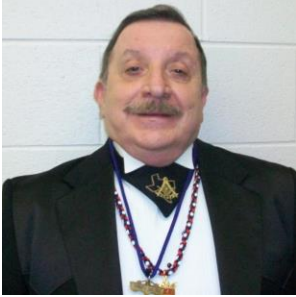


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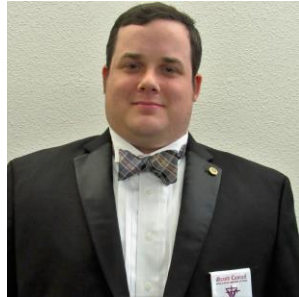


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**Welcome to the October 2017 edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

Lane Pierce'isms

I would give my right arm to be ambidextrous!
Whenever Chewbacca crashes the Millennium Falcon, they just chalk it up to a wookiee mistake.
What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.

Pray for families of Companions **Earl Tweed** and **Carl Gene Strong**
Pray for Companion **Ray McKown**. He has to have a leg amputated. He needs our continued prayers. Also remember to continue to keep Steve **Maxwell** in our prayers.
Pray for those other brethren and families who are hurting or suffering.

Grand Chapter/Council School of Instruction --- Thursday, Oct 5 through Saturday, Oct 7
Grand Chapter/Council Convocation and Assembly --- Thursday, Dec 7 – Saturday, Dec 9

Several Commandery Inspections coming up. Check the calendar.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Oct 4 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 5 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Oct 6	Oct 7
				York Rite School of Instruction – Waco Texas Registration at 8:00 AM. Details – page 3		
Oct 8	Oct 9 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 Arlington Eat 6 Arlington Commandery also	Oct 10	Oct 11 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 12 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Oct 13	Oct 14 Family Day Details on page 4
Oct 15	Oct 16 York Rite Hurst Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Oct 17 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Oct 18 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 19 7 pm Cleburne Commandery 6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite	Oct 20 Amarillo York Rite Festival Friday 6pm Saturday 8am	Oct 21 Weatherford & Stephenville Commandery Inspection 8am Afterward at Denton
Oct 22	Oct 23 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury –6 pm	Oct 27	Oct 28
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc Fort Worth Temple 6:45 pm	Nov 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Nov 3	Nov 4 Cleburne Commandery Inspection 8 am
Nov 5 Daylight Savings	Nov 6	Nov 7 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Nov 8 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 9 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Nov 10	Nov 11 Veterans Day
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Nov 26	Nov 27 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2

**Annual School of Instruction
Hosted by the Committee on Work of the
Grand Chapter and Grand Council
at the Grand Lodge Temple, lower level, Waco, TX
Hosted by the Committee on Work of the
Grand Chapter and Grand Council October 5-7, 2017**

Registration Thursday & Friday 8:00 to 9:00 AM, Saturday 7:30 to 8:00 AM

Roll call at 9:00 AM

Classes Thursday and Friday at 9AM, 1PM & 3:30PM

Classes Saturday at 8AM and 10:30AM

Gr. Council Ritual Competition 1:30 PM

Select Master's Degree and Council Summary

Contact: David Rogers, Committee on Work Chairman 2017

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Amarillo York Rite Festival

Friday, October 20 – 6 PM

Mark Master's Degree

Past Master's Degree

Most Excellent Master's Degree

Saturday, October 21 – 8 AM

Royal Arch Degree

Royal Master's Degree

Select Master's Degree

Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

Order of Malta

Commandery.

Amarillo Commandery

1512 SW 10th Ave

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Contact Gary Freedman at gary.freedman@hotmail.com

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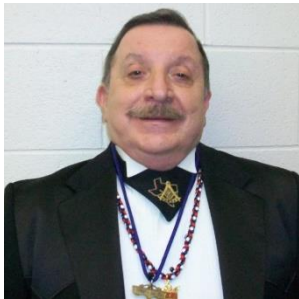
TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017 AT 6:45 PM (HALLOWEEN NIGHT)

ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!

**FORT WORTH TEMPLE
1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH TEXAS**

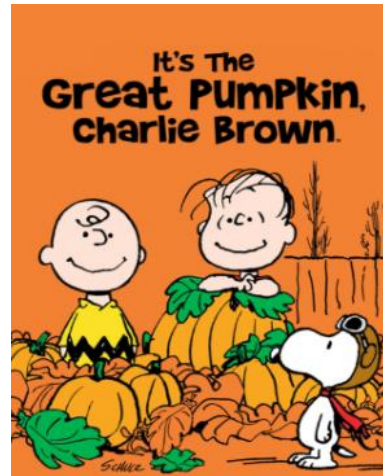
AFTERWARD: TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154 MEETING.



Joe Spencer, President



Cortney Harvey, Pre-Eminent Governor



Per R.: W.: Jimmy Henley's great suggestion ---

**We meet beforehand at the delicious El Rancho Grande Restaurant
On Central and North Main Street (1400 N Main Street, Fort Worth Texas)**



The Millennial Knight

By: Jason Jones

All throughout Masonry today we see constant reminders of the era of tribulation that has arguably existed for decades within our fraternity. With an ever-decreasing membership roster and numerous initiatives throughout all Masonic bodies aimed at rectifying the issue. This is a problem, which no doubt becomes a bigger and bigger issue every year. We as a new Mason learn very early on, if not before our initiation, that Masonry has attracted good men and leaders of society for generations before our time. So what exactly seems to be the problem?

As the time to ascend to the Celestial Lodge above grows ever closer to the remaining brethren of the World War 2 era, we are left to carry on a legacy of incredible men that created a thriving environment for Masonry. These men took great pride in being a Mason and assuredly intrigued every potential candidate with the mysteries that took place behind the door of the lodge. The West-gate remained heavily guarded at all times, creating a factor of exclusivity around the privilege of being a Mason. However, we must face the facts, the world has changed in the last seventy years. We live in a much more technologically advanced society, where a television screen is more likely to have the attention of a potential candidate on any given week night than a Masonic function.

If perhaps, we are able to get the potential candidate out from in front of his television screen and to a Masonic function, he might even ask for a petition and his top line signers get credit for recommending him. But after he is initiated he discovers those mysteries that wait behind that door aren't what they were made out to be. He goes to a lodge, chapter, council, or commandery meeting, he eats dinner, votes to pay the bills, maybe another petition and if he is lucky a poorly planned presentation. We never see this brother again.

As the average age of a Mason grows higher and higher every year, there is a demographic that is almost completely over looked when searching to grow membership and training the next leaders of our fraternity. A demographic that does not need a huge membership initiative, if one at all. Have you guessed it yet? Yes the millennial generation. Before you groan, hear me out. Yes I am well aware that the millennial generation is one of the most hated generations of all time, with the self entitlement and pure craziness that you see on the news and internet. However, I must tell you we are not all that loony. While possibly a small majority the millennial generation has a group of very intelligent, dedicated, diligent individuals who seek a bright future just as the generation before us. Before you write off the millennial's, consider something, if we are petitioning lodges without being encouraged by friends and membership initiatives, we actually want to be there. I am not just talking about young men that have aged out of the Order of Demolay organization, but young men without any living ties to the Masonic fraternity. A group of individuals that Masonry skipped a generation, or some that may have never had a tie to Masonry at all.

I know you are wondering now, what attracts these young people to the fraternity? Esoteric ritual, learning, MORE LIGHT. These individuals, whether instilled with the work ethic of a Demolay member or not, are genuinely hungry for all the learning Freemasonry has to offer them. They do not want to just go to lodge eat dinner, and pay bills, but hear thought provoking presentations, perfect esoteric ritual, and continue learn more about our ancient craft.

I know you are curious, what all this has to do with the York Rite. Where better to find what a young Mason is looking for than in one of the two Masonic Rites. To this day, there has not been a more solemn moment for me than when I was knighted at the end of the Order of the Temple in the Beautiful Worth Commandery No. 19. There has not been a more intriguing passage or book to read than one from a Masonic Rite.

Brothers, don't just strive for numbers, create the exclusivity around being a Mason again, make the mysteries that wait behind that door intriguing to the potential candidate and they will come.

By: Jason Jones ---

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Jason Jones with our Grand Master Jerry Kirby

**Annual Grand Convocation
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
and Annual Grand Assembly
Grand Council R&SM of Texas
December 7, 8, & 9, 2017**

Held in the Grand Lodge Temple, lower level
715 Columbus Ave., Waco, Texas

Registration Thursday, December 7th from 8:30 to 1:00 AM, Friday December 8th & Saturday December 9th at 7:00 AM

Thursday December 7th, 2017

9:00AM - Texas York Rite Colleges

10:00AM - Texas York Rite College #14

11:00AM - KYCH

2:00 PM - Memorial Service

6:30 PM - York Rite Banquet at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite

Friday, December 8th, 2017

8:00AM - Grand Chapter Opening & Business

11:30AM - Ladies Luncheon

1:00 PM - Grand Council Opening & Business

4:30PM - Order of High Priesthood

6:00PM - Order of Silver Trowel

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

8:00AM - Grand Chapter Business and elections

11:00AM - Grand Chapter Installation

1:00 PM - Grand Council Business & elections

4:00PM - Grand Council Installation

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

RESIDENTS HAVE FUN! TMRC Residents celebrated Crazy Hat Day. Our creative Residents dressed in their “finest hats” and had a crazy hat contest. Awards went to the prettiest and the ugliest hats.



MRC ENTERTAINMENT. TMRC provides all types of entertainment for our residents. This month, TMRC presents Sherrill Douglas. Sherrill is internationally known as the #1 impersonator of Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn and Stevie Nicks (Fleetwood Mac). The Residents really enjoyed her marvelous talent.



OKTOBERFEST! TMRC celebrates Oktoberfest! Residents dressed up in their favorite German costume for the Oktoberfest Party and enjoyed cake and punch at the monthly Birthday Party.



MRC BELL CHOIR PERFORMANCE. The TMRC Bell Choir welcomes the Fall Harvest with a fun Fall Festival Concert. The Choir shows off their new Bell Choir shirts and state they are ready for the concert season. The TMRC Bell Choir will hold their next concert in mid-December for the Christmas Show. Watch our Facebook page for the date and time of the next performance. All are welcome to join us for this performance. We look forward to seeing you.



TMRC RESIDENTS ATTEND EASTERN STAR SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. One of the most enjoyable benefits for TMRC Residents is their ability to maintain their activities in Masonic Organizations. TMRC Residents attend local functions as well as state sessions of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and other Masonic organizations. Pictured below are some of the attendees of the OES School of Instruction in Fort Worth.



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

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