

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!

Thankfully we have finally emerged from our summer slumber and are ready to attack the remaining time this year with fervency and zeal known only to proud Christian Knights!

On August 14th, we held a degree day for York Rite. The Chapter and Council degrees were conferred on 27 Master Mason's. These Master Mason's then became, exalted to the Most Sublime degree of Royal Arch Masonry and greeted as a Select Master of Cryptic Masonry.

On August 21st, Fort Wayne Commandery #4 conferred the Commandery Orders, Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple. The 27 candidates were bestowed the most high and esteemed honor of being knighted as a Knight Templar.

For the record, this puts the annual Knighted total of Fort Wayne Commandery #4 at a total of 47 new Sir Knights! This is a huge gain in membership and it has been noticed by all the Indiana Grand Bodies of York Rite. Many are looking at Fort Wayne and trying to figure out just how we are being so successful in our membership.

The truth of the matter is, that our success is not due to magical powers or some great plan that we in York Rite possess. The secret is, that there is no secret. It is simply we have a really great group of outstanding men, that are carrying on the Christian Templary in a way that makes others want to join with us.

We have so many things in York Rite to be proud of, our rich heritage extends back centuries. Whether it be our secrets and treasures that York Rite protects, or the beautiful uniforms and regalia worn by our officers, our Order stands alone as a pinnacle of Masonry. The story of the Hiram legend is completed and expounded upon, and the true word is discovered and the true wages of a Fellow Craft are explained. So much rich history is there to be obtained, all one has to do is seek it.

On June 27th, Fort Wayne Commandery attended the St. John the Baptist Observance at Trinity Episcopal Church. The turnout was again wonderful. At least a dozen lodges and chapters were

represented that day, and we certainly left a good impression. Thank you to all that attended and made this day so special.

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

September 15 – Regular Stated Meeting

October 20 – Regular Stated Meeting and Inspection Practice

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

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
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