

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

November 2 – Tarrant Chapter Mark Master’s Degree – Eat at 6 pm

November 5 – Inspection at Weatherford for Weatherford at 8 am

November 5 – Inspection at Weatherford for Stephenville at 2 pm

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

November 15 – Arlington Commandery Order of Malta – Eat 6 pm

November 16 – Arlington Commandery Order of the Temple – Eat 6 pm

November 19 – Arlington Commandery Inspection – 8 am

November 19 – Denton Commandery Inspection – 2 pm

November 19 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC), R. I. Aaron Tyksinski, speaker – 1:30 pm and EA Degree

November 28 – Grand Master visit to Stephenville Council – Eat 6 pm

November 29 – Tarrant County York Rite Association and York Rite College Meeting – 6:45 pm

December 3 – Grand Master visit to Cleburne Council

December 3 – Cleburne Commandery Inspection – 9 am

December 5 – Arlington Commandery Order of the Temple – Eat 6 pm

December 5 – Grand Master visit to Midlothian Council – Eat 6 pm

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

December 10 – Annual Breakfast at George’s Restaurant at 6 am

December 17 – Sweet Home Lodge (TMRC), R. E. Rick Jernigan, Christmas Program – 1:30 pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – November and December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1 Southside And Texas York Rite	Nov 2 Tarrant Mark Degree Eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 pm	Nov 3 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Fri - Nov 4 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 Arlington Order of Malta Eat at 6 pm	Nov 16 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 pm Arlington Order of the Temple Eat at 6 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
Dec 4	Dec 5 Midlothian Grand Master Brunk visit Eat 6 pm Arlington Order of the Temple Eat at 6 pm	Dec 6 Southside And Texas York Rite	Dec 7 Tarrant PM/MEM Eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 pm	Dec 8 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Fri Dec 9 – Sat Dec 10 Grand Chapter / Council Annual Convocation/Assembly In Waco	
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TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154 REGULAR MEETING
TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING

NOV 29, 2022, AT 6:45 PM
ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!
FORT WORTH TEMPLE
1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH TEXAS



Kurt Joye
1st VP, TCYRA



Gabriel Jagush
Pre-Eminent Governor

Discussions on Grand Chapter / Grand Council
Conferring the York Rite College Degree



GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2022

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD IN THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE, 715 COLUMBUS, WACO, TX, IN THE LOWER AUDITORIUM UNLESS SPECIFIED.

Thursday, Dec. 8

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Registration Open
8:30 AM	Meeting of the Sovereign York Rite Colleges of TX
10:00 AM	Texas York Rite College #14 Meeting
11:00 AM	Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH Meeting
2:00 PM	Grand Chapter/Grand Council Memorial Service
3:00 PM	Committee Meetings
3:30 PM	Quarterly Assembly of Robert Morriss Elgin Council No. 415, R&SM
6:30 PM	Grand Chapter/Grand Council Banquet at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Temple, 2801 W. Waco Dr.

Friday, Dec. 9

7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00 AM	Opening of Grand Chapter Convocation in Main Auditorium with Joint Reception of ALL Out-of-State and In-State Dignitaries
11:30 AM	Past Grand High Priests & Past Grand Masters Luncheon
12:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon and Painting with a Twist, York Rite Building, 724 Washington
1:00 PM	Opening of Grand Council Assembly in Main Auditorium
Approximately 4:30 PM	Order of the High Priesthood (Degree open to all present or Past High Priests) \$35.00 fee to OHP
Approximately 6:00 PM	Order of the Silver Trowel (Degree open to all present or Past TIMs) \$35.00 fee payable to OST

Sat., Dec. 10

7:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Registration Open
6:00 AM	TCYRA Breakfast, George's Restaurant, 1925 Speight Ave., proceeds benefitting the TMRC
8:00 AM	Second Session Grand Chapter Convocation including Elections & Installation Ceremonies
1:00 PM	Second Session Grand Council Assembly including Elections & Installation Ceremonies

October 4, 2022

Dear Companion:

We hope that you are making plans to attend the Annual Grand Sessions this year and **Most Excellent Grand High Priest F.E. Skip Smith, Jr.** and **Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert C. Brunk** would like to remind you of the upcoming important dates:

1. **The Grand Chapter Convocation and the Grand Council Assembly will be held Friday and Saturday December 9th and 10th, 2022.**

All meetings will take place in the Lower Auditorium, Masonic Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, 715 Columbus, Ave., Waco, TX, unless otherwise designated.

2. A meeting of the **York Rite Colleges of Texas** will be held on Thursday morning, December 8th at 8:30 A.M. by the Grand Governor, Brian R. Dodson. The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council will bring messages for the coming year.
3. **Texas York Rite College #14** will meet on Thursday, December 8th at 10:00 A.M.
4. **Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.C.H.**, Conferral, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, December 8th, at 11:00 A.M.
5. **Memorial Services** will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 8th, at 2:00 P.M.
6. An Assembly of Robert Morriss Elgin Council No. 415, R&SM will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 8th, at 3:30 P.M.

7. The **Annual Banquet** will be held Thursday evening, December 8th, at 6:30 P.M., at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive. **Banquet tickets price is \$40.00.** A form is enclosed for you to reserve these tickets and you are requested to please do so by **November 22nd.** You may pick up the tickets and pay for them in the Grand Secretary's office upon your arrival. However, if you don't expect to arrive before Thursday, December 8th, it is suggested that you please note the same on the form, enclose your remittance, and we will mail the tickets to you. Please make your checks payable to the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas". **There will be no un-reserved tickets sold on Thursday, December 8th.**
8. The **Ladies Luncheon** will be Friday, December 9th at 12:00 P.M. at the Waco York Rite Temple, 724 Washington Ave. Tickets are \$20.00
9. **Ladies Event** will be Friday, December 9th at 1:30 P.M. Painting with a Twist, 724 Washington Ave. Registration is online only using the following link: <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/manageevent/code/006A9A1C09279>
10. The **Order of the Silver Trowel** and **Order of High Priesthood** will be conferred on Friday, December 9th beginning at 4:30 P.M. (**All PHPs & PTIMs are eligible to receive these degrees.**) Degree Fee is payable at registration downstairs.
11. Tarrant Co. York Rite Assn. will host a Breakfast on Saturday, December 10th at 6:30 A.M. at George's Party Room, 1925 Speight Ave., Waco, TX. Tickets are \$15.00. Contact Hobie Henderson, Sec., 817-313-9402 or hobiwon06@gmail.com
12. **Please call the hotels directly for reservations. A block of rooms is reserved at the Sleep Inn & Suites Hewitt, 254-420-3200 (\$92.00+tax) and the Ramada Hewitt 254-732-9823 (\$95.00). Mention "Grand Chapter". These hotels are both at the Sun Valley Exit 328 on IH-35 South in Hewitt, TX.**
13. Remember to bring your **Current Dues Cards**, and your **Proxy Forms** if your Secretary-Recorder has not previously mailed them in to the Gr. Sec-Rec.'s Office.
14. There is a **Registration Fee** of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Only cash or checks accepted.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth E. Cooley
Grand Secretary-Recorder

For the latest Proposed Resolutions and Statements of Availability, check out this link:
<https://yorkritetexas.org/chapter/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/09/RR-Booklet-2022.pdf>

Summary

Chapter Resolutions:

- 1 – Move Cleburne Chapter to Noland Rivers Lodge
 - 2 – Move Cooper Chapter to Zanderson Lodge
 - 3 – Move Terrell Chapter to Bloomfield Lodge
 - 4 – Request Florence Chapter to return to District 18
 - 5 – Move Tarrant Chapter to Richland Hills Lodge
 - 6 – Move Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter to Lorenzo De Zavala Lodge
 - 7 – Add \$50K to endowment fund for 5 years
 - 8 – Change wording for endowment funds – send “investment returns” instead of “earned interest”
- GHP Recommendation 1 – allow 15 x 13 Aprons

Note – similar resolutions 1-8 are in the **Grand Council** (just renumbered slightly)

Statements of Availability (as noted in the published document)

For Right Excellent Grand Scribe

Jeffrey (Jeff) S. Bennett
Lawrence Eugene Tucker
Raymond J. Vinson II

For TMRC Board of Directors

Charles Steven Wolfe

For Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work

Russell Clay Brown
William L. Free

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS

Knight Templar State News - November 2022



Greetings Sir Knights,

Is it just coincidence that Inspection Season occurs during Halloween Season? I remember when I served Worth Commandery as Eminent Commander I was certainly scared at the prospect of being inspected by a Grand Officer. I got through it, just as all of you will. When it is over you will realize it wasn't scary at all, it was fun; much like this scary holiday. Just relax and enjoy the moment. Your inspecting officer wants you to do well. Just remember, he is there to help. I also find it comforting to realize Thanksgiving is just around the corner. You get all worked up at the prospect of inspection then soon thereafter you have a holiday to give thanks for getting it done. All is good.

The Knighting's Contest is in full stride. Here are the standings as of October 30, 2022.

- 1) 20 - McKinney No. 34
- 2) 11 - Alexander C. Garrett No. 103
- 3) 6 - Tancred No. 82
- 4) Tied at 5 – El Paso No. 18, Beaumont No. 38, Temple No. 41, Denton No. 45, Lubbock No. 60 and Port Arthur No. 73

Regardless of the contest results, this shows how well the Commanderies are growing. I asked SK Michael Malone to find out how McKinney and Alexander C. Garrett were getting it done.

McKinney - "We gave a stack of petitions to Lewis Bell and got the hell out of his way..." But, in speaking with Lewis Bell about this, he said he simply always has a stack of petitions with him at all times and he is actively talking to guys in Masonry NOT in Templar Masonry and selling what the Order has to offer. He is not passively waiting for people to come to him, he is going to them. Always have a York Rite petition handy! Seems simple, but when discussing the benefits of York Rite and Templar Masonry specifically, having the petition in-hand will help the process of getting an interested Brother the necessary next step in his journey towards the York Rite. The petitions even include a quick synopsis of each of the Degrees and Orders which you can use to help explain what the York Rite rituals have to offer.

For Alexander C. Garrett, their success has been in closely working with the Chapters and Councils in the area to track their Candidates to understand who has shown an interest in York Rite Masonry, and making sure that they take the next step into Templar Masonry from there. The active members in the Commandery are also active in the Chapters and Councils and have their finger on the pulse of the members, they actively help the Chapters and Councils with their Degree work even if it's not their Chapter or Council, and follow up with the potential members to make sure they don't lose momentum. Remember, Templar Masonry is an Order based on service to others. By applying this idea to our own interactions with our Brethren and Companions in need of assistance in their work, whether it be for Degrees or just by being present at Chapter and Council meetings, you will be setting a good example of what Templar Masonry means.

Between these two Commanderies, 31 new Knights have been made this year alone. We might want to follow their example.

These numbers are based upon what is entered into the MMS system. If your Commandery has Knighted more than what is shown, that means some of your Knighting's have not been entered into MMS. It is very important for Recorders to enter information into MMS as quickly as possible. Not only is this contest based upon it, but all our processes are also based upon what is in MMS. Your web site link from the Grand Commandery Web site, the Membership Cord program, and others are based on MMS. If you will look at your

Commandery and check to see if your meeting nights and locations, your officers and all your other information is correct, it would help us out greatly. If the information is wrong, please get it corrected. We use this information for scheduling events at your Commandery and contacting your Officers. Recently I made a call based on what was shown on a Commandery site to the Recorder. I got his widow on the phone. Little did I know this Sir Knight had passed during this year. My call brought sadness to his Lady as it reminded her of her late husband. We did talk and I pray I was able to comfort her to some extent but how many other calls is she getting? Please, please Commanders and Recorders, check your information and make certain it is correct.

Soon we will be putting a link on the Web site to a recording of the recent District 9 School of Instruction in which RE Past Grand Commander, SK John Elkinton, taught a short class on how to use MMS. If you missed the class, look for the link in the coming weeks and view it. Our Fraternity will be much better off with accurate information.

Registration is now open for the Grand Conclave next April. Many have already taken advantage of the early availability of registration, so I encourage you to register today and reserve your spot at the Banquet and especially get yourself a room at the hotel. The link is on our website. So far, 46 have registered for Grand Conclave and 61 Banquet tickets have been purchased. Sales are also available for the Ladies Luncheon and the Social Order of the Beauceant Luncheon.

How is God working through you? Do you realize what you mean to others? We often forget what an impact we make on others. To us, what we do, how we act, is just normal life. You might be a role model to others, however. It's a funny thing in life, often those individuals that do a great deal for others often do not allow others to do for them. Many of you are the first to stand up when someone needs help. When the call for assistance rings, you answer. You help them and you get some fulfillment by doing so.

Answer this, if you need help, if you are suffering and others offer to help, what do you say? Do you even let others know when you are in need? Do you always tell those trying to offer help that you are okay and don't really need anything? Why would you not allow someone the joy of helping you when you receive joy from helping others? It's not something we often consider. Many that are used to helping others find it difficult to accept help or even admit when we need help. But shouldn't we give others the opportunity to help us, to minister to us when we need it? It seems to me that part of being a Christian is allowing others the chance to be of service when you do need something. It could even be argued, it is selfish to never allow others the joy and satisfaction of showing you their love by allowing them to help.

In the book "90 Minutes in Heaven" the author describes how he fell into this trap. He was miserable, suffering, in pain, but also too prideful to allow others to help him. He had always been the one giving help. In the book he talked about receiving a messenger from Heaven that told him bluntly, get over it, get over your pride, accept the help. Stop taking away the only thing others can do to show how much they loved him. Let them do things for you. When he did, his life changed for the better. He was still in pain, but he was no longer the miserable coot he had become.

The phrase "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is normally understood to mean be nice to others. Well, it could also be telling us to help others so that they will help us. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you is meaningless if we never allowed others to show their love for us.

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

Richard R. Jernigan

Grand Commander 2022 – 2023



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

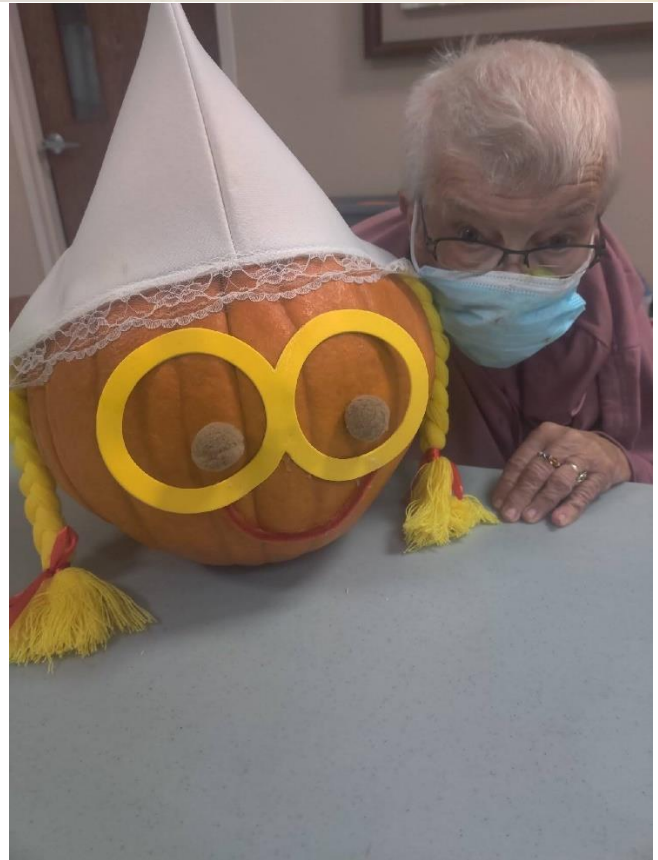
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More than 3,600 at Family Day this year! Huge thanks to organizers, TMRC staff, volunteers, participants, and vendors! Check out photos of fundraising booths and start planning for 2023!

We also had 65 units of blood credited to TMRC Family Day, thanks to the coordination and great work effort of **John Thomas**. This was John's first year in coordinating this, and with new staff at Carter Blood Care. It was just an amazing success.



Pumpkins, creativity, and holiday happiness at our pumpkin decorating event at TMRC!



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