

# Tarrant County York Rite

# The Keystone



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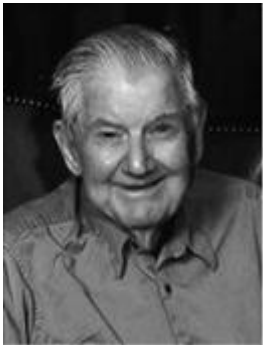
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Welcome to the August edition of the new Tarrant County York Association Newsletter:

## Obituary



**Mitchell Ray Jones**, 87, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, in Dallas.

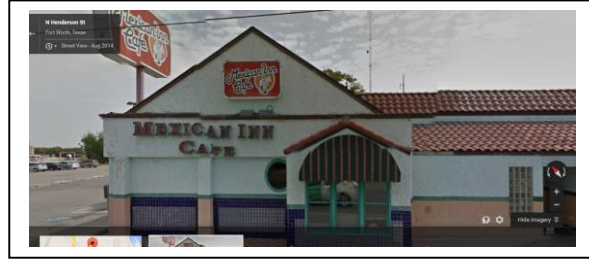
Mitchell was born in Dallas to Marsalis and Aubin Jones and was raised in Red River County. In 1943, he joined the Merchant Marines and then the Navy, spending his time serving his country in the Pacific Rim during [World War II](#). Mitchell returned to Dallas, where he met Norma Ann Jahns and married in 1949. He had a variety of careers but found that being a traveling salesman was his calling. He sold ladies' hosiery and then in the 1960s became one of the leading salesman for King's Candy Co. out of Fort Worth. It is here that he gets the nickname, "**The Candy Man.**" Mitchell continued selling candy for several national companies through the 1990s. Mr. Jones was a dedicated Christian and a lifelong Methodist. He was a member of White Rock United Methodist Church. Mitchell had a passion for the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. He enjoyed spending time with his family and watching Texas Ranger Baseball. The family wishes to thank the care givers at C.C. Young Retirement Community who cared for Mitchell and still care for his wife, Norma. Mitchell was the younger brother to James, who preceded him in death, and the older brother to Darrell (deceased), Marcus (deceased) and Teddy. Survivors: He leaves his wife of 65 years, Norma; son, Craig and his wife, Dowanne; son, Gary and his wife, Laurie; daughter, Janelle and her husband, Tom; grandsons, Bryan Jones and his wife, Rebecca, Nicholas Jones and his wife, Jennifer, and John Brinck. Mitchell was known as Papa J to his great-grandchildren, Kate, Dawson Claire, Henry and Claire Jones

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS –AUG/SEP 2015 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 2	Aug 3 York Rite Practice at Arlington – 6:30 Royal Arch	Aug 4 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6	Aug 5 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	Aug 6 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Aug 7 	Aug 8 Fort Worth Chapter Council Stated Meeting at TMRC – 2:00 PM
Aug 9	Aug 10 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	Aug 11	Aug 12 Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Aug 13 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	Aug 14	Aug 15 Holiday Assumption of Mary
Aug 16	Aug 17 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Arlington Practice 6:30 PM	Aug 18 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	Aug 19 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Aug 20 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery <b>6pm Scottish   Rite Stated Mtg</b>	Aug 21 Senior Citizens Day	Aug 22
Aug 23	Aug 24 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6:00PM	Aug 25	Aug 26 Women's Equality Day	Aug 27 LBJ Day	Aug 28	Aug 29
Aug 30	Aug 31 Arlington Commandery Practice 6:30 PM	Sep 1 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6	Sep 2 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM	Sep 3 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 4	Sep 5
Sep 6	Sep 7 	Sep 8	Sep 9 Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 10 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 11 and Sep 12 Tarrant County York Rite Festival – See Details in this newsletter.	
Sep 13	Sep 14 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30  	Sep 15 Denton Commandery 7:30 PM	Sep 16 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 17 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery <b>6pm Scottish   Rite Stated Mtg</b>	Sep 18 and Sep 19 58 <sup>th</sup> Annual South-Central Regional & Dept Conference In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  See Details at <a href="http://yorkritetexas.org">http://yorkritetexas.org</a>  More info next month	
Sep 20	Sep 21 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 22	Sep 23 	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26
Sep 27	Sep 28 First day of Sukkot <b>Happy Sukkot</b> 	Sep 29 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc Meeting and York Rite College 6:45 PM	Sep 30	Oct 1 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Oct 2 and Oct 3 Various Commanderies' Inspections Begin – See details/Schedule in this newsletter	

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

DINNER --- 5:00 PM  
AT MEXICAN INN  
612 N Henderson St - Fort Worth



Then ....

MEETING AT 6:45 PM  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR **RED ROOM**  
FORT WORTH TEMPLE - 1100 HENDERSON STREET, FORT WORTH  
YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING TO FOLLOW

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New look 64<sup>th</sup> District Website and Calendar –  
<http://64th.org>



<http://64th.org>

Howdy all in Tarrant County and beyond.  
**Daniel Queen** and **John Hrisco** have greatly enhanced the  
**64th.org** site.

Lots of features have been added, and will continue to be added as  
time goes on. The Calendar really looks good.

Take a look around and see what y'all think. If you find what you  
believe to be a bug in the site, please use the "Contact" link in the  
footer to send them a message so that they may correct it. Enjoy!

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**ARLINGTON / HURST / FORT WORTH  
ROYAL ARCH DEGREE PRACTICE**

**THIS MONDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2015 AT 6:30 PM  
ARLINGTON MASONIC LODGE  
1415 WEST ABRAM STREET**

**COMMANDERY PRACTICES ALSO --- ON MONDAY, AUG 17 AND MONDAY, AUG 31**

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  
**Honoring Very Illustrious James D. Manley**



Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321

Festival Registrars: **Robert D. Collier** and **Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

[www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org)

**Ed Counts, President**

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Hobie Henderson, Treasurer

Jason Lesikar, Secretary

Larry Whitfield, Festival Committee Chairman

Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies

Pre-Eminent Scott James, Governor Trinity 154



Friday, September 11 –  
Supper at 6 PM, Degrees at 7 PM  
Saturday, September 12 –  
Breakfast at 7 AM, Degrees at 8 AM  
Courtesy Candidates Welcome

Full Degree Schedule:

Mark Masters Degree - Riverside Chapter  
Past Masters Degree - Texas Chapter  
Most Excellent Masters - Southside Chapter  
Royal Arch - Arlington, Fort Worth & Hurst

Royal Masters Degree - Ridglea Council  
Select Masters Degree - Tarrant Council

**Illustrious Order of the Red Cross -  
Arlington Commandery**

**Order of Malta –  
Worth Commandery**

**Order of the Temple –  
Southside Commandery**



**V: I: James D. Manley**

**Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of RSM Texas**



Fort Worth Masonic Temple  
1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas

# Area Commandery Inspections

<b>DATE / TIME FOR MEAL</b>	<b>COMMANDERY</b>
FRI 10/02/2015 – 6 PM	Denton Commandery #45
SAT 10/03/2015 – 8 AM	Stephenville Commandery #100
SAT 10/03/2015 – NOON	Cleburne Commandery #12
FRI 10/23/2015 – 6 PM	Weatherford Commandery #51
SAT 10/24/2015 – 8 AM	Arlington Commandery #107
SAT 10/24/2015 – NOON	Dual Inspection (both at Southside) Worth #19 – at 1PM Southside #83 – at 3 PM

## Practices at Arlington Lodge

<b>DATE / TIME (no meal)</b>	<b>PRACTICES</b>
MON 08/03/2015 – 6:30 PM	Royal Arch Degree (Arlington, Hurst, Fort Worth) (Afterward, if time, Commandery)
MON 08/17/2015 – 6:30 PM	Arlington Commandery
MON 08/31/2015 – 6:30 PM	Arlington Commandery

# Tribute to Very Illustrious James D. “Jim” Manley (Our Honoree for the Festival)

**James D. “Jim” Manley** was born on January 21, 1944 in Dodge City, Kansas. The family moved to Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock Texas in 1945 and moved to Fort Worth, Texas in 1952 where he attended school and graduated from Tech High School in 1963 and joined the United States Air Force the same year. He retired from the USAF Res in 1985. Jim went to work at Lockheed Martin in 1972 and retired in 2004. Jim married the love of his life, Pam and they have been married for twenty years. Between them they have 6 children, three boys and three girls, 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

## **Masonic History**

Jim was initiated in White Settlement Lodge #1372 on April 20, 1985 and Raised July 15, 1985. He transferred to Tarrant Lodge #942 in 1990 and served as Worshipful Master for Masonic year 1998-1999. Jim is an Endowed Member of Tarrant Lodge since 1998. He was awarded the Golden Trowel in 2001. In December 2009 Grand Master Orville L. O’Neill appointed Jim to serve as his District Deputy Grand Master in the 64-B Masonic District. Jim is also a member and past Treasurer of Sweet Home Lodge #574

Jim was Exalted in Tarrant Chapter No. 416 on March 2, 1989, and served as High Priest in 1993 and as Treasurer 1999-2002. He took the Order of High Priesthood in 1993. Jim is an Endowed Member of Tarrant Chapter since 1994. Jim was presented the Cornerstone Award in 1997. On February 19, 2003 Jim affiliated with Ridglea Chapter No. 485 and has served as Secretary from 2003 to 2015 and is now serving as high priest. He is an Endowed Member of Ridglea Chapter since 2003. Jim affiliated with Riverside Chapter No. 468 in 2009 and became an Endowed Member in 2009. He is also an active member at Stephenville Chapter #n140 and Granbury Chapter # 454.

He served M.E. Grand High Priest Orville L. O’Neill as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 27 in 1998. Jim has served the Grand Chapter as Grand Representative to Scotland from 1998 to 2002 and Grand Representative to New Hampshire in 2010. Jim was awarded the Golden Keystone Award in 2002.

Jim was Greeted in Tarrant Council No. 349 on March 16, 1989 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in the Cryptic Year 1993-1994 and Treasurer from 1999 to 2002. He is an Endowed Member of Tarrant Chapter since 1994. Tarrant Council presented him with the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2002. Jim affiliated plural with Ridglea Council in 2003 and became an Endowed Member in 2003. He has served as Recorder from 2003 to 2015. He is now serving as TIM. In 2009 he affiliated plural with Riverside Council No. 384 and is an Endowed Member since 2009. He received Super Excellent Master’s Degree in 1995. Jim received Order of the Silver Trowel 1993. Jim is now an active member in Stephenville Council #85 and Granbury Council #369.

Jim has served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Grand Conductor of the Council In 2007. He was nominated as Grand Representative to New Hampshire in 2010.

Jim served as The Most Excellent Grand Master 2010-2011 Grand Council R&S M. of Texas

Jim received the Commandery Orders on July 9, 1989 in Worth Commandery No. 19. He later affiliated with Weatherford Commandery No. 51 and served as Commander in 1998 and 2000. He was awarded the Excalibur Award In 2002. In 1997 he received the Preceptor. He became an Endowed Member in 2005.

Jim has served The Grand Commandery on both the Membership and Eye Foundation Committee

He joined Trinity York Rite College No. 154 on September 21, 1991 and served As Governor in 2002 and received Gold Honor Award 1997 and the Purple Cross July 2, 2000. He became an Endowed Member in 2000.

He was invited to join Tejas Council No. 282 Allied Masonic Degree in 1995 and served as Sovereign Master in 2000.

He was invited to join the Red Cross of Constantine in 2001 and served as Sovereign Master in 2008.

He was invited to join Texas Priory No. 23 in 2000 and served as Eminent Prior in 2009.

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# **Grand Chapter/ Grand Council** **Annual Meeting in Waco**

## **Schedule:**

**York Rite School of Instruction – October 15-17**  
**Memorial Service and Banquet – October 18**  
**Grand Business Sessions – October 19 and October 20**

**Grand High Priest – Most Excellent Charles “Steve” Wolfe**  
**Grand Master – Most Illustrious Richard Sharp**

All York Rite Masons are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Editor: James Kirkpatrick  
May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.