

FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE

ALL THE WAY IN ONE DAY

YORK RITE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2010

Henderson and Lancaster Streets
Fort Worth, Texas

HONORING

V. E. & V. I. Eldon Brooks

Sponsored by

Tarrant County York Rite Association
&
TEXAS CHAPTER 362 & TEXAS COUNCIL 321

Purposes and Aims

Advancement of York Rite Masonry

Mutual Understanding and Cooperation
Among Participating Bodies

Eldon LEE BROOKS



Eldon L. Brooks was born on December 20, 1933, in Amarillo, Texas, Potter County, as the fifth and last child of Rester Arliegh and Ava Helveston Brooks. At age three the Brooks family moved to Handley, Texas now a part of Fort Worth where the all the Brooks children completed their education. The family included one girl, Mary Lynn Gosney, and three boys: Rester A., Jr., now deceased; Otis T.; Malcom Helveston, now deceased; and Eldon Lee.

Eldon was educated in the public schools at Handley, a part of the Fort Worth Independent School District, was the president of the senior class of 1952, a class favorite and captain of The football team. Eldon graduated from Arlington State College, now the University of Texas at Arlington, in 1955 with an Associate of Science Degree in Industrial Electrical Engineering. He also attended Texas Christian University with studies in Physics and Mathematics. Eldon married Janice "Jan" Parrish Brooks and has continued this union for more than fifty-seven Years (2009). They are the parents of six children: Carolyn Cox, James Brooks, Susan Taylor, Ava Martinez, Lori Carney, and Jeanne Nevell, they are also the grand parents of fourteen Grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Eldon and Jan are members of Granbury United Methodist Church. He is a past president of Handley Methodist Men. Eldon was employed by Texas Electric Company, now part of the TXU system, as a power plant electrician from 1952 through 1956 and attend Arlington State College as a co-op student. Eldon was a thirty-six and one-half year employee of General Dynamics Corporation Fort Worth Division (now Lockheed-Martin Corporation) and retired as an Engineering Specialist in the Integrated Circuits Laboratory of the Engineering Department of General Dynamics.

MASONIC RECORD

Eldon performed over 600 Masonic funerals in his over forty years in Masonry. He, also worked in the Masonic degrees on over 8000 Masons in his forty years. Eldon was Initiated in Handley Lodge No. 1140, A.F. & A.M. in Fort Worth on June 19, 1969; Passed on July 24, 1969; and Raised on August 23, 1969; and served as Worshipful Master of Handley Lodge No. 1140, A.F. & A.M. in 1973-74. He was voted a Life member of Handley Lodge No. 1140, A.F. & A.M. in 1979. He was Secretary of Handley Lodge No. 1140, A.F. & A.M. in 1991, and District Deputy Grand Master of District 64C of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1983. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Uruguay. He is a plural and Endowed Member of Waco Lodge No. 92, A.F. & A.M. in Waco. He is a Plural member of Granbury Masonic Lodge No. 392, A.F. & A. M. in Granbury. He received the Golden Trowel Award from Waco Lodge No. 92 in 1997. He received the Mark Master Degree in Handley Chapter No. 479, R.A.M. in Fort Worth on January 16, 1970; Past Master Degree on February 20, 1970; Most Excellent Master Degree on February 20, 1970; and the Royal Arch on March 13, 1970. He served as High Priest at Handley Chapter No. 479, R.A.M. in 1974-75. He is a Life and Endowed member of Handley Chapter. Handley Chapter merged with Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 in 2006. He is plural member of Granbury Chapter No. 454.

He served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason of Texas as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1982-83 and Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1981-82. He received the Order of High Priesthood in Waco on December 1, 1975; and served as Treasurer and Secretary of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas for many years and retired in December 2003. He was elected as Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1988 and as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1992. In December 1992, Eldon was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and retired from that office on December 11, 2001. He is an honorary member of numerous Royal Arch Chapters of Texas and the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Tennessee. He received the Royal Master Degree in Handley Council No. 392, R. & S. M. in Fort Worth on April 17, 1970; and the Select Master Degree on April 17, 1970. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master at Handley Council No. 392, R. & S.M. in 1974-75. Handley Council merged with Fort Worth Council No. 42 in 2006. He is a plural member of Granbury Council No. 369. He is a Life and endowed member of Handley Council. He received the Super Excellent Master Degree in Dallas on September 18, 1972. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in Waco on December 2, 1975, and served as Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order in 1985, served as Treasurer for several years and served as Registrar of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas for many, many years retiring in December 2003. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. He received the Order of Red Cross in Worth Commandery No. 19 Knight Templar in Fort Worth on September 24, 1973; the Order of Malta on September 24, 1973; and the Order of the Temple on September 25, 1973. He served as Prelate of Worth Commandery No. 19 K.T. for six years. He is a member of Worth Commandery No. 19 K.T., a member and Past Commander of Arlington No. 107 K.T. in Arlington and served as Commander of Arlington in 1983, and was a member of Waco Commandery No. 10 K.T. in Waco from 1994 to 2000, and was the Prelate for seven years. He is a plural member of Granbury Commandery No. 100 and served as Warder two year and Prelate two years. He received the Excalibur Award from Granbury Commandery No. 100 in 2008. He was a drill team member of Worth Commandery No. 19, Dallas Commandery No. 6, and Colorado Commandery No. 4, also drilled in several Grand Encampment Triennials. He was a member of Worth Commandery No. 19 ritual team for four years. He was elected as Grand Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 1983 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 1985-86. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas in 1977-78. In December 1992, Eldon was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, and retired from that office on December 11, 2001. He is an honorary member of numerous Council of Texas and an honorary member of the Grand Councils of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Tennessee. He serves the Grand Commandery of Texas as a member of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and has served as a member of the Ritual Committee for several years. He is a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. He served as co-chairman of the 141st Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. He is the precipitant of the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A. He was knighted a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH) in Texas Priory No. 23 on May 6, 1984, and served as Prior of Texas Priory No. 23 Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 1992 and is a life member. He is a charter member of North Texas Priory No. 73 and a life member of North Texas Priory No 73. He is an honorary member of several Priorities in other states. He served for several years as the Personal Representative of the Grand Master-General for District

No. 14 of Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour. He is a Knight Grand York Cross of Honour (KYGCH) with two Quadrants. He is a member, Past Governor and Life member of Texas York Rite College No. 14. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in Atlanta, Georgia on February 2, 1990 from the Sovereign York Rite College of North America and is an Associate Regent of the Sovereign York Rite College of North America. A charter and life member of Trinity York Rite College No. 154. He is a Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau of Tarrant County, Inc. He is a member of Crusader Conclave (Amarillo) of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, also a member of and Past Sovereign of DeMolay Conclave (Waco) of the Red Cross of Constantine. He became a member of Our Redeemer Tabernacle Number IX of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 1985 and a Past Preceptor (1997). He is a charter member and Past Sovereign of R. Bruce Brannon Council No. 270 A Allied Masonic Degrees, also a Knight of the Red Branch of Eri and Appendant Orders. He is a member of Central Texas York Rite Association. He is a member and Past President of Tarrant County York Rite Association. He is a member, Past President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Past and Present Presiding Officers Association of Tarrant County (Chapter and Council). He is a member and Past President of the Certificate Men's Association of Tarrant County (Chapter and Council). He is a member and Past President of the Presiding Officers Association of Tarrant County (Chapter and Council). He is a member of the College of Rites of the U. S. A. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Dallas Consistory in November 5, 6, and 7, 1973, and received the Knight Commander of The Court of Honour (KCCH) in Fort Worth Consistory on November 12, 1983. He is now an Endowed Member of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies and served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in the Waco Scottish Rite for the year 2001. He was coroneted a 33^o honorary in Waco Consistory in 2005. He is a member of Moslah Temple. He is a member of Lake Granbury Area Shrine Club and served as Secretary-Treasurer in 2005, Vice-President in 2006, and President in 2007. He is a life member and Past Monarch of El Texa Grotto of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm in Fort Worth. He served on the Board of Handley Rainbow Assembly for nine years and is the recipient of the Grand Cross of Colors in 1973. He is a Senior DeMolay of Handley Chapter of DeMolay, served on the Board of Handley Chapter of DeMolay for five years and received the Legion of Honour (Active) from the Supreme Council of DeMolay, International in 1992. He is a member and Past Patron (twice) of Handley Chapter No. 617 Order of the Eastern Star. He is an honorary member of numerous Chapters and Councils in Texas. He is an honorary member of the Grand Chapters and Grand Councils of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Tennessee. He served on the Board of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (Home for Aged Masons) in 1987, 1988 and 1989. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in December 1992 and retired on December 11, 2001. He was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in December 1992 and retired on December 11, 2001. He was elected and served as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas from April 1996 to April 1997. He is an honorary member of the Order of the Silver Trowel of the States of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas and Tennessee. He is an honorary member of the Order of High Priesthood of the States of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas and Tennessee.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - 7:00 AM

Breakfast ----- 7:00 A.M.
Candidate Sign-in (Bob Collier) 7:00 to 7:45 A.M.
includes collection of money / Verify Candidate paperwork
Invocation -----

*Royal Arch Degree – Arlington Chapter # 376
(– Degree Master) ----- 8:00: A.M.
*Royal Masters Degree: Ridglea Council #400
(James Manley – Degree Master) ----- 10:50 A. M.
** Ten Minute Break**
*Select Master - Texas Council # 314
(Mel Hagood – Degree Master) -----11:25 A.M.

FESTIVAL HONOREE PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ----- Steve McElroy
Introductions
Tribute to Honoree -----Steve McElroy
Response ----- Mrs. Jan Brooks

York Rite Festival

HONOREE PROGRAM

September 18, 2010

Breakfast ----- 7:00 A. M. - 8:00 A. M.
Registration ----- 7:30 A. M – 8:15 A. M.
Opening Ceremonies----- 8:15 A. M.
Invocation----- **XXXXXX**
Presentation of Colors ----- Southside Commandery No. 83
Tribute to Flag----- P.C James Kirkpatrick
Introductions -----P.C. James Kirkpatrick
Degree Conferrals
 Program – Honoring V.E & V. I. Eldon Brooks
M. Master of Ceremonies ----- James Manley
 Introductions

Tribute to Honoree ----- Scott McElroy
Response ----- Mrs. Jan Brooks

Lunch (Floor 3M) -----12:45 P. M

LUNCH

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(Candidate Sign-in (R. E. Bob Collier---- 1:15 to 1:45 P.M.
(includes collection of money / Verify Candidate paperwork)

COMMANDERY ORDERS

 Illustrious Order of Red Cross
Southside Commandery ----- 2:00 P. M.
Order of Malta – Arlington Commandery ----- 3:15 P. M.
 ** Ten Minute Break **
Order of the Temple - Worth Commandery -----5:00 P. M.

Closing -----7:30 P. M.

YORK RITE GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Chapter Officers

Most Excellent Grand High Priest ---- Timothy Michael La Vergne, Sr.
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest ----- G. Clay Smith
Right Excellent Grand King ----- Thomas W. Snyder
Right Excellent Grand Scribe ----- Tommy F. Chapman
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer----- Ken Cooley
Right Excellent Grand Secretary ----- Orville L. O'Neill
27th District Deputy Grand High Priest -----R. E. Loyd Addey

Grand Council Officers

Most Illustrious Grand Master ----- Larry G. Canada
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master ----- Jim Manley
Right Illust. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work – Gary D. Dixon
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer ----- Ken Cooley
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder – -----Orville L. O'Neill
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards ----- F. E. Skip Smith, Jr.
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council ----- Reese L. Harrison
27th District Deputy Grand Master-----Kirby Rudisill

Grand Commandery Officers

Right Eminent Grand Commander ----- W. David Melear
Very Eminent deputy Grand Commander ----- Paul E. Wunsche
Eminent Grand Generalissimo ----- H. David Moore
Eminent Grand Captain General ----- H. Bart Henderson
Eminent Grand Senior Warden ----- Robert M. Loflin
Eminent Grand Junior Warden ----- Jerry Pingle
Eminent Grand Prelate ----- Ted Hennis
Eminent Grand Recorder ----- Loyd L. Chance

