

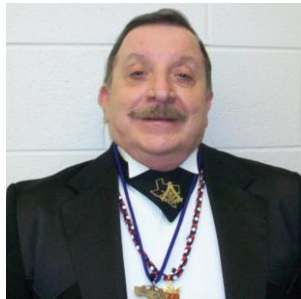
# Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



2016 September Edition - [www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org](http://www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org) and <http://64th.org>



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## Welcome to the September 2016 edition Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

### Monthly Quote – Matt Pickell:

*In order to enjoy a rose, one must respect the thorns.*

### YORK RITE Degree and Practice Schedule

Monday Aug 30 6:30 PM – Hurst Chapter - Practice Mark Master and Royal Master  
**Friday Sep 9, Sat Sep 10 – Tarrant County York Rite Festival – Fort Worth Temple**  
Monday Sep 19 7:00 PM – Arlington Commandery – Practice Order of the Temple  
Friday Sep 23, Sat Sep 24 – San Antonio York Rite Festival, Scottish Rite Cathedral  
Saturday Sep 24 6:30 AM – Tyler York Rite Festival  
Saturday Oct 1 7:00 AM – Hillsboro York Rite Festival  
Monday Oct 3 7:00 PM – Arlington Commandery – Practice Order of the Temple  
Thursday Oct 13 – Saturday Oct 15 – York Rite School of Instruction – Waco  
Sunday Oct 16 – Chapter/Council Banquet at Lee Lockwood  
**Monday Oct 17 – Tuesday Oct 18 – Grand Chapter / Grand Council**

We mourn the passing of Illustrious **Frank C. Rockabrand**,  
our Illustrious Grand Organist in the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Texas

He was from the great city of El Paso Texas.  
We miss him dearly.

He was a very active member in Masonry.  
May God bless you and receive you into his wonderful home that He  
has prepared for you, Illustrious Sir. You are a hero.



**I. Frank C. Rockabrand**  
Grand Organist

# UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Sep/Oct 2016 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30 <b>Tarrant County York Rite Association</b> 6:45 PM	Aug 31	Sep 1 <b>Worth and Southside Commanderies</b> Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 2	Sep 3
Sep 4	Sep 5  <b>Labor Day</b>	Sep 6 <b>Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM</b>	Sep 7 <b>Weatherford Commandery</b> Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 8 <b>Tarrant Chapter/Council</b> Eat 6:00 PM	Fri Sep 9 and Sat Sep 10 <b>Tarrant County York Rite Festival</b> Fri 6:00 PM Dinner Sat 7:00 AM Breakfast Sat 1:30 PM tribute to Jimmy Henley	
Sep 11  <b>Patriot Day</b>	Sep 12 <b>York Rite Arlington – Eat 6</b> <b>Riverside – Eat 6</b>	Sep 13	Sep 14 <b>Springtown Chapter/Council</b> Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 15 <b>7 pm - Cleburne Commandery</b> <b>6 pm – Fort Worth Scottish Rite Stated Mtg</b>	Sep 16 <b>National POW/MIA Recognition Day</b>	Sep 17 <b>York Rite College Banquet</b> <b>TMRC 6:00 PM</b>
Sep 18  <b>U.S. Air Force Birthday</b>	Sep 19 <b>Stephenville Commandery</b> Eat 6:30 PM <b>Hurst Council</b> Eat 6:30 PM <b>Arlington Commandery Practice</b> 7:00 PM	Sep 20 <b>Denton Commandery</b> Mtg 7:30 PM	Sep 21 <b>Ridglea Chapter/Council</b> Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 22 <b>September Equinox</b>	Fri Sep 23 and Sat Sep 24 <b>York Rite Festival San Antonio Scottish Rite Cathedral</b> Fri 6:30 PM - Sat 8:30 AM Sat – Sep 24 <b>York Rite Festival</b> 323 W. Front Street Tyler TX Sat 6:30 AM	
Sep 25	Sep 26 <b>Stephenville Chapter and Council</b> Eat 6PM	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 1 <b>York Rite Festival Hillsboro 7am</b>
Oct 2	Oct 3 <b>Arlington Commandery Practice</b> 7:00 PM <b>Rosh Hashana Holiday</b>	Oct 4 <b>Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM</b> <b>Feast of St Francis of Assisi</b>	Oct 5 <b>Weatherford Commandery</b> Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 6 <b>Worth and Southside Commanderies</b> Eat 6:00 PM	Oct 7	Oct 8 <b>Family Day</b> <b>TMRC</b>
Oct 9	Oct 10 <b>York Rite Arlington – Eat 6</b> <b>Riverside – Eat 6</b> <b>Columbus Day</b>	Oct 11	Oct 12 <b>Springtown Chapter/Council</b> Eat 6:30 PM <b>Yom Kippur</b>	Thu Oct 13 through Sat Oct 15 <b>Grand Chapter and Grand Council School of Instruction In Waco</b> Competition – Saturday – RAC chapter opening with five.		
Sun Oct 16 – <b>Divine and Memorial Service – Waco Banquet</b> Sunday night at Lee Lockwood Mon Oct 17 – <b>Grand Chapter/Council - Waco</b> Tue Oct 18 – <b>Grand Chapter/Council – Waco</b>			Oct 19 <b>Ridglea Chapter/Council</b> Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 20 <b>7 pm – Cleburne Commandery</b> <b>6 pm – FTW Scottish Rite</b>	Oct 21	Oct 22
Oct 23 From Oct 17 – 23 <b>Sukkot Holiday</b>	Oct 24 <b>Stephenville Chapter and Council</b> Eat 6:00 PM <b>Shmini Atzeret Holiday</b>	Oct 25 <b>Simchat Torah Holiday</b>	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29



FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE  
**SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2016**

**2016 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY  
YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas  
On the corner of Henderson and Lancaster Streets  
**Honoring Right Worshipful Jimmy Henley**



Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / TEXAS COUNCIL 321  
High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master: **Joe Pearson**  
Festival Registrars: **Robert D. Collier** and **Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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**Hobie Henderson, President**

Joseph Spencer, Vice President

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Jason Lesikar, Secretary

Neal Addy, Festival Committee Chairman

Floyd E. Hall, Master of Ceremonies

Pre-Eminent Hobie Henderson, Governor Trinity 154



Friday, September 9 –  
Supper at 6 PM, Degrees at 7 PM  
Saturday, September 10 –  
Breakfast at 7 AM, Degrees at 8 AM  
Courtesy Candidates Welcome

**Full Degree Schedule:**

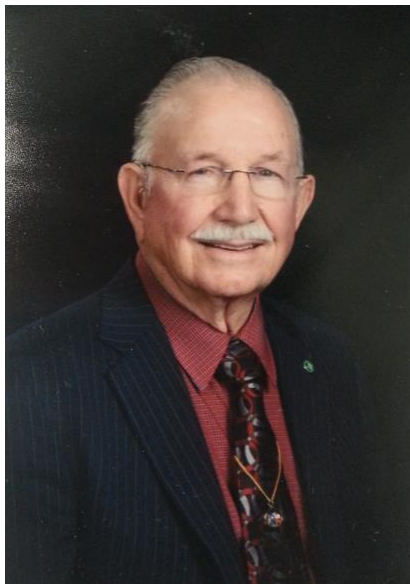
Mark Masters Degree – Tarrant and Hurst  
Past Masters Degree – Riverside Chapter  
Most Excellent Masters – Texas Chapter  
Royal Arch – Southside Chapter

Royal Masters Degree – Arlington/Ft Worth  
Select Masters Degree - Ridglea Council

**Illustrious Order of the Red Cross -  
Southside Commandery**

**Order of Malta –  
Arlington Commandery**

**Order of the Temple –  
Worth Commandery**



**R:W: Jimmy Henley**  
**Past Committee on Work**  
**21 years – 5 times Chairman**



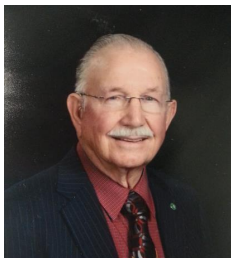
**Fort Worth Masonic Temple**  
1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth Texas



Marks DeMolay is selling T-Shirts to assist the Family of slain DART Police Officer **Brent Thompson**.

**Brent** was a member of Corsicana #174 and his son **William** is the current Master Councilor of Black Gold Chapter in Corsicana.

One of the Marks DeMolays designed the T-Shirt. We will sell these at the Tarrant County York Rite Festival



Right Worshipful Jimmy Henley is an exceptional honoree for the 2016 Fort Worth Festival.

He served as a member of the Committee on Work for the Grand Lodge of Texas for 21 distinguished years, and was Chairman for 5 years: 1996, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2012

**Festival Honoree: Brother Jimmy Henley**

**R: W: Jimmy Henley** was born in Lawton Oklahoma in 1930, and moved to Fort Worth on Armistice Day 11-11-1943. He joined the United States Marine Corp in 1947, and honorably discharged in 1950. He worked at General Dynamics for 23 and ½ years. Starting on 1974 He was a General Machinist for 3 years at Bell Helicopter, and then, in 1947 as a tool and die maker. He retired in 2008 for 31 years at Bell, and 34 years total service.

**Masonry:**

July 1973	Raised to Master Mason in Lake Worth Lodge #1410
Aug 1978	Class "A" Esoteric Certificate
June 1981	Installed Worshipful Master, Lake Worth Lodge #1410
Dec 1981	Appointed District Deputy Grand Master, District #64D
Dec 1987	Appointed District Instructor, District 64D
Dec 1991	Endowed Member – Venus Lodge #804
Dec 1991	Elected to Committee on Work: 21 years Chairman 5 yrs
1992	President of the Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau
1992	Received the Golden Trowel Award
1993	Endowed Member of Lake Worth Lodge #1410
1996	Life Certificate for Esoteric Proficiency
2006	Endowed Member of Tabernacle Lodge #1195
2013	Received his 40-year pin.
2013	Charter member of Sweet Home Lodge #576

**Capitular Masonry**

May 1982	Member of Tarrant Chapter #416, Current HP
Dec 1982	Member of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association
Jun 1983	Received the Super Excellent Master's Degree in Dallas
Jan 1984	Installed as President of the Certificate Men's YR Assn
June 1986	Installed as High Priest of Tarrant Chapter #416
Dec 1986	Received Order of High Priesthood
1987	Won Parry Award Grading in District Ritual Competition
Dec 1988	Appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest District #27
Dec 1990	Elected President of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Assn
1996	Member of Ennis Chapter #135, Currently C.O.H.

**Cryptic Masonry**

May 1982	Member of Tarrant Council #349, Current TIM
June 1986	Installed Thrice Illustrious Master Tarrant Council #416
Dec 1986	Received Order of the Silver Trowel
Dec 1990	Appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Council
1996	Member of Ennis Council #81, Currently C.O.G.
Dec 1999	Appointed Grand Conductor of the Grand Council
Dec 2001	Appointed District Deputy Grand Master District #27

**Templar Masonry**

1985	Knighthood a member of Worth Commandery #19
Dec 1990	Installed Commander of Worth Commandery #19
Apr 1992	Received the Kidd and Gilbough Award
Apr 1992	Received Knight York Cross of Honor Texas Priory #23
Apr 1986	25 year member of Worth Ritual Team
Apr 1996	Received Knight Preceptor Grand Commandery Abilene
2012	Received the Excalibur Award Worth Commandery #19

**HONORS Masonry**

1986	Member of Texas York Rite College in Waco (#14)
1988	Officer in Texas York Rite College #14
Dec 1996	Our Redeemer Tabernacle #IX, H.R.A.K.T.P.
2005-2006	Eminent Preceptor of Our Redeemer # IX, H.R.A.K.T.P.
2013	Received Allied Masonic Degrees – Tejas Council #282
2016	Senior Warden Tejas Council #282 AMD
	Numerous Scottish Rite Honors including 32° KCCH

**Worshipful Masters Banquet  
Trinity York Rite College #154  
Saturday, September 17, 2016**



Trinity York Rite College no. 154 is holding its annual Banquet to honor all newly installed Worshipful Masters. It will be held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center on September 17, 2016. A fantastic meal prepared by the chef from Texas Masonic Retirement Center will be served at 6:00 pm.

All Worshipful Masters attending will be introduced and honored, along with their ladies, and Worshipful Masters will receive a certificate recognizing them and your Lodge. Following this, the keynote speaker will be Right Worshipful Tommy F. Chapman, Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. R.W. Chapman is also a Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and a Very Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and select Masters of Texas.

This is an open meeting, and all are invited. Tickets must be purchased in advance to insure having the correct amount of food.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Ladies and friends are definitely invited. Please come and support all the Worshipful Masters and the great things they are going to bring to your Lodges. This will be a great event to kick off the new Masonic year, and show your support for the Brethren who have stepped up to lead the area Lodges.

To purchase tickets, contact:

Hobie Henderson - Preeminent Governor 817-313-9402

Jason Lesikar - Eminent Secretary 817-726-7998

Website: <http://trinity154.yorkritetexas.org>



2016-2017 Pre-Eminent Governor, **Hobie Henderson**

# Grand Chapter

# Grand Council

Monday – Oct 17 and Tuesday Oct 18

The Full Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations to be considered and Statements of Availability are on the following website link

<http://www.yorkritetexas.org/chapter/forms/Grand-Convocation/2016-Resolutions-and-Recommendations.pdf>

Here is a summary of the Resolutions and Recommendations and the Statements of Availability:

## **Chapter**

Resolution 1 – Change name of Kilgore Chapter No 449 to East Texas Chapter No 449

Resolution 2 – Change date of Grand Convocation to First Friday in August

Resolution 3 – Increase minimum dues from \$20 to \$30

GHP Recommendation 1 – Change date of Grand Convocation to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in June

## **Council**

Resolution 1 – Change name of Kilgore Council No 336 to East Texas Council No 336

Resolution 2 – Increase minimum dues from \$16 to \$30

**Statements of Availability are listed here in alphabetical order by last name**

## **Statements of Availability for Right Excellent Grand Scribe**

David M. Baskin

Hobie D. Henderson

S. Lane Pierce

Nick R. Ramos

## **Statements of Availability for Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work**

Melvin Thomas Hagood

James Dale Kirkpatrick

Clarence Ray McKown

## **Statements of Availability for Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board of Directors**

H. David Moore

Charles Steven Wolfe

Here is a link to the Banquet and Reservations Forms

(pdf) <http://www.yorkritetexas.org/chapter/forms/Grand-Convocation/2016-Reservations.pdf>

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**Banquet Tickets reservations are Due September 30.**

# Grand Chapter Grand Council

Letter from our Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder

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 13th through Saturday October 15th in the Lower Auditorium, Grand Lodge Temple.
2. The Grand Chapter Convocation and the Grand Council Assembly will be held October 17th and 18th, 2016 in the Lower Auditorium, Grand Lodge Temple.
3. A meeting of the York Rite Colleges of Texas will be held in the Lower Auditorium on Sunday morning, October 16th 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.
4. Texas York Rite College No. 14 will meet in the Lower Auditorium on Sunday, October 16th at 11:00 A.M.
5. Memorial Services will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, at 1:00 P.M., in the Lower Auditorium, Grand Lodge Temple.
6. 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 16th, at 2:30 P.M.
7. The Annual Banquet will be held Sunday evening, October 16th, at 6:30 P.M., at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive.
8. The Ladies Luncheon will be held Monday, October 17th, at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive at 11:30 A.M.
9. The Order of the Silver Trowel and The Order of High Priesthood will be conferred in the Lower Auditorium on Monday evening, October 17th beginning at 4:30 P.M.
10. 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 16th, 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 16th after 3:00 P.M., or after seating capacity is reached.
11. We have reserved a block of rooms at Sleep Inn & Suites Hewitt, 254-420-3200 (mention group acct 2424222) and The Ramada Hewitt 254-732-9823 (mention Grand Royal Arch Chapter) Please call the hotels directly. The room rates will only be available for Sunday 16th and Monday 17th due to Baylor Football Homecoming on Saturday. These hotels are at the Sun Valley Exit 328 on I-35 South.
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**

## Grand Convocation and Grand Assembly Events



Grand Chapter Officers



Grand Council Officers

### Thursday, Oct. 13

School of Instruction, Committee on Work  
8:00 AM Registration (downstairs)  
9:00 AM Sessions (downstairs rooms)

### Friday, Oct. 14

School of Instruction, Committee on Work  
8:00 AM Registration (downstairs)  
9:00 AM Sessions (downstairs rooms)

### Saturday, Oct. 15

School of Instruction, Committee on Work  
8:00 AM Registration (downstairs)  
9:00 AM Sessions (downstairs rooms)  
1:00 PM Ritualistic Competition  
Opening a Chapter with 5  
Officers: MEHP, COH, PS, RAC and Guard

### Sunday, Oct. 16

8:00 AM Various called Committee meetings  
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM Registration Open  
10:00 AM Meeting of the York Rite Colleges  
11:00 AM Texas York Rite College #14 Meeting  
1:00 PM Grand Chapter/Grand Council Memorial Service  
2:30 PM Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH Meeting  
6:30 PM Grand Chapter/Grand Council Banquet  
at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Temple  
2801 W. Waco Dr.

### Monday, Oct. 17

7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Registration Open  
8:00 AM Opening of Grand Chapter Convocation  
with Joint Reception of ALL Out-of-State and In-State Dignitaries  
1:00 PM Opening of Grand Council Assembly  
4:30 PM Order of the High Priesthood (open to all present or past High Priests) \$35.00 fee  
Order of the Silver Trowel (open to all present or Past TIMs) \$35.00 fee

### Tuesday, Oct. 18

7:00 AM to 1:30 PM Registration Open  
8:00 AM Second Session Grand Chapter Convocation  
Election & Installation Ceremonies  
1:00 PM Second Session Grand Council Assembly  
Election & Installation Ceremonies



# TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

Morgan Mill's annual Ice cream freeze off! The TMRC Residents, families and friends went to Harmony Lodge #592 for some delicious homemade ice cream, fabulous BBQ, and great entertainment. Thank you for your continuous support to TMRC.



Banana splits anyone?  
James Gregory, entertainer comes to TMRC to entertain and have a banana split with the residents.  
James sings Country and western songs that the Residents really enjoy.

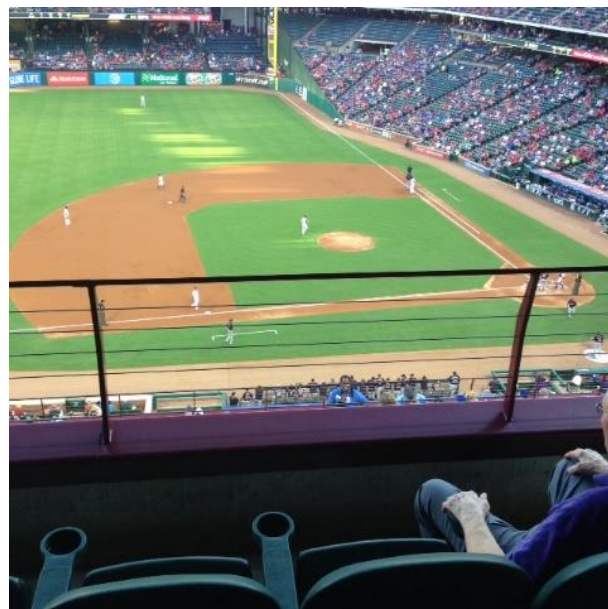


TMRC COFFEE CLUB, every Wednesday the Men gather in the activity room for Coffee Club, which consist of guest and speakers that come out and talk to the men and also have coffee and pastries.

The coffee club is one of the activities that the men really enjoy, when there is a special event the Ladies are welcome to come as well.



Many thanks to Kenny Kimbrough, for donating his suite tickets for the Ranger game to the TMRC residents. The residents had a great time. Thank you for your continuous support to TMRC.



Norman the pig returns to TMRC.

Norman is a trained pet therapist, he loves to do tricks for the residents, and the residents really love to see him.

Norman will be 3 on August 27, 2016 he also has a face book page. Way to go Norman



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

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