

Tarrant County York Rite



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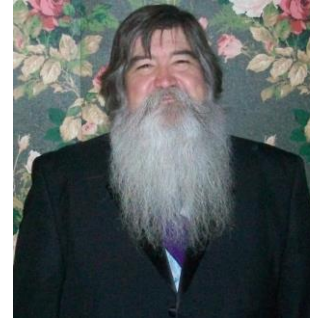
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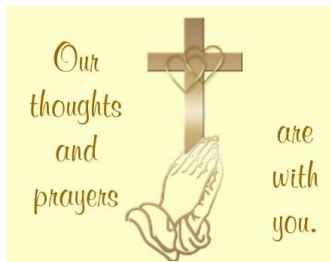


Scott James
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Secretary, TCYRA

Welcome to the first edition of the new Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter



Please continue to remember the family of those who passed away, and are hurting, which have been reported in earlier newsletters.

Remember **Paul Pinkerton**, with his "heart". Last word is he is doing well, and is home. We expect to see him shortly. Also remember **Steve Maxwell, HP/TIM** for his foot.

Don Park passed away. He was an active York Rite member, and we miss him terribly.

Upcoming Schedule:

January 10, 2015 – Midlothian Festival, Breakfast at 7 AM, Degrees at 8 AM

January 10, 2015 – Tarrant County Area Commandery Practice at Fort Worth Temple at 10:00 AM

January 10, 2015 – Fort Worth Chapter/Council Meeting at 2 PM

January 24, 2015 – First 2015 York Rite Conference, in Houston Texas, 8 AM

January 27, 2015 – Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting – Fort Worth Temple – 6:45 PM

Also, College Meeting, Official Visit from the Grand Governor.

Fort Worth Chapter/Council now meets at the TMRC

Second Saturdays, at 2:00 PM
All York Rite Masons are heartily welcome.

Jerry Taylor, High Priest

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – For **JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6 Southside Eat 6 PM Mtg 7:00 PM Texas Eat 6:00 PM Mtg 7:00 PM	Jan 7 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	Jan 8 Tarrant York Rite Meeting Eat 6:00 PM Mtg 7:00 PM	Jan 9	Jan 10 Midlothian Festival 7 AM Commandery Practice 10 AM Fort Worth Chapter 2PM
Jan 11	Jan 12 Hurst Parry Award Grading Eat 6:30 PM Riverside eat 6 PM Arlington eat 6 PM	Jan 13 Worth Commandery 7:00 PM No Meal for this meeting	Jan 14 Springtown Parry Award Grading In Weatherford Eat 6:30 PM	Jan 15 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM	Jan 16	Jan 17
Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	Jan 21 Ridglea York Rite Meeting Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24 First York Rite Conference in Houston 8:00 AM
Jan 25	Jan 26 Stephenville Parry Award Grading Eat 6:00 PM	Jan 27 Tarrant County York Rite Assn + College 6:45 PM Fort Worth Temple	Jan 28 – Feb 1 Masonic Week in Reston, Va From Jan 28 - Through Feb 1			
Feb 1 --	Feb 2	Feb 3 Southside Parry Award Grading Eat 6:00 PM Texas eat 6 PM	Feb 4 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	Feb 5 Commanderies Worth and Southside Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 6	Feb 7 Second York Rite Conference in Nederland 8:00 AM
Feb 8	Feb 9 Riverside Parry Award Grading Eat 6:00 PM Hurst eat 6:30 PM Arlington eat 6 PM	Feb 10	Feb 11 Springtown York Rite Eat 6:30 PM Mts 7:30 PM	Feb 12 Tarrant Parry Award Grading Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 13	Feb 14 Fort Worth Parry Award Grading 2:00 PM
Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	Feb 18 Ridglea Parry Award Grading Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 19 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM	Feb 20	Feb 21 3rd York Rite Conference in San Antonio 8:00 AM
Feb 22	Feb 23 Stephenville York Rite. Eat 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM	Feb 24 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28 4 th York Rite Conference in Midland-Odessa 8:00 AM

Congratulations to all the new
 Commandery Officers and
 SOOB Officers for 2015

2015 Parry Award Grading Schedule

Date/Time	Chapter/Council
Monday, 01/12/2015, Eat at 6:30 PM, Meet at 7:30 PM	Hurst Chapter/Council Robert Mather, HP/TIM
Wednesday, 01/14/2015, Eat at 6:30 PM, Meet at 7:30 PM	Springtown Chapter/Council (in Weatherford) Stan McGowen, HP ; Howard Hubbard, TIM
Monday, 01/26/2015, Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00 PM	Stephenville Chapter/Council Alford Havens, HP ; Earl Sadberry, TIM
Tuesday, 02/03/2015, Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00 PM	Southside Chapter/Council Micah Frost, HP/TIM
Monday, 02/09/2015, Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00 PM	Riverside Chapter/Council Daniel E. Queen, HP/TIM
Thursday, 02/12/2015, Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00 PM	Tarrant Chapter/Council Joe Orona Jr., HP/TIM
Saturday, 02/14/2015, Meet at 2:00 PM	Fort Worth Chapter/Council (at TMRC) Jerry Taylor, HP/TIM
Wednesday, 02/18/2015, Eat at 6:30 PM, Meet at 7:30 PM	Ridglea Chapter/Council Steve Maxwell, HP/TIM
Tuesday, 03/03/2015, Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00 PM	Texas Chapter/Council Neal Addy, HP/TIM
Monday, 03/09/2015, Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 6:45 PM	Arlington Chapter/Council Wayne Anderson, HP/TIM

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GRAND HIGH PRIEST FROM TEXAS CHAPTER
AND TO OUR AREA DISTRICT DEPUTIES.**



M. E. Steve Wolfe
Grand High Priest from
Texas Chapter



R. E. Jason Lesikar
DDGHP-26



R. I. Wally Jones
DDGM-26



R. E. Hobie Henderson
DDGHP-18

Not Pictured, **R. I. Kenneth Foreman, DDGM-18**

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015
MEETING AT 6:45 PM
3RD FLOOR RED ROOM
FORT WORTH TEMPLE - 1100 HENDERSON STREET, FORT WORTH

YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING TO FOLLOW
OFFICIAL VISIT FROM OUR GRAND GOVERNOR OF TEXAS,
H. BART HENDERSON

AREA COMMANDERY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION!!!!



Location: Fort Worth Temple
Date : 01/10/2015
Time : 10:00 AM
Purpose : Commandery Tactics Instruction

John Hrisco

York Rite Festival

Location: Midlothian Lodge
Date : 01/10/2015
Time : Breakfast at 7:00 AM
Purpose : Chapter/Council Festival/Degrees

James Roy Elliott

Trinity York Rite College Official Visit

Location: Fort Worth Temple - 3rd Floor Red Room
Date : 01/27/2015
Time : 6:45 PM (Following the Tarrant County York Rite Association)
Purpose : Official Visit of the Grand Governor of Texas



H. Bart Henderson
Grand Governor of Texas



Roy Dean Foster
Governor

York Rite Education

The First Three

The earliest known record available in America where Knights Templar is found is in the records of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Known as Royal Arch lodge at that time. On August 28th, 1769, **William Davis** received the four steps of the York Rite... That of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar.

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter must have been formed before this date, but very little documentation is found. Many believed that the British Army Lodges brought Royal Arch Masonry to the colonies. However in Saint Andrew's Lodge there is a copy of a letter dated October 29th 1762, sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland requesting a Charter for a Royal Arch Lodge. We should believe that there was an existing Royal Arch Lodge or a group of Royal Arch masons previous to the arrival of the British Army Lodges in September 1768.

It was only fitting that Davis petitioned and receive the four steps of Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar on August 28th, 1769. He was a member of two Ancient's Lodges, St. Andrew's and British Army Lodge n° 58. At that period the Lodges of the Moderns did not recognize above the Third or Master Mason Degree, it was through the Scottish and Irish Ancient Lodges that the Higher Degrees of York Rite Masonry arrived in America. It is a logical assumption the ritual used to confer the four degrees in St. Andrew's Lodge was learned in Ireland. In the museum of the Grand Lodge are several Knight Templar membership certificates ... one dated 1759 from Ireland, and several others dated between 1770 and 1790. What Ritual was used to confer the Four Degrees? There has been much speculation on this question but no certain answer has been given.

We do know that in 1769 there were already Knights Templar in America, but William Davis has the honour and distinction of being the first Knight Templar to be created in what is now the U.S.A.

The second Knight Templar in America was created on 11 December, 1769. His name....**Paul Revere**... He was born in Boston on 1 January, 1735... He petitioned and received the Degrees of Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar in St. Andrew's Chapter on 11 December, 1769. During the early part of 1770, he was elected Junior Warden of the Chapter, thus becoming the third person to hold that rank. Eventually he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients in Massachusetts, crowning a long and distinguished career in Freemasonry.

The third Knight Templar in America was created on 14 May, 1770. His name was **Joseph Warren**, perhaps the best known of the three. He held the title of Presiding Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of St. Andrew (Ancients) when he was created a Knight Templar and still held it when he gave his life on the battlefield of Bunker Hill. Being very much respected by both the British and Americans, he had on his staff as Grand Master several British Officers of the Military Travelling Lodges as well as Americans. It is a local legend that after the battle of Bunker Hill, his three brothers went looking on the battlefield for his grave. They were looking for an Acacia bush left by sympathetic British Officers, who were masons, to mark his grave.

Submitted, Ricky Cox



May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

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