

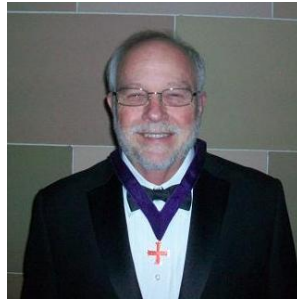


# The Keystone

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**John Thomas**  
Worshipful Master  
Arlington Lodge #438



**Rick Montey**  
High Priest  
Arlington Chapter #376  
Commander Arlington #107



**David Keefer**  
Thrice Illustrious Master  
Arlington Council #314

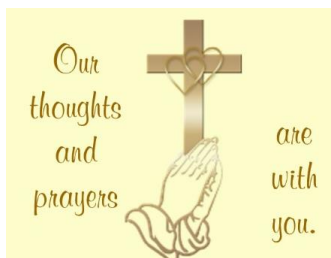


**Robert L. Cagley**  
Pre-Eminent Governor  
Trinity York Rite  
College #154

Tarrant County York Rite Website: [www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org)

**Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Date / Time	Event	Location
04/25/2014 - 04/28/2014	Grand Commandery in Houston Texas	Houston
04/29/2014 – 6:45 PM	Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting Trinity York Rite College #154 Meeting	Fort Worth Temple
05/06/2014 – 6:00 PM	Mansfield Masonic Lodge 331 Stated Meeting	Mansfield Lodge
05/06/2014 – 6:30 PM	Southside Chapter/Council Parry Award Grading	Southside Lodge
05/08/2014 – 6:00 PM	Tarrant York Rite Stated Meeting – Parry Award Grading	Tarrant Lodge
05/10/2014 – 8:00 AM	Fort Worth York Rite Stated Meeting – Parry Award Grading	Handley Lodge
05/12/2014 – 6:00 PM	Arlington York Rite Stated Meeting – Parry Award Grading	Arlington Lodge
05/12/2014 – 6:00 PM	Riverside York Rite Stated Meeting – Parry Award Grading	Keller Lodge
05/13/2014 – 6:30 PM	Arlington Lodge Stated Meeting	Arlington Lodge
05/14/2014 – 6:00 PM	Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau	Handley Lodge
05/17/2014 – 8:00 AM	Annual Trinity York Rite College Meeting – Breakfast 8 am	Tabernacle Lodge #1195
05/17/2014 – 1:30 PM	Sweet Home Masonic Lodge 576 Stated Meeting	TMRC
05/20/2014 – 6:30 PM	Webb Masonic Lodge 1454 Stated Meeting	Webb Lodge
05/21/2014 – 6:30 PM	Ridglea York Rite Stated Meeting – Parry Award Grading	Ridglea Lodge
05/22/2014 – 6:00 PM	Commandery Practice at Southside	Southside Lodge
05/28/2014 – 6:00 PM	Festival Planning Meeting	Fort Worth Temple
05/31/2014 – 7:00 AM	Arlington York Rite Degrees – Breakfast at 7:00 AM	Arlington Lodge



Please continue to remember the family of those who passed away, and are hurting, which have been reported in earlier newsletters.

Also remember **David Keefer's Father, mother and sister** in your prayers. **Mike Champion's Dad, Gilbert Champion** is in hospice. **Chuck Seets' wife Marie** had surgery on April 21. **Elsie Smith** (Haskell Smith's widow) is undergoing rehab at Matlock Place in Mansfield and welcomes visitors. **Michael Bishop** is preparing to have surgery. Past Grand Master and Masonic 4-star General, **Robert P. Walker** passed away.

We are very glad to have **Don Laughlin** and **Wayne Anderson** back with us. Remember all those brethren and companions (and their families) that are hurting or have passed away.

# Arlington York Rite Degrees

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Everyone come join us, if you can.**

**Eat Breakfast at 7:00 am  
Degrees start at 8:00 am**



## Fort Worth Festival

The 2014 Fort Worth Festival Date is Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

## Chapter / Council Degree Schedule

**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**

## 2014 Parry Award Schedule

Tuesday, May 6 – Southside

Thursday, May 8 – Tarrant

Saturday Morning, May 10 – Fort Worth (In Handley Lodge)

Monday, May 12 – Arlington

Monday, May 12 – Riverside (in Keller Lodge)

Wednesday, May 21 – Ridglea

**Texas Chapter** was already graded in April.

**Chapter Score:** 992 of 1000

**Council Score:** 986 of 100

**David Kisselburg**, presiding officer,  
was 100 of 100 in **Chapter**, and 97.3 of 100 in **Council**.

**Parry Award Grading  
Arlington Stated Meeting  
May 10, 2014 – 6:00 pm**

Reminder --- **Election of Officers** is scheduled for the **June** Stated Meeting of Arlington York Rite. We always meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the Month. Delicious Meal at 6:00 PM by Supreme Chef **Bob Cagley**. Meeting starts at 6:45 PM.

Be there and be square!!!!

Arlington Degrees – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

The award winning ritualistic team from **Ennis** Chapter/Council will confer the Past Master's Degree and Select Master's Degree.

**Tarrant** Chapter/Council will confer the Most Excellent Master's Degree, and assist in the Royal Arch Degree.

We welcome these Chapters/Councils and we welcome all to come join us for fellowship



## TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154

I would like to thank all who have helped me during my year as Pre-Eminent Governor. The year has been very rewarding for me, as I hope it has been for you. The College participated in the Fall York rite Festival, Dinner Honoring the incoming Masters held at TMRC and promotion of the York Rite Conference this spring.

My final meeting will be held at Tabernacle Lodge, at 8:00 am for breakfast, meeting starting at 9:00 am, on May 17, 2014. We will be conferring the Order of York (All who have parts, should be prepared), and election and installation of new officers will follow. If tradition prevails I hope all will support our new Pre-Eminent Governor **Roy Dean Foster** in his upcoming year. Thank you all again for your support.

**Robert L. Cagley,**

Pre-Eminent Governor, Trinity York Rite College #154



Robert L. Cagley  
Pre-Eminent Governor

## What is the Grotto?



## The Name

Webster's Encyclopedia Dictionary gives the definition of GROTTO as follows: "a cave, a vault, natural recess of a cavity in the earth; an artificially constructed cavern." This is exactly what the GROTTO is not.

Certainly the definition Webster gives does not apply in this case to this Great Order.

## The Grotto

The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, whose subordinate bodies are the Grotto's, is an organization by and for Master Masons. While in no way connected with Masonry proper, its membership is restricted absolutely and exclusively to Master Masons in good standing. Although it is an organization for good wholesome fun and frolic, it also has its serious side. Its slogan is "GOOD FELLOWSHIP" and in contact with our fellow man, this principal is exemplified to a marked degree.

Fraternally Submitted,

**Robert Gene Kirk**, Prophet Monarch, El-Texa Grotto and  
Captain General of Arlington Commandery 107



Robert Kirk



John Hrisco

Website: <http://www.eltexagrotto.org/>

Maintained by Companion **John Hrisco**,

Principal Sojourner, Riverside Chapter 468 and Conductor of the Council, Riverside Council 384

# United States York Rite News

This month we will focus on the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, United States of America, Mexico and The Phillipines.

Website: <http://www.redcrossconstantine.org/>

Local website: <http://yorkritetexas.org/redcross/65/>

As reported last month, Arlington Commandery is extremely fortunate to have 2 newly made members of St Timothy Conclave, of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. **Jeff Bennett** and **Rick Montey**.

The Red Cross of Constantine is officially *The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist*, the latter two of which are called the Appendant Orders. There are also two chair degrees conferred on the Viceroy and Sovereign of a Conclave, and two honorary orders: Knight Commander of Constantine and Knight Grand Cross. The governing body of the Order for the United States of America, the Republic of Mexico and the Republic of the Phillipines and their territories is styled The United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Phillipines.

The purpose of the Constantinian Orders are to commemorate the first elevation of Christianity from the position of a despised and proscribed heresy to that of a legally recognized and honored religion, to cultivate the social virtues, appeal to the intellectual and moral qualities, preserve as far as possible the customs of the fraternity and bring about good fellowship and understanding between all branches of Masonry.

Knights Companions of the Order meet in Conclaves of the Red Cross of Constantine and a member must be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and subscribe to a belief in the Christian religion as revealed in the New Testament. Membership is by invitation and each Conclave has a prescribed membership limit.

The **Byzantium** is the official publication of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Phillipines. It is published twice yearly, in the spring and in the early autumn. Its purpose is to inform the members of the Order on the activities of the United Grand Imperial Council at its Annual Assembly held each June, and on the activities of the several regions, divisions and Conclaves.

Anyone can feel free to download the latest edition of the **Byzantium** by visiting the website [http://www.redcrossconstantine.org/RCC\\_byzantium.html](http://www.redcrossconstantine.org/RCC_byzantium.html)



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We have 2 pages of content for this month's "United States York Rite News".

**Most Illustrious Burch E. Zehner** is the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, of the United Imperial Grand Council Red Cross of Constantine.



M.I. **Burch E. Zehner**

The Red Cross of Constantine Grand **Elected Officers** are:

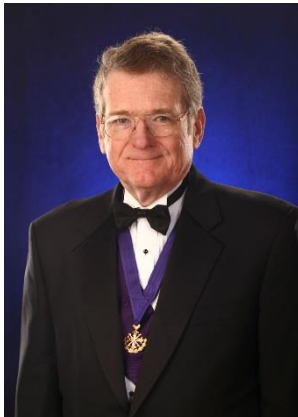
- Burch E. Zehner**, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign
- William R. Miller**, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy
- Robert S. Finley**, Very Illustrious Grand Senior General
- R. Stephen Doan**, Very Illustrious Grand Junior General
- Stanton T. Brown, KGC**, Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
- Frederick G. Kley, III, KGC**, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
- Ned E. Dull, KGC**, R.: I.: Grand Recorder Emeritus Ad Vitam
- Fred E. Allen, KCC**, Illustrious Grand Trustee (2014)
- Charles L. Stuckey, KGC**, Illustrious Grand Trustee (2015)
- Joe R. Manning, Jr., KGC**, Illustrious Grand Trustee (2016)
- Joseph C. Harrison, Jr.**, Illustrious Grand Chancellor
- Kenneth B. Fischer, KCC**, Illustrious Grand Almoner

Our Grand High Priest, Knight Companion **Reese L. Harrison, Jr KGC** is the Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign in 2006-2007.

Knight Companion **John A. Hughes** is the current Illustrious Intendant General.



M.I. **Reese L. Harrison, Jr**



I. **John A. Hughes**

The Texas Northern Jurisdiction includes St Timothy Conclave.

**John Hughes** (Past HP/TIM Arlington) is serving as our Intendant General

Texas has 3 Intendant Generals:

Texas Northern: **I. John A. Hughes.**  
 Texas Southern: **I. Brian R. Dodson.**  
 Texas Western: **I. Ted D. Hennis.**

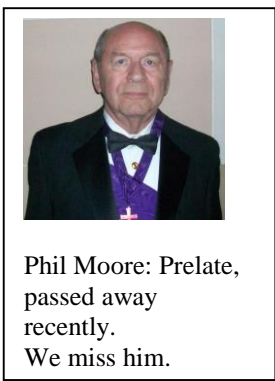
The local Conclave, In Tarrant County, of the Red Cross of Constantine, is St Timothy Conclave. Website: <http://www.yorkritetexas.org/redcross/65/>



R.: E.: **Steve Wolfe**  
Puissant Sovereign

The Officers of St Timothy Conclave are:

- Charles Steven Wolfe**, Puissant Sovereign
- Brian D. Bass**, Eminent Viceroy
- James Dale Kirkpatrick**, Senior General
- Joe M. Orona**, Junior General
- Melvin T. Hagood**, Treasurer
- Kirby G. Rudisill**, Recorder
- \*Philip R. Moore**, Prelate
- Buford J. Young**, Prefect
- Roy Dean Foster**, Standard Bearer
- Kenneth C. Curry**, Herald
- Ric Jernigan**, Sentinel



Phil Moore: Prelate, passed away recently. We miss him.

**Steve Wolfe**, is our Puissant Sovereign, and Right Excellent Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Thanks to **Illustrious John Hughes** for much of the material for this month's article.

# York Rite Education

Every York Rite Mason should be able to give clear and concise responses to these three questions in the time that it takes an elevator to move 3-5 floors. Your ability to give these responses has direct impact upon whether prospective members decide to petition.

## *What is York Rite Masonry?*

The York Rite of Freemasonry is open to any **Master Mason** in good standing. The York Rite is comprised of three bodies, each with its own line of officers and ritual, and charitable activity. These are the **chapter of Royal Arch Masons**, **council of Royal and Select Masters**, and **commandery of Knights Templar**. Unlike the **blue lodge**, candidates in the York Rite do not need to complete any proficiency examination of memory work. And like in the **blue lodge**, but unlike in the **Scottish Rite**, the method of presentation we use in our degrees involves active participation from the candidates, which adds meaning and impact for everyone.

## *What do we do in our **Chapter** and **Council** that will be Attractive to a Non-Member?*

First, we have fun. It is great to get together with Masons from different **blue lodges** to share ideas, hear about activities, and support each other. Second, we are dedicated to sharing more Masonic light with our candidates by participating in our degrees and giving them a quality experience, along with our "short talk" programs and discussions at our meetings. Third, many of our activities involve our families, and the York Rite provides an opportunity for everyone to meet and spend time with good people.

## *What are the Benefits of Joining the York Rite?*

York Rite Masons are better Masons because of the two main benefits of joining. First, you will receive valuable instruction and lessons that complete many of the stories and lessons that you learned in your blue lodge degrees. These include the completion of King Solomon's temple, the recovery of the long lost Master Mason's Word, and many others that you will enjoy learning. Second, you may enjoy fellowship with Masons from several different lodges in your area, thus extending your Masonic connections, and experiencing the meaning of true universal brotherhood.

By Doctor, Brother, and Companion **Karl Kraye, Ph.D.**,  
President, Creative Communication Network



Hon. Karl Kraye, Ph.D.

May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.  
E.: James Dale Kirkpatrick, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas  
Editor of Arlington York Rite Newsletter