

Tarrant County York Rite

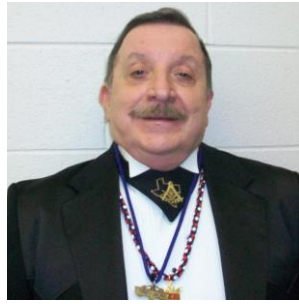


The Keystone

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Welcome to the November 2016 edition

Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Quote from Companion **Matt Pickell** --- *In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*

YORK RITE Degree and Practice Schedule

Wednesday Nov 2 6:30 PM – Worth Commandery Practice

Monday Nov 7 7:00 PM – Arlington Commandery – Practice Order of the Temple

Wednesday Nov 9 6:30 PM – Worth Commandery Practice

Wednesday Nov 9 6:00 PM – Stephenville Commandery Practice

Wednesday Nov 16 6:30 PM – Worth Commandery Practice

Wednesday Nov 16 6:00 PM – Stephenville Commandery Practice

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING COMMANDERY INSPECTIONS

Submitted by our Sir Knight Clarence Laney, Grand Captain General

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Commandery</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 29	Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Cleburne #12	Cleburne
November 10	Thursday	6:00 P.M.	Southside #83	Fort Worth
November 12	Saturday	8:00 A.M.	Worth #19	Fort. Worth
November 15	Tuesday	7:30 P.M.	Denton #45	Denton
November 19	Saturday	8:00 A.M.	Weatherford #51	Weatherford
November 19	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	Stephenville #100	Weatherford
November 26	Saturday	8:00 A.M.	Arlington #107	Arlington

Good news ... Hurst Chapter / Council now meets on the 3rd Mondays.

This means that Hurst companions can visit Riverside and Arlington.

And Riverside and Arlington companions can visit Hurst. Fraternally, Wally Jones.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 30	Oct 31  Happy Halloweeni	Nov 1 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM All Saints Day	Nov 2 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 3 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Nov 4	Nov 5 Scottish Rite Reunion Day 3
Nov 6  Daylight Savings Ends	Nov 7 Arlington Commandery Practice 7:00 PM	Nov 8 	Nov 9 Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 10 Southside Commandery Inspection 6:00 PM Tarrant York Rite Eat 6PM	Nov 11 	Nov 12 Worth Commandery Inspection 8 AM Fort Worth Chapter TMRC 2 PM
Nov 13	Nov 14 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6	Nov 15 Denton Commandery Inspection 7:30 PM	Nov 16 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 17 7 pm – Cleburne Commandery 6 pm – FTW Scottish Rite	Nov 18	Nov 19 Weatherford / Stephenville Inspections at Phoenix Lodge 8AM and 1PM
Nov 20	Nov 21 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6	Nov 22 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Nov 23	Nov 24 	Nov 25	Nov 26 Arlington Commandery Inspection Eat at 7AM
Nov 27  Advent	Nov 28 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Nov 29 Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting 6:45PM	Nov 30	Dec 1 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	Dec 7 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 8 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6PM	Dec 9	Dec 10
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Dec 18	Dec 19 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6	Dec 20 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Dec 21 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24
Dec 25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	Dec 26 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31

Grand Chapter Grand Council

2017 Results

Here is a summary of the Actions of the 2017 Grand Convocation and Grand Assembly

Chapter

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

Resolution 3 – Increase minimum dues – Passed

Resolutions 2 and GHP Recommendation 1 dealt with moving the date of the Grand Convocation. It was decided by the membership to move next year's Grand Chapter/Council to Thursday, December 7th through Saturday December 9th. Details and the School of Instruction schedule will be forthcoming.

Council

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

Resolution 2 – Increase minimum dues – Passed.

Elections for Grand Chapter

New Most Excellent Grand High Priest – M.: E.: **Jackie Wayne Matthews** (biography page 4)

Grand Scribe – R.: E.: **David M. Baskin**

TMRC Board of Directors – V.: E.: **Charles Steven Wolfe**

Elections for Grand Council

New Most Illustrious Grand Master – M.: I.: **Jeffrey J. Miller** (biography page 5)

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work – R.: I.: **James D. Kirkpatrick**

York Rite Development Board – **Ronald D. Park**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOCAL APPOINTMENTS:

Right Excellent Dale Smith – District Deputy Grand High Priest – District 26

Right Excellent Don Paul Payton – District Deputy Grand High Priest – District 18

Right Illustrious Jerry Taylor – District Deputy Grand Master – District 26

Right Illustrious Howard Hubbard – District Deputy Grand Master – District 18

Grand High Priest Jackie Wayne Matthews



Jackie Wayne Matthews was born to Joseph and Karen Matthews on September 5, 1959 in Seminole, Texas. Jackie was raised in west Texas and went to school in Odessa, Texas. He married Vickie Moad in 2002, and together they have five children. Jackie currently serves as President of Pacesetter Drilling in Midland, Texas.

On June 8, 1995, Jackie was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Midland Lodge 623, where he is an endowed member. He is also an endowed member of Midland Acacia Lodge 1414, Midland Centennial Lodge 1448 and Milam Lodge 11 in Lamesa, Texas. Jackie served as Worshipful Master of Midland Lodge 623 from 2001 – 2002, Midland Acacia Lodge 1414 from 2007 – 2008, and Midland Centennial Lodge 1448 from 2008 – 2009 and 2014 – 2015. Jackie was honored by Midland Lodge 623 as the recipient of the Golden Trowel Award in 2008. He also served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 81 in 2007.

In 1998, Jackie was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Keystone Chapter 172 and served as High Priest in 2001, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2016. In 2005, he received the Order of High Priesthood, and served as District Grand High Priest for District 33 in 2010 and District 30 in 2013. He also served on the Grand Royal Arch Chapter's Membership Committee for District 9. In 2015, Very Excellent C. Steve Wolfe, PGHP, appointed Jackie as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York. Jackie was also elected Right Excellent Grand Scribe in 2014, Right Excellent Grand King in 2015 and Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest in 2016.

Jackie was Greeted in Keystone Council 112 as a Royal and Select Master in 1998 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2001, 2008, 2009, 2015 and 2016. There, he also received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2005. Jackie served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Council for District 33 in 2011 and District 30 in 2013. He received the Super Excellent Master in 2016.

From 2014 – 2015, Jackie served as Vice President of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association.

Jackie was Knighted as a Knight Templar in Midland Commandery No. 84 and has served as Commander of the Commandery in 2005, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016. He has also served on the Grand Commandery of Texas's Membership Committee for District 9 and presently serves on the Grand Commandery's Public Relations and Special Project Committee. Jackie is a member of the Sovereign Order of the Knight Preceptor and is in the progressive line. He is also in the progressive line of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Nazareth Tabernacle XXXIV.

Jackie is a member of both the Lubbock Scottish Rite and the El Paso Scottish Rite, where he was honored with the Knight Commander Cross of Honor in 2011. He has served and continues to serve the Board of Directors for West Texas Learning Center in Lubbock. Jackie is also a member of Suez Shrine, AMD, Knight Mason, York Rite College, The Red Cross of Constantine, The Royal Order of Scotland, St. Thomas of Acon, The Operatives and The Masonic Order of Athelstan.

Grand Master Jeffrey J. Miller

Born on April 11, 1970 in Marquette, Michigan to Robert, Jr. and Sandra Miller, Jeff, his two brothers and sister moved around the country as his father rose in the ranks with a lighting company. Moving to Lubbock, Texas and beginning school in El Paso, Texas, he then moved to Houston, Texas, Canton, Michigan and finally North Ridgeville, Ohio where he graduated high school. By 1995, Jeff had happily returned to the state he had fallen in love with many years prior and has proudly called Texas his home ever since. This state pride led Jeff to serve for over 11 years in the Texas State Guard, retiring in 2012 with the rank of Sergeant First Class.



Inspired by his paternal grandfather's Masonic burial service, Jeff asked his father for a petition and was Raised a third generation Master Mason on February 24, 1998 in Dallas Lodge No. 760. He served as Worshipful Master in 2002-2003, at which time he became an Endowed member and had the privilege of presenting his father with an Endowed membership as a thank you for helping him start his Masonic travels. Jeff was awarded the Master's Distinguished Service Award in 2006, 2007 and 2014 and was chosen to receive the Golden Trowel in 2009. He served Grand Master Orville O'Neill as District Deputy Grand Master for District 14-A in 2010. It was through his appointment as Junior Steward by his now father-in-law that Jeff met his sweetheart Elizabeth Cumming, whom he married on October 15, 2011.

On July 10, 1999, Jeff was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Love Field Chapter No. 478 and is an Endowed member. Shortly thereafter, he affiliated with Dallas Chapter No. 47, where he served as High Priest in 2005-2006, receiving the Order of High Priesthood in 2005 and becoming an Endowed member in 2006. He has served as the Treasurer since 2012. Jeff served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on the Credentials Committee from 2007-2014, serving as Chairman from 2011-2014.

Jeff was Greeted a Select Master in Love Field Council No. 396 on July 10, 1999, where he is an Endowed member. Affiliating with Dallas Council No. 18, Jeff served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2003-2004, received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2003, the Super Excellent Masters in 2003 and became Endowed in 2004. He continues to serve as the Treasurer and has done so since 2012. He was chosen to serve the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master for District 14 in 2007. He was elected to the progressive Grand Line in 2014.

On August 6, 1999, Jeff was Knighted in Dallas Commandery No. 6, K.T. where he served as Commander in 2006 and is an Endowed member. As Commander his highest honor and privilege was Knighting his father. Jeff was Commissioned a Knight Preceptor in Texas Chapter in 2006. He has been a proud member of Dallas Commandery's state and national championship Drill Team since 2000. He was awarded the Excalibur Award in 2012. He has served as the Recorder since his election in 2011.

Upon his service as the head of Dallas Lodge, Dallas Chapter, Dallas Council and Dallas Commandery, he was honored to be inducted into the North Texas Priory No. 73, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 2008.

He joined Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147 in 2001, serving as Secretary since 2011. He joined Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, Knight Masons in 2000. Jeff was selected for the Royal Order of Scotland in 2013 and became a Charter Member of San Jacinto Monument Assemblage of Operatives in 2015. He was Knighted into the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon in Tejas Chapel in 2010, serving as Secretary from 2012-2017. He was proud to be Charter Senior Warden of Loyd L. Chance Council No. 522 Allied Masonic Degrees, serving as Sovereign Master in 2014. He received the Masonic Order of the Bath in 2013 and was elected to receive the Red Branch of Eri – Knight Commander in 2014.

Jeff became a Master of the Royal Secret (32nd Degree) in 1998 at Dallas Scottish Rite, alongside his father. Jeff has served as Degree Master of the Spring 24th Degree team since 2004.

The bond between Jeff and his father is not only Masonic; Jeff's father was instrumental in securing Jeff's first job at fourteen, working under his father's supervision in the lighting industry. Jeff has worked in lighting all of his adult life, having been with his current employer for over seventeen years.

As evidenced by his work history, Jeff is no stranger to longevity. While his Masonic endeavors are vast, they are nowhere near complete.

Grand Chapter 2017 Officers

Companion	Office
Jackie Wayne Matthews	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
E. E. Buster Williams	Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest
Joe F. Schriever	Right Excellent Grand King
David M. Baskin	Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Kenneth E. Cooley	Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Orville L. O'Neill	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
David Gene Rogers	Excellent Grand Chaplain
Floyd Edward Hall	Excellent Grand Orator
Frances Edwin "Skip" Smith	Excellent Grand Marshal
Rex S. Lewis	Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Cortney Monroe Harvey	Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
T. Chance Chapman	Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Brad S. Billings	Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil
Robert C. Brunk	Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil
Kenneth Colby Spicer	Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil
Robert C. Madison	Excellent Grand Senior Steward
Leonard Herbert Morgan	Excellent Grand Junior Steward
Buford John Young	Excellent Grand Organist
Randall R. Kimbrough	Excellent Grand Photographer
Joe V. Pool	Excellent Grand Guard

Grand Council 2017 Officers

Companion	Office
Jeffrey J. Miller	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Reese Lenwood Harrison, Jr.	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
James Dale Kirkpatrick	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Kenneth E. Cooley	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Orville L. O'Neill	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Christopher L. Little	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards
H. David Moore	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Frances Edwin "Skip" Smith	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Nick Fehrenback	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Randall W. Morris	Illustrious Grand Steward
Richard D. Doss	Illustrious Grand Organist
Charles E. Cumming	Illustrious Grand Photographer
Dock F. Dixon	Illustrious Grand Sentinel

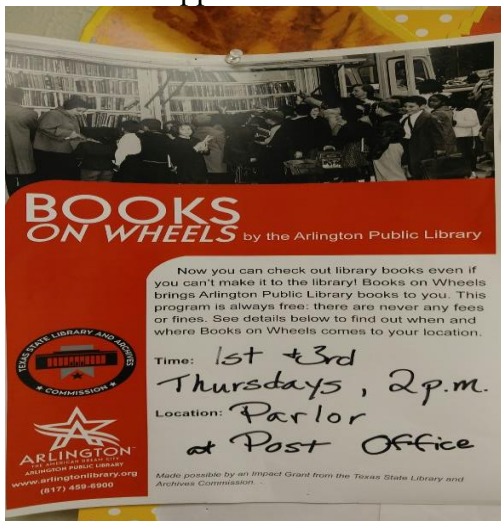
TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS 2016

TMRC BELL CHOIR. The Activity Department at TMRC has been busy with the TMRC Resident Bell Choir. The instructors utilize color coded bells to assist with reading the music selections. Watch for more information about the **FIRST TMRC CONCERT!** Way to go!



BOOKS ON WHEELS. The TMRC Library contains many books, tapes and videos for the benefit of the TMRC residents. We welcome donations of new and gently used books, tapes, and videos to enhance our library. Recently, arrangements were made with Books on Wheels for the volunteers of the Arlington Public Library to visit twice each month to further expand the selections available to the TMRC Residents. Thank you for your continuous support of TMRC.





TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145

Meeting at Texas Masonic Retirement Center
1501 West Division Arlington, TX 76012-3818
Meets 4th Mondays at 1:30 PM

TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145 celebrated its Chapter birthday at the September stated meeting. We were pleased to welcome 61 members and visitors on this joyous occasion as Past Grand Matron **Yvonne Brownfield** presented the program and shared some of the highlights of our Chapter history. Sister Yvonne Brownfield played a vital part as TMRC Daylight Chapter was born, so her insight in those early days was of great interest to all those in attendance.

Worthy Matron **Delphia Von Heeder** maintained great secrecy as they planned this meeting as an Honor Meeting for Sister Yvonne Brownfield. Our Past Grand Matron was thrilled as one after another, the visitors began filling into the room until all but one of those who served as Grand Officers and District Deputies were present. We were pleased to welcome Past Grand Matrons **Joyce Nicklas**, and **Bess Caldwell**. PGM **Vi Griffin** was unable to attend due to illness, but sent a heartfelt tribute which was read by PGM Joyce Nicklas. Others included Grand Conductress **Carolyn Martin**, **Elwanda Spindor**, **Marian Von Heeder**, **Karen Kidd**, **Ann Kelley**, **JoAnn Snow**, Grand Examiner **Phyllis Macon**, **Robert Brownfield**, **Dwight Von Heeder** and **Delphia Von Heeder**.

In addition, other well-wishers in attendance included Past Grand Matrons **Jimmie Lee McMahon** and **Jerre Lucas**, Board of Director **Barbara Martin**, Grand Examiner **Donna Noe**, and many other Eastern Star friends.



OKTOBERFEST AT TMRC! TMRC held the annual OktoberFest celebration with Residents gathering to listen to German music and eat pretzels and German sausage. The residents had a great time visiting with each other and enjoying the fun.



THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. Many thanks to the many generous contributions received at the Grand Chapter Session of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in Waco.

Special thanks to Very Excellent **David Melear** and Very Illustrious **Terry Flippo** for their generous donation from their fundraising efforts this year.

Thanks also to Keystone Chapter #172, Masons of Hutchinson County, and Cleveland Chapter and Council, for monetary donations to TMRC and Residents.

It is important to recognize the continuing needs of our Residents remain unchanged over the years. Your continued generosity to this worthy charity truly makes a difference in their lives.

Editor: James Kirkpatrick
May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

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