

# Tarrant County York Rite

# The Keystone



2015 March Edition - [www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org)



**Ed Counts**  
President, TCYRA



**Scott James**  
Vice President, TCYRA

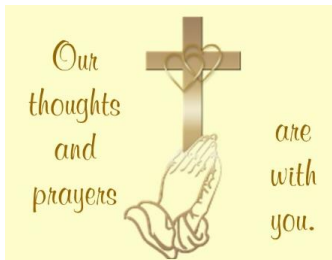


**R. E. Hobie Henderson**  
Treasurer, TCYRA, DDGHP-18



**R. E. Jason Lesikar**  
Secretary, TCYRA, DDGHP-26

Welcome to the March edition of the new Tarrant County York Association Newsletter: [www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org)



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

**Paul Pinkerton**, with his “heart”, is doing real good. Please continue to remember **Steve Maxwell** with his foot. **Paul Blakely** had a stroke, but has made good progress since. **Alford Havens** has had some medical challenges, but he is going well now. Please keep **Rick Montey** in your prayers. **Chet Thomas** father of **John Thomas** passed away. Remember **David Keefer** family concerns. **Wanda Hall**, Floyd’s wife will have operation for Kidney Cancer, we expect great success. **Loyd Addy**, skin cancer on left forearm. **Steve Abell** had a heart attack. **Ray Wiegand** passed away. There may be others that we did not record.

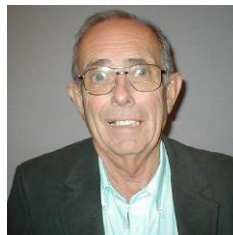
Let us remember these and other Companions.

## In Memoriam –

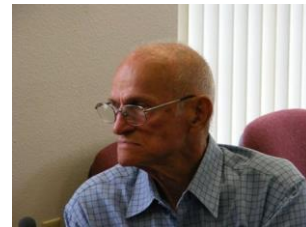
**Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.**  
**Past Grand High Priest**  
**Past Grand Master, Grand Council**



**Ray Wiegand**  
**Past President TAMDA**



**Chet Thomas**  
**50 year York Rite**



## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – For **MARCH / APRIL 2015**

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Mar 1   | Mar 2   | Mar 3<br><b>Texas Parry<br/>Award Grading<br/>Eat 6PM<br/>Southside Eat 6</b>                      | Mar 4<br><b>Weatherford<br/>Commandery<br/>Eat 6:30 PM<br/>Mtg 7:30 PM</b> | Mar 5<br><b>Worth and<br/>Southside<br/>Commanderies<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>                         | Mar 6  | Mar 7<br><b>5<sup>th</sup> York Rite<br/>Conference in Tyler –<br/>8AM</b><br><hr/> <b>Scottish Rite Reunion</b> |
| Mar 8   | Mar 9<br><b>Arlington Parry<br/>Award Eat 6 PM<br/>Riverside Eat 6<br/>Hurst Eat 6:30</b> | Mar 10   | Mar 11<br><b>Springtown<br/>Chapter<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                    | Mar 12<br><b>Tarrant Chapter<br/>/ Council<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>                                   | Mar 13   | Mar 14<br><b>6<sup>th</sup> York Rite<br/>Conference at<br/>TMRC - 8AM</b><br><hr/> <b>Scottish Rite Reunion</b> |
| Mar 15  | Mar 16  | Mar 17<br><b>Denton<br/>Commandery<br/>7:30 PM</b>   | Mar 18<br><b>Ridglea York<br/>Rite<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                     | Mar 19<br><b>7 pm - Cleburne<br/>Commandery</b><br><hr/> <b>6pm Scottish<br/>Rite Stated Mtg</b> | Mar 20   | Mar 21   |
| Mar 22  | Mar 23<br><b>Stephenville<br/>Council Parry<br/>Award Eat 6PM</b>                         | Mar 24<br><b>Stephenville<br/>Commandery<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                                       | Mar 25   | Mar 26<br><b>Granbury<br/>Chapter<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>  | Mar 27   | Mar 28<br><b>7<sup>th</sup> York Rite<br/>Conference in Dallas<br/>– 8AM</b>                                     |
| Mar 29  | Mar 30  | Mar 31<br><b>Tarrant County<br/>York Rite Assn +<br/>College 6:45 PM<br/>Fort Worth<br/>Temple</b> | Apr 1<br><b>Weatherford<br/>Commandery<br/>Eat 6:30 PM<br/>Mtg 7:30 PM</b> | Apr 2<br><b>Worth and<br/>Southside<br/>Commanderies<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>                         | Apr 3  | Apr 4  |
| Apr 5<br>Easter   | Apr 6   | Apr 7<br><b>Texas – Eat 6pm<br/>Southside – Eat 6</b>  | Apr 8<br><b>Springtown<br/>Council<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                     | Apr 9<br><b>Tarrant Chapter<br/>/ Council<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>                                    | Apr 10 and Apr 11<br><b>Scottish Rite Convocation</b><br><a href="http://texasscottishrite.org">http://texasscottishrite.org</a> |  |
| Apr 12  | Apr 13<br><b>Arlington 6:00PM<br/>Riverside 6:00PM<br/>Hurst 6:30PM</b>                   | Apr 14   | Apr 15<br><b>Ridglea York<br/>Rite<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                     | Apr 16<br><b>7 pm - Cleburne<br/>Commandery</b><br><hr/> <b>6pm Scottish<br/>Rite Stated Mtg</b> | Apr 17   | Apr 18<br><b>162<sup>nd</sup><br/>Grand Conclave<br/>San Marcos</b>  |
| Apr 18, April 19 and Apr 20<br><b>162 Grand Conclave<br/>in San Marcos Texas<br/>Grand Commandery</b> |   | April 21<br><b>Denton<br/>Commandery<br/>7:30 PM</b>   | Apr 22   | Apr 23<br><b>Granbury<br/>Chapter<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>  | Apr 24   | Apr 25<br><b>School of Instruction<br/>Borger Texas 9 AM</b>   |
| Apr 26  | Apr 27<br><b>Stephenville<br/>Chapter<br/>Eat 6:00PM</b>                                  | Apr 28<br><b>Stephenville<br/>Commandery<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                                       | Apr 29   | Apr 30   | May 1  | May 2<br><b>School of Instruction<br/>Ft Worth Temple<br/>Breakfast at 7 AM</b>                                  |
| May 3   | May 4   | May 5<br><b>Texas – Eat 6pm<br/>Southside – Eat 6</b>  | May 6<br><b>Weatherford<br/>Commandery<br/>Eat 6:30 PM<br/>Mtg 7:30 PM</b> | May 7<br><b>Worth and<br/>Southside<br/>Commanderies<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>                         | May 8  | May 9<br><b>8<sup>th</sup> York Rite<br/>Conference in Waco<br/>– 8AM</b>  |
| May 10  | May 11<br><b>Arlington 6:00PM<br/>Riverside 6:00PM<br/>Hurst 6:30PM</b>                   | May 12   | May 13<br><b>Springtown<br/>Chapter<br/>Eat 6:30 PM</b>                    | May 14<br><b>Tarrant Chapter<br/>/ Council<br/>Eat 6:00 PM</b>                                   | May 15 and May 16<br><b>Corpus Christ Festival<br/>Friday 6 PM, Saturday 7 AM<br/>York Rite College Sat: 8 AM</b>                |  |

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 - MEETING AT 6:45 PM

3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR **RED ROOM**

FORT WORTH TEMPLE - 1100 HENDERSON STREET, FORT WORTH

YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING TO FOLLOW

OFFICIAL VISIT FROM OUR DEPUTY GRAND GOVERNOR

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

**BEFORE-HAND, WE WILL DINE ABOUT 5:00 PM AT**

**LITTLE GERMANY RESTAURANT**

**703 North Henderson Street, Fort Worth TX**

**Website:** <http://www.littlegermanyfortworth.com/>

---



**FORT WORTH YORK RITE CONFERENCE**

At the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)

Owned and Operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**Registration at 8:00 AM**

Contact: **Roy Dean Foster**, Pre-Eminent Governor

Trinity York Rite College #154

817-229-0251 Email: [jfoster51@verizon.net](mailto:jfoster51@verizon.net)

Speakers: Texas Grand York Rite Officers

Most Excellent **Steve Wolfe**, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter

Most Illustrious **Richard C. Sharp**, Grand Master of the Grand Council

Right Eminent **Robert Milton Loflin**, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery

**TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE LEGACY CONVOCATION  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015**

Register on the website: <http://texasscottishrite.org>

Also:

**SCOTTISH RITE REUNION**

**Saturdays March 7 and March 14, 2015**

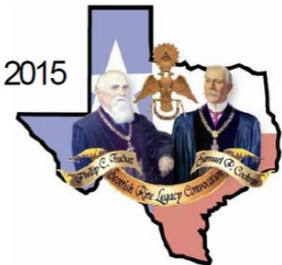
Friday & Saturday

April 10 & 11

Fort Worth

Masonic Temple

2015



## York Rite School of Instruction

Texas Chapter #326 and Texas Council #321  
will host a York Rite School of Instruction on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Location:

3rd Floor **Red Room**

Ft Worth Masonic Temple

1100 Henderson Street

Ft Worth Texas

**When:** Saturday May 2, 2015, Breakfast at 7 AM

**R.: E.: and R.: I.: David Rogers and Joe Orona,**  
Committee on Work Members  
Will be conducting the school



For further information, contact  
Neal Addy at [neal.addy@att.net](mailto:neal.addy@att.net)

FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE  
**SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2015**



**2015 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY  
YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas  
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets



Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION



[www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org)  
**Ed Counts, President**  
Scott James, Vice President  
Hobie Henderson, Treasurer  
Jason Lesikar, Secretary  
Larry Whitfield, Festival Committee Chairman  
Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies



### Degree Schedule

**Friday, September 11**

**Mark Master's Degree – Riverside Chapter**

**Past Master's Degree – Texas Chapter**

**Most Excellent Master's Degree – Southside Chapter**

**Saturday, September 12**

**Royal Arch Degree – Arlington, Fort Worth and Hurst**

**Royal Master's Degree – Ridglea Council**

**Select Master's Degree – Tarrant Council**

**Red Cross Orders – Arlington Commandery**

**Order of Malta – Worth Commandery**

**Order of the Temple – Southside Commandery**

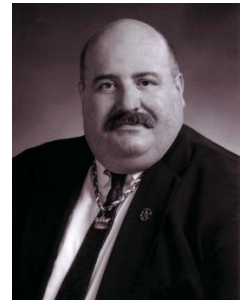


**In memory  
Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.**

Biography --- From <http://yorkritetexas.org>  
Grand Council Web Page.

One of the very honorable men who graced us  
with his presence here on planet earth ...

We miss you ....



**Timothy M. La Vergne Sr.** was born on June 21, 1957 in Glens Falls, New York to **Phillip G. La Vergne** and **Joan B. La Vergne**. From birth Tim lived in Warrensburg, New York until moving to Dallas, Texas in 1981. Tim moved to Bonham, Texas in 1983. He has two sons: **Timothy II** and **Tyler**. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bonham, Texas.

In 1975, Tim graduated from Warrensburg Central School after which he attended Adirondack Community College, Queensbury NY, and in 1977 he graduated with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Police Science. In 1979, he graduated from SUNY College of Technology at Utica/Rome, Utica NY, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1977, Tim enlisted with the National Guard at which time he attended and graduated from the U.S. Army Military Police School, Ft. McClellan AL. Tim served with the 105th Military Police Company (NYARNG), Troy NY, transferring to the 149th Military Police Company (TXARNG), San Antonio TX. He was honorably discharged in 1983 with the rank of Sergeant.

Tim has been a Police Officer for the past 32 1/2 years, having worked for the Saratoga Springs NY Police Department, Lake George Village NY Police Department, and Honey Grove TX Police Department. For the past 31 years Tim has been employed by the Bonham Police Department, and holds the rank of Captain. Tim holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Tim was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 8, 1989 in Constantine Lodge No. 13, AF & AM. He served as the 154th Worshipful Master of Constantine Lodge in 1993-1994. He served as Treasurer of Constantine Lodge from 1994 to 2007 and 2009 to Present. He served as Secretary in 2007 and 2008. In 2002, he received the Golden Trowel Award. Tim served as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 3 in 2003.

Tim was exalted in Bonham Chapter No. 52, RAM in April 1990, and served as High Priest in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He has served as Secretary since 1996. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1993. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 52 in 1995. In addition, he served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 12 in 1996 and 2001. He received the Cornerstone Award in 2002 and the Stephen F. Austin Pioneer Award in 2007. Tim served as Grand Royal Arch Captain in 2003 and Grand Senior Steward in 2006. He has served as the Grand Chapter Regional Coordinator-Region 1 in 2007 and 2008. He has served on the following Grand Chapter Committees: Membership Committee- District No. 12 2007-2008, Grand Officers' Reports 2011-Present. Tim has served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin near the Grand Chapter of Texas from 2003-2010, and was serving as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York near the Grand Chapter of Texas since 2010. Tim was an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapters of New York, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Tim was elected Right Excellent Grand Scribe in 2007, Right Excellent Grand King in 2008, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2009.

Tim was greeted in Bonham Council No. 37, R&SM in April 1990, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He has served as Recorder since 1996. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1993, and received the Super Excellent Master Degree in 1995. Tim served as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 12 in 1997 and 2002. He received the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2002. He served on the following Grand Council Committees: Finance 2004-2007, Fraternal Correspondence in 2004. He served as the Grand

Council Regional Coordinator-Region 1 from 2006 to 2008. He served on the Grand Council Membership Committee, District No. 12 in 2007 and 2008. In 2012, he was appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of New York near the Grand Council of Texas. Tim was a Honorary Member of the Grand Councils of Louisiana and Oklahoma. Tim was elected Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in 2011 and Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2012.

Tim was knighted in Denison Commandery No. 24, KT in April 1990, and served as Commander in 1999 and 2004. He has served as Recorder in 2002, 2003, and 2005 to present. In 2008, he became a dual member of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13, served as Commander in 2011. He received the Order of Knight Preceptor in 1999. Tim has served on the following Grand Commandery Committees: Membership in 2004, Printing 2007 to 2011, History 2011-2012, and Jurisprudence in 2012. He served on the 2008 and 2013 Grand Conclave Executive Committees. Tim received the Commander's Knights Templar Distinguished Service Medal-White Shield in 1999 and 2011, as well as the Recorder's Knights Templar Distinguished Service Medal in 2003, and 2006 to 2010 inclusive. Tim was an Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana. Tim received the Excalibur Award in 2006. Tim was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2008. He received the Knight Crusader of the Cross Order in 2012.

Tim became a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies in 1995. He was a member of the Grayson County Scottish Rite Club, and was a charter member of the Fannin County Scottish Rite Club where he served as President in 2006 and 2007. He served on the Fannin County Scottish Rite Club's 18th Degree Team from 2004 to 2007. He was Second Vice President of the Grayson County Scottish Rite Club in 2013. He was elected to the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2009.

Tim became a member of North Texas York Rite College No. 118 in 1996 and served as Governor in 2003, and was elected to receive the Order of the Purple Cross in 2005. He was serving as Secretary since 2007. In 2001, he became a member of Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, KM, served as Excellent Chief in 2011, and elected Scribe in 2012. In 2001, he was elected to receive the Knights of the York Cross of Honour and was a member of North Texas Priory No. 73, and served as Prior in 2009-2010. He is currently serving as Registrar 2007-2009 and 2011 to present. He received from Convent General the Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with two quadrants on October 9, 2012. In 2004, he became a member of Col. William B. Travis Council No. 344, AMD, served as Sovereign Master in 2009, and was the current Secretary 2011-present. He received the Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri in 2011. In 2008, he was elected and received as a member in Tejas Chapel No. 47, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, and appointed as Cellar. In 2007, he was the Charter Secretary/Treasurer of Goodnight-Loving High Twelve Club No. 760, High Twelve International, served as President in 2010, and serving as Secretary/Treasurer since 2011. In 2011, he was inducted into St. Austin Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and appointed First Aide in 2013. In 2013, he was inducted into the Texas State Capitol Assemblage (Operatives), and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Tim was an Endowed Member in the following Masonic Bodies: Constantine Lodge No. 13, Bonham Chapter No. 52, Bonham Council No. 37, Denison Commandery No. 24, Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13, Dallas Scottish Rite, North Texas York Rite College No. 118, Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, and Royal Order of Scotland. Tim was the Webmaster for Constantine Lodge, Bonham York Rite Bodies, Denison Commandery, North Texas York Rite College, North Texas Priory, Rose of Sharon Council, Col. William B. Travis Council, Texas Priory, and Dallas Chapter & Council. In addition, Tim had been the Editor of the following newsletters from 2003 to 2008: The Masonic Informer-Constantine Lodge, the York Rite Journal-Bonham York Rite Bodies, and the Knights Templar Journal-Denison Commandery.

Tim was active in all the Masonic Bodies of which he was a member of and he had a genuine love and appreciation for the Craft.

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