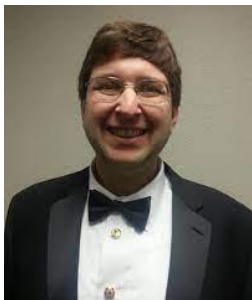




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Welcome to the August 2024 Edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Degrees and Events Schedule

!!!! Super Excellent Master's Degree Postponed until later date !!!!

Aug 7 – Tarrant Chapter Mark Master's Degree – Eat 6:00 pm at Richland Hills Lodge

Aug 17 – Sweet Home Lodge at TMRC – 1:30 pm – Al Foley WM

Aug 19 – Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree – 6:30 pm at Ft Worth Temple

Aug 21 – TMRC Pecan Grove Royal Master's Degree – 6:30 pm at TMRC

Aug 24 – Trinity York Rite College and TMRC honors WMs – At TMRC 6 pm – Register Page 3

Aug 28 – Webb Lodge WM receives the Virtual Past Master's Degree – Eat 6:00 pm at Webb Lodge

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – August 2024 and September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Aug 1 Southside and Worth Commandery Eat at 6 pm	Aug 2	Aug 3 Pecan Grove York Rite 9 am Masonic Session
Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6 Texas and Southside Chapter Council 6:30 pm	Aug 7 Tarrant Mark Master Degree Eat 6 Meeting 7 pm	Aug 8	Aug 9 Grand Prairie York Rite 6:30 pm	Aug 10
Aug 11	Aug 12 Arlington Chapter/Council Cuisine at 6 pm	Aug 13	Aug 14 MSB at Arlington Lodge Eat 6 pm Mtg 7 pm	Aug 15 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	Aug 16	Aug 17 Sweet Home Lodge - TMRC 1:30 pm
Saturday, Aug 17 through Wednesday Aug 21 – Grand Encampment, Salt Lake City Utah – Details Page 8						
Aug 18	Aug 19 Goodnight Loving York Rite 6 pm Stephenville and Arlington Commandery Eat 6 pm Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree – 6:00 pm Ftw Temple	Aug 20 Denton Commandery Eat 6:30 pm	Aug 21 Royal Master's Degree at TMRC 6:30pm	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24 York Rite College honors WM's at Banquet TMRC 6-9 pm
Aug 25	Aug 26 Stephenville York Rite 6 pm	Aug 27	Aug 28 Webb Lodge Virtual Past Master's Degree Eat 6 pm	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31
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Joseph L. Perrin is with Jon K. Wych KT and 38 others.



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The newly installed Worshipful Masters in the Tarrant County Masonic Districts are invited/encouraged to attend this annual recognition Dinner. It has always been enjoyed by numerous new masters, their spouses, and brethren of our District. Please reserve your attendance early so preparations can be completed. A very good catered meal, and our Grand Senior Warden, Jim Rumsey is the key note speaker.

HONORING THE MASTERS BANQUET



REGISTER NOW!

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Honoring the Masters Banquet hosted by Trinity York Rite College № 154 at the Texas Masonic Retirement Community in Arlington, Texas.

We are honored to have R.:W.: Jim Rumsey as our guest speaker for the evening.

SATURDAY, AUG 24
6:00 PM

TICKETS
\$45



R.:W.: Jim Rumsey
GRAND SENIOR WARDEN
GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

[HTTPS://TRINITY154.YORKRITETEXAS.ORG/](https://trinity154.yorkritetexas.org/)

Message from Sir Knight **Justin Bauer**,
Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas,

Sir Knights,

School is starting soon, summer vacations are coming to an end, and your daily commute may be more congested and take a few extra minutes. I find my commute time as an excellent opportunity to brush up on ritualistic practice. It's a great way to distract myself from the day's worries. It's a great way to improve my ritualistic proficiencies.

With inspection season coming up, please remember your district Grand Officers and members of Templar Instruction are also available to help you with floor work. Now is a great time to reach out to them and schedule a practice with them and your officers.

This month, your Grand Officers will be holding our mid-year meeting in Grapevine. A week later, your drill teams and Grand Encampment delegates will be traveling to Salt Lake City, Utah for the 69th Triennial Conclave. I ask that you keep us in your prayers for safe travels and a safe return.

And lastly, I ask for your help welcoming a new addition to our Grand Commandery family. Miss Makenzie Mae Lesikar, daughter of your Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Jason Lesikar and his wife Katie, was born on July 25th, 2024.



Message from Sir Knight **Brad Billings**,
Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Texas

Sir Knights, Do you consider yourself a sinner? Nowadays, it's almost universal for someone to say, "I'm a sinner, and you're a sinner, and there was only one perfect example." While I don't disagree with the sentiment of this statement, it leads some to believe that they can't help but sin and, therefore, should just continue.

So, what exactly is sin? It's a concept often associated with the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Bible. But if we were to distill it down to its essence, sin is anything that deviates from God's plan. It's anything that doesn't contribute to the constructive unfolding of His divine design. And particularly, it's anything that squanders our most precious resource—time. From a Biblical perspective, no example on this topic is more striking than Jonah's. God instructed Jonah to go to Nineveh to preach against their wickedness, but instead, he chose to flee to Tarshish in the opposite direction. As a glimpse into our Masonic teachings, Jonah tried to flee using the port city of Joppa. This story is easily seen as a metaphor for us choosing our plan over God's divine plan. While you can operate contrary to the designs of your life for a time, eventually, there will be a corrective incident that will set you back on your destined path. You can run away from your assigned responsibilities or the consequences of your actions, straying from what you know to be right and choosing a seemingly easier but ultimately harmful path. The main problem with this unhealthy exercise is the wasted time left in its wake.

With all the scrolling, social media, and Netflix binges of today, we live in an endless age of wasted time. On this topic, I would like to reintroduce two symbols that are familiar to all Knights Templar. The first is the hourglass introduced to you in the Chamber of Reflection; the other is the melancholy memento of mortality introduced in the Order of the Temple. Both are striking in their presentation yet simple in their message. Time is our most valuable asset; it is FINITE and passes almost imperceptibly until it is

exhausted. The more we sin, the less time we spend on nobler deeds and more significant achievements. Let's not forget, time is a gift from God, and we must use it wisely.

Stones taken from the quarry were large and rough in their natural state. But we, who make mistakes and perpetuate sin, continue to chisel away the flawed parts. One day, that stone will be perfectly squared by salvation, but how much material will remain? That is up to us. And, while the smaller building blocks are as necessary to the edifice as the foundation stones, they have a different place in the pantheon of merit. Do you wish to achieve nobler deeds? I submit that this can best be achieved by circumscribing sin and limiting desires (not necessarily all bad) that don't aid in your mission to accomplish what God has called you to do. Let us all redouble our efforts and remit the remaining years of our lives to deeds of more exalted usefulness.

Please pray with me: Almighty God, I approach your throne seeking guidance and wisdom for the path you have laid out for me. Let your plans be implemented in my life. Please give me the strength and determination to prioritize the time I have left to build your Earthly Kingdom. Give me the courage to follow what you have called me to do with unwavering faith, and help me to let go of all distractions that lead me away from Your purpose. Teach me to use my time wisely, to seek Your presence in all I do, and to align my actions with Your divine plan. Thank You for Your endless grace and patience. Guide me each day as I strive to live a life that honors You, making the most of the time and opportunities You have given me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

69TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE



The 69th Triennial Conclave will begin with the drill competition on Saturday, August 17, 2024, followed by a “Pass in Review.” The Sunday, August 18th Divine service begins at 8:00 AM. The Grand Master’s reception is that evening. The business sessions will begin on Monday morning, August 19th with the public reception of distinguished guests and the grand commanders. The business session will continue Tuesday, August 20th, with the Grand Master’s banquet on Tuesday evening. Installation will occur on Wednesday morning, followed by the session's adjournment.

The Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City is the headquarters for the Triennial Conclave. This four-star property offers 850 luxurious guestrooms, complimentary in-room Wi-Fi access, down pillows, and other luxury amenities. The 10-acre grounds are beautifully landscaped with fountains, flower gardens, and over 300 trees. The experienced, friendly staff is dedicated to their tradition of hospitality and excellence. It is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City and just 10 minutes from the Salt Lake International Airport. Nestled between the Wasatch and Oquirrh Mountain Ranges in the magnificent Salt Lake Valley, Little America is within walking distance from shopping, restaurants, and cultural and sporting events. Other nearby attractions include historic Temple Square, the world-famous Great Salt Lake, and national parks, forests, and monuments.

If you are planning to fly to Salt Lake City, you can ride the light rail system TRAX Green Line from the airport to the 600 South station. The TRAX station is located on the ground level outside of the airport terminal on the east side (exit door 1A and go east). The cost is \$2.50 one way.



Texas Masonic Retirement Community

With deep gratitude, today we thank Northwest Christian Church in Arlington for donating \$65,000 to Texas Masonic Retirement Community. Although the church no longer exists, the church membership distributed a million-dollar gift to a variety of community recipients including TMRC.

Read more at

https://fortworthreport.org/2024/07/15/arlington-northwest-christian-church-closes-but-charitable-legacy-will-live-on/?utm_source=Fort+Worth+Report&utm_campaign=f2c83a0c35-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_07_17_05_46&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f2c83a0c35-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=f2c83a0c35&mc_eid=1d9aa9a84



A group of Northwest Christian Church members pose at the church's final event, a memorial celebration dinner at an Arlington hotel. Seated from left: Teresa Pool, Sonja Sullivan and Thomas Tomlinson. Standing from left, former minister Mason Wagner, Richard Masouh, former minister Ron Bransteller and congregation President Sully Sullivan. (O.K. Carter | Arlington Report)

The exalted degree of a Royal Arch Mason was conferred last month on our good friends **Sam Holden** and **Jim Corbat** by a host of regal men in York Rite Masonry at the beautiful TMRC for TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter 58.

Picture and post by **Jon Wych**.



Painting class lifts spirits with colors, movement, and self-expression.



Strummin' and singin' with The Front Porch Music Bunch at Texas Masonic Retirement Community.



Free booth! Lodges and other Masonic organizations call now to reserve your free booth at Family Day on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024! Make money for your projects! Call 817-275-2893 to reserve your booth today. All info at <https://yourtmrc.org/family-day/>



Sparkling entertainment + refreshing watermelon! A summertime show from the Dallas Tap Dazzlers topped off by cool slices of watermelon provided by High Noon Club. Living is good at TMRC! Learn more at www.YourTMRC.org.



Let the games begin! Bingo at TMRC brings out serious competition and lots of good times!



Tom Lanier has created a new Facebook page called “TMRC - Operation Kindness”



Tom Lanier

Please share with all lodge and body secretaries
Please tag them and let them know to bring this up. All Masonic bodies and family
Statement to the desk of all Secretaries:

Dear Secretary,

Operation Kindness has been established for the sole purpose of sending Christmas cards to the residents of TMRC during the month of December.

I am reaching out to all Texas Masonic bodies and lodges to ask if you would like to participate in this heartfelt initiative.

We are encouraging all to either create or purchase Christmas cards and write a general, cheerful holiday message. Please leave the cards unnamed, as they will be handed out at random. If the card writer wishes, they may include their return information.

We request that all cards be gathered in a central location, preferably with the secretary.

Once collected, a representative from Operation Kindness will arrange to pick them up. ***Last pick up will be November as deliveries will take place in December.

Once letters are collected send a message directly to [Tom Lanier](#). Or email at Tommylanier1@gmail.com for pick up.

This project was created to leave a lasting impression on those who mean the most in our lives, the residents of TMRC, who may receive fewer holiday inspirations than others.

Our goal is to build and expand this project every year, making it as inspiring as possible for all involved.

Thank you for your help in making this possible.

Fraternally,

Tom Lanier

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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