

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

The final push for 2010 is on! Many of your officers have been working diligently to make the final few months of this year a very memorable one.

By now you will be receiving your dues notices in the mail. You will notice a \$25.00 assessment that has been passed down to us by Grand Commandery. This is a one-time fee in order to re-establish a proper funding amount to keep things running smoothly. Please do your part to help fix this problem. If you are able to contribute more than the required \$25.00, please consider putting in a little extra.

Our last regular stated meeting was quite an enjoyable one. We accomplished a tremendous amount of productive business. Sir Knight Clay Stahlka, PC was presented with his Certificate of Merit for his excellent performance as Eminent Commander for 2009.

We were invited to attend a Commandery Instructional for Battalion #3. Although we have already presented the Order of the Temple in full form and were graded by the Grand Commandery, we will attend this meeting in Parker City, Indiana to show support for Battalion #3 and our Battalion Commander SK Bobby J. Roberts, Grand Generalissimo.

We had two new openings in the trustees, one in Chapter and one in Commandery. These were filled by SK Tim Wages and SK Tom Duong.

Initiation Fees were raised from \$80.00 to \$100.00.

All of the officers, members and especially all the new Sir Knights were told that if they wished to get into or progress up the Chapter, Council and/or Commandery Officer Lines, that they must make their intentions known to SK Rick Carroll, Generalissimo. The Officers must learn their parts and take active roles in the degree work that takes place. There are no free rides, we each have to pay our way.

I also encouraged, all of our Elder Statesmen to consider taking a few of these new Knights under their wings and teaching them the ropes. We have some of the best mentors around, and I want them to take some Apprentices.

We are reloading our York Rite degree teams. Myself along with SK Rick Carroll, SK Tyson Howenstine and SK Mark Goebel all sat down to review the status of our degree teams. Over the years the teams have suffered attrition and they have not been repaired. We are going to talk to all the degree heads to find out which ones want to continue on, and which would like to turn over the reins.

On Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30pm, a Degree Meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of the downtown Masonic Temple. Pizza and drinks will be served. All current degree heads, as well as perspective degree heads, new Sir Knights and their top line signers are ordered to attend. We are going to staff the degrees that night and begin work immediately.

Once all of our degree heads are established, we are going to work on staffing each degree with two full casts, A and B, and assign them duties on rotating years. We have plenty of new Knights to staff these casts, and I am sure after a few practices, by midyear 2011, we will be in better shape than ever.

We are making the final push for our goal of 50 new Sir Knights created by the end of the year. In doing so, we are going to have one final, one-day class to see if we can reach this goal. Any interested Master Mason who would like to join this Order, should immediately contact the York Rite for a petition. The one-day class will be scheduled on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 8:00am in the downtown Masonic Temple, 216 East Washington Street. So everyone, let's get these petitions in early and avoid the rush.

Important York Rite Dates:

October 11 – Commandery Instructional in Parker City, IN – 7:00pm

October 20 – Regular Stated Meeting – 7:30pm

October 22 – Commandery Inspection Practice – 7:00pm

October 23 – Commandery Inspection – 11:00am

November 10 – Degree Meeting – 6:30pm

November 17 – Regular Stated Meeting – 7:30pm

December 4 – York Rite 1-day Class – 8:00am

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