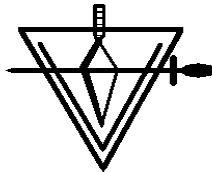


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**PROPOSED  
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ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION  
AND  
ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
TO BE HELD  
DECEMBER 13-14, 2019**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
GRAND CONVOCAATION HELD DECEMBER 13-14, 2019**

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – HOLD OVER 2018

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Section A, Article VI, Section 1 requires that the Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, divide the Grand Jurisdiction into a convenient number of District Deputy Grand High Priest Districts, including such counties or parts of counties in each District as this Grand Chapter shall determine, and publish a list of such Districts as are thus formed each year in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, since the last time this Grand Chapter revised the list of Districts, a number of subordinate Chapters have merged or demised; and

WHEREAS, several districts now consist of a single Chapter, while other Districts have as many as eight Chapters; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of this Grand Chapter would be better served by a revised set of Districts that provide for better representation by the several District Deputy Grand High Priests appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; and

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given to the issue of reassigning counties and parts of counties to Districts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the following changes to Districts be adopted by this Grand Chapter and shall be effective upon the installation of the Grand High Priest on December 7, 2019:

1.	Counties:	Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Houston, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Titus, Trinity, Upshur
1.	Ch/Co:	Marshall 19/3, Carthage 28/25, Longview 177/116, Lufkin 240/176, Henderson 361/298, East Texas 449/366
2.	Counties:	Anderson, Cherokee, Smith, Wood
2.	Ch/Co:	Palestine 10/20, Cherokee 11/4, Tyler 24/13
3.	Counties:	Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Tyler
3.	Ch/Co:	Orange 78/49, Beaumont 188/126, Port Neches 436/413, Southeast Texas 465/380
4.	Counties:	Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Robertson, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, Washington
4.	Ch/Co:	Jerusalem 3/7, Brenham 5/22, San Jacinto 7/12, Zerubbabel 30/26, W.T. Austin 87/52, Cleveland 490/405

5.	Counties:	Chambers, Liberty, Part of Harris
5.	Ch/Co:	Rio Vista 270/205, Goose Creek 408/339, Will N. Kidd 424/347, North Houston 472/387, Lloyd L. Gibson 481/394
6.	Counties:	Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Part of Harris, Matagorda, Wharton
6.	Ch/Co:	San Felipe de Austin 1/406, Washington 2/1, Columbia 34/29, Pasadena 455/374, Park Place 458/373, Richmond 467/383
7.	Counties:	Clay, Collin, Cooke, Delta, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Jack, Lamar, Montague, Red River, Wise, Young
7.	Ch/Co:	Haggai 53/38, Sherman 62/43, Sulphur Springs 63/44, Dad Pender 80/50, Greenville 114/68
8.	Counties:	Part of Dallas, Henderson, Kaufman, Rains, Rockwall, Van Zandt
8.	Ch/Co:	Dale E. Miller 55/40, Terrell 146/90, Seagoville 419/397, Mabank 435/355
9.	Counties:	Part of Dallas
9.	Ch/Co:	Dallas 47/18, R.C. Buckner 108/67, George Washington 422/408, Garland 451/118, Love Field 478/396
10.	Counties:	Part of Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Limestone, Navarro
10	Ch/Co:	Corsicana 41/32, Ennis 135/81, Midlothian 211/148, Teague 320/256
11.	Counties:	Bosque, Brown, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Mills, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Stephens
11.	Ch/Co:	Springtown 75/47, Grandview 93/56, Cleburne 100/61, Stephenville 140/85, Hillsboro 152/94
12.	Counties:	Bell, Coryell, Falls, McLennan
12.	Ch/Co:	Waco 45/33, Temple 199/137, Killeen 484/399
13.	Counties:	Bastrop, Fayette, Lee, Travis, Williamson
13.	Ch/Co:	Lone Star 6/2, C.O. Jones 141/86, Florence 275/208
14.	Counties:	Caldwell, Comal, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays
14.	Ch/Co:	Gonzales 51/6, San Marcos 129/215, Seguin 344/281
15.	Counties:	Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Frio, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Wilson
15.	Ch/Co:	Cooper 101/62, Kerrville 305/240, San Antonio 381/14, Helotes 444/362, Blue Bonnet 470/409
16.	Counties:	Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live Oak, Jim Wells, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria
16.	Ch/Co:	Corpus Christi 91/55, Beeville 191/129, Port Lavaca 338/275

17.	Counties:	Cameron, Brooks, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Jim Hogg, Starr, Willacy, Zapata
17.	Ch/Co:	Hidalgo 434/353, Brownsville 495/414
18.	Counties:	Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, San Saba
18.	Ch/Co:	Mount Horeb 57/41, Llano 197/135, Burnet 453/368
19.	Counties:	Part of Tarrant
19.	Ch/Co:	Texas 362/-/321, Southside 378/315, Tarrant 416/349, Ridglea 485/400
20.	Counties:	Part of Dallas, Part of Tarrant
20.	Ch/Co:	Fort Worth 58/42, Arlington 376/314, Riverside 468/384, Grand Prairie 489/404, Hurst 492/407
21.	Counties:	Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Childress, Cottle, Eastland, Fisher, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger
21.	Ch/Co:	Wichita Falls 202/140, Big Country 310/192, Quanah 450/367
22.	Counties:	Andrews, Brewster, Coleman, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kimble, Loving, Martin, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Winkler
22.	Ch/Co:	San Angelo 170/110, Keystone 172/112
23.	Counties:	Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth
23.	Ch/Co:	El Paso 157/98
24.	Counties:	Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collingsworth, Crosby, Dawson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Kent, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, Yoakum
24.	Ch/Co:	Amarillo 196/134, Floydada 227/163, Lubbock 248/183, Borger 437/354
25.	Counties:	Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Real, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Zavala,
25.	Ch/Co:	Laredo 185/123, Alpha 243/178

Fraternally submitted,

Joe F. Schriever, Past High Priest, San Angelo Chapter 170, R.A.M.

T.E. Gene Carnes, Past High Priest, Kerrville Chapter 305, R.A.M.

Don Paul Payton, Past High Priest, Springtown Chapter 75, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies**

WHEREAS, Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 meets at Sweet Home Lodge located at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

And WHEREAS, The Pecan Grove at the TMRC holds a special place for Texas Masons as it is the location of the Annual Family Day Celebration.

And WHEREAS, TMRC is well known for its location in Arlington.

And WHEREAS, Arlington and Fort Worth are separate and distinct cities.

And WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 a motion was made and passed unanimously by the membership present to change the name to TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter No. 58.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 hereby be known as TMRC Pecan Grove Chapter No. 58

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary B. Blair, Affiliated Past High Priest
Fort Worth Chapter No. 58, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS eligibility to receive the Chapter degrees is not predicated upon petitioning for membership in a Council of Royal & Select Masters; and

WHEREAS Article C-141 (290) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas currently states that a petition for the Chapter degrees "shall also be accompanied by a proper petition for the Degrees of Royal and Select Master;" and

WHEREAS eligible Master Masons may desire to petition for the Chapter degrees without petitioning for the Council degrees;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Article C-141 (290) be amended as follows:

Except as herein provided, every petition for the degrees shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by at least two members of the Chapter. Such petition shall be presented only at a Stated Convocation, however, upon receipt of satisfactory information from a Chapter pertaining to a circumstance which merits his consideration, the Grand High Priest may grant a dispensation whereby such petition may be received and balloted on at a Special Convocation, and such petition shall contain all of the provisions set forth in the form prescribed by this Grand Chapter, and shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by the By-Laws for the Chapter degrees, ~~and shall also be accompanied by a proper petition for the Degrees of Royal and Select Master,~~

~~addressed to the nearest Council, together with the fee for such degree prescribed by said Council, which petition and fee shall immediately be forwarded by the Secretary to the Recorder of such Council.~~

Fraternally submitted,
Brian Cook, Past High Priest
Haggai Chapter No. 53, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

WHEREAS the members of Hurst Chapter No. 492 voted at two consecutive meetings to move from the then current Hurst Lodge location to the Estelle Lodge Building in Euless, TX; and

WHEREAS the M:E: Grand High Priest has issued a Dispensation allowing such move; and

WHEREAS the move has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE Hurst Chapter No. 492 requests adoption of this resolution at this Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Hurst Chapter No. 492 to the Estelle Masonic Lodge building in Euless, TX.

Submitted,
Hurst Chapter No. 492, R.A.M.
Bruce W. Hammond, APEHP, Excellent King

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

WHEREAS the Members of Hurst Chapter No. 492 voted at two consecutive meetings to move from the then current Hurst Lodge location to the Estelle Lodge Building in Euless, TX; and

WHEREAS the M:E: Grand High Priest has issued a Dispensation for such move; and

WHEREAS the move has been completed; and

WHEREAS the Chapter has submitted a Resolution to make permanent the relocation; and

WHEREAS the Chapter is no longer located in Hurst, TX; and

WHEREAS the members of Hurst Chapter have voted at 2 consecutive meetings to change the name to make it more reflective of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE Hurst Chapter requests adoption of this resolution at the Grand Annual Convocation to change the name of Hurst Chapter No. 492 to Northeast Tarrant Chapter No. 492.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hurst Chapter No. 492, R.A.M.
Bruce W. Hammond, APEHP, Excellent King

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS:

WHEREAS it is important for the voting members of this Grand Chapter and the members of subordinate Chapters to be informed to the best of their ability of the qualifications and intentions of those who make themselves available to lead this Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS the current law is unclear or ambiguous regarding the public introduction of those who have submitted a Statement of Availability; and

WHEREAS it is impossible for all members of subordinate Chapters to meet and personally discuss with such Available members their background, experience, and objectives in offering to serve this Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS all Official Communications to subordinate Chapters are to be read in open Chapter at a Stated Convocation (Art. C-047); and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Art. IV, Section 6(A), provides for the publication to all subordinate Chapters of all Resolutions and/or Recommendations and Statements of Availability for members making themselves available for election to various offices of the Grand Chapter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Art. IV, Section 6(A). Availability, be amended as follows:

Any eligible member of this Grand Chapter desiring to serve in any elective office or position as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter, may, on or before the fifteenth day of July preceding each Annual Convocation, file with the Grand Secretary a "Statement of Availability" for such office or position; containing a resume of his service to his Chapter or Chapters in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Chapter; and a photo, if available. ***If seeking a position in the elected Grand Officer line, his objectives, should he be elected as Grand High Priest, may also be included.***

Such "Statement of Availability" shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all subordinate Chapters along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Chapter. However, this Grand Chapter may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Any "Statement of Availability" shall be considered to have been "published" when it is received by the Grand Secretary; and an eligible member who has submitted a "Statement of Availability" may be recognized as having made such submission in any subsequent Chapter meeting or activity.

Fraternally submitted,

Joe F. Schriever, Past High Priest

San Angelo Chapter No. 170, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS:

WHEREAS it is important for the several subordinate Chapters of this Grand Chapter to be aware of and to support the Objectives and Plans of the Grand High Priest; and

WHEREAS advance knowledge of those Objectives and Plans will enhance the ability of those subordinate Chapters and their members to better prepare for and support those Objectives and Plans; and

WHEREAS more communications from Grand Officers to subordinate Chapters and members provides better understanding of the direction of the Grand Officers in leading the Grand Chapter, its subordinate Chapters and members; and

WHEREAS all Official Communications to subordinate Chapters are to be read in open Chapter at a Stated Convocation (Art. C-047); and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Art. IV, Section 6(A), provides for the publication to all subordinate Chapters of all Resolutions and/or Recommendations and Statements of Availability for members making themselves available for election to various offices of the Grand Chapter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Art. B-025 be revised as follows:

Art. B-025 (A) Powers and Duties. No change.

Added: Art. B-025 (B) Objectives and Plans: The Deputy Grand High Priest shall, on or before July 15th preceding the opening of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter prior to his election and installation as Grand High Priest, submit to the Grand Secretary his Objectives as Grand High Priest and his Plan for achieving those Objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the second paragraph of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Art. IV, Section 6(A), be amended as follows:

Such "Statement of Availability" shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all subordinate Chapters along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations ***and the Objectives and Plans of the Deputy Grand High Priest*** as required by the Grand Chapter. However, the Grand Chapter may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Fraternally submitted,
Joe F. Schriever, Past High Priest
San Angelo Chapter 170, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Referred to the Committee on Investments

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS:

WHEREAS the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas includes Article C-109 Endowed Memberships, with a distribution of the interest earned on the Endowment Fund to the subordinate Chapters; and

WHEREAS the purchase of an Endowed Membership relieves the member from any further payment of dues, regardless of the per capita established by the Grand Chapter or the dues set by the subordinate Chapter; and

WHEREAS the distribution of the interest earned from the Endowment Fund does not reflect the amount of the actual endowment contributions, the 2018 distribution having been \$13.91 and the per capita assessment being \$18.00 (\$16 for Grand Chapter plus \$2.00 for Texas Masonic Retirement Center) and the minimum dues set at \$30.00 (thirty dollars) for a net loss to each subordinate Chapter of \$4.09 (four dollars and nine cents) for per capita and \$16.09 (sixteen dollars and nine cents) dues each endowment; and

WHEREAS the amount required to purchase an Endowed Membership in this Grand Chapter has been increased from \$200 to \$300 dollars and then to \$500 in recognition of changes in per capita assessments to the Grand Chapter and the decreased earning power of the Endowed Membership Fund in recent years; and

WHEREAS the current endowment distribution structure treats each endowment the same, regardless of the amount paid for each; and

WHEREAS the Trustees of this Grand Chapter have invested the Endowed Membership Fund in accordance with the recommendations of the Investment Committee to preserve the principle and earn a combination of interest and dividends, referred to hereafter as earned income or return on investment; and

WHEREAS converting endowment contributions to a system of units at a rate of one unit equals one hundred dollars (\$100); then distributing the earned income at a rate determined by dividing the net earned income (gross earned income less the administrative fee assessed by the Grand Secretary for administering the Endowment Fund) by the total number of units, results in a distribution representing the actual endowment contribution purchased and its actual earned income; and

WHEREAS the current flat rate administrative fee assessed by Grand Secretary of \$1.75 for each endowment could be changed to a fixed rate for each unit; and

WHEREAS the following chart which reflects, for each subordinate Chapter (column 1), the amount of the 2018 endowment distribution (column 2); the number of \$200 endowments (column 3); the number of \$300 endowments (column 4); the number of \$500 endowments (column 5); the total number of endowments (column 6); the number of \$200 units [number of \$200 endowments in column 3 multiplied by two] (column 7); number of \$300 units [number of \$300 endowments in column 4 multiplied by three] (column 8); number of \$500 units [number of \$500 endowments in column 5 multiplied by five] (column 9); the total number of units for each subordinate Chapter (column 10); amount of endowment distribution to each subordinate Chapter based on the number

of units for each Chapter (column 10) multiplied by a distribution rate calculated by dividing the total amount of the 2018 distribution (total amount of column 2) by the total number of units (column 10) [$\$40,798.03$ divided by $8,553 = \$4.77$ per unit] (column 11); and the difference between the actual 2018 endowment distribution (column 2) and the endowment distribution that would have been made on the basis of units (column 11) had the unit method been used (column 12); and

(see following table)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2018 August Payout Chapter Name & Number	2018 Int payment	Number of Endowments at Amount:				Number of Units at Amount				Unit Payment	Net Change
		\$200	\$300	\$500	Total	\$200	\$300	\$500	Total		
San Felipe de Austin Ch. 1	\$361.66	5	21		26	10	63	0	73	348.21	-\$13.45
Washington Ch. 2	\$2,448.16	12	162	2	176	24	486	10	520	2480.4	\$32.24
Jerusalem Ch. 3	\$208.65	2	13		15	4	39	0	43	205.11	-\$3.54
Brenham Ch. 5	\$27.82		2		2	0	6	0	6	28.62	\$0.80
Lone Star Chapter N. 6	\$792.87	5	51	1	57	10	153	5	168	801.36	\$8.49
San Jacinto Chapter No. 7	\$97.37		6	1	7	0	18	5	23	109.71	\$12.34
Palestine Chapter No. 10	\$97.37	1	6		7	2	18	0	20	95.4	-\$1.97
Cherokee Chapter No. 11	\$111.28		7	1	8	0	21	5	26	124.02	\$12.74
Marshall Chapter No. 19	\$69.55	3	2		5	6	6	0	12	57.24	-\$12.31
Tyler Chapter No.24	\$1,224.08	3	85		88	6	255	0	261	1244.97	\$20.89
Carthage Chapter No. 28	\$55.64		4		4	0	12	0	12	57.24	\$1.60
Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30	\$194.74		12	2	14	0	36	10	46	219.42	\$24.68
Columbia Chapter No. 34	\$723.32	3	48	1	52	6	144	5	155	739.35	\$16.03
Corsicana Chapter No. 41	\$27.82		2		2	0	6	0	6	28.62	\$0.80
Waco Chapter No. 45	\$1,001.52	5	65	2	72	10	195	10	215	1025.55	\$24.03
Dallas Chapter No. 47	\$1,488.37	20	84	3	107	40	252	15	307	1464.39	-\$23.98
Gonzales Chapter No. 51	\$55.64		4		4	0	12	0	12	57.24	\$1.60
Haggai Chapter No. 53	\$403.39	1	27	1	29	2	81	5	88	419.76	\$16.37
Dale E. Miller Chapter No. 55	\$83.46		6		6	0	18	0	18	85.86	\$2.40
Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 57	\$153.01	1	10		11	2	30	0	32	152.64	-\$0.37
Fort Worth Chapter No. 58	\$361.66	4	20	2	26	8	60	10	78	372.06	\$10.40
Sherman Chapter No. 62	\$459.03	4	28	1	33	8	84	5	97	462.69	\$3.66
Sulphur Springs Chapter No 63	\$361.66	1	23	2	26	2	69	10	81	386.37	\$24.71
Springtown Chapter No. 75	\$139.10		9	1	10	0	27	5	32	152.64	\$13.54
Orange Chapter No. 78	\$13.91	1			1	2	0	0	2	9.54	-\$4.37
Dad Pender Chapter 80	\$278.20		18	2	20	0	54	10	64	305.28	\$27.08
W. T. Austin Chapter 87	\$445.12	4	28		32	8	84	0	92	438.84	-\$6.28
Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91	\$1,251.90	2	86	2	90	4	258	10	272	1297.44	\$45.54
Grandview Chapter No. 93	\$194.74		14		14	0	42	0	42	200.34	\$5.60
Cleburne Chapter No. 100	\$41.73		3		3	0	9	0	9	42.93	\$1.20

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Cooper Chapter No. 101	\$570.31	7	34		41	14	102	0	116	553.32	-\$16.99
R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108	\$125.19		8	1	9	0	24	5	29	138.33	\$13.14
Greenville Chapter No. 114	\$180.83		13		13	0	39	0	39	186.03	\$5.20
San Marcos No. 129	\$27.82		2		2	0	6	0	6	28.62	\$0.80
Ennis Chapter No. 135	\$139.10		10		10	0	30	0	30	143.1	\$4.00
Stephenville Chapter No. 140	\$375.57	2	25		27	4	75	0	79	376.83	\$1.26
C. O. Jones Chapter No. 141	\$111.28	2	6		8	4	18	0	22	104.94	-\$6.34
Terrell Chapter No. 146	\$166.92	3	9		12	6	27	0	33	157.41	-\$9.51
Hillsboro Chapter No. 152	\$83.46	1	5		6	2	15	0	17	81.09	-\$2.37
El Paso Chapter No. 157	\$500.76	9	27		36	18	81	0	99	472.23	-\$28.53
San Angelo Chapter No. 170	\$97.37		7		7	0	21	0	21	100.17	\$2.80
Keystone Chapter No. 172	\$1,196.26	15	71		86	30	213	0	243	1159.11	-\$37.15
Longview Chapter No. 177	\$69.55		5		5	0	15	0	15	71.55	\$2.00
Laredo Chapter No. 185	\$125.19	3	5	1	9	6	15	5	26	124.02	-\$1.17
Beaumont Chapter No. 188	\$139.10	1	9		10	2	27	0	29	138.33	-\$0.77
Beeville Chapter No. 191	\$69.55		4	1	5	0	12	5	17	81.09	\$11.54
Amarillo Chapter No. 196	\$375.57	1	26		27	2	78	0	80	381.6	\$6.03
Llano Chapter No. 197	\$264.29		16	3	19	0	48	15	63	300.51	\$36.22
Temple Chapter No. 199	\$208.65	6	9		15	12	27	0	39	186.03	-\$22.62
Wichita Falls Chapter No. 202	\$222.56		16		16	0	48	0	48	228.96	\$6.40
Midlothian Chapter No. 211	\$1,321.45	2	92	1	95	4	276	5	285	1359.45	\$38.00
Floydada Chapter No. 227	\$445.12	3	29		32	6	87	0	93	443.61	-\$1.51
Lufkin Chapter No. 240	\$292.11	5	14	2	21	10	42	10	62	295.74	\$3.63
Alpha Chapter No. 243	\$111.28		7	1	8	0	21	5	26	124.02	\$12.74
Lubbock Chapter 248	\$778.96	20	36		56	40	108	0	148	705.96	-\$73.00
Rio Vista No. 270	\$153.01		11		11	0	33	0	33	157.41	\$4.40
Florence Chapter No. 275	\$125.19		9		9	0	27	0	27	128.79	\$3.60
Kerville Chapter No. 305	\$306.02	4	17	1	22	8	51	5	64	305.28	-\$0.74
Big Country Chapter No. 310	\$445.12	10	22		32	20	66	0	86	410.22	-\$34.90
Teague Chapter No. 320	\$153.01		10	1	11	0	30	5	35	166.95	\$13.94
Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338	\$389.48	13	15		28	26	45	0	71	338.67	-\$50.81
Seguin Chapter No. 344	\$542.49	15	23	1	39	30	69	5	104	496.08	-\$46.41

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Henderson Chapter No. 361	\$13.91	1			1	2	0	0	2	9.54	-\$4.37
Texas Chapter No. 362	\$653.77	3	44		47	6	132	0	138	658.26	\$4.49
Arlington Chapter No. 376	\$361.66	1	25		26	2	75	0	77	367.29	\$5.63
Southside Ch. 378	\$987.61	13	58		71	26	174	0	200	954	-\$33.61
San Antonio Chapter No. 381	\$584.22	1	41		42	2	123	0	125	596.25	\$12.03
Goose Creek Chapter No. 408	\$431.21	3	28		31	6	84	0	90	429.3	-\$1.91
Tarrant Chapter No. 416	\$653.77	16	31		47	32	93	0	125	596.25	-\$57.52
Seagoville Chapter No. 419	\$306.02	1	21		22	2	63	0	65	310.05	\$4.03
George Washington Chapter 422	\$292.11		21		21	0	63	0	63	300.51	\$8.40
Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	\$1,710.93	15	108		123	30	324	0	354	1688.58	-\$22.35
Hidalgo Chapter No. 434	\$139.10	4	5	1	10	8	15	5	28	133.56	-\$5.54
Mabank Chapter No. 435	\$55.64	1	3		4	2	9	0	11	52.47	-\$3.17
Port Neches Chapter No. 436	\$973.70	3	67		70	6	201	0	207	987.39	\$13.69
Borger Chapter No. 437	\$306.02	4	18		22	8	54	0	62	295.74	-\$10.28
Helotes Chapter No. 444	\$1,307.54	19	71	4	94	38	213	20	271	1292.67	-\$14.87
East Texas Chapter No. 449	\$69.55	1	4		5	2	12	0	14	66.78	-\$2.77
Quanah Chapter No. 450	\$111.28		8		8	0	24	0	24	114.48	\$3.20
Garland Chapter No. 451	\$417.30	3	26	1	30	6	78	5	89	424.53	\$7.23
Burnet Chapter No. 453	\$306.02	9	13		22	18	39	0	57	271.89	-\$34.13
Pasadena Chapter No. 455	\$806.78	7	51		58	14	153	0	167	796.59	-\$10.19
Park Place Chapter No. 458	\$945.88	18	50		68	36	150	0	186	887.22	-\$58.66
Southeast Texas Ch No. 465	\$306.02	1	21		22	2	63	0	65	310.05	\$4.03
Richmond Chapter No. 467	\$319.93	5	18		23	10	54	0	64	305.28	-\$14.65
Riverside Ch. 468	\$556.40	1	39		40	2	117	0	119	567.63	\$11.23
Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470	\$292.11	6	15		21	12	45	0	57	271.89	-\$20.22
North Houston Chapter No. 472	\$862.42	1	60	1	62	2	180	5	187	891.99	\$29.57
Love Field Chapter No. 478	\$1,168.44	2	79	3	84	4	237	15	256	1221.12	\$52.68
Lloyd L. Gibson Ch No. 481	\$222.56		16		16	0	48	0	48	228.96	\$6.40
Killeen Chapter No. 484	\$333.84		24		24	0	72	0	72	343.44	\$9.60
Ridglea Chapter No. 485	\$778.96	3	53		56	6	159	0	165	787.05	\$8.09
Grand Prairie Chapter No. 489	\$250.38	1	15	2	18	2	45	10	57	271.89	\$21.51
Cleveland Chapter No. 490	\$306.02	4	18		22	8	54	0	62	295.74	-\$10.28

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Hurst Chapter No. 492	\$570.31	4	34	3	41	8	102	15	125	596.25	\$25.94
Brownsville Chapter No. 495	\$41.73		3		3	0	9	0	9	42.93	\$1.20
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of TX	\$69.55		5		5	0	15	0	15	71.55	\$2.00
Totals	\$40,798.03	350	2531	52	2933	700	7593	260	8553	40,797.81	-\$0.22
Distributed per Endowment	\$ 13.91	\$40,798 ÷ 2933 = \$13.91					\$40,798 ÷ 8553 = \$4.77 per Unit				
By Unit	\$ 4.77										
Units to pay per capita	4 units (3.77)										
Units to pay minimum dues	7 units (6.29)										

WHEREAS the per unit calculation for 2018 would have been \$4.77, requiring 4 units (3.78 units), representing an endowment purchase of four hundred dollars (\$400), to pay the \$18.00 per capita assessment for each living endowed member; and

WHEREAS the per unit calculation for 2018 would have been \$4.77, requiring 7 units (6.29 units), representing an endowment purchase of seven hundred dollars (\$700) to pay the \$30.00 minimum dues for each living endowed member; and

WHEREAS Grand Chapter law does not provide for a member, subordinate Chapter or donor to purchase a partial endowment; and

WHEREAS, after conversion to units, based on one unit equals one hundred dollars (\$100), an endowed member could be allowed to purchase any additional number of \$100 units desired, with the provision that those units, and any new endowments, would not earn distributions until after they had been invested for one full year, starting on August 1 of the year the contribution is made;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Article C-109 Endowed Memberships be amended to read as follows:

Art. C- 109 (248-A) Endowed Memberships.

- 1) Any member in good standing in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date, may purchase an Endowed Membership ~~are~~ and thereby be relieved from further payment of dues, subject to the provisions herein set out below:
- 2) The purchase price for an Endowed Membership shall be Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars, **which shall purchase five (5) units at the established cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per unit.** (Amended - 2015)
- 3) In the event of plural membership, a Companion may purchase an Endowed membership in each Chapter (in which he holds membership).
- 4) The administration of the Endowed Membership Fund shall be under the supervision of the Committee on Investments which shall perform the following: (Amended 1997)
 - a) Receive all Endowed memberships collected from the Grand Secretary who shall send to the Companion purchasing such membership an appropriate certificate signed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and attested to by the Grand Secretary, and likewise that a ~~pocket~~ **dues** card be furnished to the Companion purchasing the Endowed Membership to indicate his membership in the Endowed Program; said card to be signed by the Grand Secretary, and the Secretary of the Chapter.
 - b) Invest monies received into the Endowed Membership Fund in a prudent manner consistent with standard investment practices and policies as established by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. (Amended 1997)
 - c) Send, through the Grand Secretary, to the subordinate Chapter the amount of earned interest, **based on the number of units purchased for the benefit of the subordinate Chapter at the rate of one (1) unit for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) invested in the Endowment Fund;** provided that no interest shall be distributed on any Endowed Membership until after one full year of interest has accrued. The Endowed Membership ~~(fee)~~ must be received by the Grand Secretary before August 1st of each year for an Endowed Membership to earn a full one year's interest the following August 1st. The interest earnings, less one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per **Endowed Membership** for the cost of administration, shall be distributed perpetually thereafter.

Funds received by the Chapter for the purchase of Endowed Membership(s) after August 1st may be placed in an insured interest bearing account at a reputable financial institution, and such funds shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary no later than August 1st. (Amended - 1999).

- d) Make an annual audit and report on the status of the Endowed Membership Program to the Grand Chapter each year.
- e) Subordinate Chapters ~~would~~ **shall** continue to receive the interest income after death **of the holder of the Endowed Membership**, ~~except if a holder of Endowed Membership affiliated with another Texas Chapter, he may transfer said membership to his new Chapter.~~
- f) ~~The Subordinates Chapters would~~ **shall** continue to send the Grand Chapter the per-capita ~~as is currently done~~ with the Annual Returns. Holders of Endowed Memberships are subject to all the Laws, Rules and Regulations as provided in the Masonic Code of the Grand Chapter.
- g) Any Endowed Membership purchased by a Chapter or any person to honor a member of the Chapter shall be considered as property belonging to the Chapter and not subject to transfer.
- h) Chapters may develop and implement a monthly payment plan, whereby a member may purchase an Endowed Membership simply by written agreement between the member and the Chapter. (Amended - 1987).
- i) **A subordinate Chapter may develop and implement an Endowed Membership program with a minimum endowment greater than that set by the Grand Chapter, provided it complies with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter. Such program shall pay endowment funds to the Grand Secretary to purchase endowment units at the established rate of one (1) unit per one hundred dollars (\$100.00). No partial Endowed Membership may be purchased from the Grand Secretary.**
- j) **An Endowed Member or subordinate Chapter may purchase, as an addition to an existing Endowed Membership, additional units at a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per unit. Such additional units shall be subject to the same investment and distribution provisions as the original Endowments to which they are added.**
- k) **In the event that a subordinate Chapter merges with another Chapter, the Endowed Memberships purchased for the benefit of the merging Chapter shall be assigned to the surviving Chapter.**
- l) **In the event that a subordinate Chapter demises, the Endowed Memberships purchased for the benefit of that Chapter shall be assigned to the Grand Secretary and the distributions for those Endowments shall be deposited into the General Excess Fund.**

Fraternally submitted,
Joe F. Schriever, Past High Priest
San Angelo Chapter No. 170, R.A.M.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
GRAND ASSEMBLY HELD DECEMBER 13-14, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – HOLD OVER 2018

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies and Jurisprudence*

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS it is important for the voting members of this Grand Council and the members of subordinate Councils to be informed to the best of their ability of the qualifications and intentions of those who make themselves available to lead this Grand Council; and

Whereas the current law is unclear or ambiguous regarding the public introduction of those who have submitted a Statement of Availability; and

Whereas it is impossible for all members of subordinate Councils to meet and personally discuss with such Available members their background, experience, and objectives in offering to serve this Grand Council; and

Whereas all Official Communications to subordinate Councils are to be read in open Council at a Stated Convocation (Art. C-042); and

Whereas the Constitution of the Grand Council, Art. VI, Section 1(a) Availability, provides for the publication to all subordinate Councils of all Resolutions and/or Recommendations and Statements of Availability for members making themselves available for election to various offices of the Grand Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution of the Grand Council, Art. VI, Section 1(a.) Availability, be amended as follows:

Any eligible member of this Grand Council desiring to serve in any elective office or position as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas may, on or before the fifteenth day of July preceding each Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Council or Councils in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Council; and a photo, if available. ***If seeking a position in the elected Grand Officer line, his objectives, should he be elected as Grand Master, may also be included.***

Such “Statement of Availability” shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Recorder to all subordinate Councils along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Council. However, this Grand Council may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Any “Statement of Availability” shall be considered to have been “published” when it is received by the Grand Recorder; and an eligible member who has submitted a “Statement of Availability” may be recognized as having made such submission in any subsequent Council meeting or activity.

Fraternally submitted,
Joe F. Schriever, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
San Angelo Council No. 110, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – HOLD OVER 2018

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies and Jurisprudence*

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS it is important for the several subordinate Councils of this Grand Council to be aware of and to support the Objectives and Plans of the Grand Master; and

WHEREAS advance knowledge of those Objectives and Plans will enhance the ability of those subordinate Councils and their members to better prepare for and support those Objectives and Plans; and

WHEREAS more communications from Grand Officers to subordinate Councils and members provides better understanding of the direction of the Grand Officers in leading the Grand Council, its subordinate Councils and members; and

WHEREAS all Official Communications to subordinate Councils are to be read in open Council at a Stated Convocation (Art. C-042); and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Grand Council, Art. VI, Section 1(a), provides for the publication to all subordinate Councils of all Resolutions and/or Recommendations and Statements of Availability for members making themselves available for election to various offices of the Grand Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Art. B-026 be revised as follows:

Art. B-026(A) Powers and Duties. No change.

Added: Art. B-026 (B) Objectives and Plans: The Deputy Grand Master shall, on or before July 15th preceding the opening of the Assembly of the Grand Council prior to his election and installation as Grand Master, submit to the Grand Recorder his Objectives as Grand Master and his Plan for achieving those Objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the second paragraph of the Constitution of the Grand Council, Art. VI, Section 1(a), be amended as follows:

Such “Statement of Availability” shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Recorder to all subordinate Councils along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations ***and the Objectives and Plans of the Deputy Grand Master*** as required by the Grand Council. However, the Grand Council may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Fraternally submitted,

Joe F. Schriever, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
San Angelo Council No. 110, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

*Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies**

WHEREAS, Fort Worth Council No. 42 meets at Sweet Home Lodge located at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

And WHEREAS, The Pecan Grove at the TMRC holds a special place for Texas Masons as it is the location of the Annual Family Day Celebration.

And WHEREAS, TMRC is well known for its location in Arlington.

And WHEREAS, Arlington and Fort Worth are separate and distinct cities.

And WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of Fort Worth Council No. 42 a motion was made and passed unanimously by the membership present to change the name to TMRC Pecan Grove Council No. 42.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Fort Worth Council No. 42 hereby be known as TMRC Pecan Grove Council No. 42

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary B. Blair, Affiliated Past Thrice Illustrious Master
Fort Worth Council No. 42, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

*Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies**

WHEREAS the Members of Hurst Council voted at two consecutive meetings to move from the current Hurst Lodge location to the Estelle Lodge Building in Euless, TX; and

WHEREAS the M:I: Grand Master has issued a Dispensation allowing such move; and

WHEREAS the move has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE Hurst Council No. 407 requests adoption of this resolution at this Grand Annual Assembly to make permanent the move of Hurst Council No. 407 to the Estelle Masonic Lodge building in Euless, TX.

Submitted,

Hurst Council No. 407, R.&S.M.

Bruce W. Hammond, APTIM, Right Illustrious Deputy Master

RESOLUTION NO. 3

*Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies**

WHEREAS the Members of Hurst Council No. 407 voted at two consecutive meetings to move from the then current Hurst Lodge location to the Estelle Lodge Building in Euless, TX; and

WHEREAS the M:I: Grand Master has issued a Dispensation allowing such move; and

WHEREAS the move has been completed; and

WHEREAS the Council has submitted a resolution to make permanent the relocation; and

WHEREAS the Council is no longer located in Hurst, TX; and

WHEREAS the members of Hurst Council have voted at two consecutive meetings to change the name to make it more reflective of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE Hurst Council requests adoption of this resolution at the Grand Annual Assembly to change the name of Hurst Council No. 407 to Northeast Tarrant Council No. 407.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hurst Council No. 407, R.&S.M.

Bruce W Hammond, APTIM, Right Illustrious Deputy Master

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies and Committee on Work*

WHEREAS, there has been continued and renewed interest in a currently unpublished nor instructed by the Committee on Work, portion of the ritual most recently published by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in the 1982 Grand Council “code book” and performed as part of the IPC part of the Royal Master Degree for many years, which begins with the words “Friend Adoniram all men dwell...” and ends with “... like a Royal guest to this tenement of clay”, and which was inserted at the end of what is referred to as the “second circuit”; and

WHEREAS, this work is widely revered by Companions in this Grand Council and sought after for inclusion in the Royal Master Degree; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of this work does not negatively alter the dignity of the Degree; and

WHEREAS, including this work as optional authorized Monitorial Ritual work, for use in traditional or Festival work, would allow for teaching this currently non-included work and the application for its proper usage; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the section of the Authorized Ritual in regard to the portion of the IPC part of the Royal Master Degree Ritual, commonly known as the “Hiram Abiff

Soliloquy” be amended to include the aforementioned ritual wording, at the end of the second circuit and before the start of the third circuit, as an optional portion that may be included as part of the performance of the Degree by the IPC, and this ritual is to be transmitted, on request, from the Committee on Work and also be available at all succeeding Statewide schools of instruction until corrected, edited copies of the Ritual and Monitors are available for publishing.

Submitted by:

David Gene Rogers, PTIM

Seagoville Council No. 397, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies and Committee on Work*

WHEREAS, there has been expressed interest in a portion of the ritual not published or taught by the Committee on Work of this Grand Council but has been exemplified as an optional part of the work, for many years, performed as part of the IPC part of the Royal Master Degree, which begins with the words “and if doubt ever beclouded your mind ...” and ends with “... will be reveled like”, and which was inserted as a portion of the “third circuit” immediately before “There the designs ..”; and

WHEREAS, this work is widely viewed by Companions in this Grand Council as a significant pertinent enhancement for inclusion in the Royal Master Degree; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of this work does not negatively alter the dignity of the Degree; and

WHEREAS, including this work as optional authorized Monitorial & Ritual work, for use in traditional or Festival work, would allow for teaching this currently non-included work and the application for its proper usage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the section of the Authorized Ritual in regard to the portion of the IPC part of the Royal Master Degree Ritual, commonly known as the “Hiram Abiff Soliloquy” be amended to include the aforementioned Ritual wording, at the aforementioned location of the third circuit and, as an optional portion that may be included as part of the performance of the Degree by the IPC, and this Ritual is to be transmitted, on request, from the Committee on Work, and also be available at all succeeding Statewide schools of instruction until corrected, edited copies of the Ritual and Monitor are available for publishing.

Submitted by:

David Gene Rogers, PTIM

Seagoville Council No. 397, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies and Committee on Work*

WHEREAS, there has been expressed interest in a portion of the ritual not published or taught by the Committee on Work of this Grand Council but has been exemplified as an optional part of the work, recently performed as part of the Ahashar the Guard part of the Select Master Degree, which begins with the words “In truth this is the life ...” and ends with “... will scare stay open now”, and which is inserted just before the candidate enters the open anteroom door; and

WHEREAS, this work is widely used by Companions in other Grand Council jurisdictions with great effect as an insight into one of the principle characters of the Select Master Degree; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of this work does not negatively alter the dignity of the Degree, and

WHEREAS, including this work as optional authorized Monitorial & Ritual work, for use in traditional or Festival work, would allow for teaching this currently non-included work and the application for its proper usage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the section of the Authorized Ritual in regard to the portion of the Ahashar part of the Select Master Degree Ritual, be amended to include the aforementioned ritual wording, at the aforementioned location, just before the candidate enters the open anteroom, as an optional portion that may be included as part of the performance of the Degree by Ahashar, and this ritual is to be transmitted, on request, from the Committee on Work, and also be available at all succeeding Statewide schools of instruction until corrected, edited copies of the Ritual and Monitor are available for publishing.

Submitted by:

David Gene Rogers, PTIM

Seagoville Council No. 397, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Referred to the Committee on Finance, Investments, Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas includes Article C-145 Endowed Membership, with a distribution of the interest earned on the Endowment Fund to the subordinate Councils; and

WHEREAS the distribution of the interest earned from the Endowment Fund does not reflect the amount of the actual endowment contributions, the 2018 distribution having been \$7.36 and the per capita assessment being \$18.00 (\$16 for Grand Council plus \$2.00 for Texas Masonic Retirement Center) for a net loss to each subordinate Council of \$10.64 for each endowment; and

WHEREAS the amount required to purchase an Endowed Membership in this Grand Council has been increased from \$100 to \$200 dollars and then to \$500 in recognition of changes in per capita

assessments to the Grand Council and the decreased earning power of the Endowed Membership Fund in recent years; and

WHEREAS the Trustees of this Grand Council have chosen to accept a lower rate of return in order to reduce the risk of loss and preserve the principle of the Endowed Membership Fund; and

WHEREAS the Endowed Membership Fund is invested in accordance with the recommendations of the Investment Committee to earn a combination of interest and dividends, referred to hereafter as earned income or return on investment; and

WHEREAS converting endowment contributions to a system of units at a rate of one unit equals one hundred dollars (\$100); then distributing the earned income at a rate determined by dividing the net earned income (gross earned income less the administrative fee assessed by the Grand Recorder for administering the Endowment Fund) by the total number of units, results in a distribution representing the actual endowment contribution purchased and its actual earned income; and

WHEREAS the current flat rate administrative fee assessed by Grand Recorder of \$1.75 for each endowment could be changed to a fixed rate for each unit; and

WHEREAS the following chart which reflects, for each subordinate Council (column 1), the amount of the 2018 endowment distribution (column 2); the number of \$100 endowments (column 3); the number of \$200 endowments (column 4); the number of \$500 endowments (column 5); the total number of endowments (column 6); the number of \$100 units [number of \$100 endowments in column 3 multiplied by one] (column 7); number of \$200 units [number of \$200 endowments in column 4 multiplied by two] (column 8); number of \$500 units [number of \$500 endowments in column 5 multiplied by five] (column 9); the total number of units for each subordinate Council (column 10); amount of endowment distribution to each subordinate Council based on the number of units for each Council (column 10) multiplied by a distribution rate calculated by dividing the total amount of the 2018 distribution (total amount of column 2) by the total number of units (column 10) [$\$21,763.52 \div 5,705 = \3.81 per unit] (column 11); and the difference between the actual 2018 endowment distribution (column 2) and the endowment distribution that would have been made on the basis of units (column 11) had the unit method been used (column 12); and

(see following table)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2018 August Payout	2018 Int	Number of Endowments at Amount:				Number of Units at Amount				Unit	Net
Council Name & Number	Payment	\$100	\$200	\$500	Total	\$100	\$200	\$500	Total	Payment	Change
Houston Council No. 1	\$1,288.00	12	161	2	175	12	322	10	344	1310.64	\$22.64
Austin Council No. 2	\$426.88	5	51	2	58	5	102	10	117	445.77	\$18.89
Marshall Council No. 3	\$44.16	3	3		6	3	6	0	9	34.29	-\$9.87
Rusk Council No. 4	\$51.52		6	1	7	0	12	5	17	64.77	\$13.25
Gonzales Council No. 6	\$29.44		4		4	0	8	0	8	30.48	\$1.04
Jerusalem Council No. 7	\$95.68	2	11		13	2	22	0	24	91.44	-\$4.24
Huntsville Council No. 12	\$51.52		6	1	7	0	12	5	17	64.77	\$13.25
George M. Patrick Council No 13	\$662.40	3	87		90	3	174	0	177	674.37	\$11.97
San Antonio Council No. 14	\$331.20	5	40		45	5	80	0	85	323.85	-\$7.35
Dallas Council No. 18	\$772.80	22	81	2	105	22	162	10	194	739.14	-\$33.66
Palestine Council No. 20	\$58.88	1	7		8	1	14	0	15	57.15	-\$1.73
Brenham Council No. 22	\$14.72		2		2	0	4	0	4	15.24	\$0.52
Carthage Council No. 25	\$29.44		4		4	0	8	0	8	30.48	\$1.04
Zerubbabel Council No. 26	\$103.04		12	2	14	0	24	10	34	129.54	\$26.50
Columbia Council No. 29	\$382.72	3	48	1	52	3	96	5	104	396.24	\$13.52
Corsicana Council No. 32	\$14.72		2		2	0	4	0	4	15.24	\$0.52
Waco Council No. 33	\$544.64	5	67	2	74	5	134	10	149	567.69	\$23.05
Haggai Council No. 38	\$220.80	1	28	1	30	1	56	5	62	236.22	\$15.42
Dale E. Miller Council No. 40	\$51.52		7		7	0	14	0	14	53.34	\$1.82
Mount Horeb Council No. 41	\$80.96	1	10		11	1	20	0	21	80.01	-\$0.95
Fort Worth Council No. 42	\$191.36	4	20	2	26	4	40	10	54	205.74	\$14.38
Sherman Council No. 43	\$228.16	4	27		31	4	54	0	58	220.98	-\$7.18
Sulphur Springs Council No. 44	\$184.00	1	23	1	25	1	46	5	52	198.12	\$14.12
Springtown Council No.47	\$73.60		9	1	10	0	18	5	23	87.63	\$14.03
Orange Council No. 49	\$7.36	1			1	1	0	0	1	3.81	-\$3.55
Dad Pender Council No. 50	\$154.56		19	2	21	0	38	10	48	182.88	\$28.32
W. T. Austin Council No. 52	\$228.16	5	26		31	5	52	0	57	217.17	-\$10.99
Corpus Christi Council No. 55	\$662.40	2	86	2	90	2	172	10	184	701.04	\$38.64
Grandview Council No. 56	\$103.04		14		14	0	28	0	28	106.68	\$3.64
Cleburne Council No. 61	\$22.08		3		3	0	6	0	6	22.86	\$0.78

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cooper Council No. 62	\$301.76	7	34		41	7	68	0	75	285.75	-\$16.01
R.C. Buckner Council No. 67	\$58.88		8		8	0	16	0	16	60.96	\$2.08
Greenville Council No. 68	\$95.68		13		13	0	26	0	26	99.06	\$3.38
Ennis Council No. 81	\$73.60		10		10	0	20	0	20	76.2	\$2.60
Stephenville Council No. 85	\$198.72	2	25		27	2	50	0	52	198.12	-\$0.60
C. O. Jones Council No. 86	\$51.52	2	5		7	2	10	0	12	45.72	-\$5.80
Terrell Council No. 90	\$95.68	3	10		13	3	20	0	23	87.63	-\$8.05
Hillsboro Council No. 94	\$44.16	1	5		6	1	10	0	11	41.91	-\$2.25
El Paso Council No. 98	\$257.60	9	26		35	9	52	0	61	232.41	-\$25.19
San Angelo Council No. 110	\$58.88		8		8	0	16	0	16	60.96	\$2.08
Keystone Council No.112	\$632.96	15	71		86	15	142	0	157	598.17	-\$34.79
Longview Council No. 116	\$36.80		5		5	0	10	0	10	38.1	\$1.30
Garland Council No. 118	\$220.80	3	26	1	30	3	52	5	60	228.6	\$7.80
Laredo Council No. 123	\$73.60	3	6	1	10	3	12	5	20	76.2	\$2.60
Beaumont Council No. 126	\$73.60	1	9		10	1	18	0	19	72.39	-\$1.21
Beeville Council No. 129	\$36.80		3	2	5	0	6	10	16	60.96	\$24.16
Amarillo Council No. 134	\$198.72	1	26		27	1	52	0	53	201.93	\$3.21
Llano Council No. 135	\$139.84		16	3	19	0	32	15	47	179.07	\$39.23
Temple Council No. 137	\$132.48	7	11		18	7	22	0	29	110.49	-\$21.99
Wichita Falls Council No 140	\$117.76		16		16	0	32	0	32	121.92	\$4.16
Midlothian Council No. 148	\$706.56	2	93	1	96	2	186	5	193	735.33	\$28.77
Floydada Council No. 163	\$235.52	3	29		32	3	58	0	61	232.41	-\$3.11
Lufkin Council No. 176	\$154.56	5	14	2	21	5	28	10	43	163.83	\$9.27
Alpha Council No. 178	\$58.88		7	1	8	0	14	5	19	72.39	\$13.51
Lubbock No. 183	\$404.80	20	35		55	20	70	0	90	342.9	-\$61.90
Big Country Co. 192	\$242.88	10	23		33	10	46	0	56	213.36	-\$29.52
Rio Vista Council No. 205	\$80.96		11		11	0	22	0	22	83.82	\$2.86
Florence Council No. 208	\$66.24		9		9	0	18	0	18	68.58	\$2.34
San Marcos Co. 215	\$14.72		2		2	0	4	0	4	15.24	\$0.52
Kerrville Council No. 240	\$154.56	4	16	1	21	4	32	5	41	156.21	\$1.65
Teague Council No. 256	\$80.96		10	1	11	0	20	5	25	95.25	\$14.29
Port Lavaca Council No. 275	\$206.08	14	14		28	14	28	0	42	160.02	-\$46.06

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Seguin Council No. 281	\$316.48	16	26	1	43	16	52	5	73	278.13	-\$38.35
Henderson Council No. 298	\$7.36	1			1	1	0	0	1	3.81	-\$3.55
Arlington Council No. 314	\$191.36	1	25		26	1	50	0	51	194.31	\$2.95
Southside No. 315	\$515.20	13	57		70	13	114	0	127	483.87	-\$31.33
Texas Council No. 321	\$345.92	3	44		47	3	88	0	91	346.71	\$0.79
Goose Creek Council No. 339	\$220.80	3	27		30	3	54	0	57	217.17	-\$3.63
San Jacinto Council No. 347	\$897.92	15	107		122	15	214	0	229	872.49	-\$25.43
Tarrant Council No. 349	\$345.92	16	31		47	16	62	0	78	297.18	-\$48.74
Hidalgo Council No. 353	\$66.24	4	5		9	4	10	0	14	53.34	-\$12.90
Borger Council No. 354	\$161.92	4	18		22	4	36	0	40	152.4	-\$9.52
Mabank Council No. 355	\$29.44	1	3		4	1	6	0	7	26.67	-\$2.77
Helotes Council No. 362	\$662.40	16	70	4	90	16	140	20	176	670.56	\$8.16
East Texas Council No. 366	\$36.80	1	4		5	1	8	0	9	34.29	-\$2.51
Quanah Council No. 367	\$58.88		8		8	0	16	0	16	60.96	\$2.08
Burnet Council No. 368	\$161.92	9	13		22	9	26	0	35	133.35	-\$28.57
Park Place Council No. 373	\$552.00	17	58		75	17	116	0	133	506.73	-\$45.27
Pasadena Council No. 374	\$426.88	8	50		58	8	100	0	108	411.48	-\$15.40
Southeast Texas Council No 380	\$161.92	1	21		22	1	42	0	43	163.83	\$1.91
Richmond Council No. 383	\$169.28	5	18		23	5	36	0	41	156.21	-\$13.07
Riverside No. 384	\$294.40	1	39		40	1	78	0	79	300.99	\$6.59
North Houston Council No. 387	\$463.68	1	61	1	63	1	122	5	128	487.68	\$24.00
Lloyd L. Gibson Council No. 394	\$117.76		16		16	0	32	0	32	121.92	\$4.16
Love Field Council No. 396	\$610.88	1	79	3	83	1	158	15	174	662.94	\$52.06
Seagoville Council No. 397	\$161.92	1	21		22	1	42	0	43	163.83	\$1.91
Killeen Council No. 399	\$184.00		25		25	0	50	0	50	190.5	\$6.50
Ridglea Council No. 400	\$412.16	3	53		56	3	106	0	109	415.29	\$3.13
Grand Prairie Council No.404	\$139.84	1	16	2	19	1	32	10	43	163.83	\$23.99
Cleveland Council No. 405	\$161.92	4	18		22	4	36	0	40	152.4	-\$9.52
La Marque Council No. 406	\$191.36	5	21		26	5	42	0	47	179.07	-\$12.29
Hurst Council No. 407	\$301.76	4	34	3	41	4	68	15	87	331.47	\$29.71
John C. Callahan Council No. 408	\$161.92		22		22	0	44	0	44	167.64	\$5.72
Blue Bonnet Council No. 409	\$154.56	6	15		21	6	30	0	36	137.16	-\$17.40
Port Neches Council No. 413	\$603.52	3	79		82	3	158	0	161	613.41	\$9.89

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Brownsville Council No. 414	\$22.08		3		3	0	6	0	6	22.86	\$0.78
Gr. Council R&SM of Texas	\$36.80		5		5	0	10	0	10	38.1	\$1.30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Totals	\$21,763.52	356	2552	49	2957	356	5104	245	5705	21,736.05	-\$27.47

Distributed per Endowment
By Unit

\$ 7.36
\$ 3.81

$\$21,763.52 \div 2957 = \7.36

$\$21,763.52 \div 5,705 = \3.81 per Unit

WHEREAS the per unit calculation for 2018 would have been \$3.81, requiring five units (4.72 units), representing an endowment purchase of five hundred dollars (\$500), to pay the \$18.00 per capita assessment for each living Endowed Member; and

WHEREAS the per unit calculation for 2018 would have been \$3.81, requiring eight (8) units (7.87 units), representing an endowment purchase of eight hundred dollars (\$800), to pay the \$30.00 minimum dues; and

WHEREAS the difference between the amount paid by the Endowment Fund for each endowment and the amount established as per capita and minimum dues is a major contributing factor to the financial difficulties suffered by many subordinate Councils; and

WHEREAS Grand Council law does not provide for a member, subordinate Council or donor to purchase a partial endowment; and

WHEREAS, after conversion to units, based on one unit equals \$100, an Endowed Member could purchase any additional number of \$100 units desired, with the provision that those units, and any new endowments, would not earn distributions until after they had been invested for one full year, starting on August 1 of the year the contribution is made;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Article C-109 Endowed Memberships be amended to read as follows:

Art. C-145 (276-A) Endowed Membership.

- 1- Any member in good standing in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date, may purchase an Endowed Membership and be thereby relieved from the further payment of dues, subject to the provisions herein set below,
- 2- The purchase price for an Endowed Membership shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00), **which shall purchase five (5) units at the established cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per unit.** (Amended - 2015)
- 3- In the event of plural membership, a Companion may purchase an Endowed Membership in any such Councils in which he holds such memberships.
- 4- The administration of the Endowed Membership Fund shall be under the supervision of the Committee on Investments which shall perform the following:
 - a- Receive all Endowed Memberships collected from the Grand recorder who shall send the Companion purchasing such membership an appropriate certificate signed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and attested to by the Grand Recorder, and likewise that a ~~pocket~~ **dues** card be furnished to the Companion purchasing the Endowed Membership to indicate his membership in the Endowed Membership Program; said card to be signed by the Grand Recorder and the Recorder of his Council.
 - b- Invest monies received into the Endowed Membership Fund in a prudent manner consistent with standard practices and policies as established by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. (Amended - 1997).
 - c- Send, through the Grand Recorder, to the subordinate Council(s) the amount of earned interest; **based on the number of units purchased for the benefit of the subordinate Council at the rate of one (1) unit for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) invested in the Endowment Fund,** provided, that no interest shall be distributed until after one full year of interest has accrued. The Endowed

Membership must be received by the Grand Recorder before August 1st each year for an Endowed Membership to earn a full year's interest the following August 1st. The interest earnings, less one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per membership for cost of administration, shall be distributed perpetually thereafter. Funds received by the Council(s) for the purchase of an Endowed Membership after August 1st may be placed in an insured interest bearing account at a reputable financial institution and such funds shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder no later than the next preceding August 1st. (Amended – 1999)

- d- Make an annual audit and report of the status of the Endowed Membership Program to the Grand Council each year.
- e- Subordinate Councils ~~would~~ **shall** continue to receive the interest income after death, **of the holder of the Endowed Membership** ~~except if a holder of Endowed Membership affiliates with another Texas Council, he may transfer said membership to his new Council.~~
- f- Subordinate Councils ~~would~~ **shall** continue to send the Grand Council the per capita dues as is currently done with the Annual returns. Holders of Endowed Memberships are subject to all the Laws, Rules and regulations as provided in the Masonic Code of the Grand Council.
- g- Any Endowed Membership purchased **d** by a Council or any person to honor a member of the Council shall be considered as properly belonging to the Council and not subject to transfer. (Amended - 1987)
- h- Councils may develop and implement a monthly payment plan, whereby a member may purchase an Endowed Membership simply by written agreement between the member and the Council.
- i- **A subordinate Council may develop and implement an Endowed Membership program with a minimum endowment greater than that set by the Grand Council, provided it complies with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council. Such program shall pay endowment funds to the Grand Recorder to purchase endowment units at the established rate of one (1) unit per one hundred dollars (\$100.00). No partial Endowed Membership may be purchased from the Grand Recorder.**
- j- **An Endowed Member or subordinate Council may purchase, as an addition to an existing Endowed Membership, additional units at a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per unit. Such additional units shall be subject to the same investment and distribution provisions as the original endowments to which they are added.**
- k- **In the event that a subordinate Council merges with another Council, the Endowed Memberships purchased for the benefit of the merging Council shall be assigned to the surviving Council.**
- l- **In the event that a subordinate Council demises, the Endowed Memberships purchased for the benefit of that Council shall be assigned to the Grand Recorder and the distributions for those endowments shall be deposited into the General Excess Fund.**

Fraternally submitted,
Joe F. Schriever, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
San Angelo Council No. 110, R.&S.M.

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



ROBERT M. LOFLIN

Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338, R.A.M.

Exalted – November 21, 1998

High Priest – 2001, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017 and 2018

Endowed Member – 2014

Beeville Chapter No. 191, R.A.M.

Charter Member of reconstituted Chapter – April 7, 2012

Endowed Member – 2015

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 2003

District Deputy Grand High Priest, 24th Capitular District – 2004, 2012

Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee – 2016 to present

Chairman – 2016, 2018, 2019

Grand Representative to Grand Chapter of Finland – 2016 to present

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain – 2016

Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil – 2018

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



JEFFREY J. MILLER

Love Field Chapter No. 478, R.A.M.
Exalted – July 10, 1999
Endowed – 2015

Dallas Chapter No. 47, R.A.M.
Affiliated – April 3, 2000
Excellent High Priest – 2005-2006
Endowed – 2006
Treasurer – 2012-2017
Secretary – 2018- Present

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of High Priesthood – 2005
Fraternal Relations Committee – 2007-2008
York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordination Committee – 2012
Credentials Committee – 2007-2014, Chairman 2011-2014
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular District No. 13 – 2019

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**



JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M.

Exalted – August 20, 1990

Endowed Member – June 1, 1994

High Priest – 1997

Cornerstone Award 1998

Secretary – 1993 to 1996, 1998 to present

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 1997

Grand Representative to Virginia – 1998 -2007

R:E: District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist . 15 – 2000

E: Grand Marshal – 2002

M:E: Grand High Priest – 2007

Grand Representative to Louisiana – 2007 to present

Member, Board of Directors of the TMRC 2008 -2012, 2014-2018

President of the Board 2014-2018

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
R:I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



ROBERT C. BRUNK

Ennis Council No.81, R. & S.M.

Greeted – 2010

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2016

Endowed Member – 2012

Goodnight – Loving No. 47, R. & S.M.

Affiliated Plural – 2018

Member of Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.C.H. – April 2018

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Super Excellent Masters Degree – 2010

Esoteric Certificate – 2014 to Present

Regional Membership Coordinator Region 6 – 2015 to Present

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2016

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 15 – 2018

I: Grand Captain of the Guards – 2019

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
R:I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



BRIAN R. DODSON

Houston Council No. 1, R.&S.M.
Greeted – January 25, 1982
Thrice Illustrious Master – 1992
Endowed Member – June 7, 1993

Sam Houston Council No. 403, R.&S.M.
Affiliated Plural – June 2, 1993
Treasurer – 1993-1996

Grand Council R.&S.M. of Texas
Comm. on New Councils – 1997
York Rite Development Board of Directors 1998-2001, Chairman 2001
Grand Representative to the Grand Council of North Carolina – 2008 to present
Comm. on Purposes & Policies – 2008-2012
Thrice Illustrious Master of Order of Silver Trowel – 2011
Comm. on Investments – 2009, 2015-2019, Chairman 2009, Vice Chair 2018

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
YORK RITE DEVELOPMENT FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



HUNTER SCHAPPAUGH

Houston Council No. 1, R.&S.M.

Greeted a Select Master – December 11, 1999

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2009-2010

Treasurer – 2018 - Present

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2019

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2009

Tellers Committee (Member) – 2009

Super Excellent Master – 2011