



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA OCTOBER, 2014

HOLY COW! ... PLYMOUTH NO. 49 JACKS ONE INTO THE CENTERFIELD BLEACHERS!



**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.**

For a VERY long time, Plymouth Chapter No. 49, RAM, has been looking for a vehicle to blend community awareness and community service into their Chapter mission. Late last year they found it ... and on September 20th, 2014, it came to fulfillment in the first annual Walk For Autism in Marshall County. It is the beginning of what Plymouth Chapter hopes will be a long and satisfying relationship with Autism Resources of Marshall County!

Autism Resources of Marshall County is a small group of special needs teachers and mothers who have worked tirelessly to promote the education and training of a growing number of autistic children in Plymouth and the surrounding area. They do extraordinary work to help these children with very little financing or fund raising. Plymouth Chapter was aware of the activities of the group; contacted them in the late summer of 2013 and presented their vision of a community service project to help the autism group, through a fund raising walk. Autism Resources of Marshall County enthusiastically welcomed the Chapter's participation and an agreement was struck; one of the principle points being that all the monies raised would stay in the local area.

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!



Work on the project began in earnest in November of 2013 when "The Walk Committee," consisting of Penny Hines, Johnna Raymer, Lisa Risek, Courtney Fuchs, Carrie Schadek and Companions Keith Hammonds, Devon Stull, Kent Hammonds, Mike Koziel and Dave Wood; began their planning for The Walk in September of 2014. The goal was to raise \$10,000.00 for Autism Resources of Marshall County ... an amount NEVER achieved before in any fund raising activity by Autism Resources. The community was notified, approvals granted, corporate sponsors contacted, individual contributors identified, T-shirts ordered, promotional and registration packets created ... and, of course, walkers recruited.

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The Walk was a tremendous success for a first time event. Over one hundred walkers participated and nearly \$9,000.00 was raised; all for the benefit of autistic children in Plymouth and the surrounding area!

For the Companions of Plymouth Chapter and the volunteers of Autism Resources of Marshall County, the planning and execution of The Walk was truly a labor of love and community service and was well received in the community.

... and they are just getting started!



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If your Royal Arch Chapter is interested in how you might plan and execute a Community Service project similar to this ... Contact:
Plymouth Chapter No. 49
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Plymouth, Indiana 46563



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!

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE

TO THE RIGHT:

THE ROYAL ARCH PRESENCE AT
THE INDIANA MASONIC HOME DAY



BELOW:

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, THE GRAND CHAPTER PRESENTED LEWIS JEWELS AND PINS TO SIX FATHER AND SON MEMBERS OF KEYSTONE LODGE NO. 251 IN INDIANAPOLIS.

THERE WERE ORIGINALLY TO BE NINE GROUPS; BUT OWING TO BUSINESS AND HEALTH ISSUES, THREE OF THE FATHERS AND SONS COULD NOT BE PRESENT. THOSE THREE WILL BE PRESENTED AT A LATER DATE.

IT WAS AN EXCELLENT NIGHT OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FREEMASONRY!





ROYAL ARCH DAY IN NOBLESVILLE!

NOBLESVILLE NO. 120 CONFERRED ALL FOUR OF THE CAPITULAR DEGREES OF MASONRY TO ELEVEN CANDIDATES ON SEPTEMBER 6TH.

IT WAS A DAY OF OUTSTANDING DEGREE WORK AND FELLOWSHIP!

THE DEGREES OF THE ROYAL ARCH AND COUNCIL WERE CONFERRED BY EVANSVILLE NO. 12, RAM AND SIMPSON NO. 23, RSM IN EVANSVILLE ON AUGUST 16TH, 2014



MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER NO. 143

959 NORTH BEACHWOOD, MIDDLETOWN, INDIANA

DINNER AT 6:00 PM ... DEGREE STARTS AT 7:00 PM

!! 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

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana

By G. Ray Windell, PHP, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Ray Windell for the Indiana Freemason to promote York Rite awareness and will appear in an upcoming Edition of that magazine.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana consists of over 40 Chapters with a membership of over 4,000. Each Chapter meets and conducts its own business, confers degree work, educates, conducts fundraisers and has its own officer line headed up by the Excellent High Priest. The four degrees we confer are the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch. These degrees are a continuation of the Blue Lodge providing further light in Masonry.

The Grand Chapter was formed to support and assist, as well as oversee, the local Chapters. We also have our own officer line made up of appointed and elected officers and deputies and headed by The Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana was formed on Christmas Day in 1845 under a joint effort of Madison, Logansport, Lafayette and Richmond. A dispensation from the General Grand Chapter had been issued on November 18, 1845 giving permission to organize. The first Most Excellent Grand High Priest was William B. Smith of King Solomon Chapter #4.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana continues to be a proud member of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Like most Masonic bodies, Royal Arch Masons have their own philanthropy, Royal Arch Research Assistance, or RARA. The purpose is to raise funds for research into CAPD, Central Auditory Processing Disorder. CAPD is a hearing deficiency which does not allow the person to distinguish sounds the same as someone with normal hearing. This can be very disruptive to school children trying to learn in a classroom environment.

For over 30 years, RARA has committed to raise funds for this research to help correct this issue primarily affecting younger people. To date, Royal Arch Masons, not only in Indiana, but from all over the world, have contributed over \$9 million to support this vital program.

There are three primary groups to which we contribute funds, the University of Connecticut, Hearing Health Foundation and Autism Speaks. All of these organizations are conducting research and testing to help correct these problems and will continue to need our support.

Locally we conduct Table Chapters to help raise money for RARA. We have a meal, fellowship, a guest speaker on RARA, and then collect our contributions. This is a wonderful way to raise funds for this much needed research.

Finally, we thank you for your interest and the continued support that you have shown. We hope we have stirred your interest in searching for that "Further Light in Masonry." Royal Arch, or Capitular Masonry, is your first step into the informative and very worthwhile degrees and Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

For more information on The Indiana Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and RARA, please visit our website at <http://indianaroyalarchmasons.org>.

!! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH ... 7:30 PM !!

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

CONFERRED BY PLYMOUTH CHAPTER NO. 49, RAM

109 WATER STREET, PLYMOUTH, INDIANA

WE HAVE ROOM FOR MORE CANDIDATES!