

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



2020 November Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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Welcome to the November 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**.

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

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Good news – good news – Great success at the East Texas York Rite Festival And the Central Texas York Rite Festival

Arlington conferring the York Rite Degrees individually every Monday in November

Annual Tarrant County York Rite Festival honoring **Loyd Addy** – Saturday, Dec 5 – Page 3-4

Grand Masters Jewel Auction – Page 5

Grand Encampment News – Page 6 and 7

Grand Chapter / Grand Council – Grand Sessions Information in Waco, Dec 11 and 12 – Page 8
News!!!! – TMRC News – Pages 9-12

January 14th - 16th, 2021 - Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Pre-registration is now open through December 15th.

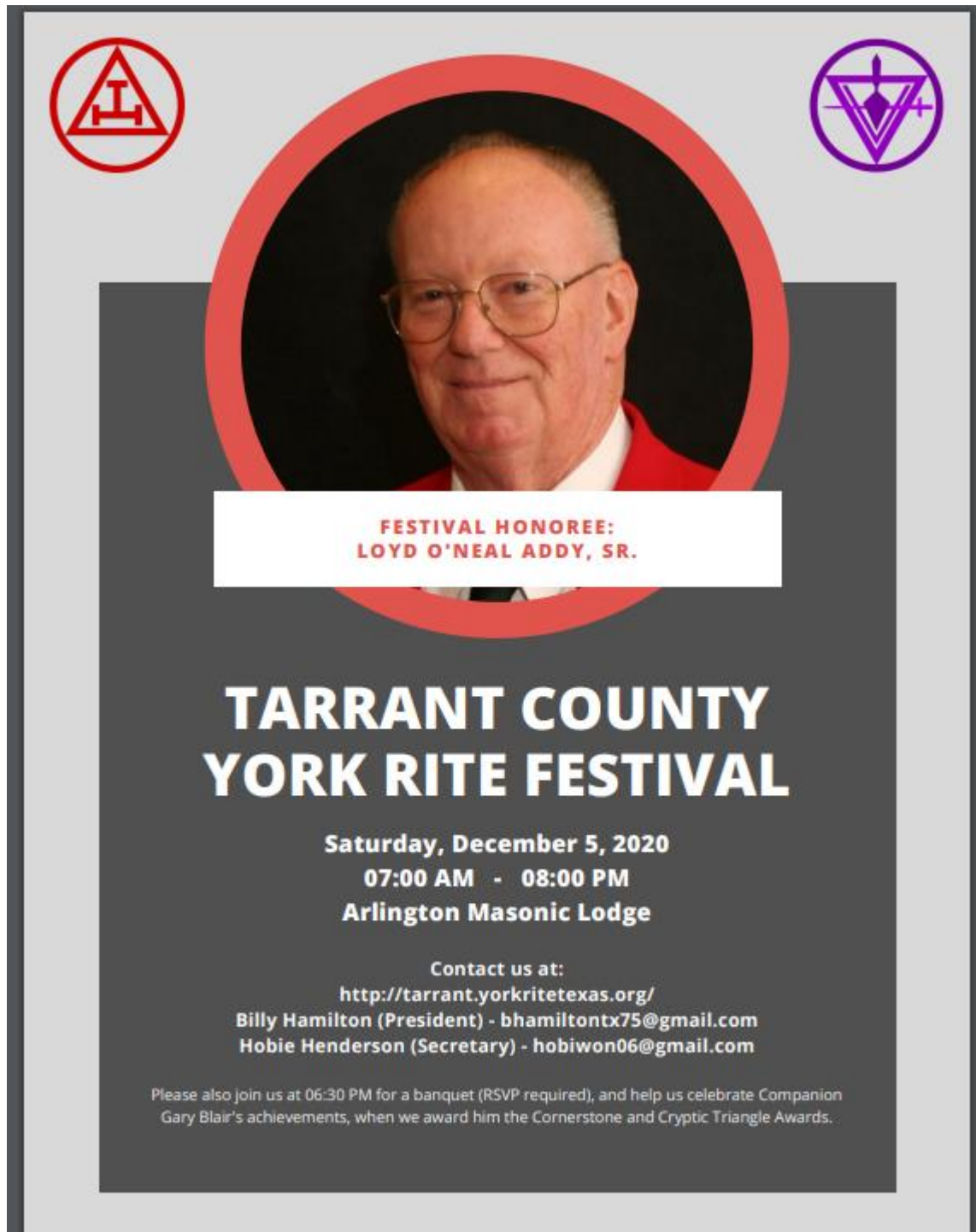
To pre-register go to the Member Portal: https://tx.grandview.systems/users/sign_in

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – November/December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 1	Nov 2 Arlington Mark Master Degree 7:00 pm (Already done)	Nov 3 Southside and Texas 7:00 pm (Already done)	Nov 4 Tarrant Chapter and Council 7 PM (Cancelled)	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 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 Thanksgiving Day	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 Weatherford Commandery	Dec 3 Southside Commandery	Dec 4	Dec 5 Tarrant County York Rite Festival 7am register 8 am degrees
Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9 Goodnight- Loving Chapter and Council 7 PM	Dec 10	Dec 11 and Dec 12 Grand Chapter and Grand Council in Waco – Business Only.	
Dec 13	Dec 14 Riverside 7:00 PM Arlington Stated and PM degree 6:45 PM	Dec 15 Denton Commandery	Dec 16 York Rite Ridglea 7:30 PM	Dec 17 Cleburne Commandery	Dec 18	Dec 19
Dec 20	Dec 21 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas Day	Dec 26
Dec 27	Dec 28 Stephenville York Rite 7:00 pm	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 Last day of 2020	Jan 1 New Years Day 2021	Jan 2

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

- Monday, November 2 – Mark Master Degree (**Already Done**)
- 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



**FESTIVAL HONOREE:
LOYD O'NEAL ADDY, SR.**

**TARRANT COUNTY
YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, December 5, 2020
07:00 AM - 08:00 PM
Arlington Masonic Lodge**

Contact us at:
<http://tarrant.yorkritetexas.org/>
Billy Hamilton (President) - bhamiltontx75@gmail.com
Hobie Henderson (Secretary) - hobiwon06@gmail.com

Please also join us at 06:30 PM for a banquet (RSVP required), and help us celebrate Companion Gary Blair's achievements, when we award him the Cornerstone and Cryptic Triangle Awards.

SCHEDULE

07:00 AM	Registration Donuts & Coffee
08:00 AM	Mark Master's Degree Goodnight-Loving Chapter № 75 R.: I.: Bob Brunk
09:40 AM	Past Master's Degree Southside Chapter № 378 B. J. Young
10:15 AM	Most Excellent Master's Degree Arlington Chapter № 376 Zachary Haston
11:00 AM	Lunch & Honoree Tribute L. O'Neal ("Neal") Addy, Jr.
12:00 PM	Royal Arch Degree Ridglea Chapter № 485 V.: I.: Jim Manley
02:50 PM	Royal Master's Degree Tarrant Council № 349 R.: I.: Joe Orona
03:25 PM	Select Master's Degree Texas Council 321 R.: I.: Gabriel Jagush
05:00 PM	Super Excellent Master's Degree Trinity York Rite College № 154 V.: I.: James Kirkpatrick

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SPECIAL THANKS

The Tarrant County York Rite Association would like to cordially thank Arlington Chapter № 376, Royal Arch Masons, and Arlington Council № 314, Royal & Select Masters, for hosting the TCYRA Festival, and their Most Excellent High Priest & Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion John Thomas, for his assistance in coordinating this event.



TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE FESTIVAL

December 5, 2020
Arlington Masonic Lodge

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 ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Jeffrey N. Nelson, *Most Eminent Grand Master*
3112 Tyler Parkway
Bismarck, North Dakota 58503

Lawrence Eugene Tucker, *Right Eminent Grand Recorder*
5909 West Loop South, Suite 495
Bellaire, Texas 77401

GENERAL ORDER NO. 14

REOPENING TEMPLARY 2021

November 1, 2020

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

GREETINGS:

Your Grand Encampment Officers acted early and decisively to address the COVID 19 pandemic. However, with the passage of time, it is now evident that the pandemic is not subsiding. We have met regularly to reassess the situation and have made the decision to commence the process of reopening our Asylums utilizing virtual meeting technology, implementing phased opening criteria, and adhering to strict safety protocols. Sir Knights, as we begin the process of reopening our Asylums, we face many unique challenges. Most significant of these is the demographic make-up of our membership. "Vulnerable Individuals" is a key concept in the Federal Guidelines and the term is referenced many times when implementing the different phases of the recovery process. The criteria that are used when determining a Vulnerable Individual include:

1. Elderly individuals (age 65 and over); and
2. Individuals with serious, underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.

As you are doubtless aware, we have a very significant number of Sir Knights and our Ladies who fall into either or both categories. In the Grand Encampment, the average age of our members is 67.4 years. Many of our Sir Knights and Ladies are considered extremely vulnerable.

Each of our Sir Knights is asked to honestly assess his individual risk factors and make an informed decision about his participation in upcoming Commandery events. There are a number of options that will be implemented as we resume our activities, including social distancing, sanitizing, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols. We will, at all times, comply with applicable recommendations and requirements from public health authorities. How and under what conditions your Sir Knights participate in our activities will be entirely up to each individual.

Under no circumstances should a Sir Knight feel pressured to participate in any Commandery activity at any level. On the contrary, he is urged to not participate in any activity which he feels may compromise his health OR that of a family member or anyone else with whom he may come into regular contact. If a Sir Knight does not feel comfortable attending a Commandery function, he is requested to stay home with our complete understanding.

We all look forward to getting back together and resuming the practice of Christian Knighthood. The reopening process will no doubt be fraught, and I fully expect that, due to changing conditions in your State or locality, it may be necessary to pause reopening or even to close down again. Thus, we have designed our reopening plans in such a way that, as long as you comply with Federal, State, Masonic, and local protocols, you will be able to proceed as prudence dictates. Honestly assess your risks and vulnerabilities and then make your own determination as to how your Commanderies participate in each phase of the reopening process. A return to "normalcy" may take us into the next Triennium; we will not rush this process, as health and safety must always be paramount in our decisions.

The attached *Reopening Templary 2021 Safety Protocols, Virtual Meeting Guidelines, and Phased-Opening Criteria* are incorporated into, and form an integral part of, this General Order as if fully set forth herein.

This supersedes General Order No. 12 of the fourth day of May, last, in its entirety. The preceding sentence notwithstanding, I authorize the Grand Commander or his designee to convene the Stated and any Special Conclave of his Grand Commandery by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Grand Commandery and the Stated or Special Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 37 through 39 of the Grand Encampment Constitution. If the Conclave is convened in person, facilities shall be available to accommodate remote attendance by teleconference or webcast.

In addition, I do hereby waive the requirement of Section 65 (a) of the Constitution, and authorize the Commander of a Constituent Commandery within each Grand Commandery to convene a Stated or Special Conclave by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Constituent Commandery and the Stated or Special Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 65 and 66 of the Grand Encampment Constitution. Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies enjoy the same discretion.

No ritual shall be performed and no Orders be conferred during any such telephonic or webcast Conclave.

This General Order shall be read at the first Conclave of each Constituent or Subordinate Commandery following its receipt.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Bismarck, North Dakota, this first day of November 2020, A.O. 902.



Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey N. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Grand Master

Attest:

Safety Protocols for General Order 14 is listed at this website.
<https://www.knightstemplar.org/downloads/GO14guidelines.pdf>

**GRAND CHAPTER / GRAND COUNCIL
GRAND SESSIONS INFORMATION**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest David M. Baskin and **Most Illustrious Grand Master Don Paul Payton** would like to let you know that unfortunately due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Grand Sessions will be greatly scaled down and only the required business will be held with social distancing and masks required this year.

The **Grand Convocation** of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the **Grand Assembly** of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas will both be held **Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th, 2020**. With Grand Chapter being at **8:00 AM** and Grand Council being at **1:00 PM** each day in the Main Auditorium, Masonic Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, 7156 Columbus Ave., Waco, TX.

There will be none of the usual meetings or gatherings on Thursday and Friday this year, including all of the following: York Rite Colleges of TX, Texas York Rite College No. 14, Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.C.H., Divine & Memorial Services, Annual York Rite Banquet, Ladies Luncheon, Order of the Silver Trowel and Order of High Priesthood.

Visitors, family and friends will be allowed in on Friday morning for the Grand Oration and for the Installation Ceremonies during both Grand Sessions on Saturday.

Please call the hotels directly for reservations: Sleep Inn & Suites Hewitt, 254-420-3200 (\$95.49+tax) or Ramada Hewitt 254-732-9823 (\$95.00+tax). Mention "Grand Chapter". These hotels are both at the Sun Valley Exit 328, IH-35 South, Hewitt, TX.

Remember to bring your **Current Dues Cards** and your **Proxy Forms**.

Registration Fee of \$10.00 (cash or checks only)

Thursday 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Texas Masonic Retirement Center



No Mason Left Behind Project 2020

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Watch Video Recognizing Donors

Link for video is: <https://yourtmrc.org/donate/>

The No Mason Left Behind Project helps provide comfortable and safe accommodations for older Texas Masons & their loved ones at Texas Masonic Retirement Center--ALWAYS.

Your personal donation and contributions from Masonic organizations make a tremendous difference for those who may be facing desperate poverty, unsafe living conditions, or other difficult choices.

Enjoying a hot, satisfying meal with friends happens every day at breakfast, lunch, and dinner for our residents. Unfortunately, we know some of our older brothers and their wives, widows, and mothers are hungry and live in unsafe surroundings. We fight this situation together through the No Mason Left Behind Project at Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

NOW OPEN!

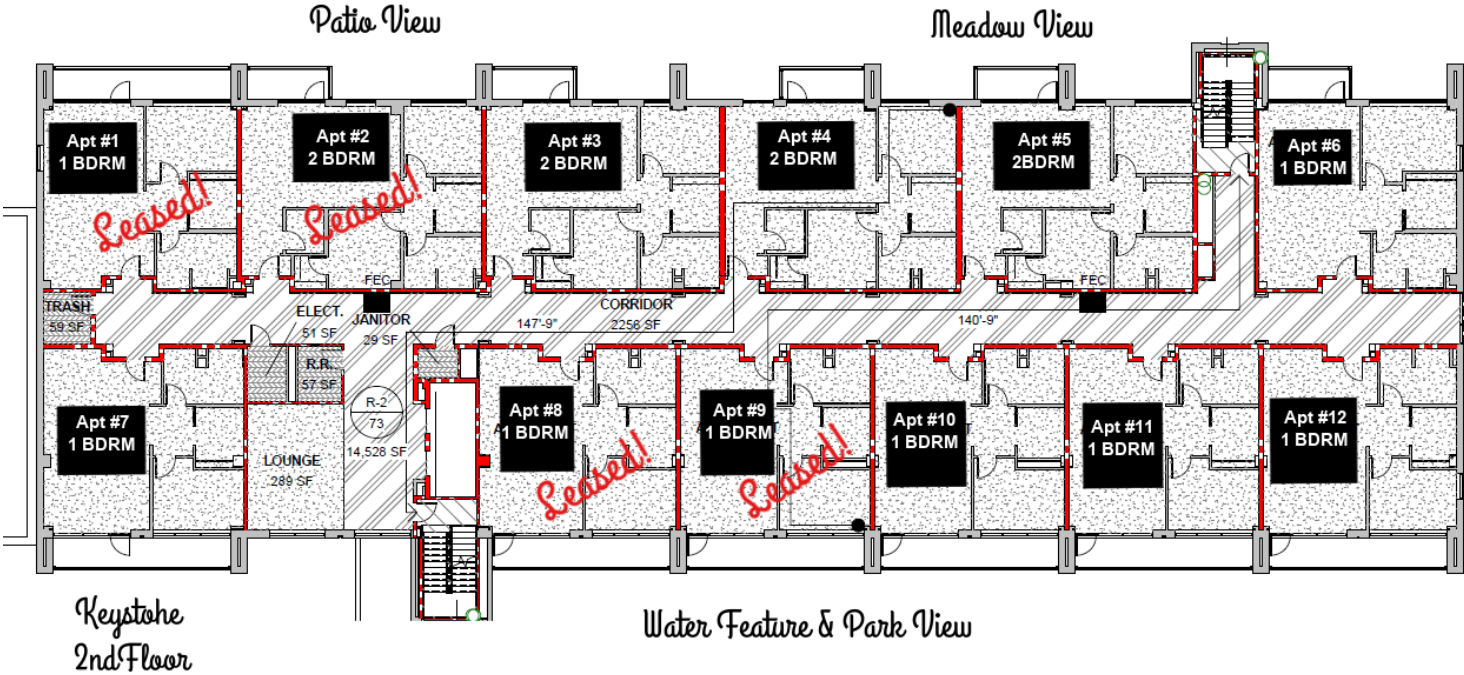
The Keystone

Luxury High-Rise
- NO DEPOSIT -



Schedule a tour today! These units won't last long! NO DEPOSIT!
Call 817-275-2893 to reserve a unit or book a tour.

Picture of one of the layouts – some of the units already leased.



The Keystone

Luxurious High-Rise Living at Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Texas Masonic Retirement Center proudly offers luxury high-rise apartment living at The Keystone (just opened!) and Royal Arch.

Both buildings are conveniently connected to our lovely new dining area and community rooms.

Set amid 100 acres of rolling meadow and a century-old pecan orchard, both buildings offer a variety of floor plans and sophisticated amenities.

Convenient Amenities & Services!

- Upscale interior finishes
- Full-size washer & dryer
- Private covered balcony (upper floors)
- Covered parking
- New flowing water patio areas
- Chef-inspired meals served three times a day
- Weekly housekeeping
- Parties, games, and holiday celebrations
- Entertainment trips to live theater, musicals, museums, and movies
- Trips to Masonic events including Grand Lodge and local meetings
- Shopping at local malls and grocery centers
- Beauty shop & barber
- Fitness Center
- Two chapels
- Transportation to local doctor visits
- Nursing area offering additional care as residents' needs change
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- **NEW! NO DEPOSIT on any apartment or duplex!**
- **The Keystone – High-Rise Luxury Apartments**
 - 1-Bedroom \$ 73 per person per day
 - 2-Bedroom \$146 per day
- **Royal Arch – High-Rise Luxury Apartments**
 - Efficiency \$ 65 per person per day
 - 1-Bedroom \$ 73 per person per day
 - 2-Bedroom \$146 per day
- *Effective July 10, 2020 — Prices subject to change at any time
- **Schedule a Tour Today!**

For more information or to schedule an appointment for a tour, please contact us at **817.275.2893** or email us at info@YourTMRC.org.

Nursing Care Area

We're here for you as you grow older



NOW OPEN
To All*
Texas Masons &
Family

*Masonic eligibility required

Formerly restricted to current TRMC residents only

Schedule a tour today!
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Nursing Care Area

NEW! Now Offering Nursing Care To Existing Residents & New Residents

At Texas Masonic Retirement Center, we offer custodial nursing care to any eligible Texas Master Mason or qualified family members. In the past, only existing residents were allowed to move to this area.

We provide a sparkling clean, uplifting area staffed with specially-trained health care professionals.

Our nursing area provides assistance with these needs and more–

- Bathing
- Dining
- Dressing
- Hair styling
- Laundry

Activities in the nursing home area are planned especially for these residents. Fun and laughter are so important to overall quality of life. These folks get up and go, with frequent offsite and onsite events.

Visits to residents living in the Nursing Care Area are now allowed on a limited basis via, “Visits Through the Glass Door.” Learn more about our new visitation option for residents of the Nursing Care Area.

Open communication with families and residents is vital to caring for residents. We plan quarterly meetings with residents, adult children, spouses, and other caregivers with updates on new services and opportunities to voice concerns or offer suggestions. We also welcome questions at any time as we believe in the need to keep communication open and easy.

Pricing Schedule

For pricing information, please contact us at 817-275-2893 or Info@YourTMRC.org.

The Nursing Care Area is available with the Payment for Services Option only.

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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