

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

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

Grand Commandery news – pages 5 through 11. New Grand Commander, T. Chance Chapman.

TMRC news – Page 12

May 8 – Arlington Chapter Neal Addy Presentation on York Rite Chapter Fundamentals – Eat 6 pm

May 11 – Garland Council Neal Addy Presentation on York Rite Council Fundamentals – 6:15 pm

May 17 – Council Degrees at TMRC Pecan Grove 6:30 pm

May 13 – Garland School of Instruction – Donuts at 8:30 am

May 20 – Trinity York Rite College 154 Installation of Officers (Page 3)

May 20 – Floydada York Rite Conference Registration 1:00 pm

May 20 – Sweet Home Lodge Meeting (Scholarship Presentation at the TMRC)

May 20 – Dallas Festival

May 30 – Tarrant County York Rite Association Meeting – Elections – 6:45 pm (Page 4)

June 9 and 10 – TAMDA in Waco

June 10 – Garland School of Instruction – Donuts at 8:30 am

June 17 – Sweet Home Lodge Election (at the TMRC)

July 21 and 22 – Statewide York Rite Festival in Waco (At Grand Lodge Building)

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – May and June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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 Garland School of Instruction
May 14 	May 15 Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	May 16 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	May 17 Council Degrees at TMRC 6:30 Ridglea Chapter/Council Eat 6:30 pm	May 18	May 19	May 20 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm York Rite College Installation Arlington Breakfast 8am
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 Elections
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June 25	June 26 Stephenville Chapter/Council Eat 6pm Elections 7pm	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	Jul 1 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am Installation

Trinity York Rite College Annual Meeting Election and Installation at Arlington Lodge 05/20/2023 at 8 am



At Arlington Lodge 438, 1415 West Abram Street
Date: **Saturday May 20, 2013**
Time: **8:00 am Breakfast**, by Supreme Chef **Bob Cagley**

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers



Gabriel Jagush, Current Governor
(Also newly elected Grand Sentinel
of the Grand Commandery)



Dr. Zachary Haston, Deputy Governor
(Also, DDGM-20 of the Grand Council)



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

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023, AT 6:45 PM – no meal

ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!

FORT WORTH TEMPLE

1100 HENDERSON STREET

FORT WORTH TEXAS

Election and Installation of Officers for 2023

This meeting held over from the “ice storm” in January.

Trinity York Rite College 154 meeting afterwards.

In July 21 and 22, We will have a state-wide York Rite Festival in the Grand Lodge Building in Waco.

Further details forthcoming in future editions of the newsletter

Right Eminent Grand Commander of Texas – 2023-2024

T. Chance Chapman



Tommy Chance Chapman was born on July 11, 1989, in Nederland, Texas, to Tommy and Kathy Chapman. He attended school at Nederland ISD, and graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, in 2011, where he earned a degree in accounting. At Lamar University, he was a member of the Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi, an Accounting Honors society. Upon graduating, he was employed by the City of Beaumont as an accountant until 2018, when he went to work in the private sector. Currently is the Comptroller of M&M Industrial Services, Inc.

Brother Chapman was initiated into the Order of DeMolay in Nederland Chapter No. 3616, in 2001. He was installed as Master Councilor the following year and was awarded the Past Master Councilor's – Meritorious Service Award. Brother Chapman has been awarded the Representative DeMolay Award, the Founder's Membership Award, the Blue Honor Key, the Distinguished Service Award, and has successfully completed the Leadership Correspondence Course. He was honored to serve Texas DeMolay Association as District Deputy State Master Councilor in 2003 and 2004. He was elected to serve as State Senior Councilor in 2005, Deputy State Master Councilor in 2006, and on July 21, 2007, Brother Chapman was elected and installed as the 78th State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay Association.

In 2006, Sir Knight Chapman was invested into the Chivalric Knights of the Holy Order of the Fellow Soldiers of Jacques DeMolay Houston Priory No. 94. He was installed as Illustrious Knight

Commander in 2009. On July 11th of that year, he was installed as the 61st State Illustrious Knight Commander of the Texas State Priory.

Brother Chapman was elevated to the rank and honor of Chevalier in 2007. He is a Past Commander of Golden Triangle Court of Chevaliers and served as State Commander of the Texas State Court of Chevaliers in 2016. Additionally, in 2016 he was invested with the active Legion of Honor. He was a founding member of Edward E. Chapman, Sr. Preceptory (named in honor of his grandfather) and has continued to serve as Secretary since its founding. He received the Cross of Honor in 2019.

Dad Chapman has served Texas DeMolay Association as State Scribe since 2011 and has served as State Registrar of the Texas State Priory since 2017. He was honored with the Guild of the Leather Apron in 2015. He was appointed District Governor in 2017 and was elected a Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council in 2021.

Brother Chapman was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Nederland Lodge No. 1368 in 2007. He served Nederland Lodge at Worshipful Master in 2014. The members of Nederland Lodge honored him with the Golden Trowel Award in 2018. In 2019 he was elected president of the Southeast Texas Masters', Wardens', and Secretaries' Association.

Brother Chapman has served the Grand Lodge of Texas in multiple capacities. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 26-A in 2017. He served as Grand Senior Deacon in 2018 and Grand Marshal in 2022. He has served various committees of the Grand Lodge including the Youth Activities Committee, where he served as chairman in 2017, 2018, and 2021; the Special Assignments Committee; and the Grievance and Appeals Committee. In 2018 he was appointed Grand Representative of California near the Grand Lodge of Texas. He served as Assistant State Coordinator in 2018 and as State Coordinator in 2022. Brother Chapman is a proud recipient of both the William M. Beck Award (2019) and the Sam Houston Award (2023).

Companion Chapman was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Port Neches Chapter No. 436 in 2007. He was elected and installed as High Priest in 2012 and received the Order of the High Priesthood that year. The Companions of Port Neches Chapter honored him with the Cornerstone Award in 2017. He was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 5 in 2014. He also served as Excellent Grand Captain of the Host in 2015; Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain in 2013 and 2017; and Excellent Grand Marshal in 2021. He is currently serving as State Coordinator in 2023 and previously served in 2013 and 2021. In the Order of High Priesthood, he is currently serving as Excellent Master of Ceremonies.

Companion Chapman was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Port Neches Council No. 413 in 2007. He was elected and installed as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2011 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel that year. He was presented with the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2014. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 5 in 2013, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards in 2016, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council in 2021, and Grand Representative of Idaho near the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 2013. He served on the Recognitions, Honors, and Awards Committee from 2014 to 2019. In 2017, he was

elected as a Director of the York Rite Development Fund Board of Directors and served as President in 2021 and 2022. He also served as State Coordinator in 2021 and 2023.

Sir Knight Chapman was knighted in Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 in 2008. He was installed as Eminent Commander in 2011 and joined Texas Chapter of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor that same year alongside his father and grandfather. During his tenure as Eminent Commander, he was awarded the Commander's Distinguished Service Medal, and Port Arthur Commandery was awarded the J. C. Kidd Award. He was appointed to serve as Grand Representative of Panama near the Grand Commandery of Texas in 2015 and served on the Long-Range Planning Committee from 2013-2017. In 2014, Sir Knight Chapman was elected Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas and was installed as the Right Eminent Grand Commander on April 16, 2023. In addition to serving the Grand Commandery, he serves the Sir Knights of Texas as an officer in Texas Chapter of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor.

Sir Knight Chapman was appointed as an Aide-de-Camp to the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America in August 2021. Additionally, in the Grand Encampment he serves on the Membership Committee and DeMolay Committee.

Companion Chapman is an active member in various invitational bodies of the York Rite. He is a Past Governor of Southeast Texas York Rite College No. 90. He is a member of San Felipe Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Sam Houston Council No. 275, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Anson Jones Council No. 47 Knight Masons.

Brother Chapman was elevated to the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Galveston in 2009. He has served the Valley of Galveston as Degree Master of the 28th Degree and also serves on the 6th and 15th degree teams.

Noble Chapman is a member of El Mina Shriners in Galveston. He served as President of the Mid-Jefferson County Shrine Club in 2018 and has served as Secretary since 2020. In the Enchanted Realm, Prophet Chapman is a member of Cashan Grotto.

Brother Chapman was initiated into Nederland Chapter No. 1079, Order of the Eastern Star in 2007. He is a Past Patron and was a longtime Treasurer. He served the Grand Chapter on the Young Americans and Faith in Our Future Committees, both being associated with promoting the Masonic Youth of Texas, and also on the Picnic on the Brazos Committee. In 2017, he served as District 4 Chairman of the Masonic Family Committee.

Chance lives in Nederland and is a member Hillcrest Baptist Church. He enjoys Houston Astros baseball, live music, and traveling with his fiancée, Lisa.

Grand Commandery of Texas Officers – 2023-2024

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Sir Knight T. Chance Chapman, KCT
Very Eminent Grand Commander	Sir Knight Justin C. Bauer
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Sir Knight Jason L. Lesikar
Eminent Grand Captain General	Sir Knight Gary E. Rock, Jr.
Eminent Grand Senior Warden	Sir Knight Ralph W. Royall
Eminent Grand Junior Warden	Sir Knight Ricky D. Cox
Eminent Grand Prelate	Sir Knight Daniel Bowden
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Sir Knight Hunter Schappaugh
Eminent Grand Recorder	Sir Knight Ronnie W. Wilson, KCT
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer	Sir Knight Tommy F. Chapman, KTCH, KCT
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer	Sir Knight Judge R. Risley, KTCH
Eminent Grand Warder	Sir Knight Christopher L. Little
Eminent Grand Sentinel	Sir Knight Gabriel A. Jagush

Newest KTCH recipients --- **Jerry Taylor** and **Alfredo Gonzalez**.
Congratulations to both worthy recipients.

The love and dedication to Templary are exhibited continuously through these two fantastic Sir Knights.

STATEWIDE FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS DRIVE 2023

As described numerous times in our ritual, we have an obligation to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. We are attempting to “feed the hungry” with this statewide food drive.

Here are the steps to conducting a successful food drive for your Commandery:

- **Find a Local Partner:** Organizations such as your local fire department, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Coalition for the Homeless, local churches, synagogues, and mosques, and other charitable bodies are easily identified and have years of experience in knowing exactly what the community needs. Most of these are also 501(c)(3) entities as well. **Your local Food Bank will be the best source of information and the best repository for your collected donations.**
- **Build your Team and Network:** Get your Commandery involved by soliciting help from your fellow Sir Knights, friends, family, coworkers, etc.
- **Set Your Goal:** Commit as a Commandery to collecting a specific number of boxes and reaching out to a certain number of people and choose one Sir Knight of your Commandery to monitor the progress the Commandery is making to keep the members informed and motivated.
- **Identify the Drop-Off Location and Timeframe of Drive:** Make sure to have Sir Knights available to either meet at the Commandery meeting location or go and pick up food and household goods from donors at their location during designated hours. Also establish the time and date when the drive will be active. The Grand Commandery encourages this to be done in the July-September timeframe.
- **Get the Word Out!:** Employ every medium available to spread the word of your drive, including (but not limited to) social media platforms, flyers, electronic bulletin boards, emails, and word-of-mouth. Consider contacting Chapters, Councils, and Lodges to assist in advertising your efforts.
- **Sort Donations as they Arrive:** Sort food and general household goods in a reasonable and logical manner so accurate count and donation value can be maintained. Consider putting items in large bags or boxes for when they need to be transported to or picked up by the charitable organization(s).
- **Deliver Items or Have them Picked Up:** Establish a date and time for this to occur. Consider taking pictures or have the media (local newspaper or television reporter) present to earn positive press relating to public relations.
- **Share Your Commandery's Success:** Take photographs of your clothes drive efforts and share them with the Grand Commandery, social media platforms, websites, etc. Make sure to send your Inventory Worksheet to the designated people. Sir Knight Tyksinski is to receive all submissions at aaronwtyksinski@gmail.com.

Website: <https://yorkritetexas.org/commandery/feed-the-hungry/>

STATEWIDE CLOTHES DRIVE 2023

As described numerous times in our ritual, we have an obligation to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. We are attempting to “clothe the naked” with this statewide clothing drive.

Here are the steps to conducting a successful clothing drive for your Commandery:

- **Find a Local Partner:** Organizations such as your local fire department, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Coalition for the Homeless, local churches, synagogues, and mosques, and other charitable bodies are easily identified and have years of experience in knowing exactly what the community needs. Most of these are also 501(c)(3) entities as well.
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From the President

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the latest publication of our informational booklet. The booklet provides a brief history of the formation of the Foundation as well as information on the programs and sponsorships the foundation offers as well as the sponsored programs to fulfill the mission to "improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care."

We have learned over the years that our efforts in funding pediatric ophthalmology research have been the primary reason that we have had fewer and fewer children with strabismus (crossed eyes) to treat. Our research dollars have helped develop new, non-surgical treatments for this problem.

The Foundation has grown to \$162 million while expending \$166 million on research, education, and patient care. The Foundation is continuing to invest into more research and the improvement of the quality of eye care not only here in the United States but around the world. The Foundation has awarded over \$34 million in research grants and \$10 million in endowments at five of the leading ophthalmology research and educational institutions.

Any donation will assist in making a tremendous difference in the lives of children by helping the Foundation to fulfill its mission "to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care." By preventing blindness or restoring vision to a child you are helping us assist in enhancing that child's quality of life.

We hope you will assist us in our efforts in finding the cure for the many eye diseases in pediatrics.

David J. Kussman
President



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

We are grateful for the generosity and kindness of **Jim Sains** (left). His major gift to the No Mason Left Behind Project was recognized April 11, 2023 with an award presentation at Burlson Lodge #649 by **Gary Blair**, Superintendent of [Texas Masonic Retirement Community](https://yourtmrc.org). Learn more about this vital program to provide safe living arrangements for older Texas Masons and their loved ones at <https://yourtmrc.org/donate/>



Spring planting has started! We're preparing an area at [Texas Masonic Retirement Community](https://yourtmrc.org) for a new fruit tree orchard! Want to donate a tree to the effort? Call **Gary Blair** at 817-275-2893 or send an email to Info@YourTMRC.org.



James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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