Dear Companions and Sir Knights,

Here we are into March already, I hope the warmer weather is agreeable with each of you and your families. February was a busy month for Fort Wayne York Rite. During the month Fort Wayne Council #4 had its inspection on the Super Excellent Master Degree. This was preceded with a Table Lodge and a meal prepared by Shira Doxsee, our Illustrious Master, Mike Doxsee's wife. Thanks Mike for putting everything together, both you and Shira did an admirable job.

It is with saddened affection and a heavy heart that I mention the passing of our Brother Recorder, Henry (Hank) Lahurreau. Hank was a Past Grand Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Indiana. Fort Wayne Commandery and other Sir Knights around the State stood guard at the casket during the viewing and other times. I would like to personally thank all of the Sir Knights who participated. It was a very impressive presentation and one that am sure Hank would have approved. He will be deeply missed at our functions.

The Tri State York Rite Festival is now history, we had several Masonic brother go through the degree work and became Companions and Sir Knights of Fort Wayne Chapter #19, Fort Wayne Council # 4 and Fort Wayne Commandery #4. I would like to personally congratulate each new member of Fort Wayne York Rite.

Our monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. We shall begin the evening with a meal at 6:30 in the kitchen of the Masonic Temple. We will then open the Commandery at 7:30 PM. I am requesting that all officers of the Commandery either wear their uniform or if they do not have a complete uniform, bring what you have so that we can endeavor to get you completely outfitted with what you need.

Looking ahead, we have the Grand Session of the Grand Chapter being held at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. One of our own, Companion James Coleman, Most Excellent Grand High Priest will be presiding. It will also be the duty of Fort Wayne Chapter #4 to open the Chapter on the Royal Arch Degree. The dates for this are April 10 and 11 with the bulk of the activities going one April 10, 2015. Please plan to attend if you are at all able.

Fraternally,

John A. Coleman, Eminent Commander