

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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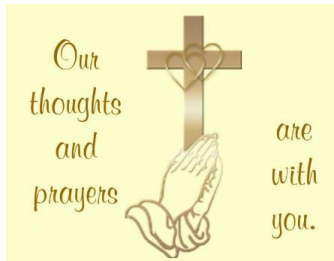


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Welcome to the April edition of the new Tarrant County York Association Newsletter: www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org



Please continue to remember the family of those who passed away, and are hurting, which have been reported in earlier newsletters.
Please continue to remember **Steve Maxwell** with his foot. **Paul Blakely** had a stroke, but has made good progress since. Remember **David Keefer** family concerns. **Wanda Hall**, Floyd's wife had an operation for Kidney Cancer. **Loyd Addy**, skin cancer on left forearm, we think they got it all. **Steve Abell** had a heart attack, but is now back at Chapter/Council. **Bob Cagley** had surgery on his shoulder, and had some complications. **Zach Haston's** daughter (seizures). Continue to remember **Don Lockhart** with his massive stroke, parkinson's and other issues.
There may be others that we did not record, continue to let me know of companions who need prayers.

In Memoriam



Gerald H. Long, **106**, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Graveside service: 3 p.m. Friday in Greenwood Memorial Park. Gerald was born **Jan. 22, 1909**, in Kincaid, Kan., to Margie and Ray David Long. Jerry attended Texas Christian University and was an industrial engineer for Swift & Company, Fort Worth.

He was a Texas Mason for 85 years and was a member of Tarrant Lodge #942, Tarrant Chapter #416, Tarrant Council #349, Worth Commandery #19, Fort Worth Scottish Rite, North Fort Worth Chapter #684 OES. Jerry served as Worshipful Master, High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Master and was secretary of Tarrant Lodge #942 for many years.

Gerald was an Army veteran, having served as a first sergeant of the 283rd Ordinance Maintenance Company as a fire control specialist and carbine sharpshooter in the South Pacific in World War II from 1942 to 1945. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze star, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, one service stripe and six overseas service bars.

Jerry became a resident of the **Texas Masonic Retirement Center** on Feb. 11, 2001. Gerald Long was well known throughout the state and touched the lives of many within his Masonic family. He will be greatly missed. Survivors: Nephews, David and Robert Sappala.

Neal Addy, HP/TIM of Texas Chapter/Council

**TMRC GARAGE SALE
THURSDAY APRIL 2 THROUGH SATURDAY APRIL 4
7:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – For APRIL / MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 29 Easter Program TMRC 2:00 PM 	Mar 30	Mar 31 Tarrant County York Rite Assn + College 6:45 PM Fort Worth Temple	Apr 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM April Fools Day	Apr 2 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM TMRC Garage Sale – Apr 2-4	Apr 3 Good Friday 	Apr 4 Passover First Day 
Apr 5 Easter Sunday 	Apr 6	Apr 7 Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6	Apr 8 Springtown Council Degrees Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 9 Tarrant Chapter / Council Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 10 and Apr 11 Scottish Rite Convocation http://texasscottishrite.org Peculiar Stone - Ceremony April 11 at Stephenville 8am Also- Ft Worth Chapter 2pm	
Apr 12	Apr 13 Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	Apr 14	Apr 15 Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM Yom HaShoah	Apr 16 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6pm Scottish Rite Stated Mtg	Apr 17, Apr 18, Apr 19, Apr 20 162nd Grand Conclave In San Marcos Texas Grand Commandery → See Ad : Pages 7-8 of newsletter	
Apr 17, Apr 18, Apr 19, Apr 20 162nd Grand Conclave In San Marcos Texas ← Grand Commandery		April 21 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	Apr 22	Apr 23 Granbury Eat 6:00 PM Yom Ha'atzmaut	Apr 24	Apr 25 School of Instruction Borger Texas 9 AM
Apr 26	Apr 27 Stephenville Eat 6:00PM	Apr 28 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2 School of Instruction Ft Worth Temple Breakfast at 7 AM
May 3	May 4	May 5 Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6	May 6 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	May 7 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	May 8	May 9 8th York Rite Conf. Waco-8am Fort Worth Chapter TMRC at 2 PM
May 10	May 11 Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	May 12	May 13 Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	May 14 Tarrant Chapter Council-Eat 6pm Ascension Day	May 15 and May 16 Corpus Christ Festival Friday 6 PM, Saturday 7 AM York Rite College Sat: 8 AM	
May 17	May 18	May 19 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	May 20 Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	May 21 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6pm Scottish Rite Stated Mtg	May 22	May 23 9th York Rite Conference in Floydada – 8 AM
May 24  Shavuot	May 25 Stephenville Eat 6:00PM Memorial Day	May 26 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	May 27	May 28 Granbury Eat 6:00 PM	May 29 Greenville Festival Fri May 29 Sat May 30	May 30 Past Master's Degree at Southside Eat 8:00 AM
May 31 Trinity Sunday	June 1	June 2 Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6	June 3 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	June 4 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	June 5	June 6 
June 7	Jun 8 Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	June 9	June 10 Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	June 11 Tarrant Chapter / Council Eat 6:00 PM	June 12	June 13 Texas Allied Masonic Degrees Association in Waco – 8: 00 AM


TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING
 TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015 - MEETING AT 6:45 PM
 3RD FLOOR **RED ROOM**
 FORT WORTH TEMPLE - 1100 HENDERSON STREET, FORT WORTH
 YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING TO FOLLOW

TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE LEGACY CONVOCATION
 FRIDAY, APRIL 10 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

Register on the website: <http://texasscottishrite.org>

Friday & Saturday
 April 10 & 11
 Fort Worth
 Masonic Temple

2015



SPECIAL INTEREST – A young **Ernie Runyon** story --- Programmer for early “games”. A true pioneer ...



Leeza Gibbons interviewed a young **Ernie Runyon** for the Games By Apollo on PM Magazine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKRBM9NZ1Y>
 From 1981

This is a recording of an aired episode of **PM Magazine** (Dallas, Texas) where **Leeza Gibbons** interviews Games by Apollo Atari game programmers **Ed Salvo, Steve Stringfellow, and Ernie Runyon**.

Young **Ernie Runyon**

Leeza Gibbons

Also, a special rare lost jungle for Atari VCS/2600 Lost Luggage (Games By Apollo)

From programmer **Ernie Runyon**: “That jingle was just something Byron Parks was playing with, but it never got used. Pat Roper wanted to start advertising and was fishing for ad material. I really don’t know or remember where it was intended for use. Byron was part of another enterprise Pat had, a sound studio.... More on the link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcC_am2I8W8

Please check out these 2 links for good memories ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKRBM9NZ1Y>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcC_am2I8W8



R. W. Ernie Runyon – Today as DDGM

York Rite School of Instruction

Texas Chapter #326 and Texas Council #321
will host a York Rite School of Instruction on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Location:

3rd Floor **Red Room**
Ft Worth Masonic Temple
1100 Henderson Street
Ft Worth Texas

When: Saturday May 2, 2015, Breakfast at 7 AM

R.: E.: and R.: I.: David Rogers and Joe Orona,
Committee on Work Members
Will be conducting the school



For further information, contact
Neal Addy at neal.addy@att.net

Past Master's Degree

Saturday, May 30th

On Saturday May 30th 2015 **Southside Chapter** will confer the **Past Master's Degree** on behalf of **Trinity York Rite College #154** for all current **Blue Lodge Officers** working their way through the line to become Worship full master.

There will be an educational lecture along with the degree. This event is to bestow the great lessons found in this degree for those who will one day lead our lodges (and maybe Chapters, Councils & Commanderies). There is no charge for this degree. A light breakfast of coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Breakfast is at 8AM with degree starting around 9AM. For more information please contact **Scott James.**

Cell#817-707-9383.

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FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE
SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2015



**2015 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY
YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets



Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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Larry Whitfield, Festival Committee Chairman

Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies



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Degree Schedule

Friday, September 11

Mark Master's Degree – Riverside Chapter

Past Master's Degree – Texas Chapter

Most Excellent Master's Degree – Southside Chapter

Saturday, September 12

Royal Arch Degree – Arlington, Fort Worth and Hurst

Royal Master's Degree – Ridglea Council

Select Master's Degree – Tarrant Council

Red Cross Orders – Arlington Commandery

Order of Malta – Worth Commandery

Order of the Temple – Southside Commandery

Later --- in this edition --- Grand Commandery, Red Cross of Constantine, and also a look at some history

Also, W. A. Parry Grading Results ... Easter Observance ... TMRC Garage Sale ... Peculiar Stone ...
... York Rite College ...

Much good information in this "packed" newsletter ...
11 Pages ...

Tarrant County York Rite W. A. Parry Awards

TEXAS CHAPTER/COUNCIL WON FOR DISTRICT 26
 SPRINGTOWN CHAPTER WON FOR DISTRICT 18
 STEPHENVILLE COUNCIL WON FOR DISTRICT 18

26th district - Final Standings

Place	Chapter Team	Score Out of 1000
1	Texas	997.7
2	Tarrant	994.0
3	Ridglea	987.0
4	Riverside	985.6

Place	Council Team	Score Out of 1000
1	Texas	994.0
2	Ridglea	989.7
3	Tarrant	987.7
4	Hurst	973.3

18th district

Place	Chapter Team	Score Out of 1000
1	Springtown	970.0
2	Stephenville	951.0

Place	Council Team	Score Out of 1000
1	Stephenville	955.5
2	Springtown	945.3

Neal Addy of Texas Chapter/Council scored a perfect **100** as HP and TIM to win the individual Gold.

HP / TIM STANDINGS 26 district - Final Standings

Place	Chapter HP	Score out of 100
1	Neal Addy, Texas	100
2	Daniel Queen, Riverside	99
2	Joe Orna Jr, Tarrant	99
2	Gerald Parker, Ridglea	99

Place	Council TIM	Score out of 100
1	Neal Addy, Texas	100
2	Gerald Parker, Ridglea	98
3	Daniel Queen, Riverside	94
4	Tie: Several	91



EASTER OBSERVANCE

**THE TARRANT COUNTY AREA COMMANDERIES WILL CONDUCT THE
2015 EASTER OBSERVANCE CEREMONY
AT THE TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**

1501 West Division, Arlington Texas

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015
AT 2:00 PM**



**TMRC GARAGE SALE
THURSDAY APRIL 2 THROUGH SATURDAY APRIL 4
7:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

That Peculiar Stone Stephenville Chapter #140 Saturday, April 11, 2015



Stephenville Chapter #140, RAM and Stephenville Council #85
Will Host a presentation of **THAT PECULIAR STONE**
Light refreshments, coffee, orange juice, etc will be served at 8:00 AM

The presentation begins at 9:00 AM
about 1 hour.

Hope to see all of you there on April 11, 2015

THAT PECULIAR STONE is a play concerning a keystone that is important to all Masons.

Location: 244 S. Columbia St.
Stephenville, TX 76401

The 162nd Grand Conclave will be held April 17-20, 2015 in San Marcos, TX.
162nd GRAND CONCLAVE



At the Embassy Suites in San Marcos Tx



Grand Commander - Right Eminent Robert Milton Loflin

**SCEHDULE OF EVENTS FOR GRAND COMMANDERY
FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 20TH**

FRIDAY APRIL 17th

3:00pm to 8:00pm Registration and Credentials Open
4:00pm to 6:00pm Templar Instruction Committee Meeting (Committee Only)
4:00pm to 6:00pm Field Drill Committee Meeting (Committee Only)
4:00pm to 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open
7:00pm to 8:00pm Ritual Team and Committee Meeting
7:00pm to 8:00pm Drill Team and Field Drill Committee Meeting Field Drill Practice

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH

6:00am to 12:00pm Field Drill Competition
8:00am to 4:00pm Registration and Credentials Open
9:00am to 4:00pm Hospitality Room Open
12:00pm to 1:00pm SOOB Luncheon (by Ticket Only)
1:00pm to 5:00pm Ritual Team Competition (Members Only)
1:00pm to 4:00pm Committee Meetings as scheduled.
6:30pm to 9:00pm Awards Banquet (Ticket Required)
9:00pm to 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open

SUNDAY APRIL 19th

7:00am to 8:00am A.C Garrett Strawberry Breakfast (Invitation Only)
8:00am to 8:30am Drill Teams Assemble
8:30am to 10:00am Opening Processional and Public Opening
10:00am to 11:30am Memorial and Divine Service
2:00pm to 6:00pm Registration and Credentials Open
2:00pm to 6:00pm Committee Meetings as scheduled
2:00pm to 9:00pm Hospitality Room Open
2:00pm to 3:30pm Texas Chapter, Knights Preceptor Meeting and Conferral (Members Only)
3:30pm to 5:00pm Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH Meeting and Conferral (Members Only)
6:30pm to 8:00pm Past Grand Commander's Dinner (Invitation Only)
6:30pm to 8:00pm Past Grand Commander's Wives Dinner (Invitation Only)

MONDAY APRIL 20th

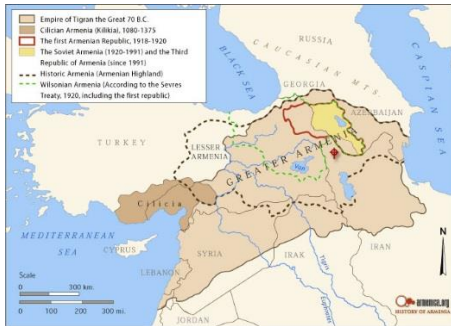
6:45am to 8:00am KTCH Breakfast (Members Only)
8:00am to 12:00pm Registration and Credentials Open
8:30am to 12:00pm Grand Commandery Business Session 1 (Members Only)
9:00am to 1:00pm Hospitality Room Open
11:30am to 1:30pm Ladies Luncheon (Ticket Required)
1:00pm til ? Grand Commandery Business Session 2 (Members Only)
4:00pm Tentative Public Installation of the newly elected Grand Commandery Officers.
6:30pm Grand Officer Installation Dinner (by Invitation Only)

Note: All events are being held at the hotel.

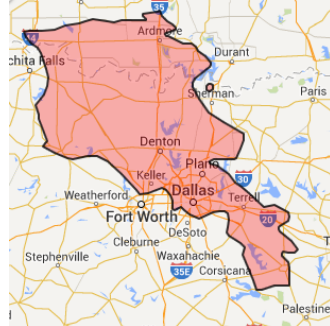
HISTORY LESSON

Do you know which country first converted to Christianity in 301 AD? In honor of their first governor, it is sometimes referred to as the Gregorian Church by outsiders. This is in reference to the Saint Gregory the Illuminator who was also referred to as Saint Gregory the Enlightener. Still don't know? 301 AD being the official record, the church of this country claims to have been founded by two of Jesus' Apostles in the 1st Century AD; Bartholomew and Thaddeus, also known as Nathanael and Jude (not Judas Iscariot) depending on which Gospel you're reading. Surely, you've figured it out by now that the answer is Armenia.

The Armenian Empire once stretched from The Mediterranean Sea to the Caspian Sea and includes some or most of these modern day countries; Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and even the northern part of Israel. At its height Armenia was as large as Texas. Today it is a mere shadow of even its 20th century self. Unfortunately, that is only part of the story.



The Armenian Empire at its Height



Modern Day Armenia compared to the DFW area



Armenian Genocide Memorial-Yerevan, Armenia

In the Roman Catholic Church, Thaddeus is the patron Saint of desperate cases and lost causes. Unfortunately, that symbolic reference holds true for many descendants of Armenia today. Have you ever heard of the Armenian Genocide? Although there were many massacres and slaughtering of Armenians prior to 1915, some into the hundreds of thousands, they didn't compare to the Armenian Genocide of 1915. 1.5 Million Armenian Christians, civilians mind you, were slaughtered, starved, raped, and marched across the deserts by the Ottoman Empire (Turks).

This was not just the precursor to the holocaust, for those that survived, it was the first internationally recognized genocide. Although there are many different layers of genocide, as described by professor and author, Peter Balakian, you must separate out nation building genocide and colonialism from the extermination and desecration of a people. Peter Balakian recently spoke at SMU about Raphael Lemkin, a WWII holocaust survivor and statesman, cultural destruction, and the Armenian Genocide of 1915. The Armenian Genocide of 1915 was a cultural destruction, and religious desecration of a people. In some cases, Armenians were crucified, wooden crosses were sharpened and they forced women to stab themselves until they bled to death, their starving orphans were forced to gather bones from the wilderness and crushed them up into a soup, never knowing if they were human or animal remains.

The Armenian Genocide was the first in modern times where pictures and film helped to record the events, but still the world forgot. Adolf Hitler said in a speech nine days before Germany invaded Poland "...Accordingly, I have placed my death-head formation in readiness – for the present only in the East – with orders to them to send to death mercilessly and without compassion, men, women, and children of Polish derivation and language. Only thus shall we gain the living space (Lebensraum) which we need. Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

The bigger question we have to ask ourselves, is why do we not know about these events? Why has history forgotten the Armenian people? Why does Turkey have a law that imprisons those that claim there was a genocide? Why is the genocide erased from Turkish school books, libraries, or even the word "Armenia" from historical markers at Armenian ruins? Why does Turkey lead the world in imprisoned journalists, even more than China and Iran? The orphans and survivors of that genocide have never forgotten, and on April 24, 2015, they will be commemorating in memoriam 100 years of remembrance.

As stated on their website (<https://www.glofarmenia.org>), "The Grand Lodge of Armenia, as well as the whole Armenian nation, on April 24, 2015, will commemorate the most atrocious episode of the 20th century, the 100th anniversary of the Genocide of the Armenian nation in Ottoman Turkey. One and a half million Armenians, among whom many Brethren, were subject to slaughter simply because they were born Armenians. The Armenian Genocide has been recognized as such by numerous civilized countries and international organizations throughout the world. On April 24, 2015, the Grand Lodge of Armenia and all Brethren will light a candle in memory of the innocent victims. We are calling upon all Brethren throughout the world, to stop for a moment on that day and in unison to light a candle in their hearts, in memory of all those who became martyrs of this savagery, for the sake of freedom, brotherhood and equality and all humanitarian noble ideals."

Matt Pickell,

Past Master, Mansfield Lodge #331, and proud York Rite Mason from Arlington

Red Cross of Constantine St Timothy Conclave News



Website: <http://yorkritetexas.org/redcross/65/>

St Timothy Conclave conducted the Annual Conferral and Banquet on Saturday, March 21st of 2015



Hon. **Brian Bass**
Puissant Sovereign

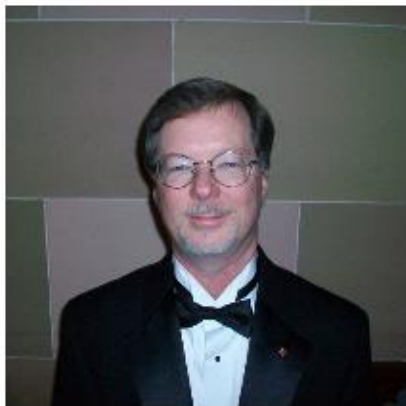


Illustrious **John Hughes**, Intendent
General, Division of Texas Northern,
United Grand Imperial Council of
The United States of America



R. W.: **David B. Dibrell** and his Lady **Marlene**
Guest Speaker at the Fort Worth Club

Three new members were initiated into this Order



Neal Addy



Stanley Bass



Joe Sherwin

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 Philippines 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 Philippines.

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.

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

Puissant **Brian Bass**

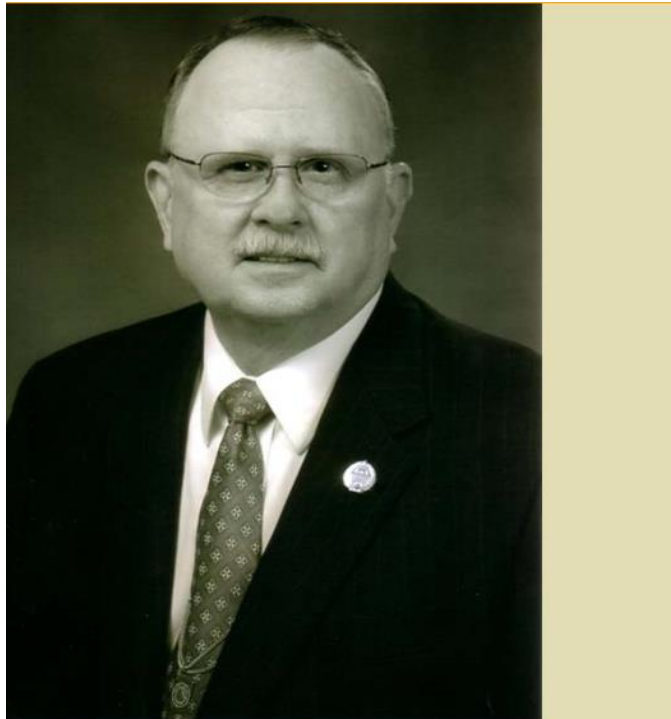
Trinity York Rite College #154 Annual Meeting Saturday, May 16, 2015



Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 16, 2015
Breakfast at 8:00 am
Meeting at 9:00 am

Conferral of Degree
Official Visit from **James Roy Elliott**, Deputy Grand Governor of Texas, North Texas
Election of Officers
Installation of Officers

At Southside Lodge, 7800 Crowley Road, Fort Worth Texas



James Roy Elliott, Deputy Grand Governor of Texas, North Texas

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