



## Looking Back Toward the Future

Celebrate Manufacturing in South Central Pennsylvania

SME York Chapter 22 is celebrating our 80th anniversary in conjunction with October being Manufacturing Month. A national event highlighting the value of manufacturing to the U.S. economy and its opportunities to provide, highly skilled careers. Manufacturers across the nation will open their doors to the public to host open houses, public tours and career workshops.

We would like to invite you to “Celebrate Manufacturing in South Central Pennsylvania” as we take this opportunity of “**Looking Back Toward the Future**”. We have two exciting speakers.

**Terrence “Dutchie” Downs**, York’s only Regional History / Creative Community Broker, will look back at York County’s rich heritage in manufacturing from the 1800’s to 1938. He will discuss how the products made here have impacted the world.

**SME is a professional organization that supports the manufacturing industry. Working closely with manufacturing professionals, companies, educators, schools and communities. We share knowledge and resources that generate solutions to manufacturing industry challenges.**

**John McElligott**, CEO of York Exponential, will look toward the future starting with the 1938 York Plan and how York’s manufacturing strength and strategic planning helped save the world, during WWII. He will then take us into the future with York Plan 2.0 and propose how York can continue to impact the world through manufacturing.

*High school and college students interested in a manufacturing career are encouraged to attend.*

**Date & Time:** October 23, 2018; doors open 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM

**Location:** York County School of Technology, 2179 S. Queen St., York, PA (Come to the front main entrance)

**Menu:** Hot Buffet; chicken, starch, vegi-combo, salad, desert & drinks

**Cost:** \$20.00

**How to register:** pre-registration required with credit card or cash by Oct. 15, 2018

**Pay & register with credit card –**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sme-80th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-50139675118>

**Pay with cash at door –** register by email to [sme.chap022@gmail.com](mailto:sme.chap022@gmail.com) with your name and company or organization. **Cash only will be accepted at the door.**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:** [connect.sme.org/c022/home/101](http://connect.sme.org/c022/home/101)



### **About Terrence “Dutchie” Downs**



Terrence Downs is a Creative Community & History Broker in York history. Focused on promoting York’s vast historic, artistic and cultural assets, Terry serves the Wm. C. Goodridge Freedom Center publicity board, adviser to Springettsbury Township Historic Preservation Committee, and member to York County Planning Commission’s Heritage Advisory Committee.

Celebrating 30 years marriage to wife Christine and father of two teenage Daughters, “Dutchie” currently works on the historic aspects re-branding York’s Routes 462 & US 30 to former “Lincoln Highway” recognition. A strong interest to 19th & 20th Century stained glass artisan, John Horace Rudy, whose works fill many churches, public buildings and private homes regionally, as well ongoing research to preparation of writing a second book on S. Morgan Smith – highlighting the efforts this York Industrialist family and its heirs have given to engineering works.

### **About John McElligott**

John McElligott is the Chief Executive Officer of York Exponential, President of The Fortress Initiative, and the CEO of The Fortress Academy. John’s primary passion has been focused on the rise of Third Tier Cities and Embracing Disruption: the importance of connecting innovation, technology and community.



Known as a Technology Futurist and Vision Caster, John believes that emerging technology represents an incredible opportunity for all citizens, and that it is his responsibility to do what he can to expose all to robotics and other technology in an effort to leave no community behind.

A sought-out national speaker on the impact of exponential technology, robotics and artificial intelligence, John founded York Exponential in 2015 as a collaborative robotics company. Having humans and robots working together, York Exponential aims to Augment America by Empowering America’s Workforce through the use of technology. Not automation; but rather augmentation, to build solid middle class jobs and democratize robots and robotic technology for all. Shortly following the launch of York Exponential, John also founded The Fortress Initiative and The Fortress Academy, the first robotics and artificial licensed school in the state of Pennsylvania.

Previously, John founded and served as CEO to two tech startups and was a graduate of the Benjamin Franklin Technology Partners “Techcelerator” Program, with his company being the only graduate from that cohort to receive investment funding.

Coming in 2019, John also leads The York Plan 2.0 Innovation District project, a proposed 250,000 sq.ft. robotics and technology campus to be built in downtown York, PA. This facility’s vision is to be the centerpiece in the rise of York, Pennsylvania as “The MECH-Ecosystem Capital of the United States.”