

Greetings Sir Knights!

I am hoping the New Year is finding each and every one of you and your family in good health and wellness. Actually, we are well into the New Year already. The first stated meeting of the year consisted of a chili supper in the kitchen of the Masonic Temple and then then we moved to the fourth floor at which time the officers of the three York Rite Bodies were installed. A very special thanks goes to James Coleman, MEGHP for installing the officers of Fort Wayne Chapter of Royal Arch Masons #19. Also I would like to thank David Ulrich, Right Illustrious Grand Steward, for installing the officers in Fort Wayne Council of Cryptic Masons #4. Lastly, I would like to thank Sir Knight Kurt Begue, PEC for installing the officers of Fort Wayne Commandery #4 Knights Templar.

After the installation of officers, newly installed Companion, Jason Miller, High Priest conducted a full form opening on the Royal Arch Degree. He then followed by conducting the business portion of the meeting, doing an admirable job. Thanks Companion Jason!

I am going to predict that the Tri State York Rite Festival went very well and that we had several new Sir Knights join our ranks at that time.

One of my major focuses this year is on membership. I have sent out over 50 letters to some of my closer Masonic associates who for some reason are Masons and Shriners but do not belong to Fort Wayne York Rite. I am hoping for a 20% return on my mailing and I am hoping by press time we have had at least that many

complete the Capitular Degrees at the first weekend of the Tri State in Bryan, Ohio.

I would like to make it a challenge to each York Rite Officer in the three bodies to contact at least five of your Masonic Brothers, asking them to join Fort Wayne York Rite. Will they all join? I doubt very seriously but if you can get a 20 percent return that is one new York Rite member. Granted it is too late to get them through the Tri State but there are plenty of other opportunities left during the current year. Please concentrate on getting at least one petition this year. If we can make this happen it will put Fort Wayne York Rite an even greater organization than it already is today.

Also, if you know of another Companion or Sir Knight who we have not seen at a meeting for a while, please give him a call and tell him we would like to see him at the next meeting which will be the third Wednesday in March, Wednesday, March 18, 2015. We will begin with a meal in the dining area at 6:30PM followed by an opening of the Fort Wayne Commandery at 7:30 PM

I am looking forward to seeing everyone, including the new Sir Knights at the March meeting.

Fraternally,

John A. Coleman, Eminent Commander.