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Levant Preceptory period-garb Order, August 7 in Old Fort

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Hot, sticky August!

Everyone wants to cool off in the pool and rest in the afternoons! Thanks to everyone who came out to make our Summer meeting a success. We really had fun and enjoyed being together as brothers enjoying each other's company.

This is a busy month for travel and enjoying the company of our brothers in different places. We begin by enjoying the company of our brothers in Illinois, just now beginning to allow gatherings after COVID.

Please make some room in your schedule for the Order of the Temple at the Old Fort in Fort Wayne on August 7th. Levant preceptory will be conducting the order in period costume. Meal is at 6 with Order to follow. Please see details on the Indianaknightstemplar.org website

We will reconsecrate Grant County Commandery at the Country club on August 13th at 6PM. It will be a nice evening surrounded by old friends. The next day (14th at 10AM), we are reconsecrating Apollo. We are looking forward to hearing the history of both Commanderies. Please contact George Ingles and Jim Davis if you would like to attend these functions.

Christine and I feel fortunate to be able to travel to Minneapolis for the Triennial Conclave. Because the Conclave is close to Michigan's State Conclave, we will travel across Lake Michigan and spend an extra day with our friends in Bay City taking in the sights, enjoying the lake breezes and eating great food in even better company.

The 28th finds us at the Holy Land Pilgrimage Golf outing. Please see the website at Indianaknightstemplar.org for more details, to sponsor a hole, or to register a foursome.

Hope your August is full of adventure!

Free food to entice public to learn of Masonry

LA PORTE — The Masonic organizations in and around LaPorte are throwing a public free meal to let the public learn about, and possibly join, Freemasonry, and Freemasons learn about, and possibly join, Freemasonry's appendant bodies.

SK Jim Dove, KTC PGC, said the event will run from noon until 3 p.m. EDT on Saturday, Aug. 18, in Kesling Park.

The event is being spearheaded by Excelsior Lodge No. 41, and the LaPorte York Rite bodies, but will also involve the Scottish Rite, Shrine, and the Order of the Eastern Star, Dove said.

"Some negativity about Freemasonry is going around again these days," Dove said. "Our purpose behind the event is twofold: to tell the public what Freemasonry is all about, and also to educate the public about what we offer to mankind, such as our philanthropies."

Each body will have a display to showcase itself and its philanthropies. In addition, Shriners will entertain the children, and Eastern Star will have a large tent erected in which to play BINGO. All Masons attending will receive a free tee shirt, saying "We are community," on the front with a square and compass, and the emblems of the appendant bodies on the back.

"We hope that by telling the stories of all these facets of our fraternity, we will educate the public that Freemasonry has a lot for you, and if you aren't one, you should be," Dove said. "And if you already are a Mason, you should consider joining the appendant bodies."



SK Brian Lewis KTCH, kneeling, has conferred upon him the title and honor of a Knight Commander of the Temple by SK Rodney Mann KCT, PGC, as SK Carson Smith KCT KTCH looks on. The high honor is given by the Grand Encampment for outstanding service to Templary, Freemasonry, or mankind. Lewis is one of only 12 Hoosier Sir Knights to hold both the KCT and the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

Sir Knights donate more than \$500 to Eye Foundation

LA PORTE — Meeting face-to-face again brought a large donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

For its May stated meeting, LaPorte Commandery No. 12 decided to conduct a Templar Board. This is a ritualistic dinner, with the tables placed in a symbolic manner around an altar, and Commandery officers breaking into the eating with toasts or short lessons on the teachings of the Order. A standard part of the evening is soliciting donations for a charitable purpose, in this case, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

But this particular Templar Board went farther toward charitable giving than the norm: LaPorte Commandery also set up a silent auction of various sorts of memorabilia. The result of the evening was the Knight Templar Eye Foundation received a donation of \$579.

In addition, the Commandery took advantage of the presence of SK Thomas D. Johnson, Deputy Grand Commander, to present Knights Templar Educational Foundation scholarships to the parents of two worthy young people. They were two of the seven scholarships granted by the foundation this year.