

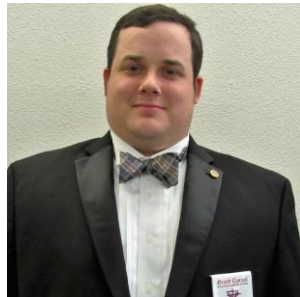
Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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



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Welcome to the March 2017 edition Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Quote of the month from companion **Matt Pickell**: *The arrogance of success is to think that what we did yesterday is good enough for tomorrow.*

Garland Knipstein passed away.



Brother Garland was a Past Master of Stephenville Masonic Lodge #267 and a member of Harmony Lodge #592 and Rock House Lodge #417. He is former District Deputy for District 67, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and served as presiding officer of all of the York Rite bodies. Brother Garland was a dedicated member of the Fort Worth Valley having served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, on the 29th Degree Team, and in many capacities with the Cross Timbers Scottish Rite Club. His friendly smile and constant enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Judge Clyde Whiteside passed away

Judge Whiteside was a long serving member of Fort Worth Scottish Rite and a benefactor of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Endowed Scholarships. Judge Whiteside was a former state representative having represented the 113th District while a student in Baylor Law School. He also served as County Attorney of Baylor County and as District Attorney of the 50th Judicial District. He was appointed as Judge of the 97th Judicial District by Governor Clements and had a distinguished judicial career. Civic involvement of Judge Whiteside included the Montague County Sesquicentennial Committee, Tales n Trails Museum in Nocona, Texas, Nocona Medical Facilities and North Montague County Museum and Historical Society.

These companions will be sorely missed.

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Mar 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 3	Mar 4 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion
			Ash Wednesday	Texas Independence Day		First 3 Saturdays in March
Mar 5 Cinco de Marcho Day	Mar 6	Mar 7 York Rite <u>Southside – Eat 6</u> Texas – Eat 6	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 Nederland / Houston Conf Scottish Rite Reunion
Mar 12 Purim Daylight Savings	Mar 13 York Rite <u>Arlington – Eat 6</u> 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 Special Meeting York Rite College Southside 7 PM	Mar 22	Mar 23 Ennis Council - Eat 6:30 PM Granbury Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 24	Mar 25 Weatherford Commandery Work Day Amaranth Play Richland Hills – 6 pm
Mar 26	Mar 27 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1
Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4 York Rite <u>Southside – Eat 6</u> Texas – Eat 6	Apr 5 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 6 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 7	Apr 8 Leander and San Antonio York Rite Conference
Apr 9	Apr 10 York Rite <u>Arlington – Eat 6</u> Riverside – Eat 6	Apr 11	Apr 12 Springtown Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 13 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6PM	Apr 14 Good Friday	Apr 15 AMD Degrees TMRC 8 AM
Apr 16 Easter Meeting TMRC 2 pm All come	Apr 17 York Rite Hurst – Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Apr 18 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 19 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 20 7 pm Cleburne Commandery 6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite	Apr 20 – Apr 21 Apr 22 – Apr 23 Grand Commandery League City	
Apr 23	Apr 24 Stephenville Chapter and Council Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27 Ennis Council - Eat 6:30 PM Granbury Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 28	Apr 29 Red Cross of Constantine Banquet

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
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
6/03/2017	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**

**Oh ---- The Floydada conference is rescheduled for June 3rd
The Midland Conference is cancelled.**

**At the TMRC on Easter Sunday --- 2:00 PM
We will conduct the Annual Easter Observance.**

Local Commanderies (Arlington, Worth, Southside and Weatherford) will participate in this annual celebration.

Texas Chapter and Texas Council

Congratulations to the newest members of Texas Chapter and Council. Companions Gustavo E. Carmona and Phillip Valdez, who received more light in Masonry this evening by being exalted to the sublime and honorable Degree of Royal Arch Mason. The next week received the Council Degrees,



Springtown had a very successful Chapter/Council Festival in Weatherford
The Commandery Orders will be conferred on Saturday, March 25th.



James Jones, Illustrious Chris Little and Jason Jones

Taking part in the Springtown Festival.

Jason was the exemplar candidate in the Past Master's Degree.

And --- yes --- hit hat did not fit properly.



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



Trinity York Rite College #154 Upcoming Meetings.

Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM

At Southside Lodge
7700 Crowley Road

For the purpose of voting on new candidates.

Also, special meeting of the Associate Regents (Order of the Purple Cross)

Members --- Please attend the called meeting and bring in and vote for recommendations.

Annual Meeting will be at the Temple in Fort Worth on Saturday, May 13 at the Fort Worth Temple.

Breakfast at 7 AM and meeting at 8 AM

Further details on the Annual Meeting in next month's newsletter.

164TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TEXAS
Thursday, April 20, 2017 – Sunday, April 23, 2017

The 164th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas will be held at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd., League City, TX 77573. ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL.

Schedule for 2017 Grand Commandery Session

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, April 20, 2017

12:00 Noon to 8:00 pm	Registration and Credentials Open [Pre-function Area Registration]
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Templar Instruction Committee Meeting (Committee only) [Amphitheater]
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Field Drill Committee Meeting (with Judges and Captains) [Baccarat/Steuben]
7:00 pm	Ritual Competition – Competitor’s Briefing [Amphitheater]
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Grand Commandery Hospitality Room [to be determined]

Friday, April 21, 2017

7:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Registration and Credentials Open [Pre-function Area Registration]
6:45 am – 8:00 am	Strawberry Breakfast (Invitation Only) [Poolside I – Lower Level]
8:30 am – 11:30 am	164 th Grand Conclave Convened (Closed to the Public)
	Grand Commandery Morning Business Session [Crystal Ballroom]
11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon (All ladies welcome) [Harbourview Room – 9 th Floor]
12:00 Noon	Credentials will close at Noon.
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open [Pre-function Area Registration]
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Grand Commandery Afternoon Business Session [Crystal Ballroom]
	Election of Grand Commandery Officers
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Knights Preceptor Meeting & Conferral (Members Only) [Crystal Ballroom]
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Past Grand Commanders’ & Wives Reception (Invitation Only) [Baccarat/Steuben]
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Past Grand Commanders’ Dinner (Invitation Only) [Lalique]
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Past Grand Commanders’ Wives Dinner (Invitation Only) [Waterford]
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Grand Commandery Hospitality Room [to be determined]

Saturday, April 22, 2017

7:00 am – 11:00 am	Field Drill Competition [Crystal Ballroom & Parking Lot]
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Open [Pre-function Area Registration]
11:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Drill Teams & Commanderies – Pass-in-Review [Crystal Ballroom]
12:00 Noon	Texas S.O.O.B. Luncheon (All ladies welcome) [Harbourview Room – 9 th Floor]
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open [Pre-function Area Registration]
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ritual Team Competition (Members Only) [Amphitheater]
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH Meeting and Conferral (Members Only) [to be determined]
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet (Ticket Required) [Crystal Ballroom]
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Grand Commandery Hospitality Room [to be determined]

Sunday, April 23, 2017

6:45 am – 8:00 am	KTCH Breakfast (Members Only) [Poolside II – Lower Level]
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Drill Teams and Commanderies Assembly [Pre-function Area]
8:45 am	Opening Processional Begins [Pre-function Area]
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Memorial and Divine Service [Crystal Ballroom]
10:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Installation of Grand Commandery Officers [Crystal Ballroom]
12:00 Noon	164 th Grand Conclave Adjourned

Mystery Dinner Theater

Featuring *The Amaranthespians* in
A Two-Act Horse Opera

“MURDER AT HOLLERING WOMAN CRIK:

By: Patricia Johnson

Saturday March 25, 2017

Dinner & Play \$20.00 per person Dinner 6:00 PM Play to follow.

Richland Hills Masonic Lodge, 3310 Popplewell, Richland, Hills Texas



Presented by Blue Bonnet Court #3, Order of the Amaranth
Amaranth Supports Diabetes Research



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 3503 Kemp Blvd. Wichita Falls, Texas 76308

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.



TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

SUPERBOWL 2017. The dining room was filled with TMRC Residents for the Super Bowl Party prior to the game. Thanks Chef Barry for the delicious super bowl appetizers including, hot wings, pizza, chips and salsa, a much more. Great Fun!!!



LET'S GET FIT FOR 2017. The TMRC exercise class meets 3 times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The TMRC EXERCISERS know that a physically active lifestyle benefits mind, heart, and body. Keep up the good work!



SOCIAL SPLITS. Residents gather in the dining room for socializing and to enjoy those delicious banana splits.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.... Congratulations! The Valentine King and Queen are Ann and Albert Love. TMRC Residents voted and then celebrated with a party and games. Many thanks to the Dietary and Activity Departments for hosting this great day..



Many thanks to the Eastern Star organizations for their generosity to the residents of the TMRC and for your donations to the Country Store:

League City Chapter #621

Dripping Springs Chapter #860

LaPorte Chapter #683

Seminole Chapter #855

Past Matrons & Past Patrons, District 1, Section 5

Mabank Chapter #821

John L. DeGrazier Chapter #881

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

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