

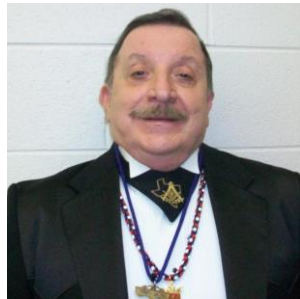
Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



2016 March Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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Welcome to the March 2016 edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

In this edition: Sick and distressed on the last page. Parry Award Schedule is full swing. We have a special 60 year award. Bottom of page 5 are Degrees and Practice schedule.

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016 AT 6:45 PM

ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!
FORT WORTH TEMPLE
1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH TEXAS



AFTERWARD: TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING.

Beforehand, we will meet at the Mexican Inn at 5:00 PM (On Henderson Street).
We will discuss the list of Companions to consider to honor at the 2016 Fort Worth Festival.

Trinity York Rite College will conduct its annual Meeting on Saturday morning, May 21st at Southside
Details to follow in subsequent newsletters.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Mar/Apr 2016 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Mar 1 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	Mar 2 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Texas Independence Day	Mar 3 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 4	Mar 5 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion – Day 2
Mar 6	Mar 7 Arlington Commandery Practice 6:30 PM	Mar 8	Mar 9 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 10 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	Saturday Mar 12 Fort Worth Chapter 2:00 PM TMRC Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion – Day 3	
Mar 13 Daylight Savings 	Mar 14 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	Mar 15 Denton Commandery Mtg 7:30 PM	Mar 16 Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM Springtown Mark Degree 6:00 PM	Mar 17 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6 pm – Fort Worth Scottish Rite Stated Mtg	Mar 18	Mar 19 7th York Rite Conf Houston at 9 AM Amaranth Play at Richland Hills Lodge At 6:00 PM
Mar 20 Palm Sunday 	Mar 21 Stephenville Commandery 6:30 Arlington Cmdry Orders 6:30	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24 Maundy Thursday/Purim 	Mar 25 Good Friday 	Mar 26 8th York Rite Conference in Nederland Meeting 9AM
Mar 27 Easter Sunday 	Mar 28 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 29 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc & York Rite College –6:45PM	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1 	Apr 2 9th York Rite Conference in Austin Meeting 9AM
Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	Apr 6 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 7 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 8	Apr 9 Fort Worth Chapter/Council 2 PM TMRC
Apr 10	Apr 11 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6 Hurst – Eat 6:30	Apr 12	Apr 13 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 14 Tarrant Chapter/Council Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 15	Apr 16
Apr 17	Apr 18 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 19 Denton Commandery Mtg 7:30 PM	Apr 20 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 21 7 pm - Cleburne Commandery 6 pm – Fort Worth Scottish Rite Stated Mtg	Apr 22	Apr 23  Passover – 1st day
Apr 24	Apr 25 Stephenville Chapter / Council Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30 Red Cross Banquet Fort Worth Club 6:30 PM
Grand Commandery -Abilene						
Passover is Friday April 23rd through Friday April 29th						

PARRY AWARD GRADING SCHEDULE AND STANDINGS TOP 2 --- SO FAR ...

1 – Texas Chapter – 993.50
2 – Riverside Chapter – 989.50

1 – Texas Council – 986.50
2 – Stephenville Council – 979.00

2016 - PARRY AWARD SCHEDULE

26th district

Date / Time	Chapter/Council
Tuesday Mar 1, 2016 Dinner 6PM - Meeting 7PM	Southside
Saturday Mar 12, 2016 Meeting 2PM	Fort Worth
Wednesday Mar 16, 2016 Dinner 6:30PM - Meeting 7:30PM	Ridglea
Monday Apr 11, 2016 Dinner 6PM - Meeting 6:45PM	Arlington
Thursday Apr 14, 2016 Dinner 6PM - Meeting 7PM	Tarrant

18th district

Date / Time	Chapter/Council
Thursday Feb 25, 2016 Dinner 6PM - Meeting 7PM	Granbury
Wednesday Mar 9, 2016 Dinner 6:30PM - Meeting 7:30PM	Springtown
Monday Mar 28, 2016 Dinner 6PM - Meeting 7PM	Stephenville Chapter

For the updated schedule and standings for both 26th and 18th districts.
See website: <http://tarrant.yorkritetexas.org>

60 Year Awards !!!!!!!!

Companion **Vernon Douglas Beavers** was presented his 60 year Chapter and Council service awards at his home in Walnut Springs by Companions **Charles Hanes**, **Kirby Rudisill** and **Loyd Addy Sr** on February 5th, 2016. Companion Beavers is 97 and is a WWII veteran serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns. He had to give up breaking horses when he was 88. His lovely wife also makes delicious "black bottom" pie and was gracious enough to share a slice with the presenters.



From Left to Right: **Charles Hanes**, **Loyd Addy**, **Vernon Douglas Beavers**, **Kirby Rudisill**

St Timothy Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Annual Meeting and Banquet – Saturday, April 30, 2016
Annual Banquet Fort Worth Club - <http://www.fortworthclub.com>
306 West Seventh St
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Cocktails at 6:30 PM Cash Bar - Dinner at 7:00 PM

Dignitaries include:

Most Worshipful Wendell P. Miller, our Special Guest Speaker at the Banquet
Grand Master of Masons in Texas,
And Past Sovereign, St Mark Conclave (2013)



Illustrious Knight Companion John A. Hughes, Intendent General, Division of Texas Northern
United Grand Imperial Council of the USA, who will be making his Official Visit



Most Illustrious Knight Companion Reese L. Harrison, Jr., KGC, KCC
Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council of the USA
And Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas (2004)



Illustrious Knight Companion Fred E. Allen, KCC
Past Intendent General, Division of Texas Northern,
Past Grand Trustee of the United Grand Imperial Council of the USA
And Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas (1991)



Please join us for a wonderful time.

Banquet Tickets are available for only \$50 each.

All Masons and their ladies are invited to the banquet.

Please send reservations and checks (prior to March 31, 2016) to:

Kirby G. Rudisill
1004 Tanglewood Ln
Arlington, TX 76012-4453

YORK RITE Degree and Practice Schedule

Monday, March 7 – Arlington Commandery Practice for the Red Cross and Malta – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 16 – Springtown Mark Masters Degree – Eat 6:00 PM

Monday, March 21 – Arlington Commandery Red Cross and Malta Orders – Eat 6:00 PM

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

Senior to Senior!

Arlington public library hosted a program with the local high school students. The students came out to visit the residents at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center And --- they participated in one on one activities and discussed “then and now”.



Kimball art museum-TMRC went on an outing to the Kimball art museum to see the paintings of **Gustave Caillebotte**: The Painters eye, Gustave created images of Paris streets, of domestic life, the residents really enjoyed the outing.





Residents from left to right: Jean Dollar, Chuck Seets, Suzanne Walters, George Watkins, Gerry Watkins, Sandra Robinson, Dee Yeats, and Delores Runningbear.

Congratulations to residents **Jack and Elgie Wood**. They are celebrating their 70th Wedding anniversary on February 16, Jack and Elgie have 3 Children, 12 Grand Children, 13 Great Grand Children and 6 Great Great Grand Children, Jack and Elgie came to TMRC in August of 2010.



Jack and Elgie, with their three children Val, Michael, Jackie



LOVING PAIR, Jack and Elgie Wood

It takes two special people,
To make a loving pair.

There's a joy just being
around you,
A feeling we love to share.

We send anniversary wishes
to you,
For years of joy and pleasure.

May each year keep getting
better,

With memories to treasure.

By Joanna Fuchs

Happy Valentine's Day!
The TMRC residents voted unanimously for
Jack and Elgie Wood as
King and Queen- Congratulations



Congratulations also goes to the door prize winners.



Juanna McLerran



Bertha Hoover

Bluebonnet Court #3 Order of the Amaranth

Presents

The 8th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

MURDER AT TAUNTON PRIORY

By: Patricia Johnson

Saturday, Mar. 19, 2016

6 pm Dinner–Performance follows

Tickets \$18 from Any Member: Get Tickets Early



Richland Hills Masonic Lodge
3310 Popplewell
Richland Hills, Texas

*Gross Proceeds from Ticket Sales and Donations benefit the
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation of the
American Diabetes Association Research Foundation*

No-Show Policy Applies Amaranth Diabetes Foundation is a non-Profit Organization (501-C3)

MASONIC WEEK IN WASHINGTON DC

For the next few editions of our Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter, we will include the results for the various activities that occurred in Masonic Week in Washington DC.

This month, we highlight the **Allied Masonic Degrees.**

<http://www.amdusa.org/>

Our new Sovereign Grand Master, is none other than our very own Texas Mason:

Most Venerable Lawrence E. Tucker



M.: V.: Larry Tucker



The 2016 Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees Officers

The Grand Council AMD Officers are:

Sovereign Grand Master – Lawrence E. Tucker
Deputy Grand Master – Gary B. Hinson
Grand Treasurer – W. Charles Smithson
Grand Secretary – Shane Harshbarger
Senior Grand Warden – David Dixon Goodwin
Junior Grand Warden – Paul Stephen Newhall
Senior Grand Deacon – Glen A. Cook
Junior Grand Deacon – Mohamad A. Yatim
Grand Chaplain – Aaron M. Shoemaker
Grand Director of Ceremonies – Michael D. Cecil
Grand Marshal – W. Berry Rigdon
Grand Tyler – John Elkinton (**Also one of our own in Texas.**)
Grand Lecturer – Jeffrey L. Cook
Grand Director of Music – Chris M. Jessen



The Allied Masonic Degrees are an invitational organization, and requires membership in the Royal Arch as well as the Symbolic Lodge. Membership is limited to 27 members per council.

Be it remembered that on August 5, 1933, this Grand Council took as its date of formation January 14, 1892, since this date was the beginning of the Allied Masonic Degrees in America with the formation of the Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees at Richmond, Virginia, that on April 16, 1932, the subsequent establishment of a Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America occurred in Salisbury, North Carolina, and that the union of the two bodies was drawn up and entered into July 18, 1933, and was ratified by the North Carolina Grand Council August 5, 1933 and was ratified by the Sovereign College at Norway, Maine August 24, 1933, and became effective as of September 7, 1933.

The Allied Masonic Degrees are detached degrees some of which, many years ago, were conferred under Craft warrants and formed part of the then loosely governed Freemasonry of the period.

Many of these detached degrees became dormant in some places, although in others they were conferred as side degrees. In time, the better of these degrees were grouped together in an organized body under the title of Allied Masonic Degrees. The degrees comprising the system in our Jurisdiction in the U.S.A. are the Royal Ark Mariner, Secret Monitor, Knight of Constantinople, Saint Lawrence the Martyr, Architect, Superintendent, Grand Tilers of Solomon, Master of Tyre, Excellent Master, Installed Sovereign Master, Installed Commander Noah, Red Branch of Eri and Ye Ancient Order of Corks. They are conferred in the United States in Councils chartered by the Grand Council. Each Council is limited to twenty seven members, with two exceptions. One of these Councils is known as the Council of the Nine Muses and is limited to nine members. The other is the Grand Masters Council, which has what is known as a roving charter. The purpose of the latter Council is to provide a place of membership in the Allied Masonic Degrees for brethren residing in localities where Councils have not been organized. Membership in every Council of Allied Masonic Degrees is by invitation, and is predicated on membership in the Royal Arch Chapter.

In addition to perpetuating these degrees, there is still another and equally important purpose. It is to bring together, in small groups, Freemasons who are interested in the advancement of all Masonry, preparing themselves to better serve the Craft through the medium of study and research. By limiting the membership in a Council and securing membership only by invitation, the result is a congenial group able to enjoy full fellowship when meeting together. Wherever there is an active Council of Allied Masonic Degrees, it exerts an influence for the betterment of Freemasonry in all the Masonic Bodies.

There is no intention on the part of the Allied Masonic Degrees to detract from any organized and established body of Masonry. On the contrary, you will find our members active, beyond the average, in all local Masonic bodies. The real purpose is to stimulate interest in Masonry in general and bring together in small groups those who are interested in the study of Masonic subjects. Thus they are better enabled to serve the Craft.

(Source --- Texas Council No 335)





Donald Dee "Pa Pa" Lockhart went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, after celebrating 86 years of life here on Earth. He was surrounded by his children and departed while the song "I'll Fly Away" was playing. He was born on Aug. 8, 1928, in Tolar to Oran Lee Lockhart and Florence Emily Roberts Lockhart. Pa Pa served his country honorably in the Army during the Korean War and upon returning married the love of his life, Dorothy Jean Morrison "Me Maw" on April 11, 1953. They celebrated 54 years together. Me Maw went on ahead of him to heaven and they have had a joyous reunion! Pa Pa loved his kids and grandkids and made sure they knew and understood his love and values. He loved to tell them stories about the history of our family and our country. He especially loved sharing with them about the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Pa Pa served honorably in his church and the Masonic organization. He served as Worthy Patron of Richland Hills Order of the Eastern Star, was a Past High Priest and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Hurst Chapter and Council, a member of the Moslah Shrine, Commandery, and Scottish Rite. Pa Pa and Me Maw were avid RV'ers and traveled every chance they got to enjoy the sights and beauty of God's earth. He and Me Maw took a trip of a lifetime when they visited Israel and were able to walk where their Lord walked. It was among the highlights of his life. The Lockhart family would like to thank the dedicated individuals of Community Hospice of Texas for the love and dedication you showed all of us. Survivors: Pa Pa is survived by his son, Randy Lockhart and his wife, Becky, of Bedford; daughter, Lisa Johnston and her husband, Douglas, of Hurst; daughter, Rebecca Ogletree of Hurst; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A dozen Clothed Masons participated in the Funeral, along with at least 6 other Masons were present. Many family, friends and loved ones were in attendance to remember our dearly departed Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight.



Les Bond

On Feb 24, 2016, Les Bond passed away. Funeral Details and obituary have not been set, as of this newsletter publication.

Les Bond was an active Shriner, Past Master of Panther City Lodge, active in Scottish Rite 21st degree team, as well as being an active York Rite Mason. He was a Past President of the Tarrant County York Rite Association.

Continue to remember in prayer the Companions listed in earlier newsletters.

Also remember all the Companions at the TMRC who are in the clinic or hospital, and any others not previously listed.

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

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