



# The Keystone

## From the Commandery



Sir Knights,

This Saturday is the Commandery school of instruction August 28, 2010, breakfast 8:00 AM, Class 9:00 AM. This is for the officers and all Commandery members who would like to touch up on ritual.

The Inspection date has not been set, I will set it up this weekend during the school of instruction. Any inputs please call me 817- 478-8105

At the September stated meeting, I will ask for input on days to set up practices for our inspection. If you are an officer and do not know your parts, we need to work on them and if you don't have a ritual book let me know so I can get you one. Bob has them for sell.

Recently, at the 4th Monday Educational Course held every 4th Monday of each Month we had a lecture based on the write up in the April issue of the Knight Templar, Pg 26 on

Masonic Enlightenment.

For those who have not had a chance to read it, I recommend that you do so. It was a great article concerning the origins of the early rituals in Scotland. Noah's ark is suggested as the great building project not the Temple. In Scotland and Ireland they still do a degree called The Royal Ark Mariners.

Is this why we still have the symbols of the Anchor and the Ark in our Lodge Monitors? Even better still at Killwinnen Lodge 00 they still have anchors carved into stone. At Rosslyn Chapel in the east behind the three pillars are 12 anchors carved into stone below the angles depicting the penal signs for EA and FC.

This is a great quest to research, good luck

Fraternally,  
**Michael Bishop**  
Eminent Commander



Royal Ark Mariners

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**If your Lodge, or any Masonic related organization, would like to have a representative come out to give a program about the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, please contact the Superintendent at the phone numbers above.**

## From the Chapter/Council



Greetings Companions,

Masonry played an important part in forming the Republic of Texas. In a land of mostly men who had little restraints, it was a force of morality. In 1837, the first three small lodges in Texas met to form a Grand Lodge. They called it, "The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas of York Rite Masons". Its Constitution bore witness that its members were Ancient York Rite Masons, who practiced masonry as it was agreed to at York, England in 926 A.D.. The point is I fear that many Masons do not understand the relationship of York Rite Masonry to the Blue Lodge. If they did there would be more York Rite Masons! I believe that of all the additional light in Masonry that York Rite is the most important. In the words

of our illustrious friend, **James Dale Kirkpatrick**, "*The Scottish Rite appeals to my intellect but the York Rite touches my heart!*".

Please help me to relay this information to less informed brothers. Had I known what I know now the York Rite would not had been optional but mandatory for me!

On our next stated meeting we will open the Council and then the Chapter hopefully without the assistance of books. Our own Gary Alexander will be the guest speaker. On September 17th and 18th we will help with the festival in Fort Worth. We will be having a study night on Monday August the 30th. We live in a very busy time and I thank you all for your efforts this year. If you are a member I challenge you to try to make at least one meeting. If you are an officer I challenge you to make them all.

Fraternally,  
**Herb Taylor**  
Most Excellent High Priest  
Thrice Illustrious Master

## Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug 28 . . . . .	Commandery School of Instruction . . . . .	Southside Commandery #83 . . . . .	8:00am
Sept 1 . . . . .	Social Order of The Beauceants . . . . .	Arlington Temple . . . . .	7:30pm
Sept 9/23 . . . . .	Order of The DeMolay . . . . .	Arlington Temple . . . . .	7:30pm
Sept 13 . . . . .	<b>York Rite Open Dinner</b> . . . . .	<b>Arlington Temple</b> . . . . .	<b>6:00pm</b>
Sept 13 . . . . .	<b>York Rite Stated Meeting</b> . . . . .	<b>Arlington Temple</b> . . . . .	<b>6:45pm</b>
Sept 11 . . . . .	Trinity York Rite College #154 . . . . .	TMRC . . . . .	6:00pm
Every Wednesday	Coffee Club . . . . .	Texas Masonic Retirement Center . . . . .	10:00am

**Tarrant County York Rite Association**

Companions, the Annual Fort Worth York Rite Festival is almost upon us. Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 6pm Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 7am

Arlington Chapter #376 will confer the Royal Arch Degree. Degree Master is Billie Eugene Davis, our resident T A&M Aggie !!!!! We will confer this degree on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Arlington Commandery #107 will confer the Order of Malta that afternoon. For the participant list of the Royal Arch Degree and Order of Malta, contact *Bob Collier*, the degree coordinator, and secretary/recorder

Don't forget to buy your breakfast tickets for the James Wesley Carter Breakfast on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at George's II – 2132 Speight Ave in Waco Texas. Although the tickets are \$12, the extra proceeds are to benefit the TMRC residents. *Bob Collier*, secretary/recorder has the tickets. If you cannot go, a donation for the tickets, or direct donation to the TMRC is also welcome.

Each companion is invited to attend the Grand Chapter/Grand Council session in Waco this year, on Monday, October 18, 2010 and Tuesday, October 19, 2010. Please attend if you are able.

The Tarrant County York Rite Association will meet on Tuesday, August 31 at 6:45PM at the Temple in Fort Worth, 1100 Henderson St.

A special acknowledgment goes out to one of our own. *Floyd E. Hall* has served on the Board of Directors for the TMRC for the past 5 years. Floyd, let me personally say how much I appreciate your good work for the residents of that beloved institution. You not only have served on that board for 5 years, you also have given your time and resources to help the country store, and in so many other ways, that I cannot count them all. The TMRC is much better off because of your efforts. Thank you very, very much. The residents all love you, and that's a fact...

**James Kirkpatrick**, President

Website: <http://www.texasorkrite.org/tarrant/>

**Trinity York Rite College # 154**

President **Wally Jones** has announced that the Annual meeting to honor the Worshipful Masters will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of our 9-11 tragedy. Saturday, September 11, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the TMRC.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Every mason in Texas and his lady (and friends) are heartily invited to this special occasion.

**James Kirkpatrick** - Past Governor & Webmaster

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**The Enlightened Man**

"Only enlightened men can sustain enlightened leadership; only the wise can recognize and reward wisdom.

In a democratic way of life the very survival of the State depends upon the intelligent cooperation of its people. Where men make their own laws, they must live according to the merits and demerits of the statutes, which they have framed.

The Greek lawgiver, Solon, declared that in the ideal State laws are few and simple, because they have been derived from certainties. In the corrupt State, laws are many and confused, because they have been derived from uncertainties. These corrupt laws are like the web of a spider, which catches small insects but permits the stronger creatures to break through and escape.

Where there are many laws there is much lawlessness, and men come to despise and ridicule the restraints that are imposed upon freedom of action. Corrupt laws, resulting from efforts to amend inadequate legislation by further inadequate legislation reveal a general ignorance of right and wrong. Where such ignorance exists the ideal function of democracy is impossible, and liberty degenerates into license.

The half-truth is the most dangerous form of lie, because it can be defended in part by incontestable logic. Wherever the body of learning is broken up, the fragments become partial truths. We live in a day of partial truths; and until we remedy the condition we must suffer the inevitable consequences of division."

*Manly P. Hall, The Secret Destiny of America, p. 194.*

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