

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!

Mid-year is upon and the initial rush of the first part of the year is over.

On April 20th – 24th, the York Rite Grand Conclave convened at the Marriott Hotel on the East side of Indianapolis. The days were filled with fellowship, fun and the occasional work. I did not hear of any horror stories, but I did see and hear some hilarious stories, which thankfully as a Master Mason, I am under oath to keep secret.

Grand Conclave was a great experience this year. Preliminarily, there were a lot of issues and problems to create conflict, but in true Masonic fashion, these issues were graciously discussed and the best solution for the Order was determined and accepted by all.

Fort Wayne Chapter, Council and Commandery were all well represented during these meetings. Fort Wayne received several appointments and awards.

Companion James Coleman was elected to Grand Principle Sojourner. Companion Martin Donahue was appointed Royal Arch Deputy for District D. Companion Harold Black was appointed as Arch 3 Officer in Council and was appointed Deputy Battalion Commander for Battalion #3. Sir Knight Wayne Ithier was also appointed DBC.

Companion Hank LaHurreau was presented the Council Recorder of the Year for the State of Indiana. Fort Wayne Commandery under the direction of Sir Knight Clay Stahlka PC, was awarded a Certificate of Distinction for the Commandery's performance in the 2009 year.

Membership Awards were also presented the following individuals: Gold Award to Norbert Parrett. Silver Award to: Shon Butler, Martin Donahue and Raymond Sipe. White Award to: Kurt Begue, Rick Carroll and Mark Goebel.

To everyone's knowledge, these seven awards are the most awards that were ever presented to a Commandery. Regardless, it confirms the hard work and dedication that these Sir Knights have brought to strengthening out Order.

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.

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

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

And as a small reminder to all, remember that Fort Wayne York Rite goes dark in July and August. We will be using that time to prepare for the full-form degree work in late August. Companions and Sir Knights, make sure that you make every effort to ask your Brothers who are not involved if they would like to join the York Rite Order.

Sir Knights, Dismissed!

Kurt Begue  
Commander