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From the Chapter, Council, & Commandery



Greetings Companions

(Easter Sunday) we will be having an Easter Sunrise Service at the TMRC, in the Pecan Grove (weather permitting) this will be at 7:00 AM. Sir Knights will meet shortly at the front of the TMRC steps and will march to the pecan grove in uniform to the grove. No swords Please! Arrive by 6:45 AM Let's have a good turn out for this as well.

The Perry Award Grading continues, and there are some great Chapters out there. Soon, the Perry Award grading will be completed, and the results of the winners will be published.

Fraternally,
Michael Bishop
High Priest— Chapter
Thrice Illustrious Master — Council
Eminent Commander - Commandery

I want to thank all of the Knights that participated in the Palm Sunday observance at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center on the 28th of March. We had several Commanderies present and the residents seemed to enjoy the program. Thank you and don't forget, on April 4, 2010

Letter from V.:E.: V.:I.: Eldon L. Brooks

Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, and Friends:

I am late in responding about my status, this week has brought about changes, I am not as weak or exhausted as the previous week.

The hair on my head is long gone and will not return. That will not bother me inasmuch as the hairs there were already far and few between!

The burns from the radiation treatment are beginning to heal, but do bother me, and Jan puts cream on my head twice a day.

Still not much energy.
I will see doctors again starting April 6th.
I am still weak on my left side and Jan has to give me assistance in all that I do.

God bless Jan Brooks for being next to me. My love for her never ceases.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Jan and Eldon Brooks

History of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

There have been several sources of documentation on the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas including the historical section in the Grand Chapter book of Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas; the article by **George Lopas, Jr.**, Past Grand Secretary entitled "A Historical Sketch of Royal Arch Masonry In Texas," 1897; the booklet by **Jewel P. Lightfoot**, Past Grand High Priest entitled, "History of the Relations Between the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America." 1943, and two papers for the Texas Lodge of Research one by **Donavan Duncan Tidwell**, entitled "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas", and the second by **Roland J. Maddox**, entitled "Some Anomalies in the Growth of Texas Capitular Masonry."

However there are still some unanswered questions pertaining to the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas from colonial times, through the Republic of Texas era. This report will not reinvestigate the material and facts as cited in the above listed works, but will attempt to fill in the gaps left in each so that a more complete history of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas can be achieved. The basic investigative questions of who, what, when, where, why and how were applied to the previously listed works, further research was conducted and additional investigative leads developed, all of which culminated in the information contained in this report.

From the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason web site

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Apr 4	Sunrise Easter Service	Pecan Grove at TMRC	7:00am
Apr 7	Social Order of The Beauceants	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Apr 8	Order of The DeMolay	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Apr 12	York Rite Open Dinner	Arlington Temple	6:00pm
Apr 12	York Rite Stated Meeting	Arlington Temple	6:45pm
Apr 15-19	Grand Conclave	Kerrville	8am-5pm
Every Wednesday	Coffee Club	Texas Masonic Retirement Center	10:00am

The Local Resident Who Loved Starfish!

A friend of ours was walking down a deserted Mexican beach at sunset. As he walked along, he began to see another man in the distance. As he grew nearer, he noticed that the local resident kept leaning down, picking something up, and throwing it out into the water. Time and again, he kept hurling something out into the ocean.

As our friend approached even closer, he noticed that the man was picking up starfish that had washed up on the beach and, one at a time, was throwing them back into the water.

Our friend was puzzled. He approached the man and said, "Good evening, friend. I was wondering what you are doing?"

"I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it is low tide right now, and all of these starfish have washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the sea, they'll die from lack of oxygen."

"I understand," my friend replied, "but there must be thousands of starfish on this beach! You can't possibly get to all of them. There are simply too many! And don't you realize this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast? Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The local resident smiled, bent down, and picked up yet another starfish and, as he threw it back into the sea, replied, "Made a difference to THAT one!"

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Tarrant County York Rite Association

We will have the annual meeting on Saturday, May 15th at Hurst Lodge Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM Meeting at 9:00 AM

We will conduct the annual initiation ceremony. And --- we will conduct the annual election of officers. Projected Governor-Elect is Merle Wayne "Wally" Jones.

James Kirkpatrick – Preeminent Governor

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York Rite Anniversaries for April, 2010

The following brethren will observe their York Rite anniversary this month

J. Balint	04/03/04	D. Smith	04/07/01
R.J. Blackwell	04/28/86	D.A. Smith	04/06/87
R.D. Collier, PC	04/30/79	D.E. Smith, PC	04/17/85
J.B. Evans III, PC	04/25/73	L. Spiva	04/27/68
K.R. Hoff	04/26/69	G.E. Stephens	04/03/04
J.A. Huges	04/25/73	H.L. Taylor	04/03/04
L.R. Leurig	04/18/92	J.T. White	04/06/87
R.L. Montey	04/03/04	Z.A. Wilkins Jr.	04/22/72
H.R. Parish	04/26/60		
G.M. Skinner	04/22/85		
L.A. Sloan	04/03/95		

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- Principal Sojourner - David Keefer
- Royal Arch Captain - Greg Parker
- Master of the 3rd Vail - Rick Montey
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- Master of the 1st Vail - Wayne Anderson
- Guard - Hans Miller

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- Sentinel - Greg Parker

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