

Tarrant County York Rite

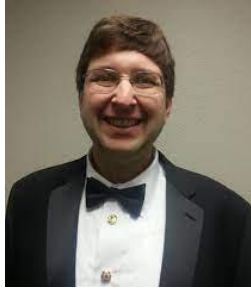


The Keystone

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



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

Degrees and Events Schedule

Nov 29 – 14th MWSA Meeting at Oak Cliff Lodge – Eat at 6:30 pm

Dec 2 – Worth Commandery Installation – 3:00 pm

Dec 5 – Southside Commandery Installation and Christmas Party – 6:00 pm

Dec 6 – Weatherford Commandery Installation – Eat at 6:30 pm

Dec 7-9 – Grand Chapter (**Robert Loflin**) and Grand Council (**W. David Melear**) in Waco – Pages 4-6

Dec 9 – Breakfast at Georges in Waco – Coffee at 6 am, Breakfast at 6:30 am. Meet the candidates – Page 7

Dec 14 – Dallas Commandery Installation – 7:00 pm

Dec 16 – Sweet Home Lodge #576 Stated Meeting at TMRC – 1:30 pm

Dec 18 – Stephenville Commandery Installation – Eat 6:00 pm

Dec 18 – Arlington Commandery Installation – Eat 6:00 pm

Dec 19 – Denton Commandery Installation – 7:30 pm

Eat 6:00 pm at El Matador Restaurant, 720 W University Dr, Denton, TX 76201, USA

Dec 20 – A. C. Garrett Commandery Installation – Eat 6:00 pm

Dec 20 – TMRC Pecan Grove Royal Arch Degree – 6 pm

Jan 6 – Port Neches Festival

Jan 13 – Wichita Falls Festival

Jan 17 – TMRC Pecan Grove Royal Master's Degree – 6 pm

Jan 18-20 – Grand Lodge in Waco, Most Worshipful **G. Clay Smith**, Presiding

Note: Sweet Home Lodge is dark this January

Jan 22 – 64th MWSA Meeting at Webb Lodge – Eat at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

Jan 30 – Tarrant County York Rite Association; Trinity York Rite College – 6:45 pm – no meal – Page 3

Feb 21 – TMRC Pecan Grove Select Master's Degree – 6 pm

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Goodnight-Loving voted to meet 3rd Mondays in 2024 with Weatherford Commandery.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – December 2023, January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Dec 1	Dec 2 R.B.B. AMD/ TMRC 9 am 3 pm Worth Commandery Installation
Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5 Texas York Rite Eat 6 pm Southside Installation 6:00 pm	Dec 6 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Weatherford Installation 6:30 pm	Dec 7, 8, 9 Grand Chapter/Council in Waco. Most Excellent Robert Loflin and Most Illustrious W. David Melear Presiding		
Dec 10	Dec 11 Arlington Chapter/Council Eat at 6 pm	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14 Dallas Commandery Installation 7 pm	Dec 15	Dec 16 Sweet Home Lodge 1:30pm TMRC
Dec 17	Dec 18 Arlington and Stephenville Commandery Installations Eat at 6 pm	Dec 19 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Installation Eat 6 pm @ El Matador Denton	Dec 20 Ridglea Eat 6:30 pm TMRC Pecan Grove 6:00 pm RA Degree A.C. Garrett Installation-6	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23
Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas Day	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30
Dec 31	Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jan 2 Texas and Southside York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Jan 3 Tarrant York Rite Eat 6 pm Meeting 7 pm	Jan 4 Southside Commandery Eat at 6 pm	Jan 5	Jan 6 TMRC Pecan Grove-TMRC 9 am - and a Festival at Port Neches
Jan 7	Jan 8 Arlington Chapter/Council Eat at 6 pm	Jan 9	Jan 10 FTW MSB Haltom-City Riverside 6 pm	Jan 11	Jan 12 Grand Prairie 7:00 pm	Jan 13 Wichita Falls Festival
Jan 14	Jan 15 Eat 6 Arlington & Stephenville Commanderies Goodnight Loving Chapter 7 pm	Jan 16 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Jan 17 Ridglea Eat 6:30 pm TMRC Pecan Grove 6:00 pm RM Degree	Jan 18 through Jan 20 Grand Annual Communication in Waco Texas Grand Lodge of Texas Most Worshipful G. Clay Smith presiding.		
Jan 21	Jan 22 Stephenville York Rite 6 pm 64 th MWSA at Webb Eat 6:00pm	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc and York Rite College 6:45 FTW Temple	Jan 31	Feb 1 Southside Commandery Eat at 6 pm	Feb 2	Feb 3 TMRC Pecan Grove-TMRC 9 am



**Tarrant County York Rite Association and Trinity York Rite College
Presents the Annual Election and Installation of Officers for the
Tarrant County York Rite Association for 2024**

**Also, there will be additional business in the Trinity York Rite College #154
Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at the Fort Worth Temple**



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"!

Statements of Availability --- in Alphabetical Order --- For R.E. Grand Scribe and R. I. Grand PCW

Grand Chapter – Robert C "Bob" Brunk and Richard Jernigan

Grand Council – Christopher L. Bates and R. Brian Cook

There are also other statements of availability of other elections in the pdf document.



Come join Trinity York Rite College and the Tarrant County York Rite Association for a very special breakfast during the weekend of Grand Chapter and Grand Council! Tickets are \$15 each.

You may buy tickets here:

<https://trinity154.yorkritetexas.org/product/heroes-of-york-rite-breakfast/>

Or look for Gabriel Jagush or Zachary Haston or Hobie Henderson for tickets in person.

Saturday, December 9th, 2023

Super Amazingly Delicious Coffee at 6:00 AM

Outstanding and Superb Breakfast at 6:30 AM by the friendliest staff you can imagine.

At the famous George's Restaurant at 1925 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

Email trinityyrsc@gmail.com for more information.



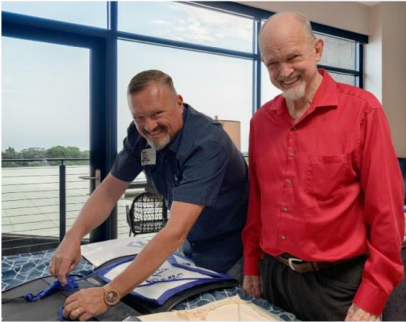
Texas Masonic Retirement Community

Of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Thankful for cheerful Thanksgiving decorations at TMRC! Almost turkey time around here!



No Mason Left Behind Project 2024



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about my electric bill,
groceries, or rent.**

It's 100% better for me."

--Curtis, age 80

Tremendous thanks to all donors on our 2023 Honor Roll and current 2024 Honor Roll. These folks donated to the No Mason Left Behind Project to help provide a safe, comfortable private apartment at TMRC for Texas Masons in need and their families.

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See entire 2023 Honor Roll at <https://yourtmrc.org/donate/honor-roll-prior-year/>

or 2024 Honor Roll at <https://yourtmrc.org/donate/honor-roll-current-year/>

For convenience, the contributions of the 2023 and 2024 Honor Roll are listed here in this newsletter on the next two pages.

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Texas York Rite College #14

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"Living here really is just like that motto--"

'No Mason Left Behind'



--Curtis, age 80



**"My dad's move to TMRC is a
relief to him and to me."**

**"This is why
I became a Mason"**

--Tony
Athens Lodge #165
Hella Shrine

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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