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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

#### TO BE CONSIDERED

AT OUR

ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

AND

**ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY** 

**TO BE HELD** 

**OCTOBER 20-21, 2014** 

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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR GRAND CONVOCATION HELD OCTOBER 20-21, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

The intent of this award is to honor a member of a Royal Arch Chapter for his hard work and attendance to the business and workings of that chapter and Capitular Masonry, by his chapter. It should be the sole decision of the members of that chapter to choose that recipient.

It is also my belief that the intent of the article was not to prohibit allowing friends and family to attend the presentation to the recipient.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article B-084 (77-B) be amended in the following manor:

Delete the forth sentence in the first paragraph which reads "Present and Past Elective Grand Officers shall not be eligible", and the last sentence in the fourth paragraph to read: The recipient shall have no knowledge of the award prior to his election, but may be informed thereafter so that plans may be made for his family and friends to participate.

Fraternally submitted, James Roy Elliott, P.H.P., Midlothian Chapter, 211, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas, the name of the chapter is currently Southside-Polytechnic Chapter No. 378, Royal Arch Masons, and

Whereas, the membership of said chapter consists of companions from three merged chapters consisting of Southside, Polytechnic and Hemphill Heights.

Whereas, the Stated Convocations and Degree Work are held in Fort Worth, Texas at the same location as Southside Lodge No. 1114 and Southside Commandery No. 83.

Be it therefore resolved that the name be changed from Southside-Polytechnic Chapter No. 378, Royal Arch Masons to Southside Chapter No. 378, Royal Arch Masons.

This action was voted on and approved by the membership present of said Chapter this 4th day of February, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

Micah Frost – H.P., B.J. Young – Scribe,

Jason Lesikar – Secretary, Cortney Harvey–Treasurer,

Bill Blanks – P.S., Bill Souther – R.A.C.

Also present: Darrell Woody, Dale Smith, Dickie Edwards, James Jeffress

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the Hugh J. McClellan Chapter No. 248 of the Royal Arch Masons of Texas was originally chartered on the 3rd day of December 1903 under the name Lubbock Chapter No. 248 of the Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and,

Whereas, the name of Lubbock Chapter No. 248 of the Royal Arch Masons was changed on the 2nd day of December 1963 to Hugh J. McClellan Chapter No. 248 of the Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and,

Whereas, the current members of Hugh J. McClellan Chapter No. 248 of the Royal Arch Masons now desire to change the name back to the chapter's original chartered name of Lubbock Chapter No. 248 of the Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Be it Resolved, that Article 1 Section 1 of the Chapter bylaws be changed to be read as follows: This Chapter shall be styled Lubbock Chapter No. 248 of Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

First reading March 13, 2014, Second reading April 10, 2014 and the action was approved on April 10, 2014 with a ballot of 10 in favor and 2 against.

Charles Mire, Past High Priest Kevin Rush, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of Hidalgo Chapter on September 28, 2013 a motion was presented in writing to request permission of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to move the charter of Hidalgo Chapter No. 434, RAM from Weslaco, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Hidalgo Masonic Lodge No. 1036 at 121 S. 9th St. in Edinburg, Texas,

and WHEREAS, the membership of Hidalgo Chapter was notified by mail and that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on October 16, 2013,

and WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of Hidalgo Chapter on October 16, 2013 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote,

and WHEREAS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Reese L. Harrison, Jr. on May 14, 2014 granted dispensation to Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 to assemble for labor at Hidalgo Masonic Lodge No. 1036 in Edinburg, Texas, until the 2014 Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas grants permission to Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 to remove from Weslaco, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Hidalgo Masonic Lodge No. 1036 at 121 S. 9th St., in Edinburg, Texas.

Submitted Hidalgo Chapter No. 434, RAM Thomas B. Ball, Secretary, Past High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Article C-227 (380) refers to a Chapter Mason under charges, it does not take in to consideration of Masonic Charges preferred in a Constituent Lodge or other Masonic Bodies recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction or any other Grand Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a Royal Arch Mason is first and foremost a Masonic Brother and remains a Masonic Brother prior to becoming a Companion of the Royal Arch and that any Masonic charges preferred against him at any level should reflect his status in all Masonic bodies recognized under the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge of Texas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article C-227 (380) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

Article C – 227 (380) Standing: While under Charges. When charges are preferred against a member of a Chapter who is also a member of any Masonic related body or organization requiring current membership in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas and no final disposition has been made regarding such charges, his standing shall be a "member laboring under charges" and until such charges have been disposed of, he shall not be entitled to a Demit, a Certificate of Good Standing or be elected, Installed in, or allowed to pro-tem any office or serve on any committee; otherwise his rights and privileges shall remain unaffected thereby until he is found guilty, his punishment is fixed, or he is exonerated of said charges.

Submitted by, J. Weldon Clampitte, Past High Priest Washington Chapter No. 2, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, Fort Worth Chapter Number 58, R.A.M. is desirous to moving their domicile from 2501 Pollard Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76112, to 1501 W. Division Street, Arlington, Texas, 76012; and

Whereas, permission from the Board of Directors at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has been requested and received; and

Whereas, permission to meet in the Sweet Home Lodge room has been requested and received;

Resolved: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas grants a permanent dispensation to Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 for the change of its domicile from 2501 Pollard Street, Fort Worth, Texas, to 1501 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas.

Jerry W. Taylor, High Priest Fort Worth Chapter No. 58, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of Kilgore Chapter on May 27, 2014 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote, to move our meeting place from Danville Lodge No. 101 located at 1108 Stone Road, Kilgore, Texas to Rocky Mount Lodge No. 63, located at 101 E. Main Street, in Overton, Texas.

and WHEREAS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Reese L. Harrison, Jr. on July 3, 2014 granted dispensation to Kilgore Chapter No. 449 to assemble for labor at Rocky Mount Masonic Lodge No. 63 in Overton, Texas, until the 2014 Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas grant permission to Kilgore Chapter No. 449 to remove from Kilgore, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Rocky Mount Masonic Lodge No. 63 at Overton, Texas.

Submitted Kilgore Chapter No. 449, R.A.M. Jewel T. Proctor, Secretary, Past High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Reese L. Harrison, Jr. on January 15, 2014 granted dispensation to Brenham Chapter No. 5 to continue to assemble for labor at Hubert Masonic Lodge No. 67 in Chappell Hill, Texas, until the 2014 Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas grant permission to Brenham Chapter No. 5 to remove from Brenham, Texas to Hubert Masonic Lodge No. 67 at 5065 Main Street, Chappell Hill, Texas.

Submitted Brenham Chapter No. 5, R.A.M. Chris G. Dalrymple, Past High Priest

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR GRAND ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20-21, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to the Committees on Purposes & Policies

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

Whereas, the name of the council is currently Willis Stewart Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters of Palestine, Texas, and

Whereas all the Masonic related bodies in Palestine, Texas are named Palestine, (Palestine Lodge No. 31, A.F. & A.M.; Palestine Chapter No. 10, R.A.M.; Palestine Commandery No. 3, K.T.; Palestine Chapter No. 395, O.E.S.) except for the council which is named Willis Stewart Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters of Palestine, Texas, and

Whereas, there is no significant Texas or Masonic history to be found for it to be named after Willis Stewart.

Be it therefore resolved that the name be changed from Willis Stewart Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters of Palestine, Texas to Palestine Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters of Palestine, Texas.

This action was voted on and approved by the membership of said Council the 27th day of February, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger L. Baker, TIM;
Norwood M. Brenneke, Deputy Master
Willis C. Boedeker, Jr., PTIM, IPCW;
Larry B. Jung, PTIM Recorder
Eads B. Blaser, Jr., PTIM Chaplain;
Ernest C. Wolfe, III, PTIM C.O.G.
William W. Rodgers, PTIM, Steward'
Andrew James Ashley, PTIM, Sentinel

Other Companions present: James C. Burgess, PTIM, Buck Carroll, Phillip R. Fenton, PTIM, Pace McDonald, III, Harold E. Huffman

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

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

Whereas, the name of the council is currently Southside-Polytechnic Council No. 315, Royal and Select Masters, and

Whereas, the membership of said council consists of companions from three merged councils consisting of Southside, Polytechnic and Hemphill Heights.

Whereas, the Stated Assemblies and Degree Work are held in Fort Worth, Texas at the same location as Southside Lodge No. 1114 and Southside Commandery No. 83.

Be it therefore resolved that the name be changed from Southside-Polytechnic Council No. 315, Royal and Select Masters to Southside Council No. 315, Royal and Select Masters

This action was voted on and approved by the membership present of said Chapter this 4th day of February, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

Micah Frost – T.I.M., B.J. Young – I.P.C.W.,

Jason Lesikar – Recorder, Cortney Harvey – Treasurer,

Bill Blanks - Chaplain, Bill Souther - Steward

Also present: Darrell Woody, Dale Smith, Dickie Edwards, James Jeffress

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

Whereas, the Hugh J. McClellan Council No. 183 Royal and Select Masters was originally chartered on the 3rd day of December 1907 under the name Lubbock Council No. 183 Royal and Select Masters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas and,

Whereas, the name of Lubbock Council No. 183 Royal and Select Masters was changed on the $2^{\rm nd}$ day of December 1963 to Hugh J. McClellan Council No. 183 Royal and Select Masters, under the jurisdiction the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas and.

Whereas, the current members of Hugh J. McClellan Council No. 183 Royal and Select Masters now desire to change the name back to the Council's original chartered name of Lubbock Council No. 183 Royal and Select Masters.

Be it Resolved, that Article 1 Section 1 of the Council bylaws be changed to be read as follows: This Council shall be styled Lubbock Council No. 183 of Royal and Select Masters under the jurisdiction the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

First reading March 13, 2014, Second reading April 10, 2014 and the action was approved on April 10, 2014 with a ballot of 10 in favor and 2 against.

Charles Mire, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Kevin Rush, Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of Hidalgo Council on September 28, 2013 a motion was presented in writing to request permission of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas to move the charter of Hidalgo Council No. 353, R&SM from Weslaco, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Hidalgo Masonic Lodge No. 1036 at 121 S. 9th St. in Edinburg, Texas,

and WHEREAS, the membership of Hidalgo Council was notified by mail and that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on October 16, 2013,

and WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of Hidalgo Council on October 16, 2013 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote,

and WHEREAS, Most Illustrious Grand Master Thomas N. Turner, Sr. on March 25, 2014 granted dispensation to Hidalgo Council No. 353 to assemble for labor at Hidalgo Masonic Lodge No. 1036 in Edinburg, Texas, until the 2014 Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grants permission to Hidalgo Council No. 353 to remove from Weslaco, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Hidalgo Masonic Lodge No. 1036 at 121 S. 9th St., in Edinburg, Texas.

Submitted by Hidalgo Council No. 353, R&SM Thomas B. Ball, Recorder, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Article C-196 (326) refers to a Council Mason under charges, it does not take in to consideration of Masonic Charges preferred in a Constituent Lodge or other Masonic Bodies recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction or any other Grand Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a Royal and Select Master Mason is first and foremost a Masonic Brother and remains a Masonic Brother prior to becoming a Companion of the Royal and Select Council Degrees and that any Masonic charges preferred against him at any level should reflect his status in all Masonic bodies recognized under the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge of Texas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article C-196 (326) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas be amended as follows:

Article C-196 (326) Standing: While under Charges. When charges are preferred against a member of a Council who is also a member of any Masonic related body or organization requiring current membership in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas and no final disposition has been made regarding such charges, his standing shall be a "member laboring under charges" and until such charges have been disposed of, he shall not be entitled to a Demit, a Certificate of Good Standing or be elected, Installed in,

or allowed to pro-tem any office or serve on any committee; otherwise his rights and privileges shall remain unaffected thereby until he is found guilty, his punishment is fixed, or he is exonerated of said charges.

J. Weldon Clampitte, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Houston Council No. 1, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Referred to the Committee on Recognitions, Honors & Awards

WHEREAS, the original Resolution No. 4 to create the Cryptic Triangle Award and Article B-082 (74B) in 1997 was approved by this Grand Council as written, and

WHEREAS, the original Resolution contained the last paragraph that was omitted from the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Council, when Article B-082 (74B) was written and added, and

WHEREAS, the last paragraph of Article B-082 (74B) in 1997 as adopted stated:

"The Cryptic Triangle Award shall be presented to the recipient at a Special Assembly called for the purpose of making the presentation. The recipient may be informed of this award ahead of time should he wish to invite family and/or special guests." and

WHEREAS, a worthy Companion who has been elected to receive this award should be allowed to share this honor with his family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article B-082 (74B) be amended to add the last paragraph which should read as follows:

"The Cryptic Triangle Award shall be presented to the recipient at a Special Assembly called for the purpose of making the presentation. The recipient shall have no knowledge of this award prior to his election but shall be informed of this award ahead of time should he wish to invite family and/or special guests."

AND, that the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards be charged with the task of amending the Selection Form to read verbatim as Article B-082 (74B).

Fraternally submitted, Ronald A. Sharp, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Goose Creek Council No. 339, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

Whereas, Fort Worth Council Number 42, R.&S.M. is desirous to moving their domicile from 2501 Pollard Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76112, to 1501 W. Division Street, Arlington, Texas, 76012; and

Whereas, permission from the Board of Directors at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has been requested and received; and

Whereas, permission to meet in the Sweet Home Lodge room has been requested and received;

Resolved: The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grants a permanent dispensation to Fort Worth Council No. 42 for the change of its domicile from 2501 Pollard Street, Fort Worth, Texas, to 1501 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas.

Proposed by: Jerry W. Taylor, Thrice Illustrious Master Fort Worth Council No. 42, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of Kilgore Council on May 27, 2014 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote, to move our meeting place from Danville Lodge No. 101 located at 1108 Stone Road, Kilgore, Texas to Rocky Mount Lodge No. 63, located at 101 E. Main Street, in Overton, Texas.

and WHEREAS, Most Illustrious Grand Master Thomas N. Turner, Sr. on June 13, 2014 granted dispensation to Kilgore Council No. 366 to assemble for labor at Rocky Mount Masonic Lodge No. 63 in Overton,

Texas, until the 2014 Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grant permission to Kilgore Council No. 366 to remove from Kilgore, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Rocky Mount Masonic Lodge No. 63 at Overton, Texas.

Submitted Kilgore Council No. 366, R&SM Jewel T. Proctor, Recorder, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

WHEREAS, Most Illustrious Grand Master Thomas N. Turner, Sr. on December 19, 2013 granted dispensation to Brenham Council No. 22 to continue to assemble for labor at Hubert Masonic Lodge No. 67 in Chappell Hill, Texas, until the 2014 Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grant permission to Brenham Council No. 22 to remove from Brenham, Texas to the Lodge Hall of Hubert Masonic Lodge No. 67 at 5065 Main Street, Chappell Hill, Texas.

Submitted Brenham Council No. 22, R&SM Chris G. Dalrymple, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE



JOE F. SCHRIEVER

San Angelo Chapter No. 170, R.A.M. Exalted – October 18, 1975 High Priest – 1978 Endowed Member – May 9, 2014

Lone Star Chapter No. 6, R.A.M.
Affiliated Plural – April 12, 1984
Endowed Member – December 14, 2006

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist 34 – 1980 & 1983 E: Grand Marshal – 1981 Grand Representative Gr. Chapter of Victoria – 1988 to present

Committee on By-Laws – 1988 to 1993, Chairman 1991 Committee on Finance – 1994 - 1998, 2000 - 2004, 2007 -2011 Chairman 1998, 2003, 2010

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE



EVERETT EDWARD "BUSTER" WILLIAMS

San Antonio Chapter No. 381, R.A.M. Exalted – March 7, 1970 High Priest – 2004 Treasurer – 2011 to present

Llano Chapter No. 197, R.A.M. High Priest – 2000 Secretary – 2003 to present Endowed Member – 2004 Cornerstone Award – 2007

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of High Priesthood – 2000
M. E. Grand High Priest, Order of High Priesthood – 2011
R. E. Secretary, Order of High Priesthood – 2013 to present District Deputy Grand High Priest, District 21 – 2011
Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil – 2005
Excellent Grand Marshal – 2014

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK



CLARENCE RAY MCKOWN

Ridglea Council No. 400, R. & S. M. Greeted – April 3, 1998 Thrice Illustrious Master – 2003 Endowed Member – September 13, 2003 Cryptic Triangle Award – 2007

Weatherford Council No. 64, R. & S. M. Affiliated Plural – June 17, 2000 Thrice Illustrious Master – 2006

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas Super Excellent Masters Degree – 2000 Order of the Silver Trowel – 2003 District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 28 – 2007 Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards – 2011 Grand Representative to North Dakota – 2011 to present

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK



JEFFREY J. MILLER

Love Field Council No. 396, R. & S. M. Greeted – July 10, 1999

Dallas Council No. 18, R. & S. M. Affiliated Plural – April 3, 2000 Thrice Illustrious Master – 2003 Endowed Member – June 17, 2004 Education Committee – 2011 to present Treasurer – June 2012 to present

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas Super Excellent Masters Degree – 2003 Order of the Silver Trowel – 2003 District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 14 – 2007 Credentials Committee – 2006, 2010 to present, Co-Chairman 2012

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



JAMES D. MANLEY

Tarrant Chapter No. 416, R.A.M. Exalted – March 2, 1989 Endowed Member – June 16, 1994 High Priest – 1993 Treasurer – 1999 to 2002

Ridglea Chapter No. 485, R.A.M. Affiliated Plural – February 19, 2003 Endowed Member – April 16, 2003 Secretary – 2003 to present

Riverside Chapter No. 468, R.A.M. Affiliated Plural – November 9, 2009 Endowed Member – November 9, 2009

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of High Priesthood 1994
Grand Representative to Scotland – 1998 -2003
R:E: District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist . 27 – 1998
Committee on Work, Member 2001, 2002
Grand Representative to New Hampshire – 2010 to present
Committee on Grievances & Appeals 2013
Current Curator of the Museum of Texas Masonic Retirement Center