

Tarrant County York Rite

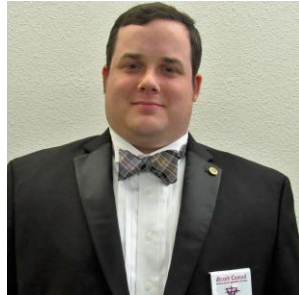


The Keystone

2017 May Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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Welcome to the May 2017 edition Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Quote of the month from companion **Matt Pickell**:

It's not so much how busy you are, but why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted.

In memory of **George F. Schwartau**, Past Worthy Master of Fort Worth Crusader #12, St Thomas of Acon:



Brother **George F. Schwartau**, 84, rejoined his wife and daughter in their Heavenly home Saturday, April 1, 2017. He was a 60-year mason, 33-degree Scottish Rite, active in the Shrine, and very active in York Rite Masonry, presiding over many bodies in York Rite Masonry. He was active in Wichita Falls, but also traveled to Fort Worth regularly and participated in so many activities. Among other things, he won first place in a ritual competition a few years ago, on a composite team with Floyd Hall, James Kirkpatrick, the late Ray White and Mark Kuhlman.

This companion will be greatly missed.

And -- there are many other brethren in need of our prayers for various reasons.

Also, remember **Ann Blanks** who passed away. She was the wife of our Past Grand Commander of Texas **Bill Blanks**.

Also, pray for the continued blessing of **Justin Elliott**.

His inspiring story is listed on page 3 and 4.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – May, June 2017 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	May 1	May 2 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	May 3 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	May 4 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	May 5 	May 6 El Paso York Rite Conference 9:00 AM
May 7	May 8 York Rite Riverside – Eat 6 Arlington – Eat 6 Arlington Commandery also	May 9	May 10 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	May 11 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	May 12	May 13 York Rite Fort Worth TMRC 2 PM York Rite College 8AM Fort Worth Temple
May 14 	May 15 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	May 16 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	May 17 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	May 18 7 pm Cleburne Commandery 6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite	May 19	May 20 Grand Master Conference Fort Worth 7:30 AM Austin York Rite Festival
May 21	May 22 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6:00 PM	May 23	May 24	May 25 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury – 6pm	May 26	May 27
May 28 Ascension Service 2 PM At TMRC	May 29 	May 30 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc Meeting 6:45 PM Ft Worth Temple	May 31 Shavout Begins Sunset May 30	June 1 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	June 2	June 3 Floydada York Rite Conference 10:30 AM
June 4 Pentecost	June 5	June 6 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	June 7 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	June 8 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	June 9	June 10 TAMDA meeting in Waco
June 11	June 12 York Rite Riverside – Eat 6 Arlington – Eat 6 Arlington Commandery also	June 13	June 14 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	June 15 7 pm Cleburne Commandery 6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite	June 16 San Antonio York Rite Festival	June 17 San Antonio York Rite Festival
June 18 Fathers Day	June 19 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	June 20 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	June 21 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	June 22 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury – 6pm	June 23	June 24 St John’s Day Blue Lodge & York Rite Installations Start
June 25	June 26 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6:00 PM	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1

Please see page 5 for the upcoming College Meeting and Ascension Service.

Human Interest Story

“Faith, Miracles and Forgiveness”

On April 11, 2013, 33-year-old Justin Elliott was driving home from work in Richardson, Texas. The time was around 6:00 p.m. And his car was about a mile from I-635. Moments later his entire life would change.

No one is certain about the exact sequence of events but conjecture is that another car pulled up and opened fire on his car. A bullet passed through his left temple exposing the frontal lobe of his brain and severing the optic nerves of both eyes. His car rolled across Coit Road and hit another car. A few cars back a young lady saw his car drift and thought someone had a heart attack. She left her vehicle to check on him. What she found was the horrific trauma of a gunshot to the head. He was first taken to Plano Medical Center and the Air lifted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. His parents were called, and met at the hospital by homicide detectives as they did not think he would survive. Two days later the lady who got him out of the car, would turn out to be one of the Surgical Intensive Care nurses at Parkland taking care of him (miracle #1). His first major surgery was a week later and lasted 18 consecutive hours.

As of the writing of this brief article Justin has endured 30 surgeries and 350 visits to Parkland Hospital for follow ups. He sustained a major traumatic brain injury and was not himself the two months in the hospital. The day he came home to live with his parents every single sign of a brain injury were gone. Miracle #2.

Justin has forgiven the person who shot him and has never harbored any feelings towards them. Although it does not excuse what they did, he forgives them so he can move on and not let it destroy him. Miracle #3.

His story is much deeper than this brief review and he would be glad to speak to any group about what God has called him to do.
(Justin is the son of Sir Knight Michael Elliott)

Michael Elliott

On April 12 at a meeting of the Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau at White Settlement Lodge; **Justin Elliott** gave an inspirational talk about his recovery from near death and the presence of God at each step of that recovery. The Brothers of White Settlement Lodge provided a great meal and fellowship!! Thanks to President **Hack Rogers**.



By: Ken Curry

And --- From Justin's linked in page:

Justin is a public speaker who speaks on optimism, awareness, perseverance, and more. With the right outlook in life and with situations you can have things you didn't think possible. In April 2013 Justin was driving home from work in Dallas and someone shot him in the head. Justin spent 2 months in the hospital undergoing surgery to put his brain back in place, removal of his eyes, and major facial reconstruction. Justin was left blind, had a traumatic brain injury, and other issues. The day he was released the brain injury went away as soon as he returned home and a lot of healing began. Justin has learned how to live with no eyesight and started telling his story in 2015. In total, Justin has had 26 surgeries and over 300 doctors' visits.

York Rite College Meeting



Trinity York Rite College #154 will conduct their Annual Meeting.
Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM for Breakfast.

All York Rite College Members are invited to attend.
It will be the conferral of the Degree
Plus the Annual Election and Installation of Officers.

At the Fort Worth Temple
1100 Henderson Street
In Fort Worth ...

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The association will meet on Tuesday May 30, 2017 at 6:45 PM.
Fort Worth Temple --- 1100 Henderson St, Fort Worth Texas
Joe Spencer, President.
Some of us will eat at the Mexican Inn at 5'ish beforehand.

Ascension Service



Sunday May 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM
At the TMRC
1501 West Division Street
Arlington Texas

Preacher is Companion Brian Reagan.
Weatherford Commandery will host.
Arlington, Southside and Worth Commanderies will participate.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.



2017



GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017
FORT WORTH MASONIC TEMPLE

BREAKFAST: 7:30AM

(PROVIDED BY RAINBOW ASSEMBLY #15 FOR MONETARY DONATION)

REGISTRATION: 8:00AM

CONFERENCE: 9:00AM

FOR INFO: SONNY TULL (817) 335-6004
1100 HENDERSON ST, FORT WORTH, TX 76102



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York Rite Symposium

Most Excellent High Priest, Excellents King and Scribe, and Companions all,

Texas Lodge of Research, in conjunction with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, is holding its first ever York Rite Symposium on 16 September 2017 in Waco, Texas. This is an opportunity for companions to further their knowledge of the Rite by participating in an afternoon of learning.

Beside the usual papers given at a Texas Lodge of Research meeting, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is sponsoring an essay contest specific to York Rite Masonry (please see enclosed for essay rules). Topics on any aspect of the York Rite—Chapter, Council, Commandery, or other York Rite appendant bodies—are welcome. Essays must be received by 15 August 2017 for consideration. Certain essays may be selected to be published in the annual *Transactions* of Texas Lodge of Research (subject to approval of the Editorial Committee). NO ESSAY will entitle a writer to Full membership in Texas Lodge of Research. For more information on how to become a Full Member, please see www.texaslodgeofresearch.org.

If five [5] or fewer essays are submitted, a prize of \$500 will be awarded for the top essay. However, if six [6] or more are submitted, two prizes of \$500 will be awarded. The schedule for the Symposium is as follows:

York Rite Symposium, 16 September 2017
Baylor Lodge No. 1235, 722 Washington Avenue, Waco, TX 76701
10 am – Texas Lodge of Research stated meeting
12 pm – Lunch
1 pm – York Rite essays, followed by any papers for TLR
3 pm – Estimated close of TLR

For more information please contact Brad Billings (see below). We hope to see everyone there!

Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master
Texas Lodge of Research

M.: E.: Jackie W. Matthews
Grand High Priest
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

York Rite Symposium Essay Rules

Essays should be about 1000 words.

Essays must be written by a single author.

Essays must be original work (no reprints or former submissions are eligible).

Authors release their rights to their essays to Texas Lodge of Research.

All papers must be appropriate to be read in front of or by non-Masons.

Narrative, descriptive, persuasive, comparative, or expository are acceptable forms of essays.

- Narrative Essays: Tell a story or impart information about your subject in a straightforward, orderly manner.
- Descriptive Essays: Focus on the details of what is going on. For example, if you want to write a descriptive essay about your trip to the park, you would give great detail about what you experienced: how the grass felt beneath your feet, what the park benches looked like, and anything else the reader would need to feel as if he were there.
- Persuasive Essay: Convince the reader of some point of view.
- Comparative Essay: Compare two or more different things.
- Expository Essay: Explain to the reader how to do a given process.

Topic: York Rite (Chapter, Council, Commandery, or other York Rite appendant body):

- History (Local or Grand body, or general history)
- Ritual (derivatives, evolution, differences)
- Biography
- York Rite influence (including appendant bodies)

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GRAND COMMANDERY

Your new Grand Commander of Texas --- **Sir Knight Jack Magee Harper, II**



Jack Magee Harper II, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, was born to Jack and Cheri Harper on 19 November 1971, in Austin, Texas. His family quickly moved from Austin to Beaumont before permanently residing in San Antonio. He graduated from Castle Hills First Baptist Church High School in May of 1989. Jack has been married to his wonderful wife Julie, since 27 May 2000, and they have one son, Jake Michael, who was born 26 September 2007.

Education and continuing education are both very important to Jack. He moved to Lubbock where he graduated from Texas Tech University in May 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree. While at Texas Tech, he was a Resident Assistant for two years, and a member of Chi Psi fraternity, as well as Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor fraternity. He went on to also earn a Master of Public Administration from Texas Tech University in August 1995. He attended Walden University for a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, and worked towards his dissertation. He also became a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Public Administration Honor fraternity.

From a continuing education standpoint, Jack has graduated from the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; the Senior Executive Institute from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia; the Gettysburg Leadership Institute in Gettysburg, PA, and the Williamsburg Leadership Institute in Williamsburg, VA. He also completed Leadership ICMA (International City/County Management Association), where he has been a Credentialed City Manager since January 2008. He also is a Certified Public Manager issued by the State of Texas, as well as a Certified Housing Development Finance Professional and a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional; both awarded by the National Development Council. Also, due to his work in the field of emergency management, he is a Certified Emergency Manager through the International Association of Emergency Managers, and a Texas Emergency Manager from the Emergency Management Association of Texas. Jack was also recognized by the United States Navy, where he was honored to be a Distinguished Visitor at Sea. He was flown to the Pacific Ocean, where he completed an arrested landing onboard the USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76. He was able to spend several days at sea onboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier before having a catapult assisted launch off the flight deck. During this, he experienced deceleration from 103 to 0 mph in two seconds, and acceleration from 0 to 128 mph in three seconds.

In June 1993, Jack began his professional local government career working for the City of Lubbock as an Environmental Specialist. From there he worked for the City of San Antonio as a Management Analyst, and as an Executive Director of a non-profit organization in Abilene. He served four years as

City Manager of Stamford, and eight years as City Manager of Hillsboro. Since August 2014, Jack has served as Assistant City Manager for Waco.

Jack also greatly enjoys teaching, and has taught at Hill College since 2007, where he is an online instructor for both Texas Government and American Government. He also teaches online for Tiffin University, where he instructs Political Science, Public Administration, and Organizational Theory. Due to his emergency management experience, Tiffin University also asked Jack to develop online undergraduate level emergency management courses. Since 2016, Jack has been Graduate Faculty for Texas Tech University, where he teaches courses in the Master of Public Administration program. He also instructs a number of emergency management classes, as well as Incident Commander, Liaison Officer, and Planning Section Chief classes for FEMA and the State of Texas.

Finally, Jack also works for the United States Forest Service; specifically, the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, where he is qualified as a Liaison Officer. Jack also has served as a Liaison Officer for the Southern Area Blue Type 1 Incident Management Team for five years, which is one of only sixteen Type 1 teams in the United States. Currently he is serving as a Liaison Officer for the Southern Area Gold Type 2 Incident Management Team. While serving on Incident Management Teams, he has traveled across the United States assisting in the management of containing the largest and most complex wildland forest fires.

You can read the remainder of the great biography of our Grand Commander at this link:

<http://www.yorkritetexas.org/commandery/Grand-Commander.php>

Here are our Grand Officers for the Grand Commandery of Texas --- 2017

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Jack Magee Harper (Julie)
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	Richard D. Doss (Kathy)
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Clarence Joy Laney
Eminent Grand Captain General	Gary H. Freedman (Jeanne)
Eminent Grand Senior Warden	Ronnie Wilson
Eminent Grand Junior Warden	Ric "Fluffy" Jernigan (Sharon)
Eminent Grand Prelate	E. Dixon Toney
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Thomas "Wonderful" Snyder, PGC (Linda)
Eminent Grand Recorder	Most Worshipful Jerry Nelson Kirby, PGC (Suzanne)
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer	Tommy Chance Chapman
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer	Justin Bauer (Beverly)
Eminent Grand Warder	Jason Lesikar (Katie Mae)
Eminent Grand Sentinel	Gary Rock (Kimberley)

Congratulations to Sir Knight "**Jolly Bill Witten**".

From Weatherford Commandery:

We are so Proud of our Prelate and our friend Sir Knight "**Jolly**" **Bill Whitten** who received the KTCH at the Grand Commandery Awards Banquet.

Hobie Henderson (in the middle) is a very good friend and brother to Bill Whitten was privileged to be part of this ceremony by escorting him.



Congratulations to Sir Knight **Gary Rock**, Eminent Grand Sentinel, on his election to the Grand Commandery Line. Texas is fortunate to have this great Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight, to serve our Grand Commandery for the next 10 years, and beyond ...

Also, hearty appreciation is sent to Sir Knight **Ralph Royal** for his willingness to serve this great Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Ralph is a great example of brotherly affection and dignity. These 2 brothers, Gary and Ralph, shows us that we are very fortunate to have great men available to serve us in this capacity. Thank you, brothers ...



Kimberley and Gary Rock

Congratulations to Sir Knight John Elkinton for an excellent year as Grand Commander. When you get opportunity, shake his hand and let him know how much you appreciate him.

Masonic Week Results

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



Ye Commemorative Order
Of St Thomas of Acon USA



Sir William of Seattle, KH (William R. Miller), Knight Humilitas
Most Worthy Grand Master of the Grand Masters Council USA



2017 Grand Officers

GRAND OFFICERS 2017

Grand Office	Grand Officer Nomen	Grand Officer Name
GRAND MASTER	Sir William of Seattle, KH, KC, GM, P.G.Prec.(NW)	William Ray Miller
GRAND PRIOR	Sir Matthew of Philadelphia, KH, KC, GP	Matthew David Dupee
Grand Marshal	Sir Joe of Gloucestershire, KC	Joe Rolater Manning
Grand Treasurer	Sir Christopher of Brenham	Christopher Guy Dalrymple
Grand Registrar	Sir Joseph of Toftingall, G.Prec.(Northwest)	Joseph Walter MacIntyre
Grand Secretary	Sir Ernest of Lavalette	Ernest Randolph Spradling
Grand Historian	Sir Louis of Edinburgh	Louis Elmer Bartrand
Deputy Grand Marshal	Sir Aaron of Muhlenberg	Aaron Ramson White
Grand Almoner	Sir Allen of Randolph	Dolan Allen Surratt
Grand Warden of Regalia	Sir Christopher of Brenham	Christopher Guy Dalrymple
Grand Sword Bearer	Sir Michael of Illahee	Michael R Pursey
Deputy Grand Secretary	Sir James of Arlington	James Dale Kirkpatrick
Grand Banner Bearer	Sir John of Garrett	John A Habel
Assistant Grand Marshal	Sir George of Chelmsford	George Daniel Macgregor Pushee
Assistant Grand Marshal	Sir Thomas of Delabol	Thomas Franklin Miller
Assistant Grand Marshal	Sir Martin of Enon	Martin Robert Trent
Assistant Grand Secretary	Sir Dan of Reynoldsburg	Robert Daniel Cogley
Grand Herald	Sir Oliver of Rogersville	Oliver Robert Armstrong
Grand Organist	Sir Jerry of Glenside	Gerald J Hamilton
Grand Doorkeeper	Sir Richard of Marden	Richard Andrew Epler
Grand Cellar	Sir Gary of Flowertown	Gary D Lemmons
Grand Cellar	Sir Richard of Whitleyville	Richard Melvyn Smith
Grand Cellar	Sir Luigi of Raleigh	J Luigi Ammons
Grand Cellar	Sir Peter of Shinnston	Peter Y Turner
Grand Sentry	Sir Brian of Sugarland	Brian R Dodson
Grand Representative	Sir Leslie of Wealas-ieg, KC	Leslie Norman Bale

SUCCESSION OF GRAND MASTERS

2015	Sir André of Byron, KH, KC, PGM, P.G.Prec.(USA)	André Ernest Lovas
2016	Sir Reese of Bexar, KH, KC, PGM, P.G.Prec.(USA)	Reese Lenwood Harrison, Jr

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.

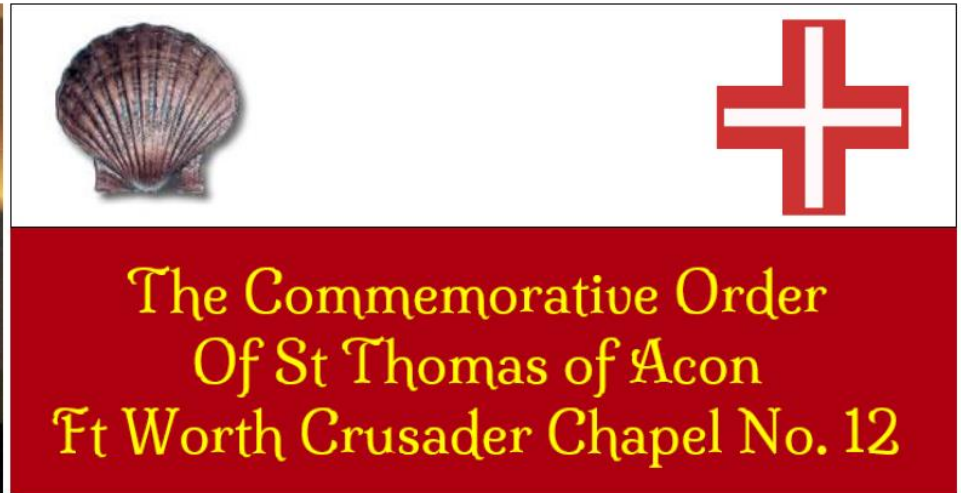
In England the Order acquired the property of the Becket family in Cheapside where they built a Chapel and a headquarters. Following the battle of Acre, the Order of St. Thomas of Acon merged temporarily with the Order of the Temple. When the knights were subsequently driven out of Cyprus, the Chapel 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.

We currently have **one** local Chapel in Tarrant County.
Fort Worth Crusader Number 12, Worthy Master is **Robert D. Collier**



And ---

We are **scheduled** to consecrate a **second** Chapel in Tarrant County.
Thomas Becket Chapel, details forthcoming in subsequent newsletters.

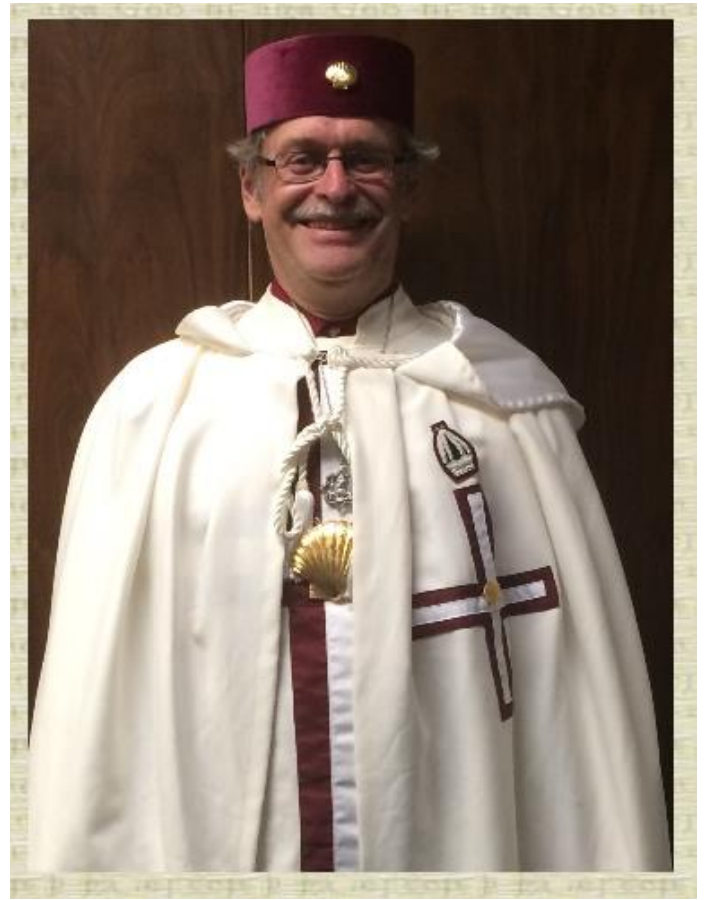
Next page --- we list the new Provincial Grand Officers of Texas



The Commemorative Order Of St Thomas of Acon Texas Province



Sir James of Midlothian, KC – James Roy Elliott
Our new Grand Preceptor



Sir James of Arlington – James Kirkpatrick
Provincial Grand Prior



Photo of the 2017 Officers and Members of the Province of Texas
Order of St Thomas of Acon

Provincial Grand Office	Provincial Grand Officer	Shell
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Sir James of Midlothian, KC James Roy Elliott	
Provincial Grand Prior	Sir James of Arlington James Dale Kirkpatrick	
Provincial Grand Marshal	Sir Robert of San Antonio Robert L. Jett	
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Sir Christopher of Brenham Christopher Guy Dalrymple	
Provincial Grand Registrar	Sir Brian of Sugarland Brian R. Dodson	
Provincial Grand Secretary	Sir Charles of Dallas Charles E. Cumming, Jr.	
Provincial Deputy Grand Marshal	Sir Jerry of Avalon Jerry Nelson Kirby	
Provincial Grand Almoner	Sir Jackie of Midland Jackie Matthews	
Provincial Grand Warden of Regalia	Sir Michael (Wiggins) of Liberty Michael L. Wiggins	
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Sir Russell of Lufkin Russell Clay Brown	
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary	Sir Jeffrey of Ridgeville Jeffrey J. Miller	
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Sir Bernard of Houston Kenneth Bernard Fischer	
Provincial Assistant Grand Marshal	Sir Lawrence of Bellaire Lawrence Tucker	
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	Sir Kenneth of Duncanville Kenneth Earl Cooley	
Provincial Grand Herald	Sir Bradley of Seagraves Bradley S. Billings	
Provincial Grand Organist	Sir Nick of New York City Nick R. Ramos	
Provincial Grand Doorkeeper	Sir Floyd of Irving Floyd Edward Hall	
Provincial Grand Cellarer	Sir Howard of Ponca City Bart Henderson	
Provincial Grand Cellarer	Sir Gerald of Blanco Gerald F. Nowotny	
Provincial Grand Cellarer	Sir Charles of Plano Charles Earl McKay	
Provincial Grand Cellarer	Sir Dock of Blackshear Dock F. Dixon	
Provincial Grand Sentry	Sir John of Pearland John Charles Elkinton	

And --- We also honor our First Grand Preceptor of Texas
Sir Fred of Mount Pleasant, Fred E. Allen, Past Grand Master of Texas.

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

Happy Easter! TMRC held the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8. Families and friends of TMRC residents and staff members, along with the Girl Scout Troop # 1610 of Arlington Texas attended. The Girl Scout Troup members brought Easter cards for all Residents and helped the other children hunt for Easter eggs. It was great fun for everyone!



Beauceant Assembly #63. TMRC welcomes the Social Order of the Beauceant, Assembly # 63, Dallas Texas. This group has been very faithful to come every year to host a bingo party and bring lots of goodies. We appreciate your efforts!



Christian Arts Museum. Residents visited the Christian Arts Museum in celebration of the Easter season. See pictured a Wall of Christian Crosses and a life size figure of the Last Supper. Reverend Ed Malone, TMRC Chaplain, is the curator of the museum.



OES Spring Celebration. The OES Spring Party was a great success. The Eastern Star hosts brought all kinds of goodies for the Residents and had a bingo bash with cash and prizes. Special thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members for their time and efforts on behalf of the TMRC Residents. Thank you for your continuous support of those who reside in this facility. It truly means a lot to them.



THANKS! WE APPRECIATE YOU! TMRC would like to thank
Canton Chapter #667 OES,
Floydada Chapter #31 OES,
Waskom Chapter #812 OES,

for their generous monetary donations to the TMRC Country Store.
Also many thanks to
Amistad Chapter #1115 OES,
Texas Chapter #35 OES, and
Harlandale Chapter #750 OES,
for their generous donation of various and assorted Country Store items.



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

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