

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 James D. "Jim" Manley and Most Illustrious Grand Master Aaron Wayne Tyksinski 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 13th and 14th, 2024 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 12th 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 12th 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 12th, at **11:00 A.M**.
- 5. Memorial Services will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 12th, at 2:00 P.M.
- 6. An Assembly of Robert Morriss Elgin Council No. 415, R&SM will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 12th, at 3:30 P.M.

- 7. The **Annual Banquet** will be held Thursday evening, December 12th, at **6:30 P.M.**, at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive. **Banquet ticket price is \$35.00.** A form is enclosed for you to reserve these tickets and you are requested to please do so by **November 30th.** You may pick up the tickets and pay for them in the Grand Secretary's Office (cash or check only). However, if you do not expect to arrive before Thursday, December 12th, 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 for purchase on Thursday, December 12th.**
- 8. The **Ladies Luncheon** will be Friday, December 13th at **11:30 A.M**. at the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Temple, 2801 W. Waco Dr. Tickets are \$25.00
- 9. The Order of the Silver Trowel and Order of High Priesthood will be conferred on Friday, December 13th beginning approximately 3:30 P.M. (All present and PHPs & PTIMs are eligible to receive these degrees.) Degree Fee is payable at registration downstairs.
- 10. **Tarrant Co. York Rite Assn**. will host a **Charity Breakfast** on Saturday, December 14th at **6:30 A.M.** at George's Party Room, 1925 Speight Ave., Waco, TX. Tickets are \$20.00. Contact Don Paul Payton, 817-629-8554 or dp.teskeys@gmail.com
- 11. <u>Please call the hotels directly for reservations.</u> 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 (\$89.00+taxes). Mention "121224GRACT". 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 to the office.
- 13. Registration Fee is Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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2024 Registration (You can skip the form, scan the code, it will be pre-set for 1 each, but you can remove/add each item. Processing fees do apply. No refunds will be issued after deadline)