

Tarrant County York Rite

The Keystone



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Welcome to the May 2022 Edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

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Degrees and Events Schedule

May 3 – Arlington Commandery Order of the Temple – Eat at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 6:45 pm

May 7 – El Paso York Rite Conference – Registration at 9 am

May 9 – Arlington Chapter Past Master's Degree – Eat at 6 pm – Degree at 6:45 pm

May 14 – Dallas York Rite Festival – 7 am registration, 8 am Degrees – Flyer Page 4

May 18 – TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter Past Master's Degree, 7 pm

May 21 – Trinity York Rite College 154 Installation of Officers – See Flyer on page 3

May 21 – San Antonio York Rite Conference – Registration at 9 am

May 23 – Stephenville Royal Arch Chapter Degree – Eat at 6:00 pm, Degree at 7:00 pm

May 24 – Texas Council Degrees – at 6:30 pm – no meal.

May 25 – Arlington Chapter Mark Master's Degree – Eat at 6 pm – Degree at 6:45 pm

May 31 – Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting at the FTW Temple – 6:45 pm

June 10 and 11 – Texas Allied Masonic Degrees Association Annual Meeting

June 15 – TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter Most Excellent Master's Degree, 7 pm

June 18 – Grand Commandery District 6 School of Instruction at Ft Worth Temple – 8am to 2 pm – Page 5

June 22 – Arlington Chapter Most Excellent Master's Degree – Eat at 6 pm – Degree at 6:45 pm

June 25 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC) Installation w/ Grand Master Brad Billings, Eat 5:30pm Mtg 6:30pm

June 27 – Stephenville Council Degrees – Eat at 6:00 pm, Degrees at 7:00 pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – May and June

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| May 1 | May 2 | May 3 Southside and Texas Chapter and Council Order of the Temple Arlington eat 6pm | May 4 Tarrant York Rite eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery eat 6:30 pm | May 5 Southside and Worth Commanderies | May 6 | May 7 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am Cleburne Stated 9 am |
| May 8  | May 9 York Rite Riverside 7 PM Arlington Past Master's 6:45pm Meal 6 pm Hillsboro 7 pm | May 10 | May 11 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm | May 12 | May 13 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm | May 14 Dallas Festival Registration 7 Degrees 8 am At John L. Degrazier |
| May 15 | May 16 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies | May 17 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm | May 18 Ridglea Eat 6:30 Meet 7:30 TMRC Pecan Grove Past Master's 7 pm | May 19 Cleburne Commandery 7 pm | May 20 | May 21 San Antonio Conference 9 am / 10 am Trinity York Rite College Installation FTW Club |
| May 22 | May 23 Stephenville Royal Arch eat 6pm mtg 7pm | May 24 Texas Council Degrees Fort Worth Temple 6:30 pm- no meal | May 25 Arlington Mark Master's Degree Eat 6 pm Degree 6:45pm | May 26  | May 27 | May 28 |
| May 29 | May 30  | May 31 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc Trinity York Rite College 6:45 pm | June 1 Tarrant York Rite eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery eat 6:30 pm | June 2 Southside and Worth Commanderies | June 3 | June 4 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am Cleburne Stated 9 am |
| June 5 | June 6 | June 7 Southside and Texas Chapter and Council | June 8 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm | June 9 | June 10 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm | June 11 Texas Allied Masonic Degrees Association In Waco |
| June 12 | June 13 York Rite Riverside 7 PM Arlington 6:45pm Meal 6 pm Hillsboro 7 pm | June 14 | June 15 Ridglea Eat 6:30 Meet 7:30 TMRC Pecan Grove MEM Degree 7 pm | June 16 Cleburne Commandery 7 pm | June 17 | June 18 District 6 school of Instruction FTW Temple 8 am to 2 pm |
| June 19 | June 20 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies | June 21 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm | June 22 Arlington MEM Degree Eat 6 pm Degree 6:45pm | June 23 | June 24 | June 25 Sweet Home Lodge-TMRC Installation Brad Billings |
| June 26 | June 27 Stephenville Council Degrees eat 6pm mtg 7pm | June 28 Grandview York Rite 6:30 pm | June 29 | June 30 | July 1 | July 2 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am Cleburne Stated 9 am |



Trinity York Rite College № 154



The Fort Worth Club

306 West 7th Street

Installation of Officers

COLLEGE BANQUET

May 21, 2022

Reception - Six O'Clock

Dinner - Seven O'Clock

\$75 per Meal

FORT WORTH CLUB
CAESAR SALAD

PORCINI RUBBED FILET
OF BEEF TENDERLOIN

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
CAKE & COFFEE

CREDIT CARD
CHARGE BAR

SCAN TO PAY DIGITALLY



Include name in memo.

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DARK SUIT
LADIES WELCOME

Dallas York Rite Festival

Saturday May 14, 2022, Registration 7 am

5300 Forest Lane, Dallas Tx 75244

Courtesy Candidates Welcome!!!!



Royal Master's Degree
Select Master's Degree

DISTRICT 6

SCHOOL OF • INSTRUCTION



Attention, all Sir Knights!

SK Chapman, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer will hold the Knights Templar School of Instruction for District 6 in the Worth Commandery Asylum on the 4th floor of the Fort Worth Masonic Temple in downtown Fort Worth.

Breakfast on floor 4M at 8:00 AM.

School of Instruction on 4th floor at 9:00 AM.

June 18, 2022

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 School

4th Floor

1100 Henderson Street
Fort Worth



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2022-2023 TEXAS SUPPLEMENT

Greetings Sir Knights,

What a privilege to serve as your Grand Commander for the next Templar year. I am enthusiastic, honored, humbled and to be honest, frightened.

Taking the reigns from a great Templar and great man like Right Eminent, Sir Knight Ronnie Wilson means I have a lot to live up to. He performed his duties as Grand Commander with distinction and honor and I thank him for the example he set and his mentorship and guidance as I look forward to serving the Knights of Texas.

We have an exciting year ahead, with lofty goals, fun events and hopefully a good deal of fellowship. I pray we make a positive difference on your experience in Chivalric Masonry.

New Programs

If ritual study and teaching are your interests, check out the new Certificate Program and the Grand Commander's Ritual of Excellence award. Look under the General Orders section of the Website for details. It's there for your benefit.

Meet the Grand Officers

If you enjoy getting to meet the Grand Officers, simply invite them to attend your stated conclave, they are ready to meet you. If you like to see the Grand Commander, I plan to visit as many of you as I can. Keep an eye on the website for my updated schedule. My visit is not for business or pomp and circumstance, but to get to know you and your Commandery. Let's have a meal together and enjoy each other's company. Working together to make a difference in this fraternity.

May 2022

Conferring the Order of the Temple and Installing Officers

If you want a Grand Officer to confer the Order of the Temple, contact any of us, we are more than willing to help. Any new Knight I confer the Order of the Temple on will receive a special version of our new lapel pin. If you want a Grand Commandery Officer to install your officers, call one of us, it would be an honor.

Social Media

We have a new Web Master (SK Gabriel Jagush). We are hoping the new site will be more helpful and easy to use. One goal this year is to work with your Recorders and get the officers and meeting dates for every Commandery updated and a process put in place to keep them that way. We are also experimenting with a new communication tool. If your Recorder has updated your MMS records with a correct email address, you will begin receiving information from the Grand Commandery through email. If you haven't, get it done quickly so you can stay up to date with everything going on. Be sure to thank SK Michael Blair for his long service as webmaster, we are in his debt.

In Conclusion

Space is short so I will conclude with this. Make a difference to your Commandery and to Masonry in general. Let us, the Knights Templar, become the group other Masonic Bodies turn to for help. I promise you; you are one person that can make a difference.

God Bless you and God Bless the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas

Richard R. Jernigan

Grand Commander 2022 – 2023



The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
Office of the Grand Commander
Livingston, TX
April 10, 2022

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1, SERIES 2022-2023

Subject: District Appointments, District Conclaves, Schools of Instruction and Statewide Makeup School of Instruction, Annual Visitation, Blanket Dispensations, Grand Commandery Committee Meetings, Drill and Ritual Competition and the Annual Grand Conclave.

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

Greetings:

In accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and Regulations of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, the following conditions will be observed during the 2022-2023 Templar year. **These conditions are subject to change contingent on the state of the COVID pandemic and its effects on public safety.**

TEMPLAR DISTRICTS:

To better facilitate annual visitations, in accordance with Article 108, of the Statues and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, the Templar Districts in Texas shall be reassigned as follows:

| DISTRICT 1 | DISTRICT 2 | DISTRICT 3 | DISTRICT 4 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dallas No. 6 | Palestine No. 3 | San Felipe de Austin No. 1 | San Antonio No. 7 |
| Indivisible Friends No. 13 | Bertrand de Guesclin No. 14 | Ruthven No. 2 | Brownwood No. 22 |
| DeMolay No. 20 | Ascension No. 25 | Beaumont No. 38 | San Marcos No. 56 |
| McKinney No. 34 | Taylor No. 85 | Kenedy No. 61 | Corpus Christi No. 57 |
| Tancred No. 82 | Piney Woods No. 88 | Port Arthur No. 73 | Hidalgo No. 94 |
| A.C. Garrett No. 103 | East Texas No. 104 | Fort Bend No. 74 | St. John No. 101 |
| Terrell No. 115 | South East Texas No. 112 | Park Place No. 106 | |
| | | Melrose No. 109 | |
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| DISTRICT 5 | DISTRICT 6 | DISTRICT 7 | DISTRICT 8 |
| Ivanhoe No. 8 | Cleburne No. 12 | Colorado No. 4 | Vernon No. 33 |
| Waco No. 10 | Worth No. 19 | El Paso No. 18 | Amarillo No. 48 |
| Brenham No. 15 | Denton No. 45 | San Angelo No. 28 | High Plains No. 53 |
| Temple No. 41 | Weatherford No. 51 | Llano No. 54 | Wichita Falls No. 59 |
| Houston No. 95 | Southside No. 83 | Stamford No. 75 | Lubbock No. 60 |
| Lone Star No. 114 | Stephenville No. 100 | Midland No. 84 | Borger No. 96 |
| Mexia UD No. 116 | Arlington No. 107 | Burnet No. 113 | |
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| DISTRICT 9 | | | |
| Texas Holding No. 200 | | | |

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS:

I am proud to present the following Grand Officers, who will serve as the Personal Representative of the Grand Commander in the following Districts:

- District No. 1: Sir Knight Justin Bauer, Eminent Grand Generalissimo
- District No. 2: Sir Knight Ricky Cox, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
- District No. 3: Sir Knight Judge Risley, Eminent Grand Warder
- District No. 4: Sir Knight Jason Lesikar, Eminent Grand Captain General
- District No. 5: Sir Knight Gary Rock, Eminent Grand Senior Warden
- District No. 6: Sir Knight Tommy Chapman, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
- District No. 7: Sir Knight Ralph Royall, Eminent Grand Junior Warden
- District No. 8: Sir Knight Chris Little, Eminent Grand Sentinel
- District No. 9: Sir Knight T. Chance Chapman, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

DISTRICT CONCLAVES AND SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION:

The District Schools of Instruction will be held during the months of June, July, and August 2022, on a date and time agreed upon by the Grand Officer assigned to the District and the host Commandery. The Grand Officers are to be respectful of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Eastern Star installations when setting a date and time for the School. A formal or informal District Conclave should be held to discuss any upcoming events in the District.

The Grand Officer assigned to the District will notify the Commander and the Recorder of each Commandery in the District, Electronic Communications Committee and the Grand Officers of the time and place of the School. Each Commandery, in the announcement of the School, will be reminded of **Article 113 of the Statutes and Regulations** that reads: ***“At such Schools of Instruction it shall be the duty of all the officers of each Commandery situated in such District to attend at the time and place designated...and to participate in the work of such School.”***

ANNUAL INSPECTION AND OFFICIAL VISITATION:

The District Grand Officers will schedule the dates of the Official Visitations to be made in September, October, and November of 2022. Commanderies are reminded that our **Statutes and Regulations require them**, as a condition of being a Commandery, not only **to be able to Open and Close the Commandery in full ritualistic form or the alternate nine man opening ritual**, but also **to confer the Order of the Temple in accordance with the 1979 Ritual of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, as amended by Knight Templar Drill Regulations and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas (1987)**. Although authorized by **Article 110 of the Statutes and Regulations**, while inspections may be held in the same location on the same day, joint conclaves for the purpose of inspection will not be permitted, as each commandery is required to perform its own inspection.

All Commanderies are subject to the following scoring regulations for the J.C. Kidd and Fred M. Gilbough plaques. It should be noted, scoring for the Kidd and Gilbough are a separate item from passing inspection. There is no minimum score for passing inspection. A minimum score of 750 is only required to earn a service award.

Opening and Closing:

- Only those Commanderies who perform the Traditional (18 man) Opening during Inspection can compete for the J.C. Kidd Plaque. However, if every Commandery in a District uses the Alternate 9 Man Opening for their Inspection, then every Commandery can compete for the J.C. Kidd Plaque.
- Ten **(10)** points will be deducted for each officer **not** filling his installed station at the Annual Inspection of the Commandery.
- Fifty **(50)** points will be awarded for each performing the Traditional (18 man) Opening.

Order of the Temple:

- Ten **(10)** points will be deducted for each officer **not** filling his installed station at the Annual Inspection of the Commandery.
- Commanderies will receive a Twenty **(20)** point bonus for having an actual candidate at the Annual Inspection of the Commandery.
- If the installed Commander or Generalissimo of the Commandery being inspected **does not** give the Remaining Attributes, a twenty **(20)** point penalty will be deducted.

At the next Stated Conclave following receipt of this General Order, each Commander shall read aloud or cause to be read aloud **Chapter 56, Article 344, 345, and 346 of the Statutes and Regulations**, regarding Merit Awards and Service Medals, and the Recorder shall note this event in the minutes.

Commanders are reminded that **Article 111 of the Statutes and Regulations** requires that the Commander of each Commandery “***...cause the members of his Commandery to be notified to attend the visitation of the Grand Officer.***” ***All Sir Knights are strongly encouraged to visit other Commanderies, especially during the Official Visitation of the Grand Officer.***

BLANKET DISPENSATIONS:

Where not prohibited by law, regulation, or edict, and provided current social distancing and public safety guidelines are strictly adhered to, a Blanket Dispensation is granted for Sir Knights to appear in public in uniform at:

- I. Community events such as parades, dedications, leveling cornerstones, and ceremonies in connection with Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and any dignified public function where Templar Masonry will be promoted.
- II. Church services as a Commandery.
- III. Flag presentation ceremonies for any Masonic-related organization or for public events to promote Masonry, the Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, or the Educational Foundation.

170TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE:

The 170th Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas will be held in Grapevine, Texas, April 13 - 16, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 2401 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051. Information regarding the 170th Annual Conclave, will be made available on our website and Facebook page. Registration will open at Noon on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The business session of the Grand Commandery of Texas will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, beginning at 8:30 am.

Field Drill Competition will be held in the morning of Saturday, April 15, 2023, using a 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 No. 1) ahead of time if possible.

Competition will be held in the afternoon of Saturday, April 15, 2023, in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. The parts for the competition will be: Sovereign Master, Prince Chancellor, Prince Master of the Palace, Master of Dispatches, Companion Conductor, and Warder. The same Sir Knight may perform the Master of Dispatches and Prince Chancellor parts of the ritual. 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 13, 2023, at a time to be determined. Entries should be sent to the Chairman of the Templar Instruction Committee (See Bulletin No. 1) ahead of time if possible.

The Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening, April 15, 2023. The Annual Conclave will conclude on Sunday, April 16, 2023, with the Divine/Memorial Service at 9:00 am, followed by the Installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Commandery officers.

COMMITTEES:

The Chairman of each Committee shall notify the Grand Officers of all meetings of their Committee as soon as they are scheduled, at least two weeks in advance. If possible, it is requested that any such meetings be held on a Saturday or Sunday, to facilitate the attendance of the Grand Officers at the Committee's meeting. Committees will submit their preliminary reports in writing to the Grand Recorder by March 1, 2023.

The mailing address, telephone numbers and email address of the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder can be found in Bulletin No. 1.

This General Order is to be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

In His and your service,

Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander

Attest:

Jerry N. Kirby
Grand Recorder

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas

Office of the Grand Commander

Livingston, TX

April 10, 2022

GENERAL ORDER NO.2, SERIES 2022-2023

Subject: Membership Retention and Restoration Committee, Liaison Committee, Member Citation Cord Award Program and Grand Officer Availability.

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

Sir Knights, Greetings:

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

If the Commander has not done so already, he should immediately appoint a Membership Retention and Restoration Committee, consisting of at least 3 to 5 Sir Knights.

1. This Committee should work with the Recorder to identify every Sir Knight in danger of being suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. The Committee should contact these members to keep them from going suspended. The Committee should find ways, if possible, to pay or remit the dues of those Sir Knights who are unable to pay their dues for financial or health reasons.
2. This Committee should also work with the Recorder to identify every Sir Knight who has been suspended for any reason during the last ten years. The Committee should contact these Sir Knights and see if they would like to become members in good standing of the Commandery again. Encourage them to participate and be active members if possible.

The Committee should report their findings to the Commandery on a regular basis.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Commandery should appoint, as soon as possible, a Liaison Committee consisting of one Sir Knight from every Masonic Lodge to which the members of the Commandery belong. The Committee Members should:

1. Keep the lodge they represent informed of all activities of the Commandery.
2. Keep their lodges supplied with information on the York Rite.
3. Contact the Worshipful Master of the lodge they represent, and offer to do programs on the York Rite, Flag Presentations for installations and special open meetings, and to assist when needed in the conferral of the Blue Lodge degree work.

The Committee should report their actions to the Commandery on a regular basis.

MEMBER CITATION CORD AWARD PROGRAM

Commanderies are encouraged to participate in the Member Citation Cord program found in Art. 346 (B) of the Statues and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Texas. When a Sir Knight has qualified for a Cord Award, he should have his Recorder fill out the following form and send it to the Grand Recorder and the Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Grand Commandery. Contact information for both Sir Knights can be found in Bulletin No. 1.

AVAILABILITY OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Your Grand Commandery officers are available to confer the Order of the Temple when requested. Please contact the Grand Commander if you desire to have the Grand Officers confer the Order of the Temple in your Commandery.

This General Order shall be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

In His and your service,
Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander

Attest:
Jerry N. Kirby, PGC, KCT
Grand Recorder

MEMBERSHIP CITATION AWARD APPLICATION

TO: Membership Committee Chairman and Grand Recorder

Sir Knight Qualifying to receive the Citation Award: _____

Award Requested (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd) _____

I attest that the following Sir Knights were enrolled in _____ Commandery No. _____

| Name of Sir Knight | Knighted Date | Suspended Date | Reinstated Date |
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*I certify that, as of this date, the Sir Knights listed above are members in good standing of this Commandery.

Recorders Signature

Date

Recorders Printed Name

Those being restored to membership must have been off the active rolls for a period of one year or more to qualify in the count.

* All Sir Knights listed must currently be in good standing in the Commandery, or if deceased must have been in good standing at the time of death.

Mail to Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Membership Committee, retain a copy for your records.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas

Office of the Grand Commander

Livingston, TX

April 10, 2022

General Order No. 3, Series 2022-2023

Subject: Grand Commander's Ritual of Excellence Award

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas

Greetings, Sir Knights:

Purpose:

To promote full form ritual work in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. Each Commandery as an individual team or a District as a combined team will be eligible to receive the award or either or both Orders. Awards will be presented at the Banquet during the 170th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas.

Award:

Individual Commandery Team: "Grand Commander's Ritual Excellence – Commandery" for "The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" or "The Order of Malta", or both.

District Combined Team: "Grand Commander's Ritual Excellence - District" for "The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" or "The Order of Malta", or both.

Requirements to Qualify:

The Judge, using their own standards, will determine if the conferral is sufficient to qualify for the award. The form(s) (included here) must be filled out and signed by the Judge and then filed with the Grand Commander.

The Order must be conferred on a live candidate and must be performed in full form (costumes are not required). No ritual books or other forms of written ritual are allowed to be used, except by the Judge, who cannot be a member of the ritual team. The form, included with this General Order, must be received in the Grand Commander's office no later than March 1, 2023, to be awarded at the Banquet. It can be sent to the Grand Commander by mail or electronically. If both Orders are being awarded include a form for each Order. Conferral of the Order can be at a Festival.

Individual Commandery Team: **All** members of the ritual team must be members of the same Commandery.

District Combined Team: **All** members of the ritual team must be members of a Commandery within the same District.

Judges:

All Grand Commandery of Texas Officers and all members of the Templar Instruction Committee can serve as the Judge for your conferral. You must request one of the above individuals attend your conferral of the Order and that Judge is responsible for signing off on the quality of the Order. The Judge is the sole arbiter in determining if the Order qualifies for an award. Contact information can be found in Bulletin No 1.

In His and your service,

Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander

Attest:

Jerry N. Kirby
Grand Recorder

Grand Commander's Ritual Excellence Award

Commandery Name or District Number: _____

Order Conferred (Red Cross or Malta): _____

Date of Conferral: _____

Location of Conferral: _____

Team Captain: _____

Judge: _____

Signature of Team Captain:

Date

Signature of Judge

Date

Please file electronically or by mail to the Grand Commander

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas

Office of the Grand Commander

Livingston, TX

April 10, 2022

General Order No. 4, Series 2022-2023

Subject: Grand Commandery Ritual Certificate Program

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas

Greetings, Sir Knights:

Purpose:

To recognize those Sir Knights dedicating themselves to the preservation of our Ritual and qualify them as instructors. To improve the quality of our ritual work, increase interest in the ritual, provide an incentive to learn, encourage Sir Knights to learn the Malta and Red Cross ritual and to have some fun while we learn. Every Sir Knight under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas is eligible to earn and hold an Instructor Certificate. There are seven Instructor Certificates available.

1. Instructor of the Asylum
2. Instructor of the Order of the Temple
3. Instructor of the Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
4. Instructor of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
5. Instructor of the Priory of Malta
6. Instructor of the Order of Malta
7. Master Instructor of the Commandery

Qualifications:

Instructor of the Asylum - All parts in the full traditional form of the opening and closing ceremony of a Commandery of Knights Templar.

Instructor of the Order of the Temple – All parts of the Order of the Temple.

Instructor of the Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross – All parts in the opening and closing ceremony for a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Instructor of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross – All parts in the Order of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Instructor of the Priory of Malta – All parts in the opening and closing ceremony for a Priory of Malta.

Instructor of the Order of Malta – All parts in the Order of Malta.

Master Instructor of the Commandery – Earn all six of the above certificates. You are not required to earn all six in one year.

Certificates can be earned one at a time or in multiples. Certificates can be earned in any order. It is not required to earn all Certificates; each is a stand-alone Certificate and qualifies the Sir Knight to be an Instructor for that Certificate ritual.

Examinations:

Examinations should be held at least once a year in each District by the District Templar Instruction Committeeman or by a Grand Officer. Sir Knights desiring to sit for an examination may request one from any member of the Templar Instruction Committee or a Grand Commandery Officer. The time and place of the Examination will be set by the Examiner. A Sir Knight can sit for an examination wherever they are held.

The examination will follow a round-robin format as is done in the Grand Lodge of Texas Certificate program. The Examiner is the sole decision maker on the performance of a Sir Knight being examined and his decision on whether to issue a certificate cannot be appealed.

All certificates are Lifetime Certificates.

All certificates earned during the 2022-2023 Templar year will be awarded at the Banquet during the 170th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas. To receive the certificate at the Banquet the form below must be received by the Grand Commander no later than March 1, 2023.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, S.K. Chance Chapman, and E. Grand Standard Bearer, S.K. Ricky Cox, for their much-needed assistance and advice in the creation of this pilot Certificate program for the Grand Commandery. We realize this program is difficult to earn, but we hope that over several years the Sir Knights currently instructing their Commanderies will earn multiple Instructor Certificates.

In His and your service,

Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander
Attest:

Jerry N. Kirby
Grand Recorder

Commandery Instructor Certificate Program

Name of Sir Knight: _____

Certificate Earned: _____

Date of Examination: _____

Location of Exam: _____

Examiner: _____

Examiner's Title: _____

Signature of Examiner

Date

Please file electronically or by mail with the Grand Commander

TMRC – Texas Masonic Retirement Community News

Time to donate to the “No Mason Left Behind” program.

Many generous donations, including at least 7 OES Chapters and a huge donation from Arlington SOOB Assembly #189

Attached is the \$5000, \$1000 and \$500 contributors

Full website is: <https://yourmrc.org/donate/honor-roll-current-year/>

Regency Contributors 2022

\$5,000 or More

Donations Received September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

Gene Brookshire Family Ltd Partnership
Grady & Doris Evans Endowment Foundation
Lee & Maxine Grote Family Fund

Legacy Contributors 2022

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Donations Received September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

Thurman Allred
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