

Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies  
Chapter #19, Council #4 and Commandery #4  
216 E Washington Street  
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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm  
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Sir Knights Attention!

The York Rite 37th Annual Tri-State Festival is drawing very near. This year we are honoring one of our own, John William McNaughton, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. February 27th in Bryan, OH, the Chapter and Council degrees will be conferred by an all-star cast from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. This to be followed the following Saturday, March 6th in Angola, IN to confer Commandery Orders.

There is still some time remaining to get your petition turned in and be a part of this event. For more information, please contact Sir Knight Hank LaHurreau, PGC at 260-248-4970.

Also on the calendar in the near future are the following events...

March 6th – Angola Yeoman of York Meeting in Angola, IN at 3:00pm

March 18th – Battalion Meeting in Gas City, IN at 7:00pm

March 20th – KYCH and York Rite College stated meetings in the Downtown Masonic Temple from 9:00am to 4:00pm

April 17th – Council Instructional in Auburn, IN at 4:00pm

April 20-24 – Indiana York Rite Grand Session in Indianapolis, IN

April 22nd – Super Excellent Master Degree in Bryan, OH at 7:30pm

Fort Wayne York Rite Commandery #4 is re-establishing its Drill Team for the 2011 year. We are calling on all Sir Knights to join with us in revitalizing this group. In years past, Fort Wayne Commandery was one of the elite squads in the state of Indiana, and with your help, we look to return to that prominent status. If interested, please contact Sir Knight Norbert Parrot, PC at 260-749-0352.

Sir Knight Parrot is also putting a call out for any York Rite uniforms and accessories that are no longer in use to be donated or returned to the Commandery. Items such as: Officers Jackets, Chapeaus, Swords, Sword Hangers and any other miscellaneous items that we can reuse to outfit our new Knights. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Fort Wayne York Rite is proud to support a new program titled: Soldier's Angels Care Package Program, which is to support our Disabled Men and Women of the Armed Forces. Sir Knight Wayne Ithier, PC has been instrumental in bringing this program the York Rite and also allowing all Masons residing in the Downtown Fort Wayne Masonic Temple to be able to easily donate to the cause. In the Temple lobby, there will be placed a donation box for everyone to place donated items. Items such as: deodorant, tooth brushes, shampoo and other commonly needed items. For more information on how to contribute to this effort, please contact: Sir Knight Wayne Ithier at 260-602-0223.

The last business item for the month of February is the Temple Fund Raiser that is selling Mike's Car Wash tickets. We have until February to get your money in to order these. We all wash our cars, and with 37 Mike's locations around the region, you are never very far from one. You are already going to drop \$8.00 to wash your car, so why not get it done and save the Downtown Masonic Temple at the same time? Car wash tickets are \$8.00, of which \$4.00 returns back for the preservation of the Temple. It is an easy way to help a building that is in need. The tickets will be available at our next regular stated meeting on February 17th and will be available after that my contacting myself or any of the Blue Lodge Officers that reside in the Temple.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank a special group of Mason's called the BMG or Building Management Group. The BMG consists of: Dennis Weimer, David Groholski, Scot Deckard and Paul Calloway. Last fall, when our Downtown Fort Wayne Masonic Temple was in grave danger of closing, these men stepped forward and produced a plan that would transform the way in which our Temple would be used and allowed to continue to exist.

These men spend countless hours working to improve the building and to make it suitable for the Masonic bodies that reside in the building as well as potential renters. Their efforts have drastically reduced the costs to operate the building and have restored a lot of the old beauty and grandeur the building was known for. Gentlemen, I thank you very much for your hard work and dedication to this effort.

Sir Knights, Dismissed.

Kurt Begue  
Commander