

# 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 11 & 12, 2015



## 2015 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE FESTIVAL



1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas  
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets  
Honoring Very Illustrious **James D. Manley**

Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321  
High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master: **Sam Reid**  
Festival Registrars: **Robert D. Collier** and **Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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**Ed Counts, President**



Scott James, Vice President

Hobie Henderson, Treasurer

Jason Lesikar, Secretary

Larry Whitfield, Festival Committee Chairman

Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies

Pre-Eminent Scott James, 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, Order of Red Cross of Constantine
- Fort Worth Crusader Chapel #62, St Thomas of Acon
- Worth Shamrock #54, Knight Masons
- Several Allied Masonic Degrees Councils





Brother James D. Manley is an exceptional honoree for the 2015 Fort Worth Festival.

He is the Very Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

He currently serves on the board of directors for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center owned and operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

**Festival Honoree: Brother James D. Manley**

**James D. "Jim" Manley** was born on January 21, 1944 in Dodge City, Kansas. The family moved to Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock Texas in 1945 and moved to Fort Worth, Texas in 1952 where he attended school and graduated from Tech High School in 1963 and joined the United States Air Force the same year. He retired from the USAF Res in 1985. Jim went to work at Lockheed Martin in 1972 and retired in 2004. Jim married the love of his life, Pam and they have been married for twenty years. Between them they have 6 children, three boys and three girls, 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Jim was initiated in White Settlement Lodge #1372 on April 20, 1985 and Raised July 15, 1985. He transferred to Tarrant Lodge #942 in 1990 and served as Worshipful Master for Masonic year 1998-1999. Jim is an Endowed Member of Tarrant Lodge since 1998. He was awarded the Golden Trowel in 2001. In December 2009 Grand Master Orville L. O'Neill appointed Jim to serve as his District Deputy Grand Master in the 64-B Masonic District. Jim is also a member and past Treasurer of Sweet Home Lodge #574

Jim was Exalted in Tarrant Chapter No. 416 on March 2, 1989, and served as High Priest in 1993 and as Treasurer 1999-2002. He took the Order of High Priesthood in 1993. Jim is an Endowed Member of Tarrant Chapter since 1994. Jim was presented the Cornerstone Award in 1997. On February 19, 2003 Jim affiliated with Ridglea Chapter No. 485 and has served as Secretary from 2003 to 2015 and is now serving as high priest. He is an Endowed Member of Ridglea Chapter since 2003. Jim affiliated with Riverside Chapter No. 468 in 2009 and became an Endowed Member in 2009. He is also an active member at Stephenville Chapter #n140 and Granbury Chapter # 454.

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**TEXAS YORK RITE GRAND OFFICERS  
GRAND CHAPTER**

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest ----- Charles Steven Wolfe
- R: E: Deputy Grand High Priest ----- W. David Melear
- R: E: Grand King ----- Jackie W. Matthews
- R: E: Grand Scribe ----- E.E. Buster Williams
- R: E: Grand Treasurer ----- Kenneth E. Cooley
- R: E: Grand Secretary ----- Orville L. O'Neill
- R: E: D. D. Grand High Priest 18 ----- Hobie D. Henderson
- R: E: D. D. Grand High Priest 26 ----- Jason Lesikar
- E: Grand Chaplain ----- Edwin S. Malone
- E: Grand Orator ----- Richard R. Jernigan
- E: Grand Marshal ----- Melvin T. Hagood
- E: Grand Captain of the Host ----- Tommy Chance Chapman
- E: Grand Principal Sojourner ----- Cecil R. Curry, II
- E: Grand Royal Arch Captain ----- John A. Tuttle
- E: Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil-- ----- T. Kenneth Bushong
- E: Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil ----- Joe E. Estlack
- E: Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil ----- Wayne D. Groce
- E: Grand Senior Steward ----- Floyd Edward Hall
- E: Grand Junior Steward ----- Gary B. Blair
- E: Grand Organist (Also Council) ----- James W. Holloway
- E: Grand Photographer ----- Samuel C. Reid
- E: Grand Guard ----- Claude O. Ervin

**GRAND COUNCIL**

- Most Illustrious Grand Master ----- Richard C. Sharp
- R: I: Deputy Grand Master ----- Terry L. Flippo
- R: I: Grand PCW----- Jeffrey J. Miller
- R: I: Grand Treasurer ----- Kenneth E. Cooley
- R: I: Grand Recorder ----- Orville L. O'Neill
- R: I: D. D. Grand Master 18 ----- Kenneth Foreman
- R: I: D. D. Grand Master 26 ----- Merle Wayne "Wally" Jones
- I: Grand Captain of the Guards ----- James Dale Kirkpatrick
- I: Grand Conductor of the Council ----- J. Preston Haynes
- I: Grand Chaplain ----- John A. Kleinfelder
- I: Grand Marshal ----- Roberto M. Sanchez
- I: Grand Steward ----- H. Nelson Dunn
- I: Grand Photographer ----- Leonard O. Pierce
- I: Grand Sentinel ----- Jeffrey L. Wright

**GRAND COMMANDERY**

- Right Eminent Grand Commander ----- Jerry Pingle
- V: E: Deputy Grand Commander ----- John C. Elkinton
- E: Grand Generalissimo ----- Jack M. Harper
- E: Grand Captain General ----- Richard D. Doss
- E: Grand Senior Warden ----- Clarence Joy Laney
- E: Grand Junior Warden ----- Gary H. Freedman
- E: Grand Prelate ----- Judge R. Risley
- E: Grand Treasurer ----- Thomas W. Snyder
- E: Grand Recorder ----- R: W: Jerry Nelson Kirby
- E: Grand Standard Bearer ----- Ronnie Wilson
- E: Grand Sword Bearer ----- Richard Jernigan
- E: Grand Warder ----- Tommy Chance Chapman
- E: Grand Sentinel ----- Justin Bauer

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015**

DINNER (Robert Cagley) ----- 6:00 PM  
 Prayer (R.: E.: Hobie Henderson, Deputy Governor)

Candidate Registration – Sign In  
 Robert D. Collier ----- 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
 PROGRAM ----- 6:30 PM

Master of Ceremonies ----- E.: Floyd E. Hall  
 Degree Explanations ----- R.:E.: R.: I.: David Rogers

**Program Schedule**

<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Rev. Tim Gould</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>Introductions &amp; Pledge to the US/Texas Flags</b>	<b>Ed Counts President, TCYRA</b>	
<b>Mark Masters Degree</b>	<b>Riverside Chapter Loyd Addy</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Break</b>		
<b>Past Masters Degree</b>	<b>Texas Chapter E.: Mel Hagood</b>	<b>8:40 PM</b>
<b>Most Excellent Masters Degree</b>	<b>Southside Chapter H. Larry Whitfield</b>	<b>9:15 PM</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>E.: Floyd Hall</b>	<b>10:00 PM</b>



**SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

BREAKFAST (Fort Worth Rainbow) ----- 7:00 AM  
 Prayer (Scott James, Governor)

Candidate Registration – Sign In  
 Robert D. Collier ----- 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM  
 PROGRAM ----- 7:30 AM

Master of Ceremonies ----- E.: Floyd E. Hall

**Program Schedule**

<b>Invocation</b>	<b>E.: Floyd Hall</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	<b>R.: E.: Hobie Henderson</b>	
<b>Pledge to the US/Texas Flags</b>	<b>Scott James, Governor, Vice President, TCYRA</b>	
<b>Royal Arch Degree</b>	<b>Arlington, Fort Worth and Hurst Chapters I.: James Kirkpatrick</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Break</b>		
<b>Royal Masters Degree</b>	<b>Ridglea Council V.: I.: James D. Manley</b>	<b>10:50AM</b>
<b>Select Masters Degree</b>	<b>Tarrant Council R.:E.: R.:I.: Joe Orona</b>	<b>11:25AM</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>R.:E.: R.:I.: Joe Orona</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>



**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

Lunch (**R.: E.: Hobie Henderson**) ----- 12:30 PM  
 Served by Burselon Rainbow Assembly I.O.R.G.  
 Prayer (**Chuck Seets**)  
 Commandery Candidate Registration – Sign In  
**Robert D. Collier** ----- 1:15PM

**PROGRAM / TRIBUTE** ----- 1:30 PM

**Honoring James D. Manley**

Master of Ceremonies ---- **Floyd Hall** – Director TMRC  
 Tribute Presenter ----- Companion **Floyd Hall**  
 Orders Coordinator ----- Companion **Ed Counts**

***Commandery Program Schedule – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor***

<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Jerry Taylor, Commander</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Tribute</b>	<b>To: James D. Manley</b>	
<b>Illustrious Order of the Red Cross</b>	<b>Arlington Commandery Robert Davis Collier</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
<b>Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta</b>	<b>Worth Commandery Jerry Taylor</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
<b>Break</b>		
<b>Order of the Temple</b>	<b>Southside Commandery H. Larry Whitfield</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>Joseph Spencer, P.C. Prelate, Arlington #107</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>



**Honoree: Brother James D. Manley**

Jim served M.E. Grand High Priest Orville L. O'Neill as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 27 in 1998. Jim has served the Grand Chapter as Grand Representative to Scotland from 1998 to 2002 and Grand Representative to New Hampshire in 2010. Jim was awarded the Golden Keystone Award in 2002.

Jim was Greeted in Tarrant Council No. 349 on March 16, 1989 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in the Cryptic Year 1993-1994 and Treasurer from 1999 to 2002. He is an Endowed Member of Tarrant Chapter since 1994. Tarrant Council presented him with the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2002. Jim affiliated plural with Ridglea Council in 2003 and became an Endowed Member in 2003. He has served as Recorder from 2003 to 2015. He is now serving as TIM. In 2009 he affiliated plural with Riverside Council No. 384 and is an Endowed Member since 2009. He received Super Excellent Master's Degree in 1995. Jim received Order of the Silver Trowel 1993. Jim is now an active member in Stephenville Council #85 and Granbury Council #369.

Jim has served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Grand Conductor of the Council In 2007. He was nominated as Grand Representative to New Hampshire in 2010.

Jim served as The Most Excellent Grand Master 2010-2011 Grand Council R&S M. of Texas.

Jim received the Commandery Orders on July 9, 1989 in Worth Commandery No. 19. He later affiliated with Weatherford Commandery No. 51 and served as Commander in 1998 and 2000. He was awarded the Excalibur Award In 2002. In 1997 he received the Preceptor. He became an Endowed Member in 2005.

Jim has served The Grand Commandery on both the Membership and Eye Foundation Committee. He joined Trinity York Rite College No. 154 on September 21, 1991 and served As Governor in 2002 and received Gold Honor Award 1997 and the Purple Cross July 2, 2000. He became an Endowed Member in 2000. He was invited to join Tejas Council No. 282 Allied Masonic Degree in 1995 and served as Sovereign Master in 2000.

He was invited to join the Red Cross of Constantine in 2001 and served as Sovereign Master in 2008.

He was invited to join Texas Priory No. 23 in 2000 and served as Eminent Prior in 2009.