

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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Phenomenal—nothing less could express the joint collaboration of the Grant County, Huntington and Fort Wayne Commanderies for the 26 member cast of the Order of Malta on October 25th hosted at the Huntington Amity Lodge. The opening processional with Knights in regalia, swords and banners, stretching the entire length of the hall and then around the back was truly impressive, under the leadership of SK Paul Martin, Captain General. The Processional was dignified by an original composition played by Prelate David Pass. SK Steven Maxwell and the Huntington Commandery worked diligently to assure that the hall was in order for the reception of guests, the dispatch of business and the Order of Malta preceded by Full Ceremonial Knights Templar Opening with Rehearsal of Duties. The Knights were honored with the presence of Right Eminent Grand Commander Mike Ritter and Battalion Commander SK Basil Isaac. The luncheon was delicious with decorations of the autumn season. Following the sumptuous repast was the reception of distinguished guests, presentation of the flag and inspection of the Knights. The Grand Commander had many fine comments noting the collegial efforts of the commanderies, the fine degree work and the many energetic new faces amongst the cast and the excellent work of SK Mike Doxsee, Marshall. Special commendations go to SK Carson Smith whose assistance was essential for the floor work, commands and inspection--driving from Indianapolis to assist us and publishing of the email updates requires time and effort which deserve our greatest gratitude. SK Gary Sherritze and SK Jerry Deeter deserve special commendation for inspiring and energizing brother Knights from Grant County. Preceding the Inspection (and numerous rehearsals) was the stated meeting on the 18th, a cold and blustery evening made warm by the outstandingly tasty homemade chili, crusty bread and salad of Lady Camille Pond and wrapped up with Paula's carrot cake. Prayer was reverently offered by Prelate David Pass. Honors abound at the Commandery with SK James Coleman executing the duties of Grand High Priest, SK David Ulrich, R.I. Grand Steward, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and SK William Pond, newest inductee to the St. Hilary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. The November stated meeting was preceded by dinner expertly prepared by Lady Trudy and the meeting was highlighted by an educational presentation by Prelate David Pass on the Knightly topic of swords: epee, foil, sabre, rapier, broad sword, and Claymore. Autumn has been a rich and rewarding time for the knights of the Fort Wayne Commandery

With warmest fraternal regards, WWP



Members of the Fort Wayne, Huntington and Grant County Commanderies Knights Templar undergo inspection by Right Eminent Grand Commander Mike Ritter and 50-year Award recipient Samuel Kaiser (center) and Battalion Commander Basil Isaac (right).