

Tarrant County York Rite

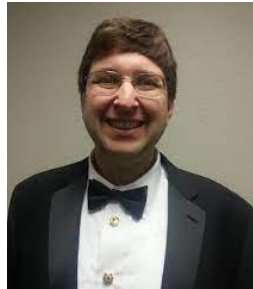


The Keystone

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Welcome to the September 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 Commander Chance Chapman's Quarterly Texas Templar (portions) – Page 8-11

Brief Resume on the History of Knights Templar – Pages 12-14 by Terry Plemmons

TMRC news – Pages 15-19

Tyler Chapter/Council has cancelled the Festival Scheduled for September.

Sep 9 – Scottish Rite Honors Celebration in Dallas

Sep 11 – 50-year award: Grand Treasurer R.:E.: and R.:I.: John A. Hughes: Arlington – Eat 6 pm – page 3

Sep 13 – Fort Worth MSB at Ft Worth Temple - R.:W.: Aaron W. Tyksinski active shooter pgm – Eat 6 pm

Sep 15 – Goodnight Loving Acon meeting at Handley Lodge – 7 pm

Sep 16 – Sweet Home Lodge at the TMRC, Tom Hill Worshipful Master – 1:30 pm

Sep 20 – Ridglea Council Degrees – Eat 6:00 pm (tentative, if not, we have stated assembly)

Sep 25 – Sherman Chapter Past Master and Most Excellent Master's Degree – Dinner at 6:30 pm

Sep 25 – Stephenville Council Degrees – Eat 6:00 pm (tentative, if not, we have stated assembly)

Oct 11 – Fort Worth MSB at Ft Worth Temple – Eat 6 pm – Page 6

Oct 13 – Grand Commander Festive Board on Friday 13th at the Fort Worth Temple (more details later)

Oct 13 – BBQ cooking at the TMRC for Family Day

Oct 14 – Family Day at the TMRC – 10 to 4 – largest gathering of Masons in the state – Page 8

Oct 19-21 – York Rite School of Instruction in Waco – page 5

Oct 23 – 64th MWSA Meeting at Haltom City / Riverside Lodge – Eat at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

Oct 25 – 14th / 64th MWSA Joint Meeting – Grand Lodge Candidate Forum – Eat at 6:30 pm – Page 4

Oct 28 – Commandery Inspection at the Temple for the Worth and Arlington Commanderies

Oct 30 – Grand Chapter / Grand Council Candidate Forum: TMRC Multi-Purpose Room – Eat 6:30 pm

Nov 18 – Thomas Becket Chapel Acon meeting at Arlington Lodge – 1 pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – September, October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Sep 6 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Sep 7 Southside and Worth Commandery	Sep 8 Grand Prairie Chapter/ Council 7 pm	Sep 9 Scottish Rite Honors in Dallas
Sep 10	Sep 11 Arlington Chapter/Council Stated Meeting Meal 6 pm 50-year Award	Sep 12	Sep 13 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm MSB meeting FTW Temple Eat 6pm	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm TMRC
Sep 17	Sep 18 Stephenville Commandery Eat 6 pm	Sep 19 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Sep 20 Ridglea Eat 6:30 pm Council Degrees	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23
Sep 24	Sep 25 Stephenville Eat 6pm Council Degrees	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30
Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Oct 4 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Oct 5 Southside and Worth Commandery	Oct 6	Oct 7 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am
Oct 8	Oct 9 Arlington Chapter/Council Stated Meeting Meal 6 pm	Oct 10	Oct 11 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm MSB meeting Estelle Lodge Eat 6pm	Oct 12	Oct 13 Grand Prairie Chapter/ Council 7 pm Festive Board Worth Commandery Family Day BBQ TMRC	Oct 14 Family Day TMRC 10 am – 4 pm
Oct 15	Oct 16 Stephenville And Arlington Commandery Eat 6 pm	Oct 17 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Oct 18 Ridglea Eat 6:30 pm	Oct 19 through Oct 21 Annual York Rite School of Instruction in Waco See Flyer on Page 5 Competition in the Royal Master's Degree Individual Competition in IPCW Soliloquy		
Oct 22	Oct 23 Stephenville Eat 6pm MWSA in Haltom City-Riverside Lodge – Eat 6 pm	Oct 24	Oct 25 14-64 MWSA Grand Lodge Candidate Forum at TMRC Eat 6:30 pm	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28 Commandery Inspection at Fort Worth Temple (2) Eat 8 am
Oct 29	Oct 30 Grand York Right Candidate Forum at TMRC Eat 6:30 pm	Oct 31 	Nov 1 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Nov 2 Southside and Worth Commandery	Nov 3	Nov 4 TMRC Pecan Grove 9 am

John A. Hughes, Grand Treasurer Grand Chapter/Council – 50-year award



Right Excellent and Right Illustrious John A. Hughes

This Distinguished Companion for 50 years, will be honored on **Monday, September 11, 2023.**

Dinner by supreme chef **Bob Cagley** at 6:00 PM
Arlington Lodge 1415 West Abram Street

In 2019, the then GHP **Joe Schriever** and then GM **James Kirkpatrick** appointed Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Companion **John Hughes** to fill the role vacated by our esteemed and dear companion **Orville O’Neill** of Grand Treasurer for both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. John graciously, and with humility, agreed to serve our companions of Texas in this capacity.

The companions have elected **John Hughes** unanimously since then, to serve as our Grand Treasurer, serving with distinction, integrity, and honor.

John has previously served as Very Eminently Distinguished Deputy Grand Governor of the York Rite College in Texas.

John served for 10 years as Intendent General for Texas Northern for the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine.

John is a Past High Priest of Arlington Chapter 376 and a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Arlington Council 314



Arlington York Rite has some great coins: It has a unique setup and design.

It is see-through in the center, when put to light, it is profound.

[Jon K. Wych KT](#)
and [Brandon Keefer](#)
have them for sale.



Tarrant County York Rite Association and Trinity York Rite College
Presents a special forum to introduce the following Companions availability
for Right Excellent Grand Scribe and Right Illustrious Grand PCW

For Grand Scribe: Bob Brunk and Richard Jernigan
For Grand PCW: Christopher Bates and Brian Cook

Monday, October 30th at the TMRC (Multi-Purpose Room)
Dinner at 6:30 pm – by Supreme Chef **Bob Cagley**

All four of these candidates are “my friend.” These companions will be an excellent addition to Texas York Rite Leadership. Open meeting. All are welcome.

MWSA 14 AND 64 DISTRICT ANNUAL FORUM.

Wednesday, October 25, at the TMRC Multi-purpose room
Dinner at 6:30 by Arlington Assembly Rainbow Girls

A forum for the candidates for Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary

This special forum is an annual event highlighting our brothers who have dedicated themselves to service for our craft.

This is an open meeting, all are welcome.

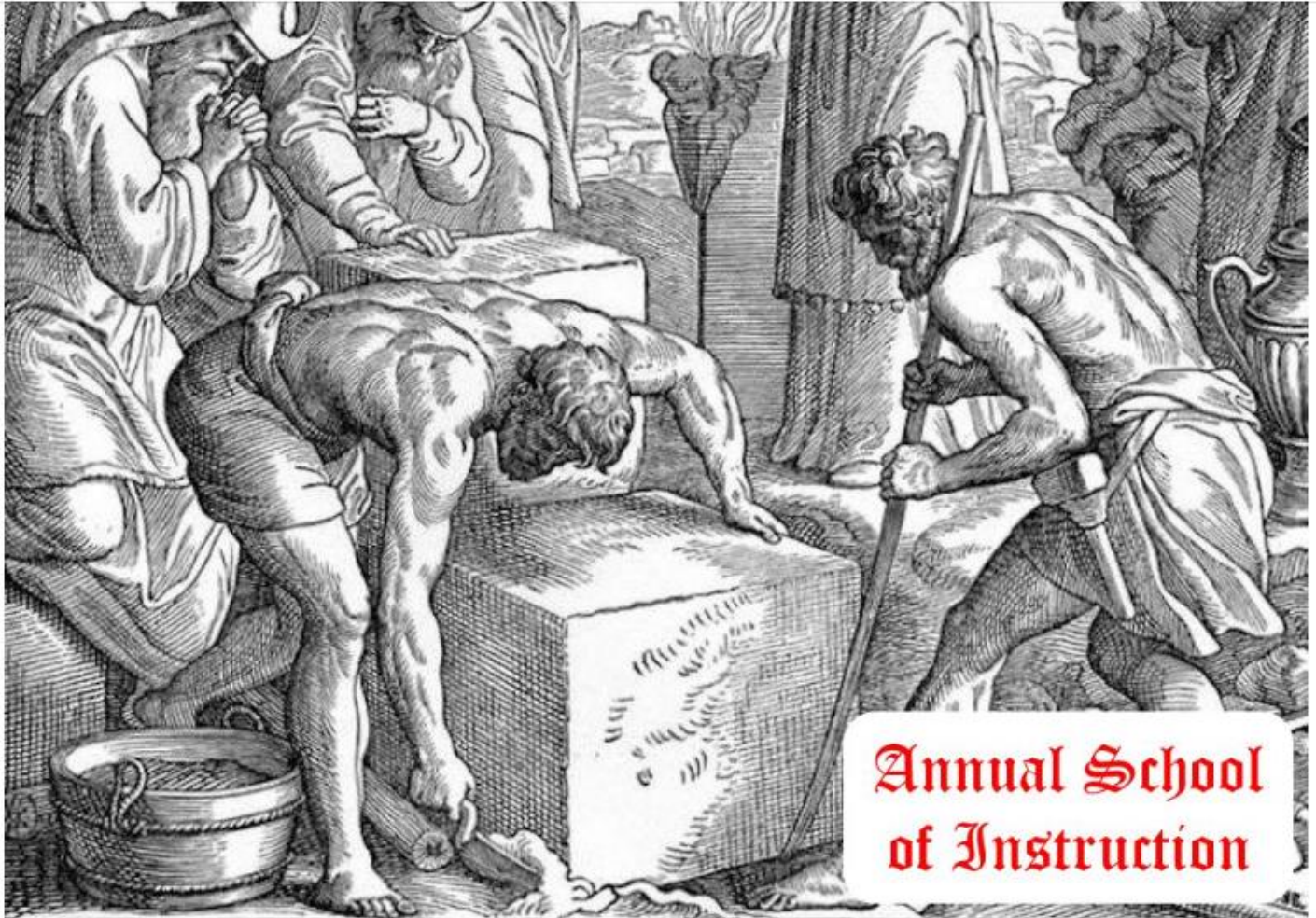


Masons of North Texas

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Have you made plans yet to attend the Annual York Rite School of Instruction hosted by the Committee on Work? This year's school will be held on Thursday, October 19th through Saturday, October 21st at the Grand Lodge in Waco. Registration begins at 8:00 AM on Thursday and Friday, 7:30 AM on Saturday.

The Annual School of Instruction is designed for new and seasoned Companions alike. No previous level of ritual proficiency is required, just bring your ritual books and a desire to have fun and learn. This is a great opportunity to network with Companions from all over the state in a fun and casual atmosphere. Be there!



This year's York Rite Ritual Competition will be **Saturday, October 21st** immediately following close of the annual school (no earlier than 1:30 PM). The team competition will be in the **Royal Master** degree. Parts exemplified are the TIM, IPC, COC, and Head Cherubim. Teams may bring a candidate (non-graded part) if they choose. Otherwise, the Committee on Work will supply a candidate.

The individual competition is the **Royal Master IPC soliloquy** (short or extended version - your choice). Councils, get your team together and come compete!



The Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau (MSB) will meet at Panther City Masonic lodge at the FW Masonic temple on September 13, 2023: dinner at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Dr [Aaron W. Tyksinski](#) will present the 'Active Shooter' program. A timely presentation with all that has transpired of late. Please join us, and bring your spouse, family, and friends. We invite everyone to attend.

The Fort Worth MSB is reviewing ways of being able to collect donations, like GoFundMe, with less cost, making more contributions to those with Masonic connections, in need, as deemed necessary. Death of a family member, as examples. Please fellowship with us; and see how your Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau is leveraging its ability to help those in our community, as well as those sojourning to our area.



R.: W.: **Jon K. Wych**
President FWMSB



Dr. and R.: W.: **Aaron Tyksinski**
Guest Speaker FWMSB

ACTIVE SHOOTER CLASSES

Dr. Aaron Wayne Tyksinski is hosting several Hate Crimes & Active Shooter Classes across the state. Here are the dates and locations of each class:

13 September.....Fort Worth Masonic Temple	11 OctoberSilsbee Lodge
14 September.....Arlington Realtors Association	27 October San Antonio
15 September..... Galveston Scottish Rite	6 November Holland 1
20 September..... Pasadena Lodge	16 November District 46
26 September..... Oakwood Lodge	21 November Mt. Hiram 595
2 October Temple 4	28 NovemberTucker 297

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Sir Knights,

We have been collecting various food items for the last two months, and the time to donate them is here! Please be sure to get the donations sent in and to also submit the paperwork for your Commandery for us to know how much the Templars of Texas helped those less fortunate.

We are now collecting clothing to help our fellow Texans. Over the next three months, check your closets and see what you can part with. If you are able, brand new clothes are also appreciated and accepted. All items should be able to help those in need.

Best of luck to each of you in your upcoming inspections. I am confident all of our Commanderies will do well and demonstrate a successful exemplification of the Opening and Closing and Order of the Temple to their Inspecting Officer.

This month, the Grand Officers and I will be traveling to Branson, MO for the South Central Department Conference. We wish Sir Knight Robert Loflin, REDC and REPGC, much success as he completes his final Department Conference for the current triennium. We are proud of you, Sir Knight Loflin!

In His Service,



T. Chance Chapman
Grand Commander

FRIDAY THE 13TH FESTIVE BOARD

REMEMBERING THE TEMPLAR RAID 716 YEARS AGO
HOSTED BY A.P.O.A.S. & WORTH COMMANDERIES

1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

FEAST OF MIRACLES

THIS INAUGURAL FEAST WILL BE
BASED ON THE MIRACLES OF JESUS.

THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS WILL
FOCUS ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE
ORDER OF THE TEMPLE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SIR KNIGHT BEN WILLIAMS
R.E.: PAST DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDER

ATTIRE: COAT AND TIE
SOCIAL HOUR: 6:30 PM
DINNER & PROGRAM: 7:30 PM

The first meeting of A.P.O.A.S. Commandery will be Friday, October 13 in the Asylum of Worth Commandery at 5:30 pm. Both Commanderies will then hold a festive board titled “Feast of Miracles” with Sir Knight Ben Williams, Right Eminent Past Department Commander as the Keynote Speaker. Social Hour will begin at 6:30 pm, and the dinner will begin at 7:30 pm. More information is available [here](#) and tickets can be purchased through PayPal at APOASCommandery@gmail.com for \$65.

PRELATE'S APARTMENT

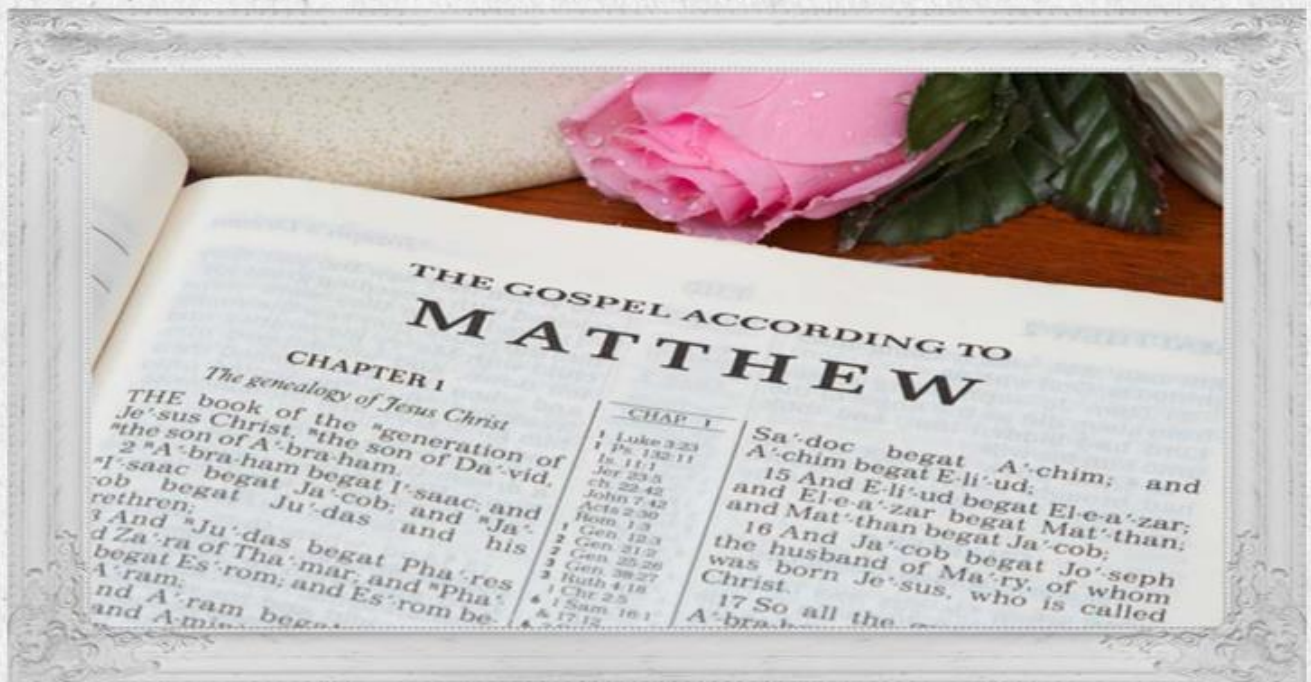


A MESSAGE FROM THE EMINENT GRAND PRELATE

Sir Knights,

As we move into September, the days are getting shorter and for those of us who live on the coast, we pay more attention to the storms in the gulf. But let us not forget the teachings of our fraternity and remember there are so many people around us every day that need our help and prayers. Our Grand Commander has reminded us with his programs of feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, and binding up the wounds of the afflicted. Please help with these noble causes so we can be an example of Christian Knighthood to the world or at least in our communities. **The Bible verse Matthew 25:44 says, "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.'"**

Let us pray: Father, I will treat others the way I want to be treated. In the name of Jesus, I will look not only to my own needs, but also to the needs of others. I will make it a practice to lend a helping hand, to please my neighbors for their good, expecting and hoping for nothing in return, but giving you all the praise and glory. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



MONTHLY UPDATES

GRAND COMMANDER'S UPCOMING TRAVELS

September 14-16: South
Central Conference- - Branson,
MO

September 27: Supreme
Assembly, SOOB - Waco

September 30: West Texas
Outdoor Order of the Temple

Top 5 Knightings Ranking (April 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023)

1. Corpus Christi No. 57 - **13**
2. Lone Star No. 114 - **9**
- T3. Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - **5**
- T3. Fort Bend No. 74 - **5**
- T5. Melrose No. 109 - **3**
- T5. Denton No. 45 - **3**

Top 5 Reinstatements Ranking (April 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023)

1. Ascension No. 25 - **7**
- T2. East Texas No. 104 - **3**
- T2. Lubbock No. 60 - **3**
- T4. San Antonio No. 7, Corpus Christi
No. 57, Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 - **2**
- T5. Ruthven No. 2, Ivanhoe No. 8,
Indivisible Friends No. 13, McKinney
No. 34, Beaumont No. 38, Denton No.
45, Tancred No. 82. Melrose No. 109 - **1**

GRAND COMMANDERY SURVEY

Take the [Grand Commandery Survey](#) to help grow our Order! Click the link above or scan this QR code to access the survey and provide crucial feedback that will help the Grand Officers assist the Sir Knights of Texas to the best of their ability!



GRAND COMMANDERY CHARITY BALL

Tickets are still available [HERE](#) and a block of rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Beaumont - Plaza (I-10 & Walden Road). Link to the hotel block is [HERE](#).

*Knights Templar
Charity Ball*

Remember, tickets are limited to just 100. Over a third are accounted for at this point. Don't delay!



EDITOR'S NOTE

SK MICHAEL COTE II, EDITOR
AIDE-DE CAMP



Sir Knights,

The month of August, I believe was the most successful month of this Grand Commandery thus far! We hit over \$10,000 in donations for the Penny-a-Day campaign, thousands of dollars were presented in scholarships by SK Duke Burge, the KTEF authorized Texas DeMolay to collaborate with the foundation for a state charity project, some top item donations are being collected for the auctions at the Charity Ball in December, thousands of canned goods were collected in the name of the Grand Commandery, and so much more. It is a great time to be a Knight Templar!



A Brief Resume on the History of the Knights Templar

by **Terry Plemmons**, Chairman
 Public Relations Committee
 Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA

Multitudes of pilgrims in the eleventh and twelfth centuries visited Jerusalem for the purpose of offering their devotions at the Holy Sepulcher of Christ and other Holy Places in Jerusalem. Many of these religious wanderers were weak, old, and mostly unarmed; and thousands of them were subjected to the hostilities of the hordes of Arabs who even after the capture of Jerusalem by the Christians continued to infest the sea coast of Palestine and the roads to Jerusalem. Nine French Knights, the followers of Baldwyn, united in the year 1118 in a military brotherhood and entered into a solemn pact to aid each other in clearing the roads and defending pilgrims in their passage to the Holy City. Two of these Knights were Hugh de Payens and Godfrey de St. Aldemar. They, along with seven others, took the usual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience before the king of Jerusalem. They assumed the title Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ. The Abbot of Jerusalem gave to them, as a place to store their arms and supplies, portions of the old Temple Mount and the street between the palace of the king and the temple whence they derived the name Templars.

Hugh de Payens journeyed to Europe to solicit a new crusade on behalf of Baldwyn, and he presented his companions to Pope Honorius II from whom he craved permission to form a religious military order. The Pontiff referred them to the ecclesiastical Council which was then in session. Having presented his vocation and that of his companions to the Fathers, their request was granted. St. Bernard was directed to prescribe a rule for the new Order. In this rule, the knights of the Order were called Pauperes commilitis Christie et Templi Salomonis, or The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon.

Hugh de Payens returned to Jerusalem carrying with him many recruits from the noblest families of Europe. The Order prescribed for the professed knights white garments as a symbol of a pure life to which Pope Eugenius II later added a red cross to be worn on the left breast as a symbol of martyrdom. The Templars soon became preeminently distinguished as warriors of the cross. St.

Bernard speaks in the warmest terms of their self denial, their frugality, their modesty, their piety, and their bravery, "Their arms are their only finery, and they use them with courage without dreading either the number or the strength of the barbarians. All their confidence is in the Lord of Hosts, and in fighting for his cause they seek a sure victory or a Christian and honorable death."

The banner or Beauseant of the order was half white and half black, indicative of peace to their friends but destruction to their foes. At their reception each Templar swore never to turn his back on his enemies but either to vanquish his foe or die. The word beau in medieval French meant a lofty state, for which translators have offered such terms as noble, glorious, and even magnificent. As a battle cry, the Beauseant was a charge to "Be noble" or "Be glorious."

The Order very quickly grew from its simple beginnings to a complicated organization. By the twelfth century it was divided into three classes; Knights, Chaplains, and Serving Brethren. In the case of the Knights, whoever presented himself for admission into the Order was required to prove that he was born from a knightly family and was born in lawful wedlock; that he was free from all previous obligations; that he was neither married nor betrothed; and that he had not made any vows of reception into another Order. That further, he was not in debt, and finally, that he was of a sound and healthy constitution of body.

The Chaplains consisted only of laymen. They were required to serve a novitiate of one year. They were required to take the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Their duties were to perform all religious offices and to officiate at all the ceremonies of the Order. The Serving Brethren's only qualification was that they should be free born and not slaves. They fought in the field under the Knights and performed at home, the menial offices of the household. Later this group was divided into two; Brethren at Arms and the Handicraft Brethren. The latter was the most esteemed group and remained in the preceptories to exercise their various trades.

Hugh de Payens had departed Jerusalem as one of a group of just nine knights bound together in an obscure, unofficial order. He returned later as Grand Master of an order which was only responsible to the Pope; possessed gold, silver, and property wealth; and was composed of three hundred knights sworn to stand and die if the master so ordered. Instant obedience to his superiors was required of every Templar, and since the order was responsible to no one but the Pope, it essentially created its own system of punishments up to and including the death penalty, for disobedience.

The Templar Rites of Initiation and Chapter Meetings were conducted in total secrecy. Any Templar revealing any proceeding, even to another Templar of lower rank than himself, was subject to punishment including expulsion from the order. To preserve secrecy, the meetings were guarded by knights who stood outside the door with their swords drawn. Although there is no documentation, legend has it that several times spies or perhaps merely the curious met their death the moment they were caught.

The reception of a knight into the order was a very solemn ceremony. Unlike the Knights of Malta whose form of reception was open and public, none but Templars were permitted entrance. Perhaps this difference between a public and secret reception was attributed to the spirit of persecution exhibited by the Church toward the order in the later days.

Ultimately the Templars held over nine thousand manors all over Europe plus mills and markets. During its two-hundred-year history, over twenty thousand initiates brought land or money dowries to the order. They eventually owned ships to transport men and supplies to the East as well as fighting ships to guard the fleet. With their fleet, the Templars earned revenues by transporting material, secular Crusaders, and Pilgrims to the Holy Land. The Templar financial activities varied from serving as a "safe deposit" for traveling nobles, to administering the estates of the ailing

nobility who wished for their heirs a safe inheritance. The Church at Rome contributed often and encouraged the same actions in its followers. The wealth of the Templars grew as did their reputation as perhaps the first "world bankers." Toward their later days, the glory and simplicity of the order began its slow decline through weaker Grand Masters.

With the fall of Acre in 1292, the Templars abandoned Palestine and the Holy Lands and returned to the comfort and wealth of their Preceptories across Europe. At the beginning of the 14th Century, the throne of France was occupied by Philip the Fair, an ambitious, vindictive, and avaricious prince. This prince had been in controversy with Pope Boniface. The Templars had, as was usual with them, sided with the Pope against the King. The King of France became envious of the extreme wealth of the order, and their power interfered with his designs of political control over Europe. He then secretly concerted with Pope Clement V, whom Philip had placed upon the throne of Peter. Their plan called for the destruction of the Templars and the seizure of their wealth and Preceptories.

Their plans having been made, Pope Clement V wrote to De Molay, the last of the Templar Grand Masters, inviting him to come and consult with him on matters of great importance to the order. De Molay obeyed and arrived in Paris early in the year 1307, accompanied by sixty knights and a large treasure, De Molay had made the voyage in the hope of one final crusade to retake the Holy Lands from the Muslim hoards. A date which even today children around the world consider an "unlucky day" had its roots in the occasion of this visit.

The day De Molay arrived in Paris was Friday, October 13, 1307, and he was immediately imprisoned as was every Templar in France. By secret order of the King, the Templars were arrested on the pretended charges of idolatry and other crimes against the throne of the King and the authority of the Church. The fires that the King and Pope ignited soon swept across all of Europe. On the 12th of May, 1310, fifty-four knights were publicly burned at the stake. Neither Knight nor Templar Chaplain was spared.

With the exception of a few nations in Europe, the Templars were forced to flee or perish. They found refuge in Spain and in England, and there warned of Philip's plans, they were able to flee into Scotland where the order went underground. DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Templars, had obeyed the orders of his superior the Pope hoping for the final crusade to free the Holy Lands. He was unaware of the political tides that flowed across Europe as each nation strove for dominance over the other.

It was decided that the Grand Master should be brought before public view to admit his guilt and that of his Templars. The nobility, the prelates of the church, and influential commoners were invited to witness the historic event. On March 14, 1314, a high platform had been erected before Notre Dame from which DeMolay would make his confession. The Grand Master was escorted to the platform with Geoffroi de Charney and two other officers of the order.

With the eyes of the world upon him and the blood of his beloved Templars on the hands of his accusers, DeMolay condemned himself to martyrdom. "I think it only right that at so solemn a moment when my life has so little time to run, I should reveal the deception which has been practiced and speak for the truth. Before heaven and earth and all of you here as my witnesses, I admit that I am guilty of the grossest iniquity. But the iniquity is that I have lied in admitting the disgusting charges laid against the order. I declare, and I must declare, that the order is innocent. Its purity and saintliness are beyond question. I have indeed confessed that the order is guilty, but I have done so only to save myself from terrible tortures by saying what my enemies wished me to say. Other knights who have retracted their confessions have been led to the stake, yet the thought of dying is not so awful that I shall confess to foul crimes which have never been committed. Life is

offered to me but at the price of infamy. At such price, life is not worth having. I do not grieve that I must die if life can be bought only by piling one lie upon another."

The others with DeMolay quickly joined him in proclaiming the innocence of the order. By their own words, they had brought monumental embarrassment to both king and church to which the only answer was the stake. The verdict was announced for that same evening.

The executions were held on a small island in the River Seine, but a crowd still managed to gather by boat to witness the end of the last Templar Grand Master. Legend says that as Jacques DeMolay's flesh was being burned away he called down a curse upon Philip of France and all of his family, and he called upon both king and pope to meet him within the year for judgment at the throne of God. Clement V died the following month of April, followed by Philip's unexplained death in November of the same year. As the two nemeses of the Templars faded into history so did the remaining Templars fade into the shrouds of time; perhaps an invisible force protecting the destiny of man.



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Cool breezes? Shady orchard? Icy snow cones? Enjoy all this and more at Family Day, the biggest Masonic gathering in Texas taking place on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Texas Masonic Retirement Community! Make plans to attend! Info at <https://yourtmrc.org/family-day/>



We will **eclipse** your highest expectations at this year's Family Day Extravaganza
On **Saturday, October 14 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

And, on **Friday Evening, October 13th** we have our annual BBQ fellowship on the grounds ...
Boo --- Friday 13th in October --- wow? -- what could be better than that?

Ring of fire eclipse!



Join us for our "Ring of Fire" Solar Eclipse Watching Party during Family Day on Saturday, Oct. 14! Plus, great family fun from 10 am to 4 pm! All info at <https://yourtmrc.org/family-day/>

Glasses on...



A group of people, including several men and one woman, standing in a hallway. They are wearing protective eyewear (solar glasses) and some are using canes, suggesting they are participating in a solar eclipse viewing event.

At the TMRC:

We offer independent living and nursing care accommodations to qualified Texas Masons and loved ones.

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Website: <https://yourtmrc.org>



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Precious time with loved ones. Welcoming family for a visit at [Texas Masonic Retirement Community](#)



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Good times at TMRC -- Just the guys hanging out together and playing domino's.





Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Looking for a good home for your gently used clothing? Want to make a difference by donating new essential items like shaving cream, shampoo, deodorant, and more? We offer these items to our residents free of charge in a special area at TMRC. Just bring clothing or new items to our front desk or make a monetary donation so we can purchase these necessities. Donate here:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx...>



One of our very important colleagues of the Texas Masonic Retirement Community, **Albert J. Foley**, was knighted into the Order of the Temple.

This Order of the Temple was conferred by **Gary Byron Blair**, the Superintendent of the Texas Masonic Retirement Community of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, on behalf of Arlington Commandery #107 and its Eminent Commander **Butch Blackman** (who is the Past Grand Commander of Kansas).

Gary's son, **Mason Blair** also worked in this conferral. Several residents were present, and 21-time member of the TMRC Board, **Floyd Hall** also participated in this conferral.

We had several visitors from McKinney Commandery (including the Commander) as well as **Michael Malone** who filled in as Senior Warden.



Sir Knight Albert J. Foley (center, in the white shirt). Gary Blair to his left.

Messages from Jon K. Wych

TMRC Family Day
14 OCT 2023
BBQ teams please RSVP
jdone54@yahoo.com

TMRC Family day is upon us, and planning is still being made.

Volunteers are needed to man the 'walk in' gates to greet guests and pass out "wristbands". 10am to 4 pm.
Please email Keith A. at emailme@keitharterburn.com
14 OCT 2023

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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