fine fashion. And there were Awards...

The General Grand Chapter Bronze Service Award and the David Widmoyer Service Award went to Companion George Weister, posthumously, for his excellent service to the Grand Chapter. These were presented to his widow, Sandy; who also received the General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award.

The Curtis Mahler Gavel was presented to Prather No. 157 for the most Exaltations of Royal Arch Masons last year.

There were also several Royal Arch Research Assistance Awards presented for continuing efforts to fund our national philanthropy. The Milford Anness Traveling Keystone was awarded to Greenfield No. 96 for the Largest Total Accumulated Contributions. Greencastle No. 22 received the John A. Wallace Traveling Keystone for the Highest Per Capita Contribution and the James B Wall Traveling Keystone was presented to Anderson No. 52 for Largest Percentage Increase.

All elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly Installed for the Capitular year of 2013 - 2014; and at the Saturday evening banquet the newly minted Grand High Priest laid out his plans for the coming year. Many of the Companions and their Ladies then adjourned to the Round Barn Theater for a delightful play presented by the Round Barn Players.

A Divine Service was conducted on Sunday morning by Most Excellent Companions Richard Lochner and Cleon Wright; and the Companions then journeyed home with happy reflections of the weekend.

FROM THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Hail Companions!!... Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for electing and installing me as the 169th Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons here in Indiana. You will never know how much this means; because I can't adequately describe it. Thank you for being the BEST Royal Arch Masons!

This newsletter is our first attempt at better communications with you. The "Principal Sojourner" will appear every other month via e-mail. Please help us out by submitting any item of interest, including pictures. We will get it posted for you.

The Mission Statement is for real... Help us make it work!

Dave Wood Grand High Priest

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just content
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock.
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "clique"?

Think this over
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

~anonymous

IN THE QUARRY...

This section of our newsletter will be reserved for the activities of our Companions and local Chapters.

It will feature brief items concerning our Companions and Chapters... Activities, Broken Columns, Sickness and Distress, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Mileposts, Honors... and more.

There is also a Calendar in another part of this newsletter, that lays out events and visitations.

The only way this will work is if You or Our Chapters contribute!

Please e-mail any items of interest... and pictures... to dwood52281@aol.com. We will make sure they are posted.

!! MARK MASTER DEGREE !!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH - FLAG DAY
NOBLESVILLE LODGE HALL
295 South 9th. Street; Noblesville, Indiana
7:00 PM**

Open to all Master Masons. Degree conferral by an experienced cast of Craftsmen.

Stand Alone Degree – York Rite Membership is not required. See petition in this

One time fee \$40.00 ~ no annual dues.

Refreshments before the Degree Conferral - 6 p.m. ~

Commemorative coin (wages); Beautiful MMM certificate; MMM Wallet card;

LEARN THE SECRETS YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW

PRATHER NO. 157

7502 E. 56TH ST. - INDIANAPOLIS

CHRONOLOGICAL DEGREES OF THE YORK RITE

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

**SELECT MASTER - ROYAL MASTER - MARK MASTER MEM -
PAST MASTER - SUPER EX - ROYAL ARCH
8:00 AM REFRESHMENTS**

A GREAT DAY FOR YORK RITE MASONRY!

PLYMOUTH NO. 49

MARK MASTER AND PAST MASTER DEGREES

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM

**DISCOVER "THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED,"
MAKE YOUR MARK AND FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR
"WAGES," LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP, MASONICALLY AND
OTHERWISE!**

			MAY 1	2 E.H. GARY # 139 7 PM	3	4 LAPORTE MASONIC HALL RE- DEDICATION 10:30 AM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 VALPARAISO #79 STATED 7 PM	17	18
19	20	21 GRAND LODGE INDIANAPOLIS	22 GRAND LODGE INDIANAPOLIS	23	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1
2	3	4 LAFAYETTE # 3 STATED 7 PM	5	6	7 O.E.S. GRAND CHAPTER INDIANAPOLIS	8 PRATHER # 157 CHRONOLOGICAL DEGREES 8 AM – 4 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14 NOBLESVILLE # 120 MARK MASTER 7 PM	15 PLYMOUTH # 49 MARK MASTER PAST MASTER 9 AM
16	17	18	19 FT. WAYNE # 19 STATED 7 PM	20 CRAWFORDS- VILLE # 40 STATED 7 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 THESPIAN COUNCIL, AMD VALPARAISO 6 PM	29
30	JULY 1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE



Left: PHP Dennis Wenzel exhibits specimens of his skill.

Right: Plymouth's King, Mike Koziel, splits a block of limestone

Lwr. Left:: HP Kent Hammonds chips away at Mike's work.

Below: Good fellowship was had by all!!



The Members of Plymouth 49 participate in "Operative Masonry" as part of Chapter Education in May



Companion Charles Pennington. Exalted March 21st, 1963. Kokomo No. 104

CONVOCATION SURVEY

About a month ago, the Grand Chapter Session was held in Nappanee, IN. Thank you to all the companions who attended. It was a good weekend, with lots of good fellowship and food. If you attended, or even did not attend, please click on the following link to give us your opinion on the location, meeting, and what could be done to make it better. Take the SURVEY at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YBT3MPC>

Mark Master Mason PETITION

Full Name: (PRINT) _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone (home) _____ - _____ - _____ (cell) _____ - _____ - _____

Lodge Name, Number, Location:

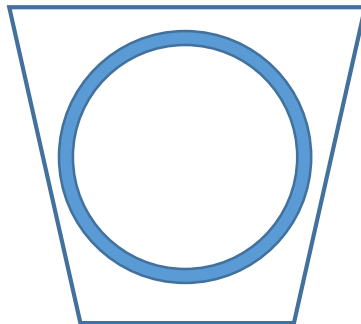
I respectfully submit that I am a Master Mason in good standing in the Lodge above named and that I will conform to the laws, rules, & regulations of the Mark Master Degree as conferred by the Royal Arch Masons of Indiana.

Signature _____

Date: _____

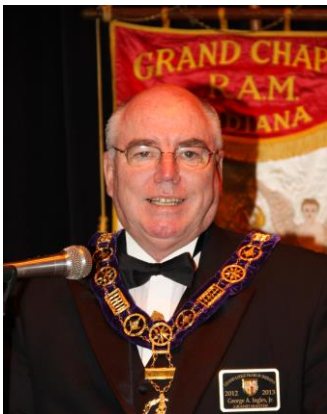
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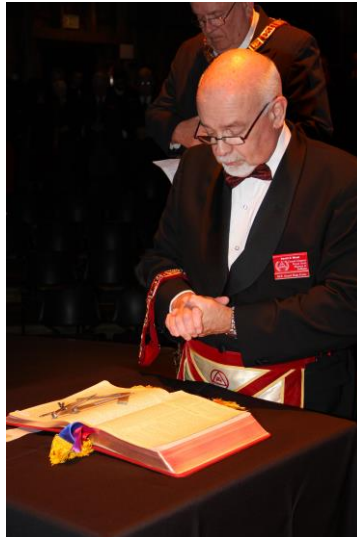
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SCENES FROM THE CONVOCAION



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