

# Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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Welcome to the January 2023 Edition  
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

## Degrees and Events Schedule

**January 4 – Tarrant Chapter Royal Arch Degree – Eat at 6 pm, Degrees at 7 pm**

**January 14 – Hillsboro York Rite Festival Chapter/Council Degrees – All Day**

**January 17 – Arlington Commandery Illustrious Order of the Red Cross – Eat at 6 pm**

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

**January 23 – Arlington Chapter Mark Master's Degree – Eat at 6 pm**

**January 24 – Arlington Commandery Order of Malta – Eat at 6 pm**

**January 30 – 64<sup>th</sup> MWSA Meeting at Arlington Lodge 438 – Eat at 6 pm, Program at 7 pm**

**January 31 – Tarrant County York Rite Assn Election & College Meeting – 6:45 pm**

**February 1 – Tarrant Council Royal Master's Degree – Eat at 6 pm, Degrees at 7 pm**

**February 4 – Worth Commandery Chivalric Orders – at 8 am**

**February 8 – Worth Commandery Red Cross and Malta Orders – at 6 pm**

**February 8-12 – Masonic Week in Washington DC**

**February 9-11 – Shriners International Marketing Conference in Grapevine**

**February 27 – Arlington Chapter Past Master's Degree (Tentative) – Eat at 6 pm**

**March 1 – Tarrant Council Select Master's Degree – Eat at 6 pm, Degrees at 7 pm**

**Read biography of Honorable Companion Floyd Edward Hall on pages 4-7**

Read our Grand Commander Ric Jernigan's message on pages 8 and 9

**2023 Grand Chapter Grand High Priest bio and Grand Officers – pages 10 and 11**

**2023 Grand Council Grand Master bio and Grand Officers – pages 12 and 13**

No Mason Left Behind Program – Story from Jim – pages 14-17

**Reflections of our Past Grand Master Bob Brunk – donation to “No Mason Left Behind” – page 18**

Shriners International (Headquarters in Tampa, Florida) are hosting a Membership and Marketing Conference on Feb. 9-11, in Grapevine, Texas – details on page 19

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – January and February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Hillsboro York Rite Festival
Jan 15	Jan 16 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Jan 17 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm Arlington Red Cross Orders Eat 6 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 Arlington Mark Master's Degree Eat 6 pm	Jan 24 Arlington Order of Malta Eat 6 pm	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28
Jan 29	Jan 30 64 MWSA meeting at Arlington Lodge	Jan 31 Tarrant County York Rite Assn Election Officers At 6:45 pm	Feb 1 Tarrant Royal Master's Degree Eat 6pm	Feb 2 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Feb 3	Feb 4 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am Worth Orders – 8 am
Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm Worth Orders at 6 pm	Feb 9	Feb 10 Grand Prairie Chapter/ Council 7 pm	Feb 11
			Feb 8 through Feb 12 Masonic Week in Washington DC (sponsor – Grand Council AMD)			
			Feb 9 through Feb 11 Shriners Membership and Marketing Conference in Grapevine			
Feb 12	Feb 13 Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Feb 14	Feb 15 Ridglea Chapter/ Council Eat 6:30 pm	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30 pm
Feb 19	Feb 20 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Feb 21 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25 York Rite Conference @ Arlington 1:30 to 4 pm
Feb 26	Feb 27 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm Arlington Past Master's Degree Eat 6pm (tentative)	Feb 28	Mar 1 Tarrant Select Master's Degree Eat 6pm	Mar 2 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Mar 3	Mar 4 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am
			March 2 through 5 Louisiana Grand Chapter/Council/Commandery			



**TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154 REGULAR MEETING**  
**TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**Jan 31, 2023, AT 6:45 PM**  
**ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!**  
**FORT WORTH TEMPLE**  
**1100 HENDERSON STREET**  
**FORT WORTH TEXAS**



**College Pre-Eminent Governor**

**Election of Officers**

**And discussion of the Tarrant County York Rite Festival**

**Plus, Important business of**  
**TRINITY YORK RITE COLLEGE #154**

**FLOYD EDWARD HALL**  
**TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE HONOREE**  
**2022 HEROES OF YORK RITE RECIPIENT**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**



Born in Delta Colorado  
Married to Wanda Jean Hall

As a Knight Templar, Floyd Hall is a Christian Man, and he uses his best efforts to upload the simple religion of Christ and further Jesus' Gospel of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men, so appropriate to this Holiday Season.

Floyd is a retired investor. His primary business was home construction and real estate sales and ownership. His present income is derived primarily from the ownership of residential properties on Southern California.

Floyd is involved in several civic and humanitarian activities including Habitat for Humanity International, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, The Women's Shelter and most all the Masonic Charities. He is a loving grandfather type to Wanda's grandchildren. He loved and took care of his mother until her death.

**BLUE LODGE:**

- Endowed Member of Arlington Lodge #438
  - Worshipful Master: 1999-2000
  - Vanguard Lodge: 1999-2000
  - Golden Trowel Award: 1995
  - Class A Certificate (3-year certificate)
  - L.I.F.E. Introductions – 05-27-1997
  - L.I.F.E. Operations – 05-14-1998
  - Warden's Retreat: 1997,1998 (now it is called OLT)
  - Past President of the Arlington Past Master's Club
- Endowed Charter Junior Warden of reconstituted Sweet Home 576 in 2013
  - Worshipful Master: 2015-2016
  - Current Treasurer
- Member of Del Norte Lodge #105,
  - Meets in Masonic Park where Floyd owns a cabin in South Fork Colorado
- Endowed Member of Irving Lodge #1218
- Endowed Charter Member of Tranquility Lodge #2000
- Endowed Member of Texas Lodge of Research
- Was a member of the Grand Lodge of Texas Mileage and Transportation Committee: 2001
- District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 64D, Grand Lodge of Texas 2002
- Sam Houston Hall of Fame, Full Member 12-06-2002

## YORK RITE:

- Endowed Member of Arlington Chapter 376
  - Most Excellent High Priest: 1997-1998
  - Member
  - Certificate (Lifetime)
  - Order of the High Priesthood
  - Cornerstone Recipient
  - Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Chapter 2002
  - Excellent Grand Senior Steward, Grand Royal Arch Chapter 2015
  - Excellent Grand Orator, Grand Royal Arch Chapter 2017
  - Committee on Grievances and Appeals, 2002 and 2003-2004
  - Investment Committee (2021 - 2025)
  - **Director and President of the TMRC**
    - **First appointed on July 9, 2002**
    - **Longest Serving “active” Board Member**
    - **Twice elected and served as President**
- Lifetime Member of TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter 58
- Endowed Member of Arlington Council 314
  - Thrice Illustrious Master, 2000-2001
  - Certificate (Lifetime)
  - Order of the Silver Trowel
  - Cryptic Triangle Recipient
  - Super Excellent Master’s Degree
  - Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master District 27 2012
  - Investment Committee (1999 - 2023)
  - Royal Purple Service Award 2019
- Lifetime Member of TMRC Pecan Grove Council 42
- Endowed Member of Arlington Commandery 107
  - Acting Commander 2000
  - Eminent Commander 2001
  - Excalibur Award Recipient
  - Meritorious Service Award
  - Cross and Crown Award
  - Civic Award
  - Fred M. Gilbough Award for Efficiency in Asylum Ritual
  - Knights Preceptor 2001
  - Life Sponsor Knights Templar Eye Foundation
  - Grand Commanders Club, Knights Templar Eye Foundation
- Endowed Member of Trinity York Rite College 154
  - Pre-Eminent Governor 2007-2008
  - Order of the Purple Cross 2007
  - Gold Honors
- Past President of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association



## HONORS:

- Life Member of Texas #23, Knights of the York Cross of Honor – 12-10-2001
  
- St Timothy Conclave Order of the Red Cross of Constantine
  - Installed April 7, 2001
  - Past Puissant Sovereign, 2012
  
- Life Member Royal Order of Scotland
- Life Member of the Masonic Order of the Bath 07-17-2004
  
- Allied Masonic Degrees
  - Robert Bruce Brannon Council 270
  - Sovereign Master 2003
  - Red Branch of Eri (including Knight Commander) 2003
  
- Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest
  - Current Registrar-Treasurer
  
- Tejas Chapel 6 of the Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon
  - Current Treasurer
  - Past Grand Officer of the Province of Texas (Silver Shell)
  - Current Grand Banner Bearer of the Province of Texas
  
- Scottish Rite
  - Life Member of Valley of Fort Worth, Orient of Texas Rite
  - Life Member of Valley of Santa Barbara, Orient of California
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Inspector General Honorary
  - Arlington Scottish Rite Club President 1988
  - Was a member of several degree teams
    - Degree Master of 27<sup>th</sup> and member of 9, 10, 14, 19, 31 teams
  - Life Member of the Scottish Rite Research Society
  
- Shrine
  - Life Permanent Contributing Member of Moslah Temple in Fort Worth
  - Endowed Member
  - Ambassador at Large
  - Twice member of the Hundred Million Dollar Club
  
- Grotto
  - Life Member of El Texa Fort Worth Texas
  
- Operatives
  - Current 5<sup>th</sup> degree member of San Jacinto Monument Assemblage
  - 6<sup>th</sup> degree – elect.



## GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS



### *Knight Templar State News December 2022*



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#### **Greetings Sir Knights,**

**Christmas is now behind us. Or is it? Christmas shouldn't just be a day. Christmas is a state of mind. Let us vow to try and keep that Christmas state of mind all year. Now I don't make New Year's Resolutions but maybe we should make one this year. Maybe resolve to treat each other how Jesus admonished us to; to love one another. Love one another no matter our differences. There is no reason why, no matter our differences in political thinking, in race, in religion or branch of Christianity we follow, in education, in financial means or the place we live, that we cannot love one another. If society followed this one simple guidepost, what could we accomplish? If we let go of avarice, jealousy, and hatred and replaced it with respect for one another, there is no end to what we could do. I know, I know, it is a pipedream. Just like my resolution to get in shape. I started this year on December 26, 2022, so I don't have to call it a resolution when I fail miserably. But if by making ourselves aware of the need to love one another we make one less hateful comment on Facebook, one less rude comment behind someone's back, we listen to the "other" side, then I think we have moved one step closer to the Kingdom of God here on Earth.**

**A new year, a new set of Commandery Officers, new ideas for seeking our common goal of growing this Order of Christian Knights and making the world a better place. Very exciting. All our Commanderies have a group of what we often call the "old guard" (no doubt the group in which I belong). We also have a group of new younger Knights just beginning to take over leadership roles.**



**My unsolicited advice: Old Guard, listen to the ideas of the young members. Advise them, mentor them, warn and praise them, but in the end, let them be who they are. They will do things in a manner you would not. That does not make them wrong. Let them try things their way. Some of their way may not work out, a lot of it will. Changing how we do things is progress. Progress has gains and losses. The hope is the gains outweigh the losses. When presented with a new idea or a new way, be cautious in your response. Find the good in what they want to do. Coach, love them as Jesus directed and help them work through their new ideas.**

**Young Leaders: seek the advice of the Old Guard, they may be stuck in their ways but that does not make their ways wrong. Listen to their advice, weigh what they have to say against what you want to accomplish. Their input may just make your idea better. Do not be frustrated if they always want to change what you are trying to do. You both have the same goal in mind. If they respond harshly, do not respond in kind. Remember, this is your day, in the end, your Commandery will follow what you wish to do. Temper your enthusiasm a touch. You have been thinking about your ideas for a long time. They are new to others. You must give them the time to process what you want to do and how you want to do it. Follow the example of George Washington, listen to everyone, consider their input, give them time to absorb your thoughts, then make the best decision you can.**

**We are working through the issue of all members being 100% Life Sponsors with Eye Foundation that I mentioned last month. We have found some exceptions to what we wanted to do and are still considering options. Jurisprudence has given us some sound advice and I am sure we will have a solution soon. In the meantime, if you have Knighted someone, had someone join by affiliation or reinstatement or however, the statutes require that Knight to pay the Life Sponsor Fee. Please collect it and forward it to the office quickly so our records can be accurate. Thank you for your assistance.**

**Grand Conclave will soon be upon us. Rooms and tickets are going fast so please register as quickly as you can. Registration can be done from our website. There is also a link to reserve your hotel room at a very reasonable rate. Bring your family, there is lots to do in Grapevine.**

**Ritual competition. As a reminder to all the teams, the ritual competition can include some opening and closing of the Order. You might want to look that over.**

**Sir Knights, you have given me a great gift this year. As you know, I have travelled a few miles on behalf of the Grand Commandery. You have allowed me to do this. It has given me the opportunity to meet hundreds if not thousands of you that I may never have been able to. You inspire me, you leave me in awe, you have made me better than I was. The excitement you have brought to Templar Masonry this year is amazing. Your enthusiasm has spread throughout the state and your accomplishments are second to none in the Grand Encampment. You are the Knights Templar of Texas, and I am humbled and proud to be a part of what you are doing.**

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

*Richard R. Jernigan*

**Grand Commander 2022 – 2023**

# 2023 Grand Chapter Officers



**Most Excellent Robert M. Loflin**  
**Grand High Priest of the**  
**Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas**

**Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338**

He was born in Lancaster, California on January 28, 1969. Robert works as a department manager for Formosa Plastics Corporation in Point Comfort, TX.

Robert was initiated into Lavaca Lodge No.36 in Port Lavaca, Texas on August 19, 1997, Passed on October 2, 1997, Raised on November 8, 1997, and is an Endowed Member. He served as Worshipful Master during the year 2002-2003. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 36th Masonic District in 2005, under Grand Master Elmer Murphy. He is also a charter member of Frontier Lodge No.28 and Tranquility Lodge and an associate member of Texas Lodge of Research. Robert is a Sam Houston Hall of Fame Member and serves on the Board of Directors for the Grand Lodge Library and Museum.

Robert was Exalted on November 21, 1998, into Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338. He served as High Priest in 2001 and 2010, and as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 24th Capitular District in 2004 under Past Grand High Priest Don L. Smith. He is a plural member of Beeville Chapter No. 191, and is also a member of the Order of High Priesthood.

Robert was Greeted in Port Lavaca Council No. 275 on November 21, 1998. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2001, and was the District Deputy Grand Master for the 24th Cryptic District in 2004 under Grand Master Robert P. Walker. He currently is serving again as Thrice Illustrious Master. He is a plural member of Beeville Chapter No. 129, and Robert Morris Eglin Council No. 415. He received the Super Excellent Master's Degree in 2013. He is also a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Robert was Created a Knight Templar on June 19, 1999, in St. John Commandery No. 101, and is an Endowed Member. He served as Commander in 2002 and is currently serving as Senior Warden. He was elected Grand Sentinel at the 152nd Grand Conclave, and was installed as the 161st Grand Commander on April 28, 2014. He also is a plural member of Corpus Christi Commander No. 57. He was created a Knight Commander of the Temple in 2014, and is a member of Texas Chapter, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor. Robert currently serves the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America as the South-Central Department Commander.

Robert is an Endowed Member of South Texas York Rite College No. 189, having been initiated on November 3, 2001. He served as Preeminent Governor in 2011 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2012. He is a recipient of the Gold Honor Award.

Robert is a member and Past Prior of Texian Priory KYCH No. 78. He was installed into South Texas Red Cross of Constantine in 2005 and is a past Sovereign. Robert is a Member in Perpetuity of John J. Harris Chapter No. 397 National Sojourners since June 2, 2006. He is also a member of Oso Camp Heroes of '76 since April 10, 2010.

Robert is an Endowed 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, having joined the Valley of Houston on December 11, 1999. He is also a Life Member of the Corpus Christi Scottish Rite Club.

Robert is an Endowed Member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having been initiated on May 29, 1999 into Port Lavaca Chapter No. 373. He served as Worthy Patron in 2003, and is now affiliated with Yorktown Chapter No. 945.

Other memberships include, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, the Operatives, St. Thomas of Acon, Knight Masons, AMD, Grand College of Rites, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

### **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS and LOCAL DDGHPs**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Companion</b>
Most Excellent Grand High Priest	Robert M. Loflin
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest	James D. Manley
Right Excellent Grand King	Don Paul Payton
Right Excellent Grand Scribe	Lawrence E. "Larry" Tucker
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer	John A. Hughes
Right Excellent Grand Secretary	Kenneth Earl Cooley
Excellent Grand Chaplain	Joseph A. Avalos
Excellent Grand Orator	Jimmy R. "Jim" Runsey
Excellent Grand Marshal	Charles E. Maddox
Excellent Grand Captain of the Host	Paul J. Weller
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner	Casey L. Maxwell
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain	William M. "Trey" Gerhardt III
Excellent Grand Master of the Third Veil	Johnny A. Young
Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil	Mike L. Hazel
Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil	Raul J. Scully
Excellent Grand Senior Steward	Errol A. Pena
Excellent Grand Junior Steward	Edward C. Peebles
Excellent Grand Organist	Michael Cote'
Excellent Grand Photographer	Keith L. Arterburn
Excellent Grand Guard	Anthony W. Cabello
Right Excellent DDGHP – 11	Danny R. Griffiths
Right Excellent DDGHP – 19	Samuel C. Reid
Right Excellent DDGHP – 20	Hobie D. Henderson

# 2023 Grand Council Officers



**Most Illustrious W. David Melear**  
**Grand Master of the**  
**Most Illustrious Grand Council of R&SM of Texas**

**Quanah Council No. 367**

## **Masonic History** **Lodge**

Initiated as an EA in November 1992, passed to FC in February 1993, and raised a MM in March 1993, in Quanah Lodge No. 689; affiliated with Canyon City Lodge No. 730 in 1993 appointed Senior Deacon in July 1994-95, installed Senior Warden in July 1995-96, installed Worshipful Master in July 1996-97, and 2004-05; served as DDGM in 1999, and was appointed as the Grand Junior Deacon in 2007; Masonic Youth Activities Committee 2008-2015, Masonic Membership Committee 2015-current.

## **Chapter of Royal Arch Masons**

Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Quanah Chapter No. 450 in June 1993, and was elected High Priest in 1997-98; Grand Master of the Second Veil 1997-98, Grand Master of the First Veil 2003-04; Order of High Priesthood December 1997; DDGHP 29, 1998-99; Affiliated with Amarillo Chapter No. 196 in 1994; Elected High Priest in 1999-2000; DDGHP 38, 2004-05; Grand Chapter Committee on Grievances and Appeals 2003-04, Grand Chapter New Charters Committee 2002-2012. Elected to the progressive Grand Chapter Line of Texas in October 2012 and served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2015-16.

## **Council of Royal and Select Masters**

Greeted a Royal and Select Master in Quanah Council No 367 in June 1993 and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in June 1996-97; DDGM 29, 1997-98; Order of the Silver Trowel 1997 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas in 2019; Affiliated with Amarillo Council No. 134 in 1994; Elected Thrice Illustrious Master in June in 2001-02; DDGM 38, 2004-05; Grand Sentinel 2003-04; York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordination Committee 2009-10; Fraternal Correspondence Committee 2009-10; York Rite Development Committee 2008-2013. Elected to the progressive Grand Council Line of Texas in December 2020 and is currently serving as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council 2022-23.

## **Commandery of Knights Templar**

Knighthood in Vernon Commandery No. 33 in July 1993, elected Commander 1996, Affiliated with Amarillo Commandery 1993, elected Commander 2000, appointed Prelate 2001-09; Charter member Knight Preceptor 1996; Affiliated with Wichita Falls Commandery No. 59 in 2004; Affiliated Plainview Commandery No. 53 in 2010. Elected to the progressive Grand Commandery Line of Texas in April 2001 and served as Grand Commander 2010-11



## York Rite College

Initiated 8 February 1994, Order of the Purple Cross and Associate Regent July 2007, and served as Governor May 2011.

## Scottish Rite

Initiated Forth Worth in 1994, transferred to Lubbock 1996 endowed Member 2004; Degree Master 9th & 10th Degree 2001 - 2014, Degree Master 14th Degree 2007 - present, Degree Master 30th Degree 2014 - present; received 32nd Degree KCCH in November 2009. Served as Venerable Master of the Lubbock Lodge of Perfection 2020-2021

## GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS and LOCAL DDGMs

<b>Office</b>	<b>Companion</b>
Most Illustrious Grand Master	W. David Melear
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	Aaron W. Tyksinski
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Russell Clay Brown
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer	John A. Hughes
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	Kenneth Earl Cooley
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards	Jimmy R. "Jim" Rumsey
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Cole G. Tefertiller
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	Darren I. Pitts
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Gregory "Ike" Eisenhauer
Illustrious Grand Steward	R. Brian Cook
Illustrious Grand Organist	Michael Cote' II
Illustrious Grand Photographer	Elijah West
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Alfredo B. Gonzalez
Right Illustrious DDGM – 11	Jerry D. Hudson
Right Illustrious DDGM – 19	Billy Jack Hamilton, Jr
Right Illustrious DDGM – 20	Zachary Charles Haston





# Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Owned and operated by Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

## Donate now

Help older Texas Masons, their wives, widows,  
mothers, and other qualified relatives  
live with dignity in safe, comfortable surroundings at  
Texas Masonic Retirement Community

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## No Mason Left Behind Project

**Jim remembers past good times**



**and how things grew difficult..**

# "My son talked with me about moving to Texas Masonic Retirement Community."

***"My retirement funds ran low and my health care problems got worse. My son helped me move to Texas Masonic Retirement Community. I feel blessed living here."***

— Jim

<https://yourtmrc.org/donate/stories-of-hope-and-courage/jim/>

At 92, Jim may qualify for the best dressed man at Texas Masonic Retirement Community. Sporting a blue blazer, striped tie, and alligator shoes, he talks with a can-do attitude developed years ago as a professional salesman.

He brings that same enthusiasm and dedication to Masonry.

"I'm proud of my 60-year pin," he says, handing over a recent photo of the presentation ceremony. "I've been a member of the Southside Lodge in Fort Worth for years. I'm a Shriner, too."

Growing up in Fort Worth, Jim attended the University of Texas in Arlington and in Austin. He left to go into medical equipment sales just a few credits short of graduating.

Always a life-long learner, Jim never gave up on his college degree. "When I was 62 years old, I went back to college and finally got that diploma!" says Jim.

At the height of his career, Jim owned his own medical equipment company with exclusive rights to major manufacturer's products in the north Texas area.

Although he celebrated many successes in business, Jim endured the loss of two wives to cancer.

With the death of his second wife, Jim moved to Mexico and enjoyed the simple beauty of life south of the border for 15 years.

As his retirement funds ran low and health challenges worsened, Jim says, "I decided to return to Texas. My son made all the arrangements for me to move to Texas Masonic Retirement Community."

“I love it here!” he says with a big grin. “I come from a musical family. I sing in the choir here and even did a solo last week. And, I go dancing every chance I get!”

In a quieter voice, Jim shares, “I feel blessed being here. They’re taking real good care of me. I plan to be right here enjoying myself for a long time.”

**The No Mason Left Behind Project helps provide older Texas Masons and their qualified loved ones with all-inclusive “24 hour a day / 7 days a week” accommodations at Texas Masonic Retirement Community--including medical services and nursing care. The cost of these benefits exceeds \$2.5 million annually.**

**Want to make a donation to the No Mason Left Behind Project?** You can use our [secure online donation service](#) or print out and [mail in a donation form](#). We look forward to paying tribute to your kindness and benevolence. A complete list of recognition awards and amenities is included below the donation buttons and in the online donation form.

**Donations from Lodges, Chapters, Councils, OES, and other Masonic organizations make a tremendous difference!**

[Check our Lodge Donation Summary](#) for more information about donating and recognition for your Masonic organization

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### **Recognition for Your Personal Donation**

(Our donation year begins Sept. 1 and ends Aug. 31 of the following year)

#### **\$50 - \$99 Membership Level Donation**

**You are honored with these recognition amenities**

- You will be recognized at this donation level in [Honor Rolls displayed on](#) posters and banners at Family Day, on the TMRC website, and at the TMRC booth at Grand Lodge
- You will receive a special annual lapel pin and a subscription to our quarterly e-newsletter. (Our donation year begins Sept. 1 and ends Aug. 31 of the following year)

#### **\$100 - \$499 Honor Level Donation**

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#### **\$500 - \$999 Tribute Level Donation**

**You are honored with these recognition amenities**

- You will be honored with a desktop award for your home or office
- You will be recognized at this donation level in [Honor Rolls displayed](#) on posters and banners at Family Day, on the TMRC website, and at the TMRC booth at Grand Lodge
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#### **\$1,000 - \$4,999 Legacy Level Donation**

**You are honored with these recognition amenities**

- You will be honored with a large desktop award for your home or office
- You will be recognized by the Master of Ceremonies at Family Day and on a special major donor poster displayed at Texas Masonic Retirement Community year around
- You will be saluted at this level in a video displayed on the TMRC website, in the TMRC e-newsletter, and on social media.
- You will be recognized at this donation level in [Honor Rolls displayed on](#) posters and banners at Family Day, on the TMRC website, and at the TMRC booth at Grand Lodge

- You will receive a special annual lapel pin and a subscription to our quarterly e-newsletter. (Our donation year begins Sept. 1 and ends Aug. 31 of the following year)

### **\$5,000 or More - Regency Level Donation**

#### **You are honored with these recognition amenities**

- You will be honored with a large wall plaque for your home or office
- You will be recognized individually by the Master of Ceremonies at Family Day and on a special major donor poster displayed at Texas Masonic Retirement Community year around
- You will be saluted at the highest giving level in a video displayed on the TMRC website, in the TMRC e-newsletter, and on social media.
- You will be recognized at this donation level in [Honor Rolls displayed on](#) posters and banners at Family Day, on the TMRC website, and at the TMRC booth at Grand Lodge
- You will receive a special annual lapel pin and a subscription to our quarterly e-newsletter. (Our donation year begins Sept. 1 and ends Aug. 31 of the following year)

**Dean and Yvonne Donaldson** (center and seated)--showed their generous and compassionate spirit for those in need by donating at the Regency Level (\$5,000 or more) to the No Mason Left Behind Project recently. We are humbled and grateful. **James Roy Elliott** (right), Board President, and **Gary Blair**, Superintendent (left), present a recognition plaque to the Donaldsons. Learn more about this vital project to help older Masons in need at <https://yourtmrc.org/donate/>





# *Reflections of 2022 - Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Texas*

It was a great honor to serve Cryptic Masonry in 2022 as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. We accomplished a great many items and programs this past year. Many of which were noted in my preprinted report and in my supplemental address. I wish to convey my gratitude to all who engaged and participated with these programs this past year. One program we had was the 2022 Grand Master's Fundraiser.

Throughout the 2022 year, many of our Companions across Texas showed their support by making donations to the Grand Master's Fundraiser (TMRC – No Mason Left Behind). It was a great success, and I took great pride in presenting to the Administrator of the TMRC – **Gary Blair**, a check in the amount of **\$10,484.42**

I cannot convey how much I appreciate all your support in 2022 to help make this a reality. I highly encourage each of you to continue to show your support of our newly installed MIGM – **W. David Melear** as he begins his 2023 Cryptic year.

Sincerely and fraternally yours –  
**Bob Brunk – V.: I.: PGM**







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Here is link to more information: <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/events/2023/membership-and-marketing-conf-2023>

Here is the tentative schedule of events: [https://shrinersdigital.merlinone.net/soda/GetObject?ikey=737F1A2F3B5B64EB0625E588B2FBC98388692DAC301DA6FA28F4D5D59C86D598&user=aseaman&mode=inline&note=MX+drag+and+drop&target=MM Conference Schedule 2023.PDF](https://shrinersdigital.merlinone.net/soda/GetObject?ikey=737F1A2F3B5B64EB0625E588B2FBC98388692DAC301DA6FA28F4D5D59C86D598&user=aseaman&mode=inline&note=MX+drag+and+drop&target=MM+Conference+Schedule+2023.PDF)

Link to enroll: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-membership-marketing-conference-and-virtual-series-tickets-425845775177>

**James Kirkpatrick**, Editor

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