

Tarrant County York Rite

The Keystone



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Welcome to the September 2019 Edition

Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Upcoming Schedule



Thursday, January 9 – Grandview York Rite “Staying Alive 2020” Tour
Mark Master’s Degree – Delicious five-star Dinner at 6:00 pm –
Just announced --- it looks like Grandview may have 4 candidates at the Degree
Thursday 2 of the candidates were voted on last month, however I just found out At
Hillsboro Lodge there were 2 brethren (who had been voted in already) that have
been waiting for a festival for 6 months.
Instead --- These Brothers wish to take the degrees individually starting this
Thursday. The Degree at 7 pm. Every Mark Master is invited
(101 third street, Grandview Texas)

Saturday, January 11 – Arlington SOOB Installation – At the beautiful TMRC at 2 pm – All Invited.

Thursday, Jan 16 through Saturday, Jan 18 – Grand Lodge in Waco

Tuesday, January 28 – Tarrant County York Rite Association Election/Installation of Officers, Trinity York Rite College Meeting.

(6:45 PM at the Fort Worth Temple 1100 Henderson Street – 3rd Floor

Friday, January 24 – TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter 58 – Mark Master Degree – At the beautiful TMRC at 7 pm. Dinner at 5 pm

Friday, January 24 – TMRC Pecan Grove Council 42 – Opening/Closing Practice at 6:30 pm (prior to the PM Degree)

Please bring Select Masters Dues Cards for validation at Registration for all Council Conferences.

Thursday, January 30 – Grand Council Conference at the Beautiful TMRC. Registration 5:30 pm, Conference 6:30 pm.

Wed Feb 5 through Sunday Feb 9 – Masonic Week on Washington DC

Saturday, February 8 - Grand Council Conference in Lubbock TX (1101 70th street, Lubbock Scottish Rite Temple), Registration 9, Conference 10

Saturday, February 15 - Grand Council Conference in Corpus Christi (2638 Terrace St, York Rite Masonic Temple), Registration 9, Conference 10

Saturday, February 22 - Grand Council Conference in El Paso (El Paso Scottish Rite Temple), Registration 9, Conference 10

Saturday, February 22 – Grand Chapter Rally in Tyler (323 W. Front St), 10 am to 12 pm

Friday, Feb 28 and Saturday, Feb 29 – Wichita Falls Festival (3505 Kemp Blvd) at 6:30 am

Saturday, February 29 - Grand Council Conference in Nederland (1304 N 27th St), Registration 9, Conference 10

Saturday, February 29 – Grand Chapter Rally in Seguin (Address not published yet on website, please refer back to it when we get closer to the event), 10 am to 12 pm



TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154 REGULAR MEETING
TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Jan 28, 2020 AT 6:45 PM
ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!
FORT WORTH TEMPLE
1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH TEXAS

DINNER BEFOREHAND ...
5:00 'ish at the MEXICAN INN

612 N Henderson St, Fort Worth, TX 76107



President
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Pre-Eminent Governor
Wayne Roberson



David M. Baskin
Most Excellent Grand High Priest



David Murray Baskin was born to Gene C. & Patricia A. Baskin on December 27, 1965, in Dallas, Texas. He also has a brother and sister, who he is very proud of. David was raised in Garland and graduated from North Garland H. S. After a few years of working in theatre he left Dallas to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre from Stephen F. Austin State University with a minor in Communication. Graduating in 1994, he moved back to the Dallas area and married Julie M. Lewis in 1995. They currently live in Sachse with their two French Bulldogs and two cats. David is a licensed REALTOR with Coldwell Banker Apex in the Dallas area.

David's Masonic career started in high school when he joined Richardson Chapter Order of DeMolay on January 19, 1982. Serving on numerous committees and holding various offices, he was elected Master Councilor in August 1982. He was dubbed a Sir Knight of Auvergne Priory in March of 1984 and served as Illustrious Knight Commander and received the Past Illustrious Knight Commander - Meritorious Service Award. In June of 1985, he was elected to serve as State Illustrious Knight Commander. He received the Degree of Chevalier from his Chapter in 1986 and was honored with the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 2002. He also served as State Commander of the Texas State Court of Chevaliers in 1995.

After reaching majority in DeMolay, many of his advisors began to question what lodge he was planning on joining and when. Understanding that he would be a fourth-generation mason, he asked his father for advice. David feels that his father gave him the best advice possible. He told David, "join a lodge you will be active with." David was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by his father in Washington Lodge No. 1117 in Richardson. David served as Worshipful Master from 1998 - 1999. He was elected to serve as Treasurer in 2001 and holds that office currently. He was honored as a recipient of the Golden Trowel Award in 2015. He was privileged to serve Grand Master James F. Brumit as a District Deputy Grand Master and Assistant State Coordinator in 2012. He has also served on several committees for Grand Lodge.

In 1989, David was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in George Washington Chapter No. 422 and served as High Priest in 2011 - 2012 and currently serves as Treasurer. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 2013. David was elected Right Excellent Grand Scribe in 2017, Right Excellent Grand King in 2018 and Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest in 2019.

David was greeted in John C. Callahan Council No. 408 as a Royal and Select Master in 1989 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2011 - 2012 and currently serves as Treasurer. He received the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2019.

David was knighted as a Knight Templar in Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No. 103 in 2014 and served as Commander in 2019.

David joined the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Dallas in 1996. He served as Master of Kadosh for Dallas Consistory No. 2. He was honored with the Knight Commander of the Cross of Honour in 2009 and was coronated a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2019. He continues to serve on the Stage Crew and has served on various committees.

David also holds membership in the Royal Order of Scotland, Holy Grail Council No. 287 of the Allied Masonic Degrees, St. Mark Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Lyle L. Cross No. 147 York Rite College.

Office	Companion
Most Excellent Grand High Priest	David M. Baskin
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest	Mark D. Myer
Right Excellent Grand King	Frances Edwin "Skip" Smith, Jr.
Right Excellent Grand Scribe	Robert M. Loflin
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer	John A. Hughes
Right Excellent Grand Secretary	Kenneth Earl Cooley
Excellent Grand Chaplain	Matthew T. Cason
Excellent Grand Orator	Todd W. Polk
Excellent Grand Marshal	Christopher D. Livingston
Excellent Grand Captain of the Host	Michael T. Malone
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner	Fanklin A. Zepp
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain	R. Brian Cook
Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil	Charles E. Maddox
Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil	Douglas J. Van Griner
Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil	Anthony W. Cabello
Excellent Grand Senior Steward	Glen W. Garber
Excellent Grand Junior Steward	Charles R. Stephenson
Excellent Grand Organist	Matthew P. Fisher
Excellent Grand Photographer	Neal Addy
Excellent Grand Guard	Richard L. Troutte
Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priest – 18	Ricky D. Cox
Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priest – 26	Daniel E. Queen

Don Paul Payton
Most Illustrious Grand Master



Don Paul Payton was born in Lubbock, Texas, on the 15th day of June in 1979. The youngest son of Jimmy Don and Melissa Payton, he graduated from Coronado High School in Lubbock, and attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. He moved to Brock, Texas in 2004 to manage Teskey's Saddle Shop. It was there, that he met Cassie Lewark. They married in December of that year and settled in Brock. Don Paul and Cassie have four sons; Wyatt, Dylan, and Jackson, and they welcomed their fourth son, Thomas, in 2019. The Paytons are members of the Brock Church of Christ.

Most Illustrious Payton is an 6th generation Freemason and can trace his family's Masonic heritage to the American Revolution. After the Civil War, his family immigrated to Texas from Georgia and settled in the Texas Panhandle town of Turkey. What Don Paul famously calls "God's County."

Most Illustrious Payton petitioned for the Mysteries and received the Degrees of Freemasonry in Mackenzie Lodge No. 1327, A. F. & A. M., in Lubbock, Texas. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on July 20, 2000; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on August 10, 2000; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 22, 2000. It was quickly discovered that Most Illustrious Payton had a passion for the ritual. He credits is mentor, Brother T. J. Jones (Past Master of Mackenzie Lodge) for instilling in him that passion. He earned his first Grand Lodge Esoteric Certificate the year he was raised, and is proud to be among the less than 2% of Texas Masons who currently hold a Class A Certificate. In late 2000, Brother Payton conferred the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees upon his father in Mackenzie Lodge.

Most Illustrious Payton served as Worshipful Master of Mackenzie Lodge in 2003 and endowed his membership in 2004. In 2003, while serving as Junior Warden of Mackenzie Lodge, he affiliated as a plural member with Quitaque Lodge No. 1248 (later consolidated with Matador Lodge No. 824). After getting settled in Brock and with his budding family on a solid foundation, Most Illustrious Payton sought out Freemasonry in Parker County. He affiliated with Phoenix Lodge No. 275 in Weatherford in 2006. He held his first office in Phoenix Lodge (Senior Deacon) in 2008 and was awarded the Golden Trowel by his brothers in Phoenix Lodge that same year. He served as Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge in 2010. In 2011, Most Illustrious Payton had his name added to a new charter, when he served as the Charter Worshipful Master of Fort Worth Stock Show Lodge No. 1460 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was appointed by Grand Master Walter W. Rogers and served the Grand Lodge of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 65 in 2013. His service to the Masons of Texas continued; he served as Grand Junior Deacon in 2015, and Grand Pursuivant in 2018. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee in 2017 and is currently serving as Vice Chairman of that committee. He was appointed Grand Representative of France near the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2018. He is an affiliated plural member of Texas Lodge of Research. He is currently serving on the Grand Master's Planning Committee for 2020.

Most Illustrious Payton was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Hugh J. McClellan Chapter No. 248, R. A. M. (now Lubbock Chapter No. 248) on May 22, 2003. Upon moving to Brock, he affiliated with Weatherford Chapter No. 105, which consolidated into Ridglea Chapter No. 485. He was a reconstituting-charter member of Springtown Chapter No. 75 (now Goodnight-Loving Chapter No. 75) which reconstituted in Weatherford in 2011. He served as High Priest of Springtown Chapter in 2013, and currently serves the chapter as the Treasurer. He affiliated with Texas Chapter No. 362 in Fort Worth in 2017. The Companions of Springtown Chapter awarded Most Illustrious Payton with the Cornerstone Award in 2014. He received the Order of the High Priesthood in 2017. He was appointed by Grand High Priest Jackie Matthews and served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 18 in 2017 and was appointed to the Grand Chapter of Texas' Purposes and Policies Committee in 2018.

Most Illustrious Payton was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Hugh J. McClellan Council No. 183, R. S. M. (now Lubbock Council No. 183) on May 22, 2003. Upon moving to Brock, he affiliated with Weatherford Council No. 64, which consolidated into Ridglea Council No. 400. He was a reconstituting-charter member of Springtown Council No. 47 (now Goodnight-Loving Council No. 47) which reconstituted in Weatherford in 2011. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Springtown Council in 2013. The Companions of Springtown Council awarded him with the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2013. He was appointed by Grand Master Timothy M. LaVergne and served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 16 in 2013. He was appointed to the Grand Council of Texas' Committee on Grievances and Appeals in 2013 and served on that committee until 2017. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2017, and the Super Excellent Master Degree in 2019. In 2017, Most Illustrious Payton was elected and installed into the office of Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. In 2018, he was elected and installed into the office of Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. In 2019, he was proud to be elected and installed as the one hundred twenty-first Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Texas.

Sir Knight Payton was knighted as a Knight Templar in Lubbock Commandery No. 60 on March 3, 2004. Upon moving to Brock, he affiliated with Weatherford Commandery No. 51. He served as Eminent Commander of Weatherford Commandery in 2014. He received Order of Knight Preceptor in 2017. He was appointed as Grand Representative of Montana near the Grand Commandery of Texas in 2017. He served the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas as chairman of the Registration Committee in 2017. He was appointed to the Grievances and Appeals Committee in 2018 and was reappointed 2019.

His dedicated service to Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric York Rite Freemasonry was recognized in 2015 when he was inducted into Texas Priory No. 23, Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH).

Most Illustrious Payton is a 32nd Degree Master of the Royal Secret. He received the Royal Secret and the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in 2007, when he was initiated into Fort Worth Lodge of Perfection, Fort Worth Chapter of Rose Croix, Fort Worth Council of Kadosh, and Fort Worth Consistory.

Most Illustrious Payton's admiration for Masonic Ritual has extended from the Craft Lodge into both the York Rite and Scottish Rite. In addition to holding an esoteric certificate from the Grand Lodge of Texas, he has been awarded esoteric certificates from both the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Council of Texas. He is a member of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association and an active member of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies' 23rd and 25th Degree Teams.

Most Illustrious Payton is active in various appendant Masonic bodies. He is a member of Trinity York Rite College No. 154 in Fort Worth and is currently serving the college in the office of Chancellor. In the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine he is a member of Star of Bethlehem Conclave in Wichita Falls, and a member of DeMolay Conclave in Waco. He was knighted into the

Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon in Forth Worth Crusader Chapel No. 12 (now Goodnight-Loving Chapel No. 12) and is a founding member and charter Deputy Marshal of General Sam Houston Chapel No. 32 in Tyler, Texas. Cousin Payton is a member of Worth's Shamrock Council No. 54, Knight Masons and is currently serving the council in the office of Director of Ceremonies. In the Allied Masonic Degrees, Brother Payton is a member of Worth's Hiram Abif Council No. 342 where is he currently serving as Junior Deacon, and is also a member of Tejas Council No. 282 - both in Fort Worth. He wears the fez of Moslah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Fort Worth. Also in Fort Worth, he is a member of General William J. Worth Chapter No. 463, National Sojourners. He is a member of San Jacinto Monument Assemblage of the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers - The Operatives, in Farmer's Branch, Texas. Worthy Frater Payton is a member of Texas College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (S.R.I.C.F.).

Most Illustrious Don Paul Payton is very proud to be a Freemason, and specifically a Cryptic Freemason. He is humbled by the opportunity the Companions of Texas have given him, and is looking forward to a prosperous year as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

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Most Illustrious Grand Master	Don Paul Payton
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	Jackie Wayne Matthews
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Robert C. "Bob" Brunk
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer	John A. Hughes
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	Kenneth Earl Cooley
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards	Ricky D. Cox
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Tommy Chance Chapman
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	Jimmy R. Rumsey
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Jack M. Harper, II
Illustrious Grand Steward	Howard R. Hubbard
Illustrious Grand Organist	Ben Lewark
Illustrious Grand Photographer	Neal Addy
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Aaron W. Tyksinski
Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master – 18	Stanley S. McGowen
Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master – 26	Gabriel A. Jagush



As Freemasons, it is our duty to contribute to the relief of our brethren and their loved ones. Starting in 2020, the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas is contributing to the [No Mason Left Behind Project](#) through the Grand Council's "Grand Master's Fund." Cryptic Masons in Texas and elsewhere can support this effort by purchasing a commemorative jewel.

The No Mason Left Behind Project helps subsidize the living expenses of older Texas Masons, their female relatives, and members of the Order of the Eastern Star at the [Texas Masonic Retirement Center](#) if they can otherwise not afford it. No Mason Left Behind makes a powerful difference for many people.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas recognized long ago that many of our brethren desire to spend their golden years with friends in a peaceful and comfortable setting. The Texas Masonic Retirement Center was created to fill this need. It is owned and operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, which has been providing quality care to senior members of the Texas Fraternity since 1911. The Texas Masonic Retirement Center is situated on a 100-acre tract of land in the heart of Arlington, Texas, and provides the best quality care possible along with ideal surroundings for our seniors and the widows of our deceased brethren.

To Order a jewel – go to this link: http://www.yorkritetexas.org/council/forms/gmf_order_form.pdf

There will also be opportunity to order this Jewel at Grand Lodge this year.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

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| 1 To be auctioned at 2020 Grand Banquet | TBD |
| 2 V.:l.: Jerry N. Kirby | Dallas No. 18 |
| 3 V.:l.: Joe F. Schriever | San Angelo No. 110 |
| 4 V.:l.: Thomas W. Snyder | Love Field No. 396 |
| 5 V.:l.: John C. Elkington | Park Place No. 373 |
| 6 V.:l.: Mark D. Myer | Port Neches No. 413 |
| 7 V.:l.: Charles S. Wolfe | Alvord No. 131 |
| 8 Jackie Matthews | Keystone No. 112 |
| 9 V.:l.: W. E. "Bill" Schroeter | Port Neches No. 413 |
| 10 V.:l.: G. Clay Smith | John C. Callahan No. 408 |
| 11 V.:l.: Tommy F. Chapman | Port Neches No. 413 |
| 12 V.:l.: J. Weldon Clampitte | Houston No. 1 |
| 13 V.:l.: Jim Manley | Tarrant No. 349 |
| 14 V.:l.: Reese L. Harrison, Jr. | San Antonio No. 14 |
| 15 Stacey Nobles | Llano No. 135 |
| 16 L. O'Neal Addy, Jr. | Texas No. 321 |
| 17 Robert Loflin | Port Lavaca No. 275 |
| 18 Billy J. Hamilton, Jr. | Texas No. 321 |
| 19 Hunter Schappaugh | Houston No. 1 |
| 20 V.:l.: James D. Kirkpatrick | Arlington No. 314 |
| 21 Russell Brown | Henderson No. 298 |
| 22 Ricky Cox | Goodnight-Loving No. 47 |
| 23 Jack M. Harper II | Hillsboro No. 94 |
| 24 Tommy "Chance" Chapman | Port Neches 413 |
| 25 Jim Rumsey | Longview No. 116 |
| 26 Gary Blair | Fort Worth No. 42 |
| 27 M.:l.: Don Paul Payton | Goodnight-Loving No. 47 |

2020

Donations Received September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

Honor Roll

Individual Masons and Masonic Lodges

Your donation helps older Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, never-married sisters & never-married daughters live with dignity in safe, comfortable surroundings at Texas Masonic Retirement Center - ALWAYS.

Regency Contributors 2020

\$5,000 or More

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Sweet Home Lodge #576

Legacy Contributors 2020

\$1,000 - \$4,999

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Gary Blair
Floyd Hall
Wayne James
James & Donna Kirkpatrick

Vernon Mitchell
Alan Rowe
Elizabeth & Harold Williams Foundation

Masonic Organizations

Rose of Sharon Council #49

Trinity York Rite College #154

Tribute Contributors 2020

\$500 - \$999

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Thurman Allred
Rudolph Aue
Don Brazeal
Robert Cagley
Gerry Clark

Jay Jolley
Ferrell Lake
Tommy Marshall
Esther Weigand

Masonic Organizations

Southside Polytechnic Chapter #378 / Southside Polytechnic Council #315

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Gene Brookshire Family Ltd Partnership
German Masonic Charitable Foundation
Robert Hafele
Reese Harrison
Lee & Maxine Grote Family Fund
Thomas Spencer Charitable Trust
Capt. T.C. Wimberly

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Sam Acola	Floyd Hall
Thurman Allred	Dr. Steven Kushel
Gary Blair	Ferrell Lake
Herbert Coleman	James Manley
Joel Conroy	Mark Morris
Elizabeth & Harold Williams Foundation	Jefferi Morton
Gene Forester	Kirby Rudisill
Dr. Richard Gilman	Floyd Rust
Grady & Doris Evans Endowment Foundation	Clifton Templeton
Bruce Griffith	Dennis Wilson

Masonic Organizations

Arlington Chapter #376 & Arlington Council #314
Arlington Masonic Benevolence Foundation
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Hill City Lodge #456
Lyle L Cross York Rite College No 147
Rose of Sharon Council #49

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Keith Arterburn	Bobby Fincher	Wayne James	Donald Payne
Keith Bates	Jimmie Goodman	Jay Latham	Kenneth Pevehouse
Douglas Brown	Emory Grayson	Joe Lovelady	Alan Rowe
William Carroll	William Halbrook	George Loving	Paul Schroeder
Thomas Eichenberger	Scott Hayes	Juanna McLerran	Jon & Melissa Spann

Masonic Organizations

Arlington Assembly #189, SOOB
Dallas Chapter #47 & Dallas Council #18
Goodnight Loving Chapel #62
Grand Lodge of Texas
Julian Feild Lodge #908
Midlothian Chapter #211 RAM
Midlothian Council #148
Stephenville Chapter #140 RAM
Stephenville Council #85
TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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