

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

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

December 3 – Robert Bruce Brannon Council 270 AMD meeting at 9 am

December 3 – Worth Commandery Installation – 3 pm, Dinner afterwards, All Invited!!! – See page 7

December 3 – Cleburne Commandery Inspection – 9 am

December 4 – Tarrant Chapter PM and MEM Degree – Eat at 6 pm, Degrees at 7 pm

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

December 19 – Arlington Commandery Installation – Dinner at 6 pm, All Invited!!!

January 7 – Tarrant Chapter Royal Arch Degree – Eat at 6 pm, Degrees at 7 pm

January 19-21 – Grand Lodge Annual Communication presided by M. W. Brad Billings, Grand Master

January 30 – 64th MWSA Meeting at Arlington Lodge 438 – Eat at 6 pm, Program at 7 pm

Read our Grand Commander's message on pages 10 and 11

Read our Grand Prelate's Christmas message on pages 8 and 9.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – December 2022 and January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Nov 29 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc And York Rite College 6:45 pm FTW Temple	Nov 30	Dec 1 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Dec 2	Dec 3 RBB AMD Council 270 TMRC 9 am Inspection Cleburne 9 am 3 pm Worth Installation Dinner Following
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	Fri Dec 9 – Sat Dec 10 Grand Chapter / Council Annual Convocation/Assembly In Waco	
Dec 11	Dec 12 Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Dec 13	Dec 14 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17 Sweet Home Lodge Stated Meeting. 1:30 Ric Jernigan Christmas Program
Dec 18	Dec 19 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Dec 20 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Dec 21 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 pm	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24
Dec 25 	Dec 26 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31
Jan 1 	Jan 2	Jan 3 Southside And Texas York Rite	Jan 4 Tarrant Royal Arch Degree Eat 6pm Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 pm	Jan 5 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Jan 6	Jan 7 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am
Jan 8	Jan 9 Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Jan 10	Jan 11 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm	Jan 12	Jan 13 Grand Prairie Chapter/ Council 7 pm	Jan 14
Jan 15	Jan 16 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Jan 17 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Jan 18 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 pm	Jan 19, 20, 21 Grand Lodge in Waco Texas Grand Master Brad Billings Presiding.		
Jan 22	Jan 23 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28



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

WORTH COMMANDERY



INSTALLATION

3:00 PM | DECEMBER
2022 | 03
ZURN ASYLUM

1100 HENDERSON ST, FT WORTH

Christmas Observance and Gala to follow

Message from Brent Casiglio, Commander-Elect of Worth Commandery.

Good afternoon, Sir Knights all!

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family and this message finds you all well on this beautiful Sunday afternoon.

I wanted to send a personal invitation to each and every one of you to the Worth Commandery No 19 138th Annual **Installation of Officers** for the upcoming Chivalric year. The event will be held this coming Saturday, December 3, 2022, and will begin promptly at 3:00pm in the Zurn Asylum on the fourth floor of the Fort Worth Masonic Temple (1100 Henderson St, Ft Worth).

As is tradition, the Installation ceremonies will include our Christmas Observance and this year will also include a catered Banquet immediately followed by the **Worth Commandery Christmas Gala**. This is going to be an incredible event and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating the Christmas season with you all!

For the Installation and Christmas Gala, we are partnering with the **USMC Toys for Tots** and ask that everyone in attendance please bring a new, unwrapped toy with you for donation. We will be collecting the toys at the event.

If you are planning to attend, please be sure to RSVP (to me directly) so that we can make sure we have an accurate count for the caterer.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS



Christmas Message from Sir Knight Charles Steven Wolfe, Eminent Grand Prelate

The message that I want to share with you; begins with the reading of Scripture from the Book of St. Matthew, Chapter 1, Verse 21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

I was told about Jesus' birth at an early age and that we celebrate HIS birthday on December 25th every year. I was also told that Jesus was the Son of God, who lived in Heaven, and that Jesus was born of a woman who lived on Earth. That last sentence needs a lot more clarification to a young child as he or she grows up.

Jesus' reason for coming to Earth was to save us from our sins and to give to the people a promise of eternal life and happiness and to live with HIM in Heaven. This promise was made to those who have trust and faith in HIM and to follow HIS teachings.

Christmas has always been a happy and joyous time for me and should be for all Christians. Christmas is the time we should celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We as Christians accepted him as our Lord and Savior and for this we shall have Eternal life and happiness; if we follow HIS teachings.

We give birthday presents to those who are near and dear to us. We celebrate Jesus birthday by giving gifts to people we know and love. Children learn from their parents by their words, deeds and actions; even if their behavior, sometimes, is not what they want their children to do or how to act. Children love and want to be like their parents. Without explanation, do they understand that some of the things we say and do are not meant to be directed as learning tools for them? Is this an example of "Do as I say not as I do"? Without a full explanation, do our children believe Christmas is the time of year for them to receive gifts?

What do we give to Jesus?

I will now read from the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 3, Verses 16 and 17:

16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

17. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

God gave the greatest gift to the world, for their salvation, the life of his only child.

I have given much thought, in the past few years, on the birth of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Jesus' birth has many consequences for those who believe in HIM as the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. The most important results of Christ birth is the beginning of the Christian religion and through it we are saved by the Grace of God and by putting our Faith and Trust in Jesus Christ.

The path we are to travel, as a Christian, is not an easy path to follow and we must renew our efforts every day to live a better Christian life; because the reward that awaits us; is eternal life and happiness with our loving God and his blessed son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This, I believe, is the greatest Christmas present we could ever receive.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Yours in Faith,

Charles "Steve" Wolfe
Eminent Grand Prelate
Grand Commandery of Texas



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS



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Greetings Sir Knights,

December already. Hard to believe we are only five months away from the Grand Conclave. Our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Chance Chapman, is hard at work preparing for his eventual election to the position of Right Eminent Grand Commander. His organizational and leadership skills will soon make my time as your Grand Commander a distant memory. I am very excited to see him in this role and excited to return to being simply a Sir Knight. Leadership roles in Freemasonry are temporary ones. While we may be, for a short time, elevated to a position of leadership and responsibility, all should conduct themselves with the knowledge that soon we will return to the ranks of the members. As we enter the season of installations for our Commanderies, always keep this in mind as you assume the position of Eminent Commander. The things you do as leader will have a lasting impact on the future of your Commandery, but they are for the benefit of the membership, our Lord, and our society. They are not for our own purposes, for our own adulation. I am currently reading the writings and history of George Washington. Patrick Henry, upon returning home from the Continental Congress, was asked "whom he thought the greatest man in Congress?" He replied "If you speak of eloquence, Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina is by far the greatest orator; but, if you speak of solid information and sound judgement, Colonel Washington is unquestionably the greatest man on that floor. His knowledge on the subjects to which he gave his attention, was most thorough and exact; and all the world has agreed, that no other man has given

such proofs of the soundness of his judgement." Washington said little but listened to everyone. When he spoke, his judgement and knowledge of the facts of a situation proved him to be the great leader he was. I encourage all of us to follow his example. Listen to those you disagree with, consider their arguments, study the issues, and render your opinions with quiet frankness and the power of knowledge on your side.

I hope you have seen the wonderful Christmas Message our Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Steve Wolfe provided us. Christmas is a time of love. It is not about Santa Clause, it is not about giving and receiving presents. It is about the greatest gift we have ever received, the love of our Lord and the opportunity for eternal life in Heaven.

We have discovered an issue with new member processing. Article 287 and 305 from our Statutes and Regulations state:

Art. 287 Fee for Affiliation. An affiliation fee shall be collected for a member, should he be elected, which is strictly for the purpose of becoming a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Only members of the Commandery petitioned shall vote on a petition of affiliation.

Art. 305 Fees. Each petition for the Orders of the Red Cross, Malta, and Temple shall be accompanied by a minimum fee of not less than Forty (\$40.00) Dollars for the Orders, with the exception of petitions received from approved beneficiaries of the Home for Aged Masons, which shall be accompanied by a fee equal to the minimum fee required by the Grand Encampment. Each petitioner for the Orders, affiliation, and/or reinstatement shall, if elected, also pay all fees to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF), as shall be established and adopted by the KTEF Trustees, for each Commandery he petitions.

These two articles were passed/modified to ensure that Texas remains 100% life sponsors with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. They collectively mean, any new member (by Knighting or Affiliation) is required to pay the fees necessary to become a Life Sponsor, even if they are a Life Sponsor in another Commandery. To maintain 100% status each Sir Knight must be a Life Sponsor in all Texas Commanderies he belongs to. If you need a list of the Knights in your Commandery that are not currently Life Sponsors, please contact our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Chance Chapman and he will provide you with the list.

Here are the updated standings as of November 28, 2022, for the Knighting's Contest. Since April 1 we have Knighted 134 new Sir Knights.

- 1) 20 - McKinney No. 34
- 2) 11 - Alexander C. Garrett No. 103
- 3) 8 - Ascension No. 25
- 4) Tied at 7 – Beaumont No. 38 and Lubbock No. 60
- 5) Tied at 6 – El Paso No. 18, Temple No. 41, Denton No. 45, and Tancred No. 82

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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Lilting piano, uplifting music brought to our Nursing Care residents at the [Texas Masonic Retirement Community](#) by Don Anderson, a volunteer.



James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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