

Tarrant County York Rite

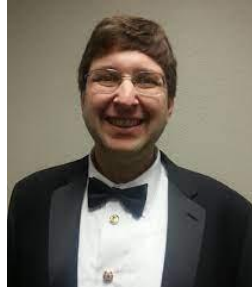


The Keystone

2023 November Edition - www.tarrant.yorkritetexas.org and <http://64th.org>



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

- Oct 30 – Grand Chapter / Grand Council Candidate Forum: TMRC Multi-Purpose Room – Eat 6:30 pm**
- Nov 6 – Sherman Royal and Select Master’s Degree – Eat at 6 pm**
- Nov 6 – Webb Lodge Beehive Lecture – Jeff Bennett**
- Nov 8 – Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau Meeting at Webb Lodge – Eat 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm – Page 7**
- Nov 12 – Arlington Commandery Holiday Party – 2 pm at Arlington Lodge**
- Nov 15 – TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter – Most Excellent Master’s Degree – 6:30 pm**
- Nov 18 – Thomas Becket Chapel Acon meeting at Arlington Lodge – 1 pm**
- Nov 18 – Sweet Home Lodge #576 Stated Meeting – 1:30 pm**
- Nov 18 – Midlothian York Rite honoring TMRC Residents - 6:00 pm**
- Nov 27 – Goodnight-Loving Chapter PM and MEM Degrees – 7:00 pm – no meal**
- Nov 28 – J. H. Gurley Lodge active shooter program with Dr. Aaron Tyksinski – 6:30 pm – Page 7**
- Nov 29 – Goodnight-Loving Chapter RAM Degree – 7:00 pm – no meal**
- Dec 2 – Worth Commandery Installation – 3:00 pm**
- Dec 7-9 – Grand Chapter and Grand Council in Waco – Pages 4,5,6**
- Dec 16 – Sweet Home Lodge #576 Stated Meeting – 1:30 pm**
- Dec 18 – Stephenville Commandery Installation – 6:00 pm**
- Jan 6 – Port Neches Festival**
- Jan 6 – Hillsboro Festival**
- Jan 13 – Wichita Falls Festival**
- Jan 16-18 – Grand Lodge in Waco**

Inserted some friendly posts from all 4 candidates for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council – Pages 8-9
TMRC News – Pages 10-12

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – November, December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Oct 30 York Rite Candidate Forum TMRC – Page 3 6:30 PM Dinner	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
Nov 5	Nov 6 Sherman Council Royal and Select Master’s Degree Eat at 6 pm	Nov 7 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm7	Nov 8 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm	Nov 9	Nov 10 Grand Prairie Chapter/ Council 7 pm	Nov 11
	Beehive Lecture Jeff Bennett Webb Lodge 7 pm		MSB meeting Webb Lodge Eat 6pm			
Nov 12	Nov 13 Arlington Chapter/Council Stated Meeting Meal 6 pm	Nov 14	Nov 15 Ridglea Eat 6:30 pm	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm TMRC
			TMRC Pecan Grove MEM Degree 6:30			Midlothian York Rite Honor TMRC Residents 6pm
Nov 19	Nov 20 Arlington and Stephenville Commandery Eat 6 pm	Nov 21 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25
Nov 26	Nov 27 Goodnight-Loving PM/MEM Degrees 7pm No meal	Nov 28 J.H. Gurley Lodge – 6:30 pm Aaron’s Active Shooter Program	Nov 29 Goodnight- Loving RAM Degree 7 pm No meal	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2 Robert Bruce Brannon AMD/TMRC 9:00 am
						Worth Installation 3 pm
Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Dec 6 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Dec 7, 8, 9 Grand Chapter/Council in Waco.		
Dec 10	Dec 11 Arlington Chapter/Council Stated Meeting Meal 6 pm	Dec 12	Dec 13 Goodnight- Loving 7 pm	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm TMRC
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			TMRC Pecan Grove 6:00 pm RA Degree			
Dec 24	Dec 25 	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30



**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.

This is an open meeting, all are welcome.



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.



Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas



Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

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October 9, 2023

Dear Companion:

We hope that you are making plans to attend the Annual Grand Sessions this year and **Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert M. Loflin** and **Most Illustrious Grand Master W. David Melear** would like to remind you of the upcoming important dates:

1. **The Grand Chapter Convocation and the Grand Council Assembly will be held Friday and Saturday December 8th and 9th, 2023 with Chapter in the morning and Council in the afternoon.**

All meetings will take place in the Lower Auditorium, Masonic Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, 715 Columbus, Ave., Waco, TX, unless otherwise designated.

2. A meeting of the **York Rite Colleges of Texas** will be held on Thursday morning, December 7th at 8:30 A.M. by the Grand Governor, Brian R. Dodson. The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council will bring messages for the coming year.
3. **Texas York Rite College #14** will meet on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 A.M.
4. **Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.C.H.**, Conferral, Business Meeting, Election, and Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, December 7th, at 11:00 A.M.
5. **Memorial Services** will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 7th, at 2:00 P.M.
6. An Assembly of Robert Morriss Elgin Council No. 415, R&SM will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 7th, at 3:30 P.M.

7. The **Annual Banquet** will be held Thursday evening, December 7th, at 6:30 P.M., at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive. **Banquet tickets price is \$40.00.** A form is enclosed for you to reserve these tickets and you are requested to please do so by **November 22nd**. You may pick up the tickets and pay for them in the Grand Secretary's office upon your arrival. However, if you do not expect to arrive before Thursday, December 7th, it is suggested that you please note the same on the form, enclose your remittance, and we will mail the tickets to you. Please make your checks payable to the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas". **There will be no un-reserved tickets sold on Thursday, December 7th.**
8. The **Ladies Luncheon** will be Friday, December 8th at 11:30 A.M. at the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Temple, 2801 W. Waco Dr. Tickets are \$32.00
9. The **Order of the Silver Trowel** and **Order of High Priesthood** will be conferred on Friday, December 8th beginning at 4:30 P.M. (**All present and PHPs & PTIMs are eligible to receive these degrees.**) Degree Fee is payable at registration downstairs.
10. Tarrant Co. YR Assn. & Trinity YR College will host a Breakfast on Saturday, December 9, at 6:30 AM (Coffee at 6) at George's Party Room, 1925 Speight Ave, Waco TX. Tickets are \$15.00, available at <https://trinity154.yorkritetexas.org/product/heroes-of-york-rite-breakfast/>
Contact Gabriel Jagush, Sec., at trinityyrsc@gmail.com.
11. Please call the hotels directly for reservations. A block of rooms is reserved at the Sleep Inn & Suites Hewitt, 254-420-3200 (\$82.00+taxes) and the Ramada Hewitt 254-732-9823 (\$99.00+taxes). Mention "Grand Chapter". These hotels are both at the Sun Valley Exit 328 on IH-35 South in Hewitt, TX.
12. Remember to bring your **Current Dues Cards**, and your **Proxy Forms** if your Secretary-Recorder has not previously forwarded them in to the office.
13. **Registration Fee** is Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Only cash or checks accepted.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Kenneth E. Cooley
Grand Secretary-Recorder

Grand Chapter / Grand Council

Proposed Resolutions and

Statements of Availability

The Statements of Availability and the Proposed Resolutions are listed in the PDF Attachment on the Grand Chapter/Grand Council website: <https://yorkritetexas.org/>

For convenience, a summary of the resolutions is listed here:

Grand Chapter:

1. Move Longview Chapter 177
2. Move Jerusalem Chapter 3
3. Rename Dale E. Miller Chapter No 55 to Dale E. Miller-Terrell Chapter No 55
4. Rename the TMRC to
The Texas Masonic Retirement Community of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
5. Amend verbiage in the Past Master's Degree
6. Add standing committee to be named "Committee on Education"

Grand Council:

1. Move Longview Council 116
2. Move Jerusalem Council 7
3. Rename Dale E. Miller Council No 40 to Dale E. Miller-Terrell Council No 40
4. Add standing committee to be named "Committee on Education"



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

The Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau (MSB) will meet at Webb Masonic lodge on November 8, 2023: dinner at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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.

J. H. Gurley Lodge Stated Meeting

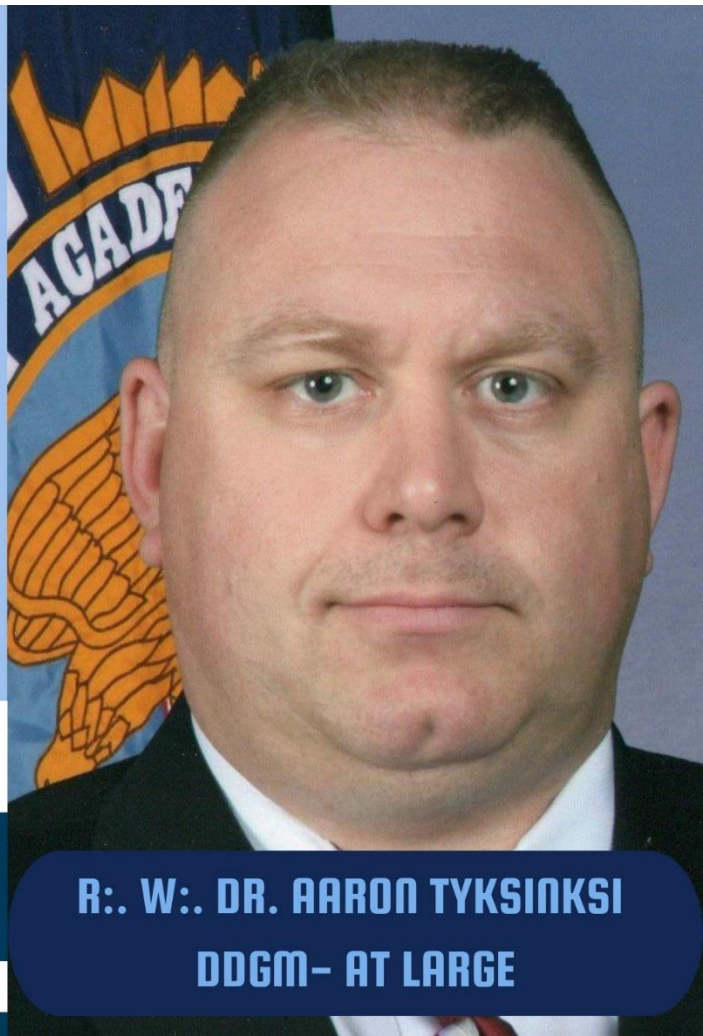


STATED MEETING

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 PM

2801 W Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76707

R.: W.: DR. AARON TYKSINSKI
DDGM- AT LARGE

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE
LEARN HOW TO SURVIVE A SHOOTING EVENT






RUN **HIDE** **FIGHT**

Post from **Brian Cook**

Headed out to the [Texas Masonic Retirement Community](#) yesterday afternoon for the meetings of the Trustees of the [Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas](#) and the [Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Texas](#), then onto Fort Worth for the meeting of A.P.O.A.S. Commandery and a wonderful Feast of Miracles featuring a VERY informative presentation on Templar history by [Ben Williams](#) and delicious food from the folks at [Ruston Cattle Company!](#)

Headed back to the TMRC today to enjoy fellowship with Masons, family, and friends from all over Texas at the 2023 [Texas Masonic Family Day](#), and support Lodges while enjoying some great food. (Hey, crawfish pies, I'm talking about you.)

Post from **Christopher Bates**

Finally made it back to the house, another amazing weekend. It started with the inauguration of a new commandery, followed by an awesome Feast of Miracles celebration and wonder lecture on Templar history by REPDC [Ben Williams](#) from Colorado. Then a full day of fellowship at the Masonic Family Day and car show, then thrift shopping at Couriosities in Garland, a dinner relaxing with brothers, and finally wrapping it up with the wife at the cutting-edge haunted house in Fort Worth. Enjoy!



Post from **Bob Brunk**

I was honored to make it over to Texas Council this evening to work in the RM and SM degrees. Great to see Companion Ric again - We have both traveled around Texas and I was honored to serve as GM of the Grand Council last year while he was Grand Commander. We traveled to the many York Rite conferences and SEM degrees that I scheduled in 2022. It always great to work in the quarries with you. Until next time –

Post from **Ric Jernigan**

Good to be back with the sir Knights of Worth Commandery No 19 and the visitors from Arlington Commandery No 107. They did a great job of conferring the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in short form. Normally we do full form, but these were special circumstances. Great job [Gabriel Jagush](#) and Steve Wolfe. Congratulations to [Mike Perrin](#). Saturday will be very special for you. God Bless, Ric





Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

See Family Day 2023 photos at <https://yourtmrc.org/family-day/photo-gallery-2023/> More than 4,000 attended! HUGE thanks to the Family Day Planning Team, staff of TMRC, and all volunteers who made this year's Family Day another outstanding success!





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.

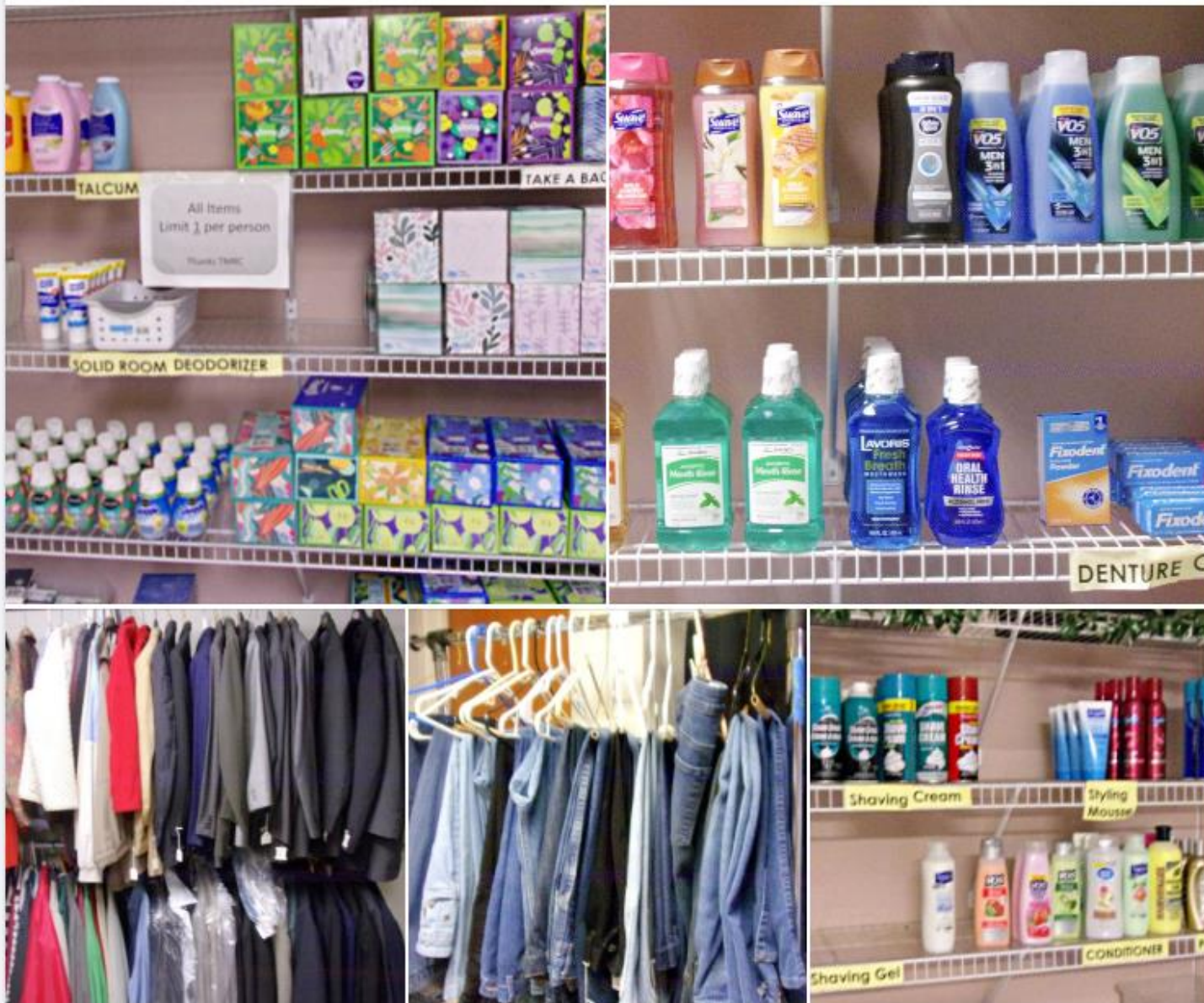


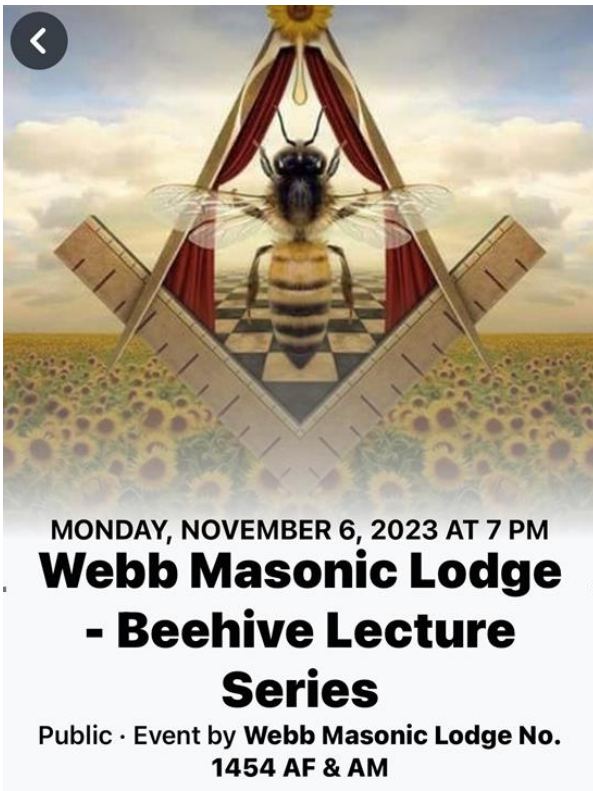


Texas Masonic Retirement Community

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...>





The presentation of " Interpretation Methodology for Symbolism and its Practice" will be a 3 part interactive discussion and time of exploration that will challenge you to deepen your knowledge and practice of Symbolism. So come prepared to Ask, Seek, and Knock upon the outer portals of Freemasonry Cosmic Symbolism engaging a supersonic journey into the Time, Being, and Dimension Fueled by your own Imagination and Contemplation!!!

Come hear [Jeff Bennett](#), Past High Priest and Past TIM, present this educational program.

[James Kirkpatrick](#), Editor

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