

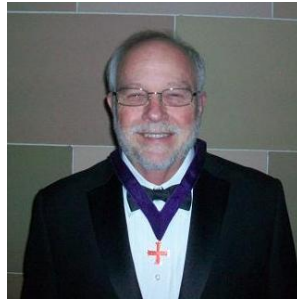


The Keystone

2014 Sixth Edition (June) - www.arlington.yorkritetexas.org/



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

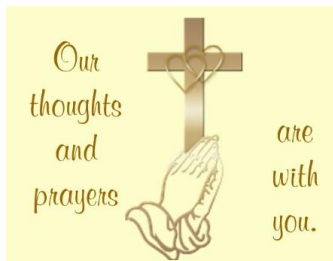


Robert D. Collier
DDGM-26
Grand Council of Royal
And Select Masters

Tarrant County York Rite Website: www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Date / Time	Event	Location
06/02/2014 – 6:00 PM	Mansfield Masonic Lodge 331 Stated Meeting	Mansfield Lodge
06/06/2014 – 6:00 PM	Grand Master's Banquet	Fort Worth Temple
06/09/2014 – 6:00 PM	Arlington York Rite Stated Meeting – Election of Officers	Arlington Lodge
06/10/2014 – 6:30 PM	Arlington Lodge Stated Meeting – Election of Officers	Arlington Lodge
06/11/2014 – 6:00 PM	Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau	Panther City Lodge
06/12/2014 – 6:00 PM	Tarrant York Rite Stated Meeting – Opportunity for Practice	Tarrant Lodge
06/17/2014 – 6:30 PM	Webb Masonic Lodge 1454 Stated Meeting	Webb Lodge
06/21/2014 – 1:30 PM	Sweet Home Masonic Lodge 576 Stated Meeting	TMRC
06/26/2014 – 6:30 PM	Keller Lodge Installation	Keller Lodge
06/28/2014 – 9:00 AM	Mansfield Lodge Installation	Mansfield Lodge
06/28/2014 – 11:00 AM	Panther City Lodge Installation	Fort Worth Temple
06/28/2014 – 2:00 PM	Smithfield Lodge Installation	Smithfield Lodge
06/28/2014 – 2:00 PM	Cooke Peavy Lodge Installation	Fort Worth Temple
06/28/2014 – 3:30 PM	Arlington Lodge Installation	Arlington Lodge
06/30/2014 – 6:30 PM	Arlington Chapter/Council Installation – Everyone Invited !!!!!	Arlington Lodge



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

Please pray for our Grand Master of the Grand Council, Most Illustrious **Thomas N. Turner** and his family. It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you of the passing of **Debbie** on Tuesday morning, May 20, 2014. She fought the cancer as long as she could.

Also pray for the family of Past HP, TIM, Commander **Mike Champion**. His dad, **Gilbert Champion** passed away on Tuesday May 13, 2014.

Continue to remember **David Keefer's Father, mother and sister** in your prayers.

James Kirkpatrick's Mother-In-Law **Clarice Leonard** had surgery for Breast Cancer. They got it all. No chemo.

Remember all those brethren and companions (and their families) that are hurting or have passed away.

Fort Worth Festival

The 2014 Fort Worth Festival Date is Friday, September 12th and Saturday, September 13th

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 Results

PLACE	CHAPTER TEAM	SCORE / 1000	PLACE	COUNCIL TEAM	SCORE / 1000
1 GOLD	Tarrant	997.7	1 GOLD	Tarrant	998.0
2 SILVER	Riverside	993.3	2 SILVER	Ridglea	991.6
3 BRONZE	Ridglea	993.0	3 BRONZE	Riverside	989.0
4 Honorable	Texas	992.0	4 Honorable	Texas	986.0

Also appreciate the great efforts by Southside, Arlington, Fort Worth and Hurst

We have a real strong 26th District

It should be noted that Tarrant Chapter and Council finished in last place in 2013,

And now they finished in first place. This is an encouragement to all Chapters and Councils.

PLACE	CHAPTER HIGH PRIEST	SCORE / 100	PLACE	COUNCIL TIM	SCORE / 100
1 (tie) GOLD	David Kisselburg Texas	100.0	1 GOLD	Anthony McClure Tarrant	100.0
1 (tie) GOLD	Anthony McClure Tarrant	100.0	2 SILVER	Chad T. Harwell Riverside	98.0
3 (tie) BRONZE	Micah Frost Southside	98.0	3 BRONZE	David Kisselburg Texas	97.3
3 (tie) BRONZE	Pete Spurgeon Ridglea	98.0	4 Honorable	Pete Spurgeon Ridglea	97.0

Election of Officers is scheduled for the **June 9**
 Stated Meeting of Arlington York Rite.
 We always meet on the 2nd Mondays of the Month.
 Eat at 6:00 PM

Installation of Officers is scheduled for Monday,
 June 30th. Eat at 6:00 PM

Delicious Meal at 6:00 PM
 by Supreme Chef **Bob Cagley**.

Be there and be square !!!!

Congratulations to **Tarrant** Chapter/Council and
 HP/TIM **Anthony McClure** for the **GOLD**
 And **David Kisselburg** for Chapter HP **GOLD**



Anthony McClure



David Kisselburg



TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154

We had a very successful Annual Meeting this year. **Worshipful Roy Dean Foster**, Grand Junior Steward of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas was elected and installed as our new Pre-Eminent Governor of Trinity York Rite College #154.

Eminent Scott James was elected and installed as our Deputy Governor.

Eminent Hobie Henderson was elected and installed as our Chancellor.



Roy Dean Foster
Governor



Scott James
Deputy Governor



Hobie Henderson
Chancellor

Website
<http://yorkritetexas.org/college/trinity154/>
All the Officers for Trinity York Rite College #154 are listed on the "United States York Rite News" section.

El Texa Grotto – What Grotto Membership means

The GROTTA is provided to the Master Mason as a place where he might join with his brothers in letting human instincts for fun, pleasure and amusement prevail.

The GROTTA was not and is not a place for Masons to exercise practices that would not be tolerated in the Masonic bodies, or which are taboo among gentlemen. The GROTTA stands for all of Masonry and wholesomeness in life. It stands for letting in the sunshine on discouragement, grief and woe and it stands for substituting hope for despair at all times.

Membership in the GROTTA gives a man the right to wear its emblem and to participate in its good work, as well as enjoy all its pleasures.

Robert Gene Kirk, Prophet Monarch, El Texa Grotto



Robert Kirk

Proposed Monthly Unofficial School of Instruction --- idea from **John Hrisco**.

At our last stated conclave of Worth Commandery last week I took Mighty **Joe Orona** aside after the meeting was over, and asked him what he thought about my idea of trying to get all the local Commanderies together maybe once a month or bi monthly on like a Saturday morning for a few hours (or a mutually agreeable date and time for everyone) to have a kind of unofficial school of instruction with as many of the local Commanderies as want to participate as possible. Arlington, Southside, Worth, Weatherford, Stephenville, etc.... (JOE thought it was a good idea ...)

I thought it might be a good idea if we could try to get all the Commanderies together once a month, and go through the different forms of opening/closing, and the various orders. I think it would be a HUGE benefit to everyone because we all should finally have enough people to actually go through everything. We would also ALL benefit from the Knowledge of the rituals, etc....from fellow Knights such as Mighty Joe, etc....and then we would ALL become proficient in the rituals of the order so we are all prepared at Festival time. I think we also need to take advantage of the more senior Sir Knights like Joe who know all the rituals, etc...while we still have the benefit of having them around. Because when Masons like Joe are gone, it is going to leave a huge void and it is time for others to step up to the plate.

Would it be possible to bring it up to the other Commanderies to see what the other Sir Knights think?



John Hrisco



You are cordially invited to attend
The Annual
Installation of Officers

2014-2015
Arlington York Rite Chapter and Council

Monday, June 30th, 2014
Delicious Dinner at 6:00 PM
By World-Renowned Chef
Robert Lee Cagley



Want Badges?

We now have a replacement vendor for those very nice Masonic Badges that *Clearview Printing* (and Roy Elliot) used to provide.

LAF'N Enterprises now has your Custom Name Badges

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Logos on file for most Masonic bodies - No set up fees

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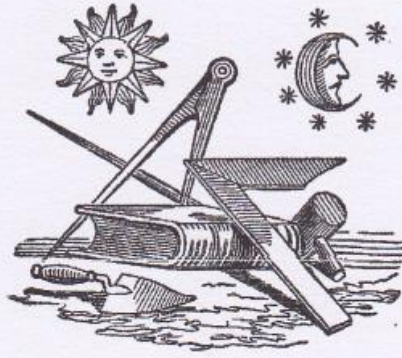
Call or email for pricing and other information.

Nick Fehrenbach & Laurie Dumont

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Nick Fehrenbach



You are cordially invited to be present at the

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

of

ARLINGTON MASONIC LODGE NO. 438

1415 W. Abram St., Arlington, Texas 76013

on

Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 3:30pm

(817) 274-7591

Please R.S.V.P. by June 20, 2014

Lunch and Reception will follow
in the dining hall

ARLINGTON MASONIC LODGE
No. 438



Tuesday, June 24th, 2014

7:00pm at the Arlington
Masonic Temple.

Dress - Suit & tie

Meal:

Roast Pork Loin,
New potatoes, green beans & roll,
Spring salad, and
Strawberry
Tiramisu for dessert.

United States York Rite News

This month we will focus on the **York Rite Sovereign College of North America** in Detroit Michigan.

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

Local website: <http://yorkritetexas.org/college/trinity154/>

The **York Rite Sovereign College of North America** exists primarily to be of service to the York Rite of Freemasonry. Constituent colleges must declare fealty to the Grand Lodge of their respective jurisdictions. The prerequisite for membership, which is by invitation only, is good-standing in all four York Rite bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commander or Preceptory (Canada.)

For Official Information Contact the Office in Detroit, MI Email - yrsc_na@yahoo.com

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave: even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." Matt.20:26-27-28

LEGEND OF YORK

"This craft came into England, as I tell you, in the time of good king Athelsan's reign; he made then both hall, and also bower and lofty temples of great honor, to take his recreation in both day and night, and to worship his God with all his might. This good lord loved this craft full well, and purposed to strengthen it in every part on account of various defects that he had discovered in the craft. He sent about into all the land, after all the masons of the craft, to come straight to him, to amend all these defects by good counsel, if it might so happen, He then permitted an assembly to be made of divers lords in their ranks, dukes, earls, and barons, also knights, squires and many more, and the great burgesses of that city, they were all there in their degree; these were there, each one in every way to make laws for the state of these nations. There they sought by their wisdom how they might govern it; there they found out fifteen articles, and there they made fifteen points."---- Regius Manuscript, circa 1390:

THE YORK RITE

The York Rite takes its name from the Ancient English city of York, around whose minster, or cathedral, cluster many Masonic traditions. Here, these traditions tell us, Athelstan, who reigned more than a thousand years ago and who was the first king of all England, granted the first charter to the Masonic guilds. Here, in 1705, a Grand Lodge in London, to whose constitution the Grand Lodge of England later appealed as the true source of authentic Freemasonry. Though early disappearing from the Masonic scene, this Grand Lodge left an indelible impression upon the institution, and its name --- York --- will survive as long as Freemasonry continues.

ORIGIN OF THE COLLEGE

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America came into being in the City of Detroit, Michigan on January 6, 1957. It was the result of a meeting called by **Richard W. Lewis**, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, and attended by the heads of the four Michigan York Rite grand Bodies and a number of distinguished Masonic leaders from other States. These founders, responding to a need which had long been recognized in the York Rite, outlined the structure and purpose of the new organization and arranged for its incorporation.

PURPOSES

1. To foster a spirit of cooperation and coordination among each of the Bodies of York Rite Masonry.
2. To assist in worthy efforts to improve the ritualistic and dramatic presentation of York Rite work.
3. To conduct an education program in order to inculcate a greater appreciation of the principles, ideals and programs of York Rite Masonry.
4. To strengthen York Rite Masonry in every possible manner.
5. To build up a love of country and to aid and support genuine Americanism.
6. To reward outstanding service to York Rite Masonry by awards, honors and other methods of proper recognition.
7. To support Charitable and Benevolent Endeavors of Freemasonry.

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

YORK RITE COLLEGES

The first York Rite College was constituted on June 15, 1957 in the City of Jackson, Michigan. From here, the new organization spread rapidly from coast to coast and from north to south and by 1970 Colleges had been established in fourteen States and one Province of Canada.

Membership in a College is by invitation, and is restricted to those who hold membership in all of the other York Rite bodies. Since the primary object of every College is to foster a spirit of service and to promote and support the York Rite in every way possible, it is no surprise to find many of the leaders of the Craft numbered among its ranks. Here they find a common ground from which they can act for the welfare of all York Rite bodies without special favor to any. Colleges have been active in the organization of York Rite Festivals, degree teams, drill corps, and many other functions which serve to assist, coordinate, and unify the Rite.

THE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America is the supreme governing body for all Colleges within its jurisdiction. As such, it endeavors to promote all those activities which favor the accomplishing of its stated purpose. Among these is the awarding of certain honors for outstanding service.

The Gold Honor Award may be given to any Mason for unselfish and faithful service in any branch of the York Rite. The recipient need not be a member of a College, nor is it required that he be a member of all the other York Rite bodies

The 57th General Assembly will be in **Denver Colorado, on July 30 through August 2, 2014.**

For information see the website: <http://www.yrscna.org/2014annual.pdf>

Gerald A. Ford is the current Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America



Gerald A. Ford
Governor General

The York Rite Sovereign College **Grand Officers** for 2012-2014 are:

- Gerald A. Ford**, Governor General
- David G. Walker**, Deputy Governor General
- James W. Patton**, Chancellor General
- Reese L. Harrison, Jr**, Treasurer General and Past Governor General
- D. Allen Surratt**, Secretary General
- Rev. Robert J. Cave**, Primate General
- Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr**, Associate Primate General

- David P. Hardie**, Preceptor General
- Blaine H. Simons**, Herald General
- Kevin B. Sample**, Seneschal General
- Ernest Berry**, Grand Herald
- Raleigh C. Foster**, Marshal General
- Jeffery G. Burcham**, Grand Herald
- W. Berry Rigdon**, Sentinel General
- Gary D. Skillern**, Grand Herald
- Joe E. Kier**, Grand Standard Bearer
- Steve C. Monrotus**, Grand Organist



Reese L. Harrison, Jr
Past Governor General
1998 and 1999



John A. Hughes
Deputy Grand Governor

Trinity York Rite College #154 Officers are:

- Roy Dean Foster**, Pre-Eminent Governor
- Scott James**, Eminent Deputy Governor
- Hobie Henderson**, Eminent Chancellor
- John Alan Hughes PG**, Eminent Treasurer
- Robert Davis Collier PG**, Eminent Secretary
- Darrel Eugene Smith PG**, Secretary-Emeritus
- Joseph Spencer**, Noble Primate
- Jim Rogerson**, Noble Preceptor
- Jason Lesikar**, Noble Seneschal
- Chuck Seets**, Noble Marshal
- Organist is Vacant in honor of **Michie Brous**
- Ed Counts**, Noble Sentinel

M. E. Reese L. Harrison, Jr, our Grand High Priest served 2 years has the Governor General. He is the only Texas Mason that has served in this capacity. **John Alan Hughes** is completing 4 years as our Deputy Grand Governor of Texas, and he is the Treasurer in Trinity York Rite College #154.

York Rite Education

When will Religious Intolerance End – By James Janos

Ref: <http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT45.HTM>

Who is the God of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam? All have roots from the Old Testament and then divide off on different approaches to salvation, communicating, or waiting for a future savior to redeem the lost.

In freemasonry, who is our God? Our God is the one who created the universe that this earth is part of...a speck of dust when compared to the immensity of the cosmos. As an avid practitioner in amateur astronomy, I have studied every story and text on the creation of the universe and to the latest theories on the end of this magnificent creation of our God.

Who is God? I have tried to understand this for many years, and now at the age of 53 I may finally have a handle on the answer. As a Christian I firmly believe in God as a title for three supernatural beings, being of a spiritual nature, infinite intelligence, and divine control on everything in this universe.

This I believe, because of my finite sources of intellect, my spiritual rearing, and the faith in my belief. My belief came through hearing, hearing by many people of God, and the development of my faith in all of the above. My faith states, I believe in the existence of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And my faith says that to get to the Father I must believe that Jesus the son died to save me from my sinful nature.

This...all being inspired by God the Holy Spirit. I also believe that the God of the Old Testament refers to Jesus Christ...and not God the Father, as many believe. John 1:1-15 pretty much states this in the divinity of the word, and Jesus Christ being one and the same.

Now I have blown all this away by joining the Brotherhood of Freemasonry.... *Or have I?*

Freemasonry teaches that I should pursue the religion of my choosing and support it...this I do. It teaches that I should seek the light...this I do in my spiritual brotherhood with other Christians and my daily existence with the human race at large.

In the book of James it states that faith without works is dead...and that works without faith is dead. In a church or gathering of people in a religious context, this is the creation and strengthening of their faith. In Freemasonry the fellowship of Freemasons is the development of character to do good works among the populace on this planet.

There is no conflict of Christianity or any other monotheistic belief when people are working as a unit to improve the lives of our fellow men and women. How one believes in their relationship to God is their own personal faith and responsibility. It should not be imposed by force on others, nor should intolerance rule because of different faiths.

As a Christian, I will try to spread the Good News, if I am called on to do it, but I will never force anyone to accept it against their will...we are creatures of free choice and free will. The Great Architect of the Universe saw to that. Even if our belief is the only true one...people are free to make choices and as a Christian and as a Freemason...this is what I choose.

Nor will I ever condemn or criticize other people of different Christian beliefs. The old saying of clearing the logs out of your yard, before you clear the sticks from your neighbor's yard holds true to religious intolerance. My...how our God must ache in the spirit at the entire, so-called killing in the name of God. TALK ABOUT TAKING HIS NAME IN VAIN.

In the end, what makes anyone any better than the Taliban or Bin Laden.....Pol Pot...Hitler...Stalin...KKK...Nazi Party...Bigots...Racists... if they practice intolerance.

By **Brother James Janos**

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