

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  
4th Floor Fort Wayne Masonic Temple

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Sir Knights, ATTENTION!

Words cannot describe the pride that I feel for the Fort Wayne Commandery. The officers and members of Fort Wayne Commandery truly exemplified the highest standards of our Order: hard-work, dedication and the ability to exceed any expectations. Outstanding!

I would like to extend a special thanks to the following Sir Knights: SK James DeMond, SK Henry LaHurreau, SK Harold Black, SK James Colman, SK Wayne Ithier, SK Tyson Howenstine and SK Mark Goebel, as well as the many other officers and members of Fort Wayne and other Commanderies throughout Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

The Tri-State Festival has been regarded by all as a huge success and a definite boost to the York Rite, in both membership and morale. On March 6th, Angola Commandery was filled with many candidates and distinguished guests. In attendance were Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton 33° (for whom the class was named) and Sir Knight William Howard Koon, II - Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Fifty-seven Cryptic Masons made the journey to Angola Commandery to receive their Orders: Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. The Orders were all conferred and each man was personally Knighted by our two special guests. Something I am sure that they will not quickly forget, if ever.

For those of you who missed out on this occasion, do not be saddened, for we have another opportunity to join our Order. In the fall, we will be holding another class right here in Fort Wayne at the downtown Masonic Temple. If you would like to be a part of the finest Commandery in the State of Indiana, now is your best time! All it takes is a telephone call or e-mail, I personally invite you to do so.

Also, new Sir Knights are requested to begin attending our Regular Stated meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Your first assignment will be to design your personalized MARK that will be recorded in the York Rite archives. The Mark Book will be available for recording in the 4th floor Egyptian Room during regular stated meetings.

Switching gears and discussing the treasures of our Order. One of the not very well hidden treasures of Masonry exists on the top Theater floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple. An Estey Opus 2525 Pipe Organ which was donated by the Bass Family in memory of Sir Knight John H. Bass, PC (Commander in 1872). Recently, by the coordination of our own Sir Knight Ed Snyder, work has begun on refurbishing the ancient organ and returning it to fully functioning status.

Sir Knight Snyder's first move was to invite a group of highly talented craftsmen who do preservation and maintenance work on the Embassy Theaters pipe organ. The 10 man crew came to review the organ and give a detailed punch-list of items that needed to be addressed in order to return the organ to playable status.

During our next regular stated meeting, it was motioned, seconded and unanimously agreed that Sir Knight Harold Black, PC would receive the title of Sir Knight Protector of the Pipe Organ, a permanent position that would allow him to assemble a qualified team to maintain and preserve the treasured relic.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The April Regular Stated meeting has been changed to April 9th due to the conflict with the York Rite Grand Session in Indianapolis. Special dispensation has been granted by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery for us to move our regular stated meeting to Friday, April 9, 2010.

During this meeting, we will be voting upon a proposed dues increase, so if you have an opinion or want your voice and vote to be heard, please consider attending this meeting.

Upcoming Events for April are:

9th - York Right Special Regular Stated Meeting - 7:30pm

17th - Fort Wayne Council #4 Instructional at Auburn, IN - 4:00pm

22nd - Super Excellent Master Degree at Bryan, OH - 7:30pm

19th-24th - Indiana York Rite Grand Sessions - Indianapolis, IN

Sir Knights, DISMISSED!

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