

Explanation of Degrees

Capitular Masonry



The Royal Arch Chapter includes the four degrees of Capitular Masonry. It is the Masonry of Recovery. It teaches that the great beliefs in Freemasonry are never eternally lost. All things in due time will be recovered.

Cryptic Masonry



The Council of Royal and Select Master Masons includes the three degrees of the Masonry of Preservation. Note: the Super Excellent Master is not presented today. Teaching that immortal truths will never be destroyed, that the approach of destruction will lead to a safe and secure deposit of these truths. This is Cryptic Masonry . . . the Alpha and Omega of the Ancient Craft.

Chivalric Masonry



Commanderies of Knights Templar confer three Orders: the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. They are called orders rather than degrees because of their chivalric nature. The teachings center on knightly virtues, are based on feudal knighthood or the military nobility. Charity and hospitality are characteristics, which underlie the Templar program.

FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE
SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2013



2013 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE FESTIVAL

1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets
Honoring Brother Michie M. Brous



Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321
High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master: **David Kisselburg**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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David Sebastian, President
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Hobie Henderson, Secretary



Larry Whitfield, Festival Committee Chairman
Right Illustrious Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies
Pre-Eminent Robert Cagley, Governor, Trinity 154

PURPOSES AND AIMS:

Advancement of York Rite Masonry
Participating bodies include:

- Trinity York Rite College #154 (co-coordinator)
- Texas Masonic Retirement Center
(Owned and Operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas)
- St Timothy Conclave #65, Order of Red Cross of Constantine
- Fort Worth Crusader Chapel #62, St Thomas of Acon
- Worth Shamrock #54, Knight Masons
- Texas York Rite Esoteric Association
- Several Allied Masonic Degrees Councils





Michie Brous was born in Fort Worth in June of 1932. After graduating from high school, he attended Texas Christen University. After college he was called up for active duty in the Air Force. He spent two years as the Special Services officer at Carswell Air Force Base.

In the meantime, he married his college sweetheart, **Nancy Johnston** on June 6, 1957. They raised 3 children and now have ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Festival Honoree: Brother Michie M. Brous

Michie has long enjoyed collecting stamps and has served as past president of the Panther City Philatelic Society. He has also been active in the American Philatelic Society, the Texas Philatelist and the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

After completing his time in the Air Force, he moved his family to Snyder, Texas where he served as Executive Director of the Scurry County Boys Club. Four and a half years later, he moved back to Fort Worth and spent twenty-seven years as the Executive Director of the Panther Boys Club. During his tenure, he received many awards, including “Bronze Keystone Award”, the “Silver Haired Man and Boy Award” and the Regional Professional of the Year award.

The first time he knelt at the altar was when he joined DeMolay. He served as Master Councilor in 1950. He has received the “Representative Award” and the degree of Chevalier. He has always enjoyed the DeMolay and continued to work for and with them after reaching majority. As an adult volunteer he was elected an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, appointed “Governor Emeritus”, received the “DeMolay Cross of Honor”, the “Guild of the Leather Apron” and for twenty-five years he served as Dean of the Fort Worth Preceptory of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He continues to be involved with the DeMolay to this day.

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TEXAS YORK RITE GRAND OFFICERS

GRAND CHAPTER

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest ----- Tommy F. Chapman
- R.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest ----- Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
- R.: E.: Grand King ----- Charles Steven Wolfe
- R.: E.: Grand Scribe ----- W. David Melear
- R.: E.: Grand Treasurer ----- Kenneth E. Cooley
- R.: E.: Grand Secretary ----- Orville L. O’Neill
- R.: E.: D. D. Grand High Priest 26 ---- James Dale Kirkpatrick
- R.: E.: D. D. Grand High Priest 14 ----- Gary Click
- E.: Grand Chaplain ----- Charles C. Arrington
- E.: Grand Chaplain*(Passed Away) --- E. E. “Eddie” Chapman, Sr
- E.: Grand Orator ----- Karl J. Krayer
- E.: Grand Marshal ----- H. Bart Henderson
- E.: Grand Captain of the Host ----- Daniel M. Bowden
- E.: Grand Principal Sojourner ----- Paul E. Wunsche
- E.: Grand Royal Arch Captain ----- Tommy Chance Chapman
- E.: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil ----- Jeffrey Bennett
- E.: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil ----- Clarence Ray KcKown
- E.: Grand Master of the 1st Veil ----- Arnold R. Langston
- E.: Grand Senior Steward ----- Joe O. Estlack
- E.: Grand Junior Steward ----- Steven L. Arnold
- E.: Grand Organist (Also Council) ----- James W. Holloway
- E.: Grand Photographer (Also Council)---- Randall R. Kimbrough
- E.: Grand Guard ----- David H. Gardner

GRAND COUNCIL

- Most Illustrious Grand Master ----- Timothy M. LaVergne, Sr.
- R.: I.: Deputy Grand Master ----- Thomas N. Turner
- R.: I.: Grand PCW----- Richard C. Sharp
- R.: I.: Grand Treasurer ----- Kenneth E. Cooley
- R.: I.: Grand Recorder ----- Orville L. O’Neill
- R.: I.: D. D. Grand Master 26 ----- Floyd Edward Hall
- I.: Grand Captain of the Guards ----- Lloyd G. Carpenter
- I.: Grand Conductor of the Council ----- Hubert E. Smith
- I.: Grand Chaplain ----- J. M. Jimmy Willson, Jr.
- I.: Grand Marshal ----- Charles E. Martin
- I.: Grand Steward ----- Gerhardt Krawitz
- I.: Grand Sentinel ----- Martin L. Saldua

GRAND COMMANDERY

- Right Eminent Grand Commander ----- H. Bart Henderson
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- E.: Grand Generalissimo ----- Jerry Pingle
- E.: Grand Captain General ----- John C. Elkinton
- E.: Grand Senior Warden ----- Jack M. Harper
- E.: Grand Junior Warden ----- Richard D. Doss
- E.: Grand Prelate ----- Brian R. Dodson
- E.: Grand Treasurer ----- Thomas W. Snyder
- E.: Grand Recorder ----- Jerry Nelson Kirby
- E.: Grand Standard Bearer ----- Clarence Joy Laney
- E.: Grand Sword Bearer ----- Gary H. Freedman
- E.: Grand Warder ----- Ronnie Wilson
- E.: Grand Sentinel ----- Richard Jernigan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

DINNER (Pre-Eminent Robert Cagley) ----- 6:00 PM
Prayer (Rev. Leonard Newman)

Candidate Registration – Sign In

Robert D. Collier ----- 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM
PROGRAM ----- 6:45 PM

Master of Ceremonies -- **R.: I.: Floyd E. Hall**, DDGM-26
Degree Explanations – **R.:E.: R.: I.: David Rogers**

Program Schedule

Invocation	Clair Billington	6:45 PM
Introductions	R.: E.: James Kirkpatrick	
Pledge to the US and Texas Flags	David Sebastian President, TCYRA	
Mark Masters Degree	Southside Chapter H. Larry Whitfield	7:00 PM
Break		
Past Masters Degree	Arlington Chapter Robert D. Collier	8:40 PM
Most Excellent Masters Degree	Ridglea Chapter James D. Manley	9:15 PM
Benediction	R.: E.: James Kirkpatrick	10:00 PM



SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

BREAKFAST (Hobie Henderson) ----- 7:00 AM
Prayer (Hobie Henderson)

Candidate Registration – Sign In

Robert D. Collier ----- 7:00 AM – 7:45 AM
PROGRAM ----- 7:45 AM

Master of Ceremonies –
R.: I.: Floyd E. Hall, DDGM-26

Program Schedule

Invocation	B. J. Young	7:45 AM
Introductions	R.: E.: James Kirkpatrick	
Pledge to the US and Texas Flags	Jason Lesikar Vice President, TCYRA	
Royal Arch Degree	Tarrant Chapter And the TMRC R.E. R.I. Joe Orona	8:00 AM
Break		
Royal Masters Degree	Riverside Council Loyd Addy	10:50AM
Select Masters Degree	Texas Council Mel Hagood	11:25AM
Benediction	Rev. Leonard Newman	12:30 PM



SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

LUNCH (Hobie Henderson)----- 12:30 PM
 Served by Burlson Assembly 374
 International Rainbow for Girls
 Prayer (**R.: E.: James Dale Kirkpatrick**, DDGHP-26)

Commandery Candidate Registration – Sign In
Robert D. Collier ----- 1:15PM

PROGRAM / TRIBUTE ----- 1:30 PM
Honoring Michie M. Brous
 Master of Ceremonies – **R.: I.: Floyd E. Hall**, DDGM-26

Commandery Program Schedule

Invocation	Tim Gould	1:30 PM
Tribute	Michie M. Brous	
Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	Southside Commandery H. Larry Whitfield	1:45 PM
Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta	Arlington Commandery Robert D. Collier	3:15 PM
Break		
Order of the Temple	Worth Commandery Jerry Taylor	4:30 PM
Benediction	Jason Lesikar Vice President, TCYRA	6:30 PM



Honoree: Brother Michie M. Brous

His Masonic Career is as impressive as his DeMolay career. He was raised a Master Mason in January 1954 in Panther City Lodge #1183. From January Of 1957 until May of 1990, he was working at nights, which curtailed his involvement with Masonry. He is a Past Master of Panther City Lodge #1183 (1990-1991). He is the recipient of the Golden Trowel Award. He also served as District Deputy Grand Master, Regional Coordinator and three terms as District Masonic Relations Officer and on various committees of Grand Lodge. He is an Endowed member of Panther City Lodge and a full member of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame. He also served five terms as the Grand Organist of Grand Lodge. He is a plural member of Sweet Home Lodge #576, Southside Lodge #1114, Sunrise / Daylight Lodge #1433 and Tranquility Lodge # 2000.

He is a Past High Priest of Texas Chapter #362 and has received the “Order of the High Priesthood” as well as the “Cornerstone Award”. He is also a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Texas Council #321 and has received the “Cryptic Triangle Award”, and the “Order of the Silver Trowel”. In addition, he has received the Super Excellent Master degree.

He also had a distinguished career as the Grand Organist of Grand Chapter and Grand Council for 15 years.

He is also a Past Commander of Worth Commandery #19 and earned the Excalibur Award. He is a member of the “Knights of York” Priory #23 and a member of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor.

He is a Past Chairman of the Masonic Temple Library and Museum. He has also served as Pre-Eminent Governor of Trinity York Rite College #154 and has received the “Order of The Purple Cross” as well as the “Gold Honors” award. In addition, he is a Past Puissant Sovereign of Saint Timothy Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Also, he is the Past Sovereign of Tejas Council #282 “Allied Masonic Degrees”. He was the recipient of the “Knight of the Red Branch of Eri” as well as several other degrees. In 2004, he served as President of this Tarrant County York Rite Association.

He is a Past President of William J. Worth #463 of the National Sojourners and a member of Cowpens Camp and Heroes of '76. He is a Past Monarch and Zone Chairman of El Texa Grotto. In addition, he is a member of Moslah Shrine, Scottish Rite 32° KCCH and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Michie Brous has received a great deal of recognition for all the achievements he has accomplished in an illustrious career. He has served as a model mason and has been a mentor to countless masons over the years.