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COUNCIL OAK LODGE NO.745

April 2026

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... AND GIVE THEM GOOD AND WHOLESOME INSTRUCTION...

Council Oak Lodge 745 Charity Car Show

May 9th 2026 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St Joseph County 4H Fairgrounds, South Bend, Indiana

Fighting Cancer One Car At A Time

Free Public Admission

50+ Vehicles on display

Presenting Sponsor Bob Frame Plumbing

Anyone wishing to sponsor or enter a car may do so by going to the Council Oak website

BROTHERS SEEKING TO MAKE TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE RALSTON-TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND MAY DO SO BY CONTACTING WB TOM DOLLY TDOLLY2@YAHOO.COM PLEASE GET YOUR DONATION IN BY 12-31-25. THE RALSTON-TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP IS A 501-C-3 CHARITY. DONATIONS WILL HELP INCREASE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS.

CALENDAR

April 2026

2nd - Mishawaka No. 83, R.A.M. Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Chapter convenes at 7:00 PM. At the Mishawaka No. 130 Lodge Hall.

6th - Council Oak Stated Meeting and Dinner. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.

7th - Elkhart York Rite. Stated Meeting. 7:00 PM. At Kane Lodge Hall, Elkhart.

8th - Plymouth Chapter, RAM. Dinner at 6:45 PM. Chapter convenes at 7:30 PM. At Plymouth.

9th - Valley of South Bend, AASR. 7:00 PM. At the Scottish Rite Cathedral in South Bend.

13th - FC Degree Practice. At the Lodge Hall. 6:30 PM

20th - Executive Committee Meeting. 6:30PM. At the Lodge Hall. FC Degree Practice At the Lodge Hall after the Mtg.

21st - Zanzibar Grotto. 6:30 PM.

27th - Fellowship at Wings Etc. 6:30 PM

COUNCIL OAK LODGE OFFICERS - 2026

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Charles Yost; **SENIOR WARDEN:** Thomas Dolly, PM; **JUNIOR WARDEN:** Colten Eads; **TREASURER:** James Gillen, PM; **SECRETARY:** Anthony Meller, PM, ameller31@yahoo.com; **SENIOR DEACON:** Austin Raab; **JUNIOR DEACON:** Kyle Dolby, PM; **SENIOR STEWARD:** Robert Stevens; **JUNIOR STEWARD:** James Stevens; **CHAPLAIN:** Robert Matisits, PM; **TYLER:** Rodney Strozewski, PM; **TYLER EMERITUS:** David Vaughn; **TRUSTEES:** Michael Koziel, PM; Tim Genge, PM; Rodney Strozewski, PM; **PROPERTY MANAGER:** Rodney Strozewski, PM; **TRESTLE BOARD EDITOR:** Thomas Dolly, PM, 574.514-9499, tdolly2@yahoo.com



Official Obituary of

Leslie G Selig

February 25, 1935 ~ March 28, 2026

91 Years Old

Brother Les Selig was a Mason for 47 years. He became an Entered Apprentice on 3-14-1979, he was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on 4-25 1979, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 5-30-1979, in South Bend Lodge No. 738; where he also served as Master. Les will be deeply missed by our Lodge.

PORTABLE TEMPLES

While creating a presentation on Creating Sacred Spaces a few months ago, it came to me that we are our own portable sacred space. This was a bit of an epiphany in that several things came together, connecting a few More dots.

Freemasonry teaches representation of the Temple of Solomon, and esoteric anatomy points us down a more personal internal path where even Christianity teaches us that we should internalize and contemplate the same. Corinthians: "Don't you know you are the temple of God?" Or for those who enjoy the King James Version, this is from the year 1610 edition I found on the Internet: "Knowe yee not that yee are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

If you're a serious student, scholar, or even practitioner of Christianity, shouldn't you take that literally as well as allegorically?

The sacred space within us travels with us. We don't simply leave the sacred space of our home, temple, or lodge to mix again with the world. We live that whole "mixing again" with the outside world, and we might want to focus a bit more on how we use our portable temple. It may well be impractical to cleanse a supermarket with sage or carry a censer around with incense, but we have alternatives that don't have to involve banishing rituals. We are Masons. We learn to invoke! We invoke the blessings of Deity before any serious undertakings, right?

So to cut to the chase, talk to your angels, or saints, or higher self. Invoke the blessings of the divine in all your doings as prescribed by the Masonic ritual. Understand that anywhere you go can be sacred, but it's up to you to apply that lesson in your own life. The moral lessons we learn in Freemasonry create the lens, and it's our lens with which we can see.

Bro. Randy Sanders,

Wentzville Lodge, Illinois

FROM THE BROTHERHOOD

Broken Column: Brother Les Selig

Pray for the Vaughn Brother's who are experiencing various illnesses and surgeries.

Brother Robert Stevens grandmother is struggling with Kidney issues and Chemo treatments.

Brother Austin Raab's Grandmother is receiving daily shots to maintain blood levels

Please be in Prayer for our Country, our Service Men and Women and our 1st Responders!

April Birthdays: 4th Gene Smith, 5th Robert Mattasits, 13th Tom Dolly, 18th Kyle Dolby, 27th Chance Rigsby

Give these Brother's a call and wish them a Happy Birthday or Best Wishes!!

Masonic Anniversaries: 7th Bart Norville, 13th Sergey Shylin, 14th Nathan Hopkins, 19th Martin Bortin, 20th James Fine, 22nd Rodney Strozewski, 22nd Dean Engle, 27th Joel Girard, 32 Thomas Smith, 33rd Timothy Maurer, 33rd James Barnes, **50th Stanley Wolff**, 58th Michael Cress.