

### **Indiana Supplement**

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#### Grand Commander's message

# **Successful Templar Academies**

### By SK Ed Fodrea KCT Grand Commander

If you see Sir Knights Randy Darling and Phil Whisner, give them each a pat on the back. Together, they made for two successful virtual Indiana Templar Academies, with 121 persons in attendance.

If you have not attended an ITA, make plans to attend next year, and if you have any future topics you would like to see addressed, please email or send them to the Grand Recorder.

We were disappointed when Grand Encampment canceled the Easter events in Washington, DC, this year. However, a few brave Hoosier souls were still determined to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to show our respects to those who served in our military and to honor our patriotic commitments to our nation. It saddened us when Arlington canceled this as well. However, we are looking forward to a fun bus trip next year.

We want to shout out a BIG thank you to all who helped make our conclave successful through your support and participation in this event. Although we were unable to have drills due to COVID restrictions and timing for practices, we look forward to seeing several teams compete next year.

We were able to hear some excellent ritualistic work during our ritual competition. Thank you to our participants and congratulations to winners of the trophies. GREAT WORK! We look forward to seeing more participants next year and experiencing the fruits of your hard labor!

A BIG congratulations to Steve Maxwell and Sean Jones on being elected and installed Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master respectively. Grand Commandery looks forward to working with each of these capable individuals.

We are anticipating a year full of hard work, fun, and seeing each other – even if we must mask- at inspections.

Inspections will be a choice of full-form Order of the Temple, Order of Malta or the Most Illustrious Order of Red Cross.

As we move into phase 2, don't let your guard down. Wear your mask, wash your hands, and consider vaccination



## **First New Knights Since Pandemic Started**

Congratulations to Indiana's newest Sir Knights from Grant County Commandery #21 and Apollo Commandery #19, were recently knighted and are believed to be the first knighted since the lifting of COVID cautions.

In the front row, from left, are dignitaries: SKs George Ingles, KCT, PGC; Steven Bates, EC; Larry Brown, KCT, PGC, PDC; Ronald Simpson, KCT, PGC; and Randal Ellington, REGCG, Battalion 3 Commander.

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