

# Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



2015 July Edition - [www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org) and <http://64th.org>



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Welcome to the July edition of the new Tarrant County York Association Newsletter:

**TEXAS CHAPTER AND COUNCIL will host Degrees**  
**Monday, June 29 – 6:30 PM – Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters Degrees**  
**Monday, June 20 – 6:30 PM – Royal Arch Degree**  
**Monday, June 27 – 6:30 PM – Royal and Select Masters Degrees**

**NEWS --- Stephenville Commandery #100 has changed their Stated Asylum Nights to 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays.**

**Two commandery Schools of Instruction ----**

Saturday, July 11, 2015, **Tancred Commandery**, District 1 School by Eminent **Richard Doss**, Registration at 8AM  
Saturday, July 25, 2015, **Denton Commandery**, District 6 School by Eminent **Jack M. Harper**, Registration at 8AM

**What is in this edition?**

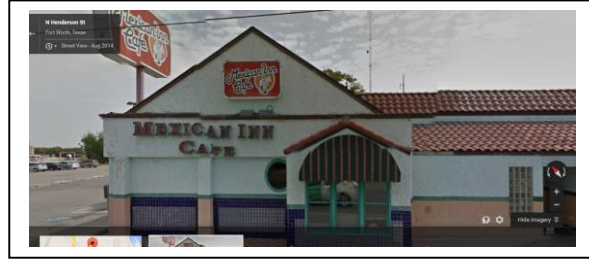
1. Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Eat first at the Mexican Inn Restaurant
2. TAMDA (Texas Allied Masonic Degrees Association)
3. Tarrant York Rite Festival
4. Explanation of Tisha B'Av

**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JULY/AUGUST 2015 also <http://64th.org>**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28	June 29 <b>Texas Chapter Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees 6:30 PM</b>	June 30 <b>Tarrant County York Rite Assn Trinity York Rite College 6:45 PM Dinner 5PM at Mexican Inn</b>	July 1 <b>Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM</b>	July 2 <b>Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM</b>	July 3	July 4  <b>Independence Day</b>
July 5	July 6	July 7 <b>Chapter/Council Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6</b>	July 8 <b>Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	July 9 <b>Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM</b>	July 10	July 11 <b>Fort Worth Chapter Council TMRC2PM Tancred School 8am</b>
July 12	July 13 <b>York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30</b>	July 14	July 15 <b>Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	July 16 <b>Cleburne Commandery Eat 6:00 PM</b>	July 17	July 18
July 19	July 20 <b>Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree at 6:45 pm</b>	July 21 <b>Denton Commandery 7:30 PM</b>	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25 <b>District 6 Commandery School of Instruction Denton Commandery 8:00 AM – noon</b>
July 26  Tisha B'Av	July 27 <b>Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6:00PM Texas Council Royal/Select Degrees 6:45PM</b>	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1
Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4 <b>Chapter/Council Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6</b>	Aug 5 <b>Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM</b>	Aug 6 <b>Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM</b>	Aug 7 	Aug 8 <b>Fort Worth Chapter Council Stated Meeting at TMRC – 2:00 PM</b>
Aug 9	Aug 10 <b>York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30</b>	Aug 11	Aug 12 <b>Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Aug 13 <b>Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM</b>	Aug 14	Aug 15 Holiday Assumption of Mary
Aug 16	Aug 17 <b>Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Aug 18 <b>Denton Commandery 7:30 PM</b>	Aug 19 <b>Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Aug 20 <b>7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6pm Scottish Rite Stated Mtg</b>	Aug 21 Senior Citizens Day	Aug 22
Aug 23	Aug 24 <b>Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6:00PM</b>	Aug 25	Aug 26 Women's Equality Day	Aug 27 LBJ Day	Aug 28	Aug 29
Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1 <b>Chapter/Council Texas – Eat 6 Southside – Eat 6</b>	Sep 2 <b>Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM</b>	Sep 3 <b>Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM</b>	Sep 4	Sep 5

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

DINNER --- 5:00 PM  
AT MEXICAN INN  
612 N Henderson St - Fort Worth



Then ....

MEETING AT 6:45 PM  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR **RED ROOM**  
FORT WORTH TEMPLE - 1100 HENDERSON STREET, FORT WORTH  
YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING TO FOLLOW

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New look 64<sup>th</sup> District Website and Calendar –  
<http://64th.org>



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Howdy all in Tarrant County and beyond.  
**Daniel Queen** and **John Hrisco** have greatly enhanced the  
**64th.org** site.

Lots of features have been added, and will continue to be added as  
time goes on. The Calendar really looks good.

Take a look around and see what y'all think. If you find what you  
believe to be a bug in the site, please use the "Contact" link in the  
footer to send them a message so that they may correct it. Enjoy!

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**TAMDA – Texas Allied Masonic  
Degrees Association met in Waco  
in June.**

The newly Elected Officers are:

**Matt Cast** – President  
**John Wilson** – First Vice President  
**Jeff Haven** – Second Vice President  
**B.J. Young** – Treasurer  
**Richard Schlaudroff** - Secretary

<http://tamda.org/>

Next meeting: Sat June 4, 2016

The center (5<sup>th</sup> from left) is Sovereign Grand Master **Douglas S. Moore**



FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE

**SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2015**



**2015 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY  
YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas  
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets  
**Honoring Very Illustrious James D. Manley**



Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321

Festival Registrars: **Robert D. Collier** and **Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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**Ed Counts, President**

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Hobie Henderson, Treasurer

Jason Lesikar, Secretary

Larry Whitfield, Festival Committee Chairman

Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies

Pre-Eminent Scott James, Governor Trinity 154



Friday, September 11 –  
Supper at 6 PM, Degrees at 7 PM  
Saturday, September 12 –  
Breakfast at 7 AM, Degrees at 8 AM  
Courtesy Candidates Welcome

Full Degree Schedule:

Mark Masters Degree - Riverside Chapter  
Past Masters Degree - Texas Chapter  
Most Excellent Masters - Southside Chapter  
Royal Arch - Arlington, Fort Worth & Hurst

Royal Masters Degree - Ridglea Council  
Select Masters Degree - Tarrant Council

**Illustrious Order of the Red Cross -**  
Arlington Commandery  
**Order of Malta –**  
Worth Commandery  
**Order of the Temple –**  
Southside Commandery



**V: I: James D. Manley**

**Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of RSM Texas**



Fort Worth Masonic Temple  
1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas

# Education – Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av, the Fast of the Ninth of Av, is a day of mourning to commemorate the many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, many of which have occurred on the ninth of Av.

Tisha B'Av means "the ninth (day) of Av." It occurs in July or August.

Tisha B'Av primarily commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temples, both of which were destroyed on the ninth of Av (the first by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E.; the second by the Romans in 70 C.E.).

Although this holiday is primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temple, it is appropriate to consider on this day the many other tragedies of the Jewish people, many of which occurred on this day, most notably the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 and from England in 1290.

Tisha B'Av is the culmination of a three week period of increasing mourning, beginning with the fast of the 17th of Tammuz, which commemorates the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem, before the First Temple was destroyed. During this three week period, weddings and other parties are not permitted, and people refrain from cutting their hair. From the first to the ninth of Av, it is customary to refrain from eating meat or drinking wine (except on the Shabbat) and from wearing new clothing.

The restrictions on Tisha B'Av are similar to those on Yom Kippur: to refrain from eating and drinking (even water); washing, bathing, shaving or wearing cosmetics; wearing leather shoes; engaging in sexual relations; and studying Torah. Work in the ordinary sense of the word [rather than the Shabbat sense] is also restricted. People who are ill need not fast on this day. Many of the traditional mourning practices are observed: people refrain from smiles, laughter and idle conversation, and sit on low stools.

In synagogue, the book of Lamentations is read and mourning prayers are recited. The ark (cabinet where the Torah is kept) is draped in black.

Tisha B'Av is never observed on Shabbat. If the 9th of Av falls on a Saturday, the fast is postponed until the 10th of Av.

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## Some Scriptures for reference to Tisha B'Av:

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Five misfortunes befell our fathers ... on the ninth of Av. ...On the ninth of Av it was decreed that our fathers should not enter the [Promised] Land, the Temple was destroyed the first and second time, Bethar was captured and the city [Jerusalem] was ploughed up. -Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6

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...Should I weep in the fifth month [Av], separating myself, as I have done these so many years? -Zechariah 7:3

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In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month ...came Nebuzaradan ... and he burnt the house of the L-RD... -II Kings 25:8-9

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In the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month... came Nebuzaradan ... and he burnt the house of the L-RD... - Jeremiah 52:12-13

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How then are these dates to be reconciled? On the seventh the heathens entered the Temple and ate therein and desecrated it throughout the seventh and eighth and towards dusk of the ninth they set fire to it and it continued to burn the whole of that day. ... How will the Rabbis then [explain the choice of the 9th as the date]? The beginning of any misfortune [when the fire was set] is of greater moment. -Talmud Ta'anit 29a

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- Reference – <http://jewfaq.org> – **Tracey R. Rich**
- Direct Website – <http://www.jewfaq.org/holidayd.htm>
- **Note --- This article is only a portion of the content**
- The copyright and complete (and updated) article is available on this website <http://www.jewfaq.org/holidayd.htm>

<p><b>Significance:</b> Remembers major communal tragedies <b>Observances:</b> Fasting; reading the book of Lamentations <b>Length:</b> 25 hours <b>Customs:</b> Torah cabinet is draped in black</p>
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Other websites contain information on this memorial: <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/tisha-b-av> , <http://ohr.edu/1088> , [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tisha\\_B'Av](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tisha_B'Av) , <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tisha-bav-history/> as well as many others .... Please consider this important topic as a good lesson in history ...

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May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.