

Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies
Chapter #19, Council #4 and Commandery #4
216 E. Washington St.
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Meetings 3rd Wednesday @ 7:30 pm
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Sir Knights,

Greetings and Happy New Year, I hope that this communication finds you and your families well. I would like to express my thanks and congratulations to Past Commander Rick Carroll for an outstanding year as Commander of the Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies. All of us from the York Rite bodies wish Rick good fortune in any future endeavors.

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming Tri-State York Rite Festival. It will be on February 25, 2012 in Bryan, Ohio with the Chapter and Council Degrees and March 3, 2012 in Angola, Indiana with the Commandery Degrees. Start times for both Saturdays will be 8:00 am for registration and 9:00 am for Degree Work. On Saturday, March 3rd there will also be a Yeoman of York meeting before the lunch break. This year's festival is honoring the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory C. Walbridge. We are looking forward to two days of outstanding Degree work for our new candidates.

We also have an upcoming Winter Battalion III meeting on January 21, 2012 at 7:00pm at Huntington Commandery #35 located at 400 E. Franklin St, Huntington IN 46750. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Bobby Roberts will be there to help answer any questions or concerns you may have. The Battalion Meeting will help outline the coming year's activities and coming events. All Sir Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I want to thank the members of the Fort Wayne York Rite Bodies for the trust they have put in me for the coming year as Commander. I hope to be able to perform the duties of the Commander as well as previous Commanders in the past and as good as the Sir Knights of Fort Wayne deserve. This year after April's Conclave will be a special year with having the Right Eminent Grand Commander being one of our own. I look forward to working with the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Bobby Roberts in making 2012 a memorable year.

I am saddened to say that we lost a fellow brother, an important member of our York Rite and a good friend. Francis Martin "Marty" Donahue, KYCH, OPC, KCT and many other organizations lost his battle with illness on December 25th, 2011. The Sir Knights of Fort

Wayne Commandery were given the privilege to stand as Honor Guard for our departed Brother. We all need to keep Marty's wife and family in our hearts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

In closing I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope that all goes well for the coming year for you and your families. Take care and God bless.

Fraternally,
Tyson Howenstine