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Commandery, Beauceants install new officers



Colorado Commandery No. 4 closed an active year with a memorable Christmas Dinner and Annual Christmas Observance on 11 December.

Catered by Sir Knight "Fred" Bakhshi, who owns the Treehouse Restaurant in South Austin, the 70-plus Sir Knights and their families in attendance were well fed on pork tenderloin.

Prelate Clarence Cossey led the Christmas devotional with musical accompaniment by Lecia Caudle, daughter of Past Commander the Reverend Don and Lady Johnnie Long.

Following the Christmas program, the Commandery Stated Meeting was opened and the annual election of officers was accomplished.

Colorado Commandery Tableau of Officers 2007

Commander	James Crysop
Generalissimo	John Vernon
Captain General	Corey Snyder
Senior Warden	Larry Miller
Junior Warden	James Powell
Prelate	Clarence Cossey, P.C.
Treasurer	Raymond White
Recorder	Jim Dougherty
Standard Bearer	Tony Clark
Sword Bearer	Wayland Clark
Warder	Bryan McClung
Sentinal	Foy Watson, P.C.

From the Secretary/Recorder

Brethren:

We closed 2006 on a high note with 18 new members joining us in the Spring and Fall 2006 Festivals. And only a very few of our members were called from their labors during the year.

The only negative to report is the number of Companions and Sir Knights who have, for whatever reason, not paid their current, and in many cases, past due dues. Several members have asked for a Demit, or to simply "resign." Unfortunately, for a member to receive either a Certificate of Good Standing, in anticipation of moving his membership, or a Demit, the member MUST be current in his dues. Under our laws, there is no such thing as "resigning" and those requesting that status regrettably face being dropped from the membership roster for "NPD" (nonpayment of dues) after two years in arrears. A number of members have explained that due to health or finances that they are unable to participate actively in the Rite. These good Brothers ... many of whom are approaching 50-year dues exemption status ... have been granted a dues remission until they are once again able to be active in our fraternity. We NEVER want to lose a member for NPD and it only takes a phone call to set things back in good order.

On a really positive note, Colorado Commandery officers and Order of the Temple degree team, led by Commander Terry LaGrone, won high praises at the annual Inspection in November. The Drill Team, under Sir Knights Raymond White and Robert Blair, not only brought home the Class D Drill Banner from Grand Commandery, but followed up by placing Fourth in the Grand Encampment Triennial Drill competition in Houston. That's not too shabby for a Commandery with less than 500 members.

In and about the Temple: our Masonic tenants have settled into their new offices. University Lodge No. 1190 offices in the renamed *Moton H. Crockett Jr. Reading Room* on the second floor. Parsons Lodge No. 22 and T. Neil Porter Lodge No. 1354 share a conference room and separate offices on the ground level of the building.

The small lodge room has been utilized on several occasions when multiple meetings are scheduled in the Temple. It is our hope to continue to utilize our facility to its utmost capacity.

Redecorating of the dining room is beginning in time to host several formal dinners in the new year and to add a touch of elegance to our grand 70-year-old building. The kitchen will then receive much needed upgrades in cabinets, equipment and safety issues. We are getting there!

With warmest fraternal regards, I remain,
- Jim Dougherty, Secretary/Recorder

Masonic age change effects York Rite, too

At the 2006 Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, a Resolution to reduce the minimum age a candidate may apply for the Mysteries to 18 years was approved. This brings our Grand Lodge into an increasing number of Grand Lodges seeking to attract younger, college-age men, many of whom have benefitted from membership in the Order of DeMolay. Others may be a *Lewis*, the son or kin of a Mason, who has discovered the fraternity and wishes to follow in the family tradition.

Because of this change in Blue Lodge law, Master Masons of any age are now eligible to petition for York Rite membership after they pass proficiency requirements set by their lodge.

Let's hope this change revitalizes our fraternity as never before.

In Memorium

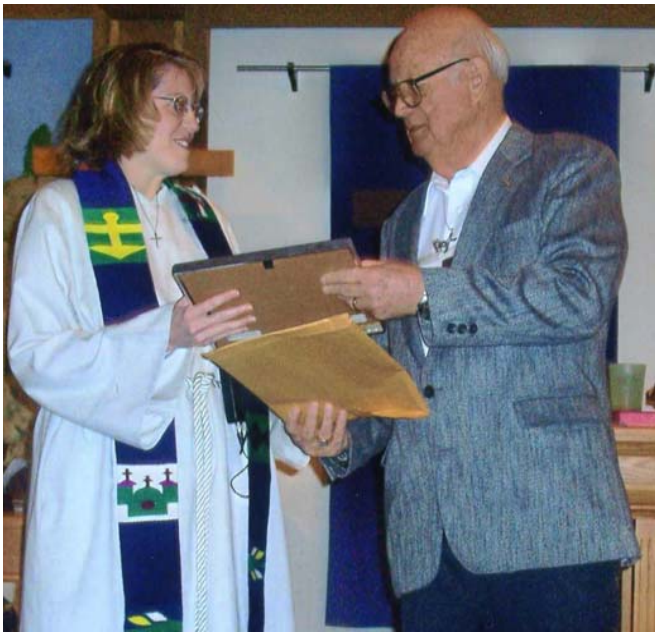
Charles D. Ward

S.P. "Sonny" Jones

and

President Gerald R. Ford

Grand Rapids, MI



Our late Companion and Past Commander Aubrey Dawson exchanges materials with his pastor, the Rev. Cynthia Keppler following her return from the 2006 Knights Templar Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pastor of Berkeley United Methodist, she was to present a program on her travels, but due to illness, it will be rescheduled in the future. Because of dangerous travel conditions in the Middle East, the Holy Land Tour program has been suspended for 2007. Companion and Sir Knight Dawson passed away in August.

Austin Assembly No. 125

Social Order of the Beauceant

Tableau of Officers for 2007

President	Mrs. Terry LaGrone
Oracle	Mrs. Wayland Clark
First VP	Mrs. Tweed Chouinard
Second VP	Ms. Claudette Allen
Preceptress	Mrs. Howard Anderson
Recorder	Mrs. William Winnie
Treasurer	Mrs. Fred Gunder
Marshal	Mrs. William Hatten
Assistant Marshal	Mrs. Lecia Caudle
Chaplain	Mrs. Joe M. Moore
Director of Music	Mrs. Paul Wendler
Standard Bearer	Mrs. Garvid Wilson
Color Bearer	Mrs. Richard Shaffer
Mistress of the Wardrobe	Mrs. Don Villoni
Daughter of the Household	Mrs. Clarence Witt
Inner Guard	Mrs. Robert Blair
Outer Guard	Ms. Julie Wendler
Instructors	Mrs. R.D. Moore
Prompter	Mrs. Joe B. Conner
	Mrs. James Coker

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in your charitable giving, bequests or memorials.

Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
1000 East State Parkway Suite I
Schaumburg, IL 60173

New Endowed Members

Joe F. Schreiber, P.C.
Chapter, Council & Commandery

Fereidoun "Fred" Bakhshi
Commandery

Make your plans for the Spring Festival by enlisting Candidates NOW.

The S.P. "Sonny" Jones Memorial Festival will be held on consecutive Saturdays, April 28 (Chapter & Council Degrees) and May 5, 2007 (Commandery Orders.) Please contact the Secretary/Recorder for petitions.

- Every Mason, a York Rite Mason -

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Lone Star Chapter No. 6 R.A.M.	Stated Convocation and Assembly	2nd Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Austin Council No. 2 R. & S.M.			
Colorado Commandery No. 4 K.T.	Stated Conclave	2nd Monday	7:30 P.M.
Red Cross of Constantine	Annual Investiture & Dinner	March 31, 2007	7:30 P.M.
Red Cross of Constantine	Stated Meeting	Dec. 14, 2007	7:30 P.M.
Parsons Lodge No. 222	Stated Meeting	2nd Wednesday	7:30 P.M.
University Lodge No. 1190	Stated Meeting	1st Thursday	7:30 P.M.
T. Neil Porter Lodge No. 1354	Stated Meeting	1st Monday	7:30 P.M.
Austin Assembly S.O.O.B.	Stated Meeting	2nd Monday	7:30 P.M.
Fidelis Chapter O.E.S.	Stated Meeting	4th Friday	7:30 P.M.

Please note our schedule board in the 2nd floor lobby for called meeting and events in the building. However, use of the main hall, library and dining room must be scheduled through the Secretary/Recorder's office and confirmed on his desk calendar.