

Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies  
Chapter #19, Council #4 and Commandery #4  
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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm  
4th Floor Fort Wayne Masonic Temple

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Sir Knights, Attention!

We continue to have an excellent year in York Rite. At our last stated meeting, many of the new Royal Arch Masons attended and registered their own personal MARK into the archives of York Rite. For those who have not yet done this, please plan on attending the next regular stated meeting and doing so.

On March 19th, five Sir Knights attended the Battalion Meeting with Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, James L. Dove, OPC. The information that was provided was very helpful and we appreciate his words of encouragement. During this meeting, we also locked our Order of Temple inspection date in August.

On March 20th, we hosted the KYCH and York Rite Sovereign College stated meetings at the downtown Temple. The chili luncheon was very good and it was great to see all our companions who made the trip.

April's regular stated meeting went well, as we again had several of the new members come and register their MARK. I want to take the opportunity to invite all the new members to get involved actively with the Order. There are many different avenues in which to achieve this goal. Fort Wayne Commandery is rebuilding its Drill Core Team under the direction of Sir Knight Norb Parrot PC. The team travels to venues in Indianapolis and around the country competing in exercises with other Commanderies from around the state and country.

The Commandery is also proud of its Knight Templar band. Sir Knight Martin Donahue PC is the main contact in order to join and participate. Also, the new CD of songs performed by the York Rite band is in the final stages of production. Sometime in May these CD's will be available for sale, Sir Knight Clay Stahlka PC was instrumental in capturing the sounds of the band while playing in our own 5th floor Temple auditorium.

Good of the Order: Sir Knight Ed Snyder, who volunteers his time at the VA Hospital, made a motion to request fifty of our York Rite crosses. These crosses will be made available for distribution at the VA Hospital to all those who ask about or request them. Sir Knight Harold

Black PC, made a motion that passed unanimously to donate \$150.00 to SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect).

We have again been invited by Trinity Episcopal Church, whose clergy and some 25 parishioners are Free Masons, to attend the special Sunday Worship service at 10:30am on June 27, 2010 for the St. John the Baptist Observance. Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden Gregory Walbridge will represent the Most Worshipful Grand Master and participate in the worship service. I would like to personally invite all Masons from all lodges to attend this special service. Dress will be jacket and tie.

On Wednesday, May 12th, another very special public event, open to all Mason will be happening. The Indiana State Medical Association will be visiting the downtown Temple and putting on a presentation regarding our soldiers who are returning home and suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Fort Wayne York Rite has made a sizeable contribution to the program, and this presentation is their thanks for those contributions. To learn more and to support this program, please contact James S DeMond PGC at [jsdemo1@aol.com](mailto:jsdemo1@aol.com) for more information.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar, all events are held at the downtown Fort Wayne Masonic Temple unless otherwise noted:

May 8 – KYCH Degree, lunch is at noon with the degree starting at 1:00pm

May 12 – ISMA presentation over Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the 5th floor auditorium at 7:30pm

May 15 – York Rite Sovereign College Degree, lunch is at noon with the degree starting at 1:00pm

May 26 – Fort Wayne York Rite Chapter #19 R.A.M. Instructional – 7:00pm

June 27 – St. John the Baptist Observance at Trinity Episcopal Church - 10:30am

August 14 – York Rite Chapter and Council degrees conferred – 8:00am

August 21 – York Rite Commandery Orders conferred – 8:00am

October 23 – Fort Wayne York Rite Commandery #4 Inspection – 11:00am

A final parting word, this August we are trying to follow-up the phenomenal success that was the Tri-State Festival, with the knighting of 30 new Knight Templar. In August we hope to equal that success, but we cannot do it without you. If you have been interested in the York Rite, but have not known how to go about approaching someone, now is your time, here is your opportunity. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sir Knights, Dismissed!

Kurt Begue  
Commander