

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 8 & 9, 2017



2017 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE FESTIVAL

1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets
Honoring Illustrious **Billie Eugene Davis 33°**



Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321
High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master: **Robert Trevathan**
Festival Registrar: **R.: I.: Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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Joe Spencer, President
Kenneth Colby Spicer, Vice President
Robert Cagley, Treasurer
Hobie Henderson, Secretary
Ricky Cox, Master of Ceremonies



Pre-Eminent and E.: Cortney Harvey, 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 (TMRC)
- St Timothy Conclave, Order of Red Cross of Constantine
- Fort Worth Crusader Chapel #12, St Thomas of Acon
- Worth Shamrock #54, Knight Masons
- Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, H.R.A.K.T.P.
- Several Allied Masonic Degrees Councils





Billie Eugene Davis is a great man. His focus has been the education and well-being of Children. He dedicated his time serving on the Masonic Home and School Board, and continued to serve throughout its existence. Billie also served as VP of the Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee.

In York Rite, he worked on degrees, and more specifically the Royal Arch Degree.

Festival Honoree: Brother **Billie Eugene Davis**

Billie Eugene Davis was born July 18, 1928 in Huckabee, Texas. He worked for his father doing general farming work in Stephenville Texas, as well as other jobs as a youth. He is a proud Aggie. Billie was very active in all sports. He earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in June, 1949.



He joined the Army in 1950. He received an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States of America on October 17, 1960. He was an inspector for the Highway department for 38 years, and was an inspector for the City of Fort Worth for 8 years, and served in the National Guard in Arlington Texas.

Masonic Resume'

Billie was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on July 12, 1962 at Arlington Masonic Lodge #438.

Billie served as Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge #592 in 1998-2000. In 2000, he also was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District Number 64-D by then Grand Master W. Vernon Burke, Jr.

Endowed member of Arlington Lodge 438 (1990) and Harmony 592 (1996). Member of Sweet Home Lodge 596 and Tranquility 2000.

Joined Arlington Chapter 376, Arlington Council 314 and Arlington Commandery 107 on October 21, 1978. Received Super Excellent Master's Degree in 1979.

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TEXAS YORK RITE GRAND OFFICERS

GRAND CHAPTER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest ----- Jackie W. Matthews
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 R. E. Grand Treasurer Pro-Tem ----- Orville L. O'Neill
 R. E. Grand Secretary Pro-Tem ----- Kenneth E. Cooley
 R. E. D. D. Grand High Priest 18 ----- Don Paul Payton
 R. E. D. D. Grand High Priest 26 ----- Dale Melvin Smith
 E. Grand Chaplain ----- David Gene Rogers
 E. Grand Orator ----- Floyd Edward Hall
 E. Grand Marshal ----- Frances Edwin "Skip" Smith
 E. Grand Captain of the Host ----- Rex S. Lewis
 E. Grand Principal Sojourner ----- Cortney Monroe Harvey
 E. Grand Royal Arch Captain ----- Tommy Chance Chapman
 E. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil----- Brad S. Billingsley
 E. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil ----- Robert C. Baby Boy Brunk
 E. Grand Master of the 1st Veil ----- Kenneth Colby Spicer
 E. Grand Senior Steward ----- Leonard Herbert Morgan
 E. Grand Junior Steward ----- Robert C. Madison
 E. Grand Organist ----- Buford John Young
 E. Grand Photographer ----- Randall R. Kimbrough
 E. Grand Guard ----- Joe V. Pool

GRAND COUNCIL

Most Illustrious Grand Master ----- Jeffrey J. Miller
 R. I. Deputy Grand Master ----- Reese Lenwood Harrison, Jr
 R. I. Grand PCW----- James Dale Kirkpatrick
 R. I. Grand Treasurer Pro-Tem ----- Orville L. O'Neill
 R. I. Grand Recorder Pro-Tem ----- Kenneth E. Cooley
 R. I. D. D. Grand Master 18 ----- Howard Hubbard
 R. I. D. D. Grand Master 26 ----- Jerry Taylor
 I. Grand Captain of the Guards ----- Christopher L. Little
 I. Grand Conductor of the Council ----- H. David Moore
 I. Grand Chaplain ----- Frances Edwin "Skip" Smith
 I. Grand Marshal ----- Nikolaus Konstantin Lindon Fehrenbach
 I. Grand Organist ----- Richard D. Doss
 I. Grand Steward ----- Randall W. Morris
 I. Grand Photographer ----- Charles E. Cumming
 I. Grand Sentinel ----- Dock F. Dixon

GRAND COMMANDERY

Right Eminent Grand Commander ----- Jack M. Harper
 V. E. Deputy Grand Commander ----- Richard D. Doss
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 E. Grand Senior Warden ----- Ronnie Wilson
 E. Grand Junior Warden ----- Richard Jernigan
 E. Grand Prelate ----- E. Dixon Toney
 E. Grand Treasurer ----- Thomas W. Snyder, P.G.C.
 E. Grand Recorder ----- M. W. Jerry Nelson Kirby, P.G.C.
 E. Grand Standard Bearer ----- Tommy Chance Chapman
 E. Grand Sword Bearer ----- Justin Bauer
 E. Grand Warder ----- Jason Lesikar
 E. Grand Sentinel ----- Gary Rock

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

DINNER (**Hobie Henderson**) ----- 6:00 PM
 Prayer (**E.: Kenneth Colby Spicer, VP, TCYRA**)

Candidate Registration – Sign In
R.: I.: Jerry Taylor ----- 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
 PROGRAM ----- 6:30 PM

Master of Ceremonies ----- **Ricky Cox**
 Degree Explanations ----- **R.:E.: R.: I.: David Rogers**

Program Schedule

Invocation	H. Larry Whitfield	6:45 PM
Introductions & Pledge to the US/Texas Flags	Joseph Spencer President, TCYRA	
Mark Masters Degree	Ridglea Chapter V.:I.: James D. Manley	7:00 PM
Break		
Past Masters Degree	Tarrant and Hurst R.:E.: R.:I.: Joe Orona	8:40 PM
Most Excellent Masters Degree	Riverside Chapter Daniel Queen	9:15 PM
Benediction	Corey Harris	10:00 PM



SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

BREAKFAST (**Burleson Rainbow**) ----- 7:00 AM
 Prayer (**Cortney Harvey, Governor**)

Candidate Registration – Sign In
R.: I.: Jerry Taylor ----- 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM
 PROGRAM ----- 7:30 AM

Master of Ceremonies ----- **Ricky Cox**

Program Schedule

Invocation	E.: Floyd Hall	7:45 AM
Introductions	Joseph Spencer, President, TCYRA	
Pledge to the US/Texas Flags	Robert Cagley Treasurer, TCYRA	
Royal Arch Degree	Texas Chapter Mel Hagood	8:00 AM
Break		
Royal Masters Degree	Southside Chapter Micah Frost	10:50AM
Select Masters Degree	Arlington and Fort Worth Council R.:I.: Jerry Taylor	11:25AM
Benediction	R.:E.: R.:I.: Joe Orona	12:30 PM



SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Lunch (Rainbow) ----- 12:30 PM
 Prayer (**Dwight Von Heeder**)
 Commandery Candidate Registration – Sign In
Jerry Taylor ----- 1:15PM

PROGRAM / TRIBUTE ----- 1:30 PM
Honoring Billie Eugene Davis
 Master of Ceremonies -----**Ricky Cox**
 Tribute Presenter -----**Kirby Rudisill**
 Orders Coordinator ----- Companion **Ed Counts**

Commandery Program Schedule – 4th Floor

Invocation	Jerry Taylor	1:30 PM
Tribute	To: Billie Eugene Davis	
Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	Worth Commandery R.: I.: Jerry Taylor	1:45 PM
Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta	Southside Commandery Corey Hale	3:15 PM
Break		
Order of the Temple	Arlington Commandery R.: W.: Gary Blair, E.C. Grand Commandery Officers will confer	4:30 PM
Benediction	Joseph Spencer, P.C. Recorder, Arlington #107	6:30 PM



Honoree: Companion *Billie Eugene Davis*



York Rite Honors:

Member of St Timothy Conclave Red Cross of Constantine in 1988 and served as Puissant Sovereign in 2001.
 Member of Trinity York Rite College #154 in 1992
 Member of the Royal Order of Scotland on May 20, 2000.
 Resident of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, owned and operated by the Grand Royal Arch of Texas



Other Honors:

DeMolay Legion of Honor, September 2003
 Life member in the Texas State Preceptory of DeMolay in 2003
 President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home and School District from 1996-2005.



Scottish Rite:

Initiated in February and March in 1963, Endowed and Charter member of the Fort Worth Valley. Charter member of 14° team (Senior Warden) In 1989 - coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary. Venerable Master L.O.P. and Commander of the Kadosh. Vice President Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation. Fort Worth Valley Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee. Fort Worth Valley Ritual Evaluation Committee & Degree Coordinator 50-plus year Scottish Rite Mason (53 years) Scottish Rite Research Society Royal Order of the Ducks



Others:

Moslah Temple Shrine in Fort Worth in May, 1981.
 Arlington Chapter 249, OES.