



## Indiana Supplement

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# Not So Fast!

**“What a long, strange trip it’s been”**

*words from an album released in 1977 by the Grateful Dead*

Strangely enough, those are the words that come to mind when thinking about the past few weeks. I am writing this near the end of March for the May Knight Templar Supplement. I certainly didn’t anticipate that I would be writing the May KT Supplement. With the coronavirus still the lead story in the nation, it is difficult to predict the next 8 hours, let alone the next month and a half.

So, at this time what do we know?

Due to federal, state, and local guidelines Masonic activity has come to a screeching halt. The health and welfare of all of our members is paramount. That is a fact. Nothing we do is more important than the well-being of our members and their families. Meetings can be rescheduled.

The Indiana Grand Commandery’s annual Grand Conclave has been postponed. Postponed, not canceled. I hope by the time that you read this that the Grand Conclave has been rescheduled, concluded, was successful, and I’m old news. I just don’t know at this moment in time. We are all doing our best to make it happen.

This is normally the supplement where the newly installed Grand Commander is introduced and has some comments for the membership. Deputy Grand Commander Fodrea was prepared to do just that. Hopefully next month.

The Grand Commandery Easter trip has been canceled. Unfortunate,

yes, but there will be others.

Gloom and doom? Not necessarily. Something very strange has happened to our Masonic Fraternity. The leaders of our Masonic Bodies are actually communicating, following the lead of our Grand Master and working in a coordinated effort to make the best of a groundbreaking and unforeseen situation. The entire Masonic membership is being updated and kept abreast of current events more than I can remember.

We are all planning for a better day, and yes, there will be a better day. And speaking for myself, I believe the entire Grand Commandery of Indiana will return stronger than before.

**Michael Robbins**

Grand Commander

## Smith maxes Fellowship pin



Sir Knight Carson C. Smith, KCT, KTCH, of Prather Commandery No. 62, has, with the enthusiastic support of Lady Patty Smith, CT, become the first Sir Knight to complete the Newby-Avery-Vaught Pin with twenty-two (22) diamonds, representing gifts to the Grand Commandery Permanent Fund totaling \$5,750. Interest from the fund is used to help cover expenses of the Grand Commandery, helping reduce the reliance on per capita.