

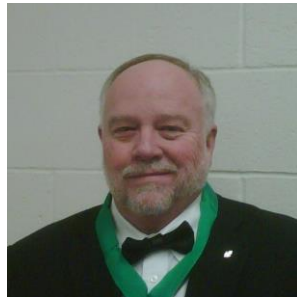


# The Keystone

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**Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Date / Time	Event	Location
02/10/2014 – 6:00 PM	<b>Arlington York Rite Stated Meeting</b>	<b>Arlington Lodge</b>
02/11/2014 – 6:30 PM	<b>Arlington Masonic Lodge 438 Stated Meeting</b>	<b>Arlington Lodge</b>
02/12/2014 – 6:00 PM	<b>Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau</b>	<b>Lake Worth Lodge</b>
02/15/2014 – 1:30 PM	<b>Sweet Home Masonic Lodge 576 Stated Meeting</b>	<b>TMRC</b>
02/18/2014 – 6:30 PM	<b>Webb Masonic Lodge 1454 Stated Meeting</b>	<b>Webb Lodge</b>
03/01/2014 – 12:00 PM	<b>Dallas York Rite Conference</b> <b>All York Rite Companions are really encouraged to attend.</b>	<b>R.C. Buckner Lodge</b>
03/01/2014	<b>Day 1 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion Honoring Jim Ward</b>	<b>Fort Worth Temple</b>
03/04/2014 – 6:00 PM	<b>Mansfield Masonic Lodge 1454 Stated Meeting</b>	<b>Mansfield Lodge</b>
03/08/2014	<b>Day 2 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion Honoring Jim Ward</b>	<b>Fort Worth Temple</b>
03/08/2014 – 6:00 PM	<b>Amaranth Play --- for Diabetes Research</b>	<b>Richland Hills Lodge</b>
03/10/2014 – 6:00 PM	<b>Arlington York Rite Stated Meeting</b>	<b>Arlington Lodge</b>
03/15/2014	<b>Day 3 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion Honoring Jim Ward</b>	<b>Fort Worth Temple</b>

## 2014 FORT WORTH YORK RITE CONFERENCE - SUCCESS

Please read the summary of the Conferences so far on the back pages of this newsletter. The Fort Worth Conference had the most attendees so far, and many Chapters were well-represented, including Companions from Stevenville and Weatherford, as well as most Chapters and Councils from Tarrant County.

### CHAPTER/COUNCIL DEGREE SCHEDULE FOR 2014 FESTIVAL

- Mark Master Degree --- Texas Chapter**
- Past Master Degree --- Southside Chapter**
- Most Excellent Masters Degree --- Arlington Chapter**
- Royal Arch Degree --- Ridglea, Fort Worth and Hurst Chapters**
- Royal Masters Degree --- Tarrant Council**
- Select Masters Degree --- Riverside Council**
- Red Cross Orders --- Worth Commandery**
- Order of Malta --- Southside Commandery**
- Order of the Temple --- Arlington Commandery**

PRAYERS ---

Please remember **Don Laughlin** in your prayers regarding his back.

Also, remember **Jim Cotton** in your prayers. He has surgery on his feet at Arlington Memorial Hospital. The surgery is supposedly going to heal his infection completely, and eventually free him from being "housebound".

Continue to remember **Wayne Anderson** in your prayers

Remember all those brethren and companions (and their families) that has passed away.

## **DALLAS YORK RITE CONFERENCE**

Please make plans to attend the annual Dallas York Rite Conference in 2014.

Location: R. C. Buckner Lodge.

We are privileged to have the following presenters.

M.: E.: **Reese L. Harrison, Jr** – Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter

M.: I.: **Thomas Nathan Turner** – Grand Master of the Grand Council

R.: E.: **H. Bart Henderson** – Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas

**We eat at noon, program starts at 1:00 pm - R. C. Buckner Lodge - 4912 South Buckner Blvd**

**Bluebonnet Court #3 Order of the Amaranth  
Presents  
The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Murder Mystery Dinner**

## *MURDER AT THE WINERY*



*Door Prize will be offered for  
Opportunity to guess the killer!*

**Richland Hills Masonic Lodge  
3310 Popplewell  
Richland, Hills Texas**



*Spooky stuff!  
A sinister plot!*



*All Proceeds from Ticket Sales and Donations benefit the  
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation of the  
American Diabetes Association Research Foundation*

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**  
**6 pm Dinner—Performance follows**  
**Tickets \$15 from Any Member**  
**Get Tickets Early**

No-Show Policy Applies  
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation is a non-Profit Organization (501-C3)

*Cloak and dagger!*

*Crooks abound!*

*(Members of Bluebonnet Court #3 are not eligible for door prize opportunity.)*

### **Message from our Recorder, R. I.: Robert D. Collier:**

This year we are asking endowed members, and Past Commanders who are not endowed, to help the Commandery meet the large jump in Per Capita voted by Grand Commandery last year - from \$12.00 to \$24.00. This increase was paid in January with the 2013 Returns.

The per capita applies to EVERY member other than 50+ year members and residents of the TMRC. Most Commanderies in Texas include the per capita in their dues. I apologize for any misunderstanding caused by notices mailed recently to every member.

Perhaps it was an unwise decision to use a single notice for dues and a request for help in meeting the escalating cost of per capita fees. Please accept my sincere apologies.

### **Summary of the York Rite Conferences:**

The format of most of the Conferences contained 3 separate 1 hour sessions, with each Grand Presiding Officer presenting a 20 minute segment in each session. In Arlington, for the Fort Worth conference, there was a minor variance, in that each Grand Presiding Officer presented their program in whole. The presenters for these conferences are:

Most Excellent **Reese L. Harrison, Jr.**, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Most Illustrious **Thomas Nathan Turner**, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Right Eminent **H. Bart Henderson**, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas

In Arlington, for the Fort Worth Conference, Eminent **Clarence Joy Laney** presented the Grand Commanders Message

### **The Grand High Priest highlighted summary is:**

**The membership motto from our immediate Past Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Tommy F. Chapman was “Recruit, Retain and Reinstate”. All the Chapter Secretaries should be receiving a list of new Blue Lodge Masons, as the Blue Lodge is the York Rite Marketplace, however, most chapters are not receiving this list. Why?**

**As Tommy Chapman would say (“If you always do what you always done, you’ll always get what you always got”) I think that is close?**

**Most Excellent Sir recalls the “WOW Factor” in the York Rite Degrees.**

**He asks “How is your best friend not a mason”.**

**Our Most Excellent Sir has re-implemented and added to the Planning Guide for the next High Priests of the Chapters.**

**What is the title of the presiding officer of a Chapter --- “Most Excellent High Priest”.**

**What is the most important word in that title? --- Excellent.**

**Never in future life, accept any Masonic Officer unless you make up your mind to qualify yourself to fill that office perfectly and creditably, and merit the honors the brethren have conferred upon you.**

**At Grand Chapter this year, we will have a distinguished performer ---**

**Rex Allen Jr, on Monday night.**

**Bring the ladies ...**

**The Scottish Rite has an educational program called the Master Craftsman.**

**In the York Rite, the York Rite Sovereign College has developed a “Companion Adept of the Temple Program”.**

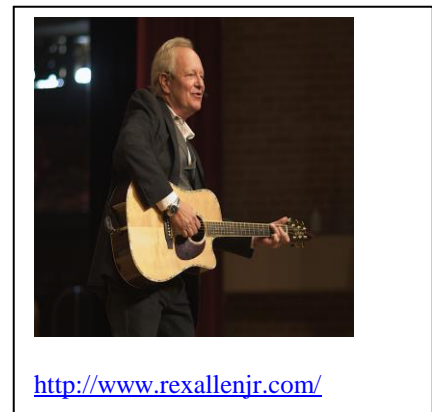
**A 5 lesson course.**

**The registration is available on the York Rite Sovereign College Website:**

<http://www.yrscna.org/forms/YorkRiteenrollmentform.pdf>

**Why take the course? It is the Journey and not the destination.**

There was much more “esoteric” explanation of the EA Degree, Master’s Degree, Royal Arch Degree and the 13<sup>th</sup> Degree of Scottish Rite.



<http://www.rexallenjr.com/>

**The Grand Master highlighted summary is:**

Preserving the word: Most Illustrious explains his emphasis on the Council Life Preserver Award. Several Categories are considered. Open and close councils with the use of books, degree work for Royal Master and Select Master, Have nine at Stated Meetings, net gain (excluding deaths).

Mentor, Effort Commitment. He remembered some great mentors as Jack Thompson, E. M. Powell, Reilly, Lewis, etc, etc.

When he was learning the Senior Warden's part one of his mentors fussed at him and told him "put the \_\_\_\_ book down". Our Grand Master (back then) was mad, but after contemplating, he knew he needed it. He encourages us to put the book down, perhaps we are using it too much.

He also enlightened us on the Fund Raising Project for Breast Cancer. It touches most families. Even men can get Breast Cancer. Please buy a pin. It is for a good cause.

**The Grand Commander summary is:**

**Our Right Eminent Sir (and his messenger in Fort Worth) presented the message.**

**The Ritual Competition for Grand Commandery is in Malta.**

**6 Participants:**

**Prior, Marshal, 1<sup>st</sup> Banner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Banner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Banner, Table in the West**

**The time of the competition is approximately 10 to 10-1/2 minutes.**

**He discussed a proposed optional long form opening for Commanderies that have 9 Sir Knights, but not enough to open full form. As Albert Einstein's definition of insanity is doing the same things and expecting a different result. He addresses the membership program.**

**He also mentioned a fundraising opportunity from one of the Commanderies selling wine entitled the 5<sup>th</sup> libation. It is suitable for the Order of the Temple or at home. A good impression on the candidate is needed, to have wine that does not taste bad.**

**He mentioned an optional prelude to the Ode "Once in a flight of ages past ...", that could be used in the Order of the Temple. I promised Bart that I would memorize it. So, I did. If done properly, it could be impressive.**

**Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion**

Saturdays March 1, March 8 and March 15  
Fort Worth Temple  
1100 Henderson Street

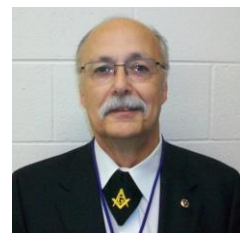
Honoring **R.: W.: James D. Ward**  
Former Chairman of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite  
And Past Grand Secretary – Emeritus  
of the Grand Lodge of Texas

All York Rite Companions encouraged to join Scottish Rite.

**Jim Ward** conferred the 14<sup>th</sup> degree for many years. Our very own **Jim Rogerson** will confer the 14<sup>th</sup> degree at this reunion.



**R.: W.: James D. ward**



**Hon. Jim Rogerson**

May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.  
E.: James Dale Kirkpatrick, G.P.S. Grand Chapter  
Editor of Arlington York Rite Newsletter