

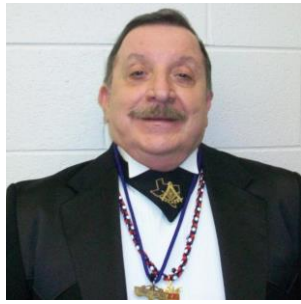
Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



2016 June Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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Welcome to the June 2016 edition Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Monthly Quote – Matt Pickell:

*If you resist reading what you disagree with, how will you ever acquire deeper insights into what you believe?
The things most worth reading, are precisely those that challenge our convictions.*

YORK RITE Degree Schedule

Saturday, June 11 – Super Excellent Master’s Degree at Fort Worth Temple

Click here for petition

<http://yorkritetexas.org/council/forms/degrees/SuperExcellentDegree.pdf>

Please continue to pray for the sick and distressed.

Tuesday, May 31, at 6:45 PM Tarrant County York Rite Association And Trinity York Rite College meet --- All Masons Invited to the Association Meeting.

Meal change: at 5:15 PM we meet at Little Germany Restaurant

Saturday, July 30th at Arlington Lodge ... District 6 Commandery School of Instruction
At Arlington Lodge – 1415 West Abram, Arlington Texas.

Breakfast at 8:00 AM – Meeting at 9:00 AM – More info next month

Inspecting Officer:


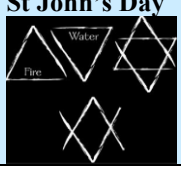

Sir Knight Clarence Joy Laney, Grand Captain General

More details on the school next month ...



Clarence Joy Laney

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – June/July 2016 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	May 30  Memorial Day	May 31 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc and York Rite College – 6:45pm	June 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	June 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	June 3	June 4 TAMDA meeting in Waco – 8 am
June 5	June 6  Remembering D-Day June 6th, 1944	June 7 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	June 8 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	June 9 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	June 10  Kamehameha Day Observed	June 11 Super Excellent Master's Degree Lunch: 11:30 Degree: 1 PM
June 12  Shavout	June 13 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	June 14  HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARMY	June 15 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	June 16 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6 pm – Fort Worth Scottish Rite Stated Mtg	June 17	June 18
June 19  HAPPY FATHERS DAY	June 20 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	June 21 Denton Commandery Mtg 7:30 PM	June 22	June 23	June 24  St John's Day	June 25
June 26	June 27 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2
July 3	July 4  INDEPENDENCE JULY 4TH 1776	July 5 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	July 6 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	July 7 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	July 8	July 9 Fort Worth Chapter and Council TMRC 2PM
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TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of Trinity York Rite College #154 were installed
 Congratulations to **Hobie Henderson** for his election as the Pre-eminent Governor.

Website: <http://trinity154.yorkritetexas.org>



2016-2017 Pre-Eminent Governor, **Hobie Henderson**

OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

Pre-Eminent Governor	Hobie Henderson
Eminent Deputy Governor	Cortney Harvey
Eminent Chancellor	Joseph Spencer
Eminent Treasurer	John A. Hughes, Past Governor Former Deputy Grand Governor
Eminent Secretary	Jason Lesikar Grand Sentinel, Grand Commandery of Texas
Noble Primate	Dr. Stanley McGowen
Noble Preceptor	Michael Roberson
Noble Seneschal	Kenny Smith
Noble Marshal	Howard Hubbard
Noble Herald	Ed Counts
Noble Sentinel	Kenneth Colby Spicer

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

TMRC hosted a Mother's Day Brunch for all of the Ladies. The Ladies had a wonderful time visiting with each other, listening to the wonderful piano music, and enjoying the delicious food that was served.



Many thanks to the **Arlington Chapter #249 OES** for entertaining the TMRC residents with Bingo and lots of homemade goodies, the residents really had a wonderful time.



TMRC Resident **Charles Garner** is making beautiful oriental candles, it takes layers of wax and is time consuming to make sure each candle is dipped perfectly. After the candle is finished being dipped, that's when the carving begins every candle is carved differently.



TMRC would like to give many thanks to **Juanna McLerran**,
John L. Degrazier Chapter #881 OES, and Tarrant Lodge #942

for giving generous monetary donations to the Country Store, also many thanks to **Charles Garner** for his generous monetary donation to the TMRC candle shop.



Students from **Sherod Elementary of Arlington** come to play the strings and sing for the TMRC Residents,



Congratulations to resident **Gene Stephens**, for receiving the Golden Trowel award. Sweet Home Lodge #576 presented Brother Stephens with his award. Brother Stephens has been a TMRC resident since 2003. This is the first ever Golden Trowel Award issued by Sweet Home Lodge #576.

In attendance were Right Worshipful **Jerry Kirby**, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful **Tommy Chapman**, Grand Senior Warden; Right Worshipful **Terry Stogner**, Grand Junior Warden; Right Worshipful **Robert H. "Bob" Waters**, Past Grand Master; Right Worshipful **G. Clay Smith**, Grand Orator; Worshipful **Claude Germany**, Grand Senior Steward; Worshipful **Sam Holden**, Grand Junior Steward; Right Worshipful **O. C. Anderson**, District Deputy Grand Master #113; many District Instructors; **Floyd Hall**, the Worshipful Master of Sweet Home Lodge #576 and Vice President of the TMRC Board; **Gary Blair**, Superintendent of the TMRC; **James Roy Elliott**, the President of the TMRC Board; and **Kenneth Cooley**, Treasurer of the TMRC Board.



Left to Right in back: **G. Clay Smith, Tommy Chapman, Floyd Hall, Sam Holden, Jerry Kirby, Terry Stogner**
In Front: **Gene Stephens**

Father and Son

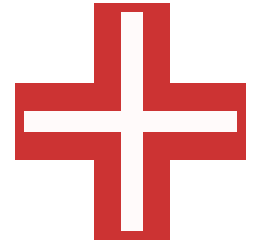
MASONIC WEEK IN WASHINGTON DC - 2016

This year, in the various editions of our Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter, we have included the results for the various activities that occurred in Masonic Week in Washington DC in 2016.

This month, we highlight Ye Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon USA



**Ye Commemorative Order
Of St Thomas of Acon USA**



<http://stthomasacon.org/>

Our new Most Worthy Grand Master of the Grand Masters Council USA is

**Sir Reese of Bexar, KH, KC, GM
(Reese L. Harrison, Jr), Knight Humilitas**



Most Worthy Reese L. Harrison, Jr.

The Current Grand Officers 2016 are on the next page, with the Texas Masons Bolded

GRAND MASTER	Sir Reese of Bexar, KH, KC, GM	Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
GRAND PRIOR	Sir Matthew of Philadelphia, KC, GP	Matthew D. Dupee
Protector of Canterbury	Sir Michael of Seasalter, KH	Michael G. Carridine
Grand Marshal	Sir Joe of Gloucestershire	Joe Rolater Manning
Grand Treasurer	Sir Christopher of Brenham	Christopher Guy Dalrymple
Asst Grand Treasurer	Sir David of Monroe	David Lee Hargett, Jr.
Grand Registrar	Sir Russell of Lufkin	Russel Clay Brown
Grand Secretary	Sir Ernest of Lavalette	Ernest Randolph Spradling
Grand Historian	Sir Charles of Dallas	Charles C. Cumming Jr
Deputy Grand Marshal	Sir Allen of Randolph	Dolan Allen Surratt
Grand Almoner	Sir William of Seattle	William R. Miller
Grand Warden of Regala	Sir Christopher of Brenham	Christopher Guy Dalrymple
Grand Sword Bearer	Sir James of Midlothian, KC	James Roy Elliott
Deputy Grand Secretary	Sir James of Arlington	James Dale Kirkpatrick
Grand Banner Bearer	Sir John of Pearland	John Charles Elkinton
Asst Grand Marshal	Sir Aaron of Muhlenberg	Aaron Ramson White
Asst Grand Marshal	Sir Donald of Strathmore	Donald Harrison
Asst Grand Marshal	Sir Paul of Fortson	Paul Edwin Wells
Asst Grand Secretary	Sir Dan of Reynoldsburg	R. D. Cagley
Grand Herald	Sir Lawrence of Bellaire	Lawrence D. Tucker
Grand Organist	Sir Jerry of Glenside	Gerald J Hamilton
Grand Doorkeeper	Sir Michael of Illahee	Michael R. Pursey
Grand Cellar	Sir Robert of San Antonio	Robert L. Jett
Grand Cellar	Sir Lawrence of Chester	Lawrence G. Smith
Grand Cellar	Sir Forrest of Snohomish	Forrest A. Ryan
Grand Cellar	Sir Richard of Whitleyville	Richard M. Smith
Grand Cellar	Sir Andrew of Watkins	C.A. McLemore
Grand Cellar	Sir William of Northumberland	William Skumanich
Grand Sentry	Sir Gerald of Arvada	Gerald A. Ford
Grand Representative	Sir Leslie of Wealas-ieg, KC	Leslie N. Bale

The Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon



About the Order

That we have a revival of this very English Order of Chivalry is due to the untiring efforts of our first Grand Master, Sir John of Dorking (the late John Walker who was Secretary General of the S.R.I.A. for many years). John spent more than twenty years searching the archives of the Guildhall Library for information about the Order of St. Thomas of Acon, intending initially to write its history. Happily, he discovered the report of the Installation of the Master in 1510, an account so unusual and so typically English, that he felt compelled to revive the Order, albeit Masonically, rather than attempt to compete with the many histories of these Islands - some, alas, more lurid than accurate- which vie for public attention.

In former times, few could read or write so that memories were better developed than ours. Pythagoras forbade all writing, considering it "the destroyer of all memory"; fortunately, most people were more tolerant. It was not necessary to record what was to be spoken, nor to give more than headings of the order of events; such clues as have survived require imaginative interpretation. Good stories, on the other hand, (such as those of Becket, father and son), were written down for use as homilies by priests.

The Third Crusade began in 1189 A.D., and on the 8th. June 1191 King Richard I (Richard Coeur de Lion) arrived with his forces, before the seaport of Acre, and captured the city in 5 weeks. Amongst the English force was one, William, the Chaplain to the Dean of St. Pauls, who when he saw the corpses of the Christians about the walls of Acre, had compassion on them. With the aid of a few helpers he buried a large number of the dead, and tended the wounded. Seeing that his actions were being appreciated, William formed an Order for the express purpose of burying Christian Knights who fell in battle in the Holy Land. To this first purpose he added a second, the raising of monies to redeem ransomed captives captured by the Saracens. The Order being formed at Acre its name was incorporated in the title (the Anglicised version of Acre being Acon). The Order was so successful that William was able to build a church and churchyard which he dedicated to St. Thomas `a Becket, thus the Order became entitled the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon. Through disease and death of the other knights fighting in the Holy Land, this Order of English monks was pressed into service as replacements, and became an Order of military monks, (it was also at this time circa 1279 that the Prior lost his pre-eminent position, this being accorded to the Master), fighting alongside the Knights of the Temple, the Knights of the Hospital of St. John the Almsgiver, the Knights of the Hospital of Lazarus and the Teutonic Knights of the Hospital of St. Mary. King Richard I rewarded their valour by according them the status of an Order of Chivalry. Of all the five noble Orders of knights in the Holy Land at this time, only this Order had a purely English foundation - a fact of which we should be justly proud.

In England the Order acquired the property of the Becket family in Cheapside where they built a Chapel and a headquarters. Following the battle of Acre, the Order of St. Thomas of Acon merged temporarily with the Order of the Temple. When the knights were subsequently driven out of Cyprus, the Chapel of the Order of St. Thomas was the only church on the island permitted to ring its bells. Remains of this church can still be visited.

Old records are sparse, the last admission into the Order being recorded on the 2nd. February 1367, but that the order continued is not in doubt as the records of the Installation of a Master in 1510 mentioned above demonstrate and it was listed as one of the Orders dissolved by Henry VIII.

At the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538, he offered the Chapel of the Order for sale, and, in memory of St. Thomas (Thomas `a Becket being canonised barely two years after his death during the Lentern period in 1173), and in view of the association of his father, Gilbert, with their trade, the Worshipful Company of Mercers purchased it. The Chapel in Cheapside was destroyed in the Great Fire of London and the present Mercers Hall and Chapel were built on the site. This is a matter of historical record, lengthy articles have been published in the "Historical Review", which is available in most public libraries and in several books. All that remains today to remind us of that building is the recumbent statue of Christ which lies at the entrance of the new Mercers' Chapel.

Additionally, the Church of St. Thomas, in the City of London, was built in honour of St. Thomas `a Becket, and the Mayor, on the day of his Installation, always attended Mass in that church, before proceeding to St. Pauls.

Our local Chapel, in Tarrant County, is Fort Worth Crusader Chapel #12, which meets at Handley Lodge, 2501 Pollard in Fort Worth Texas. Our next meeting is the third Friday in September.

The Worthy Master is
Sir William of Crawford,
William Santo Pizzino



Bill Pizzino, Worthy Master

Our Festival Secretary, **Bob Collier**
Sir Robert of Prestonwood
is the Eminent Prior.



Fort Worth Crusader #12

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

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