

Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies
Chapter #19, Council #4 and Commandery #4
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Sir Knights,

It gives me great pleasure to address you again. I hope the warmer temperatures find you and your families well. I wish to thank all the Sir Knights who attended the Grand Conclave this year. We had a great time!

Grand Conclave proved to be rather fruitful for the Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies. Fort Wayne took home several distinguished awards.

Companion Hank LaHurreau received the runner-up award for the Chapter Secretary of the Year. Fort Wayne Chapter #19 received the award for the highest number of exaltations of Royal Arch Masons, with a total of 57 for the year, which also led to the receipt of another certificate for a net increase in a number equal to ten percent of it's membership.

Companion Kurt Begue received the Illustrious Master of the Year award. Fort Wayne Council #4 received the highest number of greetings of Cryptic Masons this year as well, with a total of 57.

In addition, Sir Knight Kurt Begue also received the Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit. Fort Wayne Commandery #4 received an award for the highest number of knightings, with a total of 55 Sir Knights. Fort Wayne Commandery #4 also received the first place guidon ribbon for highest total score in Battalion 3, along with two traveling awards as well.

The highlight was a special award presented to Fort Wayne's own Martin "Marty" Donahue, the KCT, Knight Commander of the Temple. Congratulations Sir on a job well done!

The receipt of each of these awards stands as a testament to the character and "can do" attitude of the members of the Fort Wayne York Rite bodies. My hat goes off to those whom hard work and dedication have made the Fort Wayne York Rite what it is today.

I, along with all the members of the Fort Wayne York Rite bodies, wish to also congratulate Deputy Grand Commander Bobby J. Roberts and Grand Warder Kurt A. Begue. We are very proud of DGC Roberts and GW Begue, and look forward to their inspiration and leadership in the coming years.

It pleases me to announce that Sir Knight Ed Fodrea is taking the reins of the Fort Wayne York Rite Drill team. Ceremonial requests are coming in, and I am certain Sir Knight Fodrea is more than capable of meeting the challenges.

I would like to take this time to urge all Sir Knights to get on our website, www.fortwayneyorkrite.com, to see any new updates. Sir Knight Kurt Begue has done a wonderful job on the website. Please contact Kurt with any significant dates that need to be placed on the calendar.

It is with great regret that I must inform all Sir Knights of the passing of one of our own. SK John Myers passed away on Wednesday the 27th of April. His passing leaves a hole in our hearts, as he will be sorrowfully missed. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Sir Knight Myers. Until we meet again old friend, travel well.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Fraternally
Rick L. Carroll
Commander