

Newsletter: Arlington York Rite Bodies

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SUN	MON	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Aug 31	Sep 1 Labor Day Holiday Enjoy	Sep 2 Degree or floor school	Sep 3 Commandery Practice 7:00 PM	Sep 4 OES Meeting 7:30 PM	Sep 5 TMRC OES Special Constituting 1:30 PM	Sep 6 Commandery Inspection 8:00 AM breakfast
Sep 7	Sep 8 York Rite Stated Meeting Meal 6PM Meeting 6:45PM	Sep 9 Arlington Lodge Stated Meeting Eat 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	Sep 10 MSB Meeting at White Settlement Eat 6PM Mtg 7PM Speaker is Jim Brumit GJW candidate	Sep 11 Pledge / Rainbow Girls 6:30 PM	Sep 12	Sep 13 York Rite Festival at Henderson Texas
Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16 Degree or floor school	Sep 17	Sep 18 OES 7:30 PM	Sep 19	Sep 20
Sep 21	Sep 22 Practice Past Master's Degree 7:00 PM	Sep 23 Degree or floor school	Sep 24	Sep 25 Rainbow Girls 7:30 PM	Sep 26 York Rite Festival Ft Worth	Sep 27 York Rite Festival Ft Worth
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30 Trinity York Rite College & Tarrant York Rite Assn Meat at 6:45 PM Ft Worth Temple	Oct 1	Oct 2 OES Meeting 7:30 PM	Oct 3	Oct 4 Excalibur Award Jeff Bennett Salute SOOB Eat 6:30PM
Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7 Degree or floor school	Oct 8 MSB Meeting at Ridglea Lodge 1341 Eat 6PM Mtg 7PM Speaker is Ken Fisher GJW candidate	Oct 9 Pledge / Rainbow Girls 6:30 PM	Oct 10	Oct 11 Grand Masters Family Day-TMRC Sir Knights in Parade Uniform
Oct 12	Oct 13 York Rite Stated Meeting Meal 6PM Mtg 6:45PM Mark Masters Degree	Oct 14 Arlington Lodge Stated Meeting Eat 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	Oct 15	Oct 16 York Rite School in Waco Oct 16-18 OES 7:30PM	Oct 17 Arlington Scottish Rite Feast of Tishri Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 18 York Rite School in Waco Oct 16-18

OCTOBER 4TH COMMANDERY EXTRAVAGANZA !!!!

1. EXCALIBUR AWARD RECIPIENT – **Jeff Bennett**
2. And ... A special salute to the **SOOB** ladies, and president **Pam Pace**

On October 4th, **Right Illustrious and Excellent Jeff Bennett** will receive the Excalibur award. This award is similar to the Blue Lodge Golden Trowel award. We will also “salute” the **SOOB** ladies

Dinner at 6:30 PM – Programs to follow.

ALL INVITED!!!! Arlington Commandery wants **78,000** people in attendance to honor **Jeffrey Bennett**



R.:I. and E.: Jeff Bennett

MESSAGE FROM JAMES KIRKPATRICK

Companions and Sir Knights, I am so very proud of my **Commandery officers** in their hard work and dedication to prepare for the annual inspection. The purpose of this inspection is to encourage the officers to focus on learning the work, and it has certainly met that objective. I appreciate **Gregory Zane Parker** who voluntarily delayed receiving the Order of the Temple, that we may use him as the live candidate for our inspection.

Arlington Commandery participated in our community work effort to clean up Abram Street between Davis and the bridge. **Bob Collier** brought donuts for everyone that participated. **C.W. Watkins** got the award for finding the most disgusting trash, which included some sort of druggie bag. I found some computer garbage. We also found dead animals. It was enlightening.

There is some interest in resuming the “Degree Work” in Arlington York Rite. It is very meaningful to the candidates to get the degrees one at a time, here in Arlington. I have talked to a couple of our officers, and they support the idea of making the Stated Meeting nights more interesting by including the degree work. Therefore, I have attached a proposed schedule of the upcoming degrees (later in this newsletter). We could possibly use two stated meetings and four other meetings to confer the York Rite Degrees. Let’s talk this up, and see if we can get a bunch of candidates ready for the first degree on Monday, October 13th.

Arlington Commandery #107 is also passionately pursuing the **Cross and Crown** award, and community involvement recognition.

These proposed activities remain to be done for this effort:

Arlington Commandery Open Installation of Officers (Date TBD)

School Library Donations – **Paul Pinkerton, Past Commander**

Food/Clothing Drive – **Greg Parker, Newest Sir Knight**

Habitat for Humanity – **Robert Collier, Recorder and Past Commander**

Flag Presentations for School – **Michael Champion and Paul Pinkerton, Past Commanders**

TMRC Family Day Parade – **James Kirkpatrick, Commander**

York Rite Holy Land – **Floyd Hall, Past Commander** to present short educational program

Commandery Blood Drive – **George Coon and David Keefer**

Commandery Inspection

Companion Gregory Zane Parker, a Knight of Malta, will be our “live” candidate for the Order of the Temple inspection on **Saturday, September 6th**. All Sir Knights are invited and encouraged to participate. Breakfast at 8:00 am.

OTHER NEWS/SCHEDULE:

- **Commandery Inspection** is on September 6th. Breakfast at 8:00 am. **Greg Parker** is the exemplar.
- **Arlington to Practice Past Master’s Degree** on Monday, September 22nd
- **Fort Worth Festival** is scheduled for Friday night September 26th and Saturday morning September 27th. **Jeff Christenson** (who has received the Most Excellent Master’s Degree) will be receiving the remainder of his degrees on Saturday, Sept 27th.
- **October 11th** will be Family Day at the TMRC. Further details forthcoming. Mark your calendars.
- **Thu Oct 16 through Sat Oct 18** will be the Grand Chapter/Council School of Instruction in Waco.
- **Mon Oct 20 and Tue Oct 21** will be the Grand Chapter/Council Annual Communication in Waco.
- **Other Commandery inspection dates are:**

Sat Oct 25	Denton Commandery at 9:00 am Tancred Commandery at 9:00 am Godfrey Commandery at 2:00 pm
Sat Nov 1	Weatherford Commandery at 9:00 am Granbury Commandery at 2:00 pm
Sat Nov 8	Southside Commandery at 9:00 am Worth Commandery at 2:00 pm

- **Proposed new “Monday Degree” schedules** If we get at least 3 candidates ... We will use “2” Stated Meetings, and “4” Other Monday nights.

DATE	Degree(s)
Mon Oct 13 (stated meeting)	Mark Masters Degree
Mon Oct 27	Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters
Mon Nov 3	Royal Arch Degree
Mon Nov 10 (stated meeting)	Council Degrees
Mon Nov 17	Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta
Mon Dec 1	Order of the Temple

- **Honor Past Commanders:** Companions, and Sir Knights, I am looking for recommendations on where (what restaurant) to best honor our Past Commanders. One thought is to have the Italian place to honor our wonderful Past Commanders. I am looking for some ideas from Past Commanders as well as other members.
- **The Fort Worth Festival** on September 26th Arlington Chapter 376 will confer the Past Master’s Degree Festival style. Proposed scheduled participants are: **James Kirkpatrick (WM), Floyd Hall (SW), Mike Champion (JW), Bob Collier (SD), C.W. Watkins (MC), Herb Taylor (Bible), Rick Montey (Charge)**. On September 27th Arlington Commandery officers will confer the Order of the Temple with Grand Master **Most Worshipful Thomas F. Griffin**. Let us also congratulate our Grand Master’s wife **Vi Griffin**, elected as the Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

I now share lyrics from a song entitled **Satisfied Mind** written by **Red Hayes** and **Jack Rhodes** and country music greats **Johnny Cash**, **Red Foley** and **Porter Wagoner** sang during their time on this earth, and also one that the Rock 'n' Roll living legend **Bob Dylan** sang on his "Saved" album during his Christian music period. **Lindsey Buckingham**, **Emmylou Harris**, **Jim Lauderdale**, **Buddy Miller** and the gospel group **Blind Boys of Alabama** also graced us with this great song. This song has a truly profound message, and means so much to me... It is certainly appropriate for all masons to contemplate. I hope you will find comfort in these lyrics. I truly believe that the Lion of the Tribe of Judah sets the perfect example of Masonic behavior, and if one follows this lead, may he truly have a "**Satisfied Mind**".

**How many times - have you heard someone say
If I had his money - I could do things my way**

**But little they know that - it's so hard to find
One rich man in ten - with a satisfied mind**

**Once I was waiting - in fortune and fame
Everything that I dreamed for - to get a start in life's game**

**Then suddenly it happened - I lost every dime
But I'm richer by far - with a satisfied mind**

**Money can't buy back - your youth when you're old
Or a friend when you're lonely - or a love that's grown cold**

**The wealthiest person - is a pauper at times
Compared to the man - with a satisfied mind**

**When my life has ended - and my time has run out
My friends and my loved ones - I'll leave, there's no doubt**

**But one thing's for certain - when it comes my time
I'll leave this old world - with a satisfied mind**

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Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis Sed Nomini Tua Da Gloriam

"I'll see you at Lodge!"

May the **God** of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and Bless You All,
James Dale Kirkpatrick,
Presiding Officer of the Arlington York Rite Bodies