

# Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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

## **NEWS!!!!**

**M:E: Steve Wolfe**, M:E:Grand High Priest and **M:I: Richard Sharp**, M:I: Grand Master will conduct a Footstone Ceremony in honor of V:E:PGHP & V:I:PGM **Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.**

Date: **Saturday, September 26th**

Time: 2:00 PM.

Place: Constantine Masonic Lodge #13,  
517 North Main St.,  
Bonham, TX 75418

A Representation will be opened and then proceed to the Willow Wild Cemetery, 1220 W. 7th St.

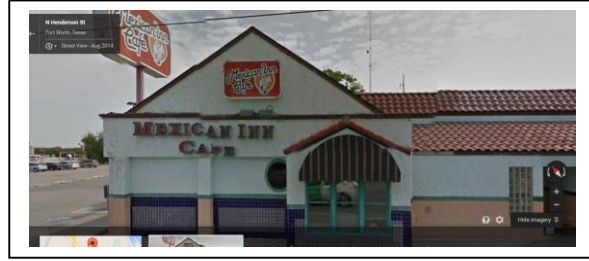


# UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEP/OCT 2015 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 30	Aug 31 <b>Arlington Commandery Practice 6:30 PM</b>	Sep 1 <b>Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – 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
Sep 6	Sep 7 	Sep 8	Sep 9 <b>Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Sep 10 <b>Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM</b>	Sep 11 and Sep 12 <b>Tarrant County York Rite Festival – See Details in this newsletter.</b>	
Sep 13	Sep 14 <b>York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30</b> 	Sep 15 <b>Denton Commandery 7:30 PM</b>	Sep 16 <b>Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Sep 17 <b>7 pm - Cleburne Commandery</b> <b>6pm Scottish Rite Stated Mtg</b>	Sep 18 and Sep 19 <b>58<sup>th</sup> Annual South-Central Regional &amp; Dept Conference In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</b>  <b>See Details at</b> <a href="http://yorkritetexas.org">http://yorkritetexas.org</a>	
Sep 20	Sep 21 <b>Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Sep 22	Sep 23 	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26 <b>Footstone Ceremony</b> <b>See details in newsletter</b>
Sep 27	Sep 28 <b>First day of Sukkot</b> <b>Happy Sukkot</b> 	Sep 29 <b>Tarrant County York Rite Assoc Meeting and York Rite College 6:45 PM</b>	Sep 30	Oct 1 <b>Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM</b>	Oct 2 and Oct 3 <b>Various Commanderies’ Inspections Begin – See details/Schedule in this newsletter</b>	
Oct 4	Oct 5 <b>Holiday – Shemini Atzeret</b> 	Oct 6 <b>Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6</b>  <b>Holiday - Simchat Torah</b>	Oct 7 <b>Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Mtg 7:30 PM</b>	Oct 8 <b>Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM</b>	Oct 9	Oct 10 <b>Family Day At the TMRC</b>
Oct 11	Oct 12 <b>York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30</b> <b>Columbus Day</b>	Oct 13	Oct 14 <b>Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Oct 15, 16 and 17 <b>York Rite School of Instruction in Waco Grand Lodge Building in Waco 8 am each morning</b>  <b>Oct 15 - 6pm Scottish Rite Stated Mtg</b>		
Oct 18 <b>Banquet in Waco</b>	Oct 19 – Oct 20 <b>Grand Chapter Grand Council in Waco – 8:00 am both days.</b>		Oct 21 <b>Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM</b>	Oct 22	Oct 23 and Oct 24 <b>Various Commanderies’ Inspections Begin – See details/Schedule in this newsletter</b>	
Oct 25	Oct 36	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31 

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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>



<http://64th.org>

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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**ARLINGTON / HURST / FORT WORTH  
ROYAL ARCH DEGREE PRACTICE**

**THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2015 AT 6:30 PM  
HURST MASONIC LODGE  
725 Mary Drive, Hurst TX**

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

[www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org)

**Ed Counts, President**

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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

# Area Commandery Inspections

<b>DATE / TIME FOR MEAL</b>	<b>COMMANDERY</b>
FRI 10/02/2015 – 6 PM	Denton Commandery #45
SAT 10/03/2015 – 8 AM	Stephenville Commandery #100
SAT 10/03/2015 – NOON	Cleburne Commandery #12
FRI 10/23/2015 – 6 PM	Weatherford Commandery #51
SAT 10/24/2015 – 8 AM	Arlington Commandery #107
SAT 10/24/2015 – NOON	Dual Inspection (both at Southside) Worth #19 – at 1PM Southside #83 – at 3 PM

## Grand Chapter/ Grand Council Annual Meeting in Waco

### Schedule:

York Rite School of Instruction – October 15-17  
Memorial Service and Banquet – October 18  
Grand Business Sessions – October 19 and October 20

Grand High Priest – Most Excellent Charles “Steve” Wolfe  
Grand Master – Most Illustrious Richard Sharp

All York Rite Masons are invited and encouraged to attend.

Go to website  
<http://www.yorkritetexas.org/chapter/Grand-Convocation.php>

Please click on the Reservations Form for 2015, and review the Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations. On the next page of this newsletter, review the notes from our Grand Secretary/Recorder

Note --- From our Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder on the website (plus additional info I received from Orville on Ramada Inn)

**Dear Companion:**

We hope that you are making plans to attend the Annual Grand Sessions this year and we would like to remind you of these important dates.

1. School of Instruction will be held Thursday, October 15th through Saturday October 17th in the Lower Auditorium, Grand Lodge Temple.
2. The Grand Chapter Convocation and the Grand Council Assembly will be held October 18th, 19th and 20th, 2015 in the Lower Auditorium, Grand Lodge Temple.  
  
A meeting of the York Rite Colleges of Texas will be held in the Lower Auditorium on Sunday morning, October 18th at 10:00 A.M. by the Grand Governor, **H. Bart Henderson**. The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council will bring messages for this coming year.
3. Texas York Rite College #14 will meet in the Lower Auditorium on Sunday, October 18th at 11:00 A.M.
4. Memorial Services will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 18th, at 1:00 P.M., in the Lower Auditorium, Grand Lodge Temple.
5. Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.C.H., Conferral, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers will be held in the Lower Auditorium on Sunday, October 18th, at 2:30 P.M.
6. The Annual Banquet will be held Sunday evening, October 18th, at 6:30 P.M., at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive.
7. The Ladies Luncheon will be held Monday, October 19th, at Holiday Inn- Bellmead at 11:30 A.M.
8. The Order of the Silver Trowel and The Order of High Priesthood will be conferred in the Lower Auditorium on Monday evening, October 19th beginning at 4:30 P.M.

- Banquet tickets will be \$27.00, and Ladies Luncheon tickets will be \$19.00. A form is enclosed for you to reserve these tickets and you are requested to please do so by September 30th. You may pick up the tickets and pay for them in the Grand Secretary office upon your arrival. However, if you don't expect to arrive before Sunday, October 18th, it is suggested that you please note the same on the form, enclose your remittance, and we will mail them to you. Please make your checks payable to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. There will be no tickets for the Banquet sold Sunday, October 18th after 3:00 P.M., or after seating capacity is reached.
- 10.

- We have reserved a block of rooms at Holiday Inn-Bellmead, 254-799-9997 (mention the code Grand York Rite) this year to accommodate those who wish to stay there along with our special guests. Room rates per night are King-\$94.00+tax, Two Beds-\$99.00+tax, Suite-\$119.00+tax. If you wish to stay at the Holiday Inn during Grand Chapter and Grand Council please call the hotel directly. The room rates will only be available for Sunday 18th and Monday 19th due to Baylor Football home game.
- Additional Note:** Reservations for Sunday, October 18 and Monday, October 19 are available at Ramada Inn  
You can call the number at 254-732-9823. Mention the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas when making your reservations.
- 11.

12. Remember to bring your Dues Cards, Proxies for the Registration Committee, and your form for Representative for the School of Instruction, if your Secretary-Recorder has not mailed them in.
13. There will be a Registration Fee this year of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). This is to help offset the cost of the extra Security.
14. **Please do not PROCRASTINATE!**

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Orville L. O'Neill, Grand Secretary-Recorder

# 58<sup>th</sup> Annual South-Central Regional & Department Conference Sept 18 and 19

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Website: <http://www.okyorkrite.org/scrc.aspx>

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, September 18th, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Orientation  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Grand Chapter Session  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Grand Council Session  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Conference Business Session  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Grand Chapter Session (continues)  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Grand Council Session (continues)  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Masonic Membership Solutions Informational Session  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Banquet

### Saturday, September 19th, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Grand Encampment Session  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Emerging Leader Training Program  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Grand Encampment Session (continues)  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Emerging Leader Training Program (continues)

## Conference Registration Form

Please complete the conference registration form and return it with your payment to the address indicated on the form. An electronically fillable version of the form may be found [HERE](#). For those of you who like to do things the "old fashioned way," a manually fillable version of the form may be found [HERE](#). Note that the deadline for meal reservations is Friday, September 11th, 2015.

## Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
2945 Northwest Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The price of the rooms is \$91 plus tax; the three letter group code is "SRC." Attendees may book their rooms by using the website Crowne Plaza Hotel Reservations or by calling either (877) 834-3613 or (405) 848-4811. Note that the deadline for hotel reservations is Thursday, August 27th, 2015. We look forward to you joining us in Oklahoma City in September!

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