# **Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone**

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#### Welcome to the April 2023 Edition **Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

#### **Degrees and Events Schedule**

Grand Commander Ric Jernigan's message on pages 3.4.5

Every Wednesday – Worth Commandery weekly practice/floor school at Fort Worth Temple – 6 pm

March 31 and April 1 – TMRC Garage Sale 8 am to 4 pm – Page 7

April 13-16 – Grand Commandery Conclave in Grapevine – Schedule of events – Page 6

- **April 1 Tyler York Rite Conference Registration 8 am**
- April 2 Shrine and TMRC Easter Egg Hunt at the TMRC 1-3 pm Flyer Page 7
- April 3 Most Excellent Master's Degree at Arlington Eat at 6 pm
- April 6 The Grand Commander's Final Official Visit and Homecoming, Worth Commandery No. 19 - 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 meeting
- April 9 Easter Observance at the TMRC at 2 pm Page 8
- **April 15 Sweet Home Lodge Meeting (Yes, it is on Tax Day)**
- TMRC news Pages 9,10,11
- April 29 Austin York Rite Conference Registration 8 am, Royal Arch Degree Following
- April 29 San Antonio York Rite Conference Registration 12:30 pm
- May 8 Arlington Chapter Neal Addy Presentation on York Rite Fundamentals Eat 6 pm
- May 11 Garland school of instruction Council Presentation 6:15 pm
- May 20 Floydada York Rite Conference Registration 1:00 pm
- May 30 Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting 6:45 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Junuay		Tucsuny	Wednesday	Thirday	Mar 31	Apr 1 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am
					TMRC Garage Sale 8 am to 4 pm	
Apr 2 TMRC Shrine Easter Egg 1-3 pm	Apr 3 Arlington Most Excellent Master's Degree Eat at 6 pm Degree 6:45	Apr 4 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	Apr 5 <b>Tarrant</b> <b>York Rite</b> <b>Eat 6 pm</b> <b>Mtg 7 pm</b>	Apr 6 Grand Commander Final Official Visit at Worth	Apr 7 York Rite Grand Officers Stag Banquet	Apr 8 Grand Master Conference Waco Texas 8 am
Apr 9 TMRC Easter Service 2 pm	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
				Grand Commandery Conclave – Apr 13-Apr 16 Embassy Suites by Hilton 2401 Bass Pro Dr, Grapevine TX		
Apr 16	Apr 17 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Apr 18 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Apr 19 Golden Trowel Arlington 438 Jim Rogerson 6:30 pm	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 York Rite Conference Austin + San Antonio
Apr 30	May 1	May 2 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	May 3 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	May 4 Southside and Worth Commandery	May 5	May 6 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am
May 7	May 8 Arlington Neal Addy speaker Meal 6pm	May 9	May 10 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm	May 11 Garland School of Instruction 6:15 pm	May 12 Grand Prairie Chapter/ Council 7 pm	May 13
May 14	May 15 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	May 16 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm Speaker Chance Chapman
May 21	May 22 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm mtg 7pm	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28	May 29	May 30 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc Meeting. 6:45 pm	May 31	Jun 1 Southside and Worth Commandery	Jun 2	Jun 3 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR oF TEXAS** 

Knight Templar State News

April 2023



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# Greetings Sir Knights,

To the greater glory of God, the Father are all things given. In His name and for Him do we give our all. To the Father, our Creator, to the Son, our Savior, to the Holy Spirit that dwells within, we dedicate our lives and all we have or will ever have.

Words, that is all these are. Words that express a sentiment all Knights Templar and Christians strive to live by. Do we? Do we truly give all to the Glory of God? Do we comprehend the enormous pain and suffering Christ endured on our behalf? He was, at that moment, a man. He felt what all of us would feel should we be treated as He was. The difference, He deserved none of it. He was without sin and took all the sins of the world upon Himself, for you. His pain must have been unbearable, made all the worse for His innocence. Do we call upon the Holy Spirit to support us and to empower us to overcome the evils of this world?

Pray with me, God the Creator of all, we thank you for our lives and all the things on Earth and in the universe, without you we do not exist. We will strive to give You glory in all we do. Jesus, we thank You for Your sacrifice, for giving us eternal life in Heaven. We are sorry for the sins we commit and the pain they brought You while on Earth. Holy Spirit, we thank you for your strength, for staying with us even as we sin. Without you, we would surely succumb to the trickery of Satan. It is in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

My time as your Grand Commander will soon end. What a blast it has been. I have enjoyed every moment of this year. I travelled all across this state, visiting close to 50 Commanderies. I have conferred the Order of the Temple on 82 new Knights as of this publication with two more events scheduled. Not once in my journey have I been disappointed in what I have seen. The Knights Templar of Texas are the highest quality men I know. They are dedicated to their families, devoted to Christ, and the most active within the Fraternity. It has been an honor to be with you.

Throughout the year I received many compliments on my performance as Grand Commander. While they are all appreciated and I accept them all with humility and grace, I am truly undeserving. I have not worked nearly hard enough. I have left things undone, to be handled by much better men than I. The one thing I did well this year was surround myself with good, honest, hardworking, and intelligent men that have carried the load on my behalf. When you want to give a compliment, start by giving glory to God, then seek out Sir Knights, Michael Malone, Sam Reid, Gabriel Jagush, Brian Cook, Ray Vinson, Kevin Morton, John Huffman, Brent Casiglio, Steve Wolfe, Scott Stanton, Billy Hamilton, Ricky Cox, Chance Chapman, and a whole host of others. These are the true heroes of 2022-2023. And don't forget to look in the mirror. You have made this year what it is.

## In just a few weeks I will return to the sidelines to support our new Grand Commander. Should

tradition prevail and Sir Knight Chance Chapman be installed as Grand Commander on April 16, I know he will soon make my efforts look ridiculous and inadequate. He has prepared for this his entire life. He will be great, and I will soon be forgotten, which is as it should be.

I was asked at the beginning of the year, what will you be remembered for. I did not have an answer, having never considered the question. I do not think like that. All I wanted was to not disappoint the Sir Knights of Texas. Were I to try and sum up what we tried to accomplish it would be, be seen and make a positive difference. I am certain I accomplished the first. History will determine the second.

For our fraternity to continue to exist and be relevant, we must be relevant to the world. The world must see us for who we are. Good men, simply wanting to be better men. The public must know we are here. Young men want to join an organization that is seen to be a benefit to them and one that is seen to be having fun. We cannot just tell them; we must show them.

The families of our members must see that the time a man spends with Brethren is a benefit to the family. My mother, shortly before her passing, told me she wanted me to spend more time with her until she saw the good works and positive influence the Masons had on me and on the lives of others. She saw my time with you was time well spent in the service of others and she was pleased. She did not understand this until she attended a lodge function.

Ask 10 strangers if they know who the Masons are. Ask if they know about the Knights Templar. You will be disappointed with the results. The world no longer knows us. And many that do have a negative image of us. The only way to overcome this is to be seen and make a positive difference.

God created, Jesus saved, The Holy Spirit protects. Masons make themselves better, Knights Templar make others better.

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
Date	Event	Time	Room	
				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	
riddy April 14	Opening and Business Session 1	8:30am - 11:30am	Cross Timbers	***Class A
	Lunch	11:30am – 1:00pm	cross minders	Class A
	Ladies Luncheon	11:30am – 1:00pm	Lieritage III	Bur Casual
		1:00pm – 3:00pm	Heritage III Denton Creek	Bus. Casual
	Registration			***Class A
	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



CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FRIENDS AND BRETHREN

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 09, 2023 AT 2:00 PM TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 1501 W DIVISION ST, ARLINGTON, TX 76012

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 AT 2 PM

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# Templar District No. 6 Easter Observance at the TMRC

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Texas Masonic Retirement Community



# TMRC Garage Sale Friday, March 31 and Saturday April 1 Starts Exactly at 8am - Ends at 4 pm 1501 West Division Street in Arlington Texas Everyone invited !!!





Brandon Keefer is with Gary Blair and James Kirkpatrick at Texas Masonic Retirement Community.

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Had an awesome day yesterday with some family and friends out at the TMRC. We got all of the plants in the ground planted. 300 to be exact. Thank you everyone who came out on a Sunday morning and made it happen.



Lucky for us! Our delightful residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day at <u>Texas Masonic</u> <u>Retirement Community</u> last week with a party--including lots of green! Thank you, Callie, Activities Director, for organizing this fun event!







Thank you to Dallas Chapter #47, Dallas Council #18, and Dallas Commandery #6 for their generous donations to the **No Mason Left Behind Project!** 

James Kirkpatrick, Director, presented recognition awards recently to High Priest, Ken Black, Right Illustrious Deputy Master, Don Camp, and Eminent Commander, Royce Smith (left to right). Learn more about this vital program to help older Texas Masons and their families at <u>https://yourtmrc.org/donate/</u>

Thanks to Jeff Miller, Secretary/Recorder for coordinating this presentation.



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