

## Arlington York Rite Bodies

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Arlington Chapter #376  
Arlington Council #314  
Arlington Commandry #107



April 2009

### From the Chapter & Council



#### Greetings Companions,

I received my copy of the "Through the Veils" newsletter this week. There was an article that really struck me very closely. It was from our Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council **J. Weldon Clampitte**. He reminded us of the importance of remembering the oaths we took (specifically as an officer). He eloquently summarizes his point with the following: "*I ask you, when does it become okay to swear an oath upon the Holy Bible and then make a conscience choice to ignore that oath? I submit to you that integrity and pride to ones self and the organizations being served should mean something to each of us. I leave it up to you and your conscience, what does your oath on the Holy Writings mean in your heart?*"

I am so glad that so many of our York

Rite officers are so dedicated to our duties, that our oath is not a problem or challenge for Arlington York Rite. I thought, however, it was good to be reminded of the oaths we took as an officer (in any body of masonry) or, more importantly, the oaths we took as a Master Mason and the subsequent oaths of a York Rite Mason. If we remember our obligations, we will always have peace and harmony.

If you don't currently subscribe to the "Through the Veils" and if you wish to do so, contact **Bob Collier**. The subscription is \$10 a year.

As you recall, in one of our Stated Convocation in the Chapter, We selected an extremely worthy Companion to receive the Cornerstone Award "**Robert Cagley**." In our previous Assembly in the Council, the Arlington Council committee recommended yet another extremely worthy companion for the Cryptic Triangle award. His name is **George Muirhead Skinner**. He is one truly remarkable companion. I enjoy his company, and he is a

tremendous encouragement. When you see George, please shake his hand and tell him how much you appreciate him.

The dates for these presentations have been confirmed. It has been set for **May 9<sup>th</sup>**. This will occur after the Order of the Temple, and is set for 6:00 PM (which is when we eat).

At an earlier meeting, we voted to raise the dues in Chapter (to \$35) and in Council (to \$30).

**Fraternally,**  
**James Kirkpatrick**  
High Priest— Chapter  
Thrice Illustrious Master — Council



#### TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE NEWS

On **Thursday Evening, March 31, 2009** Trinity York Rite College #154 will conduct its stated meeting after the Tarrant County York Rite Association annual election of officers. Meeting starts at 6:45 PM

On **Saturday Morning, May 16, 2009** Trinity York Rite College #154 will host its annual Election of Officers and Conferral of the York Rite College Degrees.

On **Saturday, September 19, 2009**, at 6:30 PM --- **M.:W.: W. David Counts, Jr.**, Grand Master of masons in Texas, will speak to the Worshipful Masters at Arlington Masonic Lodge #438.

Website for Trinity York Rite College is: <http://texasyorkrite.org/college/trinity154/>

## 2009 GRAND COMMANDRY

### The 156th Grand Conclave The Grand Commandry Knights Templar of Texas

Will be held March 24th - 27th at the Convention Center - Waco, Texas

To Register go to:

<http://www.texasyorkrite.org/doc/156th/Grand/Conclave/Registration.pdf>

**From the Commandry**



**Sir Knights,**

Our **Easter** observance will be held with the Southside Commandry and at the **Texas Masonic Retirement Center**. The service will be on **April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2 pm, please try to get there a little early.

Once again our Commandry degrees will be on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm and on **May 9<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm. After the Order of the Temple on **May 9<sup>th</sup>** the **Cornerstone award** will be given to **Sir Knight Bob Cagley** and the **Cryptic Triangle Award** to **Sir Knight George Skinner**. I believe there will be plenty of food and fun for everyone.

The Worshipful Master at Arlington has graciously given us a free meeting to

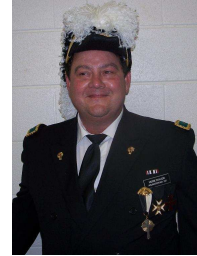
practice. Until further notice we will be meeting at 7pm on the fourth Monday to practice. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to learn a little more. **Steven Dorcay** is a wonderful instructor and he is doing a great job.

I recently visited **Brother Bo Hestlow** in the Hospital. He is a vital part of Smithfield Lodge. He had pneumonia and was in immediate danger of losing his left foot due to infection and poor circulation. Seeing someone I loved and respected so much in that condition led me to my prayer closet and to a place that only a sorrowful heart and warm tears will get you. Brother Bo is doing better now and still has both feet. I on the other hand have made a new and closer connection with my Savior and the Almighty – though I'm ashamed to say it took pain to get me there. Sir Knights, don't wait for pain to be the reason you make that special connection. You can do

it now on your own accord.

I have to agree with what **Sir Knight Floyd Hall** recently said, "I like the Commandry because it's where my Religion and my Masonry come together." Plus it's full of great men like Floyd. Our festival in May will have five more good men from Smithfield! Woo Hoo! – Thank you **Sir Knight Rick Montey** for playing mother hen over those petitions.

**Herb Taylor  
Eminent Commander**



**From the Recorder**



**Chapter & Council**

**Companions,**

We are halfway through the **Grand Chapter/Grand Council** year and 80% through the local Chapter/Council year. Progress has been made on both levels, and you - the members - are largely responsible for this.

The programs started or continued by the Grand High Priest, **Most Excellent Douglas Collins**; and the Grand Master of the Grand Council, **Most Illustrious J. Weldon Clamplitte**, are working at turning out Chapters and Councils around. Many are conferring degrees again and involving officers in strengthening the local bodies. Let's keep the momentum moving. Support your Chapter

and Council with your attendance, and don't forget our **May 2nd** York Rite Festival in Arlington.

**Fraternally,  
Bob Collier  
Recorder**

operate at the "Ground" level. The deadline for reservations is **March 31st**. See me for a registration form, there is no charge for registering.

Our new Commander and his officers are off to a good start. They are doing a great job at opening and closing, and I trust they will do just as well at conferring the **Order of the Temple**. Please attend our Stated Conclaves and show your support. Dates for conferral of the Orders are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Commandry**

**Sir Knights,**

**Grand Commandry** is just around the corner, **April 24th thru 27th** in **Waco**. If you have never been to a Grand Conclave. This is an excellent opportunity. Waco is less than a two hour drive. The hospitality is great, and you will get to see how things

**Fraternally,  
Bob Collier  
Recorder**



**TMRC CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES**

Companions, on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the cornerstone ceremonies at the TMRC. Companion **Floyd Hall**, Director of the TMRC Board, assisted in the ceremonies, as he and the other board members coordinated this event with the Grand Lodge of Texas. **Kirby Rudisill** was awarded with special honors from our Grand Master **W. David Counts**. A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone, and pictures are available on the following websites.

- Arlington Lodge web page: [www.arlingtonlodge.org](http://www.arlingtonlodge.org)
- Grand York Rite web page: [www.texasorkrite.org](http://www.texasorkrite.org)
- Grand Lodge web page: [www.grandlodgeoftexas.org](http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org)

Congratulations to **Floyd Hall** who was recently installed as Watchman of Shepherds for North Star Shrine #2, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. **Sue Tennison** was installed as the Worthy High Priestess. The web page is: <http://www.arlingtonlodge.org/wsoj> There is a link on the Arlington Lodge web page as well. There are also pictures of the installation. A great explanation is given on this order by clicking on the "Flyer" on the web page. In summary, this order was explained as "The Commandry version of the ladies/co-ed orders". This organization for both men and women tie the fraternal and religious tenets together, much the way that the Order of the Temple does for York Rite masons. Its ceremonies describe the birth of Jesus Christ. For further information regarding this order, contact **Floyd Hall** or **C.W. Watkins** or **Earl Williams**.

**Correction from the March edition:**

Brethren, my apologies to all with March York Rite anniversaries. I inadvertently inserted Aprils anniversaries in the March edition. Below are the actual March Anniversaries!

T.E. Anderson	03-31-82	B.R. Johnson	03-31-77	H.A. Smith	03-17-69
C.T. Cline Jr., PC	03-17-69	C.E. Jones	03-08-76	J.T. Snodgrass	03-22-72
L.L. Coone	03-17-69	K.C. Morford	03-22-72	J.E. Wood	03-25-95
J.M. Forbes	03-30-77	G.E. Rausch Jr.	03-01-08		
W.B. Francks	03-30-77				

*Rick Montey  
Editor*

**ARLINGTON SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**

Companions, to continue to cement the brotherly love that exists between the Dependent Bodies, we are publicizing the annual observance of the **Feast of Remembrance and Renewal** from the Arlington Scottish Rite Club. The date is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. All are invited!!!!

Arlington York Rite  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
2009

**DON'T FORGET  
THE**

**DARRELL SMITH FESTIVAL**

Arlington Temple  
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<b>Excellent High Priest</b> James Kirkpatrick
<b>Excellent King</b> Herb Taylor
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<b>Treasurer</b> Lee Abercrombie, PHP
<b>Secretary</b> Bob Collier, PHP
<b>Captain of the Host</b> C.W. Watkins
<b>Principal Sojourner</b> Jerry Chamberlain
<b>Royal Arch Captain</b> George Drenner
<b>Master of the 3rd Vail</b> David Keefer
<b>Master of the 2nd Vail</b> George Coon
<b>Master of the 1st Vail</b> Greg Parker
<b>Guard</b> Rick Montey

**Arlington Council Officers**

<b>Thrice Illustrious Master</b> James Kirkpatrick
<b>Right Illustrious Deputy Master</b> Herb Taylor
<b>Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work</b> Michael Bishop
<b>Treasurer</b> Lee Abercrombie, PTIM
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<b>Chaplin</b> George Skinner
<b>Captain of the Guards</b> C.W. Watkins
<b>Conductor of the Council</b> Jerry Chamberlain
<b>Steward</b> Rick Montey
<b>Sentinel</b> Gary Alexander

**Arlington Commandry Officers**

<b>Eminent Commander</b> Herb Taylor	<b>Guard</b> Earl Williams, P.C.
<b>Generalissimo</b> Michael Bishop	<b>Guard</b> Tim Fox
<b>Captain General</b> C.W. Watkins	<b>Guard</b> Paul Pinkerton, P.C.
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<b>Junior Warden</b> Jerry Chamberlain	
<b>Prelate</b> Darrell Smith, P.C.	
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<b>Recorder</b> Bob Collier, P.C.	
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<b>Sword Bearer</b> Mike Champion, P.C.	
<b>Warder</b> Gary Alexander	
<b>Guard</b> Clarence "Herk" Weimer, P.C.	

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### York Rite Anniversaries for April, 2009

The following brethren will observe their York Rite Anniversary this month.

J. Balint	04/03/04	R.L. Montey	04/03/04	L. Spiva	04/27/68
R.J. Blackwell	04/28/86	H.R. Parish	04/26/60	G.E. Stephens	04/03/04
R.D. Collier, PC	04/30/79	G.M. Skinner	04/22/85	H.L. Taylor	04/03/04
J.B. Evans III, PC	04/25/73	L.A. Sloan	04/03/95	J.T. White	04/06/87
K.R. Hoff	04/26/69	D. Smith	04/07/01	Z.A. Wilkins Jr.	04/22/72
J.A. Huges	04/25/73	D.A. Smith	04/06/87		
L.R. Leurig	04/18/92	D.E. Smith, PC	04/17/85		

### Congratulations Companions & Sir Knights!

### Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Apr 5	Commandry Easter Observance	Texas Masonic Retirement Center	2:00pm
Apr 9	Arlington DeMolay Stated Meeting	Arlington Lodge #438	7:30pm
Apr 9	Arlington Scottish Rite Club Meeting	Arlington Lodge #438	7:00pm
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>York Rite Open Dinner</b>	<b>Arlington Lodge #438</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>York Rite Stated Meeting</b>	<b>Arlington Lodge #438</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
Apr 14	Beauceants Stated Meeting	Arlington Lodge #438	7:30pm
Apr 24-27	Grand Commandry	Waco Convention Center	
May 2, 4, 9	York Rite Degrees	Arlington Chapter/Council/Commandry	
May 9	Cornerstone & Cryptic Triangle Award	Arlington Chapter/Council/Commandry	
Every Wed.	Coffee Club	Texas Masonic Retirement Center	

Times listed elsewhere in newsletter after "Order of the Temple"  
10:00am

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