

Tarrant County York Rite

The Keystone



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Welcome to the May edition of the new Tarrant County York Association Newsletter:

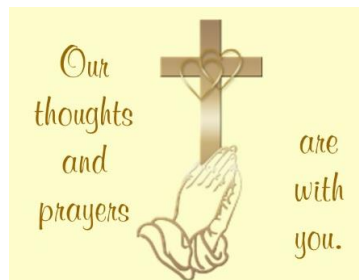
In Memoriam

Cliff Cameron, long time active member in Texas York Rite --- And ---

James Claude Wright, Jr (Phoenix Lodge) passed away.

Companion Wright was a U.S. Congressman from Texas who served 34 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and was the Speaker of the House from 1987 to 1989.

Let us remember these 2 companions as well as all the others who are ill, and need of prayers. As well as any other Companions who have passed away.

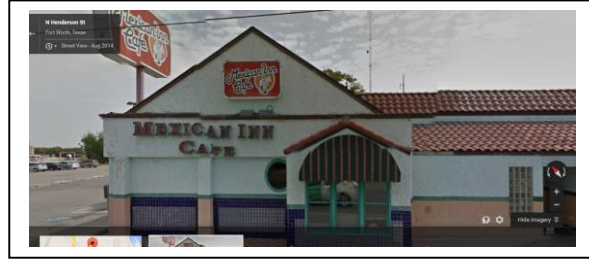


UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE/HULY 2015 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31 Trinity Sunday	June 1	June 2 Chapter/Council Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6	June 3 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	June 4 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	June 5	June 6 
June 7	Jun 8 Chapter/Council Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	June 9	June 10 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	June 11 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	June 12	June 13 Texas Allied Masonic Degrees Association in Waco – 8: 00 AM . Fort Worth Chapter/Council TMRC – 2:00 PM
June 14  Flag Day	June 15	June 16 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	June 17 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	June 18 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6pm Scottish Rite Stated Mtg	June 19	June 20
June 21 Fathers Day	June 22 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6:00PM	June 23 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	June 24 St John's Day See Article on last page.	June 25	June 26	June 27
June 28	June 29	June 30 Tarrant County York Rite Assn Trinity York Rite College 6:45 PM Dinner at Mexican Inn 5:00 PM	July 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	July 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	July 3	July 4  Independence Day
July 5	July 6	July 7 Chapter/Council Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6	July 8 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	July 9 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	July 10	July 11 Fort Worth Chapter Council Stated Meeting at TMRC – 2:00 PM
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July 26 Tisha B'Av	July 27 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6:00PM	July 28 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

DINNER --- 5:00 PM
AT MEXICAN INN
612 N Henderson St - Fort Worth



Then

MEETING AT 6:45 PM
3RD FLOOR **RED ROOM**
FORT WORTH TEMPLE - 1100 HENDERSON STREET, FORT WORTH
YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING TO FOLLOW

Past Master's Degree
Saturday, May 30th

On Saturday May 30th 2015 **Southside Chapter** will confer the **Past Master's Degree** on behalf of **Trinity York Rite College #154** for all current **Blue Lodge Sitting Worshipful Masters, Sitting Wardens or Past Masters.**

There will be an educational lecture along with the degree. This event is to bestow the great lessons found in this degree for those who will one day lead our lodges (and maybe Chapters, Councils & Commanderies).

There is a **mandatory \$15 charge** for this degree. A light breakfast of coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Breakfast is at 8AM with degree starting around 9AM. There is a form on-line to fill out to take this degree.

<http://yorkritetexas.org>

For more information please contact **Scott James.**

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New look 64th District Website and Calendar –
<http://64th.org>

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Howdy all in Tarrant County and beyond.
Daniel Queen and **John Hrisco** have greatly enhanced the **64th.org** site.

Lots of features have been added, and will continue to be added as time goes on. The Calendar really looks good.

Take a look around and see what y'all think. If you find what you believe to be a bug in the site, please use the "Contact" link in the footer to send them a message so that they may correct it. Enjoy!



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
Honoring Very Illustrious James D. Manley



Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321

Festival Registrars: **Robert D. Collier** and **Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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Pre-Eminent Scott James, Governor Trinity 154



Friday, September 11 –
Supper at 6 PM, Degrees at 7 PM
Saturday, September 12 –
Breakfast at 7 AM, Degrees at 8 AM
Courtesy Candidates Welcome

Full Degree Schedule:

Mark Masters Degree - Riverside Chapter
Past Masters Degree - Texas Chapter
Most Excellent Masters - Southside Chapter
Royal Arch - Arlington, Fort Worth & Hurst

Royal Masters Degree - Ridglea Council
Select Masters Degree - Tarrant Council

**Illustrious Order of the Red Cross -
Arlington Commandery**

**Order of Malta –
Worth Commandery**

**Order of the Temple –
Southside Commandery**



V.: I.: James D. Manley

Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of RSM Texas



**Fort Worth Masonic Temple
1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas**

Education

St Johns Day

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27. A lodge which forgets either forfeits a precious link with the past and loses an opportunity for the renewal of allegiance to everything in Freemasonry symbolized by these Patron Saints. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was available.

Most Freemasons are agreed that the choice of our ancient brethren was wise. No two great teachers, preachers, wise men, saints, could have been found who better showed in their lives and works the doctrine and teachings of Freemasonry.

St. John the Evangelist apparently came into our fraternal system somewhere towards the close of the sixteenth century; at least, we find the earliest authentic lodge minute reference to St. John the evangelist in Edinburgh in 1599, although earlier mentions are made in connection with that may be called relatives, if not ancestors, of our Craft. For instance "The Fraternity of St. John" existed in Cologne in 1430. "St. John's Masonry" is a distinctive term for Scotch Lodges, many of the older of which took the name of the saint. Thus, in its early records, the Lodge of Scoon and Perth is often called the Lodge of St. John, and the Lodge possesses a beautiful mural painting of the-saint, on the east wall of the lodge room.

Other Lodges denominated "St. John's Lodges" were some of those unaffiliated with either the "Moderns" or the "Ancients" in the period between establishment of the Ancients (1751) and the Reconciliation (1813).

In many old histories of the Craft is a quaint legend that St. John the Evangelist became a "Grand Master" at the age of ninety. It seems to have its origin in a book printed in 1789, in which one Richard Linnecar of Wakefield wrote certain "Strictures on Freemasonry," although his paper is really an eulogy. Whether this writer really continued a tradition, or invented the tale which was seized upon by Oliver and kept alive as a legend, impossible though it is, no man may say.

One Grand Lodge has ruled that Sts. John's Days are Landmarks! Of course any Grand Lodge may make its own laws, but it is beyond the power of any Grand Lodge either to make a Landmark by pronouncement, or to unmake a Landmark by denying it. Inasmuch as Landmarks are universally admitted to be handed down to us from "time immemorial", and Sts. John's Days as Masonic festivals, are neither extremely old nor universal among the Craft (England using Wednesday after St. George's day; Scotland St. Andrew's Day; and Ireland St. Patrick's), we must consider only that Grand Lodge's intent to honor our patron saints, and not the validity of her results.

Historians believe that only after 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed, did Freemasons generally hold festival meetings on either or both June 24 and December 27.

- Reference – <http://MasonicWorld.com>
- Direct Website – <http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/stjohndays.htm>

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