

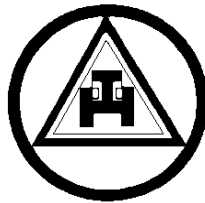
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**2010**

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**TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.**  
**M.:E.: Grand High Priest 2010**  
**Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas**

## **Timothy Michael La Vergne, Sr.**

Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. was born on June 21, 1957 in Glens Falls, New York to Phillip G. La Vergne and Joan B. La Vergne. From birth Tim lived in Warrensburg, New York until moving to Dallas, Texas in 1981. Tim moved to Bonham, Texas in 1983. He has two sons: Timothy II and Tyler. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bonham, Texas.

In 1975, Tim graduated from Warrensburg Central School after which he attended Adirondack Community College, Queensbury NY, and in 1977 he graduated with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Police Science. In 1979, he graduated from SUNY College of Technology at Utica/Rome, Utica NY, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1977, Tim enlisted with the National Guard at which time he attended and graduated from the U.S. Army Military Police School, Ft. McClellan AL. Tim served with the 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company (NYARNG), Troy NY, transferring to the 149<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company (TXARNG), San Antonio TX. He was honorably discharged in 1983 with the rank of Sergeant.

Tim has been a Police Officer for the past 29 ½ years, having worked for the Saratoga Springs NY Police Department, Lake George Village NY Police Department, and Honey Grove TX Police Department. For the past 28 years Tim has been employed by the Bonham Police Department, and holds the rank of Captain. Tim holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Tim was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 8, 1989 in Constantine Lodge No. 13, AF & AM. He served as the 154<sup>th</sup> Worshipful Master of Constantine Lodge in 1993-1994. He served as Treasurer of Constantine Lodge from 1994 to 2007 and 2009 to Present. He served as Secretary in 2007 and 2008. In 2002, he received the Golden Trowel Award. Tim served as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 3 in 2003.

Tim was exalted in Bonham Chapter No. 52, RAM in April 1990, and served as High Priest in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He has served as Secretary since 1996. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1993. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 52 in 1995. In addition, he served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 12 in 1996 and 2001. He received the Cornerstone Award in 2002 and the Stephen F. Austin Pioneer Award in 2007. Tim served as Grand Royal Arch Captain in 2003 and Grand Senior Steward in 2006. He has served as the Grand Chapter Regional Coordinator-Region 1 in 2007 and 2008, as well as serving on the Grand Chapter Membership Committee, District No. 12 in 2007 and 2008. Tim has served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin near the Grand Chapter of Texas since 2003. Tim was elected Right Excellent Grand Scribe in 2007, Right Excellent Grand King in 2008, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2009.

Tim was greeted in Bonham Council No. 37, R&SM in April 1990, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He has served as Recorder since 1996. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1993, and received the Super Excellent Master Degree in 1995. Tim served as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 12 in 1997 and 2002. He received the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2002. He served on the Grand Council Finance Committee from 2004 to 2007, and served on the Grand Council Fraternal Correspondence Committee in 2004. He served as the Grand Council Regional Coordinator-Region 1 from 2006 to 2008. He served on the Grand Council Membership Committee, District No. 12 in 2007 and 2008.

Tim was knighted in Denison Commandery No. 24, KT in April 1990, and served as Commander in 1999 and 2004. He has served as Recorder in 2002, 2003, and 2005 to Present. In 2008, he became a dual member of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13. He received the Order of Knight Preceptor in 1999. Tim has served on the Grand Commandery Membership Committee in 2004, and served on the Grand Commandery Printing Committee since 2007. He served on the 2008 Annual Conclave Executive Committee. Tim received the Commander's Knights Templar Distinguished Service Medal-White Shield in 1999, as well as the Recorder's Knights Templar Distinguished Service Medal in 2003, and 2006 to 2008 inclusive. Tim has received the Excalibur Award in 2006. Tim was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2008.

Tim became a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies in 1995. He is a member of the Grayson County Scottish Rite Club, and was a charter member of the Fannin County Scottish Rite Club where he served as President in 2006 and 2007. He served on the Fannin County Scottish Rite Club's 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Team from 2004 to 2007. He was elected to the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2009.

Tim became a member of North Texas York Rite College No. 118 in 1996 and served as Governor in 2003, and was elected to receive the Order of the Purple Cross in 2005. He is currently serving as Secretary since 2007. In 2001, he became a member of Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, KM, and is serving as Excellent Chief for the year 2010-2011. In 2001, he was elected to receive the Knights of the York Cross of Honour and is a member of North Texas Priory No. 73, and served as Prior in 2009-2010. He is currently serving as Registrar. He received from Convent General the Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with one quadrant on October 20, 2009. In 2004, he became a member of Col. William B. Travis Council No. 344, AMD, and served as Sovereign Master in 2009. In 2008, he was elected and received as a member in Tejas Chapel No. 47, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon. In 2007, he was the Charter Secretary/Treasurer of Goodnight-Loving High Twelve Club No. 760, High Twelve International, and served as President in 2010.

Tim is an Endowed Member in the following Masonic Bodies: Constantine Lodge No. 13, Bonham Chapter No. 52, Bonham Council No. 37, Denison Commandery No. 24, Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13, Dallas Scottish Rite, North Texas York Rite College, and Rose of Sharon Council No. 49. Tim is the Webmaster for Constantine Lodge, Bonham York Rite Bodies, Denison Commandery, North Texas York Rite College, North Texas Priory, Rose of Sharon Council, and Col. William B. Travis Council. In addition, Tim has been the Editor of the following newsletters from 2003 to 2008: The Masonic Informer-Constantine Lodge, the York Rite Journal-Bonham York Rite Bodies, and the Knights Templar Journal-Denison Commandery.

Tim is active in all the Masonic Bodies of which he is a member of and he has a genuine love and appreciation for the Craft.



**G. CLAY SMITH**  
**M.:E.:Grand High Priest 2011**  
**Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas**

## G. CLAY SMITH

G. Clay Smith was born on October 2, 1961, in Duncan, Oklahoma. Following his graduation from Waurika High School in Waurika, Oklahoma, he attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and majored in biochemistry and chemistry, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree.

Clay moved to Dallas in 1983. He was employed as a sales representative with ADSCO Inc. in Addison. He became Sales Manager and subsequently in 1986, he became Southwest Regional Sales Manager of that firm.

On July 31, 1995, Clay Smith and Teresa Gilmore were married in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1993, Clay realized his dream to become a Freemason when Keystone Lodge No. 1143 favorably received his petition. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 30, 1993, and has purchased an Endowed Membership in the Lodge. Clay served as Worshipful Master of Keystone Lodge No. 1143 in the 1998-1999, Masonic Year. He served the Grand Lodge of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 14-F in 2002, for Grand Master Michael D. Nanny. He is an Endowed Member of Waurika Masonic Lodge No. 531 in Waurika, Oklahoma.

Clay became active at the Grand Lodge level in 1996, when Right Worshipful W. M. "Mike" Gower asked him to serve as a member of the planning team for the 1999 Grand Lodge Year. Also, Right Worshipful David Dibrell asked him to serve on the planning team for the year 2001. And Right Worshipful Thomas E. "Gene" Carnes asked him to serve on the planning team for the year 2011. He has served on the Credentials Committee from 2005 to 2009, for the Grand Lodge and served as Chairman 2009.

Clay was exalted in the George Washington Chapter No. 422, Royal Arch Masons and served as Excellent High Priest in the 1999-2000 year. He is a dual member of Love Field Chapter No. 478, and San Angelo Chapter 170. Clay is also an Endowed member in both George Washington Chapter No. 408 and Love Field Chapter No. 478. He has served as Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut since 2007. He served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as Excellent Grand Guard in 2008. He was elected As Right Excellent Grand Scribe of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 2009 and elected Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest in 2010. In 2011 he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Clay was greeted in George Washington (now John C. Callahan) Council No. 408, Royal and Select Masters. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of John C. Callahan Council No. 408 in the 1996-1997 year. He is a dual member of Love Field Council No. 396 and San Angelo Council No. 110. He is also an Endowed member in John C. Callahan No. 408 and Love Field Council No. 396. Clay served as Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 14, of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Texas in 1999. He serves as the Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Rhode Island since 2003. He served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Illustrious Grand Sentinel in 2003, and was elected to the office of Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 2004. In 2005, he was elected to Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. In 2006 he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Master's of Texas. He is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas and is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of that Order.

Clay was knighted as a Knight Templar in Dallas Commandery No. 6. He became a dual member of Alexander C. Garret Commandery No. 103 and Denton Commandery No. 45. He has served as Commander at Denton Commandery in 2007, 2008, 2009. He is a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Clay received the Order of Knight Preceptor in 2008. In 2008 he was Knighted in Texas Priory No. 23 of the Knights York Cross of Honour.

His quest for more Masonic light led him to petition for the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, which he received in the Valley of Dallas in the fall of 1994. Clay was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 27, 2007. He presently serves as degree Master of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Degree team and is a member of the 27<sup>th</sup> Degree team. He also serves as a member of the North Dallas Membership Committee of the Scottish Rite of Dallas.

He is Past Excellent Chief of Rose of Sharon Knights Masons Council No. 49, a Charter Member and Past Sovereign Master of Col. William Barrett Travis Council No. 344, Allied Masonic Degrees and received the Red Branch of Eri in July 2003.

In 2009 Clay became a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri. Clay is a Past Governor of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147 and received the "Order of the Purple Cross" on July 31, 2004. He is a member of Crusader Conclave Knights of Red Cross of Constantine. Clay is also a member of the Texas College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana Cibatibus Foederatis.

Other Masonic related activities include Charter Membership in Tranquility Lodge No. 2000, Texas Lodge of Research, The Royal Order of Scotland, The Order of High Priesthood, The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, a Charter member of Tejas Chapel No. 47, High Twelve Club No. 760, Masonic Order of the Bath, Hella Shrine, Suez Shrine, Hella's Gun Club and the 100 Million Dollar Club.

An avid hunter, shooter and aviation enthusiast, Clay holds memberships in Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, National Rifle Association, National Sporting Clays Association and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.



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**(SINCE REHABILITATION)**  
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**GROUND FLOOR AUDITORIUM**  
**MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE**  
**WACO, TEXAS**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2010 - 1:00 P.M.**

**SERVICES CONDUCTED**  
**BY**  
**JOE R. GILMORE**  
**EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLAIN**  
**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

**AND**  
**LEONARD P. HARVEY**  
**ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN**  
**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

Prelude ..... Betty Carole Shively

COMPANION MICHAEL H. SHIVELY, CHAIRMAN, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND COUNCIL,  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Would you please rise for our opening prayer.

**OPENING PRAYER**

I: LEONARD P. HARVEY, RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL  
AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Holy, awesome, forgiving and loving God, Creator

of life, Master Overseer of the living and Beneficent Host of our Eternal Home:

We humbly bow in Your presence as we gather to honor the memory of Companions who, having once dwelt in our midst, have since laid aside their well worn working tools of life to embark upon their final journey to that House not made with hands, eternal in Your House prepared for the faithful.

Father, forgive our selfishness. You know our hearts and understand that we mortals are prone to forget Your constant reminder that life is indeed fragile and uncertain. We go on from one design to another in fraternal companionship, giving little thought that during our journey in this life that the mallet of death will surely take some from our midst while leaving others.

We regularly and reverently stand at grave sides to bid farewell to those whose friendship and companionship we once cherished. We miss their companionship. We cherish the memories of those whose departure from our midst has left a lacking in our lives. They lived, labored and worshiped among us. We miss them very much.

Father, let us then reflect upon our time on Earth with them, and rejoice for them that they have now found eternal rest.

Bless and comfort their loved ones who remain behind to cherish their memory. Give them strength, courage and the faith to believe your promise that one day there will be rejoicing at a final gathering of the faithful, to forever remain in your loving care.

It is in Your Holy and Blessed Name that we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE BY THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS: Amen!

COMPANION SHIVELY: Please be seated.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

COMPANION SHIVELY: We want to welcome each of you all to the Memorial and Divine Service of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. This is our time that we set aside to remember those who we have lost this year, and also then to celebrate the fact that we can come together as Masons and as friends and families to celebrate this wonderful country and the wonderful gift that we are given to be able to worship our Lord in any manner that we so please.

Our Tribute to our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Very Illustrious Past Grand Master Eldon L. Brooks will be given by Right Illustrious Steve McCoy, Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

**TRIBUTE**  
**TO V:E: AND V:I: ELDON L. BROOKS**  
**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**  
**AND**  
**PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL**  
**OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

R:I: STEPHEN L. McCOY, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, DISTRICT NO. 19, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Eldon Lee Brooks.

I had walked life's way with an easy tread.  
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,  
Until one day, in a quiet place,  
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,  
Much thought for my body, but none for my soul,  
I had entered to win in life's big race,  
When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him, and knew Him, and blushed to see  
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me,  
I faltered and fell at His feet that day,  
While my castles melted and vanished away;

My thought is now for the souls of men;  
I have lost my life to find it again,  
E'er since one day in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.

Companion Eldon L. Brooks was born on December 20, 1933, in Amarillo, Texas, as the fifth and last child of Rester and Ava Brooks. He passed from this life on April 12, 2010, in Granbury, Texas. The poem I just shared with you, Eldon selected himself. It is by an unknown author. He chose that himself to be part of his funeral service.

At age three the Brooks family moved to Handley, Texas, now a part of Fort Worth, where all the Brooks children completed their education. Eldon was educated in the public schools at Handley, where he was president of the senior class of 1952, a class favorite and captain of the football team. Eldon graduated from Arlington State College, now the University of Texas at Arlington, in 1955 with an associate of Science Degree in Industrial Electrical Engineering. He also attended Texas Christian University with studies in Physics and Mathematics.

Eldon married Janice (Jan) Parrish Brooks and continued this union for fifty-eight years. They are the parents of six children: Carolyn Cox, James Brooks, Susan Taylor, Ava Martinez, Lori Carney and Jeanne Nevell. They are also the grandparents of fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Eldon and Jan are members of Granbury United Methodist Church. He is a past president of Handley Methodist Men. Eldon was employed by Texas Electric Company, now part of the TXU system, as a power plant electrician from 1952 through 1956 and attended Arlington State College as a co-op student.

Eldon was a thirty-six and one-half year employee of General Dynamics Corporation, Fort Worth Division, now Lockheed-Martin Corporation, and retired as an Engineering Specialist in the Integrated Circuits Laboratory of the Engineering Department of General Dynamics on the last day of December 1992.

Eldon was quoted as saying on several different occasions that "the greatest honor that was bestowed on him was to be a Master Mason." He cherished the men he met and made friends with over the 40 plus years he served the fraternity as a traveling Mason.

I would like to share with you Zabud's Masonic history, and to tell you the truth, it would be much easier to tell you what he was not a member of, but that would not do justice to his legacy.

Eldon was Raised in Handley Lodge No. 1140 on August 23, 1969; and served as Worshipful Master in 1973-74. He was District Deputy Grand Master of District 64C of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1983 and served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Uruguay. He was a plural and Endowed Member of Waco Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M. in Waco and a plural member of Granbury Masonic Lodge in Granbury. He received the Golden Trowel Award from Waco Lodge No. 92 in 1997.

He took the Royal Arch degrees in Handley Chapter No. 479, R. A. M. in Fort Worth in early 1970. He was a Life and Endowed Member and served as High Priest at Handley Chapter in 1974-75. He was also a plural member of Granbury Chapter 454. He served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1982-83 and Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1981-82. He received the Order of High Priesthood in Waco on December 1, 1975; and served as Treasurer and Secretary of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas for many years and retired in December 2003.

He was elected as Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1988 and as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1992. In December 1992 Eldon was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and retired from that office on December 11, 2001.

He received the Council Degrees in Handley Council No. 392. He was a Life and Endowed Member and served as Thrice Illustrious Master at Handley Council No. 392, R. & S. M. in 1974-75. He was a plural member of Granbury Council No. 369. He received the Super Excellent Masters Degrees in Dallas in 1972. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in Waco in 1975 and served as Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order in 1985, served as Treasurer for several years and served as Registrar of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas for many, many years, retiring in December 2003. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 1977-78. He was elected as Grand Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work in 1983 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 1985-86. In December 1992 Eldon was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, and retired from that office on December 11, 2001.

He received the Commandery Orders in 1973 in Worth Commandery No. 19. He served as Prelate for six years. And was a member and Past Commander of Arlington Commandery No. 107 in Arlington and served as Commander in 1983. He was also a member of Waco Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar in Waco. He was a plural member of Granbury Commandery No. 100. He received the Excalibur Award from Granbury Commandery No. 100 in 2008, which I had the privilege of presenting to him.

He served the Grand Commandery of Texas as a member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and has served as a member of the Ritual Committee for several years. He is a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He served as co-chairman of the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas. He is the recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple (KTC) from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A. He was elected and served as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas from April 1996 to April 1997.

He was Knighted a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH) in Texas Priory No. 23 in 1984, served as Prior in 1992 and is a life member. He is a charter member of North Texas Priory No. 73 and a life member. He served for several years as the Personal Representative of the Grand Master General for District No. 14 of Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour. He is a Knight Grand York Cross of Honour (KYGCH) with two Quadrants.

He was a member, Past Governor and Life member of Texas York Rite College No. 14. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in Atlanta, Georgia in 1990 from the Sovereign York Rite College of North America. He was also charter and life member of Trinity York Rite College No. 154.

He was a member of Crusader Conclave, Amarillo, of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, also a member of and Past Sovereign of DeMolay Conclave, Waco, of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He became a member of Our Redeemer Tabernacle Number IX of the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests in 1985 and a Past Preceptor in 1997.

He was a charter member and Past Sovereign of R. Bruce Brannon Council No. 270 Allied Masonic Degrees, also a Knight of the Red Branch of Eri and Appendant Orders.

He was a member of Central Texas York Rite Association.  
A member and Past President of Tarrant County York Rite Association.

Member, Past President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Past and Present Presiding Officers Association of Tarrant County, Chapter and Council.

Member and Past President of the Certificate Men's Association of Tarrant County, Chapter and Council.

Member and Past President of the Presiding Officers Association of Tarrant County, Chapter and Council.

Member of the College of Rites of the U. S. A.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Dallas Consistory in 1973, and received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in Fort Worth Consistory in 1983. He is an Endowed Member of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies. He was coroneted a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Inspector General Honorary in Waco Consistory in 2005.

He was a member of Moslah Temple. He was a member of Lake Granbury Area Shrine Club and served as Secretary-Treasurer in 2005, Vice-President in 2006 and President in 2007.

He was a life member and Past Monarch of El Texa Grotto of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm in Fort Worth.

He served on the Board of Handley Rainbow Assembly for nine years and was the recipient of the Grand Cross of Colors in 1973.

He was a Senior DeMolay of Handley Chapter of DeMolay, served on the Board of Handley Chapter of DeMolay for five years and received the Legion of Honour, Active, from the Supreme Council of DeMolay, International in 1992.

He was a member and Past Patron, twice, of Handley Chapter No. 617, Order of the Eastern Star.

He served on the Board of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Home for Aged Masons, in 1987, 1988 and 1989.

Eldon loved and dedicated himself to the York Rite because it teaches men lessons about their symbolic craft Masonry. The York Rite taught him about God and his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, supplementing the teachings of his church.

I'd like to quote Companion Brooks:

"That Masonry has a purpose going from a dead level to a living perpendicular by the Master Mason's Degree, that my work is not completed until I had labored in the quarries to bring up good and square work, that I learned to preside over a Lodge in a manner being a good man, assisted in the completion and dedication of our mystic Temple to service almighty God, made that difficult journey and aided in the rebuilding of that inner Temple to God and discovering that lost Word, trying to receive the lost when not yet entitled to it and learning the lessons of life and death, stumbling into the secret vault and seeing another lose his life and mine was spared so that I could discover that which was lost in the Master's degree, learning the lesson of almighty truth in being dedicated to your word, traveling the journey of Paul after the death of Christ and learning about the Knight of Malta keeping the faith by making safe passage for pilgrims to the Holy Land, and finally being with our Lord and Savior in his last days and learning that He died that we might have everlasting life."

This was the story that kept Eldon Brooks working and dedicating himself to the York Rite of Freemasonry.

There is no suitable way to close this inadequate memorial to a man that was dedicated, unselfish and always willing to help aid and assist a fellow man, whether he was a Mason or not. To Eldon Brooks, every part of Masonry had a meaning, and that meaning, that deep reverence that he had for Masonry must be important to each of us.

The symbolic degrees of the Blue Lodge remind us of our responsibility to our fellow man, our families and our God. The Capitular Degrees remind us of our duty to God. The Cryptic Degrees remind us of our word to God and the Commandery Orders will remind us of our duty to Jesus Christ and our churches. The Scottish Rite should reflect to each of us as if we are in a room and the floor, walls and ceiling are mirrors and all that we say and do are reflected back upon us in life.

Eldon loved to teach, and told me once that when he taught the Masonic Work, he also learned. He is still learning. That is the legacy of Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Companion Eldon Lee Brooks.

I place this flower on the Altar in memory of Eldon Lee Brooks, our dear friend, Brother and Companion.  
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.)

COMPANION SHIVELY: Tribute to our deceased Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas will be given by Excellent Elmer Murphey, III, and I: F. E. (Skip) Smith, Jr.

**TRIBUTE**  
**TO DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**  
**OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TEXAS AND**  
**THE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF THE**  
**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

E: ELMER MURPHEY, III, E: GRAND ORATOR, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: As was so eloquently stated by Companion Steve, we had the opportunity through the years of having some great leaders as our Grand High Priests, but more importantly, some very fine men, all of whom had that highest honor of being a Master Mason. On this particular day we have the opportunity as we do when we are thinking about our own fathers and our own grandfathers or anyone else that we have lost whose example has led us here today. We again have the opportunity to respect these examples that they have set for each one of us and the values through their daily lives displayed.

I: F. E. (SKIP) SMITH, I: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Our Masonic Brother, the German philosopher Gunta, when talking about the Masters that preceded him in his own Lodge, said that "We stand to them much like children being lifted upon the shoulders of our fathers, that we might better see the parade as it goes by." We in the Grand Council of Texas have been most fortunate in that the Masters that have gone before us have been like giants, tall men in terms of character, tall men in terms of intellect and tall men in the terms of the zeal which they worked for our fraternity.

Although we miss them, we are indeed fortunate that they came before us.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: We will now place this flower on the Altar as simply our opportunity to again display how much we miss them, how much we know they are in a better place, but we wish all so much that they could be again with us to provide that example that we will miss so much.

I: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS SMITH: We place this flower upon the Altar in memory of our Past Grand High Priests and Past Grand Masters. May they rest in peace.  
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.)

COMPANION SHIVELY: Tributes to our Deceased Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas are given by Companion Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr., and Clarence A. Trent.

**TRIBUTE**  
**TO THE DECEASED COMPANIONS OF THE**  
**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TEXAS**  
**AND THE**  
**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

COMPANION ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, JR.: As we now pause to remember those Companions who have been called to the Supreme Grand Lodge Above where we will again meet them in that Undiscovered Country where all is peace, joy and harmony. Their memory we hold dear.

We have all lost friends and Companions in this past year and remember their dedication of work given to our Chapters and Councils, their memory we will never forget. They have labored well in the quarries and left their mark on our great Fraternity.

In memory of the 420 Companions who have passed from our ranks this year we will now place a flower on the Altar in their memory.  
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

I: CLARENCE A. TRENT, GRAND STEWARD, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: As we come to this time we remember a special friend and Companion who encouraged, inspired and supported us on our journey to this time and place. We remember especially the time they devoted to Our Fraternity and to us in particular when they could have chosen to be engaged in other activities, but they were Companions that believed our education and betterment were paramount to our Fraternity.

We place these flowers on the altar in memory of the Grand Council Masons who have gone to "That House not made with hands" where we will meet again when we make the same journey. Today we take time to remember those special Companions who took time to give us, their Companions and our Fraternity their love, support and devotion. Each of us is a better Mason because we knew and learned from them. May they rest in peace in Thy Lodge on High.

(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION SHIVELY: A Tribute to our deceased Royal Arch and Royal and Select Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions will be given by Excellent Joe R. Gilmore and Illustrious Claude O. Ervin.

**TRIBUTE**  
**TO DECEASED ROYAL ARCH AND ROYAL AND SELECT**  
**COMPANIONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

E: JOE R. GILMORE, GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TEXAS: From its beginning Masonry has been the vehicle whereby men of many nationalities have been able to meet on a level of respect and brotherhood, forgetting those things that make men different and acknowledging those attributes that each man as a Mason must possess. Through this universality we have made friends that have enriched our lives and increased our knowledge, while we shared with them our own love for the teaching of our beloved Fraternity.

I: CLAUDE O. ERVIN, GRAND MARSHAL, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: We place these flowers on the Altar in memory of those deceased Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who have carried the mantle of our Fraternity to the Four Corners of the Earth. They have prepared a path that allows each of us to travel in foreign places with a secure knowledge that we have but to find a Mason to establish a friendship and mutual respect that provides us with a secure knowledge of Brotherly Love and Respect. May they rest in peace that passeth all understanding.  
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION SHIVELY: Our Tribute to the Members of the Armed Forces of the United States will be given by Illustrious Reese L. Harrison, Jr.

**TRIBUTE**  
**TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

I: REESE L. HARRISON, JR., GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: From Valley Forge to Afghanistan and Iraq, on the battlefield or wherever their watch placed them, they were there to protect this great country. I'm speaking of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. They have placed themselves in harm's way to protect those freedoms that we as Freemasons and as citizens of this country hold so dear. They asked no special entitlement, only that they be allowed to serve. Service is a privilege. They upheld our belief that all men should be allowed to govern themselves.

I place this flower on the Altar in memory of those in our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. They took an oath to uphold, defend and protect the Constitution of the United States of America. While they are called warriors, they are the peacemakers. They were there to defend the peace. They gave their lives so that we may remain free. May we never forget them and may they rest in God's peace and protection. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION SHIVELY: We now call upon Illustrious Leonard P. Harvey to give our closing prayer.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN HARVEY: May we please stand in the presence of God.

Father, it has cheered our hearts to reflect upon the past and the fond memories of life with those whom we have remembered during this memorial service. Let us be thankful for what their lives on Earth have meant to each of us in so many ways. Let us commit ourselves to those purposes which have meant so much to them.

As we depart to go our several ways, let us remember to honor Him in whom we live and move, and have our being every day. Impress deeply upon our minds the solemnity of this occasion. May we remember that in life, we should also prepare for the certainty of our departure from this life and conduct ourselves and live our lives as we will desire to have done when the time of our departure from this life is at hand.

We pray for divine assistance to redeem our misspent time. We pray that in the discharge of our duties to You and to our fellow man we might perform them in the manner that You expect of us as Your children. In our daily conduct may we honor You with reverence and humility; may we show kindness, love, compassion and concern to those with whom we travel the road of this life.

And at last, when our labors on Earth have ended, may we obtain Your blessing of everlasting rest in Your House not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens. Your reward, dear Father for all believers who call upon Your name, and in Whose name we pray.  
Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

COMPANION SHIVELY: Before you sit down, we will now change from the Memorial Service to the Divine Service of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

If you will find your song sheet in the middle, if you will sing hymn number 555, "We're Marching to Zion."

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION"

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: If you will, remain standing and join me in the Call to Worship.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

RESPONSE: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

RESPONSE: Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.



The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

RESPONSE: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth.

Your joy no man taketh from you.

RESPONSE: We glory in tribulations also ... because the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

RESPONSE: Arise, shine; for Thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: If you will be seated. We will introduce now at this time our special music to be given by Becky Wunsche and Betty Carole Shively.

SPECIAL MUSIC: BECKY WUNSCH, BETTY CAROLE SHIVELY

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: Thank you both.

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you Companion and Reverend Don R. Long who will bring our message.

**MESSAGE: "SMILE"**  
**BY COMPANION AND REVEREND DON R. LONG:**

Let me begin by saying how much I appreciate the opportunity to bring this message today. This is the seventh time I have had this privilege to bring you a message at the Divine Service. I did this first in 1981 when I was Grand Chaplain for Rusty Bynum. I started to do the same message today as I did then, but I decided that some of you might remember and say to yourself, "Why is he saying the same thing I heard 29 years ago?" How many of you were here on that day? A few were here.

I am also thankful just to be here. Just six days ago I celebrated my eightieth birthday. And when you get to be 80 you are just glad to be anywhere on this earth. I am a retired Baptist minister and I conduct a great number of funerals in my retirement. I conduct between eighty and one hundred funerals each year. I have noticed that now most of the folks I conduct funerals for are younger than I am.

Several years ago I told my wife, Johnnie, that I was not going to be a "bitter old man." The Psalmist has stated: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (Ps. 90:10)

How true this has been for me. Lots of bad things have happened to us in the last ten years since I turned seventy years old. I had a heart attack and almost died, Johnnie's health has declined, especially in the last year and a half, our youngest son died at the age of 50 after 30 years of alcohol and drug abuse, my only brother died and a lot of our friends have passed on.

However, with the Lord's help I have survived and I am not bitter. Because the Great Light in Masonry has made me this promise, "the fruit of the Holy Spirit of God is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal. 5:22-23) I claim that promise from God every day.

One of the expressions of this fruit of the Spirit of God is a "Smile." No person is rich who cannot or does not smile and no person is poor who can bestow a true smile upon their face. A smile, which costs nothing, yet is so very priceless in its positive benefits to other people. There is evidence

from every source which establishes the revolutionary and winning effectiveness of a smile.

The Bible tells us: "A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance [a smile]." (Prov. 15:13) "A happy heart doeth good like medicine and a cheerful mind works healing." (Prov. 17:22)

The business world knows the commercial power of a smile. All great business people encourage their employees to smile as they seek to promote the product or service that is made available by that business. In 1961 I was working for the H. E. B. Food Stores in Austin, Texas, and I attended a "Dale Carnegie Course." When the course ended we had a small banquet and the man who lead the course said to me publicly, "Don, don't ever cheat the world out of your smile." That's the first time I ever thought about how a smile affected other people.

Psychology raises its voice and says, "Smile." William James, one of the world's great psychologists, says that a smile will produce happiness. Don't wait, then, until your joy bubbles over to smile. We should go ahead and smile now and a joyful disposition will start developing in your character.

Doctors of Physical Health exhort their patients to smile. A smile, they say, is a powerful element of fitness and good health. It is a tonic which protects against the infirmities of ill health. Every time we smile we add a little to this frail life.

The poet, Charles Machay writes:

"But guns and swords and piles of gold,  
Though mighty in their sphere,  
Are sometimes feebler than a smile,  
And poorer than a tear."

The smile is the universal language of all mankind. Though we might not comprehend a foreign tongue, we do understand the smile of a person, no matter their language. The smile is the window which lets outsiders see what we are on the inside.

There are several kinds of smiles and I share some with you. First, there is the smile of humor. Someone has said a good, clean, funny story that results in a good hearty laugh, "Is a lubricant which oils life's machinery so that our days have less friction." We don't have Buddy Baccus with us anymore to tell us those funny stories. Boy, I miss him! I can remember many times in Grand Lodge when things were not going too well, Buddy would tell one of his jokes and we'd go on and we'd get the business done.

I used to have a book in my library entitled, "The Humor of Jesus" and in that little book it pointed out the many humorous sayings of Jesus. An example of such humor is when He told of those who strained at a gnat and gulped down a camel. (Matt. 23:24)

There is the smile of friendliness. My, what a nice and exhilarating experience it is to be met by someone's smile. A warm and friendly smile is radiance like that of the crimsoned dawn and a magnetism which pulls others to you. A smile is the key that unlocks hearts. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." (Prov. 18:24) We do this with a smile.

When I served as Doorkeeper and Chaplain of the Texas State Senate from 1997-2005, Senator Florence Shapiro from Plano, Texas, autographed a picture of herself and me with these words, "Dear Don, Your smile brings joy to me every day. Thank you. Florence." She is still a very precious friend of mine. She is of the Jewish faith, but she and this old Baptist preacher got along real good in the Senate Chamber.

A smile of pleasantness is the expression of a cheerful disposition; a pleasant smile injects peace in tense situations, calms tempers and soothes nerves. Pleasantness with a smile does not solve all problems, but it certainly makes it easier to solve them.

A few weeks after I retired as Doorkeeper of the Texas Senate, I was visiting at the Capitol to do the Invocation for the House of Representatives, and I met Senator Robert Duncan from Lubbock, Texas. He said, "What I miss most about Don not being in the Senate Chamber is his smile. At

times I would be discouraged about the way things were going and be down in the dumps about the actions and attitudes of my fellow Senators, then I would look at Don standing by the west door of the Senate Chamber and he would smile at me and I would realize what the really important things in life are and would smile myself and go on with the job at hand."

There is the smile of courage. Fear gives us a set and fixed look, but courage permits us a smile in the most difficult situations. It is not the size of a person's physique, but the size of their courage that determines their real strength. Being able to smile in the face of danger is half the victory.

There is also the smile of hope. Paul, that great first century Christian missionary wrote, "... concerning them which are fallen in death, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope" (I Thess. 4:11). True hope, which comes from a deep trust and faith in Almighty God and His Word, lets us smile through our tears in the time of bereavement and sorrow. Someone has said that no smile is as beautiful as the one that struggles through tears.

Lastly, there is the smile of perseverance. All great people have beamed a smile in hardships, disappointments and temporary defeats. Someone wrote: "He who smiles – lasts" So let us by God's grace smile and keep on going.

Smile, friend, smile;  
When you smile another smiles,  
And soon there are miles and miles  
Of smiles, and life's worthwhile  
Because you smile;  
So smile, Companions, smile.

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: Thank you, Companion Long.

If you will, please now rise and join me in our closing hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King."

CLOSING HYMN: "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: I want to thank again Betty Carole Shively and Becky Wunsche for the beautiful song that they sang.

Now, if you will join me in the Benediction.

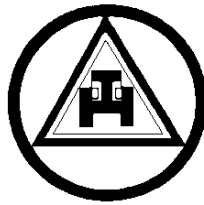
#### BENEDICTION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: Father in Heaven, we come to You at this hour humbly praising Your Name and thanking you for the opportunity that we have had to come together today. We thank You for these loved ones that we have given Tributes. Their lives and the way that they have lived illustrate to us the true meaning of brotherly love. Their legacy and their memory will forever be a guide to us in all our endeavors. Be with us as we depart that we may go in peace and harmony with the knowledge that Thou are forever by our side. All these things we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE CONCLUDED  
2:00 P.M.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST**  
**ANNUAL CONVOCATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**



**2010**

**HELD IN THE GROUND FLOOR AUDITORIUM OF THE  
MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE  
IN THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
will hold its next Annual Convocation in the city of Waco on  
Monday and Tuesday, October 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>  
A.D. 2011, A.I. 2541**

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORK  
will meet Thursday through Saturday  
October 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR  
M.:E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
BONHAM, TEXAS**

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL  
R.:E.: GRAND SECRETARY  
WACO, TEXAS**

**FIRST SESSION ON OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 AT 8:00 A.M.**

MUSICAL PRELUDE .....E: GRAND ORGANIST MICHIE M. BROUS

V:E: JERRY N. KIRBY, PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST: I'll tell you what, it is great to see all these Companions out. It is my honor, privilege and pleasure to call the One Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to order.

I would like to invite the Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE.)

**PROCESSIONAL OF GRAND OFFICERS**

TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.  
G. CLAY SMITH  
THOMAS W. SNYDER  
TOMMY F. CHAPMAN  
KENNETH E. COOLEY  
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DANIEL M. BOWDEN  
ROBERT L. CLEMMONS  
RALPH A. McLEOD  
MICHIE M. BROUS  
RANDALL R. KIMBROUGH  
MARTIN L. SALDUA

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
R:E: GRAND KING  
R:E: GRAND SCRIBE  
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R:E: GRAND SECRETARY  
E: GRAND CHAPLAIN  
E: GRAND ORATOR  
E: GRAND MARSHAL  
E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST  
E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER  
E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN  
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> VEIL  
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VEIL  
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VEIL  
E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD  
E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD  
E: GRAND ORGANIST  
E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER  
E: GRAND GUARD

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is my honor and privilege and I thank you for that of calling this One Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Grand Convocation to order.

I know that you are going to have a grand Session as you did a grand, wonderful year.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you very much. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)

Before proceeding, I will be using a gavel that was presented to me by the Companions of the Del Rio York Rite Bodies. It is a beautiful gavel. It was handmade by one of their members and it is my pleasure to use it to start this Grand Session.

(GAVELING) Companions, we are about to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the dispatch of business and will thank you for your attention and assistance.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will introduce the Grand Guard.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, are you satisfied that all present all Royal Arch Masons?

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ESTLACK: I am not satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE.)  
Companions, you will remain standing until vouched for by the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers  
and the Members of the Committee on Work. As you are vouched for, you may vouch for others and  
be seated.

(THE E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ASCERTAINED THAT ALL PRESENT WERE  
(ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

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E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ESTLACK: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.  
M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Are you satisfied that there is a constitutional number  
present to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas?

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ESTLACK: I am not satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Will the Representatives of the Chartered Chapters of  
Texas please rise.

(THE E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ASCERTAINED THAT THERE WERE A SUFFICIENT  
(NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CHARTERED CHAPTERS PRESENT TO OPEN THE MOST  
(EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ESTLACK: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, Companions. Be seated.

(THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST ASCERTAINED THAT ALL  
(PRESENT WERE ROYAL ARCH MASONS AND THAT THERE WERE A SUFFICIENT  
(NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT TO OPEN THE MOST EXCELLENT  
(GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, when about to open  
the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, your duty?

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN McCANDLESS: To see that the outer avenues leading to the  
tabernacle are duly guarded, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: You will attend to that duty and inform the Excellent Grand  
Guard that we are about to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the  
dispatch of business and direct him to guard accordingly.

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E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN McCANDLESS: We are guarded, Most Excellent Grand High  
Priest.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: In the name of God and our Ancient and Worth Patron  
Zerubbabel, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas opened in its One  
Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Convocation in due and ample form.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Excellent Grand Guard.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, I would like to welcome you to the One  
Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for  
2010. I would also like to welcome our guests from all over the country who were able to take time to

be with us. We hope that you do have a good time. If there is anything that I or my Grand Officers can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask. We will be more than glad to assist you.

If you will all please rise. We will have the Invocation by our Excellent Grand Chaplain. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE)

### **PRAYER**

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: If you will, pray with me.

Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thy divine presence and guidance as we go about the business of this Fraternity. May everything that is done during this Convocation be done with the knowledge and understanding that You are ever present. Give these Officers and this Body the strength, the knowledge and the wisdom to make proper decisions that will serve the government for this Body for years to come. Be with every Member here so that their words and actions will exemplify the true meaning of brotherly love. Be with the sick and those who could not be with us. May You comfort them and lift them up wherever they may be. Continue to watch over us in all our activities and may we ever be mindful of Your ever eternal love. All these things we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)  
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, when about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment, your duty?

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN McCANDLESS: To see that the outer avenues leading to the tabernacle are duly guarded, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: You will attend to that duty and inform the Excellent Guard that I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter from labor to refreshment.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of Tributes to our Flags, introduction of our Youth Groups and some presentations, and also the Grand Oration.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will so inform the Excellent Grand Guard and at the same time if you will invite our Guests to come in, their Ladies and any other Guests to come in and participate in the public part of this Session.

Thank you. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED.)

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

I: GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, I take pleasure in introducing to you and through you to the Companions here assembled Jason Coffelt, District Deputy State Master Councilor, in DeMolay District No. 2 - if you will step forward - Wesley Wunsche - you have heard that name around here before - (LAUGHTER.

I: GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL HARRISON: - the Deputy State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Texas and Aaron Ingersoll, the State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay, and with them is their advisor, no stranger to this Grand Chapter or Grand Council, he is Very Excellent and Very Illustrious, but he is the Executive Officer of DeMolay in the Jurisdiction of Texas. He is an active member of DeMolay's International Supreme Council. He is currently the Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay and will be installed in June in Denver, Colorado, to be the Grand Master of DeMolay in the year 2011-2012, Joseph Weldon Clampitte.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: On behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and also the Royal Arch Masons of Texas it is my pleasure to introduce you to our Grand Session. I talked to you off and on during the past year and I have enjoyed our conversations.

Gentlemen and Ladies, this is the backbone of Masonry. These young men coming up are excellent new Master Masons and they are also coming into the York Rite. We would encourage that you assist them in their journey. You might try to assist them in helping form DeMolay Chapters around the State. They are always looking for advisors. Again, thank you very much for being here.

M:I: ACTING GRAND MASTER MANLEY: On behalf of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Larry Canada, and myself and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas we welcome you to our Grand Assembly. I, too, want to thank you young people for coming up and being here. You are the backbone of Masonry. We need you all here. Again, we do need new councilors out there. So anybody that can help, step up. Thank you all so much. (APPLAUSE.

### **GREETINGS FROM DEMOLAY**

AARON INGERSOLL, STATE MASTER COUNCILOR OF THE ORDER OF THE DEMOLAY IN TEXAS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Companions and Guests:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring greetings at this event. On behalf of Texas DeMolay I would like to thank you all for your contributions to the Order of DeMolay. The support of our various Masonic affiliated Bodies is very much appreciated.

At this time I would personally like to thank Past Grand High Priest Brother Roy Elliott who was one of my instructors to learn the Work throughout my Degrees in Masonry, and also Brother Wunsche and Brother Coffelt are both Entered Apprentice Masons in their respective cities. I assume that they will be moving fairly quickly through the line and will be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in no time. So I would like to congratulate them.

From what I have learned in Masonry is that if you need any help with anything, with your work, with anything, you can go to anybody in this room or anybody in your Lodge and they will help you with whatever you need. So thank you for your support for Texas DeMolay and thank you for everything. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION H. BART HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you and through you to the Companions here assembled Miss Laura Pearson, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Fidelity and Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico for the Supreme Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: On behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas it is my pleasure to invite you here to be part of our Opening Session. If it wasn't for the Ladies, we probably wouldn't be doing a lot of things. They allow us to work and do things. The Rainbow Girls is a nice corps of young ladies and we do value them very much. We very much appreciate you being in society today among our youth.

Also, on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas we would like to make a donation to the Rainbow Girls as a token of our appreciation. (PRESENTS DONATION TO MISS PEARSON)

M:I: ACTING GRAND MASTER MANLEY: On behalf of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Larry Canada, and myself we welcome you to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. It is a pleasure to have the young people here and you, Mrs. Dibrell. We love having you here with us, too. I would like to present you all a check to help you all's funds. (PRESENTS DONATION TO MISS PEARSON)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Miss Pearson, we would hear any remarks that you might have.



## **GREETINGS FROM RAINBOW**

MISS LAURA PEARSON, GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS IN TEXAS:  
Thank you very much. Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master,  
Distinguished East and Friends, good morning everyone:

On behalf of each member of the Texas Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls,  
it gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring greetings to you this morning.

I would first like to congratulate Mr. La Vergne and Mr. Manley on a wonderful and successful year.  
We regret the circumstances that prevent Mr. Canada from being here today and certainly congratulate  
the leaders who have continued with his plans and programs since his untimely illness.

Over the years you have worked to serve your organizations and you have had the opportunity to lead.  
The Rainbow Girls of Texas are proud to be a part of the Masonic family and encourages each member  
in all organizations to both lead and serve. That very need to serve has continued this year by Texas  
Grand Assembly as we raise funds for the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children located in Dallas. The  
girls of Texas have been working diligently to help this cause as well as sponsoring many other charity  
projects all across Texas. The lesson of charity is one that once learned remains for years to come.

We are very grateful for the continued love and support that Grand Chapter and Council have provided  
for our organization. The success of our Order not only depends on our own members, but also on the  
generosity of time and talent from our Fraternity family. The girls are the center of our organization, but  
the adults and their support are what make it possible for us to have the opportunity.

Again, congratulations to Mr. La Vergne and Mr. Canada on successful terms of office. I would like to  
extend the best of luck to Mr. Smith and Mr. Manley on their endeavors in the coming year. I look  
forward to working with both of you as we continue our journeys in the Masonic Orders.  
Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you all. Please have a seat.  
We will now have the Tribute and Pledge to the United States Flag by Right Excellent Grand King, Tom  
Snyder.

## **TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

R:E: GRAND KING SNYDER: This Tribute to the American Flag was originally written by Marine Master  
Sergeant Percy Webb.

I am Old Glory. For more than tenscore years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for  
generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of the American fight for freedom  
as a symbol of a country that had grown from a little group of Thirteen Colonies to the united nation of  
fifty sovereign states.

Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American faith, my fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to  
untold nations. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They looked upon me as  
a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy  
the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness which has been granted to every American as the heritage of  
free men.

So long as men love liberty more than life itself, so long as they treasure the price of privileges fought  
with the blood of our forefathers, so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain  
deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of  
America.

Companions and Honored Guests, if you would please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to  
our Flag.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS IN UNISON: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

R:E: GRAND KING SNYDER: You may please be seated.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Tribute and the Pledge to the Texas Flag by Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Tommy Chapman.

### **TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE CHAPMAN: Texans are proud of their great State. Those of us who are native Texans are especially proud of that fact. On the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas lapel pin this year is the words "Texas Proud." Also, those who are not native Texans are just as proud. I once heard someone say, "I was not born in Texas, but I got here just as fast as I could."

On the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master's pins this year is the star, another symbol of the great State of Texas.

The Texas Flag is known as the Lone Star Flag. It is highly popular among Texans and it is treated with a great degree of reverence and esteem within the great State of Texas. The Texas Flag Code was passed in 1933. The Texas Flag Code assigns the following symbolism to the colors in the State Flag. Blue stands for loyalty; white for purity; and red for bravery. The Code also states that the single or Lone Star represents all of Texas and stands for our unity as one, for God, state and country. Companions, if you will please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG**

THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS IN UNISON: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one State, under God, one and indivisible.

E: GRAND SCRIBE CHAPMAN: Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, sir.

I will now turn the floor over to our Excellent Grand Orator, Elmer Murphey, to make his Address.

### **ADDRESS OF THE GRAND ORATOR**

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Thank you, Most Excellent.

When I was asked to be the Grand Orator by the Most Excellent, I was, to say the least, honored. Most of you in this room know me in some fashion; not necessarily do you know me personally, but you are aware that I have been a very active Mason. However, my activity as a Scottish - as a York Rite Mason - (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: - has been more recent, as you can tell. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: How many of you in the room are Past Masters? Most of us. How many of you are Scottish Rite Masons? Most. Certainly you are York Rite Masons. How many of you are Shriners? Most. How many of you intend to be at the Grand Lodge Session in December? Grand Master, you are going to have to feed a few, sir. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Now, you're Masons so today I want to talk to you a few minutes about Masonry and, Ladies, as you well know, because most of you have been in more Masonic meetings than we have - (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: - you know there are very few secrets in Masonry. So as I talk to you today just for a little while about Masonry, this is going to be an opportunity for you, hopefully, if you do not truly understand our Fraternity at this time because your man, your Mason has not necessarily informed you of everything he could, to know a little bit more about Masonry.

You are aware that the three characteristics of a Mason are: you must have a belief in a Supreme Being. You may call him God, you may call him Jesus, you may call him Allah, but you must have the belief in that Supreme Being and you must profess that belief upon your knees or you are never permitted to become a Mason.

The second characteristic of our organization, our Fraternity which distinguishes us from some is that you must be a man of good character. Now, we all know how difficult it is to determine a man's character. Sometimes we've been surprised. Sometimes positively, sometimes otherwise, but we know how difficult that is. So when you are simply investigating a petitioner and you're going into his home and you're meeting his family and you're asking him a few questions if he's not well known to you already in the community, how do you determine his character? Very difficult. But since 1837 and before in this Grand Jurisdiction we've done a pretty good job. Yes, we've had disappointments, but we've done a pretty good job.

On occasion there are other organizations who say the same. We judge men by character. That's a characteristic of our organization.

So what distinguishes us as Masons from other organizations? Belief in a Supreme Being? Not necessarily. Being men of good character? Most organizations claim that. The third characteristic is that we meet on the level.

Now, there's not a time in many Masonic meetings, tiled meetings especially of Lodges, that you don't say those words. We meet on the level. But what does it mean and do we actually do it?

When my father took my petition, he took it to Holland Lodge No. 1, not his Lodge, because that's where, quote, the lawyers met. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: And he decided when I was a very young fellow - as a matter of fact, his first grade teacher was my first grade teacher - that I was going to be a lawyer. Why? Because he had the obligation as an electrician oftentimes to work outside. And let me tell you as a child, as a kid I went along with him a lot of times and we worked outside. And oftentimes my dad was wiring widows' homes and I didn't know they were Masonic widows, but they were. And when he went up that post with those spurs on and hopefully didn't come back down any earlier than he planned to -(LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: - it was all about trying to do the right thing.

So he wanted me to work inside. He wanted me to have the opportunity to wear a white collar. He wanted me to have the opportunity to earn what he considered to be a better wage. No particular plan beyond that. He wanted me to have an opportunity. So where did he take me? He took me to the Lodge that he thought that the Masons in that Lodge would give me that opportunity.

Now, he told me when I was about eleven years old, and I'll remember it forever, on the porch of my grandmother's house watching cars go by. We were counting how many cars had air conditioners in them, to tell you how long ago it was. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: He said, "I want you, Son, to respect the man who sweeps the floor as well as you do the man who owns the building." Now, I had no concept of what he - where he got that, but you know where. He was talking about meeting on the level.

So when we go into our Lodges, Companions, my Brethren, that's what we're doing. Any man who petitions Masonry that I'm involved with I explain to him that he must be prepared to meet on the level. The man sitting to his right may be my Grand Master and I don't know how much money he's got in the bank - probably not a whole lot.

M:W: GRAND MASTER O'NEILL: Not now.

(LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Or he may be my surrogate father, Leonard Harvey, who has an education from Buckner Home, or it may be one of my partners who has a Doctor of Jurisprudence, but in that room, on that day, he's judging the men in that room by their character, by their hearts, by whether or not outside that room they live the life of a Mason.

I have the honor oftentimes to give Service Awards on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas and many times those men will say to me, "I wish I could've been more active. I wish I could've been in this Lodge every day." And I say to them without fail, "If you have come to this Lodge tonight, your family is with you, obviously it's an important thing to you or you wouldn't have done that, and, in fact, if they know that you attempt every day to be a good man and to live the life of a Mason, that is Masonry. That is who we are."

So when we're compared to other organizations, our willingness to not judge a man by his politics, his religion, his financial standing, his education, his livelihood, but to judge him and we do judge each other every day, but to judge him by his heart and his character, how he lives the life of what we teach in our Degrees, in our lessons, that's Masonry.

I want you today, tomorrow and every day hereafter, wherever you are Masonically, when you walk into a room of Masons, I want you to think without qualm, I'm judging these men, I'm loving these men, I'm basing everything I have in my relationship with them on their heart and their character.

Remember in the Installation Ceremonies, which to me is the finest - one of the finest pieces of Masonic writing there is, it says, "Humility is the essential duty of a Mason." My wife said to me this morning before she left for Dallas, she said, "That's meeting on the level." And I said, "Yes, it is."

When you disagree with a Brother and every family has its disagreements, I want you to walk up to him, I want you to say to him, "My Brother, I love you. We may disagree, but I respect your right to have that opinion and I love you." Now, when a man says, "I love you," to another man, he may be a little uncomfortable with that, but when a Mason says it to another Mason after what we've gone through, after what we believe at this Altar, he should have no reluctance whatsoever to say it and to believe it and to mean it.

I'm not sure what an oration is, but today I had the opportunity for the first time since I left the Grand East, simply because Tim gave me the honor, to talk to you and most of you, we've been in these rooms many times together and I just wanted to tell you what I believe distinguishes every one of us from the rest of the world, and I do believe that if we, in fact, as Masons remember that humility is an essential duty. We don't talk down to anyone. We talk about how much we love each other and we tell the world that's what Masonry is and there is no other organization on this earth that I'm aware of that that's a cornerstone of it. We can change the world and we will do nothing but bring good men to this Altar to lead the world.

If you do nothing else, be incredibly proud to be a Mason and have no reluctance, none, to tell the world how proud you are to be a Mason and how much you love it and how it's your passion and how you want your family and your children to know how much you care for it.

Never, never, never disgrace it. Love it.

Most Excellent Sir, thank you, sir.

(RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Excellent Companion Murphey, thank you for those kind words. We appreciate it very much.

We are at the portion of the program where I need to ask the Ladies and non-Masonic guests to please retire so we can resume our business. We thank our Ladies and our Guests for being here very much.

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(THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS THEN CALLED FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor for the purpose of resuming our Business Session. Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will so inform the Grand Guard.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Preliminary Report of Credentials given by Companion Jerrel Jones.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

COMPANION JERREL B. JONES, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: Good morning.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Offices, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am Jerrel B. Jones, Past High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 53. I am here to give the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee as of early this morning.

Present are:

- 18 Grand Chapter Officers
- 9 Past Grand High Priests
- 118 Past High Priests
- 10 High Priests
- 4 Kings
- 2 Scribes
- 45 Chapter Representatives
- 9 District Deputy Grand High Priests
- 48 Grand Representatives of Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 13 Visitors
- 48 Chapters
- 13 Out-of-State Visitors

We have a total 45 three vote ballots for 135 votes. We have 118 one vote ballots. The sum of that is 253 votes.

Respectfully submitted,  
JERREL B. JONES, CHAIRMAN  
LLOYD G. CARPENTER, LANE PIERCE, DAVID ROGERS, M. GENE TERRELL

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the Report of the Credentials Committee.

SEVERAL COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee. It has been seconded. All those in favor vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, like sign. Motion carries, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, Companion Jones.

COMPANION JONES: Thank you for allowing us to serve.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Before we proceed any further, I wanted to do a little bit of housekeeping. As you address the Grand Chapter, please remember to announce your name, your office and your Chapter name and number.

Also, we will not be doing the Resolutions in order, one, two, three, four, five. We will be addressing the Resolutions as they are presented by the reporting Committee on that Resolution.

When it comes time to vote on the Resolution, the Committee Member will ask for the motion to be moved. So we will need the Presenter of the motion to come up to the podium and move that their particular Resolution be adopted.

The Grand East will second all Resolution motions. After that we will have a report from the reporting Committee on that particular Resolution. We will have discussion and after discussion, we'll call for the vote. With that, we'll proceed.

Right Excellent Grand Secretary, do you have some Resolutions?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

**RESOLUTION**  
**(Seating all Companions)**

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas: BE IT RESOLVED, that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing in this and other Grand Jurisdictions with which this Grand Chapter is in fraternal accord be extended the privilege of seats in this Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor to adopt, vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION**  
**(Honorary Members)**

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all Out-of-State Guests who are not Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of adoption will vote the usual voting sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. Motion carried.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: And if the Out-of-State Guests will please go by my office and the young ladies up there, if you will leave them a business card or give them your name and address, I'll get those to you.

**RESOLUTION**  
**(Setting Time of Election)**

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: To the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the time for Election of Grand Officers in this Grand Chapter be set at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and shall have priority over all other business.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of adopting will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. All those opposed, same. So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

**RESOLUTION**  
**(to accept the pre-printed committee reports)**

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Do you move the adoption of the Pre-Printed Reports?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: You have heard the motion to accept and adopt the Pre-Printed Reports that were made available at Registration on various Committees. All those in favor, vote the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. Motion carried.

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R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Those are all of the Resolutions, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Roll Call of the Grand Officers.

**ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS**

Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.	M:E: Grand High Priest
G. Clay Smith	R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest
Thomas W. Snyder	R:E: Grand King
Tommy F. Chapman	R:E: Grand Scribe
Kenneth E. Cooley	R:E: Grand Treasurer
Orville L. O'Neill	R:E: Grand Secretary
Joe R. Gilmore	E: Grand Chaplain
Elmer Murphey, III	E: Grand Orator
E. Jason Rabe	E: Grand Marshal
Joe O. Estlack	E: Grand Captain Of The Host
Robert A. Foreman, Jr.	E: Grand Principal Sojourner
A. Glen Mccandless	E: Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. E. Chapman, Sr.	E: Grand Master of The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil
Richard F. Izatt	E: Grand Master of The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil
Daniel M. Bowden	E: Grand Master of The 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil
Robert L. Clemmons	E: Grand Senior Steward
Ralph A. Mcleod	E: Grand Junior Steward
Michie M. Brous	E: Grand Organist
Randall R. Kimbrough	E: Grand Photographer
Martin L. Saldua	E: Grand Guard

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That is the Roll Call of the Grand Officers, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Roll Call of the Living Past Grand High Priests. Would you please come down west of the Altar and line up so everybody can see you. We would appreciate it.

**ROLL CALL OF THE LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

James A. (Red) Scott**	San Angelo, TX	1974
James M. Willson, Jr.	Floydada, TX	1978
Robert H. (Bob)Waters**	Garland, TX	1979
E. Frank Smith**	Arlington, TX	1980
Leslie L. Coone**	Arlington, TX	1982
Farris L. Benham**	Amarillo, TX	1989
Jerry N. Kirby	Red Oak, TX	1991
Jack L. Wright	Arlington, TX	1994
W. E. (Bill) Schroeter	Nederland, TX	1995
Obie L. Etheridge**	Corpus Christi, TX	1996

Orville L. O'Neill	Hewitt, TX	1998
Paul D. Warren	Abilene, TX	2000
Robert P. Walker**	Richmond, TX	2001
Charles Louis Hopkins	Farmersville, TX	2003
J. Weldon Clampitt	Houston, TX	2005
John C. Elkinton	Pearland, TX	2006
James Roy Elliott	Midlothian, TX	2007
Clarence J. Laney	Whitesboro, TX	2008
Douglas Collins**	Spring Branch, TX	2009

(\*\* DID NOT ANSWER PRESNET & EXCUSED)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That is the Roll Call of the Past Grands, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, if you would, join me in a round of applause to these leaders of the Grand Chapter. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I would ask that Very Excellent Grand High Priest James Roy Elliott give the Response.

### **RESPONSE FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we, the Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, wish to thank you for your service to this Grand Chapter, and if you behave yourself for another day, we'll take pleasure in welcoming you into our ranks as a Past Grand High Priest. Thank you, Most Excellent. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Roll Call of District Deputy Grand High Priests. As your name is called, would you please line up around west of the Altar. Right Excellent Grand Secretary if you will call the roll.

### **ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

<b>DIST.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>NO.</b>
1	Larry D. Van Meter*	B. T. Estes	263
2	Michael W. Welch	Carthage	28
3	Ronald E. Gilliland*	Center	125
4	L. A. (Pete) Peters	Tyler	24
5	Nicholas L. Phillips	Port Neches	436
7	W. A. (Bill) Bilsing*	Teague	320
8	John A. Tuttle, Jr.	Cleveland	490
9	Emile A. Bussemey	Washington	2
10	Michael S. Blair	Richmond	467
11	Aubrey L. Roland	Sulphur Springs	63
12	Lloyd G. Carpenter	Denison	138
13	Timothy Towson	Mabank	435
14	Corey M. Keese*	Geo. Washington	422
15	Lewis C. Buttram*	Midlothian	211
16	Gerald B. Tyler	Ennis	135
17	Jack M. Harper, II	Hillsboro	152
18	Jerry F. Eller	Killeen	484
19	Jack D. Davidson	Bosque	153
20	James T. Crysap	Lone Star	6
21	Sidney D. Hayes	Florence	275
22	Gary W. Horejsi, Sr.	Seguin	344
23	Samuel W. Green, Jr.	Blue Bonnet	470
24	Robert E. Harvey*	Port Lavaca	338
25	Elmer R. (Pete) Mitchell	Brownsville	495
26	D. Grant Anderson*	Haggai	53



27	Lloyd O. Addy	Riverside	468
29	Edward L. Urban, Jr.*	Quannah	450
30	Charles E. Martin	Hamlin	310
32	G. Clay Smith	San Angelo	170
33	Jackie W. Matthews	Keystone	172
35	Raymond J. Alden	El Paso	157
36	Robert E. Chesser*	Hugh J. McClellan	248
38	W. David Melear	Amarillo	196
39	Thomas G. Moore*	Laredo	185
40	Clifford B. Cavender*	Alpha	243

(\*DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That completes the Roll Call of your District Deputies, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, if you would, join me in giving a round of applause to these District Deputy Grand High Priests. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I want to extend my thanks to the Deputy corps. I've had you do a little extra this year, above and beyond, compared to other years, but it was something that I felt needed to be done for the good of the Order and to make sure that we are doing things that we are supposed to be doing. I thank you very much for your time and effort.

I would ask that the Response be given by Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priest Lloyd Carpenter of District No. 12.

#### **RESPONSE FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

R:E: LLOYD G. CARPENTER, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST, DISTRICT NO. 12: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Dias Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests and Most Worshipful Grand Master:

On behalf of your 35 District Deputies we thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and all of the Capitular Masons of this Chapter this past year.

Everywhere we went we were met with broad smiles, firm handshakes and a good outlook for Capitular Masonry in the years to come. We think that they have taken up the challenge that you put before them. We thank you again for the privilege of serving and we wish you and this Grand Chapter a very successful year. Thank you. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: On Robert Chesser, it is my understanding that he is out of town due to his job. We will now have the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives. If you would, please come to the west of the Altar.

#### **ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

Alabama	Earl E. Tweed
Alaska	Jack W. Lester, Jr.
Alberta	David G. Mather
Argentina	Jeffery S. Bennett
Arizona	Richard C. Sharp
Arkansas	Orville L. O'Neill
Belgium	John A. Tuttle
British Columbia	H. David Moore
California	Douglas Collins**
Canada	A. D. (Lonnie) Boggs**
Colorado	Kenneth E. Cooley
Connecticut	G. Clay Smith
Delaware	Virgil Sam Allsbrooks
District of Columbia	Mark D. Myer**

Finland	Justin L. Van Kleeck*
Florida	John C. Elkinton
France	David D. Dibrell*
Georgia	Carl H. Garrison**
Germany	Dillon Vanderford, Jr.
Hawaii	William A. Bilsing, II*
Idaho	William E. (Bill) Schroeter
Illinois	Lawrence E. Tucker
India	Alfred E. Bell*
Indiana	Raymond M. White
Iowa	Arliss Weber*
Ireland	Ronald D. Park
Israel	David Fallas
Italy	Thomas N. Turner
Kansas	Mitchell R. Jones
Kentucky	Paul D. Warren
Louisiana	James Roy Elliott
Maine	A. Glen McCandless
Manitoba	Ronald J. Price
Maryland	Jack M. Harper, II
Massachusetts	Brian R. Dodson
Mexico	Arnold R. Langston
Michigan	Michael H. Shively
Minnesota	H. Bart Henderson
Mississippi	David L. Anderson
Missouri	Wayne D. Groce*
Montana	Tommy F. Chapman
Nebraska	Larry G. Canada**
Netherlands	Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
Nevada	Farris L. Benham**
New Brunswick	Fred E. Allen
New Hampshire	James D. Manley
New Jersey	Clarence J. Laney
New Mexico	David James (Jim) Davis
New South Wales	Donald Swango**
New York	Timothy La Vergne, Sr.
New Zealand	Robert A. Foreman
North Carolina	Lloyd G. Carpenter
North Dakota	W. David Melear
Nova Scotia	Lee Nodwell
Ohio	Joe O. Estlack
Oklahoma	J. M. (Jimmy) Willson, Jr.**
Oregon	J. Weldon Clampitte
Pennsylvania	Charles Louis Hopkins
Philippines	N. W. (Butch) Hanna, Jr.
Portugal	Dwight W. Phillips
Quebec	A. F. (Frank) Berkley**
Queensland	Charles Steve Wolfe
Rhode Island	James D. Ward
Saskatchewan	Paul E. Wunsche
Scotland	Charles E. McKay
South Australia	B. J. Young
South Carolina	Robert D. Collier
South Dakota	Joe R. Gilmore
Switzerland	Jack E. Beeler
Tennessee	Jack L. Wright
Utah	Jerry Pingle
Venezuela	John W. Duke**
Vermont	B. J. Richmond**
Victoria	Joe E. Schriever**

Virginia	F. E. (Skip) Smith
Washington	Jack T. Peebles
Western Australia	E. Frank Smith**
Wisconsin	Thomas W. Snyder
Wyoming	William P. Irving, Jr.**
(* DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT	** EXCUSED

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, that concludes the Roll Call.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, I thank you for representing our Grand Chapter to other Jurisdictions. Something that is important to have that communication with other Grand Jurisdictions throughout, not only this country, but the world to see how they're doing things and get some ideas on how to do things here and maybe give them some ideas how Texas does it. It might be a better way. So, again, thank you very much for your service.

Companions, if you would, give a round of applause for our Grand Representatives. (APPLAUSE. The Response will be given by H. David Moore on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

### **RESPONSE FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

COMPANION H. DAVID MOORE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it has been a great privilege for this grand body of Representatives to represent Texas to the other Grand Jurisdictions and we want to express our thanks and congratulations to you for serving this Grand Chapter in such an excellent manner for this year. We appreciate you and the Grand Body and thank you for this pleasure.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, be seated.

We will now have the Roll Call of the Recipients of the Golden Keystone Award. And if the Recipients will please come down to the west of the Altar. Right Excellent Grand Secretary if you will please.

### **ROLL CALL OF THE LIVING RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Eugene A. Thalmann (deceased)	Hidalgo 434	1990
Jack E. Beeler	Port Lavaca 338	1991
Leonard O. Pierce	Will N. Kidd 424	1993
Cody Parsley*	Southeast Texas 465	1995
David N. Whitehead	Port Arthur 250	1995
Gerald H. Long**	Tarrant 416	1996
Lawrence D. Hearne**	Helotes 444	1996
Mitchell Ray Jones	Dallas 47	1998
Alfred E. Bell*	Midlothian 211	1999
Sherman W. Hobbs	Alvord 193	2000
E. Don Wittie*	Snyder 494	2001
W. E. (Gene) Brookshire	Lufkin 240	2002
James D. Manley	Tarrant 416	2002
H. David Moore	Haggai 53	2003
A.F. Frank Berkley**	Sam J. Helm 445	2004
Dale D. Dickman*	San Jacinto 7	2004
H. Bart Henderson	Will N. Kidd 424	2005
Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr.	San Jacinto 7	2006
Robert E. Black	Keystone 172	2006
Earl E. Tweed	Dallas 47	2007
Reese L. Harrison, Jr.	San Antonio 381	2007
Ronald D. Park	Dallas 47	2008
J.P. Pat Collier, Jr.**	Southeast Texas 465	2008
D. Doye Sudduth	Tyler 24	2009
Thomas G. Keithly**	Dallas 47	2009
A. R. Clary**	Ridglea 485	2010
E. Deacon Wall	Kerrville 305	2010

(\*DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT

(\*\* EXCUSED

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That is the Roll Call of the Golden Keystone Awards.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, it is my pleasure to be in the presence of excellence in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. You all have been very devoted and continue to be devoted to service to our Royal Arch Masons of Texas. I thank you for your service and your continuing service.

If you will join me in giving a standing ovation, we'd appreciate it. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: The Response will be given by Excellent Companion Reese L. Harrison, Jr.

**RESPONSE FOR GOLDEN KEYSTONE RECIPIENTS**

COMPANION REESE L. HARRISON, JR.: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions: First of all, I want to thank you for being permitted to give the Response. This is a great honor because, number one, I've never been asked to give it, and, number two, look at the people in whose presence that all of us are in, including myself, because what the Most Excellent Grand High Priest said is certainly true of them. They are a lot older than me. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARRISON: And they were my heroes for a long time, including you, Bart. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARRISON: But, seriously, these are truly craftsmen from the quarry with work for inspection and although they once entered the room with an odd shaped stone, they now bear the recognition of that Keystone which has become the head of the corner and is the most important stone in all the building. These Brethren have been the most important stone, they are the most important stone because they continue to labor in the quarry with all of the other craftsmen and they don't ask for a penny more than was paid for the other craftsmen.

So, Most Excellent, I know that each of them appreciates the fact that the Recognitions and Awards Committee and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the year that they were selected came up with their name to be selected and I'm sure that each of them thanks those selection folks and thanks you and this Grand Chapter for continuing to recognize them from year to year. Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, I have just been informed that Gene Thalmann passed away recently.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Grand Marshal, at this time I would ask that the Out-of-State Guests and the Masonic heads of other Texas Masonic Bodies would please retire for the purpose of being received at this time. Any Companion who is assisting, please retire and meet with your counterparts.

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**RECEPTION OF OUT-OF-STATE GUESTS**  
**HEALD JOINTLY WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

<b><u>NAME &amp; TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENTED BY:</u></b>
<b>WILLIAM B. CLUCAS</b> Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alaska and Very Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alaska	<b>JACK LESTER</b>
<b>TIMOTHY J. RILEY</b> Right Excellent Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana and Right Illustrious Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana	<b>TOMMY F. CHAPMAN</b>
<b>TIM RILEY, JR.</b> Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana	<b>TOMMY F. CHAPMAN</b>

**VERNON R. ATKINSON**

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana

**TOMMY F. CHAPMAN****JAIME GALICIA**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mexico.

**ARNOLD LANGSTON****EDMUND D. HARRISON**

Right Excellent General Grand King of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States

**J. WELDON CLAMPITTE****RONALD L. CARR**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL****TROY SHIPMAN**

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL****IKE ISAACS**

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma, Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer of Oklahoma.

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL****KENNETH BUCKLEY**

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma, Past Grand Master General of the KYCH, Current Grand Registrar-General of the Convent General

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL****JOHN E. KING**

Right Excellent Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL****JOHN L. LOGAN**

Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma and Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Masonic Charities Foundation

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL****CHARLES L. STUCKEY**

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of Rites for the United States of America, Past Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines and Ponca City.

**REESE L. HARRISON, JR.****NICK R. RAMOS**

Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee

**JERRY N. KIRBY****M. DOUGLAS ADKINS**

Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons

**CLAUDE ERVIN****IN-STATE GUESTS****W. DAVID MELEAR**

Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER****PAUL E. WUNSCH**

Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER****H. DAVID MOORE**

Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**H. BART HENDERSON**

Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**JERRY PINGLE**

Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**TED D. HENNIS**

Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**JERRY NELSON KIRBY**

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**LOYD L. CHANCE**

Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**JOHN ELKINTON**

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**JACK M. HARPER, II**

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**RICHARD DOSS**

Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**CLARENCE J. LANEY**

Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

**THOMAS W. SNYDER**

**LAWRENCE E. TUCKER**

Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, Eminent Grand Sentinel of the Convent General of KYCH

**PAUL D. WARREN**

**KENNETH B. FISCHER**

Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America, Past Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees

**PAUL D. WARREN**

**D. DOYE SUDDUTH**

Grand Governor in Texas, York Rite College of North America

**PAUL D. WARREN**

**TOMMY D. GUEST**

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

**ELMER MURPHEY, III**

**WALT W. ROGERS**

Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

**ELMER MURPHEY, III**

**T. E. GENE CARNES**

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

**ELMER MURPHEY, III**

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: All rise.

**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL**

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

**TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.**

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and introduce to the Companions here assembled Most Worshipful Orville L. O'Neill, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is indeed an honor to receive you to your Grand Chapter. We love you, we appreciate everything that you do for us and you make life a lot easier for the Grand Chapter Officers. We do so much appreciate you and we welcome you wholeheartedly to your Grand Chapter.

ACTING M:I: GRAND MASTER MANLEY: Most Worshipful, it is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome you here today into this Grand Council. You have been a lifelong friend and it is indeed a pleasure. You have kept me out of trouble I don't know how many times. So it is indeed a pleasure to have you here today. Thank you so much.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, please join me in extending the Private Grand Honors to our Grand Master of Texas.

(PRIVATE GRAND HONORS EXTENDED TO MOST WORSHIPFUL ORVILLE L. O'NEILL.

M:W: GRAND MASTER O'NEILL: Please be seated.

I knew this time was going to come when I had to get up here and talk to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council of Texas. They have been so much a part of my Masonic career. And I knew what was going to happen when I started. So you're just going to have to bear with me a little bit.

When I got installed as Grand Master, I told you guys then and a lot of the rest of them were there at the Installation, what you see is what you get. There's nothing special about this old man.

I love this old Fraternity and I'm talking about all of it, not just the York Rite, but the complete Fraternity of Freemasonry. And, Fellows, you have made me feel so, so wonderful for allowing me to be the Grand Master of Masons in Texas this year. I've been around you all so long that it does not bother me one iota when somebody comes up and says, "Orville," instead of Grand Master. I appreciate you when you do. I know it's supposed to be protocol and stuff. When you do, I just know that you're my friend. You are my friends. I appreciate that so very much and just, by golly, thank you, Fellows. I appreciate the privilege. (RISING APPLAUSE.

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R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, we will now hear the Address from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Timothy La Vergne, Sr., Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52. I move for the adoption of the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as preprinted.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept the preprinted Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. All in favor vote by the regular sign among Masons. All opposed? It's unanimous. Motion carried.

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**ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

To the Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished Guests, Grand Visitors from Other Grand Jurisdictions, Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and my Companions all:

It is my extreme pleasure to welcome you to the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and I thank you for your attendance.

To our Distinguished Guests and Out of State Visitors, I extend a hardy welcome to you and we hope you will enjoy your stay in Waco. If there is anything that the Grand Officers and/or I can do to enrich your time here, please do not hesitate to let us know.

For those of you who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time, I hope that it will be an educational and rewarding experience, an experience that will stimulate you to return annually and induce you to urge your fellow Companions to join with us in our annual efforts as we set to work for the well-being of this Grand Chapter and its members.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for having the confidence in me and electing me to serve as your Grand High Priest. This has been a most wonderful and enjoyable experience in my life as I travel through the paths of Masonry.

### **STATE OF THE ORDER**

The theme of the Grand Chapter this year has been "Take Up The Challenge". The reason that I chose this theme was due in a large part that I felt we had talked about the issues facing the Grand Chapter for some time, and it was a time to take our words and put them into action, thereby straightening our ship's course. I challenged each and every member of the Grand Chapter, from the top to the very bottom, to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

To start with we changed up the format of the York Rite Conferences in an effort to make them more interactive and educational to those in attendance. We encouraged the use of the Schools of Instruction on a local, district, and/or area-wide format in an effort to improving ourselves in the ritual (Opening/Closing and the Degrees). We appreciate the efforts made by those Chapters who are able to confer the work, without you we would be lost. To the Chapters that do not confer any of the degrees, we encourage you to select a degree and become proficient in that degree, and confer that degree every chance that you can to maintain your proficiency whether it is done individually or at a festival.

There has been a lot of activity this year throughout the State to the betterment of the Order. While many Companions have stepped up to answer the call, several have not, to these Companions I ask: What will it take for you to get infected with the "York Rite Bug"! We have tried to impress upon the Companions that we needed to get down and dirty by working in the quarries, because with hard work we can fix and overcome any issues; and ensure the future of our Order for future generations.

In February 2010, the Grand Chapter found itself facing a 60% non-compliance rate by the Chapters regarding the filing of Form 990. Through education and the work of several Companions, some kicking and screaming, we were able to turn this around whereby we were able to achieve a 94% compliance rate of our Chapters by the end of the fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This only reinforces our point, that if we work together to solve a problem that we can accomplish a lot and achieve our goals.

It would be rather naive of me to stand before you today and say that I expected to solve all the issues in a year, but while we have a long way to go you have to start somewhere, and this is the year that the line was drawn in the sand. I am hoping that this year will serve as a spring board for the years to follow thereby allowing us to chip away at the issues facing our Grand Chapter so that they are no more.

The future of our Grand Chapter is bright and I know that by all of us working together we can and WILL achieve great things. So I earnestly hope that each of you gets infected with the "York Rite Bug", and "TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE".

### **OUR FRATERNAL DEAD**

The Supreme Grand High Priest has seen fit to remove from our membership many of our faithful and dedicated Companions. We will miss their friendships, their knowledge of our fraternity and their assistance in the work of York Rite Masonry. To thee, Oh God, we give our praise for the just shall pass from life through death to life.

I do wish to mention one in particular, V.:E.: Past Grand High Priest Eldon L. Brooks who passed away from our presence and was laid to rest on April 15, 2010. V.:E.: Companion Brooks not only faithfully served this Grand Chapter, but served all of York Rite Masonry for which he will be dearly missed. His friendship and knowledge will be greatly missed as well, but we can be comforted by the knowledge that he is in a better place, with our Lord and Saviour.

Please remember our dearly departed Companions and their families in your prayers. Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Grand Chaplain, Excellent Companion Joe R. Gilmore, for conducting the Memorial Service in honor of our departed Companions on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.



## FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATIONS

I wish to congratulate all the recipients of the Fifty Year Service Award, my most sincere and hearty congratulations for reaching such a milestone. I offer my most sincere thanks for the service that you have rendered to your home Chapter and your Grand Chapter over the last half century. It has been one of the greatest highlights of my responsibilities this year to have these awards prepared for those of you who have labored long and hard in the quarries. May we enjoy your efforts and wisdom for many more years to come.

Thank you to all those Companions who helped in the presentation of these awards. It has been an honor and a privilege to present these awards to the following Companions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Ch. No.</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Adams, Robert M.	Borger	437	3/12/2010
Allen, Bob R.	Dallas	47	
Allen, Byron L.	Tyler	24	
Andreason, George E.	Ridglea	485	
Armistead, J. Davis	Hugh J. McClellan	248	3/11/2010
Baxter, David L.	Tyler	24	5/14/2010
Berry, James D.	Lone Star	6	5/25/2010
Blanchard, Lawrence A.	Tyler	24	5/14/2010
Brown, Gerald S.	Dallas	47	5/21/2010
Bruce, Leroy	Port Lavaca	338	2/5/2010
Bryan, Glenual R.	Army	393	6/16/2010
Buck, Robert K.	San Marcos	129	6/27/2010
Buckner, Arthur R.	Washington	2	2/20/2010
Burwell, James S.	San Marcos	129	2/12/2010
Campbell, James E.	Center	125	
Chance, Loyd L.	Dallas	47	4/30/2010
Crim, William R.	Kilgore	449	
DeVault, John L.	Washington	2	4/12/2010
Duke, William S.	Wichita Falls	202	5/12/2010
Duncan, Jr., C.W.	Florence	275	5/8/2010
Edwards, Jerry T.	Hamlin	310	5/8/2010
Eickhoff, Robert D.	Big Spring	178	Mar-10
Faletto, Philip C.	Granbury	454	2/25/2010
Foote, Granville R.	Riverside	468	5/4/2010
Fortune, William T.	Wichita Falls	202	3/8/2010
Fraley, Homer L.	Denison	138	5/10/2010
Griggs, Douglas A.W.	Amarillo	196	3/12/2010
Grove, Bobby J.	Borger	437	3/12/2010
Hancock, Harvey	Hugh J. McClellan	248	3/11/2010
Harrison, Jr., Reese L.	San Antonio	381	6/12/2010
Harrison, William J.	San Felipe de Austin	1	
Havlicek, Robert P.	Helotes	444	4/8/2010
Hill, Edward M.	Pasadena	455	
Hill, John G.	Port Neches	436	
Hodges, Raymond H.	B.T. Estes	263	
Howard, Audrey L.	Amarillo	196	
Humble, Keltus C.	Port Neches	436	7/24/2010
Hyatt, Billie W.	San Angelo	170	2/16/2010
Jennings, Doyce L.	Wichita Falls	202	to widow 3/31/2010
Jolly, Jr., Lewis C.	Jerusalem	3	2/12/2010
Kahla, Vernon C.	Beaumont	188	
Kirkpatrick, Jr., George P.	Southeast Texas	465	5/17/2010
Kurtz, Jr., Raymond L.	Alpha	243	
Lance, Lee Roy	Corpus Christi	91	7/26/2010
Largent, Guinn C.	Texas	362	3/2/2010
Mabry, John E.	Killeen	484	6/21/2010
Marley, Harold G.	San Antonio	381	6/12/2010

Marshall, James L.	Longview	177	
Martin, Jack H.	Waco	45	3/17/2010
Mason, Carl E.	Waco	45	
Massey, Leroy	Lloyd L. Gibson	481	
McCoy, James I.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	3/27/2010
McCreary, Jack H.	Lone Star	6	4/13/2010
McKee, Daniel C.	Riverside	468	5/4/2010
Merwin, III, George W.	Texas	362	
Mitchell, William J.	Sam J. Helm	445	5/11/2010
Moore, Jerry L.	San Marcos	129	5/27/2010
Pace, Hardy A.	Southeast Texas	465	5/7/2010
Pardue, William D.	Dallas	47	5/21/2010
Parish, Harold R.	Riverside	468	5/4/2010
Parsley, Cody	Southeast Texas	465	5/7/2010
Parten, William A.	Killeen	484	
Potts, Robert P.	Dallas	47	4/30/2010
Ranson, Richard R.	Washington	2	2/19/2010
Robisheaux, Earl E.	Corpus Christi	91	7/26/2010
Salinas, Edwin B.	Washington	2	
Scott, Sr., Malcolm R.	San Marcos	129	5/27/2010
Seals, Billy P.	Dallas	47	4/23/2010
Sheppard, Donny G.	Sam J. Helm	445	5/11/2010
Shoesmith, Merle W.	Waco	45	3/17/2010
Simmons, Donald D.	Carthage	28	
Singleton, Jr., Emmet F.	B.T. Estes	263	
Smith, Jr., Herbert L.	Port Neches	436	
Stapp, Franklin M.	Borger	437	5/13/2010
Stewart, Ellis E.	Corpus Christi	91	7/26/2010
Sutton, Deward O.	Texas	362	2/23/2010
Taylor, Robert B.	Lloyd L. Gibson	481	2/16/2010
Thompson, Jack H.	Ridglea	485	
Wallace, John R.	Dallas	47	4/30/2010
Warlick, Benjamin A.	Henderson	361	
Wedgeworth, James L.	Carthage	28	2/23/2010
White, R.W.	Midlothian	211	4/8/2010
Williams, Doyle D.	B.T. Estes	263	
Williamson, John W.	Longview	177	
Woodall, Billy J.	Hurst	492	
Wright, Joe M.	Carthage	28	
Yamamoto, Hiroshi	Army	393	
Zedler, Byron C.	Garland	451	

### **2010 YORK RITE CONFERENCES**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Coordinator</u></b>
01/09/2010	Brownwood Chapter & Council	Dan Treager
02/27/2010	R. C. Buckner Chapter & Council	David Rogers
02/27/2010	Ft. Worth Chapter & Council	Sonny Tull
03/13/2010	Abilene Chapter & Council	Paul D. Warren
03/27/2010	Port Neches Chapter & Council	Tommy F. Chapman
04/24/2010	Tyler Chapter & Council	John E. Andrews
05/15/2010	Helotes Chapter & Council	Joe O. Estlack
05/22/2010	North Houston Chapter & Council	Paul E. Wunsche

This year we took a different approach to the Conference structure in that we wanted to involve the Companions in attendance to improve the overall affect and experience of the Conference by the Companion. The Conference was broken down into three sections: Presentations by a Representative of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery; Mini School of Instruction by the Committee on Work; and a Small Group Discussion Session. The purpose of this

structure was to encourage a learning environment for the Companions in attendance by using the three Principles of Teaching: Hear It, See It, and Do It. The Conferences were well attended, but we still need to encourage members and other line officers to attend thus giving us a bigger cross-section of our Chapter membership. It appeared that the Conference format used this year was well received and enjoyed by those Companions in attendance.

**TRUSTEE MEETINGS**

**January 1, 2010**-Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Arlington, Texas. The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Trustees, Grand Chapter-Grand Council Finance Committees, Grand Chapter-Grand Council Investment Committees, and representatives of UBS. UBS gave an overview of the last quarter and projections for the upcoming six (6) months. The Trustees were advised of the new headquarters hotel, Holiday Inn-Bellmead, for the upcoming Grand Sessions in October. Chairman Schriever, Grand Chapter Finance Committee, discussed the institution of a registration fee for attending the Grand Sessions. There were discussions regarding the state of Roby Chapter and the possibility of moving Roby Chapter to Jacksboro where we had received a request to set up a Chapter. Grand Secretary O'Neill advised that he would be going to Santa Anna Chapter to pick up the Chapter's property, and that he had issued eighteen (18) Certificates of Good Standing to the former members of Santa Anna Chapter. There were several announcements made of upcoming events throughout the State after which the meeting was adjourned.

**April, 2, 2010**-Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn-Bellmead prior to the Stag Banquet. The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Trustees. We received an update on M.:I.: Grand Master Larry G. Canada after he had suffered a massive stroke. There was discussion regarding the 60% non-compliance of the Chapters and Councils regarding the filing of Form 990 at which time Grand High Priest La Vergne advised of his plans, in an effort to reduce that number and bring the Chapters into compliance by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees were advised of the Eastern Star's decision to pull out of the new building at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. There was some discussion about the 60 Year Pin and the possibility of moving forward on it. The Trustees agreed to implement a voluntary registration fee of \$10.00 for the 2010 Grand Chapter-Grand Council Sessions. The Trustees were advised of Roby Chapter's status in that they were going to consolidate with Hamlin Chapter No. 310, and that Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 was considering moving to Jacksboro, Texas. There were several announcements made regarding events occurring throughout the State after which the meeting was adjourned.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED NEAR OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**February 8, 2010**, I accepted the nomination of Com. Larry A. Inscho to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

**VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND BODIES**

**March 4-6, 2010**, I attended the Grand Convocation for the Grand Chapter State of New York Royal Arch Masons in Albany, New York. I was well received and taken care of by the New York Royal Arch Masons as a representative from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I was inducted into the "Old Saratoga" Degree. I enjoyed myself immensely and was proud to represent the Texas Royal Arch Masons at this Grand Convocation.

<b><u>VISITATIONS</u></b>		
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Attended</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b><u>2009</u></b>		
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Chapter Convocation-Installed as Grand High Priest	Waco, TX
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officer Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. Wm. J. Worth Chapter No. 463, N.S.-Speaker	Ft. Worth, TX

October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Austin York Rite Festival	Austin, TX
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Col. Wm. B. Travis Council No. 344, AMD-Stated Meeting	Addison, TX
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Masonic District No. 3 Study Club	Trenton, TX
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas Scottish Rite-Honors Day, Received KCCH	Dallas, TX
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Alzafar Shrine Center-Reception Honoring Newly Installed Worshipful Masters	San Antonio, TX
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Annual Inspection	Denison, TX
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Goodnight-Loving High Twelve Club-Stated Meeting	Grapevine, TX
December 2-5	Grand Lodge of Texas-Annual Session	Waco, TX
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter/Council-Stated Mtg & Christmas Dinner	Bonham, TX
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Comm.24-Christmas Observance & Instln of Officers	Denison, TX
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13-Stated Meeting	Sherman, TX
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hidalgo York Rite Festival	Weslaco, TX
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Haggai Chapter No. 53-M.E.M./Royal Arch Degrees	McKinney, TX
<b>2010</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Leander, TX
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Commandery's Recorder School	Waco, TX
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Master's Banquet	Waco, TX
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Chapter No. 138-Official Visit	Denison, TX
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Master's Official Visit-Empire Lodge	Nevada, TX
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas York Rite Festival-2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Dallas, TX
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas Scottish Rite-Stated Meeting	Dallas, TX
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Johns Lodge-Masonic Education Night	McKinney, TX
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge-Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13-Stated Meeting	Sherman, TX
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Goodnight-Loving High Twelve Club-Stated Meeting	Grapevine, TX
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tejas Chapel No. 47, STA-Festive Board	Dallas, TX
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Master's Conference	Dallas, TX
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Col. Wm B. Travis Council No. 344-Sweetheart Dinner	Dallas, TX
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	North Texas Priory No. 73-Regular Convocation	Sherman, TX
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Houston York Rite Festival	Houston, TX
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Dallas, TX
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Ft. Worth, TX
March 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	New York Grand Chapter Convocation	Albany, NY
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Abilene, TX
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13-Stated Meeting	Sherman, TX
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	North Texas York Rite College No. 118-Regular Assembly	Sherman, TX
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Nederland, TX
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, KM-Stated Meeting	Addison, TX
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stag Banquet	Waco, TX
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	North Texas Priory No. 73, KYCH-Annual Convocation	Sherman, TX
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grand Master's Official Visit-District No. 3	Bonham, TX
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	KT Easter Observance-Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	Denison, TX
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Midlothian Masonic Awards Night	Midlothian, TX
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Seagoville York Rite Festival	Seagoville, TX
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Commandery-Excalibur Award Presentation	Denison, TX
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Funeral for V.:E.:V.:A.:I.: Com. Eldon L. Brooks	Granbury, TX

April 16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Commandery Conclave	Kerrville, TX
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Tyler, TX
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas York Rite Awards Luncheon	Dallas, TX
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Masonic District No. 3-Open Forum/Floor School	Bonham, TX
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Col. Wm. B. Travis Council No. 344, AMD-Stated Meeting	Addison, TX
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	North Texas York Rite College No. 118-Annual Assembly	Sherman, TX
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Love Field York Rite Bodies-York Rite Dinner	Dallas, TX
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Footstone Dedication Ceremony-W. Scott	Floresville, TX
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	York Rite Conference	Helotes, TX
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Masonic Oak Picnic	Brazoria, TX
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	York Rite Conference	Houston, TX
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Footstone Dedication Ceremony-J. C. Kidd	Houston, TX
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grand Chapter-Grand Council Ladies' Committee Meeting	Plano, TX
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	KT Patriotic Observance-Pecan Grove Cemetery	McKinney, TX
June 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Greenville York Rite Festival	Greenville, TX
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Super Excellence Master Degree	Dallas, TX
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officer's Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	DeMolay International & Congress Session	Dallas, TX
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dallas Scottish Rite-Stated Meeting	Dallas, TX
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	IORG-Texas State Assembly	Wichita Falls, TX
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Goodnight-Loving High Twelve Club	Grand Prairie, TX
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Chapter & Council-Installation of Officers	Denison, TX
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Chapter & Council-Installation of Officers	Ft. Worth, TX
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Templar District No. 1 School of Instruction	McKinney, TX
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Honey Grove Lodge-Installation of Officers	Honey Grove, TX
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Haggai Chapter & Council-Installation of Officers	McKinney, TX
July 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	DeMolay International-Texas State Conclave	Austin, TX
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Texas AMD Day	Waco, TX

### **SPECIAL REPRESENTATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

**April 15, 2010 – A** Special Representation of the M.:E.: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was convened at Granbury Lodge for the purpose of honoring V.:E.: PGHP Eldon L. Brooks, and to attend Com. Brooks' funeral held at the First United Methodist Church of Granbury.

### **EDICT ISSUED**

**October 21, 2009**

To: The Most Excellent High Priest of Texas Royal Arch Chapters:

In. order to minimize confusion with regard to Chapter procedures to complete and file an appropriate Internal Revenue Service Form 990, "Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax", the following text is required to be read at the first Stated Meeting of the Chapter held after receipt of the same. The text includes an EDICT issued by Most Excellent Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Texas, and deals with the provisions required by the federal laws pertaining to the IRS Form 990. Your Grand High Priest is disturbed and dismayed that many of our Chapters are ignoring the provisions of this federal law.

Therefore, I, Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., M:E: Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas do hereby proclaim and do edict the following:

Each Chapter shall acknowledge that its fiscal year for the IRS is from July 1 to June 30 each year. Furthermore each Chapter must prepare and file an appropriate IRS Form 990 every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month following the close of the organization's fiscal year (June 30) and is due November 15<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the report will be delivered to the Grand Secretary no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The provisions of the Grand High Priest's Edict contained in this communication to the Chapters shall remain in full force and effect until revised, amended or rescinded by vote of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009, in the city of Waco, and State of Texas.

### **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

#### **DISPENSATION TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC**

**November 30, 2009**-Granted Dispensation to Terrell Chapter No. 146 to appear in Public for the purpose of participating in the Annual Terrell Christmas Parade with a Masonic Float on December 12, 2009.

#### **DISPENSATION TO HOLD SPECIAL CONVOCATION TO ELECT CANDIDATES**

I granted Dispensations to the following Chapters during the year to hold a Special Convocation for the purpose of electing candidates to receive the Capitular Degrees:

December 4, 2009-Ennis Chapter No. 135  
December 12, 2009-Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470  
February 9, 2010-North Houston Chapter No. 472  
February 11, 2010-Washington Chapter No. 2  
February 11, 2010-Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424  
April 1, 2010-Cleveland Chapter No. 490  
April 5, 2010-Brownwood Chapter No. 141

#### **DISPENSATION TO HOLD MEETING IN ANOTHER LOCATION-SAME TOWN**

**May 11, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Love Field Chapter No. 478 to meet at the Dallas Masonic Temple, Dallas, Texas for the purpose of holding a York Rite Dinner and Open House to introduce Master Masons to York Rite Masonry.

#### **DISPENSATION TO HOLD MEETING IN ANOTHER LOCATION-ANOTHER TOWN**

**January 3, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Park Place Chapter No. 458 to confer the Mark Master and Past Master's Degrees at Alvin Lodge No. 762, Alvin, Texas.

**March 8, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Texas Chapter No. 362 to hold its April Stated Convocation at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

**June 3, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Riverside Chapter No. 468 to meet at Handley Lodge No. 1140, Fort Worth, Texas for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's Degree on Bro. Ernest J. Kuney.

**June 22, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Riverside Chapter No. 468 to meet at White Rock Lodge No. 234, Addison, Texas for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's Degree on Bro. Ray Lee.

**July 13, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Southeast Texas Chapter No. 465 to meet at DeWitt Clinton Lodge No. 29, Jasper, Texas for the purpose of holding its 2010-2011 Installation of Officers and a "Thank You" Dinner for their ladies.

### **DISPENSATION TO ELECT OFFICERS OUT OF TIME**

**June 3, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to elect officers for 2010-2011 out of time due to the Chapter not having a quorum at their May Stated Convocation.

### **DISPENSATION TO HOLD A YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

I received three (3) requests for Dispensation to hold a York Rite Festival from Seagoville Chapter No. 419, Lone Star Chapter No. 6, and Borger Chapter No. 437 at which time I advised the Chapters in question that Art. 330 of the Constitutions and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was no longer in effect. However, pursuant to Art. C-178 (328A), the Chapter is required only to give a fifteen (15) day prior notice to the Grand High Priest whenever a York Rite Festival is going to be held.

### **RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE OR APPOINTMENT**

**October 20, 2009 -- Resignation from Term Committee:** Com. Tommy F. Chapman and Com. Thomas W. Snyder were serving on the following Grand Chapter Term Committees: Grand Officers' Reports and York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordinating, respectively. Due to Com. Chapman being elected as R.:E.: Grand Scribe and Com. Snyder being elected as R.:E.: Grand King they were no longer eligible to serve on said Committees at which time they tendered their resignation from their respective Committees. I appointed the following Companions to fill the unexpired terms of Com. Chapman and Com. Snyder, they are as follows: 1) Com. B. J. Young to the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, Term Expires-2013; and 2) Com. Loyd L. Chance to the Committee on York Rite Festivals, Liaison and Coordinating, Term Expires-2012.

**March 1, 2010-- Resignation from Office:** I received a Letter of Resignation from Office from Com. John W. Mahn, Excellent King-Tyler Chapter No. 24, RAM. Com. Mahn requested that he be allowed to resign as Excellent King citing that he was no longer able to attend the meetings due to other commitments and unforeseen obligations. I had been contacted by R.:E.: DDGHP L. A. Peters, District No. 4, advising that an issue had developed between Com. Mahn and Tyler Chapter No. 24. R.:E.: DDGHP Peters advised that Com. Randy Medders-M.:E.: High Priest-Tyler Chapter No. 24, and he had attempted to reconcile and mediate the matter, but to no avail.

Pursuant to Art. C-085 (225) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, on March 1, 2010, I granted Dispensation to Com. John W. Mahn to resign from his elected office. Further, Com. Mahn was advised that the Demit issued on or about January 28, 2010 was null and void due to the fact that the Demit was issued in violation of Art. 349 (b) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas; and that Tyler Chapter No. 24 had been instructed by the Grand High Priest to recall the Demit. I attached a copy of Form 7A "Application For Withdrawal From Plural Membership" for Com. Mahn's use in this matter. A copy of the Dispensation was submitted to M.:E.: Randy Medders-High Priest, Tyler Chapter No. 24.

**April 23, 2010 -- Resignation from Office:** I received a Letter of Resignation dated March 9, 2010 to M.:E.: Com. W. Harold Collum Jr., High Priest-Love Field Chapter No. 478, RAM from Com. Stephen E. Gooch as Secretary for said Chapter.

Pursuant to Art. C-085 (225) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, on April 23, 2010, I granted Dispensation to Com. Stephen E. Gooch to resign from his elected office. A copy of the Dispensation was submitted to M.:E.: Com. W. Harold Collum Jr., High Priest-Love Field Chapter No. 478.

## **REMOVAL OF CHAPTER OFFICER**

**June 14, 2010 --** The M.:E.: High Priest for Brenham Chapter No. 5 was notified by the Grand High Priest by letter that the Chapter's Secretary was failing to perform his assigned duties as set forth in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Chapter's By-Laws. The Grand High Priest enumerated several issues that had occurred in the past year in which the Chapter's Secretary failed to perform. Based upon "show cause" the Grand High Priest instructed the Chapter to replace the Secretary at its upcoming election of officers, which were to be held on June 17, 2010. Pursuant to the Grand High Priest's instructions a new Chapter Secretary was elected on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE REFERRAL**

**October 20, 2009 -- Special Committee on Redistricting:** It has been 14 years since the Capitular Districts were revamped, and since that time several Chapters have consolidated and/or demised thus creating large holes in the current Capitular District structure. Further, this activity has caused the Grand Chapter to vacate a number of Capitular Districts due in large part that there were no longer any operating Chapters in those affected Districts. I referred to the Committee the task of reviewing the current Capitular District structure and upon completion of that review to revamp and redistrict the Capitular District structure. The Committee is to report on its actions and submit its recommendations at the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Convocation for consideration by the Grand Chapter.

**October 24, 2009 -- Committee on Jurisprudence:** I referred to the Committee the task of reviewing the By-Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the purpose of bringing the Grand Chapter's By-Laws into compliance with the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act of 2005. Upon completion of the review and revision process the Committee was instructed to file the required documentation with the appropriate State Agency by the deadline set forth by the Act, and to report on its findings, actions, and recommendations at the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Convocation.

## **CONSOLIDATIONS OF CHAPTERS**

### **June 22, 2010-Consolidation of Roby Chapter No. 380 with Hamlin Chapter No. 310**

I received a packet from R.:E.: Com. Charles E. Martin, DDGHP-District No. 30, regarding the request for consolidation of Roby Chapter No. 380 with Hamlin Chapter No. 310. The packet contained the following items: 1) Letter dated 05/20/10 from R.:E.: Com. Martin regarding the request to permit Roby Chapter No. 380 to consolidate; 2) Letter dated 03/23/10, which was sent to the membership of Roby Chapter No. 380 regarding consolidation with Hamlin Chapter No. 310; 3) Letter dated 04/27/10 from Roby Chapter No. 380 requesting that the Grand High Priest permit the consolidation; and 4) Letter dated 03/25/10 from Hamlin Chapter No. 310 regarding a vote held to accept Roby Chapter No. 380 pursuant to consolidation.

The following is a historical account of the facts pertaining to the status of Roby Chapter No. 380:

- 1) Roby Chapter No. 380 has not met in the past two (2) years.
- 2) Roby Chapter No. 380 has not filed their 2008-2009 Annual Return nor paid the per capita associated with said Annual Return.
- 3) Roby Chapter No. 380 has not filed its Form 990-N for the past two (2) years.
- 4) In accordance to Art. C-073 (213), Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Roby Chapter No. 380 attempted to follow the guidelines for the consolidation of a chapter.
- 5) Roby Chapter No. 380 notified the membership of the intent to consolidate, and set the date to vote on the issue.
- 6) Roby Chapter No. 380 did not have a quorum present on 04/27/10 to vote on consolidation.

Earlier in the year I had been advised that Roby Chapter No. 380 had ceased to exist as a viable Chapter, and that some type of action would need to be taken to address the issue in the near future. The least of which could involve the arresting of Roby Chapter No. 380's Charter, if it became necessary.

During the preceding months some of the Companions of Roby Chapter came to the self-realization



that they were essentially dead and needed to do something. That something was to consolidate with Hamlin Chapter No. 310 at which time Hamlin Chapter was contacted to see if Roby Chapter could consolidate with them. On 03/23/10, the Officers of Roby Chapter set forth to consider the question of consolidating with Hamlin Chapter by notifying the membership and setting 04/27/10, the date of their next Stated Convocation, as the date to consider the question. In the meantime, on 03/25/10, Hamlin Chapter No. 310 did consider the question of accepting Roby Chapter through consolidation at which time a vote was held and Hamlin Chapter agreed to accept the members of Roby Chapter through consolidation. On 04/27/10, Roby Chapter met, but due to a lack of a quorum Roby Chapter was not able to consider the question of consolidation at which time the Officers present drafted a letter to the Grand High Priest requesting that Roby Chapter be permitted to consolidate with Hamlin Chapter.

In demising a Chapter the membership does not entirely have a say in where they could end up, at which time you could possibly lose several Companions, but in consolidating a Chapter's membership does have some control over their destiny. I would rather that the members of Roby Chapter have a say in where they will ultimately end up. In light of the fact that Roby Chapter was not able to satisfy the requirements of Art. C-073 (213), Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, I do not feel that I am in position to authorize the consolidation pursuant to said Article. However, since a request has been made to permit said consolidation, and it is the opinion of this Grand High Priest that the situation is in the best interest of the Chapters involved, as well as the welfare of the Order demands that some form of action be taken. It is in my judgment as Grand High Priest that Roby Chapter No. 380 should be permitted to consolidate with Hamlin Chapter No. 310. Therefore, by the authority in me vested pursuant to Art. B-015 (16), Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, I authorize the consolidation of Roby Chapter No. 380 with Hamlin Chapter No. 310 effective June 22, 2010.

To expedite and assist in the consolidation process the following items need to be completed and provided by Roby Chapter No. 380 to Hamlin Chapter No. 310 pursuant to Art. C-073 (213), Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

- 1) List of all Roby Chapter members in good standing.
- 2) List of all Roby Chapter members in arrears for dues, with amount due per member.
- 3) Invoice of all cash on hand.
- 4) List of all of Roby Chapter's accounts receivable and payable.
- 5) List of all property owned by Roby Chapter.
- 6) List of all of Roby Chapter's debts owed.

In addition:

- 7) Send out notice to the membership of Roby Chapter advising approval of the consolidation with Hamlin Chapter No. 310.
- 8) Must file Form 990-N for 2008-2009 before June 30, 2010.
- 9) Must file Form 990-N for 2009-2010 as soon as possible after June 30, 2010.

A copy of Items 1-9 must be forwarded to the Grand High Priest upon completion in order to finalize the consolidation process.

R.:E.: Com. Martin, DDGHP-District No. 30, assisted Roby Chapter No. 380 with the consolidation process and compiling of the requested documents.

### **LEGAL DOCUMENTS EXECUTED**

During the year, I have signed and/or executed several legal documents for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center upon approval of the Retirement Center's Board of Directors, which had been prepared by Attorney Randy Thompson, TMRC's Legal Advisor, as needed.

### **APPRECIATIONS**

There is no way that one person can appropriately perform all the duties incumbent of the Office of the Grand High Priest without help. I owe a lot to many Companions, friends and everyone that I have had

the pleasure to cross paths with along this journey. I want you to know that your friendship and support has been very much appreciated, and while it does not seem to be enough I wish to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

#### **Grand Chapter Officers**

Companions it has been a pleasure to serve the Companions of Texas this year with you. This year would not have been a success without you. I thank each of you for accepting your respective offices during this Grand Chapter year. I will look forward to your friendships for many years to come. I wish you all the best as you find new ways to serve the York Rite and more especially Capitular Masonry.

#### **District Deputy Grand High Priests**

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests, I thank you for taking on the important responsibility of serving the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas during 2010. You have been the eyes, ears, and hands of the Grand High Priest in your respective districts. I appreciate all the work you have done this year, for without your help this year would not have been a success. I wish you all the best and I cannot thank you enough for representing me with dignity and pride during this year. I look forward to your continued friendship for many years to come.

#### **Past Grand High Priests**

To the Past Grand High Priests of Texas, your assistance, your counsel and advice have been a great assistance to me this year. Your knowledge of our fraternity and your leadership skills will always be of great value and service to our Craft. I thank you for all you have done to help me and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas during this Capitular Year. I wish you all the best and to your continued friendship for many years to come.

#### **M.:W.: Orville L. O'Neill, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the York Rite of Freemasonry, we want to thank you for your promotion of York Rite Masonry, and more especially of your promotion of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center during your year in the Grand East. I wish to thank you for permitting the Grand Chapter Officers and the District Deputy Grand High Priests the opportunity to wear our regalia at various Grand Lodge functions allowing us to further promote York Rite Masonry to our Blue Lodge Brethren. I personally want to thank you for your assistance that you provided to me during this Capitular Year. I wish you all the best and look forward to your continued friendship for many years to come.

#### **M.:I.: Larry G. Canada, Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas**

Most Illustrious Companion Larry G. Canada, it has been a great pleasure to be able to work with you this year as you served as Grand Master. We were able to work together as a team and present a unified coalition. Our travels were cut short this year due to your stroke, but I want you to know that I appreciate you, and that you are always in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you the very best, and I look forward to our continued friendship for many years to come.

#### **M.:I.: James D. Manley, Acting Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of TX**

Most Illustrious Companion James D. Manley, it has been a great pleasure to be able to work with you this year as you served as Acting Grand Master. We were able to work together as a team and I enjoyed our time travelling around the State. I wish you the very best as you prepare for your year, and I look forward to our continued friendship for many years to come.

#### **Grand Chapter Committee Members**

I wish to thank all the Grand Chapter Committee Members for taking the time to work with me for the promotion of Capitular Masonry throughout this Great State. I appreciate all the work you have done this year, for without your help this year would not have been a success. I wish you all the best and I cannot thank you enough for your time and service to this Grand Chapter and me. I look forward to your continued friendship for many years to come.

#### **To the Ladies of the Grand Secretary's Office**

Dawn and Stephanie, on behalf of all the Grand Chapter Officers and members, I want to express our appreciation for all you do for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Your knowledge and hard work is a valuable assistance to the Grand Officers. We could not get everything accomplished without your help. Thank you for your patience with us when we tend to want things done yesterday. On many

occasions you have already done it before we even ask. My heartfelt thanks for all your hard work and making it easier for me to do what I needed to do throughout the year. Thank you both very much.

#### **Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center**

I want to commend the Board of Directors, the Superintendent, and Staff of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for the excellent skill and care they use to handle the operations of the TMRC and the Residents. We are fortunate to have one of the finest Masonic Charities in the country and it was a pleasure and a privilege to be able to work with each of you as Grand High Priest. I have had the opportunity on many occasions this year as I traveled across the State of Texas to tell the Companions about our Retirement Center. If you have never visited the TMRC, you need to make a visit as soon as possible. You will be impressed and proud of our Masonic Charity.

In closing, I wish again to express my gratitude to the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Texas for having confidence in me to serve this Grand Chapter for the past four years; and bestowing on me the honor and privilege to serve you and the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest during this Capitular Year. I look forward to continued service to this Grand Chapter and to the Companions of Texas for many years to come. God Bless all of you and God Bless this Grand Chapter.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.  
M.: E.: Grand High Priest

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#### **SUPPLEMENTAL ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

To the Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished Guests, Grand Visitors from Other Grand Jurisdictions, Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and my Companions all:

It is my extreme pleasure to welcome you to the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and I thank you for your attendance.

#### **STATE OF THE ORDER**

Even with all the activity that we have experienced this year we are still missing the mark in certain areas. A couple of points to exemplify what I am talking about deal with membership.

First, this summer I was asked on two separate occasions, almost the same questions word for word, "What is the big secret to getting into the York Rite?" and "Why is it so hard to get in?" In my naiveness, I responded to these individuals by telling them that there is no big secret to getting into the York Rite; and that it was not hard to join our ranks. As my conversations continued with these individuals I inquired further in an effort to ascertain why the individuals felt the way they did about York Rite Masonry. It boiled down to the fact that these individuals had made several attempts to contact local Chapters by various means to obtain information about York Rite Masonry and membership; and were never contacted as a follow-up to their inquiries by a representative from the Chapters involved. One individual finally did obtain the information that he needed and subsequently joined York Rite Masonry, but three to four other individuals walked away, and will probably not get involved with York Rite Masonry anytime soon, if ever. In the Installation Ceremonies there is a phrase used in the Charge to the Principal Sojourner which reads: "As in our intercourse with the world experience teaches that first impressions are often the most durable and the most difficult to eradicate, so it is of great importance, in all cases, that these impressions should be correct and just..." I believe that this statement applies to each and every one of us, and should become a part of our rule and guide to govern our Masonic and non-Masonic lives setting that all important example for all to see; and spreading "further Masonic Light" among our Brethren to encourage them to become a part of York Rite Masonry. We need to make ourselves available at all times to our Brethren and assist them in their quest.

Secondly, we have a Membership Program, which was established by V.E.P.GHP J. Weldon Clamptite in 2005. The crux of the program entails receiving membership information from the Grand Lodge of Texas on all newly raised Master Masons after which each newly raised Master Mason receives a letter and a pamphlet from the Grand High Priest introducing the new Master Mason to York Rite Masonry. This information is then forwarded to the Membership Committee, which consists of a Chairman and nine Regional Membership Coordinators. The Coordinators in turn forward this information to the local Chapters near the new Master Mason to be followed up, and hopefully bring the new Master Mason into York Rite Masonry. The Membership Program has been in place for the last four years, as such here is a review of the numbers. From 2006 to July 2010 there have been 16,488 newly raised Master Masons of that number only 673 new Master Masons have been exalted, which equates to 4.08%. For the same period we had a total of 1700 exaltations from all sources, which equates to 10.31%. As you can see we have got to do a better job in getting ourselves out in front of the masses.

I do not want you to think that it is totally doom and gloom, but there is room for improvement, and things that we need to do as York Rite Masons, as well as taking advantage of any and all opportunities presented to us.

I wish to conclude on the State of the Order on a positive note, and that has to do with the Form 990 filings. In February 2010, we only had a 40% compliance rate by the subordinate Chapters, and we were able to raise the compliance rate to 94% by the end of June 2010. Since July 2010 to date we have achieved a compliance rate of approximately 75% by the subordinate Chapters. This is wonderful and we greatly appreciate your efforts. We are hoping to be able to achieve 100% compliance by the deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD**

I have had the pleasure of receiving and reviewing a number of award applications on some very qualified Companions for the Golden Keystone Award. This has been one of the hardest decisions that I have had to make this year due to the quality of the proposed candidates, but as you know there can only be two recipients for this high honor each Capitular Year. It was my privilege to select as this year's recipients Com. A. R. Clary and Com. Eugene "Deacon" Wall. We were able to honor Companion Wall at the Awards Banquet on October 17<sup>th</sup>. I encourage the Chapters to submit Golden Keystone Award Applications on deserving Companions so that the Grand High Priest will have the opportunity to recognize those deserving Companions across our Great State.

Again, I would like to congratulate Com. A. R. Clary and Com. Eugene "Deacon" Wall on being this year's recipients. You have become a member of a very special group of Companions. (the Award for A.R. Clary was presented by James D. Manley on Oct. 20, 2010 in Ridglea Chapter 485)

### **ZERUBBABEL AWARD**

I am encouraged by the Chapters who are participating in this program in an effort to improve themselves and show their pride in Capitular Masonry. This year's award winners are as follows:

#### **Overall Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424, Score-1205
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Texas Chapter No. 362, Score-935
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Washington Chapter No. 2, Score-849

#### **Most Improved:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Palestine Chapter No. 10, Improved-62.1%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dale E. Miller Chapter No. 55, Improved-32.3%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Southside-Polytechnic Chapter No. 378, Improved-20%

These Chapters were recognized for their accomplishments at the Awards Banquet on October 17<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all Chapters to participate in this program. You will have a sense of pride and satisfaction of a job well done. Again, I extend my congratulations to the 2010 winners.

## **TRUSTEE MEETINGS**

**July 22, 2010**—Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Arlington, Texas. The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Trustees, Grand Chapter-Grand Council Finance Committees, Grand Chapter-Grand Council Investment Committees, and representatives of UBS. UBS gave an overview year-to-date of our investments at which time they advised that we had a positive growth, and would be able to make a dividend disbursement to the subordinate Chapters and Councils. It was thought that the dividend would be about \$20.00, but would have a better idea once the actual funds were drawn based upon the information provided by the Grand Secretary to UBS. UBS advised the Trustees to maintain our current investment policy as the market has still not settled sufficiently, and UBS would keep the Trustees advised especially if events take a drop in order to protect our investments. The Grand High Priest advised that Roby Chapter and Council had been consolidated with Hamlin Chapter and Council; and that Fort Worth Chapter and Council had been moved to Jacksboro where they would be meeting at Ft. Richardson Lodge. The Trustees discussed the 60 Year Anniversary Pin at which time it was decided to institute the new anniversary pin starting with the upcoming fiscal year at which time funds would be budgeted for this project. The Chairman of the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Finance Committee suggested that there be a joint meeting of the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Finance Committees during the latter part of September for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budgets for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**September 26, 2010**—Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Grand Lodge Building, Waco, Texas. The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Trustees and the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Finance Committees for the purpose of reviewing and establishing the proposed budgets of the Grand Chapter-Grand Council for the fiscal year of 2010-2011. The proposed budgets were completed and will be made available to the Companions attending the Grand Sessions at the Registration Desk for their review prior to the presentation of the proposed budgets at the Grand Sessions. The Grand Secretary-Grand Recorder advised that we still had 12 subordinate Chapters and Councils who had not filed their Annual Returns for 2009-2010. The Grand High Priest advised of the disciplinary action taken at Goose Creek Chapter, which will be discussed later in this address. The Grand High Priest then reviewed the numbers of the membership program for the past four years. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE**

**September 16-18, 2010**—The R.:E.: Grand Secretary Orville L. O'Neill, R.:E.: Grand King Thomas W. Snyder, V.:E.:PGHP James Roy Elliot, V.:E.:PGHP Clarence J. Laney, V.:E.:PGHP John C. Elkinton, myself, and a number of other Texas Companions attended the South Central York Rite Conference held in Shreveport, La. The 2011 Conference will be hosted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri in Independence, MO, September 15-17, 2011. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas will serve as the 2012 Conference host as such plans are underway.

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED FROM TEXAS NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

It has been my privilege to nominate for appointment the following Companions to serve as Grand Representatives from Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions:

**September 6, 2010**—James D. Manley to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire

**September 13, 2010**—Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York

**September 13, 2010**—Michael H. Shively to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan

**September 13, 2010**—Paul D. Warren to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky

**September 13, 2010**—David B. Dibrell to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of France

**September 27, 2010**—Thomas W. Snyder to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Wisconsin

**September 27, 2010**—Lloyd G. Carpenter to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina

**October 6, 2010**—Tommy F. Chapman to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Montana

**October 6, 2010**—Lemont E. Nodwell to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia

**October 6, 2010**—Donald H. Swango to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales

**October 13, 2010**—John A. Tuttle Jr. to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Belgium

**VISITATIONS**

<b><u>Date</u></b> <b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>Attended</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13- Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Worth Chapter & Council-Installation of Officers	Jacksboro, TX
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter & Council District No. 19-Installation of Officers	Iredell, TX
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tejas Chapel, St. Thomas of Acon-Stated Meeting	Dallas, TX
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tejas Chapel, St. Thomas of Acon-Festive Board	Dallas, TX
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	2010 Statewide Tucker Legacy Scottish Rite Convention	Waco, TX
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Col. Wm B. Travis Council, AMD-Stated Meeting/Dinner	Dallas, TX
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	McKinney York Rite Festival-Chapter/Council Degrees	McKinney, TX
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Terrell Chapter No. 146-Past Master's Degree	Terrell, TX
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13-Stated Meeting	Sherman, TX
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter & Council District No. 9-York Rite Festival	Houston, TX
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Denison Commandery No. 24-Stated Meeting	Denison, TX
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter & Council School of Instruction/Mini Festival	Del Rio, TX
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, KM-Stated Meeting	Addison, TX
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Goose Creek Chapter No. 408-Official Visitation	Baytown, TX
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Chapter-Grand Council Ladies' Committee	Plano, TX
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	South Central York Rite Conference	Shreveport, LA
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bonham Chapter & Council-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Officers' Planning Meeting	Bonham, TX
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Texas Masonic Retirement Center-Board Meeting	Arlington, TX
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jacksboro York Rite Festival-Chapter & Council Degrees	Jacksboro, TX
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Constantine Lodge No. 13-Stated Meeting	Bonham, TX
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rose of Sharon Council, KM-Annual Meeting & Donnybrook	Addison, TX
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Master's Texas Masonic Family Day	Arlington, TX
October 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Chapter-Grand Council Annual Sessions	Waco, TX

## **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

### **DISPENSATION TO HOLD SPECIAL CONVOCATION TO ELECT CANDIDATES**

I granted Dispensations to the following Chapters since July 15<sup>th</sup> to hold a Special Convocation for the purpose of electing candidates to receive the Capitular Degrees:

August 5, 2010-Haggai Chapter No. 53  
August 8, 2010-Washington Chapter No. 2  
August 16, 2010-Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424  
August 19, 2010-Richmond Chapter No. 467  
September 4, 2010-Burnet Chapter No. 453  
September 14, 2010-Riverside Chapter No. 468

### **DISPENSATION TO HOLD MEETING IN ANOTHER LOCATION-ANOTHER TOWN**

**June 27, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Granbury Chapter No. 454 and Stephenville Chapter No. 140 to meet at Bosque Chapter No. 153, Iredell, TX for the purpose of conducting a Joint Installation of District No. 19 Capitular Officers.

**June 27, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Marshall Chapter No. 19 to meet at Longview Chapter No. 177, Longview, TX for the purpose of conducting a Joint Installation of Officers.

**July 24, 2010**-Granted Dispensation to Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to temporarily move its Charter to Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, 207 West St., Jacksboro, Texas for the purpose of conducting its Stated and Special Convocations until such time as the Grand Chapter considers the Dispensation at this Annual Grand Convocation whether or not to permanently move Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to Jacksboro, Texas.

On May 25, 2010, I received a letter from M.:E.: Companion Richard E. Walker, High Priest, of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58, R.A.M. regarding a request to receive Dispensation to permanently move Fort Worth Chapter No. 58's Charter to Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, Jacksboro, Texas. M.:E.: Companion Walker further advised that at the Stated Meeting held on March 27, 2010 after some discussion regarding whether or not the Chapter should consolidate or move at which time a motion was presented for consideration to move Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to Jacksboro, Texas. The motion laid over until the next Stated Meeting to be held on April 24, 2010. A letter was sent to each member of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 informing them of the motion to move to Jacksboro, Texas, and that a vote would be held at the Stated Meeting on April 24, 2010. On April 24, 2010, Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 held its Stated Meeting at which time the proposed motion was considered and a vote was held at which time the motion passed to move Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, Jacksboro, Texas.

It was felt that Fort Worth Chapter could not continue on in its present state. Even after the vote to move to Jacksboro, Texas representatives were still adamant that if they were not permitted to move that they had no other choice, but to consolidate.

The Grand Chapter was in receipt of a letter dated August 25, 2009 in which 18 Companions from the Jacksboro, Texas area were requesting the placement of a Chapter at Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, Jacksboro, Texas. These Companions were in the process of rebuilding York Rite Masonry in Jacksboro, Texas to that end a Commandery has already been moved to Jacksboro, Texas, and they desired that a Chapter be established in Jacksboro, Texas.

Due to circumstances involving Fort Worth Chapter and the possibility of the Grand Chapter losing a subordinate Chapter I felt that there was a sense of urgency to preserve Fort Worth Chapter with its members intact for the good of the Order, and felt that it was essential and necessary to permit Fort Worth Chapter to temporarily move its Charter to Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, Jacksboro, Texas until such time as the matter could be considered by this Grand Chapter. Otherwise, Fort Worth Chapter would have ceased to exist causing a void in our Grand Chapter, and leaving the Grand Chapter with an area that was still desirous of a Chapter to fill a void which currently exists in that area.

As such, pursuant to Articles C-050, C-051, C-052, and C-065 I granted temporary Dispensation to permit Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to move its Charter to Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, Jacksboro, Texas for the purpose of holding its meetings until consideration by this Grand Chapter.

It is my recommendation that the Grand Chapter allow Fort Worth Chapter No. 58, R.A.M. to permanently move its Charter to Fort Richardson Lodge No. 320, Jacksboro, Texas for the good of the Order.

### **DISPENSATION TO INSTALL OFFICERS OUT OF TIME**

**August 8, 2010**—Granted Dispensation to Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to install the E.: Scribe out of time at their Stated Meeting on August 28, 2010. The request was made due to the E.: Scribe's job not permitting him to be present at the Installation of Officers held on July 24, 2010.

**September 9, 2010**—Granted Dispensation to Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 to install the E.: King out of time at their Stated Meeting on September 9, 2010. The request was made due to the E.: King was not available to be installed on July 10, 2010 due to a family event.

### **RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE OR APPOINTMENT**

**August 8, 2010**

**Appointment to the Committee on Work**—Due to the death of R.: E.:/V.: E.: Com. Eldon L. Brooks a vacancy occurred on the Committee on Work and having received a recommendation from R.: E.: Companion David Rogers, Chairman-Committee on Work, I made the following appointment pursuant to Art. B-094 (87), Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, to fill the Committee vacancy until this Annual Grand Convocation. I appointed Com. Joe Orona to serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term of Com. Brooks, which does expire in 2010 at this Grand Convocation.

**September 30, 2010**

**Resignation from Office**—I received an e-mail from M.: E.: Companion Robert G. Starkey, High Priest, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 advising that Companion Jim McCormick, E.: King, had tendered his resignation from office citing due to personal reasons that he was no longer able to continue as E.: King.

Pursuant to Art. C-085 (225) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, on September 30, 2010, I granted Dispensation to Com. Jim McCormick to resign from his elected office. A copy of the Dispensation was submitted to M.: E.: Com. Robert G. Starkey, High Priest-Goose Creek Chapter No. 408.

### **REMOVAL OF CHAPTER OFFICER**

**September 9, 2010**—I made an Official Visitation to Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, R.A.M. for the purpose of removing the Chapter Secretary from Office for "show cause" for failing to perform the duties of his office pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Code of By-Laws of Goose Creek Chapter No. 408.

Show Cause was as follows:

- 1) Com. Levy has violated Art. C-101 (241), Art. C-102 (242), and Art. C-057 (198) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Chapter of Texas, and Art. V (5)(e) of the Code of By-Laws, as well as violating his Oath of Office and Charge of Duties; in that he has failed to submit the Annual Return and Per Capita payment for Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 with the Grand Secretary's Office prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> for the years of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, inclusive.

This has continued to occur even after being admonished by the Grand Secretary of the prevailing statute and the need for the Annual Return to be filed in a timely manner pursuant to statute.



On August 12, 2010, Com. Levy falsely certified to the DDGHP that the 2010 Annual Return had been completed and submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>. On August 24, 2010, pursuant to my instructions, the DDGHP verified with the Grand Secretary's Office that Goose Creek Chapter No. 408's 2010 Annual Return had not been submitted as stated.

- 2) During May-June of 2010, I had the DDGHPs to contact the Chapters in their respective Districts who had not filed proof of filing of the IRS Form 990 for the years 2007 and 2008. R.:E.:DDGHP Tuttle contacted Com. Levy at which time Com. Levy advised that Goose Creek Chapter had filed their Form 990, and was instructed to forward a copy to the Grand Secretary's Office, which he did not. The Grand Secretary made a number of attempts (phone and e-mail) to contact Com. Levy regarding the Form 990 at which time he left messages that were never returned by Com. Levy.

The Grand Secretary's Office was able to verify through the IRS that Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 had not filed its 2007 and 2008 returns. I contacted R.:E.:DDGHP Tuttle and instructed him to bypass Com. Levy and to communicate directly with the High Priest for Goose Creek Chapter advising him that Goose Creek Chapter's Form 990s had not been filed for 2007 and 2008; and that the Chapter needed to take immediate action to come into compliance with federal law. Subsequently, Goose Creek Chapter did file its Form 990 for 2008 in June 2010, and was verified by the Grand Secretary's Office.

- 3) On August 12, 2010, the DDGHP made his second official visit to Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 at which time Com. Levy arrived late to meet with the DDGHP. Com. Levy failed to provide access to the Chapter's record for the DDGHP's review due to the fact that he did not bring them to the Chapter, and stating that the Deputy did not mention the records in his letter, therefore he could not view the records. When the DDGHP asked about the Annual Return, Form 990, and the Minimum Audit Form, Com. Levy advised the Deputy that he could check with Waco. When Com. Levy was pressed about viewing copies of the Form 990 and Minimum Audit Form, he changed his story and stated since these reports were not due yet that they had not been completed. The only book available for the DDGHP to review was the Sign-In Register. It should be noted that the Secretary did not even have the Minutes with him to be read and approved at the Stated Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Com. Levy's refusal to make the Chapter's books available for review by the DDGHP violates Art. C-055 (196), Art. C-101 (241), and Art. B-065 (63) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Com. Levy's refusal to provide the records for review was an act of disrespect towards the Office of the District Deputy Grand High Priest and he interfered with the duties of the DDGHP as set forth by statute. Further, Com. Levy's disrespect towards the Personal Representative of the M.:E.:Grand High Priest was perceived as an act of disrespect towards the Office of the M.:E.:Grand High Priest.

I met with the M.:E.:High Priest Robert G. Starkey and E.:Scribe Jackie Lee in the York Rite Office with R.:I.:Deputy Grand Master James D. Manley, Acting Grand Master, and R.:E.: DDGHP John A. Tuttle Jr., District No. 8. At which time Com. David S. Levy, Chapter Secretary, was not present and it was unknown if he would be in attendance due to a text message that Com. Levy had sent to the M.:E.:High Priest around 6:00 PM, which contained remarks that were insubordinate towards the Grand High Priest and the Acting Grand Master.

I presented a copy of the "show cause" letter to the M.:E.: High Priest at which time I reviewed the letter with him and the E.:Scribe. As I was completing the "show cause" review with the High Priest and Scribe, Com. Levy arrived at approximately 7:30-7:40 PM at which time he was asked to join the meeting. I asked Com. Levy if he had the Chapter's books with him so that I could review them at which time he advised that he did not, this included the Chapter's Minutes. At this point, I proceeded to review the "show cause" letter with Com. Levy. When asked why he had not filed the Annual Returns on time he advised that he had other obligations during July and he is not able to complete the Annual Returns in question. He did not seem concerned about the tardiness in filing of the Annual Returns and did not perceive a problem since the Annual Returns were filed with the Grand Chapter, even though out of time. He had no response as to why he was not truthful with the DDGHP regarding the

filing of the 2010 Annual Return. We then discussed the Form 990 issue, which he stated that proof had been sent to the Grand Secretary's Office. I advised how could he have submitted proof of filing when no returns had been filed, this point having been verified by the Grand Secretary's Office through the IRS. That it took bypassing him and communicating directly with the High Priest in order to get the Form 990 filed with the IRS and proof of the filing submitted to the Grand Chapter. All he would say was that it had been filed to which I responded not until June 2010 for the year 2008 and after the DDGHP had asked for a copy. When asked why he did not have the Chapter's books available for review by the DDGHP, all he would say was that the DDGHP did not advise in his letter. I advised Com. Levy that the records of the Chapter are to be available at all times for review and that any Grand Chapter Officer can request to review the records without prior notice. I advised him that I had sent notice of my official visit and that I wanted to review the Chapter's books on September 9<sup>th</sup>, why weren't the records here, to which he responded that he was not aware of the request. He was not aware of the request because he refused to return the High Priest's phone calls regarding my visitation.

Com. Levy was advised that based upon "show cause" it was my opinion that he had violated and was in violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and the Code of By-Laws of Goose Creek Chapter No. 408. As such, by the authority in me vested pursuant to Art. B-018 (19) and C-086 (226) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, he was being relieved of his duties as Secretary and that his removal from office was effective September 9, 2010.

I presented Com. Levy with an envelope that contained a letter advising him of his removal from office together with a copy of the "show cause" letter. Com. Levy was further instructed to return all Chapter records in his possession as soon as possible to the High Priest, both in writing and verbally. The officer's meeting was completed at which time we opened Goose Creek Chapter's Stated Meeting where I reported to the members of Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 the basis of my decision and action to remove Com. Levy as the Chapter's Secretary at which time a copy of the "show cause" letter and Com. Levy's letter of notification were made part of the Minutes. I further advised the Chapter that they came close in having their Charter removed earlier in the year, but that I felt the removal of the Secretary was sufficient at this time and that they needed to strive in improving the condition of the Chapter by complying with Grand Chapter statutes and their own Code of By-Laws, and for the officers to exercise their authority and govern the Chapter, not to relinquish their authority to one person to run the Chapter.

As of this date, Com. Levy has made no attempt to return the Chapter's records nor has he responded to any requests from the Chapter in attempts to recover their records.

The complete "show cause" letter to M. E. High Priest Starkey and Com. Levy's Notice of Removal are on file with the Grand Secretary's Office for review.

### **.REPRIMAND OF CHAPTER OFFICER**

**August 25, 2010-**I received a copy of an e-mail dated August 17, 2010 that had been sent out by Companion Cliff Cameron, Secretary-Terrell Chapter No. 146, to a Companion of Terrell Chapter No. 146 regarding his current membership status and the Companion's check being returned by the bank. I found the e-mail to be unprofessional, derogatory, condescending, and most importantly un-Masonic. Com. Cameron used the following words in his e-mail: boy, grow up, stupid, and so on. Com. Cameron went onto threaten the Companion with referring the returned check to the local law enforcement and contacting the Companion's employer. The overall tone of the e-mail was demeaning and antagonistic. Com. Cameron continued to be antagonistic in his tone and demeanor in the subsequent e-mails between him and the Companion, when the Companion in question was trying to resolve the matter and even after the matter had been resolved.

After sharing the contents of the e-mail with the Grand Chapter Dias Officers, it was felt that some form of disciplinary action needed to be considered. At which time pursuant to Art. II Section 5 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Chapter of Texas, I made the decision to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Com. Cameron for the un-Masonic manner in which he had conducted himself in this matter. The Letter of Reprimand required of Com. Cameron certain corrective actions, and informed him that any further situations of this nature would escalate the disciplinary action taken to include the

possibility of being removed from office. A copy of the Letter of Reprimand was forwarded to the M.: E.: Bart Matthews, High Priest-Terrell Chapter No. 146, and to the Grand Chapter Dias Officers.

A complete copy of the Letter of Reprimand is on file with the Grand Secretary's Office for review.

### **EXAMINATION OF THE BONDS**

Pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I have reviewed the bonds issued on the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and have found them to be in order.

### **APPRECIATIONS**

#### **GRAND CHAPTER-GRAND COUNCIL LADIES' COMMITTEE**

This year found us in an unusual situation where both Grand Presiding Officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council were bachelors; as such we knew that we would need assistance in the planning of the events for our ladies attending the Grand Sessions. So we reached out to a small group of ladies to assist us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following ladies for all their much appreciated help and assistance during our Grand Session; they are Linda Snyder, Chairperson; Pam Laney, Co-Chairperson; Alma Carpenter; Patsy Jones; Teresa Smith; Pam Manley; Brenda Terrell, and Suzzanne Kirby.

#### **MELBA JEAN AND COM. N. W. "BUTCH" HANNA**

I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for the excellent job and hard work that you did in hosting and running of the Hospitality Rooms for this year's Grand Sessions.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to again thank each and every one of you for having the confidence in me and electing me to serve as your Grand High Priest. This has been a most wonderful and enjoyable experience in my life as I travel through the paths of Masonry. It has been my extreme pleasure to represent you, the Royal Arch Masons of Texas, during this Capitular Year.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.  
M.: E.: Grand High Priest

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move that the Supplemental Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be accepted.

A COMPANION: Second.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second for the Address and the Supplemental Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Address, please rise and give him a round of applause. (RISING APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (ASSUMING THE GRAND EAST) Thank you, Companions. We will now have the Report of the Grand Officers Committee.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS**

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

We, your Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, have reviewed the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and submit the following report for your consideration.

His greetings are well stated and we join with him in welcoming members and guests to the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Convocation.

His expressions of gratitude to those who have worked with and supported him and the Grand Chapter are appropriate and nicely said. We concur wholeheartedly.

We do hereby refer the portions of his report as follows:

State of the Order, 2010 York Rite Conferences, South Central York Rite Conference and Visitations to the York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordinating Committee.

Our Fraternal Dead and Special Representation of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to the Memorials Committee.

Fifty Year Service Award Presentations, Golden Keystone Award and Zerubbabel Award to the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee.

Grand Representatives Appointed Near Other Jurisdictions and Grand Representatives Nominated from Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions to the Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Trustee Meetings, Edict Issued and Resolutions Nos. 1, 3, 4 and No. 5 to the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Trustee Meetings, Edict Issued, Dispensations to Appear in Public, Dispensations to Hold Special Convocation to Elect Candidates, Dispensations to Hold Meeting in Another Location, Same Town, Dispensations to Hold Meeting in Another Location, Another Town, Dispensations to Elect Officers Out of Time, Dispensation to Install Officers Out of Time, Dispensation to Hold a York Rite Festival, Resignation From Office or Appointment, Removal of Chapter Officer, Reprimand of Chapter Officer, Grand Chapter Committee Referral, Consolidations of Chapters, Legal Documents Executed, Examinations of the Bonds and Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and No. 5 to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee thanks you for your year of dedicated service to the Companions of Texas and for this opportunity to be of service to you and the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

JERRY N. KIRBY, CHAIRMAN,

PAUL D. WARREN, JOHN A. TUTTLE, JR., B. J. YOUNG, DAVID H. GARDNER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Grand Officers' Report. All those in favor will vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, same. Motion carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Thank you, sir.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT**  
**OUR**  
**ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION -- OCTOBER 18- 19, 2010**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence\*, Purposes & Policies, Finance*

**WHEREAS**, at the 2009 Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, Article C-123 was amended to raise the fees charged for the several Chapter Degrees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1, as passed, inadvertently attempted to raise the fees for the Council Degrees and this Grand Body does not have the authority to do so, and,

**WHEREAS**, the last paragraph of Article C-123 (formerly paragraph 7. of Article 261) had for many years ostensibly required or dictated that the Council fees be set at "a minimum fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)" even though this was a reflection of the then existing minimum fee for the Council Degrees set by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas did not increase its minimum fee for the Council Degrees at its 2009 Grand Assembly, and,

**WHEREAS**, Article C-123 should be amended to delete a reference to "the amount of the minimum fees" set by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, but should only refer to "the minimum fee" set by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas;

**THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the seventh and final paragraph of Article C-123, which, as a result of the action of this Grand Chapter at its 2009 Grand Convocation, presently reads:

A minimum fee of Twenty-Five (\$25.00), or the fees fixed by the by-laws of the Council for the Council Degrees shall accompany the petition for the Chapter Degrees, and shall immediately be paid over to the Council petitioned.

be amended to read as follows:

The fee fixed for the Council Degrees by the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas shall accompany the petition for the Chapter Degrees, and shall immediately be paid over to the Council petitioned.

Fraternal submitted,  
James N. Higdon, Past High Priest  
Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470

**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

*Referred to the Committees on By-Laws\* and Jurisprudence*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas Brownwood Chapter No. 141 was moved to Norton Moses Lodge in Leander, Texas on July of 2009.

Whereas the members of Brownwood Chapter meeting in Leander wanted a name that would be relevant to them. A proposed name change was presented at the March Stated Convocation to change the name from Brownwood Chapter to C.O. Jones Chapter.

Whereas the Secretary sent out notices of the proposed name change to the members of the Chapter.

Whereas the Proposed name change was voted on and adopted at the April Stated Convocation by the members present.

Therefore be it resolved that Brownwood Chapter No. 141 be changed to C.O. Jones Chapter No. 141, R.A.M.

Submitted by,  
Michael Plemons, Past High Priest  
Brownwood Chapter No. 141, R.A.M.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence\* and Purposes & Policies*

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas-

WHEREAS, it is our duty as Masons to cheerfully conform to the laws of our country, and  
WHEREAS, those laws are subject to change from time to time and we as citizens and organizations are responsible for conformity to those laws, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters to ensure compliance with such laws, rules and regulations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Article C-101 (241) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

sub-paragraphs 1-7 (No Change)

Add sub-paragraph 8 as follows: **To ensure compliance with all existing laws, rules and regulations of Internal Revenue Service by filing of all required Internal Revenue Service forms no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of each Capitular Year.**

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 8 as sub-paragraph No. 9

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 9 as sub-paragraph No. 10

Fraternally submitted,  
G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest  
George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

*Referred to the Committees on Purposes & Policies\* and Jurisprudence*

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas-

WHEREAS, paragraph No. 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas originally created the Committee on History and Preservation, and

WHEREAS, the structure and rules for appointment to serve on the committee are rather ambiguous and restrictive to say the very least, and

WHEREAS, the language defining the structure of the History and Preservation Committee of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas are more definitive of structure and qualifications for appointment to serve on the committee, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that paragraph 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas which provides for the Committee on History and Preservation and reads as follows:-

~~Art. B-091.1. (84-F) Duties. There shall be appointed a Committee on History and Preservation consisting of five members to serve 5,4,3,2 and 1 year terms respectively. Thereafter, one member shall be appointed annually for a term of five years.~~

be rescinded, and the following language substituted there for:

Art. B-091.1 (84-F) Duties. **The Committee on History and Preservation shall consist of five Royal Arch Masons; each of whom shall be a member and a Past High Priest in this Grand**

**Jurisdiction: however, if such is not available, then the committee may include no more than three Royal Arch Masons who are otherwise qualified to serve, and who are members in good standing in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. Each member of the committee may succeed himself after serving a full five year term. The Chairman shall at all times be a member of this Grand Chapter.**

Paragraph No. 2 (No Change)

Fraternal submitted,  
G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest  
George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5**

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence\* and Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, in Art. C-187 (339-A) (2)-Plural Membership: In Two Jurisdictions, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, permits a Royal Arch Mason who is a member of a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal accord with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and permits its members to hold Plural Membership in another Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible for, if elected, to hold a Plural Membership in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction by Affiliation without regard to residency;

WHEREAS, in Art. C-187 (339-A) (12)-Plural Membership: In Another Grand Jurisdiction, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, permits a Texas Royal Arch Mason holding his Parent membership in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction, with which we are in fraternal accord, is privileged to petition a Chapter in such Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership if such is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, a Texas Royal Arch Mason whose Parent membership is in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and who is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction does not have the same privilege, as a Texas Royal Arch Mason domiciled out of state, to affiliate with a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction, with which we are in fraternal accord, for Plural Membership when such is permitted by the laws of said other Grand Jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, there are a number of Texas Royal Arch Masons who are domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction and whose Parent membership is in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction would like the same privilege, as provided to Texas Royal Arch Masons who are domiciled out of state, to petition a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership with which we are in fraternal accord and whose laws permit such in said other Grand Jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Art. C-187 (339-A) (12) be amended to read as follows:

### **12) Plural Membership: In Another Grand Jurisdiction:**

- a) *Any Companion holding his Parent membership in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal accord, is privileged to*
- b) *petition a Chapter in such Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership therein if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.*
- c) *Any Companion holding his Parent membership in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction is privileged to petition a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal accord, for Plural Membership therein if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.*

Faternally submitted,  
Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., Past High Priest  
Bonham Chapter No. 52, RAM

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**RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 161<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

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| <b>Resolution No. 1</b> | <b>Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Jurisprudence<br/>Adopted as Amended by Grand Chapter</b> |
| <b>Resolution No. 2</b> | <b>Adopted by the Committee on By-Laws<br/>Adopted by Grand Chapter</b>                              |
| <b>Resolution No. 3</b> | <b>Adopted by the Committee on Jurisprudence<br/>Adopted by Grand Chapter</b>                        |
| <b>Resolution No. 4</b> | <b>Due to Procedural Error, held over to 2011 Grand Session</b>                                      |
| <b>Resolution No. 5</b> | <b>Not Adopted by the Committee on Jurisprudence<br/>Not Adopted by Grand Chapter</b>                |

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Report of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: To The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:  
I am Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's Office for the year ending August 31, 2010, is submitted for your consideration.

On June 24, 2009, there were 115 Chartered Chapters. As of this date we have had one (1) Chapter to merge which was Roby Chapter No. 380, with Hamlin Chapter No. 310. Which leaves 114 Chartered Chapters. Of the 114 Chapters 24 showed a gain in membership, 80 showed a loss while 10 reported no change.

During the year there were 365 Exalted Companions, 30 Affiliated, 31 Affiliated Plural, 45 Reinstated, 97 Demitted, 252 Suspended and zero Expelled. We had 415 deaths for a total loss of 288. Our membership now stands at 11,117 of which there are 340 exempt for financial reasons and 1,253 Fifty Year Members which leaves 9,524 dues paying members.

We have 10 Chapters that have not sent in their Annual Returns for the year 2009-2010. They are Brenham Chapter No. 5, Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30, Brownwood Chapter No. 141, Temple Chapter No. 199, Plainview Chapter No. 228, Childress Chapter No. 262, Seguin Chapter No. 344, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, George Washington Chapter No. 422 and Hidalgo Chapter No. 434.

Now, since this was printed, we have had about six of those bring in their returns here at Grand Chapter.



We had 22 Chapters that were a month or more late. Some of these Chapters have new secretaries. If any of you are in here, please do not hesitate to call this office. We do not mind helping you at all. Please call us if you need the help. I called and spoke to each one of you about the returns. This office needs the returns to extract the information so we can get the Returns Book printed in a timely manner, plus the membership numbers. Now, if we don't get the returns in we have to use last years numbers, so we don't know if that ten had an increase or decrease. You that read the Returns Books may notice that those ten Chapters don't have their Officers listed and we had to use their old information as far as times to meet.

Also on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, this office disbursed the interest from the Endowed Membership Fund. The interest from that fund totaled \$25,668.18 which figured out to \$9.61 per member after the \$1.75 for each endowment of which there are 2,259 members. The remaining \$5.94 was returned to the Endowment Fund. This office wishes to thank the subordinate Chapters for their cooperation and support.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of adopting the Grand Secretary's Report vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, let me make one comment on what the Right Excellent Grand Secretary said on his Report that we ended up having several Chapters that were delinquent in returns this year. It is very important that that be done. While we have changed our fiscal year and our meeting time, we have not asked the Chapters to do anything special other than to have their Reports in by August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have not shortened that time. We have kept that time the same. We have taken the shortness in time upon ourselves to make sure everything is done.

I'm not sure if all the Companions and Officers are entirely aware of it, but several Companions found out this weekend that due to the fact that their Return was not submitted as required at the appropriate time, they lost their Chapter representation vote. That is three votes that that Chapter lost and that's a hard pill to swallow, Gentlemen.

I would encourage you in the years to come that you work with your Secretaries and your High Priests and your Officers and all work together and try to strive to have your Annual Return in by August 1<sup>st</sup> and that way you are able to vote as a body in the Grand Chapter.

Now, the individual vote as a Past High Priest, you still maintain that vote. But if your High Priest comes, your Excellent King comes, your Excellent Scribe comes, they have lost their vote because you have not filed it in a timely manner. Plus it really helps us to have that information at hand when we're doing the budget process. I earnestly ask for your cooperation in the years to come to try to, you know, avoid that and have our Returns in on time. Thank you very much.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTER OCTOBER 2010

**SAN FELIPE de AUSTIN NO. 1:** Ted Armstrong, Walter Parr  
**WASHINGTON NO. 2:** Emile A. Bussemey, J. Weldon Clampitte, Brian R. Dodson, David Fallas, Michael A. Meier, Dwight Phillips, Martin Saldua, Roberto M. Sanchez, Hunter Schappaugh  
**JERUSALEM NO. 3:** Pierre G. Normand, Jr., William C. "Bill" Prell  
**BRENHAM NO. 5:** Ronald J. Price  
**LONE STAR NO. 6:** Anthony H. Clark, James T. Crysyp, Bradley D. French, Don R. Long, Jerry L. Martin, John H. Vernon, Raymond M. White  
**SAN JACINTO NO. 7:** Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr.  
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**NACOGDOCHES NO. 13:** John L. Chapman, II  
**TYLER NO. 24:** Gary D. Dixon, Richard Gaiser, Jerral F. Knox, L.A. Pete Peters, Ronald Ruyle, Kenneth W. Sheats, Doye Sudduth, C.A. Trent  
**CARTHAGE NO. 28:** Walter M. Craft, Michael W. Welch  
**COLUMBIA NO. 34:** Arnold R. Langston, Thomas N. Turner, Sr., John F. Woolsey, Jr.  
**WACO NO. 45:** Edward M. Brown, Claude Ervin, J. Damon Fehler, Guadalupe "Sonny" Juarez, Jr., William E. Matyastik, George F. Posey, Clifford T. Teer  
**DALLAS NO. 47:** Fred E. Allen, Aaron B. Cassity, Loyd L. Chance, Nikolaus K.L. Fehrenbach, Herbert Garon Jr., James R. Hurt, Charles McKay, Henry S. Martin, Jr., Jeffrey Miller, Wendell Miller, Orville L. O'Neill, Ronald D Park, Charles H. Terry, III, Earl E. Tweed  
**GOZNALES NO. 51:** Stephen Henrichs, Merlin L. Howe, Glen A. Sachtleben  
**BONHAM NO. 52:** Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., Markham L. Patton  
**HAGGAI NO. 53:** C. Louis Hopkins, Gary Duane Hosick, Jerrel B. Jones, H. David Moore, L.E. Nodwell, Shaler Lane Pierce  
**MT. HOREB NO. 57:** Carl Keith Criss, Vernon B. Davis, Clinton G. Dubey, E. Sam Herron, Gottfried W. Volland  
**FORT WORTH NO. 58:** David H. Gardner, Ray R. Wiegand, Jr.  
**SULPHUR SPRINGS NO. 63:** Eddy Jason Rabe, Aubrey Lee Roland  
**DAD PENDER NO. 80:** Kenneth Cotter, Thomas W. Snyder  
**W. T. AUSTIN NO. 87:** Robert S. Cohen, Jack W. Lester, Jr., Owen D. West  
**CORPUS CHRISTI NO. 91:** Joseph M. Causey  
**CLEBURNE NO. 100:** Kenneth E. Miller  
**COOPER NO. 101:** Joe O. Estlack, Hugo B. South, Clarence Thompson  
**R.C. BUCKNER NO. 108:** Justin Bauer, Rex S. Lewis, Alan H. Poff  
**GREENVILLE NO. 114:** Joe R. Gilmore, C. Louis Hopkins, Charles L. Mize  
**ENNIS NO. 135:** Thomas M. Bristow, Barry D. Brunk, Sr., Cecil R. Curry, II, Thomas A. Little, Jr., Joe V. Pool, Gerald B. Tyler  
**DENISON NO. 138:** Lloyd G. Carpenter, Bobby J. Crites  
**STEPHENVILLE NO. 140:** Joe W. Christian, Tommy D. Guest, Alford Havens  
**C. O. JONES NO. 141:** Michael B. Jones  
**TERRELL NO. 146:** Thomas Martin Smith  
**HILLSBORO NO. 152:** Jack M. Harper, II, Charles R. McKinney, E. Dixon Toney  
**BOSQUE NO. 153:** Michael Cote, Jack D. Davidson, Stephen L. McCoy, Brad Nickels  
**EL PASO NO. 157:** Raymond J. Alden, D.J. Jim Davis, William H. Giddings, Frank Rockabrand  
**ABILENE NO. 159:** Hubert E. Smith, Paul D. Warren  
**SAN ANGELO NO. 170:** Albert R. Bunt, Jr., Oscar L. Clark, William F. Culp, Charles F. Miller, David R. Walker  
**KEYSTONE NO. 172:** Robert E. Black, Wayne D. Groce, Jackie Matthews  
**LONGVIEW NO. 177:** Larry Blanchard, Jimmy R. Rumsey  
**BIG SPRING NO. 178:** James Neeley, Terry W. Stogner  
**BEAUMONT NO. 188:** Duane Anthony, Daniel Bowden, Thomas F. Griffin, James W. Holloway  
**ALVORD NO. 193:** Sherman W. Hobbs  
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**LLANO NO. 197:** David Counts, Michael L. Hazel, Neal A. Watt, E.E. Buster Williams  
**WICHITA FALLS NO. 202:** Gary W. Pearce  
**MIDLOTHIAN NO. 211:** Virgil S. Allsbrooks, Kenneth Cooley, James Roy Elliott, John E. Gibson, Steven R. Heald, Gerald Joe Hocker, Craig Huffman, Jerry N. Kirby, Roy D. Shipley, Clark Stephenson  
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**ALPHA NO. 243:** Charles R. Lane  
**HUGH J. MCCLELLAN NO. 248:** Robert L. Clemmons, Marvin Porr, Jr.  
**FLORENCE NO. 275:** Charles E. Campbell, Gregory Eisenhauer, Sidney D. Hayes, John E. Mabry, John M. Sample

**KERRVILLE NO. 305:** W. Ray Benton, Jerry D. Bible, Dock F. Dixon, Jr., James E. Harrell, Eugene Deacon Wall

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**PORT LAVACA NO. 338:** Jack E. Beeler, Henry F. Dove

**SEGUIN NO. 344:** Wayne A. Gallion, Kellis D. Moore, Nick R. Ramos, William J. Viner

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**TARRANT NO. 416:** Joe Orona, C. Douglas Smith

**SEAGOVILLE NO. 419:** David L. Anderson, Bennie L.T. Cox, David G. Rogers

**GEORGE WASHINGTON NO. 422:** David B. Dibrell, Karl J. Krayner, Christopher Livingston, Dan W. Turner

**WILL N. KIDD NO. 424:** Garnith Gayle Corbett, Brian Foreman, Robert A. Foreman, Jr., Travis Griffith, H. Bart Henderson, Leonard O. Pierce, Jack L. Wright

**HIDALGO NO. 434:** Mark Schlieper

**MABANK NO. 435:** Timothy F.E. Towson

**PORT NECHES NO. 436:** Steven L. Arnold, Charles C. Arrington, E.E. Chapman, Sr., Tommy Chance Chapman, Tommy F. Chapman, Charles R. Pederson, Nicholas L. Phillips, Wade G. Richards, William E. "Bill" Schroeter, David N. Whitehead

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**HELOTES NO. 444:** Thomas E. Carnes, Robert L. Cox, E. Andy Hentschel, Alfred E. Machts, Jr., Ralph A. McLeod, Robert H. Morales

**SAM J. HELM NO. 445:** Jay Bryson, Candido Gutierrez, Gene Schneider

**HEMPHILL HEIGHTS NO. 448:** Mitchell Ray Jones

**QUANAH NO. 450:** Frank E. Berngen, Richard D. Doss

**GARLAND NO. 451:** Gerald R. Lawson, Robert H. Waters

**BURNET NO. 453:** Max E. Lantz, Thomas L. Oughton, Sr., Johnnie C. Smith, Robert Towal

**GRANBURY NO. 454:** Kenneth G. Foreman

**PASADENA NO. 455:** Robert B. Portwood, E.D. "Mack" Reid, Richard C. Sharp

**PARK PLACE NO. 458:** Marion S. DeVore, John C. Elkinton, Kenneth B. Fischer, John David Gilfillan, N.W. "Butch" Hanna, Jr., James D. Little, David Mather, Jack T. Peebles, Kenneth R. Potthoff, Thomas C. Snedecor, Lawrence E. Tucker

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS NO. 465:** Onnie Weaver

**RICHMOND NO. 467:** Michael Blair, Rick Stanley

**RIVERSIDE NO. 468:** Loyd O. Addy Sr., Christopher L. Hood, Kirby Rudisill, Stephen C. Runyon

**BLUE BONNET NO. 470:** Samuel W. Green, Jr., James N. Higdon, Jimmy D. Huckabay, Robert D. Perkins, Robert Schero, J. Marshall Short

**NORTH HOUSTON NO. 472:** Darryl R. Burt, John A. Kleinfelder, Michael H. Shively, Randall K. Templeton, Carl W. Wunsche, Paul E. Wunsche

**LOVE FIELD NO. 478:** Brian C. Ball, Gerald Harris, Leonard P. Harvey, Elmer Murphey, III, Fred R. Smith, G. Clay Smith, F. E. "Skip" Smith, Jr.

**KILLEEN NO. 484:** Jerry F. Eller, Charles D. Miller

**RIDGLEA NO. 485:** Ben Lewark, Clarence R. McKown, James D. Manley, Joseph W. Sherwin

**GRAND PRAIRIE NO. 489:** Billy Ray Bell, Robert G. Kirk, J. W. O'Neal

**CLEVELAND NO. 490:** Randy P. Laza, John A. Tuttle

**HURST NO. 492:** Merle W. Jones, Anders T. "Andy" Nygaard

**BROWNSVILLE NO. 495:** Jose A. Arias, Michael Kuhlmann, Elmer R. "Pete" Mitchell, Dillon E. Vanderford

**Subordinate Chapters Represented in Grand Chapter 2001-2010**

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
San Felipe de Austin	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jerusalem	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brenham	5		X	X	X	X			X		X
Lone Star	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Jacinto	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rising Star	9										
Palestine	10	X	X	X						X	X
Cherokee	11	X	X	X	X	X					
Nacogdoches	13							X	X		X
Marshall	19	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Tyler	24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carthage	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zerubbabel	30	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	
Columbia	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corsicana	41		X								
Waco	45	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dallas	47	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lafayette	48	X	X	X	X					X	
Gonzales	51	X				X	X	X		X	X
Bonham	52	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Haggai	53	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dale E. Miller	55	X	X	X		X		X			
Mount Horeb	57	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fort Worth	58	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sherman	62	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Sulphur Springs	63	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Orange	78	X	X	X	X	X					
Dad Pender	80	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W. T. Austin	87	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corpus Christi	91		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grandview	93	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Cleburne	100		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Cooper	101	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R.C. Buckner	108	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greenville	114	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ogilvie	115	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Center	125	X					X				
San Marcos	129	X		X	X						
Ennis	135	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Denison	138			X				X	X	X	X
Stephenville	140	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
C. O. Jones	141	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Terrell	146						X	X	X	X	X
Hillsboro	152	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bosque	153			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
El Paso	157	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Abilene	159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Angelo	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keystone	172	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Longview	177	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Spring	178	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Laredo	185						X	X	X		
Beaumont	188	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alvord	193	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Amarillo	196	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Llano	197	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Temple	199		X								
Wichita Falls	202	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Midlothian	211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clarendon	216										
Floydada	227	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Plainview	228	X									
Lufkin	240	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpha	243	X		X	X				X	X	X
Hugh J. McClellan	248	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Childress	262								X	X	
B. T. Estes	263	X	X			X	X	X			
Brady	264	X	X	X	X		X				
Florence	275	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kerrville	305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hamlin	310	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Teague	320	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Port Lavaca	338	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Seguin	344	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Henderson	361		X	X	X			X			
Texas	362	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arlington	376	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whitesboro	377	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southside-Polytechnic	378	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Antonio	381	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Army	393	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goose Creek	408	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tarrant	416	X	X	X			X	X	X		X
Seagoville	419	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
George Washington	422	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Will N. Kidd	424	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hidalgo	434		X	X						X	X
Mabank	435	X			X			X	X	X	X
Port Neches	436	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Borger	437	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Helotes	444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sam J. Helm	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hemphill Heights	448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kilgore	449		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Quanah	450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garland	451	X	X	X		X		X		X	X
Burnet	453	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Granbury	454	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pasadena	455	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Park Place	458	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southeast Texas	465	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richmond	467	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Riverside	468	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue Bonnet	470		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Houston	472	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Love Field	478	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Killeen	484	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Ridglea	485	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grand Prairie	489	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cleveland	490	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hurst	492	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownsville	495	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

(X) REPRESENTED

**TABULATED STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH**  
**CHAPTER OF TEXAS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 23, 2010**

Chapter Name	No.	P R E V  M B R S P	C O N S L	E X A L T E D	A F F I L I A T E D	A F F I L P L U	R E I N S T A T E D	D E M I S S I O N S	S U S P E N D E D	E X P E L L E D	D E A T H	L O S S	G A I N	M E M B E R S H I P
San Felipe de Austin	1	156	0	11	0	0	1	3	5	0	11	7	0	149
Washington	2	392	0	24	1	0	1	3	12	0	5	0	6	398
Jerusalem	3	57	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	6	0	51
Brenham	5	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Lone Star	6	322	0	19	1	0	3	1	20	0	15	13	0	309
San Jacinto	7	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	31
Rising Star	9	29	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	30
Palestine	10	57	0	9	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	5	62
Cherokee	11	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	34
Nacogdoches	13	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	52
Marshall	19	31	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	31
Tyler	24	314	0	9	0	0	1	3	1	0	11	5	0	309
Carthage	28	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	55
Zerubbabel	30	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
Columbia	34	158	0	1	0	0	1	0	9	0	2	9	0	149
Corsicana	41	33	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	35
Waco	45	228	0	2	0	0	2	1	4	0	12	13	0	215
Dallas	47	516	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	21	16	0	500
Lafayette	48	68	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	7	9	0	59
Gonzales	51	43	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	49
Bonham	52	32	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35
Haggai	53	137	0	8	0	0	0	3	24	0	1	20	0	117
Dale E. Miller	55	41	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	38
Mount Horeb	57	75	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	73
Fort Worth	58	188	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	6	7	0	181
Sherman	62	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	47
Sulphur Springs	63	114	0	3	1	0	0	3	7	0	4	10	0	104
Orange	78	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	51
Dad Pender	80	72	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	72
W. T. Austin	87	82	0	11	0	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	4	86
Corpus Christi	91	279	0	1	1	0	1	3	10	0	12	22	0	257
Grandview	93	32	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	29
Cleburne	100	55	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	3	0	52
Cooper	101	72	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	73
R. C. Buckner	108	36	0	3	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	39
Greenville	114	73	0	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	74
Ogilvie	115	61	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	59
Center	125	40	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	43
San Marcos	129	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	46
Ennis	135	43	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	48
Denison	138	74	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	74
Stephenville	140	45	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	44
C. O. Jones	141	111	0	8	0	1	0	7	33	0	4	0	35	66
Terrell	146	24	0	6	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	27

Chapter Name	No.	P R E V  M B R S P	C O N S L	E X A L T E D	A F F I L I A T E D	A F F I L P L U	R E I N S T A T E D	D E M I S S I O N S	S U S P E N D E D	E X P E L L E D	D E A T H	L O S S	G A I N	M E M B E R S H I P
Hillsboro	152	48	0	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	53
Bosque	153	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26
El Paso	157	114	0	4	0	2	1	2	4	0	4	3	0	111
Abilene	159	98	0	10	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	6	104
San Angelo	170	81	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	81
Keystone	172	73	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	2	0	71
Longview	177	53	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	4	0	49
Big Spring	178	94	0	2	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	5	0	89
Laredo	185	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	29
Beaumont	188	117	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	5	0	112
Alvord	193	41	0	1	0	0	1	3	3	0	1	5	0	36
Amarillo	196	217	0	10	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	6	0	211
Llano	197	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Temple	199	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Wichita Falls	202	163	0	2	1	0	4	1	11	0	8	13	0	150
Midlothian	211	138	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	6	11	0	127
Clarendon	216	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	12
Floydada	227	76	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	8	0	68
Plainview	228	44	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	43
Lufkin	240	130	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	0	124
Alpha	243	67	0	5	0	0	1	1	6	0	2	3	0	64
Hugh J. McClellan	248	214	0	7	1	0	1	1	3	0	17	12	0	202
Childress	262	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	16
B. T. Estes	263	87	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	4	4	0	83
Brady	264	31	0	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	31
Florence	275	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	32
Kerville	305	54	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	55
Hamlin	310	81	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	84
Teague	320	68	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	7	0	61
Port Lavaca	338	98	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	95
Seguin	344	99	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	0	5	21	0	78
Henderson	361	36	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	37
Texas	362	180	0	7	0	2	2	2	25	0	3	19	0	161
Arlington	376	158	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	4	3	0	155
Whitesboro	377	30	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	30
Southside-Poly	378	143	0	1	0	2	0	1	5	0	12	15	0	128
San Antonio	381	220	0	4	3	1	1	3	0	0	9	3	0	217
Army	393	82	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	8	0	74
Goose Creek	408	112	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	113
Tarrant	416	152	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	7	0	145
Seagoville	419	82	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	5	0	77
George Washington	422	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	93
Will N. Kidd	424	259	0	10	1	1	0	2	0	0	15	5	0	254
Hidalgo	434	62	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	63
Mabank	435	35	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	33
Port Neches	436	151	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	7	0	144
Borger	437	98	0	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	2	0	96

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Helotes	444	116	0	12	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	7	123
Sam J. Helm	445	160	0	3	0	1	1	0	6	0	6	7	0	153
Hemphill Heights	448	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	8	15	0	99
Kilgore	449	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	4	0	48
Quanah	450	50	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	49
Garland	451	116	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	114
Burnet	453	72	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	70
Granbury	454	65	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	10	0	55
Pasadena	455	92	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	93
Park Place	458	247	0	14	0	1	0	5	0	0	11	1	0	246
Southeast Texas	465	160	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	166
Richmond	467	92	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	93
Riverside	468	124	0	2	0	4	1	1	4	0	6	4	0	120
Blue Bonnet	470	56	0	10	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	9	65
North Houston	472	182	0	9	0	0	2	3	7	0	3	2	0	180
Love Field	478	212	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	211
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	102	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	103
Killeen	484	78	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	80
Ridglea	485	139	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	138
Grand Prairie	489	87	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	87
Cleveland	490	58	0	14	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	73
Hurst	492	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	117
Brownsville	495	25	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>11,399</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>11,038</b>



**GRAND CHAPTER INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2010**

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues (10,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	\$102,880.15
Degree Fees .....	\$13,600.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	\$36,213.24
General Fund Interest Income.....	\$24,538.93
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	\$3,953.25
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	\$7,377.24
Past Master Degree Fee .....	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$188,802.81</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	\$19,999.92
*Office Staff.....	\$47,120.74
*Payroll Taxes.....	\$5,493.98
Grand High Priest:	
Reimbursement.....	\$4,500.00
Reimbursement 2009 .....	\$4,500.00
Photo .....	\$300.00
Grand High Priest Service Award.....	\$1,035.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	\$2,250.00
Grand King Reimbursement	\$143.34
Grand Scribe Reimbursement.....	\$1,125.00
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	\$4,296.32
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	\$9,129.75
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	\$6,895.64
Contribution to Grand Lodge Building .....	\$12,000.00
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses.....	\$6,362.87
Security Expenses.....	\$4,675.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance.....	\$600.00
Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem .....	\$667.24
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem	\$326.40
*Grand Secretary's Expense .....	\$3,383.59
*Office Furniture Insurance.....	\$942.00
Computer Expenses.....	\$3,468.30
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference	\$50.00
District Deputy Training Expense .....	\$721.52
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	\$726.07
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	\$2,136.27
Audit Expense .....	\$3,675.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$36/Month ...	\$428.73
Youth Awards.....	\$300.00
Tax Report Preparation .....	\$945.00
Scholarship Fund Expenses .....	\$7,469.58
York Rite Conferences Expenses.....	\$1,495.89
York Rite Conferences Expenses 2009	\$1,363.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$158,526.95</b>

\*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Report of the Right Excellent Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent Kenneth E. Cooley.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

R:E: GRAND TREASURER COOLEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and Companions:

I am Kenneth Cooley, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Balance Sheet	
August 31, 2010	
Community Bank General Fund	\$46,773.51
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	\$622,289.10
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	\$15,677.84
UBS Endowed Membership Fund	\$548,408.65
Guaranty Bank Endowed Members	\$61,439.62
UBS Bonding Fund	\$44,280.51
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Inventory	\$44,189.17
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Furniture & Fixtures \$62,339.15	
Depreciation	<u>\$39,816.00</u>
	<u>\$22,523.15</u>
Total Assets	\$99,938,605.55

Accounts Payable TX Masonic Retirement Center	\$12,831.19
Endowed Membership Reserve	\$645,600.00
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Bonding Account Reserve	\$44,280.51
Unrestricted Assets	<u>703,069.85</u>
	\$99,938,605.55

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of this Report in its entirety.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Grand Treasurer's Report. All those in favor will vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, same. Motion carries.

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### **PRE-PRINTED REPORTS**

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING (Pre-Printed)**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

My name is Orville L. O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

The Printing Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter has always tried to keep all costs at a minimum and will endeavor to do so in the future by carefully controlling the inventory we keep in stock. It is currently expected that all other printing will be routine, but you can never tell when someone will come up with something new. This office is now sending out CDs to the other states which will help with expenses. The secretaries can get some forms off the Internet which also helps. If the new secretaries will call this office we will give them the password. This office will continue to look for other ways to save.

Fraternally submitted,

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN

B. J. YOUNG, BILLY R. BELL, CLIFFORD TEER, RALPH A. MCLEOD

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS (Pre-Printed)**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am H. David Moore, Past High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 53 and I am happy to report that this committee has had no grievances or appeals referred to it and therefore we have nothing on which to report.

We thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Faternally Submitted,

H. DAVID MOORE, CHAIRMAN

DAVID L. ANDERSON, L. E. (LEE) NODWELL, D. DOYE SUDDUTH, WALTER J. HOTT

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHAPTERS (Pre-Printed)**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions all:

We, the Committee for New Chapters, regrettably report that we have nothing to report, as no new Chapters are in the process of being formed at the time this report was submitted.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to this Grand Chapter, and will be ready to assist in any way in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER DAVID MELEAR, CHAIRMAN

JASON PIERCE, JESUS A. (JESSE) GARZA, DAVID G. MATHER, ROBERT G. KIRK

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS (Pre-Printed)**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

I am Tim Towson, Past High Priest of Mabank Chapter No. 435 and I make the following report on behalf of the Investment Committee.

Both the Endowed Membership portfolio and the Excess Funds portfolio have performed at their respective benchmarks as of this writing (September 15, 2010). The prevailing low interest rates in the fixed income arena coupled with uneven returns in equities have served to create a "range bound" performance. We expect this pattern to continue until the November election. The results of the election will provide the general broad policy direction now lacking in the markets. This will doubtlessly spur the market into a more active pattern and the Investment Committee and elected Trustees will act to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves.

Faternally submitted,

TIMOTHY(F. E.) TOWSON, CHAIRMAN

J. R. (BOB) HURT, LARRY G. CANADA, DAVID B. DIBRELL, JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP (Pre-Printed)**

This is your Membership Committee report for the Capitular year 2009-2010.

Your Membership Committee received from the Grand Lodge of Texas 1,738 newly raised Master Masons. These new Brothers names and addresses were distributed to the 9 Regional Membership Coordinators who distributed the names to the local Chapters closest to the newly raised Brothers.

The Membership Committee is:

Gene Terrell, Chairman  
Gary Dixon, Region 2  
Nelson Dunn, Region 4  
Jeff Bennett, Region 6  
Richard Doss, Region 8

Rex Lewis, Region 1  
Paul Wunsche, Region 3  
Jon Spann, Region 5  
Jerry Pringle, Region 7  
Robert Black, Region 9

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, thank you for letting us serve you and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas this year.

Fraternally,  
Gene Terrell

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS (Pre-Printed)**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Chapter Officers and Companions all:

Your Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards is pleased to make the following report.

During this Capitular year, eighty-nine (89) Companions received their 50 Year Service Awards. These Companions have given of their time and talents for a half century or more. Their names, Chapter and date of presentation of the awards appear in the Proceedings of the Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Grand High Priest's Address. We commend these Companions for their years of service to this Grand Chapter.

During this Capitular year, forty-one (41) Chapters presented member Companions with the Cornerstone Award. These Companions are most deserving and we commend them on their love and service to their Chapters.

Your Grand High Priest continued the Zerubbabel Award competition during this Capitular year. The names of the Chapters that have received this award are listed in the Grand High Priest's Supplemental Address in the Proceedings of the Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter. We commend all of the Chapters who have been working to improve their work for this competition.

This Capitular year we received several very deserving nominations for the Golden Keystone Award. The recipients that were selected were recognized with this honor at our banquet Sunday night and they have been recognized in this Grand Chapter during the roll call of Recipients. Their names will be included in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter. These Companions have distinguished themselves as the leaders of Capitular Masonry, and we wish them many more years of service. We remind all Chapters that you may recommend a Companion from you Chapter by sending in the form with the required information for consideration.

The members of this committee wish to express our thanks to our Grand High Priest for allowing us to serve this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK BEELER, CHAIRMAN

MITCHELL R. JONES, L.R. BILL FAUGHTENBERRY, GEORGE H. CHENEY, PATRICK H. WADDLE

**103rd ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (pre-printed)**  
**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**  
**ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

At the organizational meeting of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, held during the Grand Chapter Session in October, 2009, the following Companions were selected and presented to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Orville L. O'Neill, President  
Steve Wolfe, Vice President  
James Roy Elliott, Secretary  
Clarence J. Laney, Director  
Floyd Hall, Director  
James Hurt, Treasurer  
John R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant Secretary & Attorney

This year, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors have held the regularly scheduled business meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with two (2) exceptions; the November Meeting was held on November 19, 2009 and the December Meeting was held on December 17, 2009, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank M:E: Grand High Priest Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. for his unflagging support of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, during his term as Grand High Priest. We would also like to acknowledge the Grand Officers: R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest, G. Clay Smith, R:E: Grand King, Thomas W. Snyder, and R:E: Grand Scribe, Tommy F. Chapman. These worthy Companions deserve recognition for their continued efforts throughout the year on behalf of this noble organization.

**RETIREMENT PLAN**

The members of the Retirement Committee appointed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, are as follows: Chairman and Companion Orville L. O'Neill, Companion Steve Wolfe, Companion James Roy Elliott, Companion Clarence J. Laney, and Companion Floyd Hall. The employees of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center would like to extend special recognition to the Retirement Committee for their ongoing efforts to reduce the Retirement Plan's actuarial and maintenance costs, while maintaining the financial stability of the Plan.

The Board Members met with representatives of Wells Fargo Bank on March 25, 2010, to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and to discuss investment changes proposed by Wells Fargo Bank.

The Market Value of the Retirement Trust Fund as of October 1, 2010, was \$2,846,024.25. The Market Value as of October 1, 2009, was \$2,580,180.14, resulting in an increase of \$265,844.11. As of September 1, 2010 our retirees and/or beneficiaries received a total of \$238,537.74 in retirement benefits year-to-date. A contribution to the Retirement Plan was required again this year, and a payment in the amount of \$110,000.00, was made in June, 2010.

As of Plan Year Ending September 30, 2009, the Retirement Plan had one hundred four (104) participants; seventy-one (71) were active participants, thirty-three (33) of the participants were retirees and/or beneficiaries, and one (1) vested participant terminated during the Plan Year.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING - CLINIC/NURSING CENTER CENSUS**

As of June 30, 2010, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's membership consisted of one hundred fourteen (114) Grand Chapter residents, eighteen (18) Grand Lodge widows, and sixteen (16) Eastern Star residents, giving the Retirement Center a total census of one hundred forty-eight (148) members. This figure represents a loss of thirteen (13) residents since the last Grand Chapter Report.

## FINANCES AND COST

The Board Members met with representatives of JP Morgan Private Bank on December 17, 2009, January 22, 2010 and June 24, 2010, to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Center's Trust Fund.

The Auditor's Report of Examination, for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's fiscal period ending June 30, 2010, is in the process of being prepared by Judd Thomas Smith Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. Upon completion, the Report will be on file in the Grand Secretary's Office in Waco. The changes in Unit Cost Per Resident Day and the number of days spent in each section of the facility, will be included in the 2010 Annual Grand Chapter Report.

Like the rest of the nation, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has been affected by the tumultuous performance of the stock market, and the dramatic decline in our nation's economy. While we suffered some losses last year in regards to our investments, our financial position remains sound. We look forward to the new year with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The amount received in contributions was disappointing, and reflects the continuing decline in membership. From January 2010 through September 30, 2010, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center received a total of \$27,635.28 in charitable donations. This figure does not however, reflect the many generous bequests that we have received throughout the year. A letter was mailed in September, 2010 to all Texas Masons announcing our Family Day event and requesting contributions. The result of this effort to date has been \$18,867.13 in charitable donations. By comparison, this figure indicates a two-thirds decrease from the same effort in 1988. Subsequently, we realize the importance of keeping our "name out there," and continue our fund-raising efforts. We realize that the Retirement Center is just one of many charitable organizations asking for financial assistance, pitting us against some fierce competition. We remain grateful to our generous benefactors, whose continued patronage help support this worthy charity.

## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

After many challenges, construction of our new multi-story, independent living apartment complex is complete and we received our Certificate of Occupancy on October 1, 2010 with twenty-four (24) available units. Tours of the complex were conducted during the Family Day event held on October 9, 2010. We are encouraged with the high level of interest and are responding to numerous requests with packets of information on available floor plans and unit costs.

## FAMILY DAY 2010

Family Day, held October 9, 2010 at Texas Masonic Retirement Center, was a huge success. We were pleased with the participation of seventy-four (74) vendors, twenty-seven (27) participants in the BBQ Cook-off, approximately thirty (30) entries in the Antique Car Show, Petting Zoo, Children's Jump Houses, Dunking Booth, and Hayride. Carter Blood Care was on-site and received twenty-eight (28) pints of blood due to the generosity of those in attendance. Tours of the new apartment complex were conducted throughout the day by our residents.

## CONCLUSION

Since opening in 1911, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has faced many unique challenges. The one constant throughout the years however, has been our resolve to provide quality care to our Masonic brethren and their families. While the last year has been tumultuous, we emerge triumphant, and continue our quest to "Build on the Past for the Future."

Respectfully submitted by:  
Orville L. O'Neill, President  
James Roy Elliott, Secretary  
Floyd Hall, Director

Steve Wolfe, Vice President  
Clarence J. Laney, Director  
James Hurt, Treasurer

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**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**  
**DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010**

Terrell Masonic Lodge #83	\$25.00	Bluebell Chapter #856, O.E.S.	\$200.00
Fairfield Lodge #103	\$100.00	Mesquite Chapter #887, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Mount Horeb Lodge #137	\$50.00	Huntington Chapter #938, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Ford Lodge #270	\$100.00	Bullard Chapter #972, OES	\$40.00
Florence Lodge #338	\$61.66	Waelder Chapter #1023, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Hill City Lodge #456	\$1,000.00	Pearland Chapter #1065 OES	\$43.20
East Fork Lodge #650	\$35.00	W. Hughston Ch #1100 OES	\$150.00
Quanah Lodge #689	\$1,000.00	Canyon Lake Ch #1103, O.E.S.	\$28.00
Olney Lodge #790	\$25.00	Huffman Chapter #1112 OES	\$83.30
Kingsbury Lodge #887	\$35.00	Antique Collectors Club	\$25.00
Keller Lodge #1084	\$50.00	Bear Creek Ladies Golf Assn.	\$100.00
Texas City Lodge #1118	\$200.00	The Bilby Irvine Co., LLC	\$50.00
Keystone Lodge #1143	\$50.00	The CIADS Group	\$50.00
Panther City Lodge #1183	\$300.00	Fort Sam Houston Chr #17, NSI	\$100.00
Somerset Lodge #1205	\$100.00	Ladies Without Shriners Club	\$65.00
Tyler Lodge #1233	\$200.00	Marine Square Club of Houston	\$50.00
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of TX	\$25.00	Pst Matrns & Patrns Assn Dallas	\$100.00
Cherokee Chapter #11	\$100.00	Sun Belt Football Officials Assn.	\$75.00
Marshall Chapter #19	\$100.00	Tarrant York Rite Association	\$600.00
Dallas Chapter #47	\$710.00	Treasured Friends	\$25.00
Fort Worth Chapter #58	\$450.00	TMRC Daylight Chapter	\$100.00
Alvord Chapter #193	\$25.00	Robert L. Abbott	\$25.00
Midlothian Chapter #211	\$1,500.00	Manuel W. Acevedo	\$25.00
Arlington Chapter #376	\$50.00	William H. Adamson	\$10.00
Tarrant Chapter #416	\$25.00	Dominick Albanese	\$71.00
Pt Neches Chap 436 & Coun 413	\$150.00	Joseph K. Allen	\$25.00
Southeast TX Chapter #465	\$50.00	John R. Allison	\$100.00
Riverside Chap #468 & Coun #384	\$400.00	Frank W. Amadon	\$10.00
North Houston Chapter #472	\$50.00	Earl E. Ambrose	\$25.00
Cleveland Chap #490 & Coun #405	\$250.00	Assc. Matrons Clb, Dist. 3, Sec.1	\$110.00
Grand Council of R&SM of TX	\$25.00	Anonymous	\$5.00
Dallas Council #18	\$720.00	Donald C. Appleby	\$50.00
Denison Council #83	\$50.00	Don R. and Patsy J. Archer	\$60.00
Alvord Council #131	\$25.00	Mr. John W. Armistead	\$50.00
Midlothian Council #148	\$1,500.00	Larry Armstrong	\$20.00
Amarillo Chapter #196	\$120.00	Harry C. August	\$10.00
Tarrant Council #349	\$25.00	Brian C. Ball	\$50.00
Grand Chapter of Texas, OES	\$1,974.14	Gordon E. Bangs	\$25.00
Big Spring Chapter #67, O.E.S.	\$135.00	Stephen A. Barlow	\$40.00
Brazoria Chapter #74, O.E.S.	\$20.00	Mary H. Bates	\$50.00
Belle Moon Chapter #90, OES	\$25.00	Maurine and Trudie Baty	\$30.00
Ransford Chapter #135, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Walter and Lou Beene	\$75.00
Greenville Chapter #189, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Edwin L. Berkley	\$10.00
Midland Chapter #253, O. E.S.	\$25.00	Clair M. Billington, Inc.	\$50.00
San Marcos Chapter #276, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Cal Birdsall	\$100.00
Uvalde Chapter #297, O.E.S.	\$35.00	John D. Blackmon	\$40.00
Hereford Chapter #312, OES	\$167.00	Gary L. & Leslie Borchering	\$100.00
Fairfield Chapter #331, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Kenneth E. Borkert	\$25.00
Marshall Chapter #356, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Joe E. Bostwick	\$25.00
Gonzales Chapter #403, O.E.S.	\$62.00	Debra M. Bower	\$50.00
Troup Chapter #421, O.E.S.	\$75.00	Marshall Boykin, III	\$25.00
Vernon Chapter #424, O.E.S.	\$60.00	James M. & Gail Bradshaw	\$25.00
Nacogdoches Chap #428, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Eugene Brawner	\$25.00
Handley Chapter #617, O.E.S.	\$151.40	Lyndell H. Bray	\$100.00
Everman Chapter #624, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Bodine Brazelton	\$100.00
Carthage Chapter #747, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Harry & Flo Brennen	\$25.00
South Ft Worth Ch #835, OES	\$25.00	Mark Brewer	\$25.00

James F. Brumit	\$100.00	William & Debbie Farnum	\$25.00
Marla S. Brummett	\$5.00	Kenneth C. Fischer	\$166.80
Jim Buller	\$150.00	Earl D. Fondren	\$100.00
Arnold Burkhardt	\$50.00	Vernon Fortenberry	\$50.00
Tom C. Burke	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Foster	\$100.00
Ernest E. Burns	\$20.00	M. L. Foster	\$50.00
Russell & Joyce Bussey	\$100.00	Howard David Franklin	\$25.00
Bobby D. Butch Calcote	\$100.00	J. C. Fritts	\$25.00
L. Caldwell	\$75.00	Frank Gadberry	\$15.00
B. E. Calhoun	\$20.00	Donald W. Gaines	\$50.00
Sammie L. Campbell	\$100.00	W. T. Gale	\$200.00
Jerry A. Carder	\$10.00	George W. Gammill	\$5.00
C. H. & Thelma Carlen	\$200.00	Eddie George	\$100.00
Henry N. Carnaby	\$25.00	John & Margaret Gethin	\$50.00
Leon Carpenter	\$100.00	George F. Geyer	\$25.00
Dan J. Carter	\$50.00	Austin A. Gibbons	\$25.00
Robert A. Bob Cervetto	\$10.00	Charles R. Gipson & Family	\$75.00
Don D. Chancellor	\$15.00	Steven & Peggy Glaspey	\$50.00
Nola and Mickey Choate	\$20.00	Jimmie Goforth	\$15.00
Roy Dale Christian	\$10.00	William F. Graham	\$25.00
Joe and Patti Christian	\$10.00	Robert, Ethel, Steve, Carol Graham	\$100.00
Ken A. Clark	\$10.00	Arnold and Penny Gray	\$25.00
Duane and Estelle Cleere	\$50.00	William A. Greenwood	\$100.00
Tommie S. Cochran	\$10.00	Jim and Kay Groom	\$45.00
Douglas Collins	\$50.00	Edwin M. Guilbeau	\$100.00
Roderick D. Connor	\$100.00	James M. & Jenna R. Hackett Sr.	\$50.00
Mary Coltrera Cook	\$50.00	Joe Hackler	\$10.00
B. F. Cook	\$25.00	Russell E. Hain	\$50.00
Wayne C. Cornell	\$75.00	James H. Hale	\$500.00
John D. & Rita Cotharn	\$100.00	James & Karla Hall	\$20.00
Daniel D. Countiss	\$1,500.00	O. J. Hall	\$50.00
Betty Lynn Crawford	\$100.00	Tommy N. Haltom	\$100.00
Roy M. Crawford	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Edward S. Hammond	\$10.00
L. L. "Bill" Crouch	\$25.00	Thaddeus E. Harden III	\$25.00
Troy Crumpton	\$50.00	James Dowden Harris, Jr.	\$50.00
Michael Joe Culp	\$100.00	William C. Harter	\$50.00
Jason P. Curtiss	\$20.00	Donald J. Hartman Sr.	\$25.00
Raymond J. Daigle	\$50.00	H. Harris Hatfield	\$25.00
Chester D Darby Living Trust	\$500.00	James W. Hatter	\$25.00
Billie E. & Sally Davis	\$150.00	Dennis Hayes	\$20.00
John R. Deputy	\$50.00	William Head	\$100.00
Curtis L. DeWall	\$50.00	Johnnie B. Heck	\$100.00
B. G. Dickerson	\$50.00	Vernon L. Helling	\$10.00
Frank Dillard	\$30.00	Ermal or John Hentrich	\$14.25
A. Ben C. Dowdey	\$25.00	Cecil L. Hill	\$100.00
Mike Drury	\$50.00	Jeffery A. Hilyer	\$25.00
W. A. Dunson	\$10.00	John R. Hitchcock	\$25.00
Frank T. Dusek	\$10.00	Arthur A. Hodge	\$50.00
Carl O. & Freda Dyer	\$50.00	Richard N. Hoffman	\$25.00
Thomas L. Edwards	\$25.00	Bill Horne	\$100.00
Jay R. Efner	\$50.00	Herman L. Hosey	\$10.00
James R. Elliott	\$198.00	Matt Howard	\$25.00
Grady & Wanda Erwin	\$70.00	Douglas and Joan Hughes	\$200.00
John A. Espensen	\$100.00	J. K. Hughes	\$15.00
James N. Evans	\$35.00	Vester T. Hughes, Jr.	\$200.00
Milton T. Evans	\$5.00	Cecil C. Hull	\$10.00
Charles Ewing	\$20.00	Wayne C. & Ava Hundley	\$25.00
Bobby D. & Billie Faries	\$20.00	Mr. Burke Hunn	\$100.00



Clifford B. Hunter	\$50.00	Jimmy M. McClure	\$20.00
J. R. Hurt	\$50.00	John T. & Leona McCoy	\$10.00
Don G. Inselmann	\$25.00	Tommy McIntosh	\$25.00
Naren L. Jackson	\$50.00	Gerald B. McNeill	\$50.00
Jerrell L. & Mary Jackson	\$25.00	Ron & Evelyn McNeill	\$25.00
David & Michelle Jacobs	\$25.00	Earl W. Meador	\$20.00
Bill James	\$20.00	Robert Means	\$25.00
Paul R. Jennings	\$50.00	Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith	\$1,000.00
John H. (Jack) & Evelyn Jeter	\$700.00	L. V. [Pete] Mhoon	\$25.00
Don R. Johnson	\$10.00	Elmer A. Miles	\$25.00
Howard F. Johnson	\$10.00	William E. Miller	\$50.00
Jerry & Vanessa Johnson	\$20.00	Curtis E. Mills	\$50.00
Royce Jon Jones	\$50.00	David & Marsha Mills	\$45.00
Errol O. Jonsson	\$100.00	O. D. Milton	\$25.00
Jesse V. Justice	\$10.00	Richard D. & Pamela Mitchell	\$50.00
L. W. Kartous, PM Lafayette Ldg	\$50.00	Jeff & Kathy Modzelewski	\$15.00
Abe Katz	\$25.00	Diana Ryan Moldenhauer	\$15.00
Don Kay	\$25.00	James R. Monaghan	\$10.00
Joe T. Keesee	\$10.00	John & Karen Montandon	\$25.00
Charles F. Kellander	\$20.00	Dick & Madge Marty Moore	\$20.00
Howard V. Kennedy	\$50.00	Paul R. and Sue Moore	\$50.00
Paul A. Kessler	\$15.00	Doyle M. Morse Jr.	\$25.00
James A. Ketchum	\$50.00	James H. Moser	\$600.00
Jane Key	\$50.00	Charles & Marilee Mottl	\$200.00
Noble C. Kidd, Jr.	\$50.00	Thomas & Rosemary Muehleback	\$100.00
Robert Edward Kilgore	\$10.00	Joe E. Musick	\$25.00
Harry E. King	\$15.00	Willis F. Musser Jr.	\$15.00
J. E. Kirk	\$50.00	Joe W. Nelson	\$20.00
John W. Kirkley	\$200.00	Harry & Norma Nevedomsky	\$20.00
Ken & Elaine Kluge	\$100.00	Charles R. & Dorothy North	\$25.00
L. O. Kuder	\$50.00	W. F. Nutting	\$100.00
Raymond J. Kuhlmeier	\$100.00	James G. O'Brien	\$50.00
Terry & Gina LaGrone	\$20.00	Orville L. O'Neill	\$660.00
Thomas D. Lambert	\$25.00	Jack M. and Lois Odell	\$480.00
Clarence J. & Pam Laney	\$297.00	Clyde E. Ozbun	\$10.00
Timothy M. LaVergne, Sr.	\$500.00	Robert Ray & Iris Pair	\$15.00
Jerry M. Leach	\$100.00	Jim & Becky Palmer	\$50.00
Ann Leake	\$25.00	Ronald D. Park	\$503.00
William Don Leatherwood	\$100.00	Judge Mike Parrott	\$50.00
Benjamin E. Leibe, Jr.	\$100.00	William T. Patterson	\$25.00
Norvald Lekva	\$25.00	Jimmy C. Payton	\$100.00
John R. Lewis	\$5.00	Arthur R. Perry	\$25.00
Ralph R. Lewis	\$25.00	Lemoine Pitman, Sr.	\$30.00
Scott E. Lewis	\$10.00	Scott Plough	\$100.00
Edwin M. & Janet Lindke	\$125.00	Tommy & Marian Poole	\$100.00
Eugene H. Lovering	\$25.00	Joe S. Price	\$50.00
James D Lovelace	\$25.00	J. G. Pringle	\$30.00
James Lovely	\$10.00	Worney J. Rains	\$50.00
Herman & Norma Lowery	\$40.00	J. B. Ralls, Jr.	\$10.00
Thomas H. Luce	\$10.00	Jesse G. Rambo	\$20.00
Ken & Judy Lunsford	\$20.00	P. W. Randall	\$15.00
W. David Malone	\$50.00	Joe J. Rayburn	\$100.00
John Marbach Jr.	\$100.00	B. W. Rhodes	\$5.00
Richard & Gloria Markle	\$50.00	I. E. Robinson	\$25.00
John M. Martin	\$20.00	Mr. Fred Roel, Jr.	\$25.00
Miles V. Mathis	\$25.00	David G. Rogers	\$100.00
R. L. & Jeanne Maxwell	\$40.00	Rolando Ronquillo	\$10.00
Eddie L. McBee	\$50.00	Billy J. & Kerlene Ross	\$100.00
John G. McCauley	\$10.00	Silas and Nancy Rowley	\$20.00
Lonnie McCloud	\$50.00	Charles D. Rudd	\$10.00

Kirby & Glenda Rudisill	\$1,376.08	James Trow	\$100.00
Wayne & Bethany Rundell	\$20.00	Trow Ranch	\$100.00
Carl V. Rush	\$10.00	Ann Tucker	\$470.53
Carl E. Russell	\$10.00	Leroy W. Tucker	\$25.00
Edward D. Sanders	\$50.00	E. D. and Mrs. Turner	\$20.00
Thomas & Julie Schirber	\$25.00	Chris L. Turner	\$15.00
Mr. Jerry R. Scott	\$7.00	Mr. Kurt W. Twing	\$25.00
Robert & Karen Sevey	\$25.00	Justin L. Van Kleeck	\$25.00
Frank Sharpe	\$50.00	Joan Van Pelt	\$25.00
Sherwood H. Sheffield	\$25.00	Wesley R. Venable	\$40.00
David M. Shultz	\$25.00	John Curtis Vincent	\$50.00
Thomas C. Singer	\$50.00	Chris M. and Amy Waldrum	\$50.00
Evlan D. Slaughter	\$100.00	Robert P. Walton	\$20.00
G. Clay Smith	\$66.00	Norman E. Ward	\$50.00
Robert D. Smith	\$25.00	Harold & Betty Ware	\$35.00
Elmer J. Smoot	\$25.00	Greg Wassberg	\$15.50
Thomas W. & Linda Snyder	\$400.00	George L. Watkins	\$100.00
Morris A. Springer Jr.	\$25.00	Thomas and Norma Weathers	\$100.00
Carl E. Starkey	\$25.00	Frank B. Weber	\$25.00
John & Karen Stephens	\$10.00	Richard F. Weber Jr.	\$50.00
Huey P. & Norma Stewart	\$25.00	Paul E. Weinstein	\$15.00
Charles E. Stewart, Jr.	\$200.00	Benjamin & Clara Weir	\$500.00
Harold Stillings	\$5.00	Robert M. West	\$1,000.00
Lorene Stivner	\$20.00	Elmer R. Wetsel	\$25.00
Robert W. Streeper	\$200.00	Thomas C. Williams	\$100.00
Michael J. Strong	\$20.00	Don Willmoth	\$25.00
Ray Stroup	\$100.00	Brian K. Winfiele	\$5.00
Gilbert T Swift	\$25.00	Thomas P. Wingler	\$25.00
J. C. Taylor	\$5.00	Charles S. Wolfe	\$189.00
Robert Theriot	\$25.00	James E. Wommack	\$30.00
Carl L. Thompson	\$25.00	Bill J. Wright	\$10.00
Patsy & Randy Thompson	\$1,000.00	James R. Wright	\$25.00
Thomas E. Thompson	\$20.00	David and Rue Zink	<u>\$100.00</u>
		TOTAL DONATIONS	\$42,044.86

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companion Dillon Vanderford, if you would, give the Report on "Through the Veils."

### **REPORT ON "THROUGH THE VEILS"**

COMPANION VANDERFORD: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Most Worshipful Grand Master and my Companions all:

I am Dillon Vanderford, Jr., Past High Priest of Brownsville Chapter No. 495.

I am delivering this Report on behalf of Companion Douglas Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422 and Editor of "Through the Veils."

In 2008 publication of "Through the Veils" began. It started out in black and white five page fold over and has progressed to an eight page full-color newsletter, containing such items as photos, conference schedules, columns by the Grand High Priest and Grand Master, articles of Capitular and Cryptic importance, obituaries of Capitular and Cryptic dignitaries, the introduction of newly made Companions detailing their Chapter and Council and more importantly the Lodge to which they belong, articles of historical significance, news articles and Texas Masonic Retirement Center and other miscellaneous items of general interest.

At this time "Through the Veils" is being printed in Austin at the Texas School for the Deaf. Not only does this provide a great reduction in printing costs for us, but it helps the hearing-impaired students learn production skills and a trade. The cost of the eight page issue is a little under a dollar each and this allows us to keep your cost very low. The only drawback to this is that the school is closed in the summer and, of course, affects our schedule.

Earlier this year we obtained a non-profit status with the U. S. Postal Service which greatly reduces the First Class postage rate we had been using. With the summer 2010 issue we added to the mailing list all Grand Chapters with whom we are in fraternal relations. This is an effort to let the rest of the world know that the Companions of Texas are doing well and we consider it to be good public relations for Texas.

Every effort has been made to assure you, the subscribers, that we maintain a quality publication. To do that I have had to make several decisions regarding the operation of this venture and perhaps a bit of explanation is needed. Let me preface these explanations by reminding you that I receive no compensation from the subscriptions other than occasional reimbursement for such things as international postage or other out-of-pocket expenses which I may incur from time to time. In complete disclosure, Companion Jim Dougherty has received a fee of \$750.00 per issue for assembling all copy and putting it together for printing. This Companion also has to put up with my - this is Douglas Collins, mind you - my consistent nitpicking and occasional screaming fits when I perceive that there is a breakdown in the process, but all of this is to assure that you receive a quality production.

Because this is essentially a one-man operation, I have explained in the paper and to those who have questioned it that the subscriptions expire at the end of each calendar year and that to continue with your subscription the renewal must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Companions, I simply do not have the time nor do I think that you would want me to go through the expense of sending out reminders every month as subscriptions expire. That is why there have been no cancellations of subscriptions up until now. Many who had purchased the subscription in 2008 have received ten issues instead of the four that were originally paid for. Obviously, we cannot continue to absorb the cost of the publication without the means to support these copies.

In 2009 at the urging of Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Jimmy Willson, Jr., the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Committees on Finance authorized \$2,000.00 each to help cover the cost of this publication which has been sent to every Companion in Texas.

For the current non-subscribers I have left about two hundred copies of this latest edition outside this room. You should have a copy in your mailbox for those Companions who are subscribers by the time you get home. The purpose of this was to remind all the Companions of the availability of this publication and to provide an incentive to subscribe. As of 16 October I have received one renewal and six new subscriptions. I believe that there will be many more of each and that the expenditure of these funds will prove to strengthen the financial status of "Through the Veils." I am requesting the Committees to repeat this expenditure for 2011. Just for an example of the cost, the postage for this edition alone was \$3,083.00.

Companions, I do urge each and every one of you who have not yet subscribed to "Through the Veils" to do so. With your subscription you will be supporting an endeavor that we have never had for our Capitular and Cryptic Bodies. As a subscriber you will be assured a quality publication at least four times a year. You are welcome to submit comments, complaints, cheers and jeers. More importantly, you are welcome to submit articles of Capitular or Cryptic interest, photos of events from your Chapter and Council, announcements of upcoming events, historical articles or anything else that will be of interest to the Companions. I will be more than happy to publish it, but because of limited space articles should not exceed 750 words, unlike this Report. (LAUGHTER.)

COMPANION VANDERFORD: Because of the emergency situation with my wife Cheri, I am not able to be with you to answer questions that you may have or handle your subscriptions at this moment. I have left that to the capable hands of Companion Vanderford who will be happy to accommodate you.

It is respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Collins, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

COMPANION VANDERFORD: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this concludes the Report of "Through the Veils." and I move for its acceptance of the report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept the Report of the Editor of "Through the Veils." All those in favor vote the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, same. Carried.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, Dillon.

COMPANION JACK BEELER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, may I make a Supplemental Report of the Recognitions, Honor and Awards Committee?

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

COMPANION BEELER: I am Jack Beeler, Past High Priest of Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338.

This is a Supplemental Report to the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee. The Report has been printed.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we have to report the death of Eugene Thalmann, the Recipient of the Golden Keystone Award for 1990, Past High Priest of Hidalgo Chapter No. 434. And he was the dean, so to speak, the oldest living Recipient of the Golden Keystone for a number of years and he will be greatly missed by the Companions of this Royal Arch Chapter. It is exceedingly sorry for me because I now become the senior member of that group having received mine in 1991. I don't want to hold on to it. I'm going to give it to Leonard as quickly as I can.

I move the adoption of this Supplemental Report to the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Supplemental Report. All those in favor vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companion Skip Smith.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURPOSES AND POLICIES**

I am F. E. (Skip) Smith, Jr., Affiliated Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211.

It is my pleasure to present the Report of your Committee on Purposes and Policies for your consideration.

The following proposed Resolutions and Recommendations have been referred to this Committee for consideration at this Grand Chapter Convocation:

Resolution No. 1 which is jointly referred to Jurisprudence and Finance;

Resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 which are referred to Purposes and Policies and jointly to Jurisprudence.

Your Committee finds that Resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 are complimentary with the purposes and policies of this Grand Chapter, to be reported in detail by the Jurisprudence Committee and to be formally considered and then voted on by this Grand Chapter.

With regards to Resolution No. 1, jointly referred to Jurisprudence and Finance, the Committee would offer the following recommendation:

Essentially and informally that it would be a better corporate practice for the Grand Chapter to refer to its business in its By-Laws and the Grand Council to refer to its business in its By-Laws rather than cross-referencing one another, even though these two entities have a close working relationship.

Formally, we would say, as a matter of Grand Chapter policy your Committee believes that our domestic corporation, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, as a separate legal entity having its own privileges and liabilities distinct from those of its members and related Bodies should be precise whenever possible in following Texas corporate form. To the extent possible the Grand Chapter's By-Laws should be specific to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and should not reference or be tied to any action by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

Your Committee on Purposes and Policies recommends that references of this type be modified whenever possible. Our recommendation is that action be deferred, of course, until after formal report and recommendations are made by the Committees on Finance and Jurisprudence and then be subject to formal consideration and vote by this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. E. (SKIP) SMITH, CHAIRMAN  
JACK L. WRIGHT, W. DAVID COUNTS, JR., JACK M. HARPER, II, CLARENCE J. LANEY

I move for the acceptance of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard that we accept this Report from the Purposes and Policies Committee. All those in favor will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

We will now take the Report of the By-Laws Committee. It will be just a second. He's coming from the sound booth.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Virgil Samuel Allsbrooks, Jr., Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 and Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

We received 14 requests for changes to the By-Laws from the following Chapters:

<u>CHAPTER:</u>	<u>DATED:</u>
Cherokee Chapter No. 11	March 15, 2010
Brownwood Chapter No. 141	April 15, 2010
Terrell Chapter No. 146	January 14, 2010
Bosque Chapter No. 153	April 25, 2006
Brady Chapter No. 264	March 19, 2009
Kerrville Chapter No. 305	February 22, 2010
Hamlin Chapter No. 310	February 25, 2010
Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338	April 8, 2010
Hidalgo Chapter No. 434	May 19, 2010
Mabank Chapter No. 435	April 26, 2010
Granbury Chapter No. 454	January 28, 2010
Richmond Chapter No. 467	March 11, 2010
Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470	March 29, 2009
Hurst Chapter No. 492	June 2, 2010

We find these By-Laws to be in proper form and recommend the approval of the requested changes. We therefore move for the adoption of this Report.

VIRGIL S. ALLSBROOKS, CHAIRMAN  
HERB GARON, JR., JEFFREY S. BENNETT, JAMES P. SMITH, CHARLES E. MCKAY

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Committee on By-Laws Report. All those in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION ALLSBROOKS: Most Excellent, at this time I would also draw your attention to Resolution No. 2 and bring that to the floor.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Is Companion Michael Plemons in the room? Is there a representative from Brownwood Chapter No. 141 present? We'll need to let that lie for a little bit.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, when about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter from labor to refreshment, your duty?

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, if you will bow in prayer as our Excellent Grand Chaplain gives the benediction.

### **PRAYER**

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: Pray with me.

Heavenly Father, we come to You again thanking You for Your presence and praising Your Name. We thank You for Your watchful care and steadfastness as we have labored in the quarry this morning. May everything that has been said and done been done with Your blessing and approval. Now as we prepare to depart for refreshment it is our desire that You go with us. Give us safe passage to our various destinations. Refresh our bodies and return us once again to our business at hand. Guide, guard and direct us and we will be glad and surely we will give You all the praise and glory. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment.

We will reconvene October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. I ask that all Officers and Companions be in your stations and places so we can start punctually at eight o'clock. Thank you very much.

(11:35 A.M.)

FIRST SESSION CONCLUDED AND GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNED  
UNTIL OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 AT 8:00 A.M.

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### **SECOND SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 AT 8:00 A.M.**

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST CALLED THE M:E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor.

We will now have a prayer from our Excellent Grand Chaplain.

### **PRAYER**

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: If you will please bow with me. Heavenly Father, we come to You again at this morning hour praising Your Name and thanking You for Your watchful care. Continue to give us strength and wisdom in all of our thoughts and actions as we proceed with the business at hand. May everything that is said and done here in this Session have Thy blessing and Thy approval. As always we will be sure to give You all the praise. These things we ask in Your Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will so inform the Grand Guard and direct him to guard accordingly (GAVELING).

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I would like to welcome everybody here this morning as we continue with our business.

Our first order of business will be the completion of the Report by the Committee on By-Laws.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, may I make an announcement?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Yes, sir.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, we have a card here for Jimmy Willson and I would like for you all, as I pass it around, for you all to sign it. When this gets full, if you would, sign this piece of paper and I'll stick it in there with the envelope and make sure that he gets that, if you would, please. Thank you, Most Excellent.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS (cont.)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

COMPANION ALLSBROOKS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapters Officers and my Companions:

I am Virgil Samuel Allsbrooks, Jr., Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 and currently serving as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

I now ask for the proposal from the proposer of Resolution No. 2 to come forward.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Would the Proposer for Resolution No. 2 please come forward, Companion Plemons? Someone else?

COMPANION JOHN VERNON, My name is John Vernon. I am a Past High Priest of Lone Star Chapter No. 6. and I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 2.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will have the Committee Report.

COMPANION ALLSBROOKS: After receiving the proposal, the By-Laws Committee finds the By-Laws in proper form and recommends the approval. And Jurisprudence finds it in legal form.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Is there any discussion on the Resolution? Any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, all those who favor the adoption of Resolution No. 2 vote with the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, same. Motion carries, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION ALLSBROOKS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this concludes the Report in total for the By-Laws Committee. We thank you for your assistance this year and it has been a joy. It has been an interesting year on our part. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you and thank the Committee for me, please. We will now have the Report of the Committee on Work, Companion David Rogers.

Since we have a few minutes while we are waiting on that, is Most Excellent Companion Carr still in the room? Companion Carr, are you still in the room? If you will give us a few words from Oklahoma.

M:E: RONALD L. CARR, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF OKLAHOMA: Companions, it is nice to be here. The hospitality has been excellent and you have got a great bunch of guys here. Everybody has been real friendly. The Oklahoma contingent - most of them have gone home now. There are a couple of us here yet. I sure appreciate being here. Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, Most Excellent. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest from Mexico, Jaime Galicia, would you give us a few words.

M:E: JAIME GALICIA, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, MEXICO: Most Excellent Timothy La Vergne and dear Companions:

It is my great privilege to be here today in your One Hundred and Sixty-First Grand Convocation and the One Hundred and Fourth Grand Communication of the Grand Council.

I bring the fraternal greetings and the brotherhood feelings of your Companions in Mexico and the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of Mexico.

Our relationship has been of a long tradition. Capitular Masonry arrived in Mexico, brought by American Masons, in the Nineteenth Century and since then the Royal Arch has been a source of inspiration for many Masons in my country. I'm here today to say to you that we are very proud of this tradition, that we recognize and appreciate Masonry and Capitular Masonry in Mexico and I wish you all sorts of good luck in the proceedings of the Convocation and the Communication, also.

I want to express my recognition and fraternal feelings to you, all Brothers. Whenever you visit Mexico, you may know that you will find Chapters there where you can work, also Capitular Masonry if you wish as much as we do here in Texas. Thank you very much for this opportunity and congratulations on your work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST GALICIA: And, also, our thanks are also with Companion Canada for his health. We are concerned about him, also. I want to express, also, my best wishes to James Manley, the Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Right Excellent Companion Edmund Harrison, do you have a few words?

R:E: EDMUND D. HARRISON, RIGHT EXCELLENT GENERAL GRAND KING, GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: I'm Edmund Harrison, former sitting High Priest of Ancient Chapter No. 1 and recently appointed Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. That was supposed to evoke a smile. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: GRAND KING HARRISON: Most Excellent, many thanks for your courteous welcome. It is great to be with you all. I want you to know the extent we went last night to make sure that Texas won the ballgame. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: GRAND KING HARRISON: No limit to what we'll do to try and make you folks happy. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: GRAND KING HARRISON: As a poor Canadian boy, what a joy and honor it is for me to find myself standing here before the Grand Chapter of Texas. You folks are proud of what you do and you have a right to be proud. I come from another country. It's pretty big geographically just as Texas is big geographically. I'm very, very proud of being Canadian. I can fully understand the pride that you have in Texas and your Grand Chapter.

My position as General Grand King of - that's the other king. I get my kings mixed up - is to promote the good will of the General Grand Chapter throughout the world.



I bring you greetings from the Most Excellent Emory J. (Smokey) Ferguson, General Grand High Priest and the almost two hundred thousand Royal Arch Masons of the General Grand Chapter.

It behooves me to offer a few words of the benefit of membership in General Grand Chapter. I'll just run through these quickly. Promotes liaison. It's not a sovereign body; it's an association. We have no authority over Grand Chapters. The Grand Chapters are members. Brings you over two hundred years of Masonic heritage and history. Provides a forum for interaction. Helps maintain high standards in Masonry.

We recently had a Grand Chapter that we severed relations with because they did not keep up to those standards. They did not stick with the ritual standards that we all feel are important to the Royal Arch. We provide educational opportunities in our regional seminars. We offer recognition to Grand High Priests for service. That means you get an extra lapel pin. You know what any Mason will do to get a new lapel pin. (LAUGHTER.)

R:E: GRAND KING HARRISON: Provides recognition to worthy Companions with our bronze, silver and gold medals. We have a proprietary kit we provide to Grand Scribes when they come into office that helps them in their preparation for being in the East. We have a ritual proficiency award that's available to you. We have Bibles available for the anointed High Priests that are specially engraved and provides all the history of the anointed High Priest's ceremony. One of the nicest things we offer is the Sweetheart Award which can be provided to your wonderful ladies for the services that they provide. We have the Royal Arch Mason Magazine which can be personalized to each state. There would be eight pages devoted strictly for Texas.

We work with General Grand Council in the Grand Assembly to provide a visible York Rite entity. We have the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program. We provide international connections, the largest of any Masonic body in the world. Educational materials are available. We provide the Royal Arch display at the George Washington Memorial. Provide support for DeMolay. Provide a website with connections and events and will be offering starting in the next Triennial, which is in Raleigh, North Carolina, next August, the Royal Arch Magazine online. We will have a newsletter that will be published online concurrently with events as they happen.

We're instituting a new committee - this is a radical one - this is a committee of Royal Arch Masons in their twenties and thirties to be guidance and advisors to us as to what's going on in the minds of our younger Companions and also as a body to which we can bounce ideas off to see if they make sense. Your General Grand Chapter is going to become proactive.

All of this is available to you, my Companions, for the unbelievable low, low price of only one dollar, one dollar per member.

So we ask you to consider this, Most Excellent, and give us an opportunity to sit down and discuss things with you. Whatever concerns, objections or issues that may be in your mind we are more than willing to talk about and try and resolve. Our goal is to bring harmony and unity to Royal Arch Masonry around the world and we would be that much better off if that included the Grand Chapter of Texas. Most Excellent, I thank you for this opportunity to bring this message to you.

To the incoming Grand High Priest we offer our support and encouragement and hope that the Grand Chapter of Texas continues on with the great work that you're doing. Thank you very much, Most Excellent. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Report of the Committee on Work.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am David Rogers, Past High Priest of Seagoville Chapter 419. On behalf of the Committee on Work, I offer the following Report:

Schools of Instruction in the Capitular Work:

We have been in session since Thursday, October 14, 2010, and have registered 33 Representatives of subordinate Chapters and 41 visitors for a total of 74 registrants, including 14 Companions who have not participated in the School in prior years. Those Companions who attended the Annual School of Instruction this year for the first time are as follows, and we invite any of them who are here to stand and be recognized:

Anthony Clark	Lone Star No. 6	Gary Freedman	Amarillo No. 196
Edward Brown	Waco No.45	Thomas Lusk	Hugh J McClellan 248
Barry Brunk Sr.	Ennis No.135	James Harrell	Kerrville No. 305
Brad Nickles	Bosque No. 153	Steve Arnold	Port Neches No. 436
William Giddings	El Paso No. 157	Bob Towal	Burnet No. 453
Gerald Lawson	Garland No. 451	Richard Sharp	Pasadena No. 455
Randy Kimbrough	Beaumont No. 188	J Marshall Short	Blue Bonnet No. 470

Companions, thank you for coming and participating in the School. Will this Grand body please show your appreciation for these Companions?

Attendance was slightly less than last year, but participation in the classrooms was great and enthusiastic. We were able to offer four classes for all the sessions.

We would also ask that all who attended the school please rise so we can show our appreciation to you for your time and dedication to the Companions of this State. We ask all of the Companions here at this Grand Chapter Convocation to consider attending and participating next year.

In addition to the Annual School of Instruction at Waco, Local Schools were hosted by the following Chapters and Grand Chapter:

Cooper No 101	Helotes No 444
R. C. Buckner No 108	Garland No 451
Ennis No 135	Blue Bonnet No 470
Terrell No 146	Dallas Conference
Alpha No 243	Ft Worth Conference
Seagoville No. 419	Tyler Conference
George Washington No 422	Abilene Conference
Mabank No 435	Helotes Conference
Helotes No 444	Houston Conference
Sam J. Helm No 445	Port Neches Conference

We have approved this year the following Certificates:

One Year (First Year)	17
One Year (Renewals)	80
Three Year (First Year)	0
Three Year (Renewals)	39
Life (25 Years)	<u>8</u>
Total	134

We want to have the opportunity to recognize those Companions for whom we have approved First Year Certificates. Those who are present please stand as I call your names:

Please show your appreciation to these companions.

STEVE ARNOLD	CHRISTOPHER HOOD
BARRY BRUNK SR	RONALD KINNEY
LLOYD CARPENTER	BEN LEWARK
E E CHAPMAN SR	THOMAS LUSK
BENNIE COX	JOHN SAMPLE
JACK DAVIDSON	GENE TERRELL
NELSON DUNN	OWEN WEST
CHAD GILMORE	TIM ZOLTOWSKI
SIDNEY HAYES	

Competition was held in the Mark Masters Degree with two Chapters represented, unfortunately we had two more teams scheduled, but they were unable to compete due to circumstances beyond their control.

Garland Chapter won the competition with a score of 995. This team did was near perfect and the practice they put in clearly showed and the team consisted of these Companions :

Guy Pegues	Rt. W. Master
Robert Sharp	W. Sr. Warden
Herb Cook	W. Jr. Warden
Gerald Lawson	Sr. Deacon and Lecture
Mike Wellman	Marshal
Charles Jennings	Candidate

Haggai Chapter was our other team competing and they had a score of 963.

Companions, they did an excellent Job and the committee is very proud of both of these teams. Please help me to show it!

The following information is from previous Grand Convocations and we wish to repeat this information here.

Certificate Listing should be on the Grand Chapter Website:

An updated listing of those people currently holding Certificates will be posted on the Grand Chapter/Grand Council Website following the Grand Chapter Convocation. The listing is by District, then by Chapters within the District, and then by members within the Chapter that hold a Certificate.

Certificates are no longer mailed to the individual Companions, but are mailed to the Chapter and Council shown by their names in the listing on the website. If you have earned a Certificate and have not received it, please check with your Secretary/Recorder.

The Committee on Work would appreciate your helping us to make sure that the information in this listing is correct. We are aware that some Companions may have moved their memberships or may be members of multiple Chapters and Councils and would prefer that their Certificate be sent to a different

Chapter/Council

We try to identify all Companions who are no longer with us when we review the Certificates annually for renewal, but we probably miss some. If you are aware of any errors in our listing, please notify the Secretary for the School, Bennie Cox at benniecox@att.net or 214-604-3241 so that we may make the necessary correction.

If you know of someone in your Chapter and Council who does not have a Certificate and should be considered for one, please advise any Member of the Committee on Work and we will make arrangements to review the Companion's proficiency.

The Committee on Work extends a sincere thank you to our rookie Secretary, Companion Bennie Cox, who offered his services without coercion from his Companions...well not much. Bennie our new School Secretary is appreciated and did a great job accept for "regalia". Burn it, burn it. He finally learnt it. Thank you, Bennie, my friend.

The Committee on Work met in Arlington, Texas, at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for its annual mid-year meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd of this year to discuss and run the work and set the competition for the School of Instruction.

We, the Committee, wish to thank the Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter Office in allowing the Committee to serve you, the Companions of Texas.

The Committee, we wish to thank the wonderful folks in the Grand Chapter office and our Most Worshipful Sir for all they do for this committee. Your Committee on Work is very thankful for the appointment of Companion Joe Orona to fill the position left by the loss of Very Excellent Companion Eldon Brooks. Thank you Rt. Excellent Joe... you are a pleasure to work with.

Most Excellent, please allow me to express the deep sense of loss your Committee feels. We all sense a great void left by the loss of Very Excellent Companion Eldon Brooks. I do not know how many holes our dear Companion left to be filled in our Great Fraternity, but I assure you the one left in all our hearts is great. Those are not empty words... we miss our friend.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Report, which has been signed by the committee:

DAVID ROGERS PROTEM CHAIRMAN

TIMOTHY F. E. TOWSON, ALFRED MACHTS, JR., ONNIE WEAVER, JR., JOE ORONA

COMPANION ROGERS: Can I have a representative from Garland come down and meet the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and receive your check. I know Tim Towson was here. He's still upstairs, I bet. Oh, Tim? Tim's in the booth. He's got your check. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION ROGERS: Haggai Chapter was our other team competing and they had a score of 963. Companions, they did an excellent job and the Committee is very proud of both of these teams. Please help me show it! (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION ROGERS: Do we have a representative from Haggai Chapter to come receive your \$100.00 check? That will buy a few pots of coffee around the Chapter room. Ah, David Moore. David Moore will pick up that check.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, it is my pleasure as Most Excellent Grand High Priest to present these checks to two well deserving teams. I could only echo what Companion Rogers said. We would love to have more participants to help share in the beauty of our Work. I'm hoping in years to come that we will be able to do that. But as appreciation of the hard work done by these Companions it is my pleasure to present Garland Chapter No. 451 a \$200.00 check as first place winner. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: And I would also like to present to Haggai Chapter No. 53 a \$100.00 check for second place. Congratulations. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: The following comment isn't in the Report; it is just a sideline. I think the competition is improving every year. We had a perfect 1,000 last year. I realize that going from 1,000 to 995 is not necessarily improvement, but it's hard to improve on perfect. But consistently every year we have higher and higher scores and it's getting better.

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N:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Committee on Work's Report. All those in favor vote by the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you Excellent Companion Rogers, and if you would, please thank your Committee Members also. I appreciate the work that you all do and the hours, miles and efforts that you do to help preserve our Order and preserve our Ritual. We appreciate it. We will now have the Report of the Order of High Priesthood.

### **REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I'm Tom Snedecor, Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter No. 458.

This is the Report of the Order of High Priesthood for the October the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting which was opened in ritualistic form at 6:30 p.m. in the Waco Lower Auditorium, with 7 officers, 23 members and 28 candidates for a total of 58 present. We were saddened by the absence of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Larry Canada, who is recovering in a rehab center as a result of a stroke.

After the conferral the new members were provided a certificate, membership card and lapel pin.

The Order remains in sound financial order.

The new officers for 2011 were elected, appointed and installed as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest	E.E. Buster Williams
Right Excellent Master of Ceremonies	David Gardner
Right Excellent Conductor	Lawrence E. Tucker
Excellent Treasurer	Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
Excellent Secretary	Thomas C. Snedecor
Excellent Chaplain	Ray Brietzke
Excellent Marshal	H. Bart Henderson
Excellent Steward	Loyd L. Chance
Excellent Sentinel	James A. Rodriguez.

That completes our Report and I make a motion that it be adopted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion that the Report of the Order of High Priesthood be adopted. All those in favor will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD 2010**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Ch.</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Ch.</u> <u>No.</u>
Ashley	William T.	10	Miller	Charles D.	484
Boedeker, Jr.	Willis C.	10	Nygaard	Anders T.	492
Brietzke	Raymond E.	478	Pederson	Charles R.	436
Causey	Joseph M.	91	Prell	William C. "Bill"	3
Corbett	Garnith Gayle	424	Rose	Ralph	240
DeVore	Marion	458	Rumsey	Jimmy R.	177
Eisenhauer	Gregory F.	275	Ruyle	Ronald	24
Galicia	Jaime	Mexico	Sanchez	Roberto M.	2
Giddings	William H.	157	Sherwin	Joseph W.	485
Hammond	Bruce W.	362	Smith	C. Donald	416
Harrell	James E.	305	South	Hugo B.	101
Hood	Christopher L.	468	Thompson	Clarence L.	101
Lewark	Ben	485	Watt	Neal A.	197
Little	J. Don	458	Wilson	Ronnie W.	240

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you.  
We will now have the Report of the Committee on Memorials.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Officers and Companions all:

I am Joe Gilmore, Past High Priest of Greenville Chapter No. 114 and Chairman of the Memorials Committee.

Your Memorials Committee, in cooperation with the Memorials Committee of the Grand Council, carried out the Memorial and Divine Services on Sunday October 17, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. The traditional tributes were given to the 420 Companions who had passed through the Gates of Heaven this past year there to receive their final reward. These tributes included the Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Very Illustrious Past Grand Master Eldon Brooks, Tributes to Deceased Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, Tributes to the Deceased Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, Tributes to the

Deceased Royal Arch and Royal and Select Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions and Tribute to members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

The message for the Divine Service was presented by Reverend Don Long, a member of this Memorials Committee.

Most Excellent Sir, we, your Committee, thank you for the privilege of serving you and this Body of Capitular Masonry for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOE GILMORE, CHAIRMAN  
BILLY H. COMBEST, DON R. LONG, THOMAS KEITHLY, ROBERT SIECKMANN, JR.

Most Excellent Sir, I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the Committee on Memorials. All those in favor vote the usual sign among Masons. All opposed, same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Is Companion Dwight Phillips in the room? Companions Phillips, do you have a supplemental to your pre-printed Report?

COMPANION DWIGHT PHILLIPS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I believe all of the pre-printed Report was accepted and all of my Supplemental Report was reported in your Report yesterday.

I thank you for that opportunity, the Committee thanks you for this opportunity and we look forward to serving the Grand Chapter in any capacity that we can. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, sir. Companions, it is now the designated time for Election. As we prepare for Election for the ensuing year, the Tellers Committee will be:

**TELLERS COMMITTEE**

F. E. (Skip) Smith, Chairman	Elmer R. (Pete) Mitchell
Sidney D. Hayes	John A. Tuttle, Jr.
L. A. (Pete) Peters	Emile A. Bussemey

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHAPMAN: Companions, we are fixing to seal the doors for the Election of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and I will thank you for your attention and assistance.

I would ask Very Illustrious Steve Wolfe if you would secure one door and Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Clarence Laney, would you seal the door over here. Thank you, Companions.

We will now have the following Report of the Credentials Committee before we proceed with the Election.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am Jerrel Jones, Past High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 53. I am here to give the Final Report of the Credentials Committee as of 8:30 today.

Present:

19	Grand Chapter Officers
11	Past Grand High Priests
286	Past High Priests
33	High Priests
16	Kings

3 Scribes  
 26 District Deputy Grand High Priests  
 62 Grand Representatives of Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions  
 18 Visitors  
 86 Chapters  
 13 Out-of-State Visitors

We have a total 69 three vote ballots for a total of 207 votes of the three vote ballots and 285 single vote ballots for a total of 492 potential votes.

Respectfully,

JERREL B. JONES, CHAIRMAN

LLOYD G. CARPENTER, LANE PIERCE, JACK DILLARD, DAVID ROGERS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the Final Report of the Credentials Committee and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHAPMAN: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Final Report of the Credentials Committee. All in favor of this motion let it be known by the usual sign known among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Carried and so ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHAPMAN: Companion Jones, I would like to thank you and your Committee for the hard work that you all do. I know it is a very difficult job and I know that there is a lot of work goes on up there. I have served on that Committee. Companions, if you would, please help me show them appreciation. (APPLAUSE.

### **RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST	G. CLAY SMITH
RIGHT EXCELLENT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST	THOMAS W. SNYDER
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING	TOMMY F. CHAPMAN
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE	REESE L. HARRISON, JR.* RICHARD C. SHARP
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER	KENNETH E. COOLEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER, FIVE YEAR TERM	KENNETH B. FISCHER
MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON WORK FIVE YEAR TERM	JOE ORONA

(\* ELECTED

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST RESUMED HIS PROPER STATION IN THE GRAND EAST  
 (AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Report of the Special Committee on Redistricting.

## **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers and my Companions:

I am Jerry Kirby, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211.  
We, your Committee on Redistricting, make the following report:

After consultation with the Grand Officers, interested Companions and after seeking input from all parts of the state; we submit the following proposal for redistricting subject to your will and pleasure.  
With your permission, I'm going to give the Chapter and the Council.

District One: Marshall No. 19, No. 3; Carthage No. 28, No. 25; Ogilvie No. 115, No. 69; Longview No. 177, No. 116; B. T. Estes No. 263, No. 198; Henderson No. 361, No. 298; Kilgore No. 449, No. 366.

District Two: Rising Star No. 9, Cannon No. 17; Palestine No. 10, Willis Stewart No. 20; Cherokee No. 11, Rusk No. 4; Nacogdoches No. 13, Council No. 23; Tyler No. 24, George M. Patrick No. 13; Dale E. Miller No. 55, No. 40; Center No. 125, No. 73; Lufkin No. 240, No. 176.

District Three: Orange No. 78, No. 49; Beaumont No. 188, No. 126; Port Neches No. 436, No. 413; Southeast Texas No. 465, No. 380

District Four: Jerusalem No. 3, No. 7; Brenham No. 5, No. 22; San Jacinto No. 7, Huntsville No. 12; Zerubabel No. 30, No. 26; W. T. Austin No. 87, No. 52.

District Five: San Felipe de Austin No. 1, La Marque No. 406; Goose Creek No. 408, No. 339; North Houston No. 472, No. 387; Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481, No. 394; Cleveland No. 490, No. 405.

District Six: Washington No. 2, Houston No. 1; Columbia No. 34, No. 29; Will N. Kidd No. 424, San Jacinto No. 347; Pasadena No. 455, No. 374; Park Place No. 458, No. 373; Richmond No. 467, No. 383.

District Seven: Lafayette No. 48, No. 34; Bonham No. 52, No. 37; Haggai No. 53, No. 38; Sherman No. 62, No. 43; Sulphur Springs No. 63, No. 44; Dad Pender No. 80, No. 50; Greenville No. 114, No. 68; Denison No. 138, No. 83; Alvord No. 193, No. 131; Whitesboro No. 377, No. 313.

District Eight: Corsicana No. 41, No. 32; Ennis No. 135, No. 81; Terrell No. 146, No. 90; Midlothian No. 211, No. 148; Teague No. 320, No. 256; Mabank No. 435, No. 355; Grand Prairie No. 489, No. 404;.

District Nine: Dallas No. 47, No. 18; R. C. Buckner No. 108, No. 67; Seagoville No. 419, No. 397; George Washington No. 422, John C. Callahan No. 408; Garland No. 451, No. 118; Love Field No. 478, No. 396.

District Ten: Waco No. 45, No. 33; Grandview No. 93, No. 56; Cleburne No. 100, No. 61; Hillsboro No. 152, No. 94; Temple No. 199, No. 137; Killeen No. 484, No. 399.

District Eleven: Lone Star No. 6, Austin No. 2; San Marcos No. 129, No. 215; Stephenville No. 140, No. 85; Bosque No. 153, No. 95; Granbury No. 454, No. 369.

District Twelve: Gonzales No. 51, No. 6; Mt. Horeb No. 57, No. 41; C.O. Jones (Leander) No. 141, No. 86; Llano No. 197, No. 135; Seguin No. 344, No. 281; Florence No. 275, No. 208; Burnet No. 453, No. 368.

District Thirteen: Cooper No. 101, No. 62; Kerrville No. 305, No. 240; San Antonio No. 381, No. 14; Army No. 393, No. 411; Helotes No. 444, No. 362; Blue Bonnet No. 470, No. 409.

District Fourteen: Corpus Christi No. 91, No. 55; Port Lavaca No. 338, No. 275;.

District Fifteen: Hidalgo No. 434, No. 353; Brownsville No. 495, No. 414.



District Sixteen: Fort Worth No. 58, No. 42; Texas No. 362, No. 321; Arlington No. 376, No. 314; Southside-Poly No. 378, No. 315; Tarrant No. 416, No. 349; Hemphill Heights No. 448, No. 365; Riverside No. 468, No. 384; Ridglea No. 485, No. 400; Hurst No. 492, No. 407.

District Seventeen: Abilene No. 159, No. 100; Wichita Falls No. 202, No. 140; Childress No. 262, No. 197; Hamlin No. 310, No. 192; Quanah No. 450, No. 367.

District Eighteen: San Angelo No. 170, No. 110; Keystone No. 172, No. 112; Big Spring No. 178, No. 117; Brady No. 264, No. 199; Sam J. Helm No. 445, No. 363.

District Nineteen: El Paso No. 157, No. 98.

District Twenty: Floydada No. 227, No. 163; Plainview No. 228, No. 164; Hugh J. McClellan No. 248, No. 183.

District Twenty-one: Amarillo No. 196, No. 134; Clarendon No. 216, No. 152; Borger No. 437, No. 354.

District Twenty-two: Laredo No. 185, No. 123.

District Twenty-three: Alpha No. 243, No. 178.

That concludes the proposed redistricting and it is

Fraternally submitted,

JERRY N. KIRBY, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE CHENEY, GLEN MCCANDLESS, JOHN ANDREWS, THOMAS GRIFFIN, TED HENNIS

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Do you wish to move for adoption?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Committee's Report. Is there any discussion at this time?

COMPANION MIKE SHIVELY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Mike Shively, Past High Priest of North Houston Chapter No. 472.

Just a question that came to mind as he was reading the Report and I realized that we are getting ready for the Election, there is a fairly good gerrymander by putting San Felipe de Austin in with North Houston and Cleveland. San Felipe is in Galveston; North Houston, Cleveland and those other Chapters are on the north side of Houston. It appears to me that they might fit better in other Districts because there is very little chance of us traveling that far to help them. Thank you, sir.

I would move that we revise the Report and that they be placed in District 4 - 6. Moved from District 5 to District 6. Amend the Report –

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Motion -

COMPANION SHIVELY: And I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: - to amend the -

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, one of my questions is with West Texas. You are combining Odessa and Brady together and, Guys, that's a two hundred mile one-way trip. We have a hard enough time getting Deputies out there, but you're asking him to make a four hundred mile round trip to do a visit.

I strongly suggest that San Angelo and Brady be pulled back out and put back in their own Districts and leave it Midland-Odessa and Big Spring, I believe, was the other District.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47 and I move to table this until the office can get everything out to every Chapter and Council in the State.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: I second the motion. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, we have a motion to table this Report until further consideration can be sent out to the constituent Chapters.

All those in favor of accepting the motion to table vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. All those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will table the motion. Okay. Our next Report will be the Report on the Finance Committee.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Most Worshipful Grand Master and my Companions all, I am Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr., Past High Priest of Brownsville Chapter No. 495.

We, your Committee on Finance, met several times over the past Capitular Year to review the finances of this Grand Body, and we are pleased to report that to date, we remain financially sound.

As is the usual practice of this Committee, we have met and formulated a budget for the ensuing Capitular Year. This budget was printed and made available to the Companions at registration. An error was discovered after printing under the expense portion of the budget, specifically the "Through the Veils Newsletter" category. The expense proposed shows \$1,000.00. Due to a miscommunication between this Committee and the Editor of the "Through the Veils Newsletter," the figure that should have been proposed is \$2,000.00. This changes the total expense to \$187,350.00. With this one change, I move for the adoption of the budget for the Capitular Year 2011.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Is there any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Hearing none, Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor to accept the budget for the incoming year vote by the usual sign among Masons. Opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION VANDERFORD: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on Resolution No. 1, appearing on page one (1) of your booklet, submitted by Companion James N. Higdon, was referred to your Committee on Finance and jointly referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence Committees. This Resolution concerns Article C-123 and the minimum fees charged for the Chapter Degrees. Your Committee finds Resolution No. 1 acceptable and will be reported on by the Jurisprudence Committee. Fraternally submitted,

DILLON E. VANDERFORD, JR.

JOE F. SCHRIEVER, FARRIS L. BENHAM, JERREL B. JONES, DONALD H. SWANGO

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the Finance Committee. All those in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. All opposed, same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION VANDERFORD: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we, your Committee on Finance have been happy to serve this Capitular Year at your will and pleasure and hope to be of continued service to this Grand Body at your successor's will and pleasure. Thank you.

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## GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2011

### INCOME:

Dues (10,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	110,500.00
Degree Fees (296 X \$50.00) .....	14,800.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	40,000.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	24,000.00
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,900.00
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	6,000.00
Registration Fee .....	<u>2,000.00</u>

### **TOTAL**

**\$201,200.00**

### EXPENSES:

#### Salaries:

*Grand Secretary.....	20,000.00
*Office Staff.....	49,000.00
*Payroll Taxes.....	6,000.00
Grand High Priest:	
Reimbursement 2010 .....	4,500.00
Photo .....	500.00
Grand High Priest Service Award.....	700.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	2250.00
Grand King Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Grand Scribe Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Golden Keystone Award.....	500.00
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	10,000.00
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	9,000.00
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	9,000.00
*Computer Expense .....	3,000.00
Contribution to Grand Lodge.....	12,000.00
School of Instruction Printing .....	200.00
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem.....	900.00
Committee on Work Supplies .....	150.00
Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem.....	2,000.00
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses.....	17,000.00
Membership Development .....	300.00
Capitular Review.....	100.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance.....	600.00
Grand Photographer's Expense .....	200.00
*Grand Secretary's Expense .....	4,000.00
*Office Furniture Insurance.....	950.00
Contingency Fund.....	500.00
Fifty Year Awards Expenses .....	500.00
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference	50.00
District Deputy Training Expense .....	1,500.00
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	1,000.00
Ritualistic Competition.....	300.00
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	3,000.00
TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 10,000 + degree fees)	6,000.00
Audit.....	4,500.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security .....	5,500.00
*Internet Expense \$36/Month .....	500.00
Youth Awards.....	300.00
Tax Report Preparation .....	1,000.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses 2010 .....	1,500.00
York Rite Festival Fund .....	300.00
Furniture & Fixtures Exp.....	1,000.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	800.00
Through the Veils Newsletter .....	2,000.00
Scholarship Fund Expenses .....	<u>2,000.00</u>

### **TOTAL**

**\$187,350.00**

\*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Report on Jurisprudence.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Visiting Dignitaries and my Companions all:

I am Elmer Murphey, Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478 and Chairman of the Grand Chapter Committee on Jurisprudence, and, on behalf of your Committee on Jurisprudence, we submit the following report.

A copy of the Report has been provided to the Court Reporter, John Cline. And, John, thank you so much, sir. You are always here. We don't know what we're going to do without you, so don't die on us. Okay?  
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Companions, you are going to have to be a little patient with me because some of these things are occurring on the fly as is our process. I will proceed forward and make comments.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered the matters requested by the Grand Chapter or the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during the past capitular year, and made appropriate reports and recommendations to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence had the following items referred to it for consideration:

Application of Texas Business Organizations Code  
Edict Issued  
Consolidation of Chapters  
Dispensation to Appear in Public  
Dispensations for Removal of a Chapter to Another Location - Another Town  
Dispensations to Elect and Install Officers Out of Time  
Dispensation to Hold a York Rite Festival with More or Less than Three Candidates  
Dispensation to Hold a Special Convocation to Elect Candidates  
Dispensation to Resign from Elected Office  
Dispensation for Emergency Removal of a Chapter  
Dispensation to Hold Meeting in Another Location-Another Town  
Dispensation for Resignation from Office or Appointment  
Removal of Chapter Officer  
Reprimand of Chapter Officer  
Grand Chapter Committee Referral  
Grand Representatives Appointed  
Texas Masonic Retirement Center  
Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

#### **Application of Texas Business Organizations Code**

By that letter dated October 24, 2009, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest referred to the Committee for consideration the application of the Texas Business Organizations Code (which was effective on January 1, 2010) ("Code") to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Upon consideration, the Committee is of the opinion that the Code does apply to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as a fraternal non-profit organization in Texas, but the Code does not require that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas or its subordinate Chapters amend its Constitution and Laws (although certain provisions of its Constitution and Laws may be inconsistent with certain provisions of the Code that apply to Texas non-profit entities), as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas is specifically named in the Code as an existing organization and therefore is not required to change its governance documents to be consistent with the Code.

#### **Edict Issued**

On October 21, 2009, the Most Excellent High Priest issued an Edict that each Chapter must prepare and file an appropriate IRS Form 990 every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month following the close of the Chapter's fiscal year on June 30, and such Edict was referred to this committee for review, and this committee is of the opinion that the Edict was issued in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the

Constitution and Articles B-006 and B-024 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

#### Dispensations

With respect to the Dispensations to Appear in Public, Dispensations to Hold Meeting in Another Location-Another Town, which were referred to this committee, the actions of our Grand High Priest in each of these instances were all in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles B-006, B-008, B-009 and B-024 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The Dispensations to Elect and Install Officers Out of Time, and Dispensation to Hold Special Convocation to Elect Candidates were referred to this committee, and the actions of our Grand High Priest in these instances were all in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles B-006, B-008, B-024 and C-087 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

#### Consolidation of Chapters

The Grand High Priest's actions as to the Consolidation of Chapters were referred to this committee, and, upon review, his action in approving these consolidations were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles B-006, B-015 and B-024 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

#### Legal Documents Executed

Since none of the documents that were signed by the Grand High Priest for and on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas were referred to this committee for review, we cannot make any assessment of whether or not his actions in this regard were appropriate. However, the Address of the Most Excellent and Supplemental Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest state that such legal documents were only signed after review by the attorney for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, and his actions as so taken, were within the authority granted by Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles B-006 and B-024 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

#### Trustees' Meetings

The comments of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in his Address and Supplemental Address to the Joint Trustees' Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas were referred to this Committee which has reviewed same and is of the opinion that the corporate business as stated in such comments was within the corporate authority of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. As to what was accomplished in those meetings, that was not referred to us.

#### Examination of Bonds

In his Supplemental Address, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest states that he has reviewed the financial surety bonds issued upon the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer as required by Article B-023 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Committee is of the opinion that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has thereby conformed to the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

#### Resolution No. 1

Resolution No. 1 seeks to amend Article C-123 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was referred jointly to the Committees of Jurisprudence, Purposes and Policies and Finance, and the Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed Resolution, and is of the opinion that the amendment - well, let me back up. At this point before we discuss this Resolution, we will have the Proposer to come to the microphone to present the Resolution.

COMPANION JAMES N. HIGDON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is James N. Higdon. I'm a Past High Priest of Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 and I move the adoption of Resolution No. 1, which was carried forward from last year.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Committee Report?

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: I will continue with our Report.

The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed Resolution and is of the opinion that, although this Resolution is absolutely correct in the fact that this Grand Chapter cannot control and should not attempt to control or influence the establishment of the minimum fees of the Grand Council,

is of the opinion that the Grand Chapter, as was stated by Purposes and Policies in their Report, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council are separate independent bodies and the Grand Chapter should not attempt to determine or to direct the receipt of fees by the Grand Council or by the local Council, and, therefore, it is our recommendation, our amendment, to the Resolution that the minimum fee language that is currently in Article C-123 which states, "A minimum fee of \$25.00 or the fees fixed by the By-Laws of the Council for the Council Degrees shall accompany the petition for the Chapter Degrees and shall be immediately paid over to the Council" should be deleted. The result being that the Chapter receives its fees, the Council receives its fees and the Chapter does not dictate or in any manner try to control the receipt of the fees by the Council. As was stated by Purposes and Policies, we are two separate bodies and need to remain separate.

So we recommend at this point and move that amendment.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Do we need discussion?

COMPANION HIGDON: You didn't really move that whole section? You are moving to delete -

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: I am. I'm moving to delete. I am moving to amend your Resolution by deletion.

COMPANION HIGDON: All right.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Now open for discussion.

COMPANION HIGDON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am still Jim Higdon and I have no problem with that amendment. The Resolution as proposed merely takes that reference to the minimum fee out and so you can either leave - or you can either adopt the language that was proposed last year following then - or when it was brought to the attention of the Jurisprudence Committee last year and I made that Resolution to be carried forward for this Grand Session based upon the change that we felt was necessary just to take out any reference to the minimum fees. So it can either all be taken out or you can leave the language in. It's your pleasure. It accomplishes the same result.

So I have no problem with the amendment as proposed by the Jurisprudence Committee this year. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Any other comments? Hearing none, we will vote on the amendment to Resolution No. 1 to delete this section from Article C-123. All those in favor vote the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. Motion carried on the amendment.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, as we have now amended the Resolution to delete, we must approve the Resolution as amended.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: You have heard the motion to approve Resolution No. 1 as amended. Is there any discussion?

COMPANION LEONARD PIERCE: I'm Leonard Pierce, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter 424.

Now, just so I am understanding-- does this mean when a petitioner wants to petition us, he can't give us - he has to give us two checks or can he just give us one check and then we're going to turn the money over? And, also, does that mean he can always petition the Chapter and not the Council. And that's just my comments on it. It's just - I wish somebody would kind of clear it up. Thank you.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Most Excellent, as to the number of checks, that's a policy or administrative decision and this Resolution does not address that.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Any further discussion? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 1 as amended. All those in favor vote the usual sign among Masons. All those opposed, the same. Motion carries, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: As to Resolution No. 2.

Resolution No. 2

Resolution No. 2 seeks to obtain approval by this Grand Chapter of the change of the name of Brownwood Chapter No. 141 (which relocated to Leander, Texas, in July 2009), to C. O. Jones Chapter and was jointly referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Jurisprudence. As has already been indicated by the By-Laws Committee, Jurisprudence approves that Resolution and finds the Resolution as drafted to be in proper and legal form.

Resolution No. 3

Resolution No. 3 seeks to amend Article C-101 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to require that each Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction file its required IRS forms no later than November 15 of each Capitular Year and was jointly referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies. Each of those Committees recommends the approval of Resolution No. 3 and further, the Committee on Jurisprudence finds the Resolution as drafted to be in proper and legal form.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I would ask for the Presenter to move this Resolution.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Let's do it this way. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422, and I move the adoption of Resolution No. 3

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: And, Most Excellent, you have already heard the report of the Committee.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, the Companions who are in favor of adopting Resolution No. 3 vote the usual sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: As to Resolution No. 4:

Resolution No. 4

Resolution No. 4 seeks to amend Article B-091.1 to provide specificity to the selection process of the members of the Committee on History and Preservation and was jointly referred to the Committee on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence and the Committee on Jurisprudence is of the opinion that the Resolution as drafted is in proper and legal form.

This Resolution was previously acted on by this Body and it was indicated by the Purposes and Policies Committee that it be approved and recommend it be adopted. Resolution No. 4, just to confirm, the Committee on Jurisprudence found it to be in proper and legal form.

Resolution No. 5

Resolution No. 5 seeks to amend Article C-187(12) by addition of a subsection (b) to provide that a Companion holding his Parent membership in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction, can petition a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Royal Arch Chapter is in fraternal accord and which permits Plural Membership, and was jointly referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies. Both of those Committees have reviewed the Resolution and have noted that Article 358 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas and until yesterday Article 164(12) of the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas now consistently provide as does the current Article C-187(12), that a Mason who is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction, cannot petition a Masonic body in another Grand Jurisdiction and therefore cannot recommend approval of Resolution No. 5, noting that it was passed in the Grand Council, but also noting that it would be in contradiction to Grand Lodge Article 358. The Committee on Jurisprudence does find Resolution No. 5 as drafted to be in proper and legal form.

(R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED  
(OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I am Timothy M. La Vergne, Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52. I move the adoption of Resolution No. 5

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept Resolution No. 5. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting Resolution No. 5 vote by the regular sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign. Resolution 5 is defeated.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED AND WAS DULY DEFEATED.

(M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE THEN RESUMED HIS PROPER STATION IN THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this concludes the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, I wish to thank you and this Grand Chapter for the opportunity afforded this Committee to serve in this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ELMER MURPHEY, III, CHAIRMAN - 2012

DAVID E. HOUSTON, RUSSELL C. BROWN, STEPHEN F. CROSS, J. WELDON CLAMPITTE

Along with me today on this Committee present in the room is J. Weldon Clampitte, Past Grand High Priest of this esteemed Body. Unable to be with us today are Companions David E. Houston, Russell C. Brown and Stephen F. Cross, each of whom I communicated with during this process, each of whom provided, I assure you, detailed and many comments, but each of them today is in trial and the judge dictates their presence at that particular court and location.

We thank you very much, sir, for the opportunity to serve and I move the acceptance of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. All those in favor vote the usual sign among Masons. All opposed, same. So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: As a personal note if I could, Most Excellent, my Companions yesterday morning at the permission of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and our Most Excellent I had the opportunity to present to you an oration. It was one of the finest moments of Masonry that I have had and many of you have commented on it and I just want to express my appreciation because, like you, I just love this Fraternity and that's why we are all here. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: I'm sorry. I'm going to re-open the Report for a moment. It was not part of my initial report.

Additionally, as a supplement to our Report, Most Excellent, the Grand Secretary and members of the former Law Review Committee have discovered a number of printing errors commonly known as Scribner's errors, just mistakes that were made in the reprinting and redrafting of the document.

The Committee on Jurisprudence moves that the Grand Secretary, as we did in the Council yesterday, be authorized and permitted to correct these errors as they are not substantive changes or amendments, but simply are Scribner's errors or corrections in the printing and the writing - errors or omissions in the printing actually of this particular publication and we so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor to adopt, vote by the usual sign among Masons. All opposed, same. Motion carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Therefore, I guess technically, sir, I am also asking this Grand Body to adopt the Jurisprudence Committee Report as supplemented.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Jurisprudence Committee Report as supplemented. All those in favor vote by the usual sign among Masons. All opposed, same. Motion carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.



E: GRAND ORATOR MURPHEY: Thank you, my Companions.

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R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, I would like to make a presentation, if I could please, sir.

Would the Directors of the Retirement Center please meet me up here at the podium, Floyd, everybody.

Companions, every year we have a Member who rotates off of the Board and this year this is Companion Floyd Hall. He's leaving us after five great years being on that Board.

Floyd, I personally want to thank you for your expertise in the things that you have been there and helped us out on the Retirement Center Board. It's been a very trying year with that new building and the contractor going kaput and all and then the lawyers and the insurance company fighting together, but we finally got that building built. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: We have our certificate of occupancy for the top three floors. As you all know, the bottom floor was going to be the Eastern Star, but they have decided they didn't want that bottom floor. So we had to get with the City of Arlington, reconfigure some things and now we are going to put apartments in the bottom of it. So we are having to wait on that, but, otherwise, they will be moving in as soon as we can get them signed up and get them up there.

So, Companions, I want to congratulate Floyd for being with us from 2006 to 2010. Floyd, thank you, my friend, for all your service.

COMPANION FLOYD HALL: Well, thank you, Brother President, Companion and Grand Master.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and all of the Companions, I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve for the past five years in what I consider to be one of the best jobs in Masonry in Texas and that makes it the best job in Masonry in the world. And it has been my true privilege and pleasure to serve both you and the residents at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Thank you. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, if you will wait right there just a minute, please.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Right Excellent Sir, first, I want to say, Floyd, thank you very much for your years of service, your thoughtfulness and the concern and the love and care you have for the residents of the Retirement Center. We appreciate that very, very much.

At this time Right Illustrious Manley and I would like to make a donation on behalf of the Grand Chapter/Grand Council 2010 Ladies Luncheon to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for the dining room project. As some of you may or may not know, we are redoing, renovating the dining room area into a first class facility and we are making a \$500.00 donation for that endeavor. I would like to present this to the President of the Board. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, Fellows very, very much. I appreciate you. You all remember this now. Every little bit comes in handy up there. Thank you so very much for that and we will get that put in there and make very good use of it. Thank you.

We are just going to go for a little meeting and be right back.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, do you have a report on the Board for the Officers?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Oh, yes, sir we do. President of the Board, Orville O'Neill; Vice-President, Steve Wolfe; Secretary, Roy Elliott; Directors: Ken Fischer and Clarence Laney.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: The East recognizes Companion Rogers.

COMPANION ROGERS: Thank you.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers and my Companions: I am David Rogers, Past High Priest of Seagoville Chapter No. 419. Your Committee on Work met in double-secret, secret session - (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION ROGERS: - and we have preceded to elect our Chairman for the ensuing Capitular Year and we have elected Companion Al Machts to be the Chairman of the Committee on Work for the ensuing - be your Chairman of the Committee on Work for the ensuing Capitular Year.

Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and it has been a pleasure serving you this year, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you, Right Excellent Companion. (APPLAUSE.

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: As you know, this year we did a voluntary registration fee in an effort to offset some of the cost of operating the Grand Session. For your information this year for the first year we have done this, we have had a very good response from the Companions. We have - to date we have received \$2,290.00 to help offset our costs.

I thank you very much for the assistance from the Companions.

Before we proceed further, I would like to take this opportunity - shortly we will be doing our Installation of Officers - to again thank all of the Companions for being here this year at our One Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Convocation. I appreciate the hospitality and support that has been extended to me throughout the year in the various parts of Masonry and I enjoyed it very much and the camaraderie and again I thank you for the pleasure of serving this Body and I did enjoy serving each and every Royal Arch Mason in Texas. Thank you very much. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, do we have anything further for business?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: No, sir. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: That being said, I will turn the floor over to Clay Smith to give some instructions about the Installation.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Guys, as soon as we install, we are going to be taking group pictures of the Deputies and Officers. But, also, if you are an Officer, we're going to line up in the Royal Arch Room so we can take our pictures also for the Internet.

And the Officers need to put your jewels, aprons in the cases next to the station you're currently sitting in and that's it. Thank you, Companions.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, I declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of Installation for the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter Officers. Thank you.

(10:15 A.M.)

(THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS THEN CALLED FROM LABOR  
(TO REFRESHMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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## **OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER  
INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL  
INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL  
JAMES ROY ELLIOTT  
CLARENCE J. LANEY

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: It is my pleasure to be the Installing Officer for G-e-o-r-g-e Clay Smith.  
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: So with that, we will get it started.  
Grand Marshal, you will present the Officers to be installed.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL ELLIOTT: The Officers to be installed will please rise.  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present the Officers who have been elected and appointed to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the ensuing Capitular Year. They have accepted the trust confided in them and I ask that they be installed with the usual ceremonies.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: The elected Officers will please take two steps forward.  
Companions, you have been elected to serve this Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the ensuing Capitular Year. If you are willing to assume the duties of the office to which you have been elected, you will each place your right upon your heart and repeat after me the Oath of Office.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ do promise and swear that I will serve as \_\_\_\_\_ for the term of which I have been elected, and until my successor is duly installed, that I will perform the duties of my office to the best of my skill and ability and will obey and observe, support and maintain the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. So help me God!"  
Please be seated.

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### **ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2011**

G. CLAY SMITH  
THOMAS W. SNYDER  
TOMMY F. CHAPMAN  
REESE L. HARRISON, JR.  
KENNETH E. COOLEY  
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
R:E: GRAND KING  
R:E: GRAND SCRIBE  
R:E: GRAND TREASURER  
R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

### **APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2011**

O. L. CLARK  
RONALD D. PARK  
FRED R. SMITH  
G. DUANE ANTHONY  
DAN W. TUNER  
HUBERT E. SMITH  
N. W. (BUTCH) HANNA, JR.  
W. RAY BENTON  
DAVID H. GARDNER  
L. E. (LEE) NODWELL  
E. ANDY HENTSCHEL  
MICHIE BROUS  
LEONARD O. PIERCE  
SHERMAN W. HOBBS

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN  
E: GRAND ORATOR  
E: GRAND MARSHAL  
E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST  
E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER  
E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN  
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> VEIL  
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VEIL  
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VEIL  
E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD  
E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD  
E: GRAND ORGANIST  
E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER  
E: GRAND GUARD

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## PRAYER AT INSTALLATION

E: INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN LANEY: Would you bow your heads.

Most Holy and Glorious God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessing upon the Companion elected to preside over the Grand Chapter of Texas. Fill his heart with Thy fear that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy will. Make him steadfast in Thy service. Grant him firmness of mind and kindness of disposition. Teach him to rule his Companions with justice and equality. Animate his heart and strengthen his indifference to do good. May he do all that his high office requires with an eye single to Thy glory and the good of the Royal Craft. Bless him and bless this Grand Chapter and grant that when we shall finish the work on this earthly temple of our bodies, we may be admitted into that second temple of the spirit, eternal in the Heavens. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

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INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: All will please rise. Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation.

## PROCLAMATION

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL ELLIOTT: By the authority of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I proclaim the Officers of this Grand Chapter duly and constitutionally installed in ample form.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Please be seated.

We have a couple of presentations to be made and he's not dressed well, but the best he can.

COMPANION E. E. (BUSTER) WILLIAMS: My name is Buster Williams and I am the Most Excellent High Priest of the Order of the High Priesthood. And our High Priest is not properly clothed. In fact, I've never known anybody from Oklahoma who was really properly clothed. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION WILLIAMS: So it's up to us Texans to show these guys how to be clothed properly. On behalf of the Order of High Priesthood we would like to present you this apron.(APPLAUSE.

COMPANION WILLIAMS: Also, on behalf of the High Priesthood we would like to give you your jewel for the year and it is a pleasure to serve this year as one of your District Deputies. I know I failed you three or four years ago and you made me feel real badly when you talked about it and maybe some time later. But the fact you did promise me that I only had to make one visit this year, I accepted it. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Buster, thank you so much. I express my very grateful appreciation to the Order of High Priesthood. Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Now I can breathe with relief. I have been officially relieved. (LAUGHTER.

As one last act as Most Excellent Grand High Priest going out I would like to present you with the signet of your office.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: May you wear it with pleasure.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Very Excellent you did a very great job this year and I do appreciate your help and support, but just to let you know that you are a Very Excellent now, you have your very own new name badge.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE HARRISON: Most Excellent Clay Smith, on behalf of the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour I am here to make a presentation. I'm a Past Grand Master General of the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour. And when a person completes presiding over the Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council and the Commandery he is eligible to be invited to the Priory of the York Cross of Honour and he receives his crown, the general emblem of the Order.

If he becomes the presiding officer of one of the Grand Bodies of the York Rite such as happened here today with Clay Smith having become the Grand High Priest, he is awarded a Knight York Grand Cross of Honour quadrant. Clay has already received one quadrant because he was Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and now he has been installed and proclaimed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

I would read this certificate. "To all and every Knight of the York Cross of Honour: Greetings: Know ye that reposing full confidence in our specially honored Knight, Clay Smith" - that's what it says. It may not be exactly legal, but it's a pseudonym at worst - "we, the Convent General by these presents do confer upon him the particular decoration, rank and title of Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with two quadrants and call upon all Knights to honor and recognize him as such. Given under our hand and seal in the year of our Lord 2010 and of our Order 80."

It's signed by David Snyder, the Grand Master General and attested to by Kenneth Buckley.

On behalf of the Convent General I present to you this certificate and so that you will be completely properly dressed and vouched for, your Knight York Cross of Honour jewel with red for the Royal Arch or Capitular Masonry, purple for the Council or Cryptic Freemasonry.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Roy, Clarence. Please join me. Most Excellent Sir, having been through this in other Grand Bodies, the Installation Team would like to present you this Holy Bible, and believe me when I say it will come in handy. It will come in handy.

We are proud to present this to you, sir, signed by your Installation Team.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Guys, so very much. I appreciate each and every one of you. (APPLAUSE.)

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: And, now, Most Excellent, we will turn this over to you. It's yours.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, sir.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Thank you, sir, for letting us install you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: First of all, I would like to thank my Installation Team and the Grand Master of Texas, Orville Lee O'Neill, for installing me today. James Roy Elliott, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and also Clarence Laney is also a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter.

All three of these gentlemen are Members of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. I want to mention that. I want to thank each and every one of you for installing me. Guys, I know we will go through this pretty quickly. I first of all would like to thank my wife Teresa. Please stand, Honey. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: I love you dearly, Sweetie. Thanks for letting me out. She says that when I come back home from Masonic meetings, the first question she asks is, "Have you had fun with the boys today?" (LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Yes, Dear, I have.

I would like to thank everyone for staying around for the Installation. I want to especially thank the Grand Officers, elected and appointed. I know each and every one of them will do a great job.

I would like to thank my Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priests for next year. Guys, I appreciate each and every mile that you will have to make. You are my eyes and ears. I couldn't ask for better men to serve. I would like to thank you all in advance for the job that you are about to do.

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN AFFORDED THE GRAND OFFICERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THEIR WIVES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Guys, we're going to close this thing down. I'd like to thank everybody for hanging around. So would everybody please rise.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: Most Excellent, I assume you want your pictures. You want all your Officers up here. If you let them get out, we won't get them again.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: We will stay around, the Officers, for pictures and the Deputies. We will take our pictures and then it will be the appointed and elected Officers will go in the other room and take the pictures for the Internet.

I'm going to call on the Excellent Grand Chaplain, O. L. Clark, to dismiss us.

### **PRAYER**

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we want to pause and give You thanks for the many blessings of life. We are thankful, Dear Lord, for this Chapter and Council. We would ask you, Dear Lord, to be with us in the things that we stand for. And, Dear Lord, be with those that are sick and unable to be here and, Dear Lord, be with our troops throughout the world. Bring them home safely, Dear Lord. Help our leaders to make the right decisions. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You would be with us as we travel to our designated places. Help, guide and direct us, Dear Lord. Be with Clay Smith as he conducts this meeting. Help, guide and direct us in the things that we all pray for. Be with us, Dear Lord. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: By the virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand High Priest I now will close the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in its One Hundred and Sixty-First Grand Communication.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you are dismissed. (GAVELING)

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS DULY CLOSED IN ITS ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, AT 12:02 P.M.

ATTEST:  
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL  
R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

G. CLAY SMITH  
M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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In Loving Memory  
of  
The Beloved  
Companions  
of this Grand Jurisdiction  
who died during  
the past  
Masonic Year

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This  
Memorial Tablet  
is  
fraternally and affectionately  
dedicated  
to the memory of those  
Distinguished Companions  
of other Grand Jurisdictions who  
have labored in the quarries  
and have gone to present  
their works for final inspection

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# APPENDIX

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# LIFE CERTIFICATES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Ch No</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Ch No</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Bell, Alfred	373	1993	Martin, Rothe G.	444	2006
Bell, Billy Ray	489	2003	Mason, Daniel	381	2002
Benham, Farris L.	445	2003	McCament, Paul	448	2001
Berkley, A. F.	445	2006	McFarland, H. M	24	1983
Black, Ralph F	420	1988	Melanson, J. R., Jr	2	1990
Clary, A.R	485	1999	Mitchell, F. Douglas	492	2007
Clemons, Ronald R	393	2000	Modesitt, Charles W.	58	2006
Collier, Robert D.	376	2006	Myer, Mark D.	436	2008
Cossey, Clarence L.	6	2002	Noble, Thomas W	248	1998
Cox, Raymond R.	492	2001	Nowotny, Gerald F	381	1998
Duke, John W.	240	2006	Parker, Gerald E.	485	2007
Elkinton, John C.	458	2008	Parsley, Cody	465	1986
Etheridge, Obie L	91	1994	Powell, E. M	455	1993
Fallas, David	2	2005	Purkable, Howard M. Jr.	1	2001
Faulkner, Leonard A.	138	2008	Reid, E.D. Jr.	455	2004
Fischer, Kenneth B	458	1999	Richmond, B. J.	454	2005
Graham, W. F.	416	1975	Rogers, David G.	419	2007
Hargrave, Richard L. III	472	2006	Scott, James A.	170	1997
Harrison, Reese L. Jr.	381	1989	Secor, Dale D.	455	1997
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	1999	Secor, Dale D.	445	2006
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	2000	Shepelwich, John B.	416	1970
Hearn, Lawrence D. Sr	444	2000	Snedecor, Thomas C.	458	2005
Henley, Jimmy M.	416	2007	Stone, Harvey	115	1985
Higdon, James N.	470	2007	Stone, Harvey	115	1998
Huse, Billy W.	478	1998	Threadgill, James L.	284	1996
Jackson, J. D	284	1997	Thomson, John E. Jack	34	2006
Jameson, Harry F. Sr.	393	2006	Toney, E. Dixon	45	2008
Jeter, J. H., Jr	468	1994	Trost, W. A.	455	1985
Johnson, F. G	455	1988	Wall, Eugene D.	193	2001
Johnson, Thomas B.	2	2007	Waters, Robert H.	451	2003
Johnson, Wilbur E	2	2000	Watkins, Greg	6	2001
Johnston, Gordon D	378	1992	Welch, R. Glenn	6	1996
Jones, Mithcell Ray	448	2002	Werchan, Wilmer	489	2005
Keltz, Shannon J	248	1997	Williams, Riley C	47	1993
Keltz, Shannon J.	248	1998	Windle, Danny W.	468	2004
Kirby, Jerry N	211	1995	Wright, Jack L.	424	2004
Long, Gerald H.	416	2001			
Machts, Alfred E. Jr.	444	2007			

**FIRST YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2011**

Steve Arnold	436	Christopher Hood	468
Barry Brunk Sr	135	Ronald Kinney	248
Lloyd Carpenter	138	Ben Lewark	485
E E Chapman Sr	436	Thomas Lusk	248
Bennie Cox	419	John Sample	275
Jack Davidson	152	Gene Terrell	53
Nelson Dunn	470	Owen West	87
Chad Gilmore	419	Tim Zoltowski	53
Sidney Hayes	275		

**ONE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING 2011**

Basabe, Jorge E.	53	Jones, Jerrel B.	53
Bass, Andrew H.	2	Jones, Merle W	492
Bennett, Jeffrey S.	376	Kirk, Robert G	489
Bilsing, Wm. A.	320	Knott, Ed	362
Black, Robert E.	172	Koonce, Joseph	275
Blair, Charley A.	140	LaGrone, Terry	6
Boggs, Lonnie A.	159	Lane, Charles R.	243
Bond, Les	362	Lester, Jack W.	87
Bonner, Harold Thomas	484	McCandless, A. Glen	310
Brasher, W. C.	24	McKenzie, Clinton M.M.	381
Burris, Robert	362	Melear, W. David	196
Bushong, Kenneth	57	Miller, J. Hershel	416
Buzzell, John E.	47	Milliken, Bruce A.	172
Cameron, Cliff C.	3	Mize, Charles Lee	114
Campbell, Charles E.	275	Nickels, Bradley	153
Clampitte, J. Weldon	2	Oglesby, J. R.	34
Clapp, Norval F. Jr.	338	Peebles, Jack T.	458
Clark, Anthony	6	Pena, Benito	101
Conner, Rufus	465	Pinkerton, Paul E.	376
Cooper, Thomas	135	Pledger, James M.	24
Criss, Carl Keith	57	Pynes, Lindsey L.	263
Crysup, James T.	6	Reddell, J. Fred	416
Davis, Vernon B.	57	Rodriguez, James	381
Dees, Douglas K.	465	Rodriguez, Robert Y.	378
Ellis, Jess E.	416	Schneider, Gene	445
Embry, James Gordon	453	Shaenfield, Sidney	393
Flippo, Terry L.	437	Sieckmann, Robert L.	7
Gallion, Wayne A.	344	Smith, Dale Melvin	448
Garrison, Carl H.	377	Smith, Francis Edwin Jr.	478
Goff, Glyn H.	344	Smith, Garry D.	196
Greenwood, Paul J.	338	Smith, Johnny Ray	193
Griffin, S. Kenneth	362	Snyder, Thomas W.	478
Grimes, Paul	193	Stark, Marvin A. Jr.	80
Gutierrez, Candido	445	Stevens, Clint D.	472
Hentshel, Embress (Andy)	444	Torrens, Hugo L.	135
Hocker, Gerald Joe	211	Trest, Russell L.	465
Honea, Homer Lavonne	445	Vanderford, Dillon E. Jr.	495
Horejsi, Gary W.	393	Viner, William	344
Hughes, Doc Edgar III	2	Warren, Paul D.	159
Irving, Wm. P. Jr.	422	Whitfield, Herschel Larry	378
Jacobsen, Roger A.	53	Williams, Lewis B.	310
Jeffress, James Weldon	378	Winslow, Neil G.	344
Johnston, Jason L.	87		

**THREE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING 2011**

Acton, James A.	455	Keese, Glenn	451
Adaszczyk, Richard	393	Krayer, Karl J.	422
Beeler, Jack E.	338	Kuhlmann, Michael J.	495
Carr, W. Eugene	416	Laney, Clarence J.	478
Chapman, Tommy F.	436	Litchfield, J. F.	362
Collier, Joseph Pat, Jr.	436	Mabry, Alvis L.	481
Collins, Douglas	495	Mabry, John E.	484
Cook, Gerald T.	196	Mullinax, Lewis C.	485
Fehrenbach, Nikolaus K. L.	47	Newman, Braxton	101
Guevara, Gustavo	444	Nodwell, L.E.	53
Hagood, Melvin Thomas	362	Reeves, Robert J.	481
Hobbs, Sherman W.	193	Vaughn, Earlton	115
Hopkins, C. Louis	53	Watkins, Marshall C.	484
Hunter, Kenneth D.	453	Wilson, M. V.	34

**THREE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING 2012**

Anderson, David L.	419	Moore, H. David	53
Anthony, Maurice G.	393	Myers, Tommie E.	2
Childress, Graham H.	445	Pingle, Jerry L.	310
Donnenwerth, D. R.	424	Sauer, Ray D.	34
Estlack, Joe O.	101	Silva, Elias Jr.	481
Hall, Floyd Edward	376	Stringer, James M.	188
Harper, Jack M. II	152	Sturm, Fritz	338
Hart, William R.	484	Sutton, James Robert	53
Hood, Charles F. Jr.	196	Turner, Thomas N. Sr.	453
Iker, Bill G.	47	Wolfe, C. Steven	362
Johnson, Bob I.	34		

**THREE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING 2013**

Armistead, John W.	159	Manley, James D.	416
Ball, Brian C.	478	McCoy, Stephen L.	153
Barkley, B. B.	468	Melot, George B.	248
Barton, Jimmy E.	408	Neal, Douglas E.	468
Berry, James D.	6	O'Neill, Orville L.	478
Black, Horace D.	320	Orona, Joe	416
Bradley, K. Paul	416	Ray, John D.	47
Brookshire, W. Eugene	240	Schwartau, George F.	202
Cassity, Aaron B.	47	Shelton, Joseph W.	416
Chapman, Tommy Chance	436	Shively, Michael H.	472
Christos, Andrew A.	338	Smith, Johnnie C.	453
Clark, James R.	114	Summersgill, Paul	172
Dillard, Frank	211	Towson, Timothy F.E.	435
Fester, James A.	362	Weaver, Onnie H.	465
Foreman, Robert A. Jr.	424	White, Raymond M.	6
Harkness, James William	240	Willard, James D.	472
Hash, Henry	362	Wilson, Charles C.	58
Hogan, Jessie Willard	320	Wilson, Gerald F.	448
Ivie, W. Dale	172	Wunsche, Paul E.	472
Kirkpatrick, James Dale	376		

**COUNTIES COMPOSING DISTRICTS  
OF THE  
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

(District Numbers as revised by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on December 6, 1994, effective December 1995)

**FIRST DISTRICT:**

Counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Franklin, Morris, and Titus.  
Chapters: Ogilvie No. 115, B. T. Estes No. 263.

**SECOND DISTRICT:**

Counties: Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk, and Upshur.  
Chapters: Marshall No. 19, Carthage No. 28, Longview No. 177, Henderson No. 361, Kilgore No. 449.

**THIRD DISTRICT:**

Counties: Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Trinity.  
Chapters: Rising Star No. 9, Nacogdoches No. 13, Center No. 125, Lufkin No. 240.

**FOURTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, and Smith, and Wood.  
Chapters: Palestine No. 10, Cherokee No. 11, Tyler No. 24, Dale E. Miller No. 55.

**FIFTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, and Tyler.  
Chapters: Orange No. 78, Beaumont No. 188, Port Neches No. 436, Southeast Texas No. 465.

**SIXTH DISTRICT:** Consolidated 1995 with Seventh District

**SEVENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, and Washington.  
Chapters: Jerusalem No. 3, Brenham No. 5, San Jacinto No. 7, Zerubbabel No. 30, W. T. Austin No. 87.

**EIGHTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Chambers, Part of Harris, and Liberty.  
Chapters: Goose Creek No. 408, Will N. Kidd No. 424, Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481, North Houston No. 472, Cleveland No. 490.

**NINTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Galveston, Part of Harris.  
Chapters: San Felipe de Austin No. 1, Washington No. 2, Pasadena No. 455, Park Place No. 458

**TENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton.  
Chapters: Columbia No. 34, Richmond No. 467

**ELEVENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Delta, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, and Red River.  
Chapters: Lafayette No. 48, Sulphur Springs No. 63, Greenville No. 114

**TWELFTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Fannin, and Grayson.  
Chapters: Bonham No. 52, Sherman No. 62, Denison No. 138, Whitesboro No. 377.

**THIRTEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Kaufman, Rains, Rockwall, and Van Zandt.  
Chapters: Terrell No. 146, Mabank No. 435.

**FOURTEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Part of Dallas.  
Chapters: Dallas No. 47, R.C.Buckner No. 108, Seagoville No. 419, George Washington No. 422, Garland No. 451, Love Field No. 478.

**FIFTEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Part of Dallas, Part of Ellis.  
Chapters: Midlothian No. 211, Grand Prairie No. 489.

**SIXTEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Part of Ellis, Freestone, Limestone, and Navarro  
Chapters: Corsicana No. 41, Ennis No. 135, Teague No. 320

**SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Hill, and Johnson  
Chapters: Grandview No. 93, Cleburne No. 100, Hillsboro No. 152

**EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Bell, Coryell, Falls, McLennan, Milam, Robertson, and part of Williamson  
Chapters: Waco No. 45, Temple No. 199, Killeen No. 484.

**NINETEENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Bosque, Brown, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Mills and Somervell  
Chapters: Stephenville No. 140, Bosque No. 153, Granbury No. 454

**TWENTIETH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Bastrop, Hays, Lee, and Travis and part of Williamson  
Chapters: Lone Star No. 6, San Marcos No. 129, C.O. Jones No. 141

**TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT:**

Counties: Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Lampasas, Llano, and Part of Williamson  
Chapters: Mt. Horeb No. 57, Llano No. 197, Florence No. 275, Burnet No. 453

**TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT:**

Counties: Caldwell, Colorado, Comal, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, and Lavaca  
Chapters: Gonzales No. 51, Seguin No. 344

**TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT:**

Counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Frio, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson  
Chapters: Cooper No. 101, Kerrville No. 305, San Antonio No. 381, Army No. 393, Helotes No. 444, Blue Bonnet No. 470

**TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Victoria  
Chapters: Corpus Christi No. 91, Port Lavaca No. 338

**TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, , Starr, Willacy, and Zapata  
Chapters: Hidalgo No. 434, Brownsville No. 495

**TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Clay, Collin, Cooke, Denton, Jack, Montague, Wise, and Young  
Chapters: Haggai No. 53, Dad Pender No. 80, Alvord No. 193

**TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Palo Pinto, Parker, and Tarrant  
Chapters: Fort Worth No. 58, Texas No. 362, Arlington No. 376, Southside-Polytechnic No. 378, Tarrant No. 416, Hemphill Heights No. 448, Riverside No. 468, Ridglea No. 485, Hurst No. 492

**TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:** Consolidated 2007

**TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Archer, Childress, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Wichita, and Wilbarger  
Chapters: Wichita Falls No. 202, Childress No. 262, Quanah No. 450

**THIRTIETH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Baylor, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton  
Chapters: Abilene No. 159, Hamlin No. 310, Roby No. 380

**THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT:** Consolidated 2009

**THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT:**

Counties: Crockett, Concho, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, and Tom Green  
Chapters: San Angelo No. 170, Brady No. 264

**THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT:**

Counties: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Upton, Ward, and Winkler  
Chapters: Keystone No. 172, Big Spring No. 178, Sam J. Helm no. 445

**THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:** Consolidated 2008

**THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Culberson, El Paso, and Hudspeth  
Chapters: El Paso No. 157

**THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Swischer, Terry, Yoakum  
Chapters: Floydada No. 227, Plainview No. 228, Hugh J. McClellan No. 248

**THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Armstrong, Carson, Castro, Collinsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler  
Chapters: Amarillo No. 196, Clarendon No. 216, Borger No. 437

**THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Dimmitt, Duval, LaSalle, McMullen, and Webb  
Chapters: Laredo No. 185

**FORTIETH DISTRICT:**

Counties: Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala  
Chapters: Alpha No. 243

LIST OF DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

NAME	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Gillespie, Barry	1841-43	05-07-1851
Butler, Anthony	1843-44	04-19-1849
Burleson, Edward	1844-45	12-26-1851
McFarlane, Dugald	1845-46	03-23-1861
Darnell, N. H	1846-47	07-??-1885
Johnson, Moses	1847-48	??-??-1853
Patrick, George M.	1848-49	06-29-1889

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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

NAME	CHAPTER NO.	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Williams, S. M.	1	1850-51	09-15-1858
Nichols, E. B.	2	1851-52	11-30-1872
Patrick, George M.	3	1852-53	06-29-1889
Taylor, W. M.	4	1853-54	09-23-1877
Cartmell, H. R.	8	1854-55	03-03-1869
Harrison, J. C.*	13	1855-56	02-27-1856
Greene, J. L	3	1856-57	04-??-1867
Ruthven, A. S.	1	1857-58	07-18-1865
Taylor, J. F.	19	1858-59	03-06-1889
Austin, W. T	1	1860-61	02-25-1874
Clark, Ed.	6	1861-62	05-04-1880
Gentry, A. M.	2	1862-63	02-20-1883
Taylor, E. W.	2	1863-64	11-05-1886
Tucker, P. C.	1	1864-66	07-09-1894
Gillette, H. F	38	1866-67	04-25-1896
Sexton, F. B.	9	1867-68	05-15-1900
Giddings, J. D.	5	1868-69	06-26-1878
Munger, S. S.	2	1870-71	03-26-1901
Jones, J. B.	41	1871-72	07-19-1881
Moses, Norton	94	1872-73	05-21-1908
McBride, H. J.	24	1873-74	06-13-1910
McAlpine, W. K.	1	1874-75	06-05-1901
Swain, W. F.	1	1875-77	01-07-1902
Bramlette, William	48	1877-78	07-21-1908
McWhirter, G. M.	76	1878-79	02-26-1887
Coombes, Z. E.	47	1879-80	03-25-1896
McMahon, J. B.	133	1880-81	12-03-1892
Nowlin, Peyton	73	1881-82	09-10-1905
Williams, S. M.	2	1882-83	07-13-1918
Foster, G. W.	90	1883-84	11-28-1921
Twomey, Haston	28	1884-85	06-14-1899
Frymier, B. F.	4	1885-86	12-03-1915
Sartwell, W. L.	147	1886-87	11-07-1897
Adrian, John	34	1887-88	12-07-1903
Harkness, R. M.	133	1888-89	03-30-1904
Price, Rufus	9	1889-90	05-19-1919
Bell, John P.	151	1890-91	04-03-1918
McDonald, John	6	1891-92	09-03-1913
Morris, S. J.	163	1892-93	05-18-1902
Nusom, Frank	54	1893-94	03-11-1922

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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

NAME	CHAPTER NO.	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Stone, J. K	151	1894-95	05-27-1918
Bunting, A. S.	105	1895-96	06-14-1930
Rounsavall, R. O.	45	1896-97	07-20-1904
Haynie, Thomas H.	158	1897-98	07-10-1917
Kidd, J. C.	2	1898-99	11-16-1935
Burdett, W. L.	48	1899-1900	11-12-1917
Crenshaw, J. D.	21	1900-01	10-23-1946
Phillips, C. R.	210	1901-02	09-11-1913
Strayhorn, J. M.	45	1902-03	01-16-1930
Fitzpatrick, F. W.	40	1903-04	02-02-1922
Murchison, E. T.	192	1904-05	02-12-1908
Cochran, Sam P.	47	1905-06	02-11-1936
Riley, P. M.	100	1906-07	06-14-1922
Smith, Charles F.	210	1907-08	04-01-1955
Bryan, Ed R.	172	1908-09	12-16-1934
Gallaher, J. J.	198	1909-10	10-22-1952
Adams, Joe	4	1910-11	09-14-1919
Alderman, C. L.	178	1911-12	10-05-1939
Terrell, John L.	146	1912-13	10-29-1924
Glasscock, D. W.	188	1913-14	10-26-1959
Scott, W. A.	160	1914-15	06-01-1918
Fly, William Madden	51	1915-16	06-26-1944
Dwiggins, Ben F.	58	1916-17	12-21-1919
Longnecker, Oscar M.	2	1917-18	06-12-1959
Hawkins, B. K.	141	1918-19	02-10-1930
Marshall, F. P.	13	1919-20	11-01-1949
Chrisman, O. O.	273	1920-21	06-08-1938
Atchison, John A.	99	1921-22	01-13-1962
Gartland, James A.	48	1922-23	05-18-1927
Helm, Sam J.	41	1923-24	03-09-1940
Holt, Frank	45	1924-25	11-28-1976
Weekley, John M.	135	1925-26	03-03-1949
Cushing, D. N.	21	1926-27	01-13-1970
Emery, George W.	22	1927-28	01-29-1933
Brown, B. F.	332	1928-29	01-28-1947
White, George G.	57	1929-30	07-07-1947
Couch, Ed C.	429	1930-31	04-03-1944
Petty, W. H.	49	1931-32	05-17-1934
Wood, E. M.	294	1932-33	10-20-1949
Zumwalt, J. Lee	422	1933-34	05-10-1957
Clampitt, George W.	1	1934-35	05-04-1983
Moore, J. H.	248	1935-36	03-14-1938
Atkinson, O. B.	275	1936-37	01-23-1955
Newcomb, Joe X.	21	1937-38	12-10-1972
Pender, J. W.	80	1938-39	02-12-1969
Lightfoot, Jewel P.	362	1939-40	07-14-1950
Worley, W. Roy	202	1940-41	11-17-1956
Bartley, T. M.	227	1941 (Honorary)	03-05-1952
Chesney, W. J.	175	1941-42	05-03-1954
Rice, John Temple	157	1942-43	11-05-1970
James, E. F.	373	1943-44	03-01-1956
Oldham, Frank	45	1944-45	01-17-1958



LIST OF DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS  
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS (Continued)

NAME	CHAPTER NO.	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Telfair, W. H.	250	1945-46	04-16-1956
Cox, Jesse D.	309	1946-47	06-17-1953
Hay, Curtis B.	373	1947-48	11-26-1952
Woodward, C. S.	376	1948-49	01-31-1980
Wheeler, Herbert	201	1949-50	02-01-1977
Gaugler, Kurtz E.	2	1950-51	10-16-1952
Young, Clarence A.	152	1951-52	11-24-1961
McSweeney, A. A.	140	1952-53	02-07-1955
Winfree, E. S., Jr.	188	1953-54	07-29-1971
Merritt, Warren F.	1	1954-55	12-18-1971
Caruthers, John O.	467	1955-56	09-25-1969
O'Brien, Allen J.	437	1956-57	11-06-1979
Underwood, R. B.	152	1957-58	05-21-1962
McKenzie, Wallace*	448	1958-59	04-01-1959
Glass, Don K.	91	1959-60	11-23-1988
Verinder, Sidney A.	420	1960-61	04-11-1988
Sweeden, Edward S.	449	1961-62	03-31-1969
McDonald, Frank G.	152	1962-63	02-07-2002
Cheatham, Tom C.	209	1963-64	08-08-1979
Sherrod, Charles C.	248	1964-65	10-09-1988
Hays, C. A.	404	1965-66	12-24-1970
Turner, Dean W.	361	1966-67	08-08-1993
Johnsey, Irvin S.	220	1967-68	02-05-1981
May, Clyde V.	250	1968-69	02-29-1980
Tidwell, D. D.	141	1969-70	11-24-1982
Gafford, N. B.	63	1970-71	08-28-1998
Noble, Allie S.	420	1971-72	10-07-1973
Brannon, R. Bruce	354	1972-73	09-13-1986
Davenport, James R.	420	1974-75	04-11-1997
Thomas, H. C.	424	1975-76	02-12-1993
Casebolt, A. R.	58	1976-77	11-07-1987
Bynum, J. B.	445	1980-81	12-13-1986
Mabry, J. T.	1	1982-83	11-11-2004
Ransdell, Clifford H.	87	1983-84	05-30-2004
Carter, James W.	404	1984-85	10-08-1994
Aleshire, Clifford W.	197	1985-86	01-02-1995
Smith, Charles L.	344	1986-87	09-10-1995
Wright, Willie Joe	63	1987-88	03-11-1988
Baccus, J.D. "Buddy"	458	1989-90	06-01-2008
Brooks, Eldon Lee	479	1991-92	04/12/2010
Anderson, Edward B.*	6	1992-93	03-27-1993
Coates, Richard H.	468	1996-97	07-01-2000
Courtney, B. C.	320	1998-99	05-03-2005
Melton, Billy Wayne	376	2001-02	09-24-2003
Smith, Donald L. Sr.	248	2003-04	05-13-2007

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Years	M:E:G:H: Priest	R:E:D:G:H: Priest	R:E: Grand King	R:E: Grand Scribe	R:E: Grand Trea.	R:E: Grand Secy.
1841-1843	Barry Gillespie* .....	Dugald McFarlane*	John H. Holland*	Anthony B. Shelby*	Moses Johnson*	Henry W. Raglin*
1843-1844	Anthony Butler* .....	N. H. Darnell*	G. W. Terrell*	Edward Burleson*	Charles Mason*	George K. Teulon*
1844-1845	Edward Burleson* ....	N. H. Darnell*	William L. Cazneau*	Moses Johnson*	Charles Mason*	Henry W. Raglin*
1845-1846	Dugald McFarlane* ..	Moses Johnson*	Anthony B. Shelby*	J. A. Greer*	Charles Mason*	Walter Winn*
1846-1847	N. H. Darnell* .....	T. J. Hardiman*	W. H. Bourland*	D. C. Dickson*	Charles Mason*	Moses Johnson*
1847-1848	Moses Johnson* .....	George M. Patrick*	William W. Swain*	L. D. Barry*	Charles Mason*	A. S. Ruthven*
1848-1849	George M. Patrick*	T. J. Heard*	L. D. Barry*	E. H. Tarrant*	E. W. Taylor*	A. S. Ruthven*

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1850-1851	S. M. Williams* .....	J. A. Greer* .....	James Webb* .....	T. J. Head* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	A. S. Ruthven*
1851-1852	E. B. Nichols* .....	W. M. Taylor* .....	H. R. Cartmell* .....	S. McCarty* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	A. S. Ruthven*
1852-1853	George M. Patrick*	J. C. Harrison* .....	H. R. Cartmell* .....	W. H. Cushney* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1853-1854	W. M. Taylor* .....	H. R. Cartmell* .....	J. L. Greene* .....	J. F. Williams* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1854-1855	H. R. Cartmell* .....	J. C. Harrison* .....	.....	J. W. Davenport* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1855-1856	J. C. Harrison* .....	J. L. Greene* .....	.....	J. F. Taylor* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1856-1857	J. L. Greene* .....	A. S. Ruthven* .....	.....	J. F. Taylor* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1857-1858	A. S. Ruthven* .....	J. F. Taylor* .....	J. A. Lawrence* .....	E. W. Taylor* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1858-1859	J. F. Taylor* .....	.....	W. T. Austin* .....	Ed Clark* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	J. M. Hall*
1859-1860	.....	W. T. Austin* .....	Ed Clark* .....	J. B. Likens* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	A. S. Ruthven*
1860-1861	W. T. Austin* .....	Ed Clark* .....	J. B. Likens* .....	R. T. Lively* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	A. S. Ruthven*
1861-1862	Ed Clark* .....	R. T. Lively* .....	A. M. M. Upshaw* ....	A. M. Gentry* .....	C. G. Keenan* .....	George Goldthwaite*
1862-1863	A. M. Gentry* .....	E. W. Taylor* .....	P. C. Tucker* .....	J. A. Lawrence* .....	A. M. M. Upshaw* ...	George Goldthwaite*
1863-1864	E. W. Taylor* .....	P. C. Tucker* .....	J. A. Lawrence* .....	J. B. McMahon* .....	A. M. M. Upshaw* ...	Robert Brewster*
1864-1865	P. C. Tucker* .....	J. A. Lawrence* .....	P. T. Clark* .....	H. F. Gillette* .....	A. M. M. Upshaw* ...	Robert Brewster*
1865-1866	P. C. Tucker* .....	H. F. Gillette* .....	J. D. Giddings* .....	.....	A. M. M. Upshaw* ...	Robert Brewster*
1866-1867	H. F. Gillette* .....	P. T. Clark* .....	T. Whitehead* .....	F. B. Sexton* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1867-1868	F. B. Sexton* .....	J. D. Giddings* .....	W. D. Wood* .....	S. S. Munger* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*

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1868-1869	J. D. Giddings* .....	.....	S. S. Munger* .....	James Wrigley* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1869-1870	.....	S. S. Munger* .....	James Wrigley* .....	J. B. Jones* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1870-1871	S. S. Munger* .....	James Wrigley* .....	J. B. Jones* .....	Norton Moses* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1871-1872	J. B. Jones* .....	Norton Moses* .....	H. J. McBride* .....	E. T. Rhodes* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1872-1873	Norton Moses* .....	H. J. McBride* .....	E. T. Rhodes* .....	W. K. McAlpine* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1873-1874	H. J. McBride* .....	E. T. Rhodes* .....	W. K. McAlpine* .....	Peyton Nowlin* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1874-1875	W. K. McAlpine* ..	Peyton Nowlin* .....	W. F. Swain* .....	William Bramlette* ..	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1875-1876	W. F. Swain* .....	William Bramlette* ..	John Adriance* .....	John Matlock* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1876-1877	W. F. Swain* .....	William Bramlette* ..	John Adriance* .....	G. M. McWhirter* ....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1877-1878	William Bramlette*	G. M. McWhirter* ....	Z. E. Coombes* .....	H. Braham* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1878-1879	G. M. McWhirter* ..	Z. E. Coombes* .....	J. B. McMahan* .....	W. B. Wilson* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1879-1880	Z. E. Coombes* .....	J. B. McMahan* .....	W. B. Wilson* .....	S. M. Williams* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1880-1881	J. B. McMahan* .....	Peyton Nowlin* .....	S. M. Williams* .....	G. W. Foster* .....	B. A. Botts* .....	Robert Brewster*
1881-1882	Peyton Nowlin* .....	S. M. Williams* .....	G. W. Foster* .....	Haston Twomey* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1882-1883	S. M. Williams* .....	G. W. Foster* .....	Haston Twomey* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1883-1884	G. W. Foster* .....	Haston Twomey* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	W. L. Sartwell* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1884-1885	Haston Twomey* ..	B. F. Frymier* .....	W. L. Sartwell* .....	John Adriance* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1885-1886	B. F. Frymier* .....	W. L. Sartwell* .....	John Adriance* .....	John C. McCoy* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1886-1887	W. L. Sartwell* .....	John Adriance* .....	John C. McCoy* .....	R. M. Harkness* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1887-1888	John Adriance* .....	R. M. Harkness* .....	Rufus Price* .....	John P. Bell* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1888-1889	R. M. Harkness* .....	Rufus Price* .....	John P. Bell* .....	John McDonald* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1889-1890	Rufus Price* .....	John P. Bell* .....	John McDonald* .....	S. J. Morriss* .....	Henry Scherffius* ....	Robert Brewster*
1890-1891	John P. Bell* .....	John McDonald* .....	S. J. Morriss* .....	Frank Nusom* .....	J. C. Kidd* .....	Robert Brewster*
1891-1892	John McDonald* .....	S. J. Morriss* .....	Frank Nusom* .....	J. K. Stone* .....	J. C. Kidd* .....	Robert Brewster*
1892-1893	S. J. Morriss* .....	Frank Nusom* .....	J. K. Stone* .....	A. S. Bunting* .....	S. D. Moore* .....	Robert Brewster*
1893-1894	Frank Nusom* .....	J. K. Stone* .....	A. S. Bunting* .....	R. O. Rounsavall* ....	S. D. Moore* .....	George Lopas, Jr,*
1894-1895	J. K. Stone* .....	A. S. Bunting* .....	R. O. Rounsavall* ....	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	S. D. Moore* .....	George Lopas, Jr,*
1895-1896	A. S. Bunting* .....	R. O. Rounsavall* ....	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd* .....	S. D. Moore* .....	George Lopas, Jr,*
1896-1897	R. O. Rounsavall* ..	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd* .....	W. L. Burdett* .....	S. D. Moore* .....	George Lopas, Jr,*
1897-1898	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd* .....	W. L. Burdett* .....	James D. Crenshaw* ..	S. D. Moore* .....	George Lopas, Jr,*
1898-1899	J. C. Kidd* .....	W. L. Burdett* .....	James D. Crenshaw* ..	C. R. Phillips* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	George Lopas, Jr.*
1899-1900	W. L. Burdett* .....	James D. Crenshaw*	C. R. Phillips* .....	J. M. Strayhorn* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	George Lopas, Jr.*
1900-1901	James D. Crenshaw*	C. R. Phillips* .....	J. M. Strayhorn* .....	F. W. Fitzpatrick* .....	Friench Simpson* .....	George Lopas, Jr,*

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1901-1902	C. R. Phillips* .....	J. M. Strayhorn* .....	F. W. Fitzpatrick* .....	E. T. Murchison* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	George Lopus, Jr,*
1902-1903	J. M. Strayhorn* .....	F. W. Fitzpatrick* .....	E. T. Murchison* .....	Sam P. Cochran* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1903-1904	F. W. Fitzpatrick* .....	E. T. Murchison* .....	Sam P. Cochran* .....	P. M. Riley* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1904-1905	E. T. Murchison* .....	Sam P. Cochran* .....	P. M. Riley* .....	Charles F. Smith* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1905-1906	Sam P. Cochran* .....	P. M. Riley* .....	Charles F. Smith* .....	E. R. Bryan* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1906-1907	P. M. Riley* .....	Charles F. Smith* .....	E. R. Bryan* .....	J. J. Gallaher* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1907-1908	Charles F. Smith* .....	E. R. Bryan* .....	J. J. Gallaher* .....	Joe Adams* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1908-1909	E. R. Bryan* .....	J. J. Gallaher* .....	Joe Adams* .....	C. L. Alderman* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1909-1910	J. J. Gallaher* .....	Joe Adams* .....	C. L. Alderman* .....	John L. Terrell* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	John A. Bryan*
1910-1911	Joe Adams* .....	C. L. Alderman* .....	John L. Terrell* .....	D. W. Glasscock* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	C. R. Phillips*
1911-1912	C. L. Alderman* .....	John L. Terrell* .....	D. W. Glasscock* .....	W. A. Scott* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	C. R. Phillips*
1912-1913	John L. Terrell* .....	D. W. Glasscock* .....	W. A. Scott* .....	W. M. Fly* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	J. F. Brinkerhoff*
1913-1914	D. W. Glasscock* .....	W. A. Scott* .....	W. M. Fly* .....	J. E. Hooper* .....	B. F. Frymier* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1914-1915	W. A. Scott* .....	W. M. Fly* .....	Ben F. Dwiggin* .....	O. M. Longnecker* ..	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1915-1916	Wm. Madden Fly* .....	Ben F. Dwiggin* .....	O. M. Longnecker* ..	B. K. Hawkins* .....	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1916-1917	Ben F. Dwiggin* .....	O. M. Longnecker* ..	B. K. Hawkins* .....	F. P. Marshall* .....	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1917-1918	O. M. Longnecker* ..	B. K. Hawkins* .....	F. P. Marshall* .....	O. O. Chrisman* .....	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1918-1919	B. K. Hawkins* .....	F. P. Marshall* .....	O. O. Chrisman* .....	John A. Atchison* ..	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1919-1920	F. P. Marshall* .....	O. O. Chrisman* .....	John A. Atchison* ..	James A. Gartland* ..	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1920-1921	O. O. Chrisman* .....	John A. Atchison* ..	James A. Gartland* ..	Sam J. Helm* .....	W. W. Peavy* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1921-1922	John A. Atchison* ..	James A. Gartland* ..	Sam J. Helm* .....	Holt, Frank* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1922-1923	James A. Gartland* ..	Sam J. Helm* .....	Holt, Frank* .....	John M. Weekley* ..	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1923-1924	Sam J. Helm* .....	Holt, Frank* .....	John M. Weekley* ..	Dan N. Cushing* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1924-1925	Holt, Frank* .....	John M. Weekley* ..	Dan N. Cushing* .....	George W. Emery* ..	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1925-1926	John M. Weekley* ..	Dan N. Cushing* .....	George W. Emery* ..	Ben F. Brown* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1926-1927	Dan N. Cushing* .....	George W. Emery* ..	Ben F. Brown* .....	George G. White* ..	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1927-1928	George W. Emery* ..	Ben F. Brown* .....	George G. White* ..	E. C. Couch* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1928-1929	Ben F. Brown* .....	George G. White* ..	E. C. Couch* .....	Hardy Petty* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1929-1930	George G. White* ..	E. C. Couch* .....	Hardy Petty* .....	E. M. Wood* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1930-1931	E. C. Couch* .....	Hardy Petty* .....	E. M. Wood* .....	J. Lee Zumwalt* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1931-1932	Hardy Petty* .....	E. M. Wood* .....	J. Lee Zumwalt* .....	Geo. W. Clampitt* ..	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1932-1933	E. M. Wood* .....	J. Lee Zumwalt* .....	Geo. W. Clampitt* ..	J. H. Moore* .....	L. R. Conro* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1933-1934	J. Lee Zumwalt* .....	Geo. W. Clampitt* ..	J. H. Moore* .....	O. B. Atkinson* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*

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1934-1935	Geo. W. Clampitt* ...	J. H. Moore* .....	O. B. Atkinson* ....	Joe X. Newcomb* ....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1935-1936	J. H. Moore* .....	O. B. Atkinson* ....	Joe X. Newcomb* ....	J. W. Pender* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1936-1937	O. B. Atkinson* ....	Joe X. Newcomb* ....	J. W. Pender* .....	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1937-1938	Joe X. Newcomb* ....	J. W. Pender* .....	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	W. R. Worley* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1938-1939	J. W. Pender* .....	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	W. R. Worley* .....	W. J. Chesney* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1939-1940	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	W. R. Worley* .....	W. J. Chesney* .....	John T. Rice* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1940-1941	W. R. Worley* .....	W. J. Chesney* .....	John T. Rice* .....	E. F. James* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1941-1942	W. J. Chesney* .....	John T. Rice* .....	E. F. James* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	C. A. Young* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1942-1943	John T. Rice* .....	E. F. James* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	Geo. R. Kimbrough*	C. A. Young* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1943-1944	E. F. James* .....	Frank Oldham* .....	Geo. R. Kimbrough*	W. H. Telfair* .....	C. A. Young* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1944-1945	Frank Oldham* .....	Geo. R. Kimbrough*	W. H. Telfair* .....	Jesse D. Cox* .....	C. A. Young* .....	T. M. Bartley*
1945-1946	W. H. Telfair* .....	Jesse D. Cox* .....	Curtis B. Hay* .....	C. S. Woodward* ....	C. A. Young* .....	Frank Oldham*
1946-1947	Jesse D. Cox* .....	Curtis B. Hay* .....	C. S. Woodward* ....	Herbert Wheeler* ..	C. A. Young* .....	Frank Oldham*
1947-1948	Curtis B. Hay* .....	C. S. Woodward* ....	Herbert Wheeler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young* .....	Frank Oldham*
1948-1949	C. S. Woodward* ....	Herbert Wheeler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young* .....	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1949-1950	Herbert Wheeler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young* .....	A. A. McSweeney* ....	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1950-1951	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young* .....	A. A. McSweeney* ....	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1951-1952	Clarence A. Young* ..	A. A. McSweeney* ....	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1952-1953	A. A. McSweeney* ....	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt* ..	John O. Caruthers* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1953-1954	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt* ..	John O. Caruthers* ..	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1954-1955	Warren F. Merritt* ..	John O. Caruthers* ..	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1955-1956	John O. Caruthers* ..	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood* ..	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1956-1957	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood* ..	Wallace McKenzie* ..	.....	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1957-1958	Roy B. Underwood* ..	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Don K. Glass* .....	Sid A. Verinder* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1958-1959	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Don K. Glass* .....	Sid A. Verinder* ..	Edward Sweeden* ....	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1959-1960	Don K. Glass* .....	Sid A. Verinder* ..	Edward Sweeden* ....	George E. Poulter* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1960-1961	Sid A. Verinder* ..	Edward Sweeden* ....	George E. Poulter* ..	Frank G. McDonald* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1961-1962	Edward Sweeden* ....	George E. Poulter* ..	Frank G. McDonald* ..	Tom Cheatham* .....	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
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ALABAMA.....	Earl E. Tweed (03)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ALASKA.....	Jack W. Lester, Jr. (03)	X	X	X	X	A	X	X
ALBERTA.....	David G. Mather (06)	-	-	E	X	X	X	X
ARGENTINA.....	Jeffrey S. Bennett (08)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
ARIZONA.....	Richard C. Sharp (05)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
ARKANSAS.....	Orville L. O'Neill (98)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BELGIUM.....	John A. Tuttle, Jr. (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	H. David Moore (03)	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
CALIFORNIA.....	Douglas Collins (09)	-	-	-	-	-	X	E
CANADA.....	A. D. "Lonnie" Boggs (94)	A	E	E	X	E	X	E
COLORADO.....	Kenneth E. Cooley (07)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
CONNECTICUT.....	G. Clay Smith (07)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
DELAWARE.....	Virgil Sam Allsbrooks (07)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
DIST. OF COLUMBIA.....	Mark D. Myer (01)	A	X	E	X	X	X	E
FINLAND.....	Justin L. Van Kleeck (96)	X	X	X	X	A	A	A
FLORIDA.....	John C. Elkinton (91)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FRANCE.....	David B. Dibrell (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	A
GEORGIA.....	Carl H. Garrison (08)	-	-	-	-	X	X	E
GERMANY.....	Dillon Vanderford, Jr. (09)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
HAWAII.....	William A. Bilsing, II (03)	X	X	X	X	A	X	A
IDAHO.....	William E. Bill Schroeter (05)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
ILLINOIS.....	Lawrence E. Tucker (90)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
INDIA.....	Alfred E. Bell (94)	X	X	X	E	X	A	A
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IOWA.....	Arless Weber (08)	-	-	-	-	X	X	A
IRELAND.....	Ronald D. Park (91)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ISRAEL.....	David Fallas (94)	X	X	X	X	E	A	X
ITALY.....	Thomas N. Turner (94)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
KANSAS.....	Mitchell R. Jones (87)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
KENTUCKY.....	Paul D. Warren (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
LOUISIANA.....	James Roy Elliott (07)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
MAINE.....	A. Glen McCandless (00)	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
MANITOBA.....	Ronald J. Price (03)	X	X	E	X	X	X	X
MARYLAND.....	Jack M. Harper, II (09)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Brian R. Dodson (05)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
MEXICO.....	Arnold R. Langston (07)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MICHIGAN.....	Michael H. Shively (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
MINNESOTA.....	H. Bart Henderson (05)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
MISSISSIPPI.....	David L. Anderson (03)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MISSOURI.....	Wayne D. Groce (04)	X	X	X	X	A	X	X
MONTANA.....	Tommy F. Chapman (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
NEBRASKA.....	Larry G. Canada (02)	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
NETHERLANDS.....	R. L. Harrison, Jr. (73)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEVADA.....	Farris L. Benham (89)	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	Fred E. Allen (90)	A	A	A	X	X	X	X
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	James D. Manley (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
NEW JERSEY.....	Clarence J. Laney (08)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
NEW MEXICO.....	David James "Jim" Davis (07)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
NEW SOUTH WALES....	Donald H. Swango (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	E
NEW YORK.....	Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
NEW ZEALAND.....	Robert A. Foreman(03)	X	X	A	A	E	X	X
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NORTH DAKOTA.....	W. David. Melear (09)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
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UTAH.....	Jerry Pingle (96)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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WYOMING.....	Wm. P. Irving, Jr., (98)	X	X	X	X	X	X	E

(X) Present

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# **GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
* AMOS CROUCH	Mt. Horeb	57	1984
* H. CARLTON NORRIS	Lufkin	240	1984
* GEORGE HANKS	Tarrant	416	1985
* WILLIE T. LONGNECKER	Will N. Kidd	424	1985
* THOMAS C. FERGUSON	Burnet	453	1986
* W. H. JACK LOWRY	Arlington	376	1986
* REGINAL L. JONES	Washington	1	1987
* ERNEST E. HUNTER	Conroe	452	1987
* O. A. BUTTRELL	Sam J. Helm	445	1988
* A. P. O'DANIEL	Dallas	47	1988
* A. E. BUDDY KILLION, SR.	Hamlin	310	1989
* IRA LEE EDWARDS	Keystone	172	1989
* H. C. ROBASON	Abilene	159	1990
* EUGENE A. THALMANN	Hidalgo	434	1990
JACK E. BEELER	Port Lavaca	338	1991
* DONALD F. SMITH	Dallas	47	1991
* JAMES HUBERT BUSBEE	Rising Star	9	1992
* CARL E. SMITH	Teague	320	1992
* J. LAWSON GIBBS	Burnet	453	1993
LEONARD O. PIERCE	Will N. Kidd	424	1993
* ARTHUR A. STUPL	Will N. Kidd	424	1994
* DALE E. MILLER	A. C. Garrett	420	1994
CODY PARSLEY	Silsbee	465	1995
DAVID N. WHITEHEAD	Port Arthur	250	1995
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LAWRENCE D. HEARN, SR.	Helotes	444	1996
* HUBERT L. KOKER	El Paso	157	1997
* LEROY A. ROUSSEAU	Grandview	93	1997
MITCHELL RAY JONES	Dallas	47	1998
* JACK E. WYLIE	Love Field	478	1998
ALFRED E. BELL	Oak Cliff	373	1999
* WILLIAM G. KORTMANN, JR.	Tyler	24	1999
SHERMAN W. HOBBS	Alvord	193	2000
COY McDUGALD	Hugh J. McClellan	248	2000
* WILLIAM D. SNIPES	San Felipe de Austin	1	2001
E. DON WITTIE	Snyder	494	2001
W.E. GENE BROOKSHIRE	Lufkin	240	2002
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ROBERT E. BLACK	Keystone	172	2006
EARL E. TWEED	Dallas	47	2007
REESE L. HARRISON, JR.	San Antonio	381	2007
JOSEPH P. COLLIER, JR.	Port Neches	436	2008
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THOMAS KEITHLY, JR.	Dallas	47	2009
D. DOYE SUDDUTH	Tyler	24	2009
A. R. CLARY	Ridglea	485	2010
E. DEACON WALL	Kerrville	305	2010

(\* Deceased)

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# Capitular Review

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by  
Dwight W. Phillips, Chairman  
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The 2009 annual proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons have been examined and reviewed by the 2010 Fraternal Correspondence Committee:

**Connecticut  
Georgia  
Indiana  
Minnesota  
New York  
Ohio  
Oregon  
Washington**

**District of Columbia  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
Oklahoma  
Vermont  
West Virginia**

As well As:

**Alberta, (Canada)  
Quebec, (Canada)**

**The Supreme Grand Chapter of England  
The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland**

We did not find anything unusual, extraordinary or really exciting changes in these proceedings.

All of the Chapters, R.A.M. are experiencing the same problems that Texas is confronted with; financial reductions and restrictions, membership decline and lack of young members to take the place of the senior members as they become less active with age.

It appears that the current economy of the world is now making an impact on our revenue from dues; more suspensions from non payment of dues (NPDs) are appearing.

Also like Texas, the annual reports reflect that Chapters are being moved to new and more viable locations and Chapters are being consolidated or demised. Other Grand jurisdictions have reported reductions of membership per Chapter and this seems to indicate that we will see more of the same in the coming years.

This year, New York has voted to permit plural affiliation of Royal Arch Masons from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Most Grand Jurisdictions have recognized the membership problem, its possible disastrous outcome and have implemented a corrective course of action. To compensate for the declining membership, Oklahoma has instituted "Youth Ambassadors" for the young men of the state. Some jurisdictions, as well as Texas have formed "Membership Committees," and are getting a good response. Other jurisdictions are contributing to the support of DeMolay chapters and state level DeMolay associations and Masonic Youth Foundations in support of the younger possible candidates, as they come of age.

To reduce expenses, the Chapters are turning more and more to producing the annual proceedings on Compact Disc and we even received three via e-mail. This does not reduce the cost of compiling and editing the information but once the proceedings are complete, the cost of printing is dramatically reduced. While electronically mailing the proceedings will even further reduce the cost by not having to make the CD, package it and pay postage to forward it.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, assembled for its Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation this year and reaffirmed their most sincere loyalty and their dearest affection to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second. "May the Most High protect her and guide her. **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**"

A true copy of that Resolution was forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, for his transmittal to Her Majesty, by way of the Secretary of State of Canada, **under the Seal of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.**

The "History Committees" are picking up steam and are recognizing the need for the history of Royal Arch Masonry to be made public. The committees are raising funds for and placing visible markers throughout the state for Past Grand High Priest and other York Rite Masons that have extended extraordinary service and need to be recognized in the state's history.

#### **Acceptance of nominations of Grand Representatives:**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest **Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.** has accepted the nomination of Companion **Ernest Berry** to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Companion Ernest Berry's Counterpart is indeed Companion **Donald R. Donnenwerth**, since 1994, of Houston, Texas.

Any other Grand Representatives appointed or accepted after this date will appear in the Grand High Priest's supplemental report.

The mission of this Committee is to bringing some changes to light, that may generate new interest; might implant a spark among the Companions in this state to encourage confident changes and highlight definite avenues that might correct our course to a positive recovery of membership.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter, Fraternal Correspondence Committee, we thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter for this 2010 year.

Fraternally submitted,

DWIGHT PHILLIPS, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. GARRISON, JOHN D. NEWMAN, KENNETH W. KNISS, H. ALLEN CARRIGAN

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