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From the Chapter, Council & Commandery



Companions,

It is not by chance that the Hero in Masonry's greatest legend was not born into some great line of royalty but instead was born a son of a poor Widow. His mother was from the Hebrew tribe of Naphtali and his father was a Phoenician man from the city of Tyre. From this meager beginning he became the greatest craftsman and artisan of his time. He went on to be the builder of King Solomon's Temple that was filled with the Glory of God. His peers would be Kings. I'm sure the journey of his life was not an easy one. He had to become industrious, honest, trustworthy, skilled in metal, wood, and



stone work. To become cunning requires a lot of work. Yet he found the time to offer up his devotions to Almighty God!

If Masonry intended for us to have a Hero, an example to pattern ourselves after, Hiram the Widow's Son is it! You can read about him in first Kings and second Chronicles.

Last month our Chapter and Council meetings were held without our illustrious leader Michael Bishop. He was out do to a surgery on his back. Please remember him and **Lee Abercrombie** in your prayers. **James Kirkpatrick** filled in for us as High Priest and Thrice Illustrious Master and did an excellent job. We were supposed to be to be examined during opening and closing, but due to having so many officers out, we chose not to be graded.

Had we chose to be graded we would have done very good.

Companions, as Masons we were taught Charity. I'm sure Hiram received a little Charity on his Journey to manhood. Charity dictates that we should labor for those who will come after us. So, plan on coming to the next meeting and labor with us in the York Rite. We need you and will put you to work. Be there -- it's the second Monday at 6:45 pm. The meal is at 6.

From Herb Taylor, PC
FOR
Michael Bishop
H.P./T.I.M./E.C.

Eldon Brooks needs our prayers. Here is a letter from V.:E.: V.: I.: Eldon Brooks.

Brethren & Companions:

Finally we get started on a course of treatment for melanoma cancer. On Monday, Feb 22, we will start radiation on the head (my little brain) for five days a week for three weeks then an MRI to see the next step for the head. I will also start chemotherapy by caplets on Monday with others medication for six weeks. I have been looking forward to this next step in the treatment. Thank you every one for the many prayers, thoughts, encouragements, words, cards, calls, & e-mails in this step of my life. I love you all.

Eldon & Jan Brooks

Very Excellent, Very Illustrious Eldon is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. He is also a longtime distinguished member of the Committee on Work for Texas York Rite. He needs our prayers, and he knows we, at Arlington, love him very much.

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mar 8	York Rite Open Dinner	Arlington Temple	6:00pm
Mar 8	York Rite Stated Meeting	Arlington Temple	6:45pm
Mar 11	Arlington DeMolay	Arlington Temple	7:30pm
Mar 30	Trinity York Rite College/Tarrant County York Rite Assoc.	Ft. Worth Temple	6:45pm
Every Wed.	Coffee Club	Texas Masonic Retirement Center	10:00am

Man Enough for the Job

"Great men do not disdain small duties."

An Incident is told of the first American war, about an officer who set his men to fell some trees, which were needed to make a bridge. There were not nearly enough men, and work was getting on very slowly.

Up rode a commanding looking man who spoke to the officer in charge, who was urging his men on but doing nothing himself.

"You haven't enough men for the job, have you?"

"No sir we need some help."

"Why don't you lend a hand yourself?" asked the man on horseback.

"Me sir? Why I am a corporal," replied the officer, looking rather affronted at the suggestion.

"Ah, true," quietly replied the other, and getting off of his horse he labored with the men until the job was done. Then he mounted again, and as he rode off he said to the officer, "Corporal, the next time you have a job to put through, and too few men to do it, you had better send for the Commander in Chief, and I will come again."

It was **General Washington**.

York Rite Masonry has too many leaders acting like the corporal in the above story, who like the corporal in collecting stripes on his sleeve, seem to be more interested in how many titles they can collect, rather than the work needing to be done, including the state of the Companions and the Rite itself.

What we need are more Leaders like General and Companion Washington, so tell me Companion's, **what kind of leader are you?**

Thanks to **Cliff Cameron** for providing this material from The Moral Compass to the York Rite Brethren of Texas.

The Moral Compass, P.657
William J. Bennett

From Trinity York Rite College #154

On March 30, 2010, we will vote on some new candidates for the college. Members, please attend our next meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. All York Rite Masons are encouraged to attend the Tarrant County York Rite Association meeting preceding. The Association meets at 6:45 PM. See you all there.

Our annual degree conferral, will be Saturday morning, May 15th., breakfast at 7:30am, at Hurst Lodge For more information on the meeting or the York Rite College, please contact:

James Kirkpatrick, Preeminent Governor

The Trinity York Rite College Website is:
<http://texasyorkrite.org/college/trinity154>.

Tarrant County York Rite Association News !!!!

The updated "Red book" is now ready for view on the internet. It contains some officer information, contact information, etc. **R. W.: Larry Whitfield** worked on it, so let's give him some thanks and a hearty handshake the next time you see him. The Parry Award Grading is continuing this month. So far, all the Chapters and Councils have done extremely well. Not all of them were graded, but trust me, all of them did an outstanding job this year. I am so excited about the great shape the 27th Capitular and Cryptic District is in. Arlington Chapter and Council did so very great in the opening and closing that my pride in the 2009-2010 officers was beaming. If companion **Michael Bishop** would have been able to attend, he would have been so proud of you companions. Let us remember to keep Companion Michael in our prayers. You companions are fantastic. Keep it up.

James Kirkpatrick - President

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