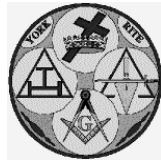


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June 2009

From the Chapter & Council



Greetings Companions,

Last meeting, we *started out* with a most wonderful and harmonious meeting. We honored **Bob Cagley** once more, as we did the previous Saturday, with the Cornerstone award. We also honored **George Skinner** with the Cryptic Triangle Award, and we also acknowledged, once more, **Darrell Smith** our honoree at our recent hugely successful festival. The love and friendship the brethren expressed throughout the meeting warmed my heart.

At that Council Stated Meeting we had a minor "administrative" issue be addressed. Some companions preferred a different outcome, not at the "administrative" issue, but by the manner in which this error was identified.

Let me digress for a moment --
- If my darling wife cooked my eggs wrong again, and I say, "Dear, the eggs are not cooked over-well, but I sure love you, and I honestly appreciate your efforts. Might I have the eggs cooked over-well next time? I sure would be grateful, and perhaps I should

even help out a little more. Your thoughts?"

Or I could say, "Hey woman, doggone it, how many stinkin' times have I gotta tell you to cook these stinking eggs correctly. Are you an incompetent person or what? Don't you love me anymore, you big meanie? You did this on purpose, didn't you?"

In both cases, in this overly ridiculous example, my loving wife would be notified of her administrative error. The Masonic way is to point out that error via "approach number 1". Let us strive to handle scenarios closer to "1" than approach "2". I encourage everyone to please come to our June 8th meeting for healing. I am confident we will resume the great peace and harmony that has prevailed this year. Please read Eminent **Herb Taylor's** article on forgiveness. I have already forgiven, in my heart, any wrongdoing from the last meeting.

Let me just very publicly say, how I appreciate the warmth and support the officers and members have provided me, more especially after this incident. There have been many brothers expressing their support. I cannot thank you enough. We (Arlington Chapter, Council and Commandery) have the best core of York Rite Officers in the history of planet earth. I really appreci-

ate our officers, and the membership. The attendance has skyrocketed this year, and I couldn't be happier with the efforts of the companions.

Our festival was hugely successful with 14 wonderful, fantastic candidates. Thanks to all who participated and supported our festival. Newly made candidates --- I really encourage you to attend the June 8th meeting, for the election of officers.

Also, following the festival, we honored companion **K. K. Hocker** with the Chapter and Council 50-year award, and **Kirby Rudisill**, Superintendent of the TMRC, treated us with a presentation.

In June, the Council will meet first at Arlington, followed by the Chapter, and then the Commandery.

Fraternally,
James Kirkpatrick

High Priest— Chapter
Thrice Illustrious Master — Council



Tarrant County York Rite Association News !!!!

The next meeting will be June 30th at 6:45 PM (following the Trinity York Rite College Meeting) at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple, 3rd Floor (Red room). The College will meet first, and then president **Cortney Monroe Harvey** (my personal friend) will conduct the Association Meeting. This will be his first Masonic presiding opportunity. Please, everyone, come and support Companion **Harvey**, and encourage him every step of the way.

From the Commandery



Sir Knights,

There has been a lot of Commandery activity in the past month. I would like to thank everyone who has participated. I particularly enjoyed the slack time that was spent with Brothers and Sir Knights at Grand Commandery. Also it was a real pleasure to see friends I have known for a while, receive all the York Rite Degrees.

Every since I was born the first thing I could remember was that I *hated* my oldest sister. To me she was evil. We were separated when I was nine, but that didn't stop me from hating her. As we grew older we could not be in the same room together. If

she showed up, I'd leave. I knew God wanted me to forgive her --- "***if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses***", I just couldn't do it. I tried for years. Finally I prayed for help, not really expecting anything to happen, but it did. I was able to forgive everyone for everything! I had overcome. At last, I was free!

I never said a word to my sister. The next time I saw her, she had no power over me. Nothing she did could bother me. Over time she realized something was different. She responded by being nicer. Eventually we started loving and caring for each other like a brother and sister should. We were able to say "I love you" when we hung up the

phone, and mean it. She died almost ten years ago. It was through her I learned the greatest and hardest of lessons --- how to forgive and love someone afterwards.

Sir Knights, I appreciate each of you and I thank you all for your hard work and support. Remember our practice night is the last Monday at 7pm. Let's all try to be there and have a good time.

Herb Taylor
Eminent Commander



Honoring newly elected Worshipful Masters

September 19th, Grand Master **W. David Counts** will be the guest speaker for the annual meeting honoring our Worshipful Masters. This will occur at Arlington Masonic Lodge #438 at 6:30 PM. Thanks to **C.W. Watkins**, Senior Warden for his gracious hospitality in offering use of the building next year. It is this kind of exemplification of courtesies that I really appreciate and admire. From brethren like **C.W.** and **Bob Collier**, and those previously mentioned for Tabernacle, that really warms my heart. You can be assured that the Trinity York Rite College will be there to continue to assist and support and help the lodges and York Rite Bodies.

TMRC News

The efforts of the TMRC new building has been delayed some, by the contractor (Hisaw and Associates) filing for Bankruptcy. The bonding company is taking care of us, and the work will be resumed at the appropriate time. We anticipate a possible delay in the scheduled completion of the work, but the building will be completed properly. Again, I thank the Superintendent of the TMRC, the Board of Directors and the attorney for working so hard at taking care of our residents.

Please continue to pray for Brother Joe Rush as he continues to battle and defeat cancer.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION!!!!

Everyone is invited to the annual installation of Officers for **Eastern Star Chapter 249**

Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 AM

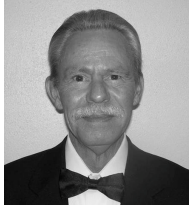


Worthy Matron-Elect **Donna Kirkpatrick**
Installing Officers **Wanda and Floyd Hall**

Arlington Blue Lodge Installation !!!

Everyone is invited to the annual installation of Officers For **Arlington Masonic Lodge #438**

Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 AM



If tradition prevails: **C.W. Watkins** will be installed as Worshipful Master.
Installing Officer **Floyd Hall**

Trinity York Rite College #154

On May 16th, 2009 at 8:00 AM, Trinity York Rite College conducted its annual meeting. **David Gardner**, Preeminent Governor, presided. Nine new candidates were initiated into this honorary body of York Rite Masonry.

Afterward, the election and installation of officers were conducted. The officers installed were:

Preeminent Governor	James Dale Kirkpatrick
Eminent Deputy Governor	Merle Wayne "Wally" Jones
Eminent Chancellor	Herschel Larry Whitfield
Eminent Treasurer	John Allen Hughes, PG
Eminent Secretary	Darrell Eugene Smith, PG
Noble Primate	David Keefer
Noble Preceptor	Loyd Dean Ritchey, Jr.
Noble Seneschal	James Lankford Jay, Jr.
Noble Marshal	Robert Gene Kirk
Noble Sentinel	Cortney Monroe Harvey
Noble Organist	Michie M. Brous, PG
Noble Herald #1	Donald Louis Cranford
Noble Herald #2	Leroy Howard Abercrobie

This meeting was held at Tabernacle Lodge. I really appreciate the courtesies of Tabernacle for their great hospitality for the York Rite College. The breakfast was wonderful, and I encourage everyone to attend the monthly breakfasts at Tabernacle Lodge on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Eggs cooked to order.

Arlington Chapter Officers

Excellent High Priest
James Kirkpatrick

Excellent King
Herb Taylor

Excellent Scribe
Michael Bishop

Treasurer
Lee Abercrombie, PHP

Secretary
Bob Collier, PHP

Captain of the Host
C.W. Watkins

Principal Sojourner
Jerry Chamberlain

Royal Arch Captain
George Drenner

Master of the 3rd Vail
David Keefer

Master of the 2nd Vail
George Coon

Master of the 1st Vail
Greg Parker

Guard
Rick Montey

Arlington Council Officers

Thrice Illustrious Master
James Kirkpatrick

Right Illustrious Deputy Master
Herb Taylor

Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work
Michael Bishop

Treasurer
Lee Abercrombie, PTIM

Recorder
Bob Collier, PTIM

Chaplin
George Skinner

Captain of the Guards
C.W. Watkins

Conductor of the Council
Jerry Chamberlain

Steward
Rick Montey

Sentinel
Gary Alexander

Arlington Commandery Offi-

Eminent Commander
Herb Taylor

Generalissimo
Michael Bishop

Captain General
C.W. Watkins

Senior Warden
Robert Cagley

Junior Warden
Jerry Chamberlain

Prelate
Darrell Smith, P.C.

Treasurer
Lee Abercrombie, P.C.

Recorder
Bob Collier, P.C.

Standard Bearer
Rick Montey

Sword Bearer
Mike Champion, P.C.

Warder
Gary Alexander

Guard
Clarence "Herk" Weimer, P.C.

Guard
Earl Williams, P.C.

Guard
Tim Fox

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Paul Pinkerton, P.C.

Sentinel
George Drenner

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York Rite Anniversaries for June, 2009

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

M.D. Bishop	06-16-01	J.L. McIntosh	06-22-92	M.R. Stapleton	06-07-96
T.G. Hancock	06-16-99	A.A. Owen	06-13-56	L.E. Wisnoski	06-16-01
K.W. Johnson	06-17-02	W.E. Spain	06-28-61		

Congratulations Companions & Sir Knights!

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
June 6	Eastern Star Installation	Arlington Temple	10:00am
June 8	York Rite Open Dinner	Arlington Temple	6:00pm
June 8	York Rite Stated Meeting	Arlington Temple	6:45pm
Jun 4 & 18	Arlington Eastern Star	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Jun 11 & 25	Arlington DeMolay	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Jun 11 & 25	Rainbow Girls	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
June 27	Arlington Blue Lodge Installation	Arlington Lodge #438	10:00am
Jun 29	Arlington Commandery Practice	Arlington Temple	7:00pm
June 30	Trinity York Rite College	Ft. Worth Temple	6:45pm
Every Wed.	Coffee Club	Texas Masonic Retirement Center	10:00am

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