

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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Welcome to the October 2020 Edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

News and Upcoming Schedule

Continue to Check out the awesome new website <http://Tarrant.yorkritetexas.org>.
Does it ever look sweet? Great job by **Billy Hamilton** and **R. I. Gabriel Jagush**.

Due to Covid-19 concerns and TMRC considerations, Tarrant Chapter/Council is NOT meeting in October.

Continue to pray for our World, Country, State and counties and all citizens:

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Good news – good news - Three Festivals Happening so far ...

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – October/November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Oct 1 B. J. Young 50 year award Southside Eat at 6 Mtg at 7	Oct 2	Oct 3 TMRC Pecan Grove At Arlington Lodge – 9 am
Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6 Southside and Texas 7:00 pm	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10
Oct 11	Oct 12 Riverside 7:00 PM Arlington 6:45 PM	Oct 13	Oct 14 Goodnight- Loving Chapter and Council 7 PM	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17
Oct 18	Oct 19 NE Tarrant at Estelle Lodge 7pm	Oct 20	Oct 21 York Rite Ridglea 7:30 PM	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24 East Texas Outdoor Festival 7 am Meet the candidates in Leander 10am
Oct 25	Oct 26 Stephenville York Rite 7 pm	Oct 27 Grand Prairie School of Instruction 6:30 pm	Oct 28 Grand Council Grand Master Conference – Houston at 6:30 pm	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31 Central Texas Festival in Leander 8 am
Nov 1	Nov 2 Arlington Mark Master Degree 7:00 pm	Nov 3 Southside and Texas 7:00 pm	Nov 4 Tarrant Chapter and Council 7 PM	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7 TMRC Pecan Grove At Arlington Lodge – 9 am
Nov 8	Nov 9 Riverside 7:00 PM Arlington Stated and PM degree 6:45 PM	Nov 10	Nov 11 Goodnight- Loving Chapter and Council 7 PM	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14
Nov 15	Nov 16 NE Tarrant at Estelle Lodge 7pm Arlington MEM degree 7:00 pm	Nov 17	Nov 18 York Rite Ridglea 7:30 PM	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21
Nov 22	Nov 23 Stephenville York Rite 7:00 pm Arlington Royal Arch Degree 7pm	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28
Nov 29	Nov 30 Arlington Royal and Select Masters Degree 7:00 pm	Dec 1 Southside and Texas 7:00 pm	Dec 2 Tarrant Chapter and Council 7 PM	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5 Tarrant County York Rite Festival 7am register 8 am degrees



MEET the CANDIDATES



GRAND SCRIBE

Jeff Bennett
Jim Manley

TMRC BOARD

Jerry N. Kirby
James Kirkpatrick

GRAND IPCW

W. David Melear
Paul Wunsche

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Charles E. Maddox

Please Observe COVID-19 Restrictions

1. Wear facemasks
2. Minimize physical contact
3. Frequently use Hand Sanitizer and/or Wash Hands
4. If you feel ill, please stay home

Saturday, October 24, 2020 Norton Moses Lodge No. 336
Doors Open: 10:00am 201 Sonny Dr.
Introductions Begin: 11:00am Leander, TX 78641

Special Thanks to:
C.O. Jones Chapter and Council for physically hosting
Central Texas York Rite Association for organizing

East Texas York Rite Festival – Saturday, Oct 24 at 7 am

Does your Texas York Rite Chapter & Council have candidates awaiting their York Rite degrees?

Here is an opportunity that will benefit the Chapters and Councils of Texas. - the first outdoor York Rite degrees conferred in Texas in more than 60 years. There is a strong possibility that these will be the ONLY York Rite degrees conferred in East Texas in 2020.

We have received dispensation from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas to host and conduct York Rite Degrees for Chapter and Council on Saturday, October 24, 2020, providing that the degree conferrals:

1. Are held out-of-doors; and
2. Comply with all state and local health regulations, including those relating to the COVID-19 virus.

We will comply with these requirements. If needed, masks will be provided to those attending, and social distancing will be in place, should these regulations still be in effect on October 24.

We are able to assemble both a degree team and have a great location for that date. The degrees will be conferred at the G.W. Pirtle Scout Reservation, 440 CR 1241, Gary City Tx 75643. This location is not far from Carthage and has enough parking, staging, restroom and food service facilities.

There are hotel rooms in Carthage available for those wishing to stay nearby in comfort. (Approximately 20 minutes from the camp.)

There are LIMITED campsites available for those who wish to arrive at the Scout Reservation the night before. (CALL US FIRST if this is your plan.)

The schedule will be as follow:

7-8 a.m. Check-in., coffee & doughnuts for breakfast.

8 a.m. Degree work begins.

12:15 - 1 p.m. Lunch

1 - 4 p.m. Remainder of degree work.

Degrees to be conferred:

- * Mark Master
- * Past Master or Virtual Past Master
- * Most Excellent Master
- * Royal Arch
- * Royal Master
- * Select Master

If you have any questions regarding this Work, please do not hesitate to contact me at (859) 806-0615.

(Leave a voicemail if I can't answer.)

Fraternally,

Claude Ellis Hammond, JD, H.:P.:, T.:I.:M.:

Marshall #19 R.A.M.

Marshall #5 R. & S.M

Leander (Central Texas) York Rite Festival – Saturday, Oct 31 at 8 am



[Norton Moses #336 A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge](#)

What: Leander York Rite Festival, hosted by CO Jones Chapter and Council

When: Saturday, October 31st, 2020; 7:00 am registration, degrees to start at 8:00 am

Where: Norton Moses Lodge, 201 Sonny Dr, Leander, TX 78641

Contact: Will Braswell at - william.braswell.afam@nym.hush.com

Arlington Chapter 376 and Arlington Council 314 Will confer individual degrees every Monday in November.

Monday, November 2 – Mark Master Degree

Monday, November 9 – Stated meeting and Past Master Degree

Monday, November 16 – Most Excellent Master Degree

Monday, November 23 – Royal Arch Degree

Monday, November 30 – Council Royal and Select Masters Degrees

Attention Companions: The Traveling York Rite School of Instruction is back in business! Our next session will be hosted by Grand Prairie Chapter & Council (933 SW 2nd St., Grand Prairie 7505) on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will work on opening and closing or whatever the Companions prefer. Note that masks and appropriate precautions are mandatory. Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and ritual practice!



FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE

December 5th



2020 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY
YORK RITE FESTIVAL
Location: Arlington Lodge



Honoring **Loyd "I-L" Addy**

Sponsored by ARLINGTON CHAPTER 376 / COUNCIL 314
High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master: **John Thomas**
Festival Registrar: **Jerry Taylor and James Kirkpatrick**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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Neal Addy, 2nd Vice President

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Hobie Henderson, Secretary

Corey Harris, Master of Ceremonies

Pre-Eminent Ricky Cox, Governor Trinity 154



PURPOSES AND AIMS:

Advancement of York Rite Masonry

Participating bodies include:

- Trinity York Rite College #154 (co-coordinator)
- Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)
- St Timothy Conclave, Order of Red Cross of Constantine
- 2 chapels of St Thomas of Acon
- Worth Shamrock #54, Knight Masons
- Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, H.R.A.K.T.P.
- Several Allied Masonic Degrees Councils



Saturday, December 5th
Donuts and Coffee, Registration at 7 am
Degrees at 8 am

Courtesy Candidates Welcome

Full Degree Schedule:

Mark Masters – Goodnight Loving, Bob Brunk

Past Masters – Southside, B. J. Young

Most Excellent Masters – Arlington, Zachary Haston

Royal Arch – Ridglea, V.: I.: Jim Manley

Royal Masters – Tarrant, R.: I.: Joe Orona

Select Masters – Texas, Brent Casiglio

Super Excellent Masters – Trinity York Rite College #154

Auction for the Grand Master's Fund Founder's Jewel No. 1



Companions,

The auction for the Grand Master's Fund Founder's Jewel No. 1 is now online!
All proceeds from this auction will be donated to the No Mason Left Behind Fund.

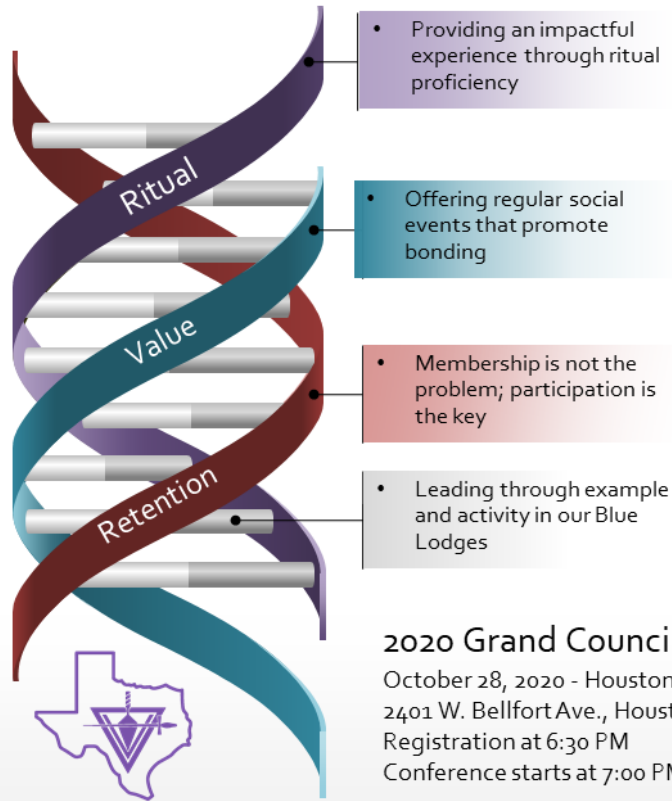
The auction will continue until the Grand Assembly session in Waco in December.
The winning bid will be announced by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The winning auction will receive Founder's Jewel, No. 1 of 27. The winner will also receive a beautiful and unique lapel pin. The highest bid is currently \$1,250!

Please visit http://www.yorkritetexas.org/council/gmfj_auction2.html for more information, or email us at gmfund@yorkritetexas.org to place a bid.

Grand Master's Conference

Please attend if you can
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM





Visitation Policy

**Update from Gary Blair, Superintendent, Texas Masonic Retirement Center
Sept. 30, 2020**

TMRC Campus Re-Opening With Restrictions Limited Visits Now Allowed

Effective Oct. 1, 2020

We're glad to again welcome visitors, with limitations, to Texas Masonic Retirement Center including the Nursing Care Area and all independent living areas.

Join us on a conference call hosted by Gary Blair, Superintendent, to go over the new visitation rules and answer your questions.

Conference Call Q & A on Visiting TMRC

Dial 817-704-3880 and you'll be connected to the conference call.
No password needed. Announce your name and you're on the call!

Conference Call Dates & Times – Attend one or all

- Wed., Sept. 30, at 2 pm AND at 6 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 am

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How to visit your loved one at Texas Masonic Retirement Center

1. TMRC residents may name up to 2 people as "Essential Caregivers"
2. Essential Caregivers must meet these requirements

Before a Visit to TMRC

1. Complete advance training and forms on
 - Use of proper protective equipment
 - Infection control measures
 - Hand hygiene
 - Cough and sneeze etiquette
2. Schedule your visit in advance with TMRC staff by calling 817-275-2893
3. Purchase your own protective equipment as described in training

Upon Arrival at TMRC

- Arrive at designated entry door for visitors
- Visitors must wear protective equipment described in training
- Present a photo ID
- Present a negative COVID-19 test performed within the last 14 days of your visit. [Learn more about COVID-19 testing sites.](#)
- Allow screening for any sign and symptoms of COVID-19 or respiratory illness

During the Visit

- TMRC staff will escort visitors to and from the resident's location
- Visitors cannot interact with any other resident

For more information regarding Essential Caregivers contact

Independent Living

Brook Major, RN
Wellness Director
817.275.2893 x 17

Nursing Facility

Stormy Pierce, LVN
Asst. Director of Nursing
817.275.2893 x 37

“Visits Through the Glass Door” Nursing Care Area Residents Welcome Visitors

Effective Immediately

We're delighted to announce our first limited visits between families, friends, and residents living our Nursing Care Area through our "Visits Through the Glass Door."

As we slowly allow visits, we continue our concern for the health and happiness of our residents and remain in compliance with regulations.

We know it's not a hug and kiss, but it is a face-to-face visit, with only a pane of glass separating loved ones.

Rules for “Visits Through the Glass Door”

Where is the Glass Door?

The glass door is an exterior clear glass door opening into a parlor in the Nursing Care Area.

How does a “Visit Through the Glass Door” take place?

- The resident will sit comfortably near a glass door in a parlor inside the Nursing Care Area. The visitor will sit on the opposite side of the glass door in a chair provided by our staff. The visitor will be completely outdoors.
- The glass door separating the visitor and resident remains closed and locked during the entire visit.
- A member of TMRC staff will stay with the resident to assist with the visit and to meet any other needs.
- At this time, conversations will be through cell phones and speaker phones.
- Visitors cannot enter the Nursing Care Area or any part of the building.
- Due to the size of the parlor and arrangements needed to offer these visits, no more than one visit may occur at any time. The area will be sanitized before and after each visit.
- Residents and visitors must wear face coverings over the mouth and nose at all times (as tolerated). Staff will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) as always.
- Visits will require advance scheduling by calling 817-275-2893. This is due to the need to schedule staff to accompany the resident and for the additional cleaning required before and after each visit

How do I schedule a visit?

- We invite you to call our office at 817-275-2893 to request a visit.
- Visiting days and times may be limited due to staffing requirements, but we will do our best to accommodate everyone as quickly as possible.

NO VISITATION IS ALLOWED in the nursing care area, other than visits that are “medically necessary.” We are providing the opportunity to visit residents with our “Through the Glass Door” program (details described above). Exceptions will be considered under extraordinary circumstances, such as end-of-life situations. These visits must be scheduled and approved in advance by the Superintendent.

Independent Living Area Visitation

No person other than those deemed, by the Superintendent, to be “Critically Necessary” will be allowed to enter any building on the campus. **HOWEVER**, independent living residents may meet with visitors outdoors in a well-ventilated area.

While it is not recommended, you may meet with your family or friends **OUTDOORS** with these restrictions:

- No more than 3 visitors at any one time
- Social distancing is practiced at all times
- Visitors must wear a mask at all times
- Residents must wear a mask at all times
- Limit your visit to no more than 30 minutes
- No visitor enters any building on the TMRC campus — for any reason!

Let us continue to work together to protect the health and safety of yourself, your neighbors, and our staff!

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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