

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

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

October 8 – Family Day at the Pecan Grove at the Beautiful TRMC – Page 8

October 13-15 – Annual School of Instruction in Waco

October 14 – Tranquility Lodge Dinner - Los Vaqueros Restaurant, 2629 North Main St – 7 pm

October 15 – Team competition in the Mark Master's degree and Lecture in Waco

October 15 – Tranquility Lodge Meeting at Fort Worth Temple – 10 am – Rhit Moore – Page 7

October 15 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC), **R. W. Jerry Kirby**, speaker

R. W. Mike White, Official Visit – Music at 1 pm

October 19 – Arlington Council Degrees – Eat at 6 pm, Degrees at 6:45 pm

October 22 – Del Rio York Rite Festival – Breakfast at 8 am

October 22 – Worth Commandery Inspection – 8 am + Southside Commandery Inspection – 2 pm

October 26 – Joint 14th/64th MWSA Meeting at TMRC – Eat at 6:30, Meet the candidates 7:30 pm

October 29 – East Texas Outdoor Festival – George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation - Breakfast at 7 am

November 5 – Inspections at Weatherford for both Weatherford and Stephenville – 8 am and 2 pm

November 5 – “York Rite Fundamentals” education workshop by Neal Addy – Garland Lodge – 9 am

November 19 – Arlington Commandery Inspection – 8 am + Denton Commandery Inspection – 2 pm

November 19 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC), **R. I. Aaron Tyksinski**, speaker – Music at 1 pm

December 3 – Denton Commandery Inspection – 9 am

December 8-10 – Grand Convocation and Grand Assembly, Waco

The Tarrant County York Rite Association wishes to support the special outdoor degree for East Texas on October 29. Therefore

The “Tarrant Annual York Rite Festival” at Fort Worth Temple is moved to March 24-25 in 2023.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – September and October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4 Southside And Texas York Rite	Oct 5 Tarrant Chapter Eat 6 pm Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 pm	Oct 6 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Oct 7 - Oct 8 Family Day Festivities At TMRC	
Oct 9	Oct 10 Hillsboro Chapter/Council Meets quarterly 7 pm Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Oct 11	Oct 12 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm MSB at Estelle Eat at 6 pm	Oct 13	Oct 14 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm	Oct 15 Sweet Home Lodge Stated Meeting. 1:30 Jerry Kirby
Oct 16	Oct 17 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Oct 18 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Oct 19 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 pm	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22 Del Rio Festival 8am Inspections Worth at 8am Southside 2pm
Oct 23	Oct 24 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm	Oct 25	Oct 26 MWSA 14-64 joint meeting at TMRC 6:30	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29 East Texas Outdoor Festival 7 am
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1 Southside And Texas York Rite	Nov 2 Tarrant Chapter Eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 pm	Nov 3 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Friday - Nov 5 Garland Lodge Workshop at 9 am Friday By Neal Addy 125 E State St, Garland	Nov 5 TMRC Pecan Grove at 9 am Inspections Weatherford Stephenville 8 am & 2 pm
Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm	Nov 10	Nov 11 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm	Nov 12
Nov 13	Nov 14 Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Nov 15 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Nov 16 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 pm	Nov 17	Nov 18 First Responders Dinner at Arlington Lodge 10 am to 4 pm	Nov 19 Sweet Home Lodge Stated Meeting. 1:30 Tyksinski Inspections Arlington & Denton 8 am & 2 pm
Nov 20	Nov 21 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26
Nov 27	Nov 28 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm MWSA meeting at FTW Temple Eat at 6 pm	Nov 29 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc And York Rite College 6:45 pm FTW Temple	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3 RBB AMD Council 270 TMRC 8 am Inspection Cleburne 9 am

Tarrant York Rite Festival Degree rescheduled for March 24-25, 2023

From Neal Addy

Attention North Texas York Rite Companions!

Please note that the Tarrant County York Rite Festival has been rescheduled to March 24th - 25th, 2023.

This year has seen an unprecedented number of great festivals and degree work in the North Texas area thanks to the diligent efforts of our constituent Chapters and Councils. We should be proud of the work that has been done in bringing more light to so many new Companions. Consequently, at the August meeting of the Tarrant County York Rite Association it was unanimously decided to reschedule the October 28-29th Tarrant County Festival due to the relative low number of anticipated candidates. This move also allows area Companions to support the East Texas Outdoor Festival scheduled on October 29th at the George Pirtle Scout Reservation near Gary City, Texas.

Note that all Chapter, Council, and Commandery degree/order teams for the March Festival will be carried over as-is from the original October schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Kurt Joye or Gabriel Jagush.

Friday night March 24

7:00 pm – Mark Master’s Degree – Texas

8:40 pm – Past Master’s Degree – Goodnight-Loving

9:15 pm – Most Excellent Master’s Degree – Southside

Saturday March 25

8:00 am – Royal Arch Degree – Arlington

10:50 am – Royal Master’s Degree – Ridglea

11:15 am – Select Master’s Degree – Tarrant

1:00 pm – Illustrious Order of the Red Cross – Arlington

2:30 pm – Order of Malta and the Mediterranean Pass – Worth

4:00 pm – Order of the Temple (Knights Templar) – Southside

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

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS

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Greetings Sir Knights,

When your memories exceed your dreams, the end is near. When an organization is more about the accomplishments of the past than its vision for the future, that organization is near its end.

We should not strive to be experts on what we've accomplished over the past 100 years, we should be experts on what we are doing today, where we are going tomorrow. We cannot rest on our laurels if we hope to remain relevant. We cannot pine for past accomplishments and do nothing to secure the future. Certainly, we are proud of our great heritage as it reminds us of our great responsibility to future generations. But to only long for the glorious past of this fraternity and do nothing for the future is to cheat that future out of the benefits we enjoy today.

During uncertain or difficult times, we should always remember a very simple but often overlooked certainty, clarity overcomes chaos. Clarity of mission, clarity of purpose is the surest way to steer yourself through difficult days. Falling back upon the clear-cut mission of your group helps guide you through muddy waters.

Every organization has at its core a mission or a reason for being here. During uncertain times we need to rely upon the core principles and values of this fraternity, bringing them to the forefront of our lives. There was a time when all we had, all our organization had, was an idea, to make good men better. There was nothing else. We had no lodges, no system of government, no rituals, no plans, no projects, nothing, just the vision of what needed to be accomplished. Over time we developed functions, we developed practices and programs designed to achieve that goal, to fulfill the mission of making good men better. We must not confuse the plan with the mission. Plans change, the mission stays the same. Plans are simply the way to go about accomplishing the mission. If a plan fails this does not mean we have a bad vision. It only means we had a bad plan. Learn from it and try again as you strive for success. Fall in love with your mission, only be infatuated with your plans. You don't die on the hill of your plans; you die on the mountain of your vision.

We should examine everything we do in this Fraternity and see if it is contributing to the accomplishment of our mission. If something isn't doing so, we need to stop doing it. Change the plan to accomplish the mission. It's hard to do. Change is not easy. Think about the one person in life you are closest too. For most of us that will be our spouse or significant other. How successful have you been when you try to change her? Not easy. The easiest person to change is ourselves. We don't have to convince anyone. All we need is the discipline to make the change.

We often fall into the trap of doing things the same way, of not wanting to rock the boat. I say rock that boat. So many of us, myself included, like to sit on the sides and say we ought to do something, we ought to have more fun, we ought to make our meetings more interesting, and then we go home, and we do nothing. That accomplishes nothing. Don't just say it, make it happen. Make some changes, make things uncomfortable by trying something new. Change always comes with

frictions. Some members will be for change, some against. Change makes us uncomfortable as Masons. But the only way anything moves in our world is a result of friction between two objects. Friction leads to improvement. If the change works, great, if not, try something else. If you believe you are stuck in always doing something the same way, try this. Write down 10 reasons why what you are doing is the wrong way. This will help in bringing about the needed change. If your lodge, chapter, council, commandery needs improvement, let me ask this. What are you doing differently this year than you did last year? What have you changed to make things better? If they worked, share them, tell your story to others. If they did not, still share the story so others can learn from you. Maybe they can make a slight change to your change and be successful. Changes do not have to be big to make a big difference. Sometimes the solution is so simple we miss it. Let me give you an example.

While attending the Bell Leadership Institute in North Carolina I struggled one day while listening to the professor and trying to take notes. He (Dr. Gerald Bell) apparently saw this and came over on a break to ask what was bothering me. I told him I don't think I take very good notes. He sat down and asked a simple question; "why don't you think you take good notes". I told him I thought I wrote down too many words and couldn't keep up. He thought for a second and then said, "stop writing so many words." He then got up and left. Simple, stop doing the thing that isn't working and start doing the thing that does. Genius!

Plans change, vision remains the same. My vision was to pass the course and learn about leadership. My plan was to take good notes so I could accomplish the mission. My plan wasn't working, so I changed my plan and accomplished my vision.

If what your lodge is doing is not helping accomplish the mission, stop doing it. Do something else. Remember this if nothing else, no decision is sacred. Decisions can be changed. Try new things. Don't let your memories of how we have always done things or of past accomplishments exceed your dreams for making this organization better.

You had a mission or vision when you joined Masonry. Examine what you are doing in Masonry. Are you still on the road you set out upon in trying to make yourself a better man? If not, what can you change to return to those principles you sought to improve in yourself? What things are you doing that only distract from the mission? Ask, what would happen if you stopped doing those things and started doing something else? What would you lose? What would you gain if you changed one thing in your masonic life that helped you move back on track to achieving your goal?

Every change is going to have consequences. Every change, even a good one, comes with some loss. You should understand what that loss will be before making the change. You should also understand what you will gain by making the change.

When times are chaotic, those principles, those morals, those core values you find in the teachings of our fraternity are an excellent place to return to. They are simple, they are straightforward, and they can guide you through the worst this world can throw at you. All you need is the courage and the discipline to live those values, to practice each day the lessons you've learned on your journey. Think about this lesson that I call the four D's; Discipline, not Desire Determines your Destiny. You may Desire to be a good man and true, but if you do not have the Discipline to put into your everyday life the guideposts of this moral fraternity then it will remain just that; a Desire that will never become your Destiny.

I am very excited about our future. Every day we should awaken and be joyous for the new day. Because tomorrow our fraternity is better. Every day, somewhere in the world a good man decides to petition our Fraternity. Somewhere in the world tomorrow a good man will take upon himself the obligation of a Master Mason and all of us will be made better for having that good man join our ranks.

This is indeed a glorious time to be a Mason. To be a York Rite Mason, to be a Knight Templar. Each day the truth of our great lessons is made stronger through the actions of good men just like you.
Improve the Man; Improve the World.

God bless each of you and God bless the Grand Commandery of Texas
Richard R. Jernigan, Grand Commander 2022-2023

From Past Grand Master **R.: W.: Ken Curry**

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 will hold its next meeting at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple on October 15, 2022, beginning at 10 am. Fort Worth Lodge No. 148 is the host lodge.

All Master Masons are invited to attend. Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 is composed of Masons from across the State of Texas and the United States. Lodge Members and applicants for membership must be a member of a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

In addition to the normal business of the Lodge, Brother **Rhit Moore**, Past Master of Fort Worth Lodge No. 148, and past Grand Orator for the Grand Lodge of Texas, will speak on the history of the Fort Worth Masonic Temple.

A luncheon meal for donation prepared by members of Fort Worth Lodge No. 148 will follow the close of the Lodge.

On the Friday night before the stated meeting (October 14, 2022), all are invited to dine with us at Los Vaqueros Restaurant, 2629 North Main Street Fort Worth, TX. We will meet at the restaurant at 7 pm. This a Dutch treat meal and the dress is casual.

Tranquility Lodge's authority is unique. Its "... see is in the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon of the Planet Earth, now setting in Waco, Texas." Tranquility Lodge 2000 shall operate under Grand Lodge law "... until such time as it can relocate to its rightful place in or near the Sea of Tranquility, on the Moon of the planet Earth..."






Hopefully, our future Brothers will one day chronicle the work of a Texas Masonic Lodge in the Sea of Tranquility. The purpose of Tranquility Lodge 2000 is the "promoting, encouraging, conducting, and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education, and patriotism of children ..." Tranquility Lodge 2000 supports three programs promoting the scholarship of students studying the sciences.

You're Invited!

Family Day!

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

Most Worshipful Brad Billings, Grand Master
 Most Excellent Skip Smith, Grand high Priest
 Most Illustrious Bob Brunk, Cryptic Grand Master
 Sir Knight Ric Jernigan, Grand Commander
 Sister Phyllis Macon, Worthy Grand Matron,
 Brother James Parker, Worthy Grand Patron
 Honorable Floyd E. Hall, President TMRC Board
 Honorable Gary Blair, Superintendent TMRC

<p>10:00 am</p>	<p>Flag Presentation by Right Eminent Ric Jernigan, and Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Texas</p> <p>Introduction of Dignitaries</p>
<p>10:00 am – 4:00 pm (All day)</p>	<p>Musical Programs to include Lesa Smith – National Anthem at 10 am Bob Putnam and “Just Jazz”, “Steve Funchess Brothers Band”, Michael Anderson, Michael Barrato, Loyd D. Ritchey, Michael Cote Band w/ Jr., and more ...</p> 
<p>2:00 pm</p>	<p>BBQ Awards and All Vendor Awards Please attend at the Main Stage at 2:00 pm</p>  <p>Annual Masonic BBQ Cook-Off Sponsored By Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas at Texas Masonic Family Day</p> 
<p>3:00 pm</p>	<p>Car Show Awards Please attend at the Main Stage at 3:00 pm</p> 
<p>3:45 pm</p>	<p>All Raffles Please attend at the Main Stage at 3:45 pm</p> 

James Kirkpatrick, Editor
 May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.