



# The Keystone

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**Jim Rogerson**  
Worshipful Master  
Arlington Lodge #438



**Rick Montey**  
Eminent Commander  
Arlington #107



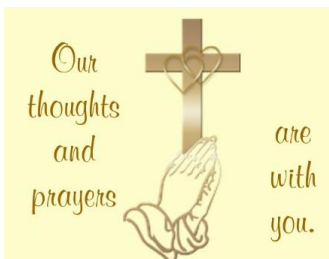
**Wayne Anderson**  
High Priest / TIM  
Chapter 376 / Council 314

## Next York Rite Meetings

**Arlington – Monday, November 10, 2014. Eat at 6:00 pm. Commandery Election of Officers**

**Fort Worth (TMRC) – Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Sweet Home Lodge. Meet at 2:00 PM Ladies Invited Afterward Honor Past HP, TIM**

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



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

Remember **Rick Montey**, Eminent Commander, and wish him a speedy recovery.

Also remember **Lee Wade** in his job-related challenges.

## Commandery Inspection

The commandery inspection went very well this year. **Eminent Richard Doss**, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery, was warmly welcomed, and we had a great time with this visit.

Arlington Commandery #107 did a great job in the opening/closing. Our Commander, **Rick Montey**, had officers who did a great job this year. Thanks to all of Rick's officers who worked in the inspection for representing Arlington Commandery so well. Our Commander **Rick Montey** was, indeed, prepared to open for us, but I (and several others) requested that he stay home and get better.

**Jim Sharp**, pro-tem'd for our Treasurer.

Our Senior Warden, **Lee Wade**, had to miss due to job-related issues. Let us keep Lee in our prayers. The Southside crew came and helped us fill in for Senior Warden and Standard Bearer, plus forming the lines.

School of Instruction was really good this year.

**Ennis Chapter** won the 2014 competition on the Mark Master's Degree, even bettering the score from the Committee on Work.  
**Bob Brunk** won the Obligation competition with a perfect score of 1000.  
**James Kirkpatrick** scored 996 on the Obligation competition.

At the Grand Annual Banquet, the following honors were presented.

Golden Keystone Award:

**James S. Long** from Alpha No 243 and **Gerald F. Nowotny** from San Antonio No 381

Royal Purple Service Award:

**Kenneth D. Hunter** from Burnet No 368 and **Barry D. Brunk** from Ennis No 81.

The 2014 Annual Banquet honoring Worshipful Masters (from Trinity York Rite College #154) was very successful.  
**R.: W.: Jerry Nelson Kirby** was our distinguished guest speaker. Everyone had a great time at the TMRC.

The Superintendent Gary Blair and Board of Directors were personally thanked by both Pre-Eminent Governor Roy Dean Foster and R.: W.: Jerry Nelson Kirby.

We were also honored with the presence of **H. Bart Henderson**, the Grand Governor of Texas, who was given a cordial welcome by all.

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## What is the Grotto?



The Founder - We know why and where the GROTTO-MYSTIC ORDER OF THE VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM OF NORTH AMERICA, was actually founded.

The chief moving spirit in the founding of this organization was LeRoy Fairchild. In the summer of 1889 a group of Master Masons, members of Hamilton Lodge #120 at Hamilton, New York, met to organize and hold informal meetings. What this group was seeking was fun and good fellowship.

The idea of the Order proved to be attractive and many distinguished Masons joined. The order could no longer be confined to any one locality and in response to imperative requests other groups were formed. On 13 June 1890, the Fairchild Committee duly established and formed the Supreme Council, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

Mr. Fairchild believed with all his heart that the beneficial influence of Masonry would be far greater if, along with the inculcation of cultivation of a greater spirit of cheerfulness and GOOD FELLOWSHIP amongst the members than was possible in the Blue Lodge.

The Fez

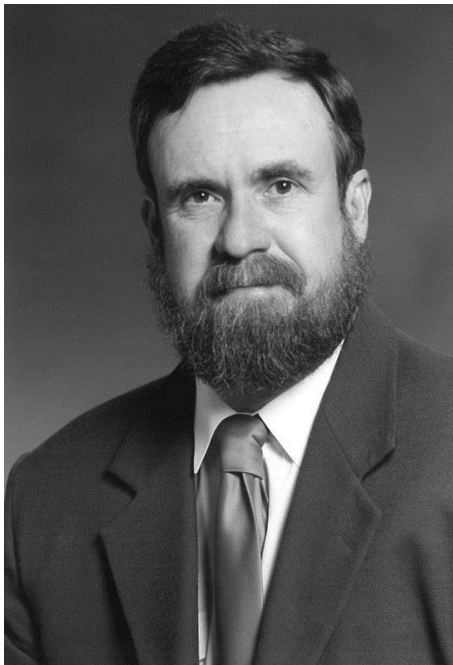
For a few years the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm had no official emblem to wear. Word got around, the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets were permitted to wear an emblem that set them apart from others and a black Fez head covering was selected with a Mokanna Head in the center, giving the name of the Grotto.

**The newly elected 2015 Grand Officers for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas are:**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest	Charles Steve Wolfe
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest	W. David Melear
Right Excellent Grand King	Jackie W. Matthews
Right Excellent Grand Scribe	E. E. "Buster" Williams
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer	Kenneth E. Cooley
Right Excellent Grand Secretary	Orville L. O'Neill

The Appointed Grand Officers:

Excellent Grand Chaplain	Edwin S. Malone
Excellent Grand Orator	Richard R. Jernigan
Excellent Grand Marshal	Melvin T. Hagood
Excellent Grand Captain of the Host	Tommy Chance Chapman
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner	Cecil R. Curry, II
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain	John A. Tuttle, Jr.
Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil	T. Kenneth Bushong
Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil	Joe O. Estlack
Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil	Wayne D. Groce
Excellent Grand Senior Steward	Floyd Edward Hall (TMRC Board VP)
Excellent Grand Junior Steward	Gary B. Blair
Excellent Grand Organist	James W. Holloway
Excellent Grand Photographer	Samuel C. Reid
Excellent Grand Guard	Claude O. Ervin
DDGHP – 26	Jason Lesikar
DDGHP – 13	Larry Fairchild
DDGHP – 14	Gregory Losey
DDGHP – 15	Kenneth Colby Spicer
DDGHP – 18	Hobie D. Henderson



Most Excellent Charles Steve Wolfe  
Grand High Priest



Right Excellent Jason Lesikar  
DDGHP - 26

The newly elected 2015 line officers for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters are:

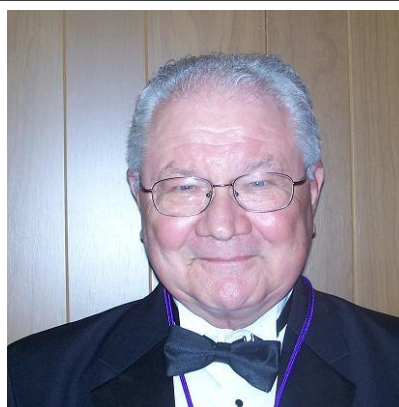
Most Illustrious Grand Master	Richard C. Sharp
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	Terry L. Flippo
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Jeffrey J. Miller
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Kenneth E. Cooley
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	Orville L. O'Neill

The appointed Grand Officers:

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards	James Dale Kirkpatrick
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	J. Preston Haynes
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	John A. Kleinfelder
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Robert M. Sanchez
Illustrious Grand Steward	H. Nelson Dunn
Illustrious Grand Organist	James W. Holloway
Illustrious Grand Photographer	Leonard O. Pierce
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Jeffrey L. Wright
DDGHP – 26	Merle Wayne “Wally” Jones
DDGHP – 13	Bradley S. Billings
DDGHP – 14	Robert M. Wright
DDGHP – 15	Kenneth W. Hackney
DDGHP – 18	Kenneth G. Foreman



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Grand Master of the Grand Council



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May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

I: James Dale Kirkpatrick, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Council of R&S Masters of Texas  
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