



The Keystone

Arlington Chapter #376
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Arlington Commandery #107

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From the Chapter & Council



Greetings Companions

I am grateful to all of you for this up coming new year to serve you. I plan on a good and fruitful year. I have some good idea's relating to Chapter and Council on topics to talk about and the history of these great fraternal organizations. I would like to start up donations of items we as companions can do for the TMRC. They have what is known as the Country Store. Every item their is free of charge to the residents an run from donations. We can pick any of number of items to donate to the store from shaving items for the Brothers and Companions to stuffed animals for the Lady's. Give this some thought and see what idea's you can come up with.

**Fraternally,
Michael Bishop**
High Priest— Chapter
Thrice Illustrious Master — Council

Companions,

Each Month I would like to give a little history on Chapter or Council This month I would like to talk about the Mark we all carry as a Mark Master Masons.

In Texas we are given a Mark (coin) when we take the degree, this is taken straight from the Bible " And every man received a penny" You received this as payment for your labors during the degree. You were also taught that you can use your Mark as a binder for a loan for some one else or for yourself. Think about this for a moment, this coin can be used as a pledge of your honor and as a man and Mason to another Mark Mason.

In some jurisdictions this degree is taken as part of a Master's degree. I have even heard in Europe that a Masons Mark was used at a Bank for loans.

**Fraternally,
Michael Bishop**

From the Commandery



Sir Knights,

As a young man I found myself digging a ditch on the side of a busy road. My co-worker who wasn't too fond of hand digging was digging pretty fast. So I asked him "What's the big hurry?" He replied, "I want to get this over before someone I know sees me." Then I said, I know men who would see me doing this and treat me like I'm **Buddy Langley!**" (The president of our company.) "Besides that any honest work that puts food on the table is honorable." At this point he said something like he didn't want to hear anymore Masonic crap today. (He also is a mason now.) I thank God the Masons let me join and for lessons I have learned from them. I don't think I would have learned them any other way. When I was first learning my Masonic work, I stopped my teacher (**Joe Reynolds**

of Azle) and asked him about Masons meeting on the level. He said, "Always treat the man sweeping the floor with the same respect as the man who owns the floor." Things like that have a way of sticking with you.

Whatever form humility comes in is powerful. When **Esau** came after **Jacob** with 400 men, **Jacob** humbled himself. And it's mighty hard to attack someone who is truly humble. **Esau** didn't have a chance.

On the chance that this might arrive to some before July 25th, we will be having a School of Instruction at 08:30 on that day, at the Temple in Fort Worth. I would like to see everyone there. It is the duty of all our officers to be there!

It is crunch time, so get ready for a few extra practices over the next few months. I hope to work very hard for our examination, and have a little fun along the way. You guys are the best!!!

Herb Taylor
Eminent Commander

Charity is the most visible Masonic activity. Freemasons in North America alone give over two million dollars every day to those in need, Masons and non-Masons alike. This translates into about three-quarters of a billion dollars a year. Every bit of which is raised by the Masonic Fraternity and freely contributed on a voluntary basis to the many worthwhile charities it supports.

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons. We look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially those who are unable to help themselves. Charity starts in the heart and mind. It is a personal perception of how we respond to another person's needs in a positive, friendly, and supportive manner. Faith, hope and charity, says it all, and greatest of these is charity, for faith may be lost from sight, hope ends in fruition, while charity extends beyond the grave through the boundless realm of eternity. From the great Masonic Children's Hospitals and Burn Centers to the Orphanages and Masonic Homes for seniors and widows in various states, from the Knight Templar Eye Foundation to the specialized charities of the Scottish Rite and York Rite, Freemasons freely give of their personal earnings and charity programs to help others escape the bonds of poverty, loneliness and despair

From Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas Website

Companions, we have received notice that their will be a new rental increase for the York Rite Bodies as of September 1st 2009.

Chapter/Council

February, 2009 the rent was \$67.50 each X 2 = \$135.00
March, 2009 it was raised to \$87.50 each X 2 = \$175.00
September, the rate will be \$106.60 each X 2 = \$213.20

Total the Chapter and Council will be asked to pay \$2,558.40 per year For one meeting night per Month, with an additional 4 extra nights to meet per month. With a Total of five nights a month or 60 nights per year.

The new budget as mentioned earlier does not include the new rental rate.

We must first vote at the August Stated meeting to pay out the new Rate. This will increase our expenditures by a additional \$458.40 a year.

**Fraternally,
Michael Bishop**

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug 10	York Rite Open Dinner	Arlington Temple	6:00pm
Aug 10	York Rite Stated Meeting	Arlington Temple	6:45pm
Aug 31	Commandery Practice	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Aug 6 & 20	Arlington DeMolay	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Every Wed.	Coffee Club	Texas Masonic Retirement Center	10:00am

Arlington Chapter #376 & Council #314 2009-2010 Budget
 In an effort to streamline the business of the Lodge, and to effectively educate the Companions on the actual expenses of the lodges, I fraternally submit the following Resolution for a vote.

Bank Account Balance:
 Cash on hand - July 14, 2009 \$ 5,504.45

Rent to Arlington Lodge #438:
 Monthly Chapter \$ 87.50 x 12 months
 Monthly Council \$ 87.50 x 12 months
Total Yearly Rent.....\$ 2,100

Grand Chapter & Council Returns:
 Chapter \$ 1,492.00
 Council \$ 1,350.00 **Total.....\$ 2,842**

Expenses:
 Masonic Service Bureau.....\$ 33.40
 Postmaster (Box rental & stamps).....\$ 184.00
 Recorder/Secretary expense.....\$ 600.00
 Check Work Checks.....\$ 30.00
 TMRC Christmas.....\$ 50.00
 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc.....\$ 50.00
 Printing services (newsletter).....\$ 432.00
Total Expenses.....\$ 6, 309.00

Notes:
 2008 - 2009 expenses came to \$ 6,856.79
 Dues still owed: 29 members @ \$ 65.00 each = \$1,885.00
 Current Dues: Chapter - \$ 30.00 Council - \$ 35.00 Combined Total - \$ 65.00
 \$ 65.00 x 135 dues paying members - \$ 8,775.00
 159 total membership roll Michael Bishop

Tarrant County York Rite Association News !!!!

The "Red book" may be ready next month (on the internet). It will contain some officer information, contact information, etc. **Larry Whitfield** will be working on it, and updating it shortly. The Tarrant County York Rite Association website is <http://texasyorkrite.org/tarrant/>

James Kirkpatrick, Vice-President

Trinity York Rite College #154

On September 19th, Grand Master **W. David Counts** will be the guest speaker for the annual meeting honoring our Worshipful Masters.
 Location: Arlington Masonic Lodge #438 at 6:30 PM.

James Kirkpatrick – Preeminent Governor

York Rite Anniversaries for July, 2009
 The following brethren will observe their York Rite anniversary this month

Anthony R Fedele, PC	8/17/63	Robert L Scott	8/11/79
Charles E Seets	8/11/79	Robert R Nursey	8/28/00
Charles G Owens	8/27/90	Stewart M Owings	8/23/08
Donald L Cain	8/31/83	William F Sanderson	8/18/93
Donald S Praeger	8/31/83		
E Frank Smith, PC	8/10/58		
Jim C Pope Jr.	8/31/83		
Jim C Pope Sr.	8/31/83		
John B Nail Jr.	8/16/71		
Paul E Pinkerton, PC	8/20/94		
Robert Cagley	8/08/85		

Congratulations Companions

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Excellent High Priest - Michael Bishop	Thrice Illustrious Master - Michael Bishop	Eminent Commander - Herb Taylor
Excellent King - Herb Taylor	Right Illustrious Deputy Master - Herb Taylor	Standard Bearer - Rick Montey
Excellent Scribe - C.W. Watkins	Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work - C.W. Watkins	Generalissimo - Michael Bishop
Treasurer - Lee Abercrombie, PHP	Treasurer - Lee Abercrombie, PTIM	Captain General - C.W. Watkins
Secretary - Bob Collier, PHP	Recorder - Bob Collier, PTIM	Senior Warden - Robert Cagley
Captain of the Host - Jerry Chamberlain	Chaplin - Steven Shipe	Junior Warden - Jerry Chamberlain
Principal Sojourner - David Keefer	Captain of the Guards - Jerry Chamberlain	Prelate - Darrell Smith, P.C.
Royal Arch Captain - Greg Parker	Conductor of the Council - Rick Montey	Treasurer - Lee Abercrombie, P.C.
Master of the 3rd Vail - Rick Montey	Steward - Gary Alexander	Recorder - Bob Collier, P.C.
Master of the 2nd Vail - Gary Alexander	Sentinel - Greg Parker	Guard - Clarence "Herk" Weimer, P.C.
Master of the 1st Vail - Wayne Anderson		Guard - Earl Williams, P.C.
Guard - Hans Miller		Guard - Tim Fox
		Guard - Paul Pinkerton, P.C.
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