



THE KEYSTONE

Franklin York Rite News

Past Commander - Russ Wharton

Important Dates

Dec. 28 7:00pm

Hiram Lodge Installation

Jan. 7 3:00pm

Commandery Officers'

Meeting & Practice

Jan. 8 6:00pm

Franklin York Rite Stated Meeting

Chapter School of Instruction

Feb. 12 6:00pm

Franklin York Rite Stated Meeting

Mar. 12 6:00pm

Franklin York Rite Stated Meeting

Sir Knights,

We find ourselves at a familiar time of the year – post-inspection and preparing for a new year. I am proud to say that our York Rite Bodies find themselves in one of the strongest positions in years. The results of our inspection may not have produced a number one ranking, but have produced possibly ‘best in state’ Senior Warden (Mark Mizell) and Captain General (Joe Kindoll). While I certainly do not want to diminish these Knights’ efforts, I also want to compliment the efforts of several other Companions and Sir Knights who have shown extreme commitment and effort toward not only our Inspection but strong ritual work in the Chapter and Council. Finally, these efforts are overshadowed

only by our brothers commitment to friendship and the well-being of our building and our fraternity.

I would be negligent in not pointing out the strong individual efforts by Jack Bledsoe, John Sylva, Art Milbert, and Craig Feldner. Strong leadership by Joe Kindoll and Alan Potts in the Chapter/Council have kept us from focusing efforts primarily on Inspection and has renewed interest in the beauty and lessons embraced by these bodies. Finally, let me provide accolades to A.B. Church, Jim Howard, Jim Harber and Ron Dougherty whose efforts largely remain unheralded and under appreciated. These gentlemen give us years of perspective, assistance and the best example of Masonic fraternity and commitment.



I find the energy, excitement and preparations for this next year already starting. Thank you for all your support and commitment. In 2007, I challenge myself and our York Rite not only to recruit new members to our fraternity, but to reintroduce our membership to our renewed and reenergized York Rite Bodies.

2006 Christmas Observance



On December 2, Hiram Lodge #7 and DePayens Commandery #11 held their annual shared widow’s dinner and Christmas observance.

The event was another success, with 86 people in attendance. Our dining hall was beautifully adorned with decorations provided by Allan and Beverly Potts, who also brought along their minister to deliver the Christmas presentation. As is customary, our honored guests, the widows

of Hiram Lodge #7 received fruit baskets and holiday decorations as gifts from us.

Special thanks to Jesse Riggs, Robert Peay, and Skeet Winstead for all the work they did in preparing the food for the event. Also to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star for their continued support in providing desserts for these special events.

We hope to see all of you for our next special event: Easter 2007.

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York Rite Officers—2007



Franklin Chapter #2, RAM

High Priest—Craig Feldner
 King—Jim Harbor, PHP
 Scribe—John Sylva
 Treasurer—Jesse Riggs, PHP
 Secretary—Jim Howard, PHP
 Capt. of the Host—Art Milbert
 Principle Sojourner—Joe Kindoll, PHP
 Royal Arch Cpt.—Michael Albert
 Master 3rd Veil—Jim Beard
 Master 2nd Veil—Jack Bledsoe
 Master 1st Veil—Michael Johnson
 Sentinal—A.B. Church Jr., PHP
 Keyman—A.B. Church Jr., PHP



Franklin Council #134, R&SM

Illustrious Master—Michael Albert
 Deputy Master—Craig Feldner
 Principle Con. of the Work—Art Milbert
 Treasurer—Jesse Riggs, PIM
 Recorder—Jim Howard, PIM
 Chaplain—Russ Wharton, PIM
 Capt. of the Guard—Joe Kindoll, PIM
 Conductor of the Council—John Sylva
 Steward—Jack Bledsoe
 Sentinal—A.B. Church Jr., PIM
 Keyman—A.B. Church Jr., PIM



DePayens Commandery #11, KT

Commander—Joe Kindoll
 Generalissimo—Craig Feldner
 Capt. General—Mark Mizell
 Treas./Recorder—Jesse Riggs, PC
 Prelate—Jim Howard, PC
 Senior Warden—Russ Wharton, PC
 Junior Warden—John Sylva
 Standard Bearer—Jack Bledsoe
 Sword Bearer—Michael Johnson
 Warder—Art Milbert
 Sentinal—Allan Potts

Membership Involvement

The officers of the Franklin York Rite bodies want to involve more of our members in the various activities that we perform. We would like to give everyone an opportunity to get involved in whatever way matches their abilities and interests. In order to do this, we need to know what you want to do, and how best to contact you.

Please take a moment to fill out the contact info and interest survey to the right. Detach the portion of this page below the dashed line, and return it to us as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

My Interests (check all that apply):

- Degree Work (speaking part)
- Degree Work (non-speaking)
- Special Events (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- Widows' Assistance
- Charitable Projects
- Fellowship Activities
- Masonic Education Programs
- 3rd Floor Cleaning/Improvement
- Serving as an Officer
- Fundraising Projects