



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA NOVEMBER, 2013



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!

SO YOU WANT TO BE A GRAND OFFICER

Marty Evens, REGS

Perhaps in your service to the Masonic fraternity you have contemplated the notion that you would like to serve in a larger capacity to your fellow men. Serving in a statewide Grand Officer Line would fulfill that service.

Do you realize all that is required for such a commitment? An honest assessment of the requirements will help to prepare you for this life changing activity. Here are some decisions that must be addressed if you pursue this service.

First, have you considered and discussed with your family the financial resources that will be necessary in order to serve in an acceptable manner for the duration of time of service?

Second, have you explained to your family the number of nights and days you will be away from the home life they have been accustom to? Have you explained the number of family activities that you will miss in order to meet your duties as an Officer? Will they be supportive and understand that you will not always be able to assist them with extra-curricular activities? Does your Spouse understand and agree to be involved with the Grand Line family in the group activities scheduled during your years of service?

Third, are you fully committed to travel, support and contribute to the programs undertaken to promote the works of the organization you serve? Are you prepared for the criticism you may receive for the positions you feel strongly about? Can you present and negotiate a workable solution and support the program regardless of your support for the final decision? This must be considered when making the choice to serve in this capacity. You will not always be right in your outlook nor will you always be wrong however, somewhere in the middle the answer will lie and the wisest knowth not where.

Can you endure the numerous and critical comments you will encounter during your time in the line and listen and consider all points of view when formulating your decisions? Can you prevent the criticism from hardening your heart and mind of the relationship you have with those who may disagree with you from time to time and accept that disagreement does not cause adversity between one another?

So much is to be considered on the choice to enter upon the responsibility of joining a Grand Line. Keep in mind that your life and circle of acquaintances will expand beyond your imagination. The adage "you get out of it what you put into it" is ever so true. Friendships that will last a lifetime will be established while with your best efforts to do what you believe is in the best interest of the organization, might possibly bring opposition and defiance.

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How you resolve and conduct yourself will determine how effective your leadership will be.

Regardless of why you decide to become involved in a Grand Line make the most of the experience by dedicating yourself to be engaged, be authentic, be sincere and honorable and the reflection of your years of service will demonstrate a meaningful experience.

Be honest in your assessment as to why you are embarking on this endeavor. If it is merely to garnish accolades to adorn the walls of your home or fill a scrapbook to be admired in days to come, then for goodness sake, abort before you waste your time and money and harm the organization you are focusing your attention on.

For only by committing yourself to wholeheartedly serving the members of the fraternity without hope of fee or reward will you fulfill the objective which service in a grand line affords you. Purity of heart and actions must be the most important factors for your decision to stand for election as a Grand Officer. Choose wisely, and so shall be your reward.

CIRCUMAMBULATION - WHAT IS IT?

Masonry veils its teachings in allegory and symbolism. One part of each degree is the "circumambulation" of the lodge room.

Circumambulation - the act of moving around a sacred object - is practice by many religions. Hindu, Zen Buddhism, Bahai, and Islam all contain a ritual of walking.

In Western Judeo-Christian teachings, there is the circumambulation of Jericho by the Israelites in the Book of Joshua; as well as the practice of Catholic priests walking around the altar with a thurifer incensing the altar with the fragrance held within, which is a practice that falls back to the priestly rites of Moses and Aaron.

Masonic candidates begin each degree, walking clockwise around the room, in the presence of Stewards and Senior Deacon, while listening to readings from the Bible.

Source: Emessay Notes September 2013 / Article by Justin Winbolt, Past Master of Garfield Lodge in Enid, Oklahoma

THE THREE...

In the Royal Arch Degree, we learn about The Grand Council; which consisted of Joshua, Zerubbabel and Haggai and which returned to Jerusalem to supervise the building of the second Temple. These are historical Biblical characters which have symbolic meaning for Royal Arch Masons.

Joshua (or Jeshua) was the first High Priest of the Jews after their return from Babylonian captivity. His father was Jozadak, who was the High Priest when Jerusalem was captured by the Chaldeans and the first Temple was destroyed. Joshua was born in Babylon. In Hebrew, his name means "let there be salvation."

Zerubbabel was the son of Pedaiah and the grandson of King Jeconiah. He was a Prince of Judah and a King by right; but because Judah was a tributary Province, he was called Governor. Upon return to Jerusalem, Zerubbabel was instrumental in the building of the second Temple. After initial success, the rebuilding of the Temple floundered and Zerubbabel returned to Babylon to plead for help. In Babylon, he took part in the famous debate over what was strongest; wine, the King or women, which is depicted in the Commandery Orders. Zerubbabel won the debate by stating "Truth beareth away the victory" and was permitted to return to Jerusalem with the necessary funds and authority to complete the second Temple.

Haggai was a minor Prophet who played an important role in raising the spirits of those who had returned to Jerusalem. On at least three major occasions, when the spirit of the people towards the work weakened, Haggai inspired them to renew their enthusiasm for the task.

These three members of The Grand Council are representative of the three attributes of the Perfect Man or Divinity. King Zerubbabel represents the material or physical aspect of man... the Scribe Haggai represents the soul or psychical aspect... and the High Priest Joshua represents the spirit.

There should always be three candidates for the Royal Arch Degree, for three is symbolic of the three attributes of the Perfect Man. They are joined together to show that all three attributes... body, soul and spirit must be present before man can reach his destiny of completing the work on his "personal, living stone."

IN THE QUARRY...

Broken Column: Excellent Companion Roy Daniel Gaby, of Mishawaka No. 83, Entered the Celestial Lodge Above on Thursday, November 14th, 2013.

Keep in Your Prayers: Most Excellent Companion Don Friend, PGHP in 1975-76 is doing pretty well at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, Indiana; however, he recently spent some time in the hospital. He was out to Halls Factory in Fort Wayne this past month for a family celebration. Leanne was recently fitted for a boot to help aid her healing of some broken bones in her foot / ankle. She is living at home. The family visits Don daily

Birthdays: Most Excellent Companion John Wallace, PGHP in 1985-86, celebrated his 91st birthday on October 30th. Please send him a Birthday Wish at ab9aa@iendeavor.com.

Most Excellent Companion Lloyd Atterson, PGHP in 2001-2, had a birthday on November 5th.

Grand High Priest Dave Wood celebrated a birthday on November 15th.

Doris Fowler and Most Excellent Companion Phil Fowler, Grand Treasurer, celebrate birthdays on November 25th and November 30th, respectively.

Excellent Companion Joe and Aileen Haydock celebrated their anniversary on November 15th.

Excellent Companion Chuck and Brenda Combi celebrated their anniversary on November 21st.

New Address: Excellent Companion Carl Froedge, Gr. Captain of the Host, has a new address: 1102 Country Club Drive, Crown Point, Indiana, 46307-9344.

Congratulations: To Excellent Companions Kurt Begue, Marvin Ramsay, John Bridegroom, Mark Carr, James Adamson, William Nevels and Phillip Stroud for being nominated to receive the Order of the Purple Cross next year in Denver, Colorado!

To Excellent Companion Tim Brinkmeyer, Assistant Grand Lecturer, who has taken a new job in Nashville, Tennessee! We wish him the best.

**WISHING YOU A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING BE TRULY BLESSED
MAY CHRISTMAS BE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON
MAY THE NEW YEAR BE FILLED WITH PROMISE**

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

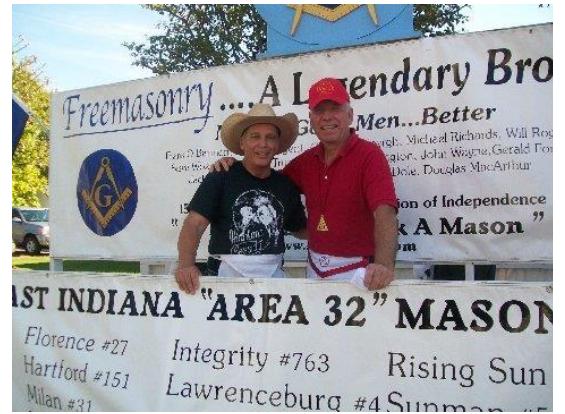
MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

The Ornithological Behaviorist very quickly concluded the cause: when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Truck."

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE



Lewis Jewels were presented to WB Scott Genung and his father MWB Mark Genung of Speedway Lodge # 729, and WB William E. Clark of West Newton Lodge # 707 and his father, William Clark.



The Versailles Pumpkin Show



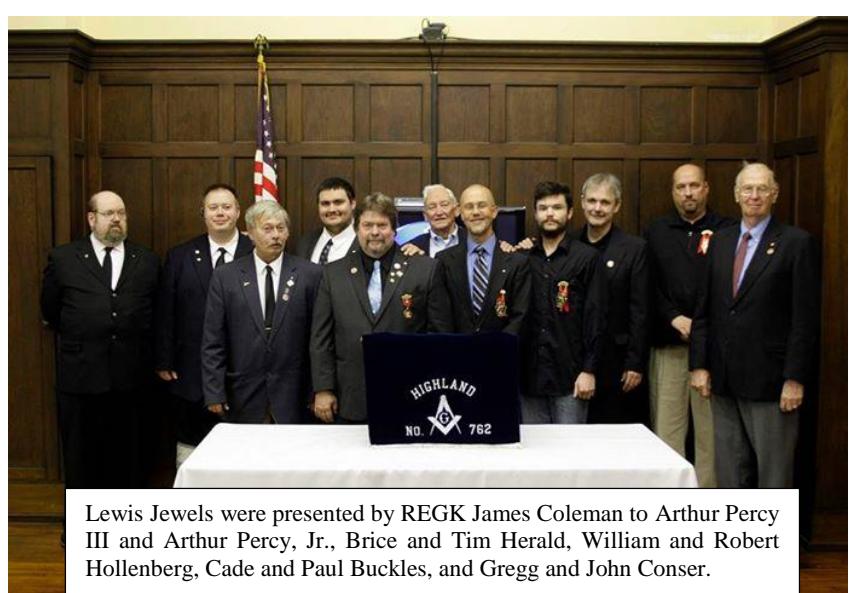
THE FOUR HORSEMEN
Manning the table at the IMH Festival



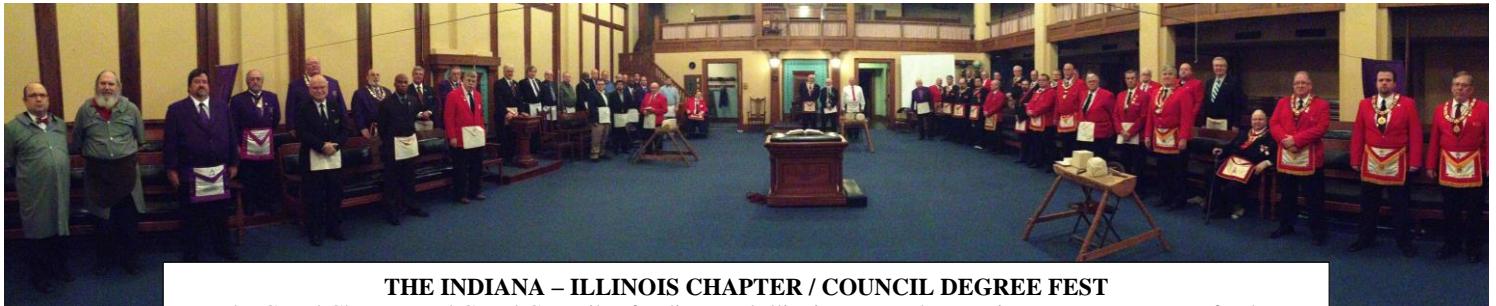
Ex. Comp. Ray Windell, GPS, and Ex. Comp. Archie Smallwood, GM1V, present Lewis Jewels to Father and Son Brethren at Rome Lodge No. 133.



GHP David Wood presents two 50 Year Awards at Anderson No. 52. Companion Donald Hunt, Exalted on March 8th, 1963 and Companion David Newman, Exalted on October 12th 1963.

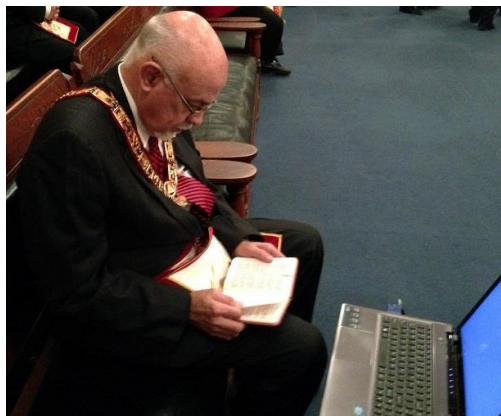


Lewis Jewels were presented by REGK James Coleman to Arthur Percy III and Arthur Percy, Jr., Brice and Tim Herald, William and Robert Hollenberg, Cade and Paul Buckles, and Gregg and John Conser.



THE INDIANA – ILLINOIS CHAPTER / COUNCIL DEGREE FEST

The Grand Chapters and Grand Councils of Indiana and Illinois got together at Vincennes No. 7, to confer the Chapter and Council Degrees on 15 Candidates. This was the first such event in Memory and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Pictured from the Left are.... ahhhahahaha!



Dave Wood consults his computer manual...



INDIANA – ILLINOIS CHAPTER AND COUNCIL DEGREE FEST

The Candidates and members of Vincennes No. 7



“So, this blonde walks into a MENSA Society meeting....”



Companions Chuck Wood, Harley Eggers and Mike Stoner prepare for the Royal Master Degree in Vincennes.



MASONIC FELLOWSHIP!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM KAISER!

Sam received his 50 Year Award in Royal Arch Masonry from REGS Marty Evans, PGHP Kris Phillips and RAD Steve Maxwell in Huntington.



Deputy Michael Gillard presents Lewis Jewels at Hinkle Lodge

!! ANNOUNCING !!

THE 2014
GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
WILL BE HELD AT...

**THE FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON HOTEL
IN WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**
1600 CUMBERLAND AVENUE, WEST LAFAYETTE

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IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT CONVOCATION!!

!! LIFE MEMBERSHIP !!

Did you know that the Companions of Indiana can secure a Life Membership in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International at a cost of \$25.00? This is an Excellent Value in today's environment of high costs.

To take advantage of this great opportunity, before it ends, please complete the Life Member Application below and send it, along with your \$25.00, to the General Grand Secretary at the address shown on the form. For \$150.00 more, you can also receive the Royal Arch Mason magazine for life.



Application for
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in the
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The sum of **\$25.00** submitted this _____ day of _____, 20____

I understand that should I forfeit my membership in my Lodge or Chapter for any reason that the fees for Perpetual Life Membership are not returnable.

Signed _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAYS ARE COMING IN 2014!

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY TERRE HAUTE!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST – 4 PM ... DINNER AT 6 PM
COME AND WATCH THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE CONFERRED IN
FINE FASHION BY THE COMPANIONS OF DISTRICT E

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY CONNERSVILLE!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
DEGREE AT 9:30 AM - LUNCH AT NOON
SEE THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE PRESENTED IN A FINE
MANNER BY THE COMPANIONS OF DISTRICT G

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY HAMMOND!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
DINNER AT 5 PM ... DEGREE AT 6 PM (CST)
SEE THE MARK MASTER DEGREE PORTRAYED
BY THE COMPANIONS OF DISTRICT A

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY LAFAYETTE!!

Saturday, February 15TH – 6 PM
**Witness The Most Excellent Master Degree Conferred In
Great Style By The Companions Of District D**

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY HUNTINGBURG!!

Saturday, February 15th
Lunch at Noon ... Degree at 1:30 PM
Presenting the Past Master Degree, courtesy of the
Companions of District I

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY ELKHART!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH... 11:00 AM ... LUNCH INCLUDED
OBSERVE A CONFERAL OF THE NEW Most EXCELLENT
MASTER DEGREE BY THE COMPANIONS OF DISTRICT B

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY MIDDLETOWN!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND
LUNCH @ NOON - DEGREE AT 1:00 PM
THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE CONFERRED BY DISTRICT C

ROYAL ARCH CELEBRATION DAY SALEM!!

LUNCH @ 1 PM * DEGREE @ 2 PM**
**WITNESS THE PAST MASTER DEGREE
PRESENTED BY THE COMPANIONS OF DISTRICT H**

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND WE WILL POST
THE DATES HERE