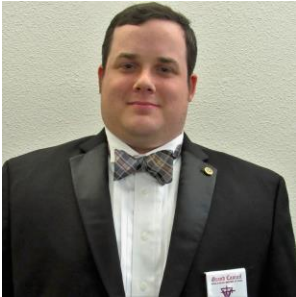


Tarrant County York Rite



The Keystone

2018 February Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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**Welcome to the February 2018 edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

News ---

McKinney York Rite Festival --- Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Rotating School of Instruction ---- 4th Saturday of every month (Except Nov and Dec)

Degree and School Schedule is on the Calendar below.

New Grand Master – page 8 and 9.



William (Bill) Ellis Matyastik, Grand Commander
April 27, 1932 – January 23, 2018.

Bill was Grand Treasurer for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters for seven years. On April 21, 2008 he was installed as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. He presided over the 156th Conclave of Grand Commandery when it met in Waco April of 2009, after which he was designated by Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A. as Knight Commander of the Temple.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation: <http://www.knightstemplar.org/ktef/info/donations.pdf>

There are others hurting as well. Continue to pray for them all.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Feb, Mar 2018 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30 Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree 6:30 PM	Jan 31 PM and MEM Degree Springtown Phoenix Lodge Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 1 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM		Feb 3 McKinney York Rite Festival Page 3 8 am eat 9 am begin
Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Feb 7 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Feb 8 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Feb 9	Feb 10 Fort Worth York Rite TMRC 2 PM Springtown Fundraiser Page 7
Masonic Week – Washington DC – Page 10						
Feb 11 Masonic Week Operatives Page 10	Feb 12 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 PM Arlington Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 13 Maha Shivaratri Hindu Holiday Mardi Gras (Louisiana) Ayeeeeee !!!!!	Feb 14 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday + Valentines Day	Feb 15 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM Fort Worth Scottish Rite 6:30 PM	Feb 16 Chinese New Year Day	Feb 17 Tyler York Rite Conference 9 AM
Feb 18	Feb 19 York Rite Hurst Eat 6 PM 6 pm Stephenville Commandery 6 pm Arlington Commandery	Feb 20 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Feb 21 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM Royal Arch Degree Arlington Eat at 6 PM	Feb 22 Tarrant Chapter Mark Degree Eat 6PM Granbury Eat 6:00 pm	Feb 23	Feb 24 Rotating School of Instruction Springtown Weatherford 9 am Page 4 & 5
Feb 25	Feb 26 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Feb 27	Feb 28 Council Degrees Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 1 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM Purim	Mar 2 Texas Independence Day	Mar 3
Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Mar 7 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 8 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Mar 9	Mar 10 York Rite Conference Dallas 9 AM TMRC 2 PM
Mar 11 Day Light Savings	Mar 12 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 PM Arlington Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 13	Mar 14 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 15 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM Fort Worth Scottish Rite 6:30	Mar 16	Mar 17 2 York Rite Festivals Navasota 7am Leander 8 am
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Mar 25	Mar 26 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 30 Good Friday	Mar 31 Passover



***Tyler York Rite Conference
East Texas York Rite College No. 140
Saturday, February 17, 2018***

For York Rite Masons Only
9:00 AM York Rite Conference
11:00 AM Lunch provided

323 W. Front Street
Tyler, TX 75702

For questions call **Richard Gaiser**, 903-571-3841
rgaiser1@aol.com

**FESTIVAL ---- MCKINNEY YORK RITE FESTIVAL --- HAGGAI CHAPTER 53 / COUNCIL 38
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018**

8:00 AM Delicious Breakfast, Registration
9:00 AM Begin Conferral of all Chapter & Council Degrees

215 12 North Kentucky Street
McKinney, Texas

Courtesy Candidates Welcome

For questions call **Roger Jacobsen**, 214-504-4014
Email at rogerajacobsen@gmail.com



**COMMITTEE ELECTIONS RESULTS
FROM GRAND CHAPTER/GRAND COUNCIL**

Grand Chapter TMRC Board – New member, Floyd Edward Hall
Grand Council York Rite Development Board – New member, Chance Chapman
Committee on Work --- new board member – re-elected David G. Rogers

Congratulations to all these new members of the elected board / committee
Reported by Very Illustrious **Jeff Miller, Past Grand Master**

YORK RITE ROTATING SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The first rotating school of instruction was a tremendous success. We went over in great detail the Mark Master's degree. There were so many things Even the most seasoned York right masons did not know.

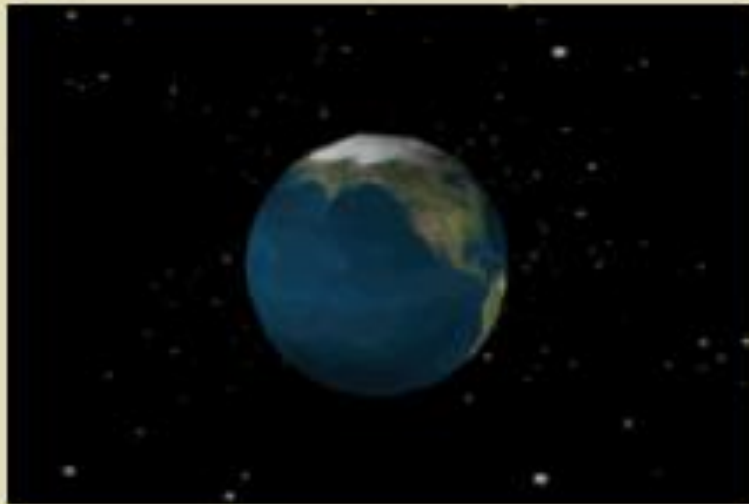
In attendance included Right Excellent Micah Frost, DDGHP -26, Right Illustrious James Kirkpatrick, Deputy Grand Master, Very Illustrious James D. Manley, PGM and Committee on Work, Right Excellent/Illustrious David G. Rogers, committee on work, Barry "Barack" Brunk, Secretary of the School of Instruction, and Neal Addy, our teacher for this morning. Also in attendance were 4 residents of the TMRC. The event was hosted by Don Laughlin, HP/TIM of Arlington, and assisted by Robert Trevathon, HP/TIM of Texas. Also included was Brother Skyler McMurray, who had received the MM, PM and MEM degrees, and he is scheduled to receive the Royal Arch Degree on March 30th at Texas Chapter along with Keith Clements and Royce Rose. Skyler performed the Master of Ceremonies (with no book).

The next school of instruction will be February 24 at Springtown chapter in Weatherford. 9:00-11:00 am. Be there!

Corey Harris , Worshipful Master of Arlington Lodge 438



**Tarrant County York Rite Assoc
Rotating School of Instruction
Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 9 am**



New Tarrant County York Rite Association Rotating School of Instruction
Coordinated by **Robert "Baby Boy" Brunk**
4th Saturday of Every Month (Except November/December)
Meeting Starts at 9:00 AM
No breakfast --- coffee

Phoenix Masonic Lodge (Springtown Chapter/Council)
1009 Palo Pinto Street
Weatherford, TX 76086

Congratulations to the new Officers of the Tarrant County York Rite Association

And, our new President --- Kenneth Colby **Spicer** ...

Here is an article from the newly elected Vice President
Right Illustrious Ricky Cox.



I was born in 1970 and wasn't supposed to live past 6 months. I was less than 3 pounds and had many issues. I was given up and became a ward of the state due to life expectancy and it being 1970. With all this and me obviously living I spent a lot of time in the hospital from that day till I was about 5.

The one good thing I remember were the nurses. Talking to me making the fear go away pulling me in a wagon around the hospital. My Sister in law has been a nurse for 47+ years and I have a lot of friends that wear that CAPE of greatness and make a difference every day!!! One of my cape clad friends posted this and I wanted to share ... Thanks to all of you that make a difference.

Somebody asked: "You're a nurse? That's cool, I wanted to do that when I was a kid. How much do you make?" The nurse replied: "HOW MUCH DO I MAKE?" ... I can make holding your hand seem like the most important thing in the world when you're scared. ... I can make your child breathe when they stop. ... I can help your father survive a heart attack. ... I can make myself get up at 5 a.m. to make sure your mother has the medicine she needs to live. ... I work all day to save the lives of strangers. ... I make my family wait for dinner until I know your family member is taken care of. ... I make myself skip lunch so that I can make sure that everything I did for your wife today is charted. ... I make myself work weekends and holidays because people don't just get sick Monday thru Friday. ... Today, I might save your life. ... How much do I make? All I know is, I make a difference.

From Ricky Cox, Facebook Post, January 15th.

Let us be thankful for Ricky's report on cancer being negative.

We can, with thankful, hopeful hearts, anticipate many productive years of service from our Right Illustrious Sir (and, oh, by the way, he is the HP/TIM of Forth Worth).

SPRINGTOWN FUNDRAISER

This is a must attend!!!

We all want to help others and this is a great event just for that.... book now and let's make a difference in someone's life while making one in our own

Companions,

Springtown Chapter and Council in Weatherford Texas has booked our first dinner fundraiser for 2018!!!! Saturday February 10th at 7pm.... This event is an open event and each guest is responsible for their own meal and drinks and we will provide the FUN for a great cause!!

This great event will be at the Amazing Flames Seafood Bar & Grill II in Weatherford Texas. on Saturday February 10, 2018 at 7pm. The event will Feature great prizes such as guns, coolers, and many other gifts to be given away at this event. So be sure to bring some walking around money to purchase tickets for these great door prices. The event is open to you and your beautiful wives along with any mason or non-mason friends..... ALL yes we said ALL ... monies raised from this event will be donated to "The Miracle League of Parker County" <http://www.miracleleagueparkecounty.com/>

This great organization is dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities.... They also have programs that help educate the public by promoting a greater understanding of matters concerning individuals with disabilities.

This event is limited to 80 people total so please don't wait to RSVP. Please contact Right Illustrious Don Paul Payton, Right Illustrious Ricky Cox, or Companion Howard Hubbard if you have any questions.

Flames Seafood Bar and Grill
917 Martin Dr, Weatherford, TX 76086

* also if your company or organization would like to donate please give us a shout ... thanks so much



Right Illustrious Don Paul Payton

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GRAND MASTER MOST WORSHIPFUL TOMMY FRANK CHAPMAN



Tommy Frank Chapman was born in Port Arthur, Texas to Edward E. Chapman, Sr. and Anna Y. Chapman. He married Kathy on May 10, 1985.

Tommy and Kathy are the parents of two children: Katie Rendon and Chance Chapman. Katie is married to Timothy Rendon, who is also a member of Nederland Lodge. The Chapmans are members of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Nederland, Texas. Following his graduation from Nederland High School in 1980 Tommy attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana and Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Tommy went to work for the Jefferson County Sheriff Department in 1985. He has earned two Masters Certificates from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Tommy was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 10, 1983 in Nederland Lodge No. 1368. He served as Worshipful Master of Nederland Lodge in 1990-1991. Tommy was presented with the Golden Trowel Award for Exceptional Service by Nederland Lodge in 2002

He currently holds a Class A Certificate which expires in 2019, giving him 23 total years.

Tommy served as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 26-A in 1995. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Petitions in 1992 and served on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee from 2005 until 2011, serving as Chairman in 2008, 2010, and 2011 and Vice-Chairman in 2009. Tommy served as Grand Master Conference Chairman in 2003. He served as Area Coordinator for the Grand Master in 2006. He also has served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Benin near the Grand Lodge of Texas since 2006. Tommy was appointed to the Texas Masonic Youth Foundation in 2007 and serves on the Grants Committee. He also served on the Special Assignments Committee in 2009 and as its Vice-Chairman in 2010. He was again appointed to serve as Chairman on the Youth Activities Committee in 2013 and 2014. He was appointed Special Deputy to the Most Worshipful Grand Master in 2013. He was elected Grand Junior Warden in December 2014, Grand Senior Warden in December 2015, Deputy Grand Master in January 2017, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in January 2018.

Tommy was exalted in the Port Neches Chapter No. 436, Royal Arch Masons and served as High Priest in 1992-1993. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1992. Tommy served on the Grand Chapter Credentials Committee in 1995. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest for Capitular District No. 5 in 2000. He also served on the Grand Chapter Committee on Grievances and Appeals from 2007-2009. Also, he served on the Grand Officers Reports Committee in 2009. He was appointed to the Purposes and Polices Committee in 2014 and served as Chairman in 2015 and 2016. In 2010, he was appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Montana near the Grand Chapter of Texas. He was elected Right Excellent Grand Scribe in 2009, Right Excellent Grand King in 2010, Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest in 2011, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2012.

Tommy was greeted in Port Neches Council No. 413, Royal and Select Masters and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993-1994. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1993. Tommy served as District Deputy Grand Master for Cryptic District No. 5 in 1997. He served on the Grand Council By-Laws Committee from 1999-2003 and served as Chairman of that committee in 2004. He served on the Grand Council Purposes and Policies Committee in 2005. Tommy served as Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council in 2001 and again in 2005. He served as Special Deputy

to the Grand Master in 2005. He has served the Grand Council as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Portugal near the Grand Council of Texas since 2005. Tommy was elected Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in 2005, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master in 2006, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas in 2007. He received the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2009. He served on the Finance Committee from 2009-2014, and served as the Co-Chairman in 2013. He is currently serving on the Jurisprudence Committee.

Tommy was elected as Vice-President of the York Rite Esoteric Association in 2009. In 2010, he was elected to serve as President.

Tommy was knighted as a Knight Templar in Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 and is a dual member of Beaumont Commandery No. 38. He served as Commander of Beaumont Commandery in 2000. He was appointed to the Grand Commandery Dispensations and Charters Committee in 2001. He became a member of the Sovereign Order of the Knights Preceptor in 2011 with his father and son. He was appointed to serve on the Jurisprudence Committee in 2011. He received the Excalibur Award in 2012 from Port Arthur Commandery No. 73. He is serving the Grand Commandery as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Illinois near the Grand Commandery of Texas. He served as Vice Chairman of the Templar Instruction Committee 2013-2014, and served as Chairman since 2015. He received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor in April 2014.

Tommy is a member of Texas College, Societas Rosicruiana In Civitatibus Foederatis.

Tommy is a member and served as Puissant Sovereign of the San Felipe Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine in 2011. He received the Red Cross of Constantine in 1998.

Tommy received the Knight of York Cross of Honor in 2001 and is a member of Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75. He received the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 2006 and is a member of Resurrection Tabernacle No. XXI.

He became a member of Southeast Texas York Rite College in 2003 and is a Past Governor. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2013. He was appointed Deputy Grand Governor of Texas in 2016.

Tommy is a member of the Galveston Scottish Rite Bodies. He is Degree Master of the 6th and 15th Degrees and Assistant Degree Master of the 28th Degree, and he has served as Assistant Degree Master of the 32 Degree. He served on the Reunion Staff and works on several Degree teams. He served on the Scholarship and Membership Committees. He served as President of the Mid-South Jefferson County Club in 2000. He has served on the Maundy Thursday and Re-Lighting of the Tapers teams since 1996. Tommy served as Wise Master in 2003, Venerable Master in 2004, Master of Kadosh in 2005, and Commander- Council of Kadosh in 2011. He served on the Executive Committee from 2003-2005 and 2011. He was honored with the Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1999 and was coroneted a Thirty-Third Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2003.

Tommy is a member of El Mina Shriners and served as President of Mid-Jefferson County Shrine Club in 2016-2017.

Tommy is a member of Nederland Chapter No. 1079 Order of the Eastern Star. He served as Worthy Patron in 1999-2000 and 2014-2015. He served on the Grand Chapter of Texas Masonic Centurion Committee in 1999-2000. He also served on the Grand Chapter of Texas Spring Fling Committee 2000-2001, Arrangements Committee- Security 2011-2012, Roping in the Masons, District 4 Chairman in 2015-2016, and Arrangements Committee- Security 2016-2017.

Tommy has served as an Adult Volunteer since 1997 and on the Advisory Board of Port Neches Assembly No. 159 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls from 2003-2013. He received the Grand Cross of Color Degree in 2001.

Tommy is a Life Member of DeMolay International. As an active DeMolay he served as Master Councilor of Nederland Chapter and was awarded the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award. He also received the Representative DeMolay Award, Founders Membership Award, Blue Honor Key award, and the Lamp of Knowledge. He was knighted as a Sir Knight in the Houston Priory. He was elected and served as District Deputy State Master Councilor. He was also elected and served as South East Texas Area Master Councilor. He received the Degree of Chevalier in 1980. Tommy has served as Chairman of the Advisory Council of Nederland Chapter Order of DeMolay since 1993. He has received the Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor, and Advisor's Honor Key. He was made an Honorary State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay Association by his son during his term. He is currently serving as Grand Commander of the Texas State Court of Chevaliers. He was elected an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay International in 2013.

MASONIC WEEK – WASHINGTON DC



The banner features a purple circular logo on the left with the text "MASONIC WEEK 2018 - ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA" and "FURTHER LIGHT IN MASONRY" around a central Masonic symbol. To the right, the text "2018 MASONIC WEEK" is in large pink letters, followed by "FEBRUARY 8 TO 11" and "HYATT REGENCY, CRYSTAL CITY AT REGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT" in white. Below the banner is a grid of 21 icons representing the participating Masonic organizations, arranged in two rows: the first row has 10 icons and the second row has 11 icons.

From Thursday, February 8, 2018 through Sunday, February 11, 2018

Thursday – St Thomas of Acon, Order of Athelstan, Universal Craftsmen, and Allied Masonic Degrees

Friday – Allied Masonic Degrees, Blue Friars, Knight Masons, HRAKTP, CBCS, Masonic Society

Saturday – York Rite Sovereign College Breakfast, Allied Masonic Degrees, Muscovites, Knights Preceptor, Masonic Order of the Bath

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

For complete information --- click on the website

<http://www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/>

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

JANUARY, 2018

TMRC Residents enjoy non-denominational Sunday school services in the morning and church services on Sunday afternoon. In addition, TMRC Chaplain Rev. **Ed Malone** leads a Monday morning devotional and Bible study on Thursday afternoon for any Resident who wants to attend.



CRAZY HAT DAY! There's nothing like Crazy Hat Day to lift your spirits on a cold winter day! This is just one of many activities enjoyed by Residents at TMRC.



THANKS TO RICHARDSON CHAPTER AND COUNCIL!

Many thanks to Richardson Chapter and Council for hosting a Big Bingo Party. Residents and members of Richardson Chapter and Council had a great time. Bingo is one of the great activities of TMRC. Many thanks for your continuous support.



Dallas York Rite also conducted a Christmas Bingo on December 5, 2017 with **Dallas Assembly #63 SOOB**.

We thank the Dallas Bodies also for all their continued great work and generosity.

JACK SINGS!

Residents and visitors routinely gather to play and sing their favorite songs. Seen here are several Residents and visitors as they gather around playing their guitars and fiddles, singing songs, and enjoying being together and visiting with each other.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Country Store Donations: Many thanks to: Mesquite Chapter #887 OES, League City Chapter #621 OES, Florence Chapter #275 RAM, Alvin Chapter #15 OES, San Saba Chapter #191 OES, Creedmoor Chapter #607 OES, South Fort Worth #835 OES, and Boerne Chapter #200 OES for your monetary donation to the TMRC Country Store.

Thank you for your continuous support

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

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