



Larry Brown, GC

Knights honor Grand Masters in force

INDIANAPOLIS — On Tuesday, May 19, 38 Sir Knights in full uniform came together to honor and form an arch of steel for Most Worshipful Jeffrey P. Zaring, Grand Master of Masons of Indiana, during the opening ceremony of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana.

Then on Wednesday, May 20, 36 knights, again in full uniform, led a procession from Indianapolis' Scottish Rite Cathedral across the street to Freemasons Hall where they formed another arch of steel, this one for the newly elected Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful Bro. Charles F. Marlow.

"I want to tell you, this was an exciting sight to see; to see so many Sir Knights gathered in one location to honor our Grand Master," said Grand Commander Larry Brown. "The turnout — and on two weekdays — proves there is an excitement, a spirit, a sense of devotion within Indiana Templary which is so wonderful to see!"

Death comes to one PGC, and to lady of another

SK James W. Roberts, who was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana 1995-96, died May 4 in New Albany.

Born Feb. 12, 1937, in New Albany, Roberts launched a career in the grocery business — interrupted by World War II — then switched to AT&T. A fall from a pole disabled him, yet he remained with the company until his recent retirement. In addition, he graduated from Louisville's Southern Baptist Seminary and became an ordained minister, holding various pastorates. Templary was represented at his funeral by GC Larry Brown, Past Department Commander Steve Barton and Grand Prelate Emeritus Gary Fentress. Under the direction of EC Chris Wright, local knights gave Roberts a final arch of steel at the gravesite.

Lady Martha Ann Kivett, 75, wife for 57 years of Honorary Past Grand Commander George Kivett, died May 24. Survivors include her husband, three sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"Our condolences go out to Lady Edna Roberts and to SK George Kivett and their families," GC Brown said.

New uniform approved—with conditions

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Knights Templary formally adopted a "summer uniform" during the annual Grand Conclave in late April. But as was explained before the vote was taken, the circumstances under which it can be worn are limited.

The uniform consists of a short-sleeved white shirt with shoulder straps or epaulettes, a white cap such as worn by naval officers, a black tie and black slacks, and various pieces of insignia for the cap and shirt. The sword should be suspended from the trouser belt rather than from a shoulder sling.

But it can be worn only between Memorial Day and Labor Day, an entire Commandery must be attired the same, and it cannot be worn during the conferral of the Order of the Temple. But outside of these limitations it is a new, legal and cooler alternative Knights Templar uniform.

York Rite in three states to honor AASR leader

For decades the Grand York Rite bodies of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan have combined in an annual Tri-State Festival. But the next edition the York Rite bodies will honor John William McNaughton of Indiana, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The Royal Arch and Cryptic Degrees will be conferred Feb. 27, in Bryan, Ohio, by casts recruited by the various grand presiding officers.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta will be conferred March 6. The Order of the Temple will then be presided over by SK William Koon II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Battalion Commanders, Deputies, trained in inspecting

NEW BURLINGTON — Saturday, May 30, saw a training session for Battalion Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders at the hall of Whitney Lodge No. 229.

GC Larry Brown said it is his intention to inject uniformity throughout the Grand Commandery in the way subordinate Commanderies are graded, and creating that uniformity is what the training session was all about.

"They worked on everything they need to know to do their duties for the year: the grading of the Orders, the changes that were made for this year in the activities scoring, we covered everything," Brown said. "New handbooks for BCs and DBCs were created and put into play at the training session. Grading has been simplified. They were taught what to look for in grading the books of Commanderies. We hope they were taught everything they need to know to help create uniformity."