

Tarrant County York Rite



The Keystone

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Welcome to the March 2018 edition Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

News ---

R. W. and V. E. Bob Waters and Suzanne Kirby passed away.
Biography of Bob Waters and Suzanne's obituary on back of newsletter.

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

Upcoming Degree and School Schedule

York Rite Conferences on March 10

Dallas at 9 am and Fort Worth (TMRC) at 2 pm

Wednesday, Feb 28 – Springtown Royal Arch Degree at Phoenix Lodge – meal 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Mar 7 – Arlington Royal Arch Degree at Arlington Lodge – meal 6:00 pm

Saturday, Mar 17 – Leander York Rite Festival in Leander – Breakfast at 7:00 am

Thursday, Mar 22 – Tarrant Chapter Past Master and MEM degrees – meal 6:00 pm

Saturday, Mar 24 – Jerusalem York Rite Festival in Navasota – Breakfast at 7:00 am

Saturday, Mar 24 – Rotating School of Instruction in Fort Worth – 9:00 am

Thursday, Mar 29 – Carthage Royal Arch Degree – 5:30 pm meal

W.A. Parry Award Grading Schedule is attached.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Mar 1 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	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
			Royal Arch Degree Arlington Eat 6:00 PM			Shabbat Parah Shabbat of the Red Heifer
Mar 11 Day Light Savings	Mar 12 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 13	Mar 14 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 15 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM	Mar 16 Fort Worth Crusader Acon Meeting Handley Lodge 7:00 pm	Mar 17 York Rite Festival Leander 7 am
	Arlington Eat 6:00 PM			Fort Worth Scottish Rite 6:30		
Mar 18	Mar 19 York Rite Hurst Eat 6 PM	Mar 20 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Mar 21 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Mar 22 York Rite Ennis Eat 6:30 pm	Mar 23	Mar 24 Rotating School FW Temple 9 am
	6 pm Stephenville Commandery			Tarrant Chapter Past Master and M.E.M. Degrees Eat at 6:00 PM		York Rite Festival Navasota 7 am
	6 pm Arlington Commandery					
Mar 25	Mar 26 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29 Carthage Chapter Royal Arch Degree 5:30 PM meal	Mar 30 Good Friday Ta'anit Bechorot	Mar 31 St Thomas Acon Texas Province in Waco 2 pm
Apr 1 Easter Sunday	Apr 2	Apr 3 York Rite Parry Award Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Apr 4 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 5 Worth/Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 6	Apr 7
Apr 8	Apr 9 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 10	Apr 11 York Rite Parry Award Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 12 through Apr 15 Grand Commandery Waco Texas. Sir Knight Jack Harper Eminent Grand Commander of Texas		
	Parry Award Arlington Eat 6:00 PM					
Apr 15 Grand Cmdry Waco	Apr 16 York Rite Parry Award Hurst Eat 6 PM	Apr 17 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Apr 18 York Rite Parry Award Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Apr 19 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM	Apr 20	Apr 21
	6 pm Stephenville 6 pm Arlington Commandery		Yom HaZikaron Memorial Day	Fort Worth Scottish Rite 6:30		
Apr 22 Earth Day	Apr 23 York Rite Parry Award Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26 York Rite Parry Award Tarrant pending Eat 6:30 pm	Apr 27	Apr 28 Rotating School of Instruction



Dallas and Fort Worth York Rite Conferences Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

4912 South Buckner Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75227

For questions call David G. Rogers, 214-862-6241
david_rogers75217@yahoo.com

For York Rite Masons Only
2:00 PM York Rite Conference

1501 W. Division Street
Arlington, TX 76012

For questions call Roy Elliott, 972-877-4132
jre3040@msn.com

**W.A. Parry Award Grading
District 18 / 26 Year: 2018**

DATE/ TIME	NAME	CHAPTER	COUNCIL	STATED
04/03/2018 Eat 6PM / 7:00 PM	Southside @ Southside 1114	378	315	1 st Tuesday
04/09/2018 Eat 6PM / 6:45 PM	Arlington @ Arlington Lodge 438	376	314	2nd Monday
04/11/2018 Eat 6:30 / 7:30 PM	Springtown @ Phoenix Lodge 275 Council Only		47	2 nd Wednesday
04/16/2018 Eat 6:30 / 7:30 PM	Hurst @ Hurst Lodge 1387	492	407	3 rd Monday
04/18/2018 Eat 6:30 / 7:30 PM	Ridglea @ Ridglea Lodge 1341	485	400	3rd Wednesday
04/23/2018 Eat 6:00 / 7:00 PM	Stephenville – Council Only @ Stephenville Lodge 267		85	4 th Monday
04/26/2018 Eat 6PM / 7:00 PM	Tarrant @ Tarrant Lodge 942	416	349	4th Thursday Pending stated meeting change
05/01/2018 Eat 6PM / 7:00 PM	Texas @ Fort Worth Temple 3 rd Floor Red Room	362	321	1 st Tuesday
05/09/2018 Eat 6:30 / 7:30 PM	Springtown @ Phoenix Lodge 275 Chapter Only	75		2nd Wednesday
05/12/2018 2:00 PM	Fort Worth @ TMRC	58	42	2 nd Saturday
05/14/2018 Eat 6:30 / 7:30 PM	Riverside @ Keller Lodge 1084	468	384	2 nd Monday
05/28/2018 Eat 6:00 / 7:00 PM	Stephenville – Chapter Only @ Stephenville Lodge 267	140		4th Monday

(Fort Worth's no meal at TMRC, cookies and coffee afterward)

R: E: Micah Frost
DDGHP – District 26
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

R: I: John Hughes
DDGM – District 26
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

R: E: Michael Wilbur
DDGHP – District 18
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

R: I: Ricky Cox
DDGM – District 18
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

**Tarrant County York Rite Assoc
Rotating School of Instruction
Saturday, March 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

Fort Worth Masonic Temple (Texas Chapter/Council)
1100 Henderson Street
Fort Worth Texas



The Commemorative Order Of St Thomas of Acon Texas Province



**Sir James of Midlothian, KC
James Roy Elliott
Grand Preceptor of Texas**



**Sir James of Arlington
James Kirkpatrick
Provincial Grand Prior of Texas**



Photo of the 2017 Officers and Members of the Province of Texas
Order of St. Thomas of Acon

The Texas Province will meet March 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM
At the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco Texas
For the purpose of: Installation of Officers and business
All the St Thomas of Acon Members are invited to attend.

Grand Commandery



165TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TEXAS

Thursday, April 12, 2018 – Sunday, April 15, 2018

Schedule for 2018 Grand Commandery Session

The 165th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas will be held at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX 76701. The headquarters hotel is the Waco Hilton located at 113 South University Parks Dr., Waco, TX 76701.

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE WACO CONVENTION CENTER.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, April 12, 2018

12:00 Noon to 8:00 pm	Registration and Credentials Open [Event Office]
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Joint mtg of Jurisprudence/Purposes and Polices Committees [Waco Boardroom]
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Templar Instruction Committee Meeting (Committee only) [Waco Boardroom]
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ritual Competition – Competitor's Briefing [Waco Boardroom]
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Field Drill Committee Meeting (with Judges and Captains) [Chisholm Hall]
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Field Drill Practice [Chisholm Hall]
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Grand Commandery Hospitality Room [Waco Suite – 11 th Floor]

Friday, April 13, 2018

7:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Registration and Credentials Open [Event Office]
8:30 am – 11:30 am	165 th Grand Conclave Convened (Closed to the Public)
	Grand Commandery Morning Business Session [Brazos South]
11:30 am -12:00 pm	Sir Knights to assemble on Brazos River Suspension Bridge for Picture
12:00 Noon	Ladies Luncheon (All ladies welcome) [Texas South Rm 116]
12:00 Noon	Credentials will close at Noon.
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open [Event Office]
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Grand Commandery Afternoon Business Session [Brazos South]
	Election of Grand Commandery Officers
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Knights Preceptor Meeting & Conferral (Members Only) [Texas North]
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Ritual Competition Practice [Texas North]
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Past Grand Commanders' Dinner (Invitation Only) [Texas South Rm 116]
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Past Grand Commanders' Wives Dinner (Invitation Only) [Texas South Rm 117]
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Grand Commandery Hospitality Room [Waco Suite – 11 th Floor]

Saturday, April 14, 2018

7:00 am – 11:00 am	Field Drill Competition [Chisholm Hall]
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Open [Event Office]
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Drill Teams & Commanderies – Pass-in-Review [Chisholm Hall]
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Texas S.O.O.B. Luncheon (All ladies welcome) [Texas South]
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open [Event Office]
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Ritual Team Competition (Members Only) [Texas North]
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH Meeting and Conferral (Members Only) [Texas North]
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet (Ticket Required) [Brazos South]
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Grand Commandery Hospitality Room [Waco Suite – 11 th Floor]

Sunday, April 15, 2018

6:45 am – 8:00 am	KTCH Breakfast (Members Only) [Texas South Rm 116]
6:45 am – 8:00 am	Strawberry Breakfast (Invitation Only) [Texas South Rm 117]
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Drill Teams and Commanderies Assembly [Outside Brazos South]
8:45 am – 9:	Opening Processional Begins [Outside Brazos South]
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Memorial and Divine Service [Brazos South]
10:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Installation of Grand Commandery Officers [Brazos South]
12:00 Noon	165 th Grand Conclave Adjourned

Hotel Information:

Hotel: Waco Hilton, located at 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco 76701

The 165th Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas will be held in Waco, Texas, April 12 - 15, 2018 at the Waco Convention Center (WCC). Information regarding the 165th Annual Conclave, will be made available on our website.

Registration will open at Noon on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Waco Convention Center (WCC). The business session of the Grand Commandery of Texas will be held on Friday, April 12, 2018, beginning at 8:30 am.

Field Drill Competition will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 14, 2018, using a revised schedule for Class A, B, C, and D teams and which will be made available at a later date. Entries should be sent to the Chairman of the Field Drill Committee (see Bulletin #1) ahead of time; however, entries will be accepted for the competition up to the Drill Captains meeting time on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Ritualistic Competition will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, April 14, 2018, in the Order of the Red Cross. The parts for the competition will be: Sovereign Master, Prince Chancellor, Prince Master of the Palace, Companion Conductor, Warder and Master of Cavalry. The exact portion of the Order for competition will be presented and demonstrated to the Sir Knights by the Templar Instruction Committee on Thursday evening, April 12, 2018, at a time to be determined. Entries should be sent to the Chairman of the Templar Instruction Committee (See Bulletin #1) ahead of time; however, entries will be accepted for the competition up to the meeting time on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

The Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening, April 14, 2018. The Annual Conclave will conclude on Sunday, April 15, 2018, with the Divine/Memorial Service at 8:30 am, followed by the Installation of the 2018-2019, Grand Commandery officers.

TMRC Happenings

THE KEYSTONE HIGH RISE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

TMRC is proud of the newest addition to independent living. The Keystone apartment building foundation work is on schedule. We will continue to update our progress.



VALENTINE'S DAY.

Many thanks go to District 3 OES for the resident Valentine Party. Committee members from District 3 held a great party with lots of goodies, lots of door prizes, and lots of fun! Special thanks to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their attendance. Everyone had a great time. Thank you for your continued support of TMRC and the Residents who live here, including over 100 Eastern Star members.



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION. Happy Mardi Gras! TMRC Residents celebrated Mardi Gras with a party and bingo. Check out those beads! And what's a Mardi Gras party without King cake and punch. Fun, Fun!! Thanks to the Activity Department for keeping things lively.



Deputy Grand Matron **Christine Loven** comes to TMRC Daylight Chapter 1145 OES, for her Official Visit.

Many thanks to the Chapter for their generous donation to the No Mason Left Behind Project.

Superintendent **Gary Blair** presented the Legacy Level award.

Pictured above, from left to right:
Deputy Grand Matron, Christine Loven, District 3, Section 1; Martha Pengelly, Worthy Matron; Gary Blair, Superintendent; and Floyd Hall, Worthy Patron.

Robert H. “Bob” Waters



R. H. “Bob” Waters was born in Honey Grove, Texas on May 11, 1929. He was educated in the Public Schools of Honey Grove, Texas, graduating from High School in 1946. He attended Paris Junior College, Southern Methodist University, North Texas State University and Dallas Bible College. He served in the U.S. Navy, Pacific Theatre during 1946-1950 and was an active Reservist during the years 1958 through 1981. He received the First Reserve Seabee Brigade Certificate of Achievement in 1974; became the 22nd Reserve Seabee Battalion “Seabee of the Year” in 1976. He retired from the Naval Reserve Service on February 1, 1981.

Most Worshipful Brother Waters and Minne Salazar of Bellville, Texas were married on August 20, 1949. They have two children and two grandchildren. They are members of North Lake Baptist Church in Garland, Texas. Brother Waters’ civic activities have included service with the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Garland Police Monitor and the Optimist Club, where he served four years as Secretary.

Brother Waters was raised as a Master Mason in Honey Grove Lodge No. 164, on March 27, 1951, and having a strong belief in local lodge membership, his affiliation has been with Trinity Valley Lodge No. 1048, Anchor Lodge No. 424, and Sunset Lodge No. 1388, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1970. He currently holds life membership in Sunset Lodge No. 1388, Corpus Christi, and in Garland Lodge No. 441, Garland, Texas. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 14-D during 1978-1979. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas near the Grand Lodge of Florida. He was elected Grand Junior Warden on December 6, 1980.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Garland Chapter No. 451, on October 7, 1954, and served as High Priest in 1960-1961. He is a life member of Garland Chapter No. 451 and A. C. Garrett Chapter No. 420, Dallas, Texas. He served as President of the Interim Board of Directors, Home for Aged Masons, during 1977. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. He was elected Grand Scribe in 1975, passed through the Chairs and was elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest on December 5, 1978, and served during the year 1979.

He was greeted in A. C. Garrett Council No. 382, Royal and Select Masters, on October 20, 1954. He affiliated as a dual member with Garland Council No. 118, Garland, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1974. He is a life member of Garland Council No. 118 and A. C. Garrett Council No. 382. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District 51-A in 1976-77. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Jersey near the Grand Council of Texas.

He was Knighted in Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No. 103, K. T., Dallas, on October 1, 1960 and served as Commander in 1979. He is a life member of A. C. Garrett Commandery No. 103 and Dallas Commandery No. 6. He served as District One Membership Chairman 1977 through 1983.

He became a Scottish Rite Mason in the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies on March 4, 1972, and was decorated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on December 10, 1981. He is a life member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies.

He became a Shriner in Alzafar Shrine Temple, San Antonio, in 1969; was a charter member of Al Amin Temple in Corpus Christi; and currently holds membership in Hella Temple, Dallas.

He is a member of the Order of High Priehood; Order of the Silver Trowel; Super Excellent Master; Texas York Rite College No. 14; Royal Order of Scotland; Texas Priory No. 23, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Our Redeemer Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Ascension Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Texas College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Garland Chapter No. 156 and Electra Chapter No. 872, Order of the Eastern Star.

Most Worshipful Brother Waters served as a DeMolay Advisor during the years 1958 through 1975 and was Chairman of the Advisory Council in Garland when Garland Chapter won the Texas Sweepstakes Award in 1960. He was awarded the DeMolay Cross of Honor in 1963 and was invested with the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1973.



It comes with great sorrow to inform you of the passing of PGM Jerry Kirby's beloved wife, Suzanne.

Family Visitation will be Friday, February 16th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Wayne Boaz Funeral Home - 1826 US 287 (Business), Waxahachie, Texas (Phone: 972-923-2700)

Funeral Services will be Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, Red Oak, Texas - 600 Daubitz Drive, Red Oak, Texas (Phone: 972-617-9100)

Interment following services will be at Hughes Cemetery, Avalon, Texas

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked donations be made in Suzanne's name to:

- Alzheimer's Association
- First United Methodist Church (Red Oak)
- Rainbow Girls International

Cards for the family can be sent to P.O Box 354, Red Oak, Texas 75154

Please keep the Kirby family in your thoughts and prayers.

Note: This note for Suzanne Kirby was from the Grand Lodge Web Page.

We had many brethren and friends who attended the visitation and funeral on Feb 16 and 17th.

Editor: R• I• James Kirkpatrick, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Texas
May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

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