

Tarrant County York Rite



The Keystone

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Welcome to the September 2019 Edition Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday September 3 – Official Visit to Texas Chapter – Eat 6 pm

Wednesday September 4 – Official Visit to Tarrant Chapter – Eat 6 pm

Friday September 6, Saturday September 7 – Tarrant County York Rite Festival, honoring Ben Lewark

Monday September 9 – Official Visit to Riverside Chapter – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 10 – Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree at 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 14 – Scottish Rite Honors in Dallas – All Day

Friday, Saturday, September 20, 21 – South Central South West Regional Conference in Arkansas

Saturday, September 21 – Tyler York Rite Festival, Donuts 7:30 am, Degrees 8:30 am

Tuesday, September 24 – Texas Council Royal and Select Master's Degrees 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 28 – Temple Chapter Degrees, Breakfast 7:00 am, Degrees 8:00 am

Saturday, September 28 – Tyler Commandery Orders, Donuts 7:30 am, Orders at 8:30 am

Saturday, September 28 - Traveling School of Instruction at Southside Council - 9 am to 11 am

Monday, September 30 – Texas Chapter Past Master Degree for Blue Lodges – 6:30 pm

Monday, September 30 – Love Field Chapter Most Excellent Master's Degree – 6:30 pm

Tuesday October 1 – Official Visit to Southside Chapter – Eat 6 pm

Thursday, October 3 – Saturday October 5 – Grand School of Instruction in Waco – 8 am

Saturday October 5 – Super Excellent Master's Degree Class

Saturday October 5 – Team Competition in Royal Master's Degree – (TIM, COC, IPC, Head Cherubim)

Saturday October 5 – Individual Competition in the Royal Master's Lecture

Saturday, October 12, 2019 – Family Day 2019 – 10 AM to 4 PM

Monday October 14 – Official Visit to Arlington Chapter – Eat 6 pm

Wednesday October 16 – Official Visit to Ridglea Chapter – Eat 6:30 pm

Monday October 21 – Official Visit to Hurst Chapter – Eat 6 pm

Saturday, October 26 - Traveling School of Instruction at Grand Prairie Council - 9 am to 11 am

Saturday, October 26 – Trinity York Rite College #154 honors Worshipful Masters at TMRC at 6:00 pm

Saturday November 2 – Official Visit to Fort Worth Chapter – 9 am

Tuesday, November 12 – Temple Council Degrees, Meal at 6:30 pm, Degrees at 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 23 - Traveling School of Instruction - TMRC - 9 am to 11 am, Breakfast at 7:30 am - \$5.00

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – August, September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3 Texas at 6:30pm Official Visit <hr/> Southside 6:30pm	Sep 4 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM <hr/> Tarrant Meeting. Eat 6 Official Visit	Sep 5 Southside and Worth Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 6 and Sep 7 Tarrant County York Rite Festival Honoring Ben Lewark	
Sep 8	Sep 9 Riverside Meet at 7:00 PM Official Visit <hr/> Arlington Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 10 Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree 6:30 pm	Sep 11 Goodnight- Loving Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14 Scottish Rite Honors in Dallas
Sep 15	Sep 16 Hurst at Estelle Lodge Eat 6 PM <hr/> 6 pm Stephenville 6 pm Arlington Commandery	Sep 17 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Sep 18 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Sep 19 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM	Sep 20 - Sep 21 South Central and Southwest Regional York Rite Conference in Arkansas <hr/> Sep 21 – Tyler York Rite Festival – Donuts at 7:30 am Degrees – 8:30 am	
Sep 22	Sep 23 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Sep 24 Texas Council Degrees 6:30 pm	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 28 Temple Chapter Degrees 8 am <hr/> School of Instruction Southside Lodge 9 am to 11 am <hr/> Tyler Commandery Orders Donuts at 7:30 am Degrees at 8:30 am	
Sep 29	Sep 30 Texas Past Master Degree for Blue Lodges 6:30 pm <hr/> Love Field Most Excellent Master 6:30 pm	Oct 1 Texas at 6:30pm <hr/> Southside 6:30pm Official Visit	Oct 2 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Oct 3, 4, 5 School of Instruction in Waco Also Commandery in Southside and Worth on Oct 3		
Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8 Texas Chapter Royal Arch Degree 6:30 pm	Oct 9 Goodnight- Loving Eat 6:00 PM	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12 Family Day 10 am – 4 pm TMRC
Oct 13	Oct 14 Riverside Meet at 7:00 PM <hr/> Arlington Eat 6:00 PM Official Visit	Oct 15 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Oct 16 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM Official Visit	Oct 17 Cleburne Commandery 7:00 PM	Oct 18	Oct 19
Oct 20	Oct 21 Hurst at Estelle Lodge Eat 6 PM Official Visit <hr/> 6 pm Stephenville 6 pm Arlington Commandery	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 26 School of Instruction Grand Prairie 9 am to 11 am <hr/> Trinity York Rite College honor Worshipful Masters at TMRC 6:00 pm	
Oct 27	Oct 28 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Oct 29 Tarrant County York Rite Assoc / Trinity York Rite College 6:45	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2 Fort Worth Chapter Official Visit 9 am



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

Oct 29, 2019 AT 6:45 PM
ALL MASONS INVITED!!!!
FORT WORTH TEMPLE
1100 HENDERSON STREET
FORT WORTH TEXAS

DINNER BEFOREHAND ...
5:00 'ish at the **MEXICAN INN**

612 N Henderson St, Fort Worth, TX 76107



President
I: Ricky Cox



Pre-Eminent Governor
Wayne Roberson



2019 - 2nd Visitation Schedule District 26

Date	Time	Name	Chapter	Council	Address	Stated
09/03/19	Eat 6pm, meet 7pm	Texas Chapter and Council	362	321	1100 Henderson, Fort Worth 76101	1st Tuesday
09/04/19	Eat 6pm, meet 7pm	Tarrant Chapter and Council	416	349	2115 Belle Ave, Fort Worth 76106	4th Thursday
09/09/19	Meet 7:00pm	Riverside Chapter and Council	468	384	8013 Main St, N. Richland Hills 76182	2nd Monday
10/01/19	Eat 6pm, meet 7pm	Southside Chapter and Council	378	315	7700 Crowley Rd, Fort Worth 76134	1st Tuesday
10/14/19	Eat 6pm, meet 6:45pm	Arlington Chapter and Council	376	314	1415 W. Abram, Arlington 76004	2nd Monday
10/16/19	Eat 6:30pm, meet 7:30pm	Ridglea Chapter and Council	485	400	3605 Ramona Dr, Fort Worth 76116	3rd Wednesday
10/21/19	Eat 6:30pm, meet 7:30pm	Hurst Chapter and Council	492	407	1501 W. Division, Arlington 76012	3rd Monday
11/02/19	Meet 9am	Fort Worth Chapter and Council	58	42	1501 W. Division, Arlington 76012	1st Saturday

R.:E.: Neal Addy
DDGHP – District 26
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

R.: I.: Robert Cagley
DDGM – District 26
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE FESTIVAL

FOR MORE LIGHT GO YORK RITE
SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 2019



2019 ANNUAL TARRANT COUNTY
YORK RITE FESTIVAL
Location: Fort Worth Temple



Honoring **Ben Lewark**

Sponsored by TEXAS CHAPTER 362 / COUNCIL 321
High Priest / Thrice Illustrious Master: **Billy Hamilton**
Festival Registrar: **Jerry Taylor**

Coordinated by TARRANT COUNTY YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

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Bro. Ricky Cox, President

Billy Hamilton, 1st Vice President

Ernie Runyon, 2nd Vice President

Robert Cagley, Treasurer

Hobie Henderson, Secretary

Corey Harris, Master of Ceremonies

Pre-Eminent Wayne Roberson, Governor Trinity 154



PURPOSES AND AIMS:

Advancement of York Rite Masonry

Participating bodies include:

- Trinity York Rite College #154 (co-coordinator)
- Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)
- St Timothy Conclave, Order of Red Cross of Constantine
- 2 chapels of St Thomas of Acon
- Worth Shamrock #54, Knight Masons
- Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, H.R.A.K.T.P.
- Several Allied Masonic Degrees Councils



Friday, September 6

Supper at 6 pm, Degrees at 7 pm

Saturday, September 7

Breakfast at 7 am, Degrees at 8 am

Courtesy Candidates Welcome

Full Degree Schedule:

Mark Masters – Southside, Micah Frost

Past Masters – Arlington, Zachary Haston

Most Excellent Masters – Ridglea, V.: I.: Jim Manley

Royal Arch – Tarrant, Fort Worth R.: E.: Joe Orona

Royal Masters – Riverside, Ernie Runyon

Select Masters – Texas, Gabriel Jagush

Red Cross – Southside, Corey Hale

Malta – Arlington, R.: E.: Butch Blackman

Order of the Temple – Worth, John Goodman



Fort Worth Temple
1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth, Texas



Festival Honoree:
Brother Ben Lewark

Benjamin Edward Lewark was born on June 29, 1928 on the south side of Fort Worth to Mary Belle Hyde Lewark and James Edward Lewark. The family moved to Polytechnic where Ben started school at D. Mac Rea Elem. At five years old, his mother enrolled him in the National Institute of Music to learn how to play the Violin. In April 1937 the family moved to Arlington Heights 2 blocks from the city limits of Fort Worth. At this time Arlington Heights Elementary was in the country. He then attended Stripling Jr, and Arlington Heights High where he graduated on May 24, 1946. On September 3, 1946 Ben joined the US Air Force where after basic training at Lackland in San Antonio he was sent to Washington DC to play with the Official Air Force Band for three months. On Jan 27, 1947 he was assigned to the 585th Air Force Band at Fort Worth Army Air Field as a Tuba and Bass violin player. During his Air Force time the band played all over Texas, including ground-breaking and completion of Benbrook Lake, Grapevine Lake, Amon Carter SW Airport, Bell Helicopter and the first TV broadcast in the southwest when President Truman came to T&P Station while running for re-election.

On July 25th 1949 he met Marion Laverne Headrick who became his wife on March 18, 1950. They were married for 67 years. Four children were born to them Conn, Paula, Wilson (Eddie) and Terri. Ben got out of the Air Force on 9-4-1953 and went to work as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service on 1-3-1954 where he worked till 10-3-1990.

During these years he was a volunteer fireman for 16 years, the Voice of the Brewer Bears Football for 11 years, a Schoolboard member, the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Announcer for 20 years, and the Weekly youth rodeo reporter on WBAP for 7 years.

Ben's son Eddie came to him in 1991 and told him that he was going to become a Mason. This caused Ben to go to Ridglea Lodge #1941 and ask the brothers to teach him how to confer degrees. Ben then conferred all his son's degrees and his son is very active in masonry.

Brother Lewark joined White Settlement Lodge № 1372, AF&AM and was initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 22, 1961, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 1, 1963, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 6, 1963. He served as Master of Ridglea Lodge № 1341 AF&AM in 2002-2003. Brother Ben was the charter Senior Warden of Fort Worth Stock Show Lodge № 1460 AF&AM and served as its Master in 2012-2013. He holds a plural membership with Phoenix Lodge № 275 AF&AM.

On February 2, 1971, Companion Ben was advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master, regularly seated in the Oriental Chair, received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason. He was advanced to the rights and honors of a Royal Master and greeted as a Select Master on April 3, 1971. Companion Ben was introduced into the mysteries of the degree of Super Excellent Master on June 8, 2013. He served as the Most Excellent High Priest of Ridglea Chapter № 485 RAM, and as the Thrice Illustrious Master of Ridglea Council № 400 RSM in 2009-2010, and is serving in those roles again for 2019-2020. He was the charter Thrice Illustrious Master of Goodnight-Loving Council № 47 RSM in 2011. Companion Ben received the Cornerstone Award and the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2013.

He is also a 54-year Grotto Member and a proud Shriner.

**Annual School of Instruction
Hosted by the Committee on Work of the
Grand Chapter and Grand Council
at the Grand Lodge Temple, lower level, Waco, TX
Hosted by the Committee on Work of the
Grand Chapter and Grand Council October 3-5, 2019**

Registration Thursday & Friday 8:00 to 9:00 AM, Saturday 7:30 to 8:00 AM

Roll call at 9:00 AM

Classes Thursday and Friday at 9AM, 1PM & 3:30PM

Classes Saturday at 8AM and 10:30AM

Gr. Council Ritual Competition 1:30 PM

Royal Master's Degree and Royal Masters Lecture

TIM, COC, IPCW, Head Cherub

Contact: David Rogers, Committee on Work Chairman 2019

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**SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER'S DEGREE will be taught at the school on
Saturday morning October 5.**





TRINITY YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE
154
FORT WORTH, TEXAS



To All Master Masons and Lodges,

The Trinity York Rite College has a long tradition of honoring all local Worshipful Masters and their ladies at a special dinner. Please join us in saluting our Brethren that have assumed the mantle of leadership for the ensuing Masonic year and thank them for their service to the Craft.

The evening will be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the company of other Masonic leaders from the North Texas area and across the state. Our speaker this year will be H. Bart Henderson, Past Grand Governor and Past Grand Commander Knights Templar of Texas.

The dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 26, 2019** at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, located at **1501 W Division St., Arlington, TX 76012**. The evening will begin with a Social Hour at 6:00 PM, with the Honors Reception and Dinner to follow.

This is an open meeting, and all are invited. Tickets are \$30 each. Please note that it has been the custom for Lodges to pay for the tickets for their Worshipful Master and his lady. However, all Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

You can pay through PayPal, check, or in person.

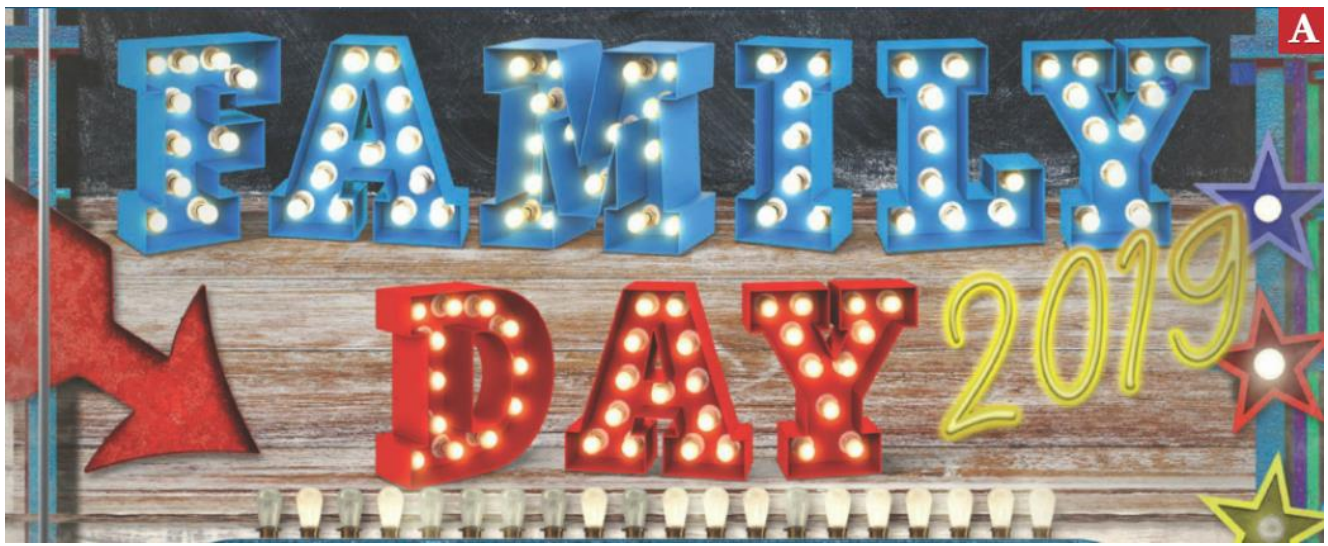
Payments through PayPal can be made by using the email address **TrinityYRSC@gmail.com**.

Please make checks payable to **Trinity York Rite College** and mail to **501 Mason Ave., Arlington, TX 76012**.

If you choose to pay at the door, please call **817-293-1112** or email **southside1114@sbcglobal.net** at least 3 days in advance to let us know how many will be attending. This information will enable us to have an accurate count for dinner preparation.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally,
Wayne Roberson
Pre-Eminent Governor



Texas Masonic Family Day 2019 Saturday, October 12 10 am – 4 pm Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Make plans now to enjoy all the festivities at the largest gathering of Texas Masons in the state on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, from 10 am to 4 pm! All Masons, their families, and friends are invited! Free admission! Among the many activities are–

- 11th Annual Masonic BBQ Cook-off competition
- 10th Annual Classic Car & Motorcycle Show
- Hundreds of arts and crafts vendors
- Live music & lots of food
- Petting zoo, pony rides, jump houses, teen video games, & children's activities

Lodge Fundraising Opportunities

With more than 5,500 attending, Family Day attracts a crowd ready to buy items from your Lodge booth in support of your fundraising projects. **Register for your booth NOW!**

We also encourage your Lodge and individual Masons to **enter the BBQ Competition** and/or the **Classic Car and Motorcycle Show** (open to entries from the public).

Open House – Texas Masonic Retirement Center

During Family Day festivities, you're invited to preview the wide variety of living arrangements and services offered at Texas Masonic Retirement Center. **We're especially excited to announce the opening of our new luxury high-rise apartment building, The Keystone.**

We're glad to answer questions and provide information. Feel free to check out our **Frequently Asked Questions**. We also welcome your call to **817.275.2893** or email to **info@YourTMRC.org**

Editor: M: I: **James Kirkpatrick**, Grand Master, Grand Council of Texas
May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.