

Tarrant County York Rite

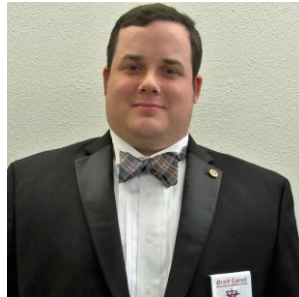


The Keystone

2017 February Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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**Welcome to the February 2017 edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

Quote of the month from companion **Matt Pickell**: *The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.*

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.

James M. Fry past Sovereign Master (1982) of St Timothy Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, passed away this week. **Tiny Jochum** from Hurst passed away.

Very Excellent **Obie Leonard Etheridge**, Past Grand High Priest (1996) of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas passed away at age 92. Obie was a PM, presided over CC York Rite bodies, Past Sovereign of Red Cross of Constantine, Past Governor of South Texas York Rite College, Recipient of York Rite's Order of the Purple Cross, 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

These companions will be sorely missed.

Clarence Joy Laney's wife **Pam** passed away, and we dearly miss her.

Fred Allen, Past Grand Master and current Grand Preceptor of Texas St Thomas of Acon had some bad falls this week. Pray for **Bob Jernigan** and **Roy Dean Foster**.

There are also many other brethren who are in need of our prayers.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Feb, Mar 2017 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 29	Jan 30  Croissant Day	Jan 31	Feb 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 3 RC Buckner Council Eat 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	Feb 4 York Rite Conference in Tyler 10 AM McKinney Commandery Festival 8 AM
Feb 5  Chocolate Fondue Day	Feb 6 Dallas Council Eat 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	Feb 7 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	Feb 8 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 9 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6PM	Thursday Feb 9 → Sunday Feb 12 Masonic Week in Washington DC Feb 11 - Ft Worth Chapter & Council at TMRC 2pm Feb 11 - Tu B'Shevat	
Feb 12	Feb 13 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6	Feb 14  Valentine's Day	Feb 15 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 16 7 pm Cleburne Commandery 6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite	Feb 17  Random act of kindness day.	Feb 18 Arlington & Dallas York Rite Conference LADIES INVITED
Feb 19	Feb 20 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Feb 21 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 22	Feb 23 Ennis Council - Eat 6:30 PM Granbury Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 24	Feb 25 Springtown York Rite Festival Eat 7 am
Feb 26  Pistachio Day	Feb 27 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 28  MARDI GRAS 2017	Mar 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday	Mar 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM Texas Independence Day	Mar 3	Mar 4 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion First 3 Saturdays in March
Mar 5 Cinco de Marcho Day	Mar 6	Mar 7 Chapter/Council Southside and Texas – Eat 6PM	Mar 8 Springtown Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 9 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6PM	Mar 10  Mario Day	Mar 11 Fort Worth York Rite 2pm Scottish Rite Reunion
Mar 12 Purim Daylight Savings	Mar 13 York Rite Arlington – Eat 6 Riverside – Eat 6	Mar 14  National Potato Chip Day	Mar 15 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 16 7 pm Cleburne Commandery 6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite	Mar 17  Happy St.Patrick's Day !	Mar 18 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion Last Day
Mar 19 Corn Dog Day	Mar 20 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Mar 21 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 22	Mar 23 Ennis Council - Eat 6:30 PM Granbury Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 24	Mar 25  Pecan Day
Mar 26	Mar 27 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1  OR "JEDI MIND MELD"

Grand York Rite Conference Schedule



YORK RITE CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE

FOR MORE LIGHT ---
GO YORK RITE

Jackie Matthews
Jeff Miller
John Elkinton
Jack M. Harper

Date	Time	Lodge	Address	Contact
2/4/2017	10:00	Tyler	323 W Front St, Tyler, TX 75702	Richard Gaiser
2/18/2017	9:00	TMRC	1501 W Division St, Arlington, TX. 76012	Buford J. Young
2/18/2017	14:00	R.C. Buckner	4912 S Buckner Blvd, Dallas, TX 75227	Bradley Billings
3/11/2017	9:00	Port Neches	1204 27th St, Nederland, TX 77627	Chance Chapman
3/11/2017	13:00	Oak Forest	4721 Watonga Blvd, Houston, TX 77092	Carl Wunsche
4/8/2017	13:00	San Antonio Shrine	901 North Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 78232	Robert Maddison
4/8/2017	13:00	Norton Moses	201 Sonny Dr, Leander, TX 78641	Joe Shriver
5/6/2017	9:00	El Paso	El Paso, TX	Jackie Matthews
5/27/2017	9:00	Midland	1600 W Wall St, Midland, TX 79701	Bob Black
5/27/2017	13:00	Floydada	130 W. Mississippi St, Floydada, TX 79235	Wes Campbell

NOTE: THE 2017 YORK RITE CONFERENCES ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE ...

**LADIES, ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS, NON-MASONS ARE INVITED
WHY --- EVEN PAST MASTERS MAY ATTEND ☺**

Arlington York Rite Conference
Start Time: 9:00 AM

Location

TMRC
1501 W. Division St.
Arlington, TX 76012



Contact

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*Springtown York Rite Festival in Weatherford
Springtown Chapter No. 75
Springtown Council No. 47
Saturday, February 25, 2017*



7:00 AM Breakfast, Registration
8:00 AM Begin Conferral of all Chapter & Council Degrees

1009 Palo Pinto Street
Weatherford, TX 76086

Courtesy Candidates Welcome

For questions contact Howard Hubbard
e-mail: hhubbard1756@sbcglobal.net



St Timothy Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Annual Meeting and Banquet – Saturday, April 29, 2017
 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

Special Guest Speaker:

Illustrious Knight Companion John A. Hughes,
Intendent General, Division of Texas Northern
United Grand Imperial Council of the USA



John A. Hughes
Intendent General



Joe Orona Sr.
Puissant Sovereign

Illustrious Knight Companion John Hughes will present a great message for everyone
Delicious Cuisine and a wonderful time for fellowship.

Please join us for a wonderful time.

Banquet Tickets are available for only \$50 each.

Joe Orona Sr., our Puissant Sovereign **invites All Masons and their ladies.**

Please send reservations and checks to **Kirby G. Rudisill** at this address →

(Reservations must be received by Kirby Rudisill prior to Monday April 17, 2017)

Kirby G. Rudisill

1004 Tanglewood Ln

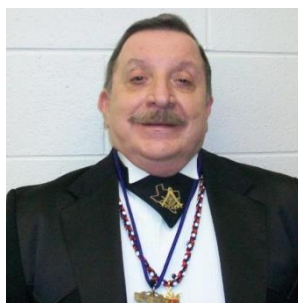
Arlington, TX 76012-4453



TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION RESULTS AND TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE MEETING.

On TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, the Tarrant County York Rite Association conducted its election of officers.

President, **Joseph Spencer**
 Vice-President, **Kenneth Colby Spicer**
 Treasurer, **Robert Cagley**
 Secretary, **Hobie Henderson**, Past President



Joseph Spencer
President



H. Bart Henderson
Grand Governor of Texas

We also had an official visit at the Trinity York Rite College Meeting.

We heard a great message from our Grand Governor of Texas, Pre-eminently Distinguished **H. Bart Henderson**

He brought a great message, and everyone had a great time.

In the coming newsletters we will publish some amazing news for York Rite College in Texas as the York Rite Sovereign College of North America will conduct an annual meeting here in the DFW area. Details are forthcoming.

Deputy Grand Governor, **James Roy Elliott** is coordinating this amazing opportunity.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS NEWS!!!!!!



Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas
Right Worshipful **Paul Underwood**



Right Worshipful Paul Underwood
Grand Junior Warden



2017 Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputies

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Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful **Jerry Nelson Kirby**
Also Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand Commander of Texas



Jerry Nelson Kirby, Grand Master



Biography

Of our Grand Master
Jerry Nelson Kirby
ref. <http://grandlodgeoftexas.org>



Jerry Nelson Kirby was born on October 23, 1946, in Avalon, Texas. He graduated from Avalon High School as Valedictorian in 1964. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Math from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a Master of Education from North Texas State University. He has done Post Graduate work at the University of Texas at Arlington, North Texas State University, Texas A & Mat Commerce, Central Michigan University, and the American College. He retired as Superintendent of the Blum I.S.D after 43 years in education.

Jerry is married to a schoolmate in college, the former Suzzanne Beaver of Corsicana, Texas. They have two children, Larry Patrick and Kimberlee Dawn, and 6 grandchildren. Suzzanne has a BBA from the University of Texas at Arlington and has retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Pat is a graduate of Texas A & M University and is a plant operator for BASF Chemical Company. He is a Past Master Councilor of Oak Cliff Chapter of DeMolay. Kim has a Bachelors Degree in Government from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Wesleyan University Law School, She is currently inactive as an Attorney while raising three children. Kim is Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Jerry's Civic and Professional activities have included being President of the Red Oak Lion's Club. He is a certified Lay Speaker at First United Methodist Church in Red Oak for 45 years, and was Delegate to the Methodist Conference for 18 consecutive years. He is an Honorary Life member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, and a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Masonic History:

Jerry received the Entered Apprentice Degree on January 13, 1968. He received the Fellowcraft Degree on March 14, 1968, Jerry was raised a Master Mason in Nash Lodge No. 638, A. F. & A. M. on April 13, 1968. He has been an Officer of Nash Lodge for 43 consecutive years and is the current Treasurer. He served as Worshipful Master in 1970-71, 82-83, 86-87, 89-90, 90-91, 91- 92, 94-95. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 18 in 1982. He is a plural and endowed member of Midlothian Lodge No. 584, a plural member of Blum Lodge No. 607, a plural member of Tranquility

Lodge No. 2000, a plural member of Sweet Home Lodge No. 576 and Texas Lodge of Research. He is a Past Master of Midlothian Lodge No, 584. He is an Endowed member and Past Master of Red Oak Lodge# 461. He received the Golden Trowel Award presented by Nash Lodge on April 25, 1998. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Education in 1994-95. He was Chairman of the Committee on Public Education from 1995- to 1999. He has been Chairman of the Committee on Public Education from 2007 – present. He was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 2011. Elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas December 7, 2013.

He received the Mark Master Degree on 2-6-69, the Past Master Degree on 2- 20-69 and the Most Excellent Master's Degree on 2-20-69. He was exalted to the sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Waxahachie Chapter No. 73 on March 21, 1969. Served as High Priest in 1969-70. He is now a member of Midlothian Chapter No. 211, Dallas Chapter No. 47, and Love Field Chapter No. 478. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 18 of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1971. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Belgium near the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and was the Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia near the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and is now the grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. He was elected the Right Excellent Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in December, 1987, passed thru the Chairs and was elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest on December 4, 1990. He was appointed Grand Chaplain in 2011.

He is the Ambassador of the General Grand Chapter to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas form 2011-2014. He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Waxahachie Council No. 46 of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas on April 3, 1969 where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1969-70. He is now a member of Midlothian Council No. 148, Dallas Council No. 18, and Love Field Council 396. He served the Grand Council as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District 18 in 1974, Grand Captain of the Guards in 1977, Grand Conductor of the Council in 1979, and District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District 51B in 1980. He was elected Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in 1980, passed through the Chairs, and was elected and installed Most Illustrious Grand Master on December 7, 1982. He was appointed and served as Illustrious Grand Chaplain in 1997. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois near the Grand Council of Texas. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council 2013-2014. He was the Ambassador of the General Grand Council to the Grand Council of Texas from 2008-2011. He received the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta on 6-19-1969 in Corsicana.

Jerry was knighted a Knight Templar in Bertrand Du Gueselin Commandery No. 14 K. T. on June 26, 1969. Affiliated with Hillsboro Commandery No. 39 K.T., and served as Eminent Commander in 1973. Jerry is a member of Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No. 109 K. T., and a Plural Member of Dallas Commandery No. 6 K.T., Hillsboro Commandery No. 39 K.T, Melrose Commandery No. 107 K. T. and Lone Star Commandery No 114, K. T. He served as Eminent Commander of A. C. Garrett No. 103 in 1989-90, and has been recorder of A. C. Garrett No. 103 since 1994. He has been awarded the Grand Encampment Membership Medal with two clusters. He is a member of Dallas No. 6 Drill Team and a Life Sponsor of the Eye Foundation in Hillsboro and A. C. Garrett Commanderies. He was elected Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of Texas on April 28, 1992 in Dallas, Texas. He was elected Grand Warden in 1993, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer in 1994, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer in 1995, Eminent Grand Senior Warden in 1996, Eminent Grand Captain General in 1997, Eminent Grand Generalissimo in 1998, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander in 1999, and Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2000. He was Grand Treasurer from 2003 until 2011. He was elected Grand Recorder in 2011. He was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus in 2011.

He was elected a Trustee of the Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation on April 18, 1998, and was elected Vice President in 2000 of the Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation. He was elected to the Board of the York Rite Development Fund on December 5, 2000 and served as Chairman in 2001-2003 He was made a Knight Commander of the Temple on April 13, 2002. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Ohio near the Grand Commandery of Texas. He is a Life Sponsor, Associate Patron, Patron, and member of the Grand Master's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He served on the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritual during the 2003-2006 Triennial and wrote a new ritual for public opening of a Grand Commandery which was adopted at the 2006 Grand Session. He served on the Grand Encampment Committee for the Knight Templar Educational Foundation during the 2006-2009 Triennial.

Companion Kirby is a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies, receiving His Degrees in October 1, 22, 29, 1977. He has been a member of the Twentieth Degree Team, Twenty-Fifth Degree Team, Twenty-Eighth Degree Team, and the Thirtieth Degree Team in Dallas, and the 15th and 17th Degree Teams in Fort Worth. He was elected to receive the 32 KCCH on October 21, 1991. He was coroneted a 33rd in December, 2003. He was Degree Master of the 4111 Degree from 1992 until 2009. He was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33rd degree conferred in Dallas for the Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, El Paso and Lubbock Valleys in 2009. He was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33rd degree for Dallas, Ft. Worth, El Paso, Waco, Lubbock, Austin, and San Antonio in 2011. He is a member of the Ellis County Membership Committee. He was appointed Tiler of the Consistory in 2002. He was appointed to the Dallas Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee in 2002. He was elected and installed Orator of the Dallas Lodge of Perfection on December 16, 2002, installed Junior Warden in 2003, Senior Warden in 2004, and Venerable Master in 2005. He was Prelate for all the bodies for 2011.

He received the First Section of Hella Shrine on 3-27-76. He received The Royal Order of Scotland on 10-6-79 and is an endowed member. He received the Super Excellent Masters Degree in 1969; the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1969 and served as the Thrice Illustrious Master of Texas in 1981; the Order of the High Priesthood in 1969 and served as Grand High Priest of that Order in 1986. Jerry was initiated in Nash Chapter No. 320, Order of the Eastern Star in 1968 and is a Past Patron. He is a Dual member of Midlothian Chapter No. 234 and is a Past Patron of that Chapter. He received the Rob Morris Membership Medal from General Grand Chapter in 2002.

Jerry was initiated into El Texa Grotto on April 20, 1984. He is now a Charter member of Alla Grotto in Dallas. He is a member of Texas Priory No. 23 KYCH and North Texas Priory No. 73 KYCH. He is an honorary member of Louisiana Priory No. 43. He is a KYGCH with three (3) Quadrants. He has given all four lectures in the KYCH. He was elected and installed as Prior of Texas Priory No. 23 in December, 2004. Jerry was invested with the Order of Knight of York on June 3, 1976. He was the Charter Governor and served as Secretary of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147 for ten years. He is a Plural Member of Texas York Rite College No. 14 and Trinity York Rite College No. 154. He received the Order of the Purple Cross and was made an Associate Regent of the Sovereign College at Anaheim, California on August 3, 1991. He is a member of the York Rite Esoteric Association, the Texas Lodge of Research, and is an endowed member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. Jerry received the Grand Cross of Color from The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in June 1986.

He was initiated into the Allied Masonic Degrees on April 21, 1991. He was installed as the Charter Senior Warden of Robert Bruce Brannon Council No. 270, AMO, and has served as Sovereign Master in 1993. He is the current Chaplain. He has been honored with the Order of the Red Branch of Eri; He received the Masonic Order of the Bath on July 19, 2003. He was commissioned Grand Superintendent of North Texas by the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America. He was invested with the Honorary Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay on July 20, 1991. He is a Charter and Life Member of the Texas State Priory of the Legion of Honor. He received the Red Cross of Constantine in Saint Austin Conclave on April 3, 1993, and has conferred the Knights of St. John the Evangelist from 1995 to present. He was elected Prelate in December, 2004. He was elected and installed Sovereign in December, 2006.

He was initiated into Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, Knight Masons on November 4, 1993 and was installed as the Charter Scribe, elected and installed Junior Warden on October 31, 1994, elected and installed Senior Warden in 1995, and elected and installed Excellent Chief in 1996. He was commissioned a Knight Preceptor and Charter member in Texas Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor on April 28, 1996. He was initiated into Texas College of Masonic Societa Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederates, Grade VII, on September 19, 1999. Jerry was ordained into Ascension Tabernacle No. XX, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests on December 16, 2000. He was elected Outer Guard for 2005, inner Guard for 2006, 2nd Pillar for 2007, 3rd Pillar for 2008, 411st Pillar for 2009, 5th Pillar for 2010, 61st Pillar for 2011, 7th Pillar 2012, Deputy 2013, and Elected Sovereign in December, 2013. Jerry was initiated into Trinity Chapel of the Order of St. Thomas of Aeon in July of 2004. He became a charter and founding member of Tejas Chapel in 2006 and was appointed Almoner. He served as Prior in 2008 and Worthy Master in 2009. Jerry was initiated in The Order of the Amaranth in 2010. Jerry became a member of the National Sojourners on December 6, 2011. Initiated into The Operatives in Texas State Capitol Assemblage with the 1st degree on March 29, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. He received the 2nd degree on August 16, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas.



<http://www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/> - See full schedule on the website.

Thursday, February 9, 2017



St Thomas of Acon, Masonic Order of Athelstan, Grand Council of the Universal Craftsman, and Allied Masonic Degrees

Friday, February 10, 2017



Breakfast Convent General KYCH, Knight Masons, Society of Blue Friars, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest (HRAKTP), Royal Order of Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord, Masonic Society Dinner (Masons Invited), and CBCS Dinner (private, invitation only)

Saturday, February 11, 2017



Breakfast York Rite Sovereign College, Grand College of Rites of the USA, Nine Muses Council No. 13, Several AMD Degrees, Philaethes Society Luncheon, Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, All Masonic Banquet, Masonic Order of the Bath

Sunday, February 12, 2017



The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisteres and Bricklayers – aka “The Operatives”



The Royal Arch Tennis Tournament



HOSTED BY: Wichita Falls Chapter # 202 RAM & Quanah Chapter # 450 RAM

Date: April 22, 2017 8am-8pm **Overflow & Rain Date:** April 23 rd., 8 am – 5 pm

Place: Weeks Park Tennis Center, 4101 Weeks Park Lane, Wichita Falls, TX. 76308

Note: Players must show up 15 min. before their match.

Tournament Categories:

Boys (14 & under) **Singles**

Girls (14 & under) **Singles**

Boys (18 & under) **Singles**

Girls (18 & under) **Singles**

Mens Open **Singles**

Womens Open **Singles**

Mens Open **Doubles**

Womens Open **Doubles**

Senior Mens (40 & over) **Singles**

Mixed Open **Doubles**

Senior Mens (40 & over) **Doubles**

Entry Fees: \$30 Adult & Junior **Singles**

\$50 Adult & Junior Doubles (\$25each player)

-- -- -- EACH PLAYER MUST BRING AN UNOPENED CAN OF TENNIS BALLS FOR EACH ENTRY. -- -- --



TENNIS TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Name _____ **Email (required)** _____

Street _____ **City/State** _____ **Phone** _____

Doubles Partner _____ **Doubles Partner** _____

Pd. \$ _____ for entry fees. Must accompany entry or it will not be accepted. No refunds.

Make Checks Payable To: WF CHAPTER #202 RAM

Waiver: I agree that my participation in these events are without assumption of responsibility of any kind by the WF Chapter of RAM, the City of Wichita Falls, Weeks Park Tennis Center or their employees, members, Committee, Tournament Master, Tournament Assistant Master, Referee or Tournament Director. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby, for and on behalf of myself, my heirs and my legal representatives, forever release and discharge any of the above named or their officers, representatives, and successors from any and all claims and demand of every kind which I may sustain or suffer directly or indirectly in connection with said events and all such claims are hereby waived and released, and I covenant not to sue thereafter.

Signature _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if under 18) _____

The Royal Arch Masons of Texas

Often abbreviated RAM of TX this 501c10 group is a part of the Freemasons. The Royal Arch Masons are a worldwide organization found in many countries of the world such as Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Canada, The United States, and Israel where Grand Chapters act as the governing body of small local Royal Arch Chapters. Membership in The Royal Arch Chapter is required to become a member of The Royal & Select Masters and The Commandry. These three bodies make up the "York Rite" within the state of Texas. Other countries throughout the world having Grand Chapters may only have a Chapter and some may have only Chapters & Councils depending on their governing By-Laws.

Royal Arch Masonry, also known as "Capitular Masonry", is the first part of the York Rite of Masonic degrees. Royal Arch Masons meet as a *Chapter*. The Capitular degrees are a set of four degrees controlled by the Royal Arch Chapter. They center on the construction of Solomon's Temple.

The Wichita Falls Chapter of Royal Arch Masons #202 has been continually operating since 1898. It is now located at 3503 Kemp Blvd. in Wichita Falls.

The Quanah Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was chartered on December 5th, 1944. Quanah Chapter No. 450 has been doing good works for the past 73 years. It is located on 601 Loop rd. in Quanah, TX.

CHARITIES:

One of the charities Quanah Chapter supports is the Masonic Home & School of Texas, which began in 1899. It was first named The Masonic Widows and Orphans Home in south Fort Worth. In 1913 it became a Texas independent school district and entered it's students in sports like tennis until 2005 when their last graduating class crossed the stage. They were once a formidable school beating Wichita Falls High School in 4 football games & having a 7-7 tie once during the years 1934-1942. In 2007, The Masonic Home and School of Texas began operating to provide qualified children and widows with financial support. They now provide information and referral services for Texas children, widows and families. Other services include providing food, clothing, transportation, medical, dental, prescription services, tutoring, career counseling and educational scholarships.

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center is owned and operated by The Royal Arch Masons of Texas who has been providing quality care to senior members of the Texas fraternity since 1911. It is situated on a 100-acre tract of land in the heart of Arlington, Texas. It provides the best quality care possible along with ideal surroundings for senior Masons of Texas and the widows of Masons in Texas. The TMRC is financially supported by 103 active Chapters in the State of Texas.

The RAM of TX are part of a combined fraternity of Masonic organizations. In the U.S.A. alone all branches of Masonry combined provide over \$1.5 million dollars of charitable aid per day.



SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION – SAT MAR 4,11,18

All masons are invited to consider membership in the Scottish Rite. Fort Worth Scottish Rite will be conducting a reunion on the first 3 Saturdays of March. Registration begins at 7 am on all 3 days of the reunion.



Notice the “secret handshake” of a Scottish Rite Mason



2016 Spring Reunion Class.
Fantastic Masons



Pictured above are a couple of our Fort Worth Valley degree teams



Pictured above: **Bob Jernigan** (keep in prayer) – **18th degree team** my hero on right, **Miles Hutchison** ...



The Demolay boys had opportunity to present their great degree at the reunion. Featuring **Dakota Wolfe** (Center front in yellow cap). **Dakota** is also an active York Rite Mason in Texas Chapter/Council and Worth Commandery.

The Scottish Rite Creed is

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

The Mission of the Scottish Rite is

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

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Chairman: Ken Curry

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General Secretary: H.F. (Sonny) Tull

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TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! TMRC brought in the New Year with a fabulous New Year party. Residents enjoyed entertainment along with the traditional black eyed peas for good luck.



What's a new year without bingo?

January birthdays were celebrated with a bingo party along with delicious refreshments provided by the TMRC dietary staff. Chef Barry Swenson does a great job – THANKS CHEF!



THEATER OUTING.



TMRC Residents attended a theater outing to the Artisan Theater for “NUNSENSE”.

Marian Von Heeder won a free ticket to the next performance at the Artisan Theater. Congratulations Marian!
Thanks to the TMRC Activity Department, residents are able to enjoy numerous outings – something for everyone.

Thank you **Callie Fincher**, Activity Director, for your efforts to provide enjoyable entertainment for the interests of all residents.



WINNER! Marian Von Heeder

TMRC would like to thank Laredo Chapter #185 and the Past Matrons/Past Patrons of District 1, Section 5 for their generous monetary donations to the **TMRC Country Store**.

The **Country Store** shopping sprees are among our most popular resident activities.



R. H. Bob Waters, resident
Past Grand Master of Texas
Secretary of Sweet Home Lodge



Bertha Hoover, resident of TMRC
Very sweet lady

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

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