

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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

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Degrees and Events Schedule

July 13 – Worth Commandery Order of the Temple at Ft Worth Temple – 6 pm

July 16 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC) R.: I.: **Corey Harris**, Guest Speaker 1:30 pm

July 20 – TMRC Pecan Grove Mark Master's Degree – 7:30 pm (practice at 6:30 pm)

July 23 – Waco Festival – Registration at 8 am – degrees 9 am

July 30 – Quarterly School of Instruction at Lone Star Lodge in Austin, 8:30 am

August 1 – Arlington Chapter Royal Arch Degree – Eat at 6 pm – Degree at 6:45 pm

August 6 – Waco Conference and SEM Degree, 9 am registration, 10 am conference

August 17 – TMRC Pecan Grove Council Royal Master's Degree, 7 pm

August 20 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC) R.: W.: **G. Clay Smith**, Guest Speaker 1:30 pm

August 27 – Corpus Christi York Rite Festival

August 30 – Tarrant County York Rite Association & Trinity York Rite College Meeting – 6:45 pm

September 10 – McKinney Chapter/Council York Rite Festival – Breakfast 7 am – Degrees 8 am

September 17 – McKinney Commandery Orders – Breakfast 7 am – Degrees 8 am

September 21 – TMRC Pecan Grove Council Select Master's Degree, 7 pm

September 24 – The TMRC and Trinity York Rite College #154 Honoring Worshipful Masters at 6:00 pm

October 7 – Pre - Family Day Fellowship and BBQ cooking at the Pecan Grove

October 8 – Family Day at the Pecan Grove at the Beautiful Texas Masonic Retirement Community

October 13-15 – Annual School of Instruction in Waco

October 28-29 – Fort Worth Annual Festival

Chapter/Council **Installation** – please check with those chapters/councils for dates not listed in the calendar

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – July and August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 3	July 4 	July 5 Southside and Texas Chapter and Council Installation for Southside	July 6 Tarrant York Rite eat 6pm Installation Weatherford Commandery eat 6:30 pm	July 7 Southside and Worth Commanderies	July 8 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm Installation	July 9 Ridglea Installation Eat noon 1pm Arlington 438 Installation by Zach Haston
July 10	July 11 York Rite Riverside 7 PM Arlington Installation Aaron T. Installs 6:45pm Meal 6pm Hillsboro 7 pm	July 12 Temple Chapter/ Council Installation 6:30 pm	July 13 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm Worth Commandery Order of the Temple 6 pm	July 14	July 15	July 16 Sweet Home Lodge Stated Meeting. 1:30 Corey Harris Speaker
July 17	July 18 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	July 19 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	July 20 Ridglea Eat 6:30 Meet 7:30 TMRC Mark Master Degree	July 21	July 22	July 23 Waco Festival 8 am register 9 am degrees
July 24	July 25 Stephenville Stated Meeting eat 6pm mtg 7pm	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30 Robert Elgin Installation in Houston Quarterly School in Austin 8:30
July 31	August 1 Royal Arch Degree at Arlington Lodge Eat at 6:00 pm	Aug 2 Southside and Texas Chapter and Council	Aug 3 Tarrant York Rite eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery eat 6:30 pm	Aug 4 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Aug 5	Aug 6 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am Waco conference 9am register
Aug 7	Aug 8 York Rite Riverside 7 PM Arlington 6:45pm Meal 6pm Hillsboro 7 pm	Aug 9	Aug 10 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm	Aug 11	Aug 12 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm	Aug 13
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Aug 28		Aug 30 TCYRA and Trinity York Rite College – 6:45 pm	Aug 31	Sep 1 Southside and Worth Commanderies		



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS



Knight Templar State News July 2022



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Greetings Sir Knights, Happy birthday, Uncle Sam! Independence Day, the day our founders stated to the world that a new nation was born. A nation founded upon the principles that our lives are our own, not that of the realm; that our freedoms and liberties are founded upon the idea that each person is created by God and is given by Him the rights to live a free and happy life and that governments are only created to mediate the differences arriving from each person's pursuit of their better future. As with any institution created and run by man, we have made mistakes, taken the wrong path at times, but the basic idea of freedom for all and responsibility for yourself continues to improve and be the shining example to the world. We are the fortunate few to be born in this great country and in this time. Today our people enjoy more freedoms than any other, we set our own destiny, chose our own path, and enjoy the fruits of our own labors. I am so grateful to have been blessed with this gift. Let us not stray from the original purposes of this country, let us continue to improve and grow and let us never cease to do our part to create a more perfect union. God bless all those that came before and contributed to the birth, defense, and growth of this great nation. God Bless the United States of America.

Thanks to a minor visit from the Covid adversary, I have had to take some time off from my travels. This has, however, afforded me more time to reflect on all my blessings as I have prepared this month's message. All is well and I will soon be back to full strength and out visiting you again. My apologies to those I had to cancel, we will do our very best to get you back on the schedule.

In June things continued to go extremely well for your Grand Commandery. Knightings continue to take place across this state. The District Conclaves and Schools of Instruction have begun and are being well received. Your elected Grand Officers are doing an excellent job teaching the work, informing the Sir Knights, and building momentum and fellowship. Thank you, Eminent Sirs, for your work and for being the men you are.

I was pleased this month to visit many of you. I saw one Sir Knight stand up and express his gratitude to the Commandery for their support over the last two years. His sincerity for what his fellow Sir Knights did for him chokes me up just to think about it. I saw new Sir Knights so excited to be a part of this great Fraternity they could barely express themselves with words but the look in their eyes and crack in their voices said it all. I saw Sir Knights enjoying the fellowship they get from this Christian branch of Freemasonry. I had the honor to speak at several Commanderies and their reception of me and my staff humbled us and inspired us to do more, to work harder to ensure the success of Templar Masonry. Seeing and being a part of these things has given me new determination to continue to encourage all our members 1) to get out to other parts of the state when possible and see the great men that make up Texas Templar Masonry 2) to be grateful for having the opportunity to be a part of Templar Masonry that so few are privileged to join and 3) to continue to do what you do best, support your fellow Knights and Masons and give of yourself for the benefit of others.

The Knight Templar is the heart and soul of Freemasonry. We, the Knights Templar, are the select few. As the select, we dedicate ourselves to the service of others. It is our duty, our sacred oath. We protect those we can and aid all those in need of our assistance. We are the shining example of a Christian Warrior, defending the faith, helping the poor, protecting the innocent, and inspiring all others to attain a higher place. We are more than the capstone that tops the pyramid of masonry, we are the foundation stone. The rock upon which all else is built. We support the craft, and we are the crown jewel of the craft. Be proud of your position in masonry but remain a humble servant. It is hard to become a Knight Templar, but once achieved the rewards come in seeing others achieve their own goals. Work in, assist, aid and support the Blue Lodges, the Chapters and Councils, it is from their ranks that ours are filled.

Live a life of hope and gratitude. Each night before going to bed write down three things you are grateful for. They may be things that happened that day. Be sure to write them down. This will help cement them within your heart, help you lead a more grateful life. When you arise the next day, write down three things you are hopeful for. They can be anything you think of. Mine this morning: I hope today I test negative for covid, I hope today my wife continues to test negative, and I hope today I get all my work done. Yesterday I was grateful for getting covid after the creation of medications to treat it, grateful for having food to eat, grateful for friends that check on me. During the day, whisper or express to yourself hope and gratitude for others. Perhaps you see someone driving too fast, you may be hopeful they do not hurt themselves or others. You may see someone studying, be hopeful that they pass whatever it is they are studying for. I can tell you, when I visited the Rainbow Girls State Assembly meeting a few days ago, I was grateful to attend, I was grateful to see the joy in others and I was hopeful each young lady there would achieve her personal goals.

God bless each of you and God bless the Grand Commandery of Texas

Richard J. Jernigan, Grand Commander 2022-2023

York Rite Annual School of Instruction – Waco Texas Thu Oct 13 – Sat Oct 15



Hosted by the Grand Chapter / Grand Council Committee on Work

Team Competition is in the Mark Master's Degree on Saturday afternoon October 15th

Degree parts are:

Right Worshipful Master
Worshipful Senior Warden
Worshipful Junior Warden
Senior Deacon
Marshal

TMRC – Texas Masonic Retirement Community News



Family Day!
Saturday
Oct. 8, 2022
10 am – 4 pm
FREE Admission!

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Biggest Masonic Event in Texas!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022 AT 10 AM – 4 PM

Family Day
1501 W Division St, Arlington, TX 76012-3818, United States

Details

- Event by Texas Masonic Retirement Community
- 1501 W Division St, Arlington, TX 76012-3818, United States
- Duration: 6 hr
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Family Fun & Festivities!

Biggest Masonic event in Texas! Thousands attend!

FREE Admission

Meet M:W: Grand Master - Grand Lodge of TX

Texas Masonic BBQ Cookoff

Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Masonic Fundraising Booths

Unique Arts & Crafts -100's of Vendors

Children's Games - Pony Rides - Jump Houses - Video Games

Hot Dogs - BBQ - Ice Cream - Kettle Corn - Snow Cones

Open House - Texas Masonic Retirement Community

More info and entry forms at <https://yourtmrc.org/family-day/>

Contact us at 817-275-2893 with questions

Book Vendor Space NOW – Family Day 2022

Lodge fundraising opportunity! Don't miss it! Texas Masonic Family Day 2022 attracts thousands of Masons, their families, and friends from all over the state! Claim your free booth and raise funds by selling items or food to these loyal buyers. Book your booth NOW! Family Day 2022 takes place on Saturday, October 8, from 10 am to 4 pm, at Texas Masonic Retirement Community in Arlington. Reserve your booth at <https://yourtmrc.org/family-day/>



2022 MCKINNEY YORK RITE FESTIVAL



Conferral of the Chapter and Council Degrees

Saturday, September 10th

The degrees of the Chapter and Council equip the Mason with a completed Temple, the discovery and preservation of the Word, and an explanation of the symbolism to which he has been introduced in the fundamental degrees.

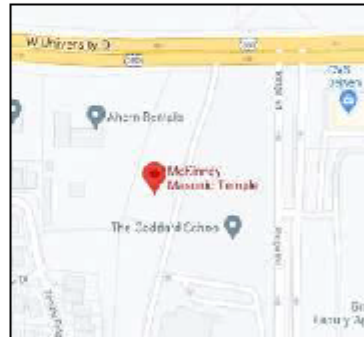
Conferral of the Commandery Orders

Saturday, September 17th

After receiving the degrees of the Chapter and Council, a Mason of the Christian faith will want to adorn his Masonic edifice with the principles of the Christian religion by receiving the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. each day, and the Degrees/Orders will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. at the
McKinney Masonic Temple
1811 Ridge Road
McKinney, TX 75071

Petitions are available at
McKinneyYorkRite.com/join



Degree Fees

(For Candidates Joining the McKinney York Rite Bodies*)

Haggai Chapter No. 53: \$100
Haggai Council No. 38: \$60
McKinney Commandery No. 34: \$125

Annual Dues

(For Candidates Joining the McKinney York Rite Bodies*)

Haggai Chapter No. 53: \$43 per year
Haggai Council No. 38: \$43 per year
McKinney Commandery No. 34: \$50 per year

*Courtesy Candidates should contact the Secretary/Recorder of their Chapter/Council/Commandery for fees and dues information.

Courtesy candidates are welcome!
Contact McKinneyYorkRite@gmail.com for additional details.

www.McKinneyYorkRite.com

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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