

Newsletter: Arlington York Rite Bodies

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SUN	MON	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Mar 2	Mar 3 Chapter Council Practice 7 PM	Mar 4 Arlington Lodge Floor School	Mar 5 WSOJ 7:30 PM	Mar 6 Eastern Star 7:30 PM	Mar 7 Lodge honors AISD Teacher	Mar 8 Ft.Worth Scottish Rite Reunion Day 2
Mar 9	Mar 10 York Rite Stated Meeting Meal 6PM Meeting 6:45 PM	Mar 11 Arlington Lodge Stated Meeting Eat 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	Mar 12 MSB Meeting Haltom City- Riverside Eat at 6PM Meeting 7PM	Mar 13 Pledge And Rainbow Girls 6:30 PM	Mar 14 Amaranth Meeting 7:30PM	Mar 15 Ft.Worth Scottish Rite Reunion Day 3
Mar 16 Easter Observance TMRC 2PM	Mar 17 Chapter Council Practice 7 PM	Mar 18 2 EA Degrees 6:30 PM	Mar 19	Mar 20 O.E.S. Initiation 7:30 PM	Mar 21 Good Friday	Mar 22 Rainbow Breakfast 7-10 AM
Mar 23 Easter	Mar 24 Commandery Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta 7PM Tentative	Mar 25 2 EA Degrees 6:30 PM	Mar 26 Arlington Scottish Rite Club Maundy Thursday R.W. Murphey Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 27 Rainbow Girls 7:30 PM	Mar 28 Lena's Ladies Lock-in	Mar 29 Amaranth Mystery Dinner Theater Eat 6PM Showtime 7:30
Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1 FC Degrees 6:30 PM	Apr 2	Apr 3 Eastern Star 7:30 PM	Apr 4	Apr 5 2 MM Degrees 6:30 PM

On Palm Sunday (March 16th) at 2:00 PM ---

The Tarrant County York Rite Commanderies will observe the Easter Holiday Service at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Come worship with us on this day!!!! 1501 West Division



This is an obligatory service, and all York Rite masons are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Arlington Scottish Rite Club will host our annual Maundy Thursday Celebration. This is our 50th year celebrating this wonderful event.

President "**Easy Ed Hjorth**", welcomes and invites everyone for good food, company and fellowship.

Guest Speaker **R.W. Elmer Murphey III**
Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas

Greetings Sir Knights and Companions,

Greetings my wonderful Companions and Sir Knights: Welcome to our third newsletter, and second E-mail only newsletter.

We had a wonderful time at our Festival this past month. Included is a picture of our newest Sir Knights that were knighted on Saturday, February 23rd at our Festival:



From left to right, Sir Knights **David Crowdis, Jack Cox, Milton Bratton, Benjamin Danny Wiand, Alford Havens, George Coon** and **George Drenner**. Each of these brethren served as the exemplar in some capacity for each of the York Rite Degrees. Congratulations to all our new Sir Knights.

It should also be noted that **George Drenner** was installed as Guard on this occasion. He was previously appointed to that position in anticipation of his receiving the Order of the Temple (as he was already a Chapter/Council member during the installation). **George** also participated in the Royal Arch Degree Team on Saturday, February 16th. (He was very good, I might add) ...

I personally thank each and every one of the officers and members who were so faithful and active in our practices. There are so many Past Commanders to thank: I cannot easily name them all. Thanks everyone.

And now --- a word from our Excellent High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master

A friendly reminder that we have our inspection at our May stated meeting **May 12**. I encourage our officers and companions to continue to practice, and we will have some of our practices on Mondays.

I am proud of my officers, and your participation in our practices and degree work has been heartwarming and wonderful.

Yours in York Rite love
Michael C. Champion MEHP/TIM.



Michael Champion
HP / TIM – 2007-2008

TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 29 at 6:45PM at the Temple in Fort Worth (along with the Tarrant County York Rite Association). The annual meeting has been changed to Saturday, May 17, **at 2 PM** at Southside Lodge. The meeting time was changed due to our Grand Master **M.:W.: Thomas Griffin** Conference at the Fort Worth Temple that morning.

Companions and Sir Knights, if you are not a member, and you have an interest in learning what the order is about, contact me (James Kirkpatrick at email - tilleyjo@mindspring.com) and I will provide you further information on what the York Rite College is and what the York Rite College does.

CHAPTER/COUNCIL GRADING -----

Another reminder: The May 12th Stated Meeting, the Chapter/Council will be graded during the official visits of the District Deputies.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS -----

The BLUE LODGE Installation is scheduled for **Tuesday evening, June 24th** (St. Johns Day). If tradition prevails, our very own York Rite active member, **Michael Dean Bishop** will be installed as our "Worshipful Master".

The election of officers will be Tuesday evening, June 10th. When you get an opportunity, please shake hands and congratulate **Michael** for his willingness to serve our craft in this capacity. FYI - To be elected Worshipful Master of the lodge is truly the absolute highest honor that a lodge can bestow upon a brother.



S.W. Michael Bishop

The YORK RITE CHAPTER/COUNCIL installation is scheduled for **Monday evening, June 30th**. We eat at 6:30 PM, and the installation will be at 7:30. The installing officer is **Floyd Hall** - Past High Priest and Past Thrice Illustrious Master and Member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Please reserve this day on your calendar. The Arlington York Rite (and myself) welcomes everyone.

The election of officers is Monday evening, June 9th

OTHER NEWS:

A new Eastern Star Chapter was instituted over at the TMRC on Monday, February 25th. It is called TMRC Daylight Chapter, U.D.. As you know, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is owned and operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. The residents now have an Eastern Star Chapter. **Marie Seets** is the charter Worthy Matron. She is the wife of **Chuck Seets**. **Floyd Hall** (PHP, PTIM, PC) is the charter Worthy Patron. A new website (with pictures) has been created.

<http://www.texasmasonicretirementcenter.org/OES/>



Companions and Sir Knights:

I had the fortunate opportunity to attend a very important board meeting at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in February. Exciting events are happening as tremendous strides are being made in preparation for a new building, review of investments, oil and gas discussions, etc. The board of directors for the TMRC, and **Kirby Rudisill** are doing a fantastic job, as they continue to always put the residents first in all their doings. Texas York Rite is very fortunate. If you have not had a chance to visit our Texas Masonic Retirement Center (owned by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas), I really would encourage you to do so.

In consulting with **Gary Alexander**, we discussed the possibility of conferring the Commandery Orders upon him next month. I would like to consider conferring the Orders upon him on Monday, March 24th for the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and Order of Malta, and Monday, April 28th for the Order of the Temple. I know we would like to practice the Order of the Temple with the current officer lineup to prepare for the inspection. Actually conferring an order upon a live candidate would be very meaningful. We will discuss this possibility at our Stated Meeting.

Also, **Todd Hlavaty**, who was ill and missed the Feb 16th festival, had indicated to me that (including him) there are at least 3 or more candidates who may be interested in taking the York Rite Chapter and Council Degrees on Monday nights and possibly Wednesday nights (1 or 2 degrees at a time). I would also like to discuss this possibility for upcoming months. **IF** we do the degrees on Monday nights, it would be in this order:

- 1st night, Mark Masters Degree
- 2nd night, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters Degrees
- 3rd night, Royal Arch Degree
- 4th night, Royal Masters and Select Masters Degrees

Again, you are encouraged to review the “**calendar**”. All our York Rite members are encouraged and invited to participate or visit with us in our Stated Meetings, Practices and Degree conferrals.

Some important Dates (again) are:

- Mar 10th, York Rite Stated Meeting
- Mar 11th, Arlington Lodge Meeting
- Mar 16th, Easter Observance at the TMRC
- Mar 24th, Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta (Tentative)
- Mar 26th, Arlington Scottish Rite Club Maundy Thursday on Wednesday (all invited!!!)
- Apr 8th, York Rite Stated Meeting
- Apr 28th, Order of the Temple (Tentative)

“I’ll see you at Lodge!”

May the God of Love and Peace Bless You All,
James Dale Kirkpatrick,
Eminent Commander