



Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas



Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

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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.**

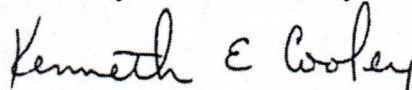
All meetings will take place in the Lower Auditorium, Masonic Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, 715 Columbus, Ave., Waco, TX, unless otherwise designated.

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.

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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