

Tarrant County York Rite

The Keystone



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

- March 11 – Jerusalem Chapter/Council Festival in Anderson Texas – Registration at 8 am**
March 15 – TMRC Pecan Grove Past Master/Most Excellent Master’s Degree at TMRC – 6:30 pm
March 17 – Grand Master M.∴ W.∴ G. Clay Smith – Banquet/Official Visit at 6 pm Fort Worth Temple
March 18 – Grand Master M.∴ W.∴ G. Clay Smith - Conference at 10 am Fort Worth Temple
March 18 – Sweet Home Lodge – Official Visit R.∴ W.∴ Jim Huckabay DDGM 64C – 1:30 pm
March 18 – York Rite Conference in Nederland – 8 am registration
March 18 – York Rite Conference in Houston – 1:30 pm registration
March 21 – Texas Chapter and TMRC Pecan Grove Royal Arch Degree at TMRC – 6:30 pm
March 24-25 – Tarrant County York Rite Festival at Arlington Lodge – Registration 6 pm Friday
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March 27 – 64th MWSA Meeting in Mansfield Lodge. Eat at 6 pm
March 29 – Sweet Home Lodge – at TMRC – Fellowcrafts Degree – 6:30 pm
April 2 – Shrine and TMRC Easter Egg Hunt at the TMRC 1-3 pm – Flyer – Page 7
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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – March and April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 5	Mar 6 Arlington Order of the Temple Eat 6 pm	Mar 7 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	Mar 8 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm	Mar 9	Mar 10 Grand Prairie Chapter/Council 7 pm	Mar 11 Jerusalem Festival in Anderson Texas 8 am
Mar 12	Mar 13 Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Mar 14	Mar 15 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 pm TMRC Pecan Grove PM/MEM degrees 6:30 pm	Mar 16	Mar 17 Grand Master's Banquet. 6 pm Fort Worth	Mar 18 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm Grand Master Conference 10 am – 12 Fort Worth Temple
Mar 19	Mar 20 Stephenville Commandery stated meeting Arlington Commandery Order of the Temple	Mar 21 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm TMRC Pecan Grove Royal Arch Degree 6:30 pm	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24 - Mar 25 Tarrant County Festival Arlington Masonic Lodge 1415 West Abram Street Friday, Eat 6 pm Saturday, Eat 7 am	
Mar 26	Mar 27 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm 64-MWSA Meeting Mansfield Lodge Eat 6 pm	Mar 28	Mar 29 Fellowcraft Degree at Sweet Home Lodge at TRMC 6:30 pm	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am
Apr 2 TMRC Shrine Easter Egg Hunt 1-3 pm	Apr 3	Apr 4 Texas and Southside Chapter and Council Meetings Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	Apr 5 Tarrant Chapter/Council meeting Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	Apr 6	Apr 7 York Rite Grand Officers Stag Banquet	Apr 8 Grand Master Conference Waco Texas 8 am
Apr 9	Apr 10 Arlington Chapter/Council Meal 6pm	Apr 11	Apr 12 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm	Apr 13	Apr 14 Grand Prairie Chapter/Council 7 pm	Apr 15 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm
Apr 16	Apr 17 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Apr 18 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Apr 19 TMRC Pecan Grove Council Degrees 6:30 pm (tentative)	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22
Apr 23	Apr 24 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29
Apr 30						

Tarrant County York Rite Festival

Fri March 24 – Sat March 25



Scheduled Degree Teams:

Mark Master – Texas
Past Master – Goodnight Loving
Most Excellent Masters – Southside
Royal Arch – Arlington and TMRC Pecan Grove
Royal Masters – Ridglea
Select Masters – Tarrant

Red Cross – Arlington
Malta – Worth
Order of the Temple – Southside



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of TEXAS



Knight Templar State News

March 2023



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Greetings Sir Knights,

“Into each life some rain must fall”, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1842 poem “The Rainy Day.” In this poem, Longfellow is telling us that for the cycle of life to continue, death must occur. Because through death, life is renewed. This lesson can also be applied to the coming to an end of a year of service or the changing of one group of leaders for a new group. Our fraternity experiences this death and renewal every year. Fortunately for us, it is not actual death but the changing of leadership. The retiring leader remains a part of our Fraternity and is expected to continue his service to others, just in another way. Past Grand Commanders, Past Commanders, Past Grand Masters etc. all step aside and should become teachers, advisors, and examples of true leadership by graciously bowing to the leadership of their replacements. It is human nature to want to continue to be in a position of influence and decision-making once you have experienced that responsibility. We need look no further than George Washington as an example of how an outgoing leader should conduct themselves. Upon leaving office, Washington warned that love of power will tend to create a real despotism. He then retired to his personal business and did not interfere with the new administration. Remaining, as always, a humble

and respectful leader and now follower of the next leader. How many times in your experience have Past Commanders or Past Masters continued to try and run the Commandery or Lodge from the sideline? While it is always good to offer your advice, when sought, it is never a good thing to try and undermine or continue to wield authority when none exists. I have often seen a group of past leaders attempt to run things from the sidelines. This stifles growth in the long run. It acts like an umbrella and prevents the rain that must fall for new life to take hold. I admonish you, as you step aside from office, consider the future, consider the example of George Washington, and graciously step aside and become the respected advisor and teacher within you.

This line from the poem can also mean each of us will experience difficulties during our lives. I am experiencing this right now. Recently my computer systems were compromised, and unscrupulous individuals gained access to private information. They then attempted to extort money from me by threatening to make things appear as if I were guilty of some horrific behavior. As a result, I have locked down some of my social media accounts and stayed away from posting for a couple of weeks. I did not adhere to their demands and instead decided to fight back. I hired a Digital Forensics company to investigate them and expose them to the authorities. I am pleased to say they were successful at doing so. This does not mean I am free from being accused of these acts. I apologize to all of you for allowing this threat to appear and for not coming forward immediately (I was advised by the investigators not to). I did inform a select few of the situation and they were very supportive and kept their promise as a Master Mason to keep it on the square. I am in their debt forever.

I have said in many of my talks, we are all guilty of unknighly conduct from time to time. If we ask God for forgiveness and repent those actions our slate is clean. We are not guilty. Ours is a forgiving organization. While actions sometimes can have dire consequences, so long as we kneel before God and thank Him for His Son and seek His forgiveness, we are spiritually whole. For He will never leave us nor forsake us. That is His promise.

The Embassy Suites Hotel is sold out for the Grand Conclave. If you need a room, we have listed on the Grand Commandery website several nearby hotels we think will serve your needs well. The banquet is approaching a sold-out position as well. If you want to attend what I believe will be a great banquet experience, get your tickets now.

In MMS it shows the following counts for Knightings from April 1, 2022, to February 27, 2023: McKinney – 21, Garrett – 15, Worth and Lubbock – 10. Recorders, if you do not get your new Knights entered in the system, they will not count for the competition to see which Commandery will create the most Knights. I know San Marcus Commandery has at least 11 new Knights because I just Knighted them on February 25, 2023. I am sure they will appear soon. The final counts will be due in MMS on March 31, 2023.

Life on Earth is short, life is eternal. It changes form, it does not end. We have ahead of us a glorious eternity. God is waiting for us. His Son showed us the way. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are armed with whole armor of God and so long as we believe, nothing can defeat us. Satan, you are warned.

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

**170th Annual Grand Conclave
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
April 13 – 16 2023
Embassy Suites Hotel, Grapevine Tx
Schedule of Events**

Date	Event	Time	Room	Suggested Dress
Thur. April 13	Registration	12:00pm – 8:00pm	Denton Creek	
	Jurisprudence and Purposes Meeting	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Heritage VI	Bus. Casual
	Templar Instruction Committee	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Heritage VI	Bus. Casual
	Ritual Competition Exemplification	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Heritage VI	Bus. Casual
	Drill Captain's Meeting	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Heritage VI	Bus. Casual
	**First Time Attendee's Function	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Room 1228	Bus. Casual
	Hospitality Room Open	8:30pm – 11:00pm	Room 1228	Bus. Casual
Friday April 14	Registration	7:00am – 12:00pm	Denton Creek	
	Opening and Business Session 1	8:30am – 11:30am	Cross Timbers	***Class A
	Lunch	11:30am – 1:00pm		
	Ladies Luncheon	11:30am – 1:00pm	Heritage III	Bus. Casual
	Registration	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Denton Creek	
	Business Session 2	1:00pm – 5:00pm	Cross Timbers	***Class A
	Knights Preceptor	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Heritage VI	Bus. Casual
	Hospitality Room	6:00pm – 11:00pm	Room 1228	Bus. Casual
	*Past Grand Commanders' Dinner	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Cross Timbers I	Coat & Tie
	*Past GC's Ladies Dinner	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Tate	?
	Drill Team Practice	9:00pm – 12:00am	Heritage	Casual
Saturday April 15	Registration	8:00am – 11:00am	Denton Creek	
	Drill Competition	7:00am – 10:45am	Heritage	Class A
	Pass In Review	11:00am-12:00pm	Heritage	Class A
	Social Order of the Beauceant Lunch	11:30am – 1:00pm	Cross Timbers	
	Ritual Team Competition	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Heritage VI	Bus. Casual
	KYCH Meeting	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Heritage I & II	Bus. Casual
	Social Hour (cash bar)	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Heritage I-IV	****Class A
	Awards Banquet	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Heritage I-IV	**Class A
	Hospitality Room	8:00pm – 11:00pm	Room 1228	
Sunday April 16	*KTCH Breakfast	6:45am – 8:00am	Tate	****Class A
	*AC Garrett Strawberry Breakfast	6:45am – 8:00am	Heritage I	****Class A
	Knights Assemble	8:30am	Cross Timbers	Class A
	Procession Begins	8:45am	Cross Timbers	Class A
	Memorial and Divine Service	9:00am – 10:00am	Cross Timbers	Church
	Installation of Officers	10:15am-11:30am	Cross Timbers	

* - Invitation Only

** - Ticketed Event

*** - No sword Required

**** - No Sword/Chapeau; Evening Attire for Ladies

The Easter Bunny Is Coming!

Find The Golden Egg!

Hosted By

Moslah Shrine & Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Easter Egg Hunt

Extravaganza!

Sunday, April 2, 2023: 1-3 pm

*****NEW LOCATION!*****

TMRC: 1501 W Division St, Arlington, TX 76012

Meet & Greet
the
Easter Bunny!

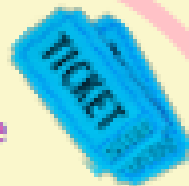


Fenced
Petting
Zoo!

Donkey, Sheep, Goats, Chickens, And A Bunny

Egg Hunts & Free
Raffles Prizes by age
groups!

Ages: 2-4, 5-7, and 8-11



Carnival Games!

Candy Fishing, Duck Pond, and More



RSVP Appreciated, But Not Required





Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Family DAY!
 Saturday, October 14, 2023
 Texas Masonic Retirement Community
 1501 W. Division St, Arlington, Texas

Free Admission
Open 10 am - 4 pm

Meet M:W: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas
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James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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