

Tarrant County York Rite

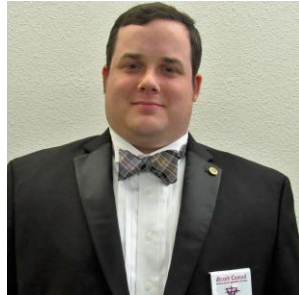


The Keystone

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



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**Welcome to the December 2017 edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

Lane Piercesisms –

I just watched a great show about birds migrating south for the winter. It was a duckumentary. GOOGLE - God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything.

News ---

Arlington Commandery #107 now meets on the 3rd Mondays beginning in December.

Special School of Instruction on Wednesday December 13, 2017

To prepare Chapters/Councils for Parry Award Grading.

Led by Companion **Neal Addy**.

At the Fort Worth Temple – 7:00 PM (no meal) – Page 14

Grand Chapter/Council Convocation and Assembly ---

Thursday, Dec 7 – Saturday, Dec 9

Pray for our brethren and families who are hurting or suffering.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Dec 2017, Jan 2018 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 26	Nov 27 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm Cornerstone & Cryptic Triangle Meal: Stew	Nov 28 Texas Chapter Mark Master Degree - 6:30 PM	Nov 29	Nov 30 Springtown Chapter Past Masters Degree \$15.00 – 7 PM	Dec 1	Dec 2 Weatherford Commandery Installation 5PM w/ Meal
Dec 3	Dec 4 Arlington Commandery Installation Meal at 6:00 PM	Dec 5 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Dec 6 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 7 – Dec 8 – Dec 9 Annual Grand Convocation and Assembly Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas Grand Council of R&SM of Texas In Waco, Texas – Grand Lodge Building.		
Dec 10	Dec 11 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 Arlington Eat 6:00	Dec 12	Dec 13 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM Special School of Instruction at Fort Worth Temple at 7pm	Dec 14 Southside Commandery Installation Meal at 6:00 PM	Dec 15	Dec 16 Worth Commandery Installation 10:00 AM
Dec 17	Dec 18 York Rite Hurst Eat 6 6 pm Arlington Commandery 6 pm Stephenville Commandery Installation	Dec 19 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Dec 20 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 21 7pm Cleburne Commandery	Dec 22	Dec 23
Dec 24	Dec 25  Christmas Day	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury –6 pm	Dec 29	Dec 30
Dec 31	Jan 1, 2018	Jan 2 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Jan 3 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Jan 4 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Jan 5	Jan 6
Jan 7	Jan 8 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 Arlington Eat 6:00	Jan 9	Jan 10 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Jan 11 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Jan 12	Jan 13 Fort Worth Chapter / Council at TMRC 2:00 PM
Jan 14	Jan 15 York Rite Hurst Eat 6:00 PM 6 pm Arlington Commandery 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Jan 16 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Jan 17 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Jan 18 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM Fort Worth Scottish Rite 6:30 PM	Jan 19	Jan 20
Jan 21	Jan 22 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Jan 23 Tarrant County York Rite Assn 6:45 pm	Jan 24	Jan 25 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury –6 pm	Jan 26	Jan 27

**Annual Grand Convocation
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
and Annual Grand Assembly
Grand Council R&SM of Texas
December 7, 8, & 9, 2017**

Held in the Grand Lodge Temple, lower level
715 Columbus Ave., Waco, Texas

Registration Thursday, December 7th from 8:30 to 1:00 AM, Friday December 8th & Saturday December 9th at 7:00 AM

Thursday December 7th, 2017

9:00AM - Texas York Rite Colleges
10:00AM - Texas York Rite College #14
11:00AM - KYCH
2:00 PM - Memorial Service
6:30 PM - York Rite Banquet at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite

Friday, December 8th, 2017

8:00AM - Grand Chapter Opening & Business
11:30AM - Ladies Luncheon
1:00 PM - Grand Council Opening & Business
4:30PM - Order of High Priesthood
6:00PM - Order of Silver Trowel

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

8:00AM - Grand Chapter Business and elections
11:00AM - Grand Chapter Installation
1:00 PM - Grand Council Business & elections
4:00PM - Grand Council Installation

GRAND CHAPTER

RESOLUTION NO. 1

That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas grants permission to Cleveland Chapter No. 490 to make permanent the move to Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton Street, Conroe, Texas.

Submitted by Cleveland No. 490, RAM **Michael DeFrance**, Secretary, Past High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 2

That the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, under Article C-051 Removal of Chapter, permanently grant Hillsboro Chapter No. 152 approval to Remove its Chapter to New Hope Lodge No. 652 located in Covington, Texas.

Fraternally Submitted, **E. Dixon Toney**, Past High Priest Hillsboro Chapter No. 152

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Establish a Committee on Masonic Outreach ... Details of the entire resolution is listed in this newsletter on the next page (page 5)

GRAND COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 1

That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grants permission to Cleveland Council No. 405 to make permanent the move to Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton St., Conroe, Texas.

Submitted by Cleveland Council No. 405, R. & S.M. **Michael DeFrance**, Recorder, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 2

That the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, under Article C-039 Removal of a Council (From One Town to Another), permanently grant Hillsboro Council No. 94 approval to Remove its Council to New Hope Lodge No. 652 located in Covington, Texas.

Fraternally Submitted, **Jack M. Harper, II**, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Hillsboro Council No. 94, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

That Article V of the Code of By-Laws be amended (regarding the York Rite Development Fund).

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY: No change.

TREASURER: 1,2,3,4,6,7 - No change.

Number 5. AS ADOPTED Dec., 2012– [DELETE – File 990 Form and] such [DELETE – other] forms as may be required before due date and forward copy to the Grand Recorder's office within 7 days [DELETE – after filing].

AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

TREASURER:

5. To prepare such forms as may be required for the operation of the York Rite Development Fund and forward copies of the same to the Grand Recorder's office within 7 days.

Fraternally submitted, **Charles S. Wolfe**, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Texas Council No. 321

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Add Vice President as an elected office, and change paragraphs appropriately to address the Vice President.

Fraternally submitted, **Charles S. Wolfe**, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Texas Council No. 321

Resolution number 3 for Grand Chapter in its entirety.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies* and Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS there is a need for Royal Arch Masonry to reach beyond the walls of Chapter Tabernacles to demonstrate Masonic values to those who have no knowledge of those values by drawing back the 3 “veil of secrecy” covering Masonic values and to share those values in ways that exemplify Masonry in a positive way; and

And WHEREAS such outreach must be a long term and continuing effort requiring planning, coordination and leadership from a dedicated group; and And WHEREAS such an outreach effort may provide opportunities for collaboration between this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and other Masonic and affiliated bodies in an effort to form and foster positive relationships with non-Masonic organizations in a way that would require a permanent and continuing point of contact and coordination; and

And WHEREAS the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is uniquely positioned to lead this outreach effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Committee on Masonic Outreach be created with the following duties:

1. Create and foster positive relationships with non-Masonic organizations, including jointly sponsored activities, visitations, and communications to demonstrate Masonic values to the non-Masonic world;
2. Enhance the image of York Rite Masonry, in particular, and Masonry in general, beyond Masonic and affiliated organizations and members through such activities as may be appropriate means to demonstrate Masonic values;
3. Coordinate joint activities with non-Masonic organizations within this Grand Jurisdiction, as may be appropriate;
4. Lead collaborative efforts of Masonic and affiliated organizations in outreach initiatives through joint planning and execution of activities, visitations, and communications as may be appropriate;
5. Seek opportunities to enhance relationships with non-Masonic organizations and individuals through sharing of Masonic values; and
6. With the elected Grand Officers of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, annually create and update a multi-year program to encompass these activities, publish that plan for use with Masonic and affiliated bodies, and coordinate the execution of that plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee on Masonic Outreach be made up of five members, each serving for a term of five years; the first five of which shall be assigned terms of five, four, three, two, and one year each, one of whom will be designated a Chairman of the Committee, to be appointed by the Grand High Priest; with one new member and the Chairman of the Committee being appointed by the Grand High Priest each year thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee on Masonic Outreach report annually to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and semiannually to the Grand Trustees.

Fraternally submitted, **Joe F. Schriever**, Past High Priest
San Angelo Chapter 170, R.A.M.

STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE



THOMAS E. "GENE" CARNES

San Antonio Chapter No. 381, R.A.M.
Exalted – April 6, 1966
Demitted – November 1, 1995

Waco Chapter No. 45, R.A.M.
Affiliated –September 13, 1996
Demitted –June 4, 1999

Helotes Chapter No. 444, R.A.M.
Affiliated –July 14, 1999
Endowed– September 8, 1999

Kerrville Chapter No. 305, R. A. M.
Affiliated (Plural) – June 25, 2012
King –2012
High Priest – 2013
Endowed– September 11, 2015
Cornerstone Award Recipient – 2016

Cooper Chapter No. 101, R.A.M.
Affiliated (Plural) – March 28, 2016

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of High Priesthood – October 21, 2013
Esoteric Proficiency Certificate – 2015, 2016
Purposes and Policies Committee –2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



S. LANE PIERCE

Haggai Chapter No. 53, R.A.M.
Exalted – August 14, 1999
High Priest – 2011
Endowed Member – August 16, 2011

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Member, Credentials Committee – 2010
Order of High Priesthood – 2011
E: Grand Orator – 2012
Member, Grievances and Appeals Committee – 2013
Grand Representative to Nevada – 2013 to present
Member, Fraternal Correspondence Committee – 2014 to present
York Rite Conference Leadership Training Instructor – 2015
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 25 –2016

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



NICK R. RAMOS

Sawassett Chapter No. 195, R.A.M., New York
Exalted – November 19, 1980

Lebanon Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Tennessee
Transfer from New York – December 19, 1986
High Priest – 1989
Secretary – 1991-2002
Life Member – September 19, 2005

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee
Grand Chapter Finance Committee – 1993-1997
Order of High Priesthood – March 20, 1989
District Deputy Grand High Priest – 1996

Seguin Chapter No. 344, R.A.M., Texas
Dual Membership – March 28, 2005
Endowed Membership – August 12, 2005
High Priest – 2009-2010

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 21 –2014
Grand High Priest Conference Program – 2014

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
GRAND TREASURER**



ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

Dallas Chapter No. 47, R.A.M.
Exalted – 1980
Endowed Member – 1986
High Priest – 1987

Dallas Council No. 18, R&SM
Greeted – 1980
Endowed Mbr – 1986
T.I.M. – 1986

Love Field Chapter No. 478, R.A.M.
Plural Affiliation – 1988
Endowed Member – 1998

Love Field Council No. 396, R&SM
Plural Affiliation – 1988
Endowed Member – 2004

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 1987
E: Grand Captain of the Host – 1991, R:E: Grand Scribe – 1995
R:E: Grand King – 1996, R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest – 1997
M:E: Grand High Priest – 1998
Grand Representative to Arkansas – 1998 to present
T.M.R.C. Board of Directors – 1998-2003
T.M.R.C. Board of Directors (Appointed) – 2005-2008
T.M.R.C. Board of Directors – 2008-2013, President
R:E: Grand Secretary – 2001-2017

Grand Council R&SM of Texas

Order of Silver Trowel – 1986
R:I: District Deputy Grand Master – 1988
I: Grand Conductor of the Council – 1993
Grand Representative to Oklahoma – 2005 to present
R:I: Grand Recorder – 2001-2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
GRAND SECRETARY**



KENNETH E. COOLEY

Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M.

Exalted – March 18, 1989
High Priest – 1994
Royal Arch Captain – 1996 to present
Cornerstone Award – 2002

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 1996
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 15 – 1998
Credentials Committee – 2003-2004
Grand Representative to Colorado 2007 - Present
R:E: Grand Treasurer – 2007-2017
Treasurer – Texas Masonic Retirement Center – 2015 – Present

Midlothian Council No. 148, R.&S.M.

Greeted – March 18, 1989
Thrice Illustrious Master – 1999
Captain of the Guards – 1996 – Present
Cryptic Triangle Award – 2003

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas

Super Excellent Masters Degree – 1989
Order of the Silver Trowel – 1999
District Deputy Grand Master, District 15 – 2000
R:I: Grand Treasurer – 2007-2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



FLOYD E. HALL

Arlington Chapter No. 376, R.A.M.
Exalted – October 1, 1994
High Priest – 1997
Endowed Member – 1994

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Esoteric 3-Year Certificate Holder
Order of High Priesthood
E: Grand Captain of the Host – 2002
Committee on Grievance and Appeals 2002, 2003, 2004
Texas Masonic Retirement Center
Director – Appointed July 2002 for unexpired term ending 2004
Director – 2006 to 2010, 2012 to 2016
E: Grand Senior Steward – 2015
E: Grand Orator – 2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PRINCIPAL
CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



CHRISTOPHER LEE LITTLE

Park Place Council No. 373, R.&S.M.

Greeted – 2008

Super Excellent Master's Degree – September 19, 2009

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2013

Member of Gulf Coast York Rite Association No. 106 – 2014 – Present

Member of Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75 K.Y.C.H. – November 2016

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – October 21, 2013

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 8 – 2016

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards - 2017

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CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



DON PAUL "D.P." PAYTON

Lubbock Council No. 183, R.&S.M.

Greeted – 2004

Demitted – 2010

Affiliated Plural – 2017

Ridglea Council No. 400, R.&S.M.

Affiliated – 2010

Demitted – 2011

Springtown Council No. 47, R.&S.M.

Affiliated – 2011 as Charter Member

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2012

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2013

Member of Texas Priory 23, K.Y.C H. – October 2015

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 18 – 2013

Committee on Grievances and Appeals –2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Tarrant County York Rite Parry Award Grading School of Instruction



On Wednesday, December 13, 2017 --- 7:00 PM
At the Fort Worth Temple – 3rd floor Red Room

Our first Annual Tarrant County York Rite Parry Award Grading School of Instruction.
Idea of Companion **Kirby Rudisill**

School Led by Companion **Neal Addy**

All Chapters/Councils are invited to attend this special school.

Open of Chapter – including tactics
Close of Chapter
Open of Council – including tactics
Close of Council
Questions/Forum for discussion.

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS 2017 will be included with the DECEMBER HAPPENINGS in next month's newsletter.



Ye Commemorative Order Of St Thomas of Acon USA



The new Thomas Becket Chapel XXXI had their first meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2017 after a very delicious banquet on Friday, November 17 at a Brazilian Restaurant.

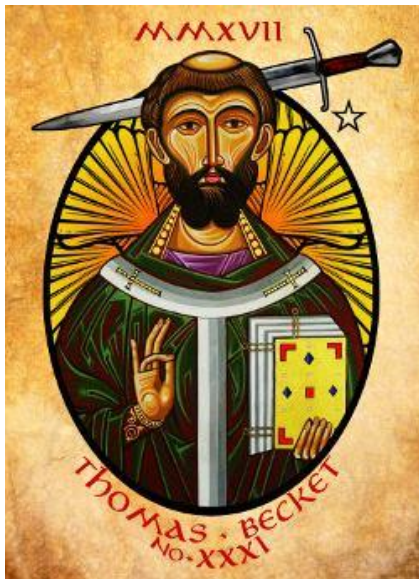
Our Grand Preceptor, **James Roy Elliott (Sir James of Midlothian, KC)** was in attendance. He said the initiation ceremony was the best he had seen on the Acon order. We initiated a new member **Michael Malone (Sir Michael of Dallas)**.



The new chest made by Jeff "Blue Moon" Turner



Sir Lane of Pilot Point, Sir Richard of Mesquite
Sir Bruce of Frisco and Sir James of Midlothian (G.Prec Texas)



Emblem of the new Chapel
Made by Sir Daniel of Worth



Becket's Shrine (badge)



Sir Buford of Shamrock presenting
The badge to Sir James of Arlington

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

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