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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

Companion James Roy Elliott was born on December 15, 1943 in Coleman, Texas. His early education was received in Dallas, Duncanville and Fort Worth, Texas, Enid, Oklahoma and Glendale, California before graduation from Cooper High School in Abilene, Texas in 1962. He later attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville, and following three years service in the United States Navy, he was honorably discharged as an E-5 (Second Class Petty Officer, Dental Technician) and resumed his education at El Centro College in Dallas to earn his Associates Degree in Applied Science in 1972.

It was in February of 1970 that Roy and Claudia Palmer were married, and they have two daughters; Robyn Kaye and Candi Jo. They have two grandchildren, Cody and Lauren.

In 1967 Roy was employed by the Dallas Police Department where his duties included patrol, vice, intelligence and special operations investigator and as liaison to the Dallas County District Attorney's office. He organized and produced the first two Dallas Police Officers Rodeos to benefit the Shrine Hospitals. In 1987, Roy retired from the Police Department and opened ClearView Printing in Midlothian.

Roy's civic activities include service on the Board of Directors of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce from 1989 to 1996, and served as President in 1995. In addition, he has been on the Board of Directors of the Midlothian Civic Center since 1995; serving as Vice-President in 1996-1997, and as President from 1998 to the present.

His desire for Masonic knowledge led Roy to petition East Dallas Lodge No. 1200 for the degrees of Masonry. His climb of the fraternal ladder began with his initiation as an Entered Apprentice on July 9, 1974, and his entitlement to all available Masonic Light was realized with his raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 11, 1975. It was in 1989 that Roy affiliated as a dual member of Midlothian Lodge No. 584, and he served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in the 1992-1993 Masonic year. In 1995, he was selected to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 18 under Grand Master Farris L. Benham, and in 1998 his Lodge recognized his tremendous contributions to Masonry and to his Lodge by the presentation of the Golden Trowel Award, the highest honor a Lodge can bestow upon a Brother of the Lodge. Roy is an Endowed Member of Midlothian Lodge.

In 2001, Grand Master David B. Dibrell appointed Roy to the chairmanship of the Grand Lodge Gift of Life Program, and he later served as Vice-Chairman of that committee under Grand Masters Reese L. Harrison, Jr. in 2004, Elmer Murphey, III in 2005 and under Brian R. Dodson in 2006.

When Sunshine Lodge No. 341 was reconstituted in October of 2003, Roy was installed as Senior Warden of that Lodge, and served as Worshipful Master in the 2004-2005 Masonic year.

Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Midlothian Chapter No. 211 on August 30, 1990, Roy became an Endowed Member in 1994. He has served as Secretary of the Chapter since 1992 except in 1997 when he served as High Priest. He was appointed by Grand High Priest Orville L. O'Neill to serve as Grand Representative to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia in 1998, and in 2000 as District Deputy Grand High Priest in Capitular District No. 15 by Grand High Priest Paul D. Warren. In 1997 Roy received the Order of High Priesthood, and in 1998 was presented with the Cornerstone Award by Midlothian Chapter. In 2002 he served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as Grand Marshal; served as Grand Scribe in 2004, Grand King in 2005, Deputy Grand High Priest in 2006 and will be elected and installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at the close of the 2006 Annual Convocation.

Roy was greeted in Midlothian Council No. 148 on August 30, 1990, and became an Endowed Member of the Council in 1994. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1997, and with the exception of 1997 he has served as Recorder of the Council since 1992. It was in 1998 that Most Illustrious Ben A. O'Brien appointed Roy as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 15 of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1997, and Midlothian Council No. 138 presented to him the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2002.

It was on September of 1990 that Roy was Knighted in Tancred Commandery No. 92. He became an Endowed Member in 1997, and served as Commander in 2005. Received the Order of Knight Preceptor in 2005 and is a member of Texas Priory No. 23 K.Y.C.H.

Other related Masonic memberships include the Royal Order of Scotland; Allied Masonic Degrees where he has served as Sovereign Master of Robert Bruce Brannon Council No. 270 and at present is the Grand Superintendent of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA. He is a member of Rose of Sharon Council of Knight Masons No. 49 and has served as Excellent Chief and is presently the Treasurer of that Council. A member of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147, Roy is an Endowed Member and has been Governor of the College. It was in 2002 that he received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College. Roy was initiated into the Order of St. Thomas of Acon in Washington, D.C. and is currently designated as Worthy Master of Tejas Chapel No. 47 in Dallas.

A Scottish Rite Mason since 1975, Roy is an Endowed Member of the Dallas Valley and is a member of the Sound and Music Committee in the Thirtieth Degree, the Gift of Life Committee for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, and is Chairman of the Ellis County Membership Committee. Having been invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1999, he was a member of the K.C.C.H. Investiture team. It has been his commitment to the Scottish Rite, and his labors in the quarries that in 2005 brought about his recognition and coronation as a Thirty-Third Degree Honorary Inspector General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

A member of the Permian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Midland and Hella Shrine in Dallas, Roy shares membership in Dallas Chapter No. 1 of the Order of the Eastern Star with Claudia where she has served as Worthy Matron.

An avid student of history, Roy holds membership in four Masonic research organizations: Texas Lodge of Research, Scottish Rite Research Society (Endowed Member), Quatur Coronati Lodge No. 2076 and Southern California Research Lodge.

Qualified by experience, and driven by commitment, James Roy Elliott will pass the test of the Master Overseer's square to bring up good and true work. Accomplishing such work as is required to leave his mark upon Capitular Masonry in Texas.



CLARENCE J. LANEY
M.:E.: Grand High Priest 2008
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

CLARENCE JOY LANEY

Clarence Joy Laney was born October 7, 1947 in Morenci, Arizona to parents Clarence Joy and Jean Laney. He is the oldest of four children, 3 boys and 1 girl. When he was two years old, Clarence and his family moved from Arizona to Dallas, Texas, where he later attended South Oak Cliff High School. Clarence entered the U S Army in February 1967 and during his three years of duty; he served two tours in Vietnam.

Separating from Active Duty in October 1969, he married his wife Pamela Crook on December 5, 1969, and had one child, Rebecca Joy Laney in 1974. He received an Associates Degree from Mountain View Junior College in Dallas and worked as a carpenter for twelve or thirteen years. Clarence attended American Trades Institute and received a degree in electronics in 1990. He worked for five years as a cabinet-maker for the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, and worked for the DeSoto Independent School District as the Supervisor of Maintenance. Moving from DeSoto to Corinth Texas in 1995, he was employed for twelve years for Lewisville Independent School District as Energy Coordinator. Clarence received his Bachelor of Science in Business Management from LeTourneau University, Longview Texas in 1996. Clarence retired December 31, 2005 and he and his wife are currently living in Whitesboro, Texas.

MASONIC HISTORY

He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on August 26, 1971 in DeSoto Lodge No. 1409, A. F. & F. M., and served as Master in 1989-1990. As a plural member of Nash Lodge No. 638, he served as Master in 1994-1995, and is also a member of Stanfield Lodge No. 217, in Denton Texas, and Whitesboro Lodge No. 263, in Whitesboro Texas. Exalted a Royal Arch Mason on October 22, 1974, at Z. E. Coombes Chapter No. 421 in Dallas, Texas and was advanced to Royal & Select Master in Z. E. Coombes Council No. 352 on November 4, 1974.

Z. E. Coombes merged with Love Field Chapter No. 478 and Council No. 396, where Clarence served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1991, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in the Council in 1992. Clarence Laney has also served as High Priest and TIM of Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 and Dad Pender Council No. 50 in Denton Texas. He is a plural member of Midlothian Chapter No. 211, Midlothian Council No. 148, Whitesboro Chapter No. 377, and Whitesboro Council No. 313. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council 1996-1997, and served as a board member on the York Rite Development Fund for 3 years. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter in 2004. He is presently serving as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Missouri near Texas and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa near Texas.

Clarence was knighted in Tancred Commandery No. 82 on March 19, 1984. Plural Membership obtained at Alexander C. Garrett No. 103 and served as Commander in 1995. He is a plural member with Denton Commandery No. 45 and served as Commander 1998-1999 and again in 2001. He has drilled on Dallas Commandery No. 6 Drill Team for 13 years. Clarence was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor on February 27, 2001.

He became a member, of Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies November 14, 1972 and served on the 4th, 23rd, 27th, and 28th degree teams. Clarence was invested with the Rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on November 19, 2005. He has been a Noble of Hella Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. since 1972.

Other memberships, orders, and honors include: Charter member of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College and served as Governor in 2001, receiving the Order of the Purple Cross July 22, 2000. Received from the Convent General the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor with Two Quadrants on March 8, 2007. In 1984 he received the Super Excellent Masters Degree, the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1997, received the Knight York Cross of Honor December 1995, in Texas Priory No. 23. He received the Order of the High Priesthood in 1992. Clarence is a Past Chief, of Rose of Sharon Council, and member of Holy Stone AMD and charter member of William Barrett Travis AMD where he served as Sovereign Master in 1996. He is a member of the York Rite Esoteric Association. Secretary/Treasurer of the Denton Scottish Rite Club. He is member of St. Austin Conclave Red Cross of Constantine. He has served on various special and constitutional committees. Clarence and Pam are members of Nash Chapter No. 320 Order of the Eastern Star, and they served as Worthy Matron and Patron in 1992.

Companion Laney served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Texas in 2003. In 2004 he was elected to the bottom of the line in the Grand Chapter and in October of 2007 installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Texas.

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DIVINE SERVICE

PRELUDE Mrs. Wm. E. (Maggie) Matyastik

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

R:E: J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, JR., EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: The hour has arrived. We are honored to have all of you with us this afternoon. This is a very wonderful time in some ways and in some ways it is a sad time because as you sit and look back, you observe who is not with us any more. Those of us who gave and loved and appreciated the people who have been here always, I think, enjoy this meeting. It is a way we kind of say thank you for the great lives of people who have served this Fraternity and people who have given a great deal to make it possible for us to be here. Some of us have got the responsibility of taking their places if we will. Nobody can tell you to do that. You have got to do it on your own. Nobody can say to you that you have got to do certain things because God didn't give all of us the same kind of ability. But He gave you one thing that all of us have and that is the right of choice. I would like to say to you it was the right choice today to be here because it means a whole lot to us.

If you will please rise and take your programs and follow me in the Call to Worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 95

LEADER: Come, let us sing unto the Lord;

RESPONSE: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

LEADER: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

RESPONSE: And raise a loud shout to Him with psalms.

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God.

RESPONSE: And a great King above all gods.

LEADER: In His hands are the caverns of the earth.

RESPONSE: And the heights of the hills are His also.

LEADER: The sea is His, for He made it.

RESPONSE: And His hands have molded the dry land.

LEADER: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee.

RESPONSE: And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

LEADER: For He is our God.

RESPONSE: And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

R:E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: And now will you join us in singing "O Worship the King."

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "O Worship the King"

R:E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: You may be seated.

I'm borrowing the Bible which belongs to Brother Keithly who is the Illustrious Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council. I didn't have a chance to scan it so you will have to bear with me because I have to get it close to my eyes so I can see.

SCRIPTURE READING

R:E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: "When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne with all the nations gathered before him. He will separate men into two groups like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, 'You have my Father's blessing. Come enter into possession of the kingdom with which has been made ready for you since the world was made. For when I was hungry you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger, you took me into your house; when I was naked, you clothed me; when I was ill, you came to my health; when I was in prison, you visited me.' Then the righteous will reply, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and fed you, or thirsty and gave you drink; a stranger took you home; or naked clothed you. When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?' And the king will answer, 'I will tell you, anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me.'

Then he will say unto those on his left hand, 'The curse is upon you from my sight to the internal fire and is ready for the devil and his angels. For when I was hungry, you gave me nothing to eat; when thirsty you gave me nothing to drink. When I was a stranger, you gave me no home. When I was naked, you did not clothe me. When I was ill and in prison, you did not come to my help.' And they, too, will reply, 'Lord, when was it that you saw me hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison that I did not do anything for you.' And he will answer, 'I will tell you this, everything you did not do for those of these, however humble, you did not do for me and they will go away in eternal punishment, but the righteous will enter eternal life.'

MESSAGE

I: THOMAS G. KEITHLY, ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Sorry to spring that on Jimmy, that particular translation. He did a very good job of reading it anyway. He always does a good job of what we ask him to do.

"You have my Father's blessing; come and possess the kingdom that has been ready for you since the world was made."

Those are the words that Jesus said to those on his right hand, or on God's right hand, as he told that story. The Jews were great storytellers. They loved to make their point by telling stories in a vivid way to make it memorable. And Jesus, brought up in that tradition, did the same, and I think this is one of the greatest of the Parables; my favorite anyway.

Now, if you read your program carefully, you might have noticed that I came up with a strange sort of title for a sermon - "Oh, Lord, ain't it great to be humble." Never before have I titled a sermon after a country and western song. (LAUGHTER.)

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: If you are as old as I am, you remember when that came out. I can't remember the singer. Was it Mel Tillis who sang that? Oh yes, it was Mac Davis..

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: Anyway, it said, "Oh, Lord, ain't it great to be humble when you're perfect in every way." I thought I better start, though, with a Biblical verse and put it in real quickly before you think I have lost my faith if you remember this song. I've long been tempted in a way to preach on that. So the subject really is humility and I succumbed to that temptation. The second I thought about doing this a few months ago, I sort of had a conversation with myself. I said, "Oh, no, silly, you can't do that. After all, you are going to be speaking to a congregation that includes some of the most prominent leaders in Texas Masonry and they don't really need that message." (LAUGHTER.)

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: So I kind of let it pass. You know, you are warned, you know what it is about. So you know you don't need it. You know you already know how to be humble. So you can close your eyes now and sleep a little bit and wake up later. (LAUGHTER.)

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: I still think maybe I'm a little nuts, but then I thought about it, that would be fascinating to preach about. It is because we can, myself included, put a negative twist on the word humility and its related word humble. And I said then to my alter ego that that is mostly a virtue. How can a virtue possibly be negative? I think the reason we sometimes see it in a negative way is a misinterpretation. We think humility is kind of putting your self down. It is being sort of, well, I'm not really very good because if I thought I was, people will think I'm too vain or boastful or proud. So I can start by saying what I think humility is truly understood as a virtue. It is not self-abasement or self-effacement.

We understand humility in a way as the opposite of the sins of vanity or pride. We all know that phrase from the Bible, "Pride goeth before the fall of a man." Or "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled

and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Prayer of the leader of a congregation that was looking for a new pastor, I'm told, was once led by whoever it was, the president of the board of deacons or whatever and said, "O, Lord, send us a poor, humble pastor. We'll keep him poor; you keep him humble." (LAUGHTER.)

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: Of course, we always want our pastors to be humble. I'm not sure about poor. But then, after all, humility is listed as one of the virtues.

Years ago the story was told to me about a meeting of leaders of different religious orders of the Roman Catholic Church and a Carmelite was there and that is one of the strictest of their Orders; very strict way of living. They live mostly in silence. In fact, some of them in some of their monasteries go only with open sandals even the cold of winter.

So the Carmelite who is from such a strict Order is speaking at a little social gathering of these leaders and he gives a nod to a Benedictine abbot and says, "You know, for liturgical perfection you Benedictines show us all up." And he nodded to the Dominican prior and he said, "You Dominicans are tops when it comes to scholarship, learning, founders of great universities, order of the great scholars like Thomas Aquinas and others."

With a look to the Franciscan guardian he said, "Franciscans, you guys lead the way in good works." He looked over to the Jesuit superior and he said, "Now, for missionary zeal, Jesuits top us all. But when it comes to humility, we're tops." (LAUGHTER.)

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: That's the trouble with pursuing the virtue of humility. It is the hardest of virtues to pursue or go after. If you try really hard to work at it, you are in danger of the very thing you think you are trying to avoid.

The ironic humor in that country and western song captures it perfectly. You can't achieve the virtue of humility by setting out to be humble because pride gets in the way.

Now, in secular society it often is thought smart for a person to get ahead of others to seek places of honor, to elbow others out of the way and to use any available means to do so. In contrast to that the virtuous way is to acknowledge and honor other's achievements by not over-estimating your own or seeking to put on a front or pretension that inflates your abilities.

I remember another story told of Winston Churchill. I think he was the man of the 20th Century if there ever was one unless you want to say the man of the 20th Century for evil would have been Adolf Hitler. I think Winston Churchill was the greatest person that history will record in the 1900s. Once in a brainstorming session of leaders of the Tory Party discussing members of the Tory Party in Parliament of who might be advanced to an assistant chairmanship of some committee, someone suggested a name, probably the name of a friend. A little discussion went around the table and no one was thinking of anything very great he did or was capable of.

So the man who proposed him tried to say, "Well, at least he's a modest man," and Winston Churchill harrumphed, "he has a lot to be modest about." (LAUGHTER.)

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: Sometimes we have to know what we should be modest about.

But we don't know the opposite stream of denying that we have some abilities to do good things. You should never do that. That is really denying God's gifts to you. Each of us can do good things and do good things, but without seeking to outdo anyone else or to show off.

There certainly is a truth in another biblical saying, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in Heaven." To be humble you don't have to hide your virtues under a basket, denying that you have any, denying that you have any talents, denying that you have any ability to do any good. A person is not humble by never doing anything worth bragging about. He is humbled by doing good things and then not bragging. We all are endowed by God with certain gifts. We have varying talents and abilities from one another. We have varying means of wealth from one another, but then remember that one day we will give an accounting, an accounting to God, not to man.

The key is simply to do what is best and what is right and what is just and what is holy and not care, really not care if anyone else notices or not.

A little factor about the Parable of the sheep or the goats, to get back to the story I asked Jimmy Willson to read, is to note that the men who were placed on his right and invited into the kingdom seemed to be surprised when they saw you were hungry and fed you or thirsty and gave you drink, or took you home or naked and clothed you. They simply had done those things because it was their ability to do so. It was the right thing to do.

You see, these were those who in this life simply did good things with the wherewithal that was entrusted

to them in this life, and simply did it as a matter of course, simply because it was right, it was just, it was godly and it was the proper way to behave.

I think this truth speaks to the very heart of our Masonic philosophy and so be it. Amen!
Now, turn to our other hymn, "Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah. "

We thank Maggie Matyastik for being here to contribute to our music.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING THIS YEAR
BY COMPANION DON R. LONG,
CHAIRMAN, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE,
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

COMPANION LONG: Before we begin, I want you to know that for thirty-seven and a half years they kept me poor - (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION LONG: - and yet I know I get to put a flower on.
You all forgive me this afternoon.

We are assembled today in order that we may take this annual opportunity to pay tribute to the lives and memories of those Companions whose allotted course on earth has been run and the Lord has received them into those heavenly mansions prepared for His faithful followers from the foundation of the world. Their weary footsteps have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and the working tools of life have been laid aside, and they have entered that "House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

We shall this afternoon pay tribute to a Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master, a District Deputy Grand Master. Both these men were dear friends of mine. We will also pay tribute to the Past High Priests of Texas Royal Arch Masons and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters who have departed since we last met. We will pause to salute the beloved Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction and the distinguished Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who in the year of 2007 have gone to present their working tools for final inspection by the Supreme Grand Artificer of the Universe.
The poet has said:

"Be still, my soul and listen,
For God would speak to thee,
And while the tempest's raging
Thy refuge he would be.

Be still, and cease to struggle,
Seek not to understand;
The flames will not destroy thee,
Thou'rt in the Father's hand.

And when the burden's heavy
He seeks to make thee pure,
To give thee faith and patience
And courage to endure.

The way is not too hard for thee,
Endure the chastening rod;
Thy gold shall only be refined
Be still, submit to God."

Let us be still in this hour and learn from our Lord how we may endure in a time of sorrow and despair. The ancient prophet of Israel, Elijah, is a great example of faith in God in troubled times. Elijah had many traumatic situations in his life just like you and I do. On one occasion he became so confused and downhearted because so many bad things had happened to him. He went out into the desert, sat under a juniper tree, ready to quit all of life's quest. He just sat there and he sulked because he was so very disappointed, dispirited and did not understand why God had let these bad things happen to him. He thought the nation of Israel had forsaken him and he thought God had deserted him. He thought God had left him alone and that God did not love him any more.

When death comes to those that we love for years we often become emotionally drained and our faith in God is besieged much like Elijah's. As a result we find ourselves sitting under a juniper tree, kind of like Elijah, questioning God's love, doubting his justice and perhaps we are even somewhat angry at God for permitting such a bad thing to happen to one which we loved so much and which had caused our heart so much grief.

I want you to know God did not leave Elijah under the juniper tree. God sent an angel. God told through that angel for Elijah to get up and go into the mountains for there he wanted to talk to him and he wanted to strengthen him.

Well, let me say to you who grieve today because of the passing of these Companions God doesn't want you to stay under your juniper tree of doubt and despair. He still loves you and he still wants to do things with each of your lives that will honor him and honor the life and memory of these dear Companions we memorialize today.

In 1st Kings we find what happened. "And behold the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire a still small voice."

It was in that still small voice that God spoke to Elijah and thus strengthening and you know from the history that he did mighty, mighty things after that.

We need to hear the still small voice of God as through David, the King, the testimony of David while he was in the Valley of Sorrow. David said, "As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me."

And again we hear that still small voice of God in that most beautiful of all poems: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Life is not all still waters, life is not all green pastures. Yet, when we exercise our faith in God, God will walk with us in all the experiences of life and by His power symbolized in this 23rd Psalm by the words "Thy rod" and with his love, symbolized by the words "Thy staff," He will carry and protect us through all of life's experiences and give us strength, peace and comfort.

So this afternoon I say to you it is indeed by faith in God and not by our limited human sight that we must walk in times of sorrow and grief.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED PAST HIGH PRIESTS OF TEXAS 2007

Now, we pray, first of all, in tribute to the departed High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. It was through the gates of death that they found the entrance to the place of wages, refreshment and rest. The Almighty Hand of the Supreme Master has prevailed and exalted them to the glorious companionship in that undissolving Lodge.

"Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men ... For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale [that is told]. 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 ... let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou ...

We place this flower on the Altar in the loving fraternal memory of the High Priests of Texas whose eternal spirits have departed this earth. (PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.)

TRIBUTE TO THE 431 DECEASED COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS BY COMPANION BILLY H. COMBEST

COMPANION BILLY H. COMBEST: Thank you, my Brother Companion Don Long. I would like to thank the Chairmen of these Memorial Committees at this time for allowing me to participate in this Memorial

Service. It is a great honor and I was glad when I was given the opportunity to do this.

This Tribute will be given to the deceased Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas who have passed during the preceding year. There were 431 Companions who have passed away.

The difficulty in giving the Tribute to these 431 who have passed from their labors here on earth in eternal refreshment in the house above not made with hands is that we all know that we would personally like to do it and sometimes we think they may deserve a personal tribute to each one of them separately done, but we realize also today that this is not possible under the circumstances that we find ourselves today. I think these Companions that have gone on would be the first to let us know that they understand and they accept it and realize the love and tribute given to them and the honor that we intend by this effort that we do today. We hope that God's Holy Spirit will cover all of the actions today with grace so that they will know and the families of each deceased Companion will realize that we only meant honor at this place.

We have been taught and our belief is that we have faith in the mercy of God that our soul will bloom in eternal spring. We claim that promise in Thy Holy Word today for not only our Companions who have passed on, but we claim it for each and every one here today that do place their trust in the Lord that our souls will bloom in eternal spring.

I now place this flower on the Altar in honor of these 431 Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of Texas that have passed this preceding year. (PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.

TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED COMPANIONS
OF GRAND CHAPTERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
BY COMPANION GENE SCHNEIDER

COMPANION GENE SCHNEIDER: These Tributes that we are giving today come from the heart. We give these Tributes because of our love for the Masonic Orders and our love for our departed Companions.

It is my pleasure and privilege to be here today to give tribute to the deceased Companions of the Grand Chapters of other Jurisdictions.

Companionship is about what Masonry is all about. To all Companions everywhere in these other Jurisdictions, we don't know many of them, but we know that they are our Companions and that we are here to recognize that they believe as we believe and that we, too, some day will meet with them with the Grand Architect Above.

I now place this flower on the Altar in memory and tribute of the deceased Companions of Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions. (PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.

TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS AND
PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF COUNCILS IN TEXAS
BY COMPANION H. DAVID MOORE

COMPANION H. DAVID MOORE: Every year we attend funerals of friends and Masonic Brothers who have served the Fraternity in many capacities. We mourn their death at these services and many times we leave the graveside with a tear in our eye, only to return to our daily activities. Over time we tend to forget those memories. For that reason this time which we spend together once a year brings us back to remember those honored and esteemed Companions whose past leadership help instill and promote this honorable institution. May their memory never be forgotten.

I place this carnation upon the Altar in tribute and loving memory of the deceased Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Texas. (PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.

TRIBUTE TO THE 421 DECEASED COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL,
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS
BY COMPANION DAVID G. ROGERS

COMPANION DAVID G. ROGERS: We offer a fond and respectful tribute to the 421 Companions of our Grand Council who have labored to complete the temple, but labor with us no more. The young may die, the old must die; the wisest must not know how soon. We regret your passing and treasure our memories of you all.

We place this flower on the Altar as a token of those fond memories. (PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.

TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED COMPANIONS
OF GRAND COUNCILS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
BY COMPANION DONALD H. SWANGO

COMPANION DONALD H. SWANGO: We in Texas are not alone in reflecting, remembering and mourning over the loss of our Companions. Other Jurisdictions have the same trials and tribulations. We do not know those Companions, but yet we belong to a great Fraternity which binds us into a brotherhood, a tie that stretches across all boundaries that gives us cause to do the same for them as we do for our own.

A medieval proverb says, "Prayer without devotion is like a body without a soul." The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memories. May the beauty of their lives abide among us as a loving benediction.

It is now my privilege for and on behalf of the Companions of the Grand Council of Texas to place this flower upon the Altar in fraternal and loving memory of the deceased Companions of other Jurisdictions.
(PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.)

TRIBUTE TO RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS ARGEL ROBERTS,
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF CRYPTIC DISTRICT NO. 20
BY COMPANION RAYMOND M. WHITE, I: GRAND SENTINEL

I: GRAND SENTINEL RAYMOND M. WHITE: We are here today to honor all District Deputy Grand Masters who have passed, and more especially on this occasion Argel Eugene Roberts, who on the 27th day of last month laid down his working tools. He was serving as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Cryptic District No. 20.

Argel was born on June the 21st, 1927, in Marion, Illinois. Shortly before he graduated from high school his family moved to Texas. He served the Army Corps of Engineers during the World War II era and after returning became a Highway Patrolman, advanced through the ranks to sergeant. He later transferred to and served on the Texas Highway Patrol and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education and made a great contribution in that area.

Argel was Senior Warden of T. Neal Porter Masonic Lodge No. 1354. He was Excellent King of Lone Star Chapter No. 6; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Austin Council No. 2; Past Eminent Commander of Colorado Commandery No. 4. He was a member of the Saint Austin Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine.

When Argel had his conversation with the candidates conferring the remaining attributes and again his conversation with the candidates in conferring the Order of the Temple, it was more than outstanding and more than exemplary. Even though he was more than eighty years of age, he displayed his dedication and his devotion to the Craft and did an excellent job, outstanding job. He performed just as well in each of the Offices that he held.

I am very pleased to be one of the many people that consider Argel their friend and he considered their friend.

In loving memory of all District Deputy Grand High Priests and more especially in memory of Argel Roberts I am honored to place this flower on the Grand Altar.
(PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.)

TRIBUTE TO V:E: AND V:I: DONALD L. SMITH, SR.,
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS, 2004
AND PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS, 1996
BY COMPANION GRAHAM H. CHILDRESS

COMPANION GRAHAM H. CHILDRESS: The best known Psalm has just been quoted by Companion Donald Long. Following the 23rd Psalm, in the 24th King David asked the question: "Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place?" Then he promptly answered that question by saying, "He who hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

These virtues of truthfulness, honesty, righteousness were qualities that Donald L. Smith, Sr., held high. These virtues undergirded by a strong work ethic and his loving tie with a large family distinguished him among those of us who are left to mourn his loss.

Donald L. Smith was a distinguished Mason, successful businessman and a loving father, grandfather,

husband and great grandfather. He was born in Walkersville, Maryland, on January 24, 1923, and died in Lubbock, Texas, on May 13, 2007.

In Masonry after presiding and serving in all local Bodies in Lubbock, he earned three quadrants of the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor by serving the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1980 as Grand Commander, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1996 and Grand High Priest in 2004.

Donald Smith's leadership extended beyond the boundaries of Texas when he was elected and served as Grand Master General Convent General of the Knights of the Grand York Cross of Honour in 1996 and then Grand Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 2003. He was elected and coroneted 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in the Lubbock Consistory in 1995.

In business he was associated with Bowman Lumber Company for over sixty years and then probably that which we hold in the highest admiration, he served in the United States Marine Corps in combat in World War II and the Korean War.

He leaves his wife of sixty years, Jean, one son, four daughters, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

It was Don's privilege and he and Jean attended the Grand Commandery Session in Abilene less than three weeks before he died. He enjoyed that Session. He had a good time while he was in attendance and I think that is a strong expression of the love he held for you, the Brethren, Companions and his fellow Sir Knights.

It was my privilege to visit with Don in the hospital during his short final illness and I came away with the strong impression that he expressed the attitude that Joseph Fort Newton, that great Masonic writer, expressed when Joseph Fort Newton gave the definition of a Mason and in part he said, "He is glad to live, but not afraid to die." That attitude is further expressed by the poet, William Cullen Bryant, in the closing lines of Thanatopsis when he said:

"So live that when thy summons comes
To join the innumerable caravan that
Moves to that mysterious realm.
Where each shall take his chamber
In the silent halls of death.
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but
Sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust
Approach thy grave like one who wraps
The drapery or his couch about him
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

I place this flower upon the Altar in loving memory of Donald L. Smith, Sr., Past Grand Master, Grand Council, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter. (PLACES FLOWER ON ALTAR.

CLOSING AND PRAYER

COMPANION LONG: As we come to the close of the Memorial Services, I leave you with a poem that E. Margaret Clarkson wrote and I think it speaks words of encouragement and hope to each one of us when she said:

"Through Faith we understand
The things we cannot know -
The hidden pattern God has planned,
And why each thread is so;
We trace life's vast design
And lose His golden strand,
But when our wills with His entwine
Through faith we understand."

PRAYER

COMPANION LONG: Would you please stand and pray with me. Heavenly Father, we would come this afternoon to ask, first of all, that our faith will overcome our sorrow today because of the passing of these Companions we have honored now. Give us the strength and the courage that we need to go on with our life with the honored memory of these precious ones that do honor to Your Holy Name. All this we ask and pray in our Blessed Master's Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON : So mote it be!

COMPANION LONG: Now we will have TAPS.

TAPS Kenneth B. Fischer

BENEDICTION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: May you go in peace. May you pay tribute to those we have honored today by giving your best of your activities for the rest of your life. In God's Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

POSTLUDEMrs. Wm. E. (Maggie) Matyastik

DIVINE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
CONCLUDED
1:55 P.M.

PROCEEDINGS
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ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS



2007

**HELD IN THE GRAND FLOOR AUDITORIUM OF THE
MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE
IN THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS
MONDAY AND TUESDAY
OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH, 2007**

**THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
will hold its next Annual Convocation in the city of Waco on
Monday and Tuesday, October 20th & 21st
A.D. 2008, A.I. 2538**

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORK
will meet Thursday through Saturday
October 16th through 18th**

**JAMES ROY ELLIOTT
M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS**

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

MUSICAL PRELUDE E: GRAND ORGANIST MICHIE M. BROUS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST JERRY N. KIRBY: It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. We are glad you are here.
At this time I will ask you to stand for the Procession of the Grand Officers.

PROCESSIONAL OF GRAND OFFICERS

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CLARENCE J. LANEY	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
DOUGLAS COLLINS	R:E: GRAND KING
ROBERT E. MELEAR	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH E. COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
THOMAS W. SNYDER	E: GRAND ORATOR
V. SAMUEL ALLSBROOKS	E: GRAND MARSHAL
MITCHELL RAY JONES	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
DAVID JAMES (JIM) DAVIS	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
RONALD D. PARK	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
TED D. HENNIS	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
N. W. (BUTCH) HANNA, JR.	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
F. E. (SKIP) SMITH	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
TIMOTHY M. La VERGNE, SR.	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
PAUL TODD MASON	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
LEONARD O. PIERCE	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
JOE M. ORONA	E: GRAND GUARD

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I thank you for the privilege and honor that you extended me of opening and calling it to order this morning and I know you are going to have a Grand Session that is going to be simply wonderful.

I would also like at this time to say that you have done a great job this year and as a member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and as a member of Midlothian Chapter 211, you have made us proud. Congratulations!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, sir.
Be seated (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 ELLIOTT: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will introduce the Grand Guard.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, are you satisfied to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas with all present?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, you will remain standing until vouched for by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and 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).

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Are you satisfied that there are a constitutional number present to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You never are. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Will the Representatives of the Chartered Chapters of Texas please stand.

(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 JONES: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: 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 ELLIOTT: 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 PARK: To see that the outer avenues leading to the tabernacle are duly guarded, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: 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.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: In the name of God and our Ancient and Worthy Patron Zerubbabel, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas open in its One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Grand Annual Convocation in due and ample form.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, I would ask our Excellent Grand Chaplain to lead us in our devotions.

PRAYER

BY E: JAMES M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, GRAND CHAPLAIN

May we pray. Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, as we gather on this occasion to serve You, guide us, direct us and help us to do the things You would have us do to make our organization stronger, better as a service as we go through the affairs of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter today. Ask each individual who is a member and a part of this organization to think clearly and do what he thinks is best from his heart and vote the things that are good or bad in the organization. All these things we ask in Your Name for Your sake. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment for presenting Fifty Year Awards and the Excellent Grand Orator's Message. We will do that in Open Session. I am also going to receive the Youth Groups.

You will please inform the Excellent Grand Guard and invite everybody in, the Ladies or whoever. (THE GRAND CHAPTER WAS THEN CALLED FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Have the folks been invited in?

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN PARK: Most Excellent, the duty is performed.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, Ladies, Guest, Visitors, we are glad to have you here. I want to welcome you to this Grand Session and if you will all stand at this time we will ask the Excellent Grand King to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

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.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Now, if you will join the Grand Scribe for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Where is our Most Illustrious Grand Master? Louis, will you join me down here in front as we receive our Youth Groups.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Yes, Most Excellent.

COMPANION BART HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. We have Miss Shelley Ashcraft, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. We have Miss Syndi Wallace, Grand Religion, Grand Assembly Order of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We are proud to have you all here. I've known Marlene for a number of years. My girls both were in Rainbow and one of them went partly through the Grand Line. Rainbow has always been close to us and we appreciate you all being here.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Ladies, this year as I have traveled and we have had our Centennial Celebrations across the State, one thing I have always been proud to have seen is how much nicer and how much prettier the audience gets when we open it up and ask the Ladies to come in. And, Ladies, we appreciate you, we appreciate all you do. You certainly add beauty and glamour to our meeting today. Thank you for being here. (APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, it gives me great honor and pleasure to present to you Dad J. Weldon Clampitte, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas, DeMolay International, as well as Paul Canales, Deputy State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay.

R:I: DEPUTY GRAND MASTER TOMMY CHAPMAN: 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 Tommy Chance Chapman, State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay, DeMolay International.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Sounds like a proud father. (LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Weldon, it's been a long road. We have been together through most of it. I know all the time and hard work that you have put in with DeMolay and we appreciate all that you do and we are proud to have these gentlemen with us today. I know one of them is a Master Mason, but I'm not sure whether – did you make it also?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: His petition has been turned in.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Okay. Good deal! We are glad to have you all. Since the Law has been changed, we have seen a bunch of that.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: He just turned 18.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: All right. We'll get that done. Glad to have you.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: You know, Most Excellent, for some reason I seem to recognize these guys with the purple coats on.

Chance, it is truly great to have you here today, not that you add much to the appearance of the group, but we are certainly glad to have you here and for what you represent and also for your Deputy. I was

proud to be at your Installation, at your Election this year and I want you to know, having been a DeMolay, how much I appreciate what you boys are doing and young men are doing for the youth of this organization. Indeed we do depend on you all to help create new Master Masons and lead the boys on their goals to being a Master Mason.

To the leaders, I certainly thank you all for the time you put in. It is very much appreciated.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Also, Chance here is a seventh generation.
(APPLAUSE.)

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: At this time I believe we have - if you all wondering what we are waiting on, the City of Waco has issued a Proclamation for this being the Centennial of the Grand Council and we wanted to be able to have that presented to both of us and while the Ladies are present.

COMPANION CLIFF CAMERON: Most Excellent and Most Illustrious Sirs, it is my privilege to present to you Randy Riggs, Brother and Companion, Waco City Council. We have two special Proclamations.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Thank you, Companion.
Would you please make the Proclamations.

**PROCLAMATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WACO
BY COMPANION RANDY RIGGS, WACO CITY COUNCIL**

COMPANION RANDY RIGGS: Yes, sir, I would be happy to.
I would like to welcome you all to Waco as well. I am going to juggle here a little bit and read this first one. Thank you, sir.

This is to the Grand Chapter, which would be Most Excellent Sir. And you have to realize I am on the City Council here in the City of Waco and this is a Proclamation from the Mayor and the Council. I have to preface that and you will understand when I read the Proclamation.
This is the Proclamation. "City of Waco. I, Virginia Dupuy" - (LAUGHTER.)

COMPANION RIGGS: - "by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 8th, 2007, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas day in the City of Waco and urge the people of the City of Waco to join with the City Council, the City Staff and me in commending the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas for their contributions to the overall betterment of the people of Texas and the citizens of Waco through the local employment, community leadership and broad-based economic benefits from the Grand Assembly. We look forward to many more years of dedicated service from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas.

"In testimony whereof, WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the City of Waco this 8th day of October, 2007,"
and signed by the Mayor and all the Council Members.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you. We appreciate it. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank the Mayor, also.

COMPANION RIGGS: I'll do that. This would be to the Most Illustrious Sir. This is a Proclamation and it is a little more special because of the celebration of the Centennial. This is from the City of Waco, similar to the other one.

"I, Virginia Dupuy, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 8th, 2007, as Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas Day in the City of Waco and urge the people of Waco to join with the City Council, the City Staff and me in celebrating the Centennial Year of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters since its rehabilitation in Waco in 1907. We commend the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas for the contribution to the overall betterment of the people of Texas and the citizens of Waco through local employment, community leadership and broad-based economic benefits from the Grand Assembly. We are honored to share this occasion and look forward to many more years of dedicated service from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

"In testimony whereof, WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the City of Waco this 8th day of October, 2007."
Signed by the Mayor and all the Council Members.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION CAMERON: Most Illustrious Sir, we have a congratulatory letter that I would like to have presented by our Very Illustrious John Elkinton.

V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER ELKINTON: Most Illustrious Grand Master, this letter is from Right Puissant

Joseph J. Vale, Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International.

"Dear Most Illustrious Grand Master Hopkins and Companions of Texas:

"Congratulations to all of you as you begin your celebration of the one hundred years of being Royal and Select Masters in York Rite Masonry in Texas. What an honor to have reached this plateau! You all have accomplished much as a group and individually and for Masonry. May you continue to excel as Royal and Select Masters in Texas for another one hundred years of service.

We thank you for your great contributions to so many fellow Masons and for friendship with all the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

"How I wish I could be there with you to participate in the planned activities. I regret that I have other obligations and commitments and cannot make the trip to be with you October the 8th. Do not hesitate to contact me at any time if I may be of assistance. May the celebration be memorable for all.

"I remain,

"Sincerely and Fraternally,
Joseph J. Vale"

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Most of you all might not know, but Companion and Very Excellent Elkinton here is our Ambassador from the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council. We appreciate you and appreciate what you have done for us.

V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER ELKINTON: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE.

COMPANION CAMERON: And, Most Illustrious Sir, on behalf of the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, we have a special presentation by David Counts.

COMPANION DAVID COUNTS, R:W: GRAND SENIOR WARDEN, MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS: Most Illustrious - The State of Texas - I want to make the same disclaimer that Companion Randy made a while ago. This is not from me. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION COUNTS: "State of Texas. Office of the Governor. To all to whom these presents shall come. Greetings:

"Know ye that this certificate is presented in recognition of the services and dedication of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas on the occasion of the centennial year 2007. On behalf of the people of Texas it is an honor to recognize your service and community leadership to the Lone Star State. Daily, committed Texans reach out to make a difference, positively impacting the lives of their fellow Texans. I commend the role that you have played in serving as a source of light to Texas. First Lady, Anita Perry, and I extend our best wishes for the future.

"In testimony thereof to I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this 5th day of October, 2007."

Signed, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: For those of you all who don't know, Right Worshipful Counts here is a former legislator in the State of Texas and is one of our greatest workers we have when it comes to trying to get bills that are favorable for Masonry through the State Legislature. Thank you all. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Now then, we have got the Fifty Year Awards. Buddy Baccus, will you bring him down, Grand Marshal?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER BACCUS: She should get this and not me.

MRS. BETTYE BACCUS: I'm not old enough.

(LAUGHTER.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER BACCUS: You wish.

MRS. BETTYE BACCUS: You wish.

(LAUGHTER.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES

TO V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER J. D. "BUDDY" BACCUS

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: This is a very distinct honor to be able to give someone who has been a Past Grand Master, a Past Grand High Priest, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and a Past Grand Commander an honor. All those things as a Fifty Year Mason and all the work you have done, Buddy, and all the time that you have put in, it is a great honor and a privilege to be able to present

to you with your Fifty Year Award.

At this time I am going to give this to you and I'm going to ask your lady if she would like to pin your Fifty Year Pin on, and you don't have to pay any dues either. (LAUGHTER.

MRS. BETTYE BACCUS: (KISSES COMPANION BACCUS)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER BACCUS: That was pretty good! (LAUGHTER.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Buddy, I know you've heard this before, but as a visible token of our fraternal love and grateful appreciation this Certificate is presented to J. D. "Buddy" Baccus by his Companions in the Royal and Select Masters of Texas with the fervent hope that his years of service to the Craft will continue to increase.

Buddy, this is not just a Fifty Year Award. It is the recognition of fifty years of dedicated service to this Craft and dedicated service to everything I've ever asked you to do. I want you to know how much I appreciate on a personal basis you and everything you have done and on behalf of the Grand Council we all appreciate you.

I would like to present this to you and, I'll get your wife to please pin that on you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: At this time we will ask our Excellent Grand Orator to bring his report.

GRAND ORATION
BY E: GRAND ORATOR THOMAS W. SNYDER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Officers, Companions and Guests.
Good morning.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Good morning.

E: GRAND ORATOR SNYDER: I am sure that many of you have built something in your lifetime. Maybe it was a model airplane or doll house, or perhaps you worked in the construction industry or on an assembly line building new automobiles or defense equipment. Whatever the case may be, we are all some type of builder, each with different skills and areas of expertise.

Today, as we reflect upon the past accomplishments or perhaps on things we might like to try again, I challenge each of you to think of ways that we, together, can build bridges for the future of our Fraternity. I am reminded of a poem written by Will Allen Dromgoole entitled, "The Bridge Builder", that illustrates how I believe we, as Masons, should conduct ourselves – keeping an eye always on the future. I know that I told Orville that I wouldn't make any changes during this presentation – but I lied. Because that last name is difficult to pronounce, I did some research and found that Will Allen Dromgoole is, or rather was, a lady. She was Poet Laureate of the Poet's Society of the South, and I guess what really impressed me was she was a Navy Warrant Officer in World War I, and one of the most prolific authors from Tennessee.

That is a side comment that doesn't have a lot to do with it, but, anyway, I believe that this poem illustrates how we as Masons should conduct ourselves, always keeping an eye on the future. The poem goes like this –

"An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

'Old Man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You are wasting strength with building here;
Your Journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you a bridge at the eventide?'

The builder lifted his old gray head:
'Good friend, in the path I have come,' he said,
'There followeth after me today,

A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”

We must build bridges for our younger Masonic Brothers. One way to do that is to be proficient in all that we do. Learn and perform the Ritualistic Work well. Any Masonic Body benefits when there is a positive impression made upon the newly made member, such that he is not only inspired, but he is eager to share his impressive experience with his friends. He will be motivated to tell others that these Degrees are worthy of their attention. Our rituals are impressive. The lessons we teach each are both beautiful and very worthwhile. I urge you to insist upon Ritualistic Work of the highest standard.

Further, the term proficient applies to more than ritualistic performance. It applies equally to leadership. It is the responsibility of the members of each Chapter to see that a proficient and well-qualified Companion leads their Chapter. We should all remember that when accepting an office, make up your mind to qualify yourself to fill that office perfectly and creditably and merit the honors the Brethren have conferred upon you. Proficiency, in its several applications, is the first plank laid in building the bridge for our future.

Another sturdy plank for our bridge is Brotherhood. On one occasion when President Truman was in Lodge, a young man sitting next to him leaned over and said, “Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be sitting next to you.” Truman replied, “Young man, when I am in this Lodge, I am called Brother Truman and when I am outside the lodge room I am called Mr. President. All brethren are equal when within the Lodge.”

This bridge can also be built with planks of character, wisdom, courage and patience. Are you a builder who builds with care? Do you measure life by the rule and square? Are you shaping your deeds to a well-formed plan, patiently doing the best you can? We must be of good moral character and have a good sense of right and wrong along with the courage to “simply do what is right.”

Another plank for the bridge is for all members of the Craft to show their love and loyal support for our country. We must protect, preserve and defend our hard-won heritage. As heirs to our patriotic Masonic founders we are vested with a wealth of blessings and we are charged with historic responsibilities.

If Masonry is to keep pace with an expanding America, we must provide a climate that fosters growth, that stimulates the man's interest and that creates among Masonic-related groups a cooperative unified spirit. Interest and cooperation are a couple additional planks for our bridge.

Other planks might be:

Truth – We must be always truthful and sincere.

Honor – We must conduct ourselves with honor.

Deity – As we are all fully aware, a belief in Deity is fundamental to Masonic membership.

Another very necessary plank in our bridge is the importance of all Members to each other and to the Craft. As Albert Pike once said, “It's not what you bring into this world, but what we leave behind.” The most acute and important question a person could ever ask is this: Does my life fulfill a cosmic purpose? This reminds me of another poem.

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

“Not ‘How did he die?’ But ‘How did he live?’
Not ‘What did he gain?’ But ‘What did he give?’
Not ‘What was his station?’ But ‘Had he a heart?’
And ‘How did he play his God-given part?’
Not ‘What was his shrine?’ Nor ‘What was his creed?’
But ‘Had he befriended those really in need?’
Not ‘What did the piece in the newspaper say?’
But ‘How many were sorry when he passed away?’
Was he ever ready with a word or good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.”

Please, remember that our younger members are the ones who will either reject or carry on what we have started. They will sit right where we are sitting and when we are gone and they will either attend to or ignore those things we think are so important. We can adopt all the policies and procedures we please, but how they will be carried out depends upon those that will follow. Simply stated, those to whom we give guidance today will be the ones to assume tomorrow's responsibilities.

There are many more planks needed to complete our bridge. Actually, it will never be completed to the point of not needing attention. The bridge we have started today and really, it is a continuation of efforts begun by many of our Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights long before today that will provide any young Member something to be excited about and something he will be proud to walk across.

In closing, I want to go on record as saying that we have a great Fraternity with a bright future. So, I want to urge all of you to make sure that we, like those who have gone before us, continue to look ahead with courage and conviction as we continue building bridges for a bright Masonic future. Thank you.
(APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Excellent Grand Orator.
At this time this will conclude the Open portion of our business. All non-Royal Arch Masons will please retire. Thank you for being here.

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

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: It is a privilege to say I am satisfied, Most Excellent.
(LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion. Be seated.
(GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) I now declare this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas open for the dispatch of business and will thank you for your attention. Be seated.

Companions, before we go any further, I would like to explain a little something. I can't tell you who made this gavel, but it was used by Curtis Hay in 1947 to govern this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. It is inlaid, it is very beautiful. It was also used by M. I. Stafford of Oak Cliff 705 in 1977 or 1979, I believe, when he was Master there and I am using it again this year to govern the Grand Chapter. We will put it in the museum somewhere. It has got some mother-of-pearl inlays on it and some very nice work. Like I say, I have no idea who made it or presented it, but it has been around and it was fixing to disappear. Somebody brought it to me and I thought it would be only proper that we used it this year. So that is what I have up here.

At this time, getting back on schedule, Resolutions by the Grand Secretary.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: May I do them from here, Most Excellent?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Yes, sir.

RESOLUTION
(Seating all Companions)

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 ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Resolution. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries, Companions.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.)

RESOLUTION
(Honorary Members)

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:
BE IT RESOLVED, that all out-of-town 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 ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Resolution. All in favor will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.)

RESOLUTION
(Setting time of Election)

To the Most Excellent Grand 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 9, 2007 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 ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Resolution. All in favor.
Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Roll Call of the Grand Officers.

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CLARENCE J. LANEY	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
DOUGLAS COLLINS	R:E: GRAND KING
ROBERT E. MELEAR	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH E. COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
THOMAS W. SNYDER	E: GRAND ORATOR
V. SAMUEL ALLSBROOKS	E: GRAND MARSHAL
MITCHELL RAY JONES	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
DAVID JAMES (JIM) DAVIS	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
RONALD D. PARK	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
TED D. HENNIS	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
N. W. (BUTCH) HANNA, JR.	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
F. E. (SKIP) SMITH	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
TIMOTHY M. La VERGNE, SR.	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
PAUL TODD MASON	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
LEONARD O. PIERCE	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
JOE M. ORONA	E: GRAND GUARD

(THE R:E: GRAND SECRETARY CALLED THE ROLL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS. THE GRAND OFFICERS ANSWERED PRESENT.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion. And now the Roll Call of the Living Past Grand High Priests.

ROLL CALL OF THE LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

JAMES A. (RED) SCOTT, JR. *	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS	1974
JAMES M. WILLSON, JR.	FLOYDADA, TEXAS	1978
ROBERT H. (BOB) WATERS	GARLAND, TEXAS	1979
E. FRANK SMITH *	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	1980
LESLIE L. COONE*	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	1982
FARRIS L. BENHAM	AMARILLO, TEXAS	1989
J. D. (BUDDY) BACCUS	HOUSTON, TEXAS	1990
JERRY N. KIRBY	RED OAK, TEXAS	1991
ELDON L. BROOKS	GRANBURY, TEXAS	1992
JACK L. WRIGHT	HOUSTON, TEXAS	1994
W. E. (BILL) SCHROETER	NEDERLAND, TEXAS	1995
OBIE L. ETHERIDGE *	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	1996
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	HEWITT, TEXAS	1998
PAUL D. WARREN	ABILENE, TEXAS	2000
ROBERT P. WALKER *	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	2001
CHARLES LOUIS HOPKINS	FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS	2003
J. WELDON CLAMPITTE	HOUSTON, TEXAS	2005
JOHN C. ELKINTON	HOUSTON, TEXAS	2006

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT.)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That concludes the Roll Call of the Living Past Grand High Priest,

Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: One of you - how about Jerry? Would you like to make a response?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Past Grand High Priests of Texas, we would thank you for this recognition and extend our congratulations for the year of service that you have just bestowed upon the Grand Chapter of Texas. We look forward to welcoming you into our ranks. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: It's been a pleasure this year and for all of you who have served before me, you know, I kind of feel lacking. But, you know, it's awesome. I am proud to be amongst you as a member, will be tomorrow anyway, I hope. (LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: If I live that long. Thank you very much for all your service to this Grand Chapter. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Roll Call of the District Deputy Grand High Priests. Would they form west of the Altar.

ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

<u>DIST.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER NAME</u>	<u>NO.</u>
1	Robert D. Tyson	B. T. Estes	263
2	Bret K. Conway*	Kilgore	449
3	James W. Harkness	Lufkin	240
4	Larry Blanchard**	Tyler	24
5	Jared G. Richards*	Port Neches	436
7	Dale D. Dickman	San Jacinto	7
8	J. A. Kleinfelder	North Houston	472
9	Dwight W. Phillips	Washington	2
10	Douglas L. Callaway	Richmond	467
11	Eddy Jason Rabe	Sulphur Springs	63
12	Donnie H. Swango	Sherman	62
13	Floyd L. Pope	Terrell	146
14	Fred R. Smith	Love Field	478
15	Walter J. Hott	Midlothian	211
16	Cecil R. Curry	Ennis	135
17	Gary Don Brewer	Hillsboro	152
18	Harold E. Jackson	Waco	45
19	Jerry W. Wilson*	Granbury	454
20	R. W. Medina	Lone Star	6
21	Thomas N. Turner, Sr.	Granbury	454
22	Daniel Gene Pool**	Gonzales	51
23	A. R. (Tony) Fedele	Kerrville	305
24	Patrick O. Dunlap*	Port Lavaca	338
25	Dillion E. Vanderford	Brownsville	495
26	Sherman W. Hobbs	Alvord	193
27	Jeffrey Scott Bennett	Arlington	376
29	John S. Yates*	Wichita Falls	202
30	W. David Counts, Jr.	Hamlin	310
31	Ervin Ray Wells*	Santa Anna	346
32	William F. Culp	San Angelo	170
33	Paul Summersgill**	Keystone	172
34	Allan W. (Skip) Dees	Keystone	172
35	Richard L. Sanford	El Paso	157
36	Alvin D. Alexander**	Floydada	227
38	Raymond R. Renfroe	Borger	437
39	Humberto Klee*	Laredo	185
40	Richard F. Agee	Alpha	243

* (DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

** (EXCUSED)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Right Excellent Companions, I appreciate your service to the Grand Chapter this year. Some of you have worked hard and long in the quarries and we appreciate all that you do. You know, everybody says every time, you know, they have got the best Deputies, but I believe that we have got quite a great group this year. They have really gone out of their way to do what they were asked and they have done a great job. I appreciate all the hard work that you have done.

How about David Counts? Would you like to bring any remarks for a response?

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST W. DAVID COUNTS, DISTRICT NO. 30: Thank you, sir,
(LAUGHTER.

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST COUNTS: I think I speak for all of us. We have had a good year and you have been an excellent leader. You asked reasonable things of us. We enjoyed working for you, for the Order. It was quite a learning experience for me and I'm sure for a lot of us as we went through and made our Official Visits. In one particular reception the Opening and Closing was done without a word missed. I was very encouraged. Thank you for asking us to serve and we served you with a lot of pleasure.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You all may be seated. I am sure some of you will be put to work tomorrow.

Roll Call of the Grand Representatives. If you will please come and stand to the west of the Altar

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>GRAND JURISDICTION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Alabama	Earl E. Tweed
Alaska	Jack W. Lester, Jr.
Alberta	David G. Mather
Argentina	Angelo P. Chiusano**
Arizona	Richard C. Sharp
Arkansas	Orville L. O'Neill
Belgium	William L. Blanks**
British Columbia	H. David Moore
California	Wilbur E. Johnson**
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	John D. Newman**
Georgia	Thomas B. Johnson*
Germany	J. D. (Buddy) Baccus
Hawaii	William A. Bilsing, II
Idaho	William E. (Bill) Schroeter
Illinois	Lawrence E. Tucker
India	Alfred E. Bell**
Indiana	Raymond M. White
Iowa	Clarence J. Laney
Ireland	Ronald D. Park
Israel	David Fallas
Italy	Thomas N. Turner, Sr.
Kansas	Mitchell R. Jones
Kentucky	William D. Snipes
Louisiana	James Roy Elliott
Maine	A. Glen McCandless
Manitoba	Ronald J. Price
Maryland	Robert P. Walker*
Massachusetts	Brian R. Dodson
Mexico	Douglas Collins
Michigan	Donald R. Donnenwerth
Minnesota	H. Bart Henderson
Mississippi	David L. Anderson
Missouri	Wayne D. Groce
Montana	Edwin M. Lindke
Nebraska	Larry G. Canada
Netherlands	R. L. Harrison, Jr.
Nevada	Farris L. Benham
New Brunswick	Fred E. Allen
New Hampshire	John J. MacGregor, II
New Jersey	James M. Stringer*
New Mexico	David James (Jim) Davis
New South Wales	James D. Berry**
New York	Michael H. Shively

New Zealand	Robert A. Foreman*
North Carolina	Paul D. Warren
North Dakota	Robert E. Melear
Nova Scotia	Patrick Hammers*
Ohio	Joe O. Estlack
Oklahoma	J. M. (Jimmy) Wilson, Jr.
Oregon	J. Weldon Clampitte
Pennsylvania	C. 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	Leslie L. Coone
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, Jr.
Washington	Jack T. Peebles
West Virginia	Kirby Rudisill
Western Australia	E. Frank Smith**
Wisconsin	Timothy M. LaVergne
Wyoming	William P. Irving, Jr.

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT.) ** (EXCUSED)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, that completes the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: How about, Farris Benham, would you like to bring the response. He was my Grand Master in 1995.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BENHAM: Most Excellent, I would have been real disappointed if I wasn't up here. (LAUGHTER.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BENHAM: Thank you, sir, for all the service you have rendered to this Chapter this year. We in contacting the other States are happy to tell you that we have made friends there and they still respect Texas and we are glad to be here and continue the practice that has been followed by you and each of these Companions for the past years. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Appreciate all the work that all of you do. Thanks very much. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We will now have the Roll Call of the Recipients of the Golden Keystone Award. If they will form west of the Altar.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Roll Call of the Recipients of the Golden Keystone Award.

ROLL CALL OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Eugene A. Thalmann*	Hidalgo 434	1990
Jack E. Beeler	Port Lavaca 338	1991
Leonard O. Pierce	Will N. Kidd 424	1993
Cody Parsley*	Silsbee 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*	Oak Cliff 373	1999
Sherman W. Hobbs	Alvord 193	2000
William D. Snipes	San Felipe de Austin 1	2001
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
Edward M. Schlieter*	Kerrville 305	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
Allan W. (Skip) Dees	Keystone 172	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

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you are a very honored and distinct group for all the work that you have done. It is phenomenal looking at the small group that you are and understanding all that you have accomplished in your lives. We appreciate all that you do for Capitular Masonry and Masonry in general. We can't express our appreciation any better than by honoring you at this Grand Session by having you out in front of the Companions where they can see exactly who you are. We are proud to have you with us, we are proud that you will be with us for a good while. At this time, Skip, would you like to bring the response?

COMPANION ALLAN W. (SKIP) DEES: I would be honored to. The Golden Keystone represents to us just a recognition that we are a part of this Grand Chapter and that you have given us an opportunity to be of service and we really look forward to continuing to be of service to you and to all of the Companions here assembled. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you. Everybody that might not have been at the banquet last night, our two newest Recipients of this Award are Earl Tweed and Reese Harrison who joined the group last night. We are proud to have you. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You may be seated.
Is Jimmy ready with the Out-of-State Visitors?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WARREN: Yes.

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

NAME AND TITLE
NICK R. RAMOS

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee

PRESENTED BY:
JACK L. WRIGHT

KENNETH E. STORY

Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Arkansas and the current Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas

KENNETH E. COOLEY

IKE ISAACS

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the South Central Region of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International.

JERRY N. KIRBY

MICHAEL LAURENCE

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana

PAUL D. WARREN

HOWARD ENTWISTLE

Past Grand Commander of the State of Louisiana, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Illustrious Master of Louisiana

PAUL D. WARREN

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**RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED TEXAS GUESTS
HELD JOINTLY WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

NAME AND TITLE

PRESENTED BY:

LOYD L. CHANCE

ALLAN W. SKIP DEES

R:E: Grand Governor in Texas, Sovereign York Rite College of North America

REESE L. HARRISON, JR.

PAUL D. WARREN

Most Illustrious Grand Chancellor for the Grand College of Rites for the United States of America.

THOMAS W. SNYDER

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

DOCK DIXON

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS Eminent

Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

DAVID MELEAR

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

DAVID MOORE

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

THOMAS KEITHLY

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

JAMES N. HIGDON

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

JERRY NELSON KIRBY

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

LOYD L. CHANCE

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

H. BART HENDERSON

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

JERRY PINGLE

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

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

JOHN C. ELKINTON

VIRGIL SAM ALLSBROOKS

Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

DOUGLAS MITCHELL

WAYNE D. GROCE

Right Eminent, Department Commander of the South Central Division of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America

LAWRENCE E. TUCKER

WAYNE D. GROCE

Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America

KENNETH B. FISCHER

WAYNE D. GROCE

Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and the Deputy Grand Master of the National AMD of the United States of America.

TOMMY D. GUEST

ROBERT E. MELEAR

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

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

ROBERT E. MELEAR

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

DAVID COUNTS

ROBERT E. MELEAR

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

THOMAS GRIFFIN

ROBERT E. MELEAR

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

DONNY BROUGHTON

CLARENCE J. LANEY

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

(GRAND HONORS WERE EXTENDED TO EACH OF THE DISTINGUISHED TEXAS GUEST.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: It is such a pleasure to have you here. I want the Companions to know that this Companion is a Past High Priest of Greenville Chapter and a Past District Deputy in the Chapter in District 26 and he went through the chairs as far as Captain of the Guards in Council. Then some excuse about getting busy and traveling around the State or something came up, but we expect you to be back up there and complete your work in the Chapter, Council and Commandery up there and indeed we are looking forward to having you back.

M:W: GRAND MASTER BROUGHTON: Thank you, sir.

M:I: GRAND MASTER HOPKINS: Thank you for being here. (LAUGHTER.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER WILLSON: Most Excellent and Most Illustrious, to the best of my knowledge that gets everybody introduced.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, sir. Right Excellent Jimmy, we want to thank you for all that you do each year in putting the introductions together and taking care of our visitors. You do an outstanding job and we appreciate all that you do.

Grand Master, would you like to come up and offer some words to the Companions?

M:W: GRAND MASTER BROUGHTON: Thank you, sir. Actually I thought this was the Deputy Grand Master's rodeo at this Session, but I'm a little surprised. I'm certainly pleased.

Most Excellent and Most Illustrious Sirs, all distinguished Companions of our York Rite Bodies and all of our Masons who are here: it is my pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas and I take pride in saying that I am a true supporter of all of our appendant Bodies, more especially our York Rite Bodies. As was mentioned, I did encourage your attendance at our Conferences this year and I think that it's important for all of our Masons and membership to understand who the leaders are of all of our appendant Bodies and I thank each of you who have taken the time to be there.

I hope the Proclamation that we issued and should have been read in September and again in October at the Stated Meetings of our Lodges which I encouraged all of our Blue Lodge Members to consider one of our appendant Bodies and hopefully join.

I always think back to the Oration that our Grand Orator, Weldon Clampitt, gave last year. I think he did a very good job explaining why appendant Bodies are important and we should consider joining and the analogy that he used. I won't be able to explain it as good as he did, but he looked at it as though every part of our Masonic family. We look through a pane like a window pane and we look in and we see what that particular organization or degree has to offer and then we join another appendant Body. We look through that pane and we see it a little bit differently. But the true way to understand Masonry and understand the whole concept is to stand back and look at all the panes and the way that you do that is become an active member at every opportunity because it gives you the opportunity to learn more about what Masonry really is. It all fits together into one composite way of life.

I promised myself at every opportunity to thank you for supporting the mentor program this year. It has been, I think, a great success. We do have Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, newly-raised Master Masons, new Companions to the York Rite Bodies. These Lodges and Chapters and Councils, they really have those young men, those new members right off and it is important that we show them the attention that they deserve and encourage them at every opportunity to continue their work in whatever form and Body of Masonry that they are currently participating in.

So I am proud of the Mentor Program. I get e-mails constantly and copies of newsletters from your Lodges and almost invariably these Lodges are talking about focusing on their new members and I think that in itself, we are going to look back after a few years and we are going to see our numbers begin to rise again.

We are already seeing results of studies and surveys that have been done by other Grand Jurisdictions who have put money into the effort to try to determine where we are going to be nationally in terms of Masonic membership. The studies from the Masonic sociology predict that we are going to have a great influx of membership during the next ten year period and the reason we are going to see that is because we have young men now who are coming to us looking for an extension of the family unit, that family unit that has undergone a great deal of change.

I know many out there are like me. You are Baby-Boomers or perhaps you are traditionalists, but we understand from the studies that we were responsible for changing what we referred to years ago as family units. You and I can recall the day when we sat down and we had three meals, at least two meals with our family. We spent time together, we worked together and we played together. But the Baby-Boomers of which I am a part, we decided that we needed to work ten, twelve hours a day, seven days a week to provide for our children and because of that the family unit changed and as a result the world has

changed. The things that we consider acceptable, even normal today, back when I was a kid would not be considered acceptable. So we changed it, but what has happened because of events like 9-11, we see young men who see their friends going off to war and not coming back. They find their friends overdosed on drugs and they realize now that they are now, as we've been telling them for years, simple mortal beings. We are going to be here for a short period of time and not going to be here forever.

So these young men now are looking - stepping back and taking a look at who they are and what they're doing is looking for something substantive to hold onto. Believe me, they are going to the Internet, they're watching television, they're reading books and they're finding out about Masonry.

We already see small Grand Jurisdictions who are small enough that they can pass progressive legislation and they are already seeing an increased net gain in membership. Texas is very large, very diverse and it is difficult for us to pass progressive legislation. I hope that we will in the future so that we can take the opportunity to take these young men who come to us and give them an opportunity.

Believe me, as I travel around to Installations and I look around in the Lodge rooms, I see more and more younger men all of the time. They are coming to us now and that presents a great challenge to us in Masonry. What are we going to do with them? Are we going to understand their needs and we need focus on what their needs are. Please understand that they come to us having read about us on the Internet and read books and they come to us with a great understanding of who we are. Oftentimes they know more of our Masonic history than we do as members. They are quite educated and they come to us with great expectations. One of the greatest expectation of which would be they want to participate now.

We know we have certain customs and traditions and I am a traditionalist. You heard Right Worshipful Griffin talk about tradition. I'm a traditionalist. I like the Work as it is. I like our requirements. I like ours and I like our process, but what I propose to do through Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1, when you see it if you've not, is to give them an opportunity to expand their Masonic experience, not to make the journey less difficult, but to give them a greater incentive to participate.

So if you have not seen Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1, I hope that when the final issue of the Texas Mason Magazine comes out that you will take advantage of reading the interview that Brother Karl Krayer and I did. It will be in writing and in print in that last issue of the magazine. And the intent was to try to clear up the recommendation that I'm going to propose at Grand Lodge, which is that we conduct business of the Stated Meeting on the E. A. Degree. And I know that sounds like a drastic change, but it's not changing who we are. It is not changing our customs and traditions. It simply allows them the opportunity to come into the Lodge with no privileges, no rights whatsoever, but just simply to be there to witness Masonry.

I don't know about you, but I think and I have always thought that we take good men and we make them better in three ways through our Masonic teachings, which are primarily based on morality, ethics and spiritualism. A great thing, nobody else in the world does that. We also make men better men because of our Masonic activities, our charitable and philanthropic activities. We give two and a half million to three million dollars a day to support these 365 days of the year in the United States. So when you go home, you feel like you've done something for your members, your families and the members of the communities that makes you a better man.

The third thing that we do and I think it is by far the most important is that we make men better because they have an opportunity in that Masonic environment that we put forth to our members to be positively affected by other good men such as you.

I can look around this room and start pointing my finger at men who had it not been for Masonry I would not have ever had the opportunity to meet and you have made me a better man. I think that's what Masonry is truly all about.

I want to give these men the opportunity to come in and meet you, not simply be put in a corner of a room and learn the catechism with the instructor. I want them to come into the Lodge room with no privileges, but have the right to meet you as a Mason and to experience you and what you can give that man through conversation. Through your thoughts, words, deeds and actions, it's going to rub off on those Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts and they're going to have a greater incentive to understand what Masonry is, much more than our simple catechism provides currently.

I'm a great proponent in the Work. I want them to learn it as best they can, but I want them to have the opportunity to expand their Masonic experience by being in a room with you on a regular period of time, something that they can count on once a month. Not privileges, but with the right to learn more about Masonry. I think when we allow that, if we do, your Lodges are going to be having more Master's Degrees than they've ever had before.

We have - I know Texas doesn't like to hear it, but we have at least thirteen other Grand Jurisdictions that have been doing it for a few years now and they're having great success with that program and I hope that you will read that article, go to the Website and listen to the interview that Karl did of me, an audio

recording and come to Grand Lodge informed about what it is, the proposition is truly about. I think that if you do consider it, the benefits, the possible, probable benefits that you will probably be in favor of it.

There are not many reasons why we shouldn't do it. It's kind of - folks have told me, "We've never done it that way before," but we have. You know, back when Grand Lodge was organized in 1837 we didn't have anything but an E. A. Lodge. The other Degrees didn't come on for a few years. So look back at some of the history of the Lodges and you'll see that we did that.

Actually - I apologize for bandstanding here, but I'm going to take every opportunity I can to educate and prepare you for Grand Lodge.

Actually, in Europe many years ago it was quite common for E. A.s and Fellowcrafts to stay there in that position for like three years or so and they had an opportunity to witness and experience procedures. They understood more about what Masonry was because they were held up there for three years or so. And now we are kind of on a little fast-track system here. You know, we give them a year to do it and they don't have the opportunity to learn as much about the Fraternity as they could or they should.

So I think this Recommendation is going to give them the opportunity to learn more about who we are and, believe me, when they see you and meet you, they're going to bring energy to your Lodge. Who is the most enthused Mason in your Fraternity - in your Lodge? It's that brand new E. A. and Fellowcraft. It's that brand new Companion who comes to York Rite. He comes here hungry. He wants to feel like he's a part and he wants to participate and that's what I'm truly asking because they're bringing energy to you and they're going to be more inclined to be a Master Mason than they ever have before. And, as I say, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. I hope you will give it consideration.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak and I certainly wish you the best in this Session here today and tomorrow. Thank you. (RISING APPLAUSE.)

(RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING DOUG COLLINS THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

**ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
BY M:E: JAMES ROY ELLIOTT, GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

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

My Dear Companions,

I am happy to welcome you to our 158th Annual Convocation for 2007 and thank you for your attendance. It has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve as your Grand High Priest this year and even though it has been a short year in time, I feel that together we have accomplished a lot.

To our Distinguished Guests and Out-of-State Visitors I extend a hardy welcome and my appreciation for your presence and hope your visit will be enjoyable.

STATE OF THE ORDER

This report being prepared in July obviously will not have all the current figures and statistical information that will be available after all the returns are in, but I have traveled across this Great State and visited with many of the Companions in the various areas and have noticed that there seems to be a resurgence of Capitular Masonry. We are bringing in new members in many areas that have been inactive for a while. We have relocated some chapters and there growth has been phenomenal. In other areas we have lost ground but by consolidating some chapters it gives a solid base for resurgence and growth.

The theme of the Grand Chapter this year has been Visibility, Pride and Commitment. I had asked that all Chapter Masons wear their Red Coats to as many meeting as possible be proud in their membership and committed to this Fraternity. We were asked by Grand Master Donny Broughton to attend his conferences this year in red aprons and collars and he introduced us at every one we attended. I wish to thank him for promoting Capitular Masonry in this way during his year.

I attend the Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board Meetings along with many of your Grand Officers this year and wish to report that your interests are being well looked after. The Board of Directors is doing

an outstanding job administering the affairs of that facility.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

As in every year we have lost several of our companions who have served us faithfully for many years. Those companions are needed by the Grand Artificer of the Universe to help teach good and square work, just such work that is required so that when the time comes they will be there to welcome us home when our time comes.

We lost one of our Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests this year in May when Companion Donald L. Smith, Sr. was called home. The Grand Secretary and I flew out and attended his memorial service in Lubbock, Texas. The state has lost a great York Rite Mason.

Each year as we remember in our Memorial Service the departed ones let us not forget the families of those Companions.

FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Richard Leonard Breon	Seagoville No. 419	02-07-2007
Henry Lloyd Jennings	North Houston No. 472	
Albert Lee Henley, Jr.	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	
Roy Lee Maxwell	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	07-08-2007
Frederick A. McClure, Jr.	Lone Star No. 6	
Audubon Roberts	Lone Star No. 6	4-12-2007
Charles Don Ward	Lone Star No. 6	To Family
John Leslie Hamman	Port Lavaca No. 338	
William Rivers Mowen	Port Lavaca No. 338	02-13-2007
James Ray Witte	Port Lavaca No. 338	
Jack G. Jordan	Floydada No. 227	
Raymond E. Lawson	Floydada No. 227	
James H. Priddy	Floydada No. 227	02-01-2007
Billie Gene Frazier	Amarillo No. 196	02-12-2007
Yancey Eugene Lewis	Amarillo No. 196	
Joe B. Hinton	Sulphur Springs No. 63	
Glenn M. Ward	Sulphur Springs No. 63	02-28-2007
Hurbert C. Askew	Washington No. 2	
Edwin Arnold Rainey	Washington No. 2	05-14-2007
Bob Gray Lewis	Washington No. 2	
Howard S. Barksdale	Corpus Christi No. 91	04-20-2007
George Henry Dill	Corpus Christi No. 91	04-20-2007
St. Elmo Glaze	Corpus Christi No. 91	05-24-2007
Woodrow M. Chism	Corpus Christi No. 91	
Cecil Harris Stubblefield	Hillsboro No. 152	05-26-2007
Charles Lindy Lange	Brady No. 264	03-15-2007
Joseph Noble Atkins	Sam J. Helm No. 445	
Benjamin B. Bauer	Lafayette No. 48	07-19-2007
Hal Houston Henry	Lafayette No. 48	07-19-2007
Wiley Eugene Matthews	Will N. Kidd No. 424	02-04-2007
Raymond Albert Blalack	Sherman No. 62	02-08-2007
Nicholas A. Combs	W. T. Austin No. 87	02-06-2007
Thomas B. King	W. T. Austin No. 87	03-06-2007
Hiram A. Moore, Jr.	Oak Cliff No. 373	08-09-2007
William Raymond Armstrong	Temple No. 199	04-11-2007
John Doyle Phillips	Temple No. 199	
Robert M. Martin	Temple No. 199	
W. C. Clawson	Quanah No. 450	02-05-2007
Milledge A. Hart, III	B. T. Estes No. 263	mailed
Robert E. Clark, Jr.	Childress No. 262	deceased
Jack E. Tregellis	Borger No. 437	03-21-2007
James Thomas Ogg	Kilgore No. 449	02-20-2007
Orion Morgan McLain	Grand Prairie No. 489	02-21-2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Presented</u>
William Butler Drake	Wichita Falls No. 202	04-13-2007
Clarence William Muehleberger	Wichita Falls No. 202	04-13-2007
Joe B. Hooker, Jr.	Center No. 125	
William L. Samford	Center No. 125	
Joseph L. Matthews	Hemphill Heights No. 448	
Herbert Lawrence Polinard	San Felipe de Austin No. 1	
George W. Hilton	Tarrant No. 416	05-14-2007
Robert J. Lavender	Tarrant No. 416	mailed
N. Jack Meeks	Tarrant No. 416	mailed
Billy E. Morrow	Tarrant No. 416	mailed
Esley George Glover, Jr.	Cleburne No. 100	
John Henry Smith	Cleburne No. 100	05-03-2007
Warren Amost Trost	Pasadena No. 455	
Dan Audry Weathers	Pasadena No. 455	
Fred Benjamin Yohe	Pasadena No. 455	
Douglas Ray Fortney	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	04-07-2007
Thomas H. Hoyler	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	04-07-2007
Arvil J. Lewis	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	04-07-2007
Dail Weldon McMillan	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	05-01-2007
Gordon D. Johnston	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	05-09-2007
Huitt Daniel Caster	Grand Prairie No. 489	
Eddie Kenton Waldrum	Grand Prairie No. 489	
Gerald D. Emmons	Tyler No. 24	03-22-2007
Leonard F. Rozell	Tyler No. 24	03-22-2007
James F. Edwards	Tyler No. 24	
Cobie Basil Mason	Longview No. 177	mailed
Frank L. Armstrong	Waco No. 45	
Leo Herman Bradshaw, Jr.	Waco No. 45	
Orborn Brown, III	Waco No. 45	
Fred Khoury	Waco No. 45	
John Ray Ledbetter	Waco No. 45	
Louis Henry Miller	Waco No. 45	
James Craven Pyle	Waco No. 45	
Richard Henry Rosenauer	Waco No. 45	
William Richard Widner	Waco No. 45	
Glenn H. Robinson	Waco No. 45	
Charles Ray Snow	Santa Anna No. 346	
Tibby Wright	Bonham No. 52	
Vunice Orvan Buckley	Cherokee No. 11	07-02-2007
Herman Floyd Cozart	Plainview No. 228	
Thomas F. Ormsby	Plainview No. 228	03-08-2007
Melvin Wayne Pearson	Plainview No. 228	
Graddy Tunnell	Plainview No. 228	
Bobby Joe Landers	Plainview No. 228	
Noal Edward Johnson	North Houston No. 472	
Robert Paul Kelley	North Houston No. 472	
John E. Thomas	Ogilvie No. 115	04-26-2007
Cecil Carl Kersting	Oak Cliff No. 373	04-14-2007
John E. Thomas	Ogilvie No. 115	
Jack C. Simpson	Rising Star No. 9	05-24-2007
Charles Laverne Shelton	Garland No. 451	
Arthur Wayne Pressly	Haltom City-Riverside No. 468	03-21-2007
James C. Weddle, Jr.	Haltom City-Riverside No. 468	05-09-2007
Jerry Lee Cowan	Dallas No. 47	03-21-2007
Tommie Lloyd Duncan	Dallas No. 47	05-04-2007
Charles R. Gambulos	Dallas No. 47	07-31-2007
Garland Wesley Hendricks	Dallas No. 47	07-31-2007
Harold Everett Jackson, Jr.	Dallas No. 47	05-04-2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Presented</u>
Denon Earl Latimer	Dallas No. 47	07-31-2007
Malcolm Lee Shaw	Dallas No. 47	05-04-2007
Earl E. Tweed	Dallas No. 47	05-04-2007
Charles Richard Roberts	El Paso No. 157	
Willie Durward Morgan	Orange No. 78	
Alfred Earl Peveto	Orange No. 78	
Jack W. Hays	Lufkin No. 240	
Nelson Clay Donley	Dallas No. 47	04-17-2007
Paul Benjamin Halamicek, Jr.	Alpha No. 243	To Family
Denver Ray Scott	Texas No. 362	
Carl Eugene Strong	Texas No. 362	04-03-2007
Dale Crawford Mitchum	Alpha No. 243	mailed
Carlton Davidson Pepper	Alpha No. 243	mailed
William Charles Hise	Park Place No. 458	04-23-2007
Archie Kutschenreuter, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	04-20-2007
Harold D. Hollingsworth	Park Place No. 458	
Arthur Edward McGowen	Park Place No. 458	06-23-2007
Russell Junior Smith	Park Place No. 458	mailed
James Ray Barber	Weatherford No. 105	mailed
James Thomas Barnett	Weatherford No. 105	06-13-2007
Robert A. Bergman	Weatherford No. 105	mailed
Jack Leigh Eidson	Weatherford No. 105	06-13-2007
Roy Joe Grogan	Weatherford No. 105	mailed
Mark Harrison Littleton	Weatherford No. 105	06-13-2007
Jarvis Vaughn McGill	Weatherford No. 105	06-13-2007
Bobby Gene Turpin	Weatherford No. 105	05-09-2007
Avert E. Williamson	Weatherford No. 105	06-13-2007
Joe C. Wyler	Weatherford No. 105	mailed
Vernon H. Gunn	Stephenville No. 140	
Melvin Lee Baker	Ennis No. 135	
Walter Neal Goodwin	Ennis No. 135	
Ralph Curtis Rumbo, Jr.	Ennis No. 135	07-23-2007
William A. Bergfeld, Jr.	Goose Creek No. 408	
James Douglas Carter, Sr.	Goose Creek No. 408	
Donald Earl Delozier	Goose Creek No. 408	
Willis Thomas Jones, Jr.	Goose Creek No. 408	
W. F. Lanford	Goose Creek No. 408	To Family
Thomas Lee Prigmore	Goose Creek No. 408	
Bob Edmondson Stout	Goose Creek No. 408	
Marvin Elmer Watson	Big Spring No. 178	
George E. Bennett	Plainview No. 228	07-20-2007
E. W. Crowder	Kerrville No. 305	07-23-2007
James Lamar Watson	North Houston No. 472	
Kenneth Ray Golightly	Denison No. 138	09-10-2007
Wesley S. Dyer	Grand Prairie 489	
Philip Wayne James	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Luke R. Rumpy, Jr.	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	09-28-2007
Richard Melvin Cade, Jr.	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Tim Garland Faulkenberry	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Jack McCutchin	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Green J. Parkhill, Jr.	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Irl V. Shea	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Callan Lewis Cash	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Leroy Wayne Tucker	Port Neches No 436	
James Blake Bumgardner	Will N. Kidd No 424	
Jack Kenneth Allen	Seguin No 344	
Marvin Ernst Hillmer	Seguin No 344	
Thomas A. Smith	Seguin No 344	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Stanley C. Weiss	Seguin No 344	
Jack Motley	R.C. Buckner No 108	
William D. Decker	Henderson No 361	
Darwin Dwayne Miley	Henderson No 361	
James Darwin Baccus	Park Place No 458	
Marshall C. Watkins	Killeen No 484	10-15-2007
Joseph William Hart	Beaumont No. 188	
Woodrow W. Janes	Beaumont No. 188	
Jack W. Maund	Beaumont No. 188	

CHAPTER FIFTY YEAR AWARD

Killeen Chapter No. 484

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED YEAR AWARD

Florence Chapter No. 275

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED-FIFTY YEAR AWARDS

Dale E. Miller Chapter No. 55

Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 57

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

It has been my privilege to nominate the following Grand Representatives from Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions:

January 12, 2007 -- Kenneth E. Cooley to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado

January 12, 2007 -- G. Clay Smith to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut

January 12, 2007 -- Virgil Sam Allsbrooks as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Delaware

January 12, 2007 -- Paul E. Wunsche as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan

April 9, 2007 -- James Roy Elliott as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana

April 9, 2007 -- F.E. "Skip" Smith as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Virginia

May 18, 2007 -- David James "Jim" Davis as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Mexico

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

December 6, 2006 -- Appointed Larry Canada to the By-Laws Committee through 2007 due to the Resignation of Billy Iker.

DISPENSATIONS

December 6, 2006 -- Dispensation to allow Killeen Chapter to hold a RV Show fundraiser March 23, 24 and 25, 2007

January 17, 2007 -- Dispensation for Burnet Chapter No. 453 to elect and install a Treasurer out of time due to the death of their Treasurer.

January 17, 2007 -- Dispensation to allow Galena Park Chapter No.490 to move its Charter to Tarkington Prairie Lodge No. 498 in Cleveland, Texas.

The move made necessary the Disbanding of Cleveland Royal Arch Club since Chapter 48, Article 399 and 400 state that if there is a Chapter in a town there cannot be a Royal Arch Club in the same town.

January 17, 2007 -- Dispensation to Haltom City- Riverside Chapter No. 468 to move its Charter to the TMRC once a quarter for the purpose of holding its Stated Meeting

March 20, 2007 -- Dispensation for Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 to move its Charter from McAllen Lodge No. 110 in McAllen, Texas to San Juan Lodge No. 1173 in San Juan, Texas

March 27, 2007 -- Dispensation for Hamlin Chapter No. 310 to move its Charter to Stamford Lodge No. 853 in Stamford, Texas

April 9, 2007-- Dispensation for Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 and others to appear in public in Austin, Texas on April 23, 2007 for the purpose of presenting a photo of Dr. George M. Patrick, PGHP to the Texas State Cemetery

June 16, 2007 -- Dispensation to move the Charter of Borger Chapter No. 437 in the same town from Adobe Walls Lodge No. 1355 to Isom Lodge No. 1242 due to the sale of the building.

June 29, 2007 -- Dispensation to move the Charter of Cherokee Chapter No. 11 from Rusk, Texas to Terrell Lodge No. 83 in Alto, Texas.

Dispensation have also been granted for the purpose of Exalting more than three candidates at one time to the following chapters:

December 6, 2006 -- Washington Chapter No. 2
January 25, 2007 -- Lone Star Chapter No. 6
February 2, 2007 -- Amarillo Chapter No. 196
February 21, 2007 -- Galena Park Chapter No. 490
March 27, 2007 -- San Antonio Chapter No. 381 (March and September)
June 8, 2007 -- Amarillo Chapter No. 196

On April 4, 2007 I sent a letter to the Chapters to clarify the position that a Royal Arch Chapter is the only entity that can host a York Rite Festival.

And on June 22, 2007 I sent another letter to the Chapters asking that all the proper documentation be done on the Candidates taken to festivals.

GRAND CHAPTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS HELD

January 20, 2007 Dallas
April 6, 2007 Waco
June 15, 2007 TMRC

YORK RITE CONFERENCES

February 17, 2007	Huntsville
March 10, 2007	Kirbyville
May 12, 2007	Floydada
May 19, 2007	Helotes
May 26, 2007	TMRC

CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

May 21, 2007 -- Sweetwater Chapter No. 236 merged with Hamlin Chapter No. 310
June 14, 2007 -- Oak Cliff Chapter No. 373 merged with Midlothian Chapter No. 211
June 14, 2007 -- Weatherford Chapter No. 105 merged with Ridglea Chapter No. 485
July 2, 2007 -- Alpine Chapter No. 398 merged with Sam J. Helm No. 445

LEGAL DOCUMENTS EXECUTED

I have signed several legal documents this year that have been prepared by the Attorney of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center as necessary.

VISITATIONS

December 6, 2006	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting
December 9, 2006	Robert Bruce Brannon #270 AMD Stated Meeting
December 9, 2006	Tancred Commandery Installation
December 11, 2006	Dallas Scottish Rite Stated Meeting
December 11, 2006	Dallas Chapter #47 Stated Meeting
December 12, 2006	Sunshine Lodge #341 Stated Meeting
December 13, 2006	Grand Chapter Office, Waco
December 13, 2006	Love Field Chapter Christmas Party
December 14, 2006	Stamford Commandery Christmas Observance
December 16, 2006	Midlothian Lodge Christmas Dinner
December 18, 2006	Dallas Chapter #47 Royal Arch Degree
December 19, 2006	Midlothian Lodge #584 Stated Meeting
December 20, 2006	Gift of Life Committee Meeting
December 28, 2006	TMRC Board Meeting
January 1, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 & Council #148 Stated Meeting
January 3, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting
January 6, 2007	Robert Bruce Brannon #270 AMD Stated Meeting
January 8, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Installation
January 8, 2007	Dallas Chapter #47 Stated Meeting
January 9, 2007	Sunshine Lodge #341 Stated Meeting
January 9, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 EA Degree
January 13, 2007	Grand Master's Conference Nacogdoches
January 16, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 Stated Meeting
January 18, 2007	DDGM Dinner Dallas Scottish Rite
January 20, 2007	Grand Chapter Trustees and Investments meeting
January 20, 2007	Grand Master's Conference Dallas, Grand Master's Banquet Hella Temple
January 23, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 EA Degree
January 24, 2007	Gift of Life Committee Meeting
January 25, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting
January 26-28, 2007	Grand Master's Conference Valley
January 29, 2007	Rose of Sharon KM Stated Meeting
January 30, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 EA Degree
February 3, 2007	Lyle L. Cross YRC Stated Meeting
February 5, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 & Council #148 Stated Meeting
February 6, 2007	Texas Chapter #362 Ft. Worth
February 7-12, 2007	Masonic Week Washington DC
February 13, 2007	Sunshine Lodge Stated Meeting
February 17, 2007	York Rite Conference Huntsville
February 19, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Stated Meeting
February 20, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 Stated Meeting
February 22, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting
February 23, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Membership Awards Dinner
February 24, 2007	Grand Master's Conference Wichita Falls
February 28, 2007	Masters Wardens & Secretary Assoc. 14 th Dist.
March 1, 2007	Childress Chapter #262
March 3, 2007	Constitute AMD Council Hawkins, Texas
March 5, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 & Council #148 Stated Meeting
March 6, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Scholarship Awards
March 7, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting
March 8-10, 2007	Grand Chapter Arkansas
March 11-13, 2007	Grand Chapter Louisiana
March 14-20, 2007	Grand Chapter Scotland
March 22, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting
March 22, 2007	Ceremony of Remembrance Dallas Scottish Rite
March 23, 2007	Grand Arcanum Council #447 AMD
March 24, 2007	Tyler York Rite Festival
March 29, 2007	Gift of Life Committee Meeting
March 29, 2007	Tejas Chapel St. Thomas of Acon Stated Meeting
March 30, 2007	Tejas Chapel of St. Thomas of Acon Festive Board

March 31, 2007	York Rite Conference Kirbyville
April 2, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 & Council #148 Stated Meeting
April 4, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting
April 6, 2007	Grand Master's Stag Banquet Waco
April 7, 2007	Grand Master's Conference Waco
April 10, 2007	Sunshine #341 Stated Meeting and Midlothian Lodge #584 FC Degree
April 11, 2007	Speaker Masonic Service Bureau Ft. Worth
April 13-16, 2007	Grand Commandery Abilene
April 13, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Stated Meeting
April 17, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 Stated Meeting
April 18, 2007	Gift of Life Committee Meeting
April 19, 2007	Grand Master's Workshop Dallas
April 20, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting and OES Dinner Honoring the Board
April 23, 2007	Texas State Cemetery Austin Grave marking and presentation
April 23, 2007	Dallas Chapter #47 Degrees
April 25, 2007	Grand Master's visit to the 14 th District
April 28, 2007	York Rite Festival Austin
April 29, 2007	A.C. Garrett Commandery Honoring Tom Snyder
April 30, 2007	Rose of Sharon Knight Masons Stated Meeting
May 1, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 MM Degree
May 2, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting
May 3, 2007	Holy Grail #287 AMD Luncheon
May 4, 2007	Dallas Chapter #47 Presenting 50 year Awards
May 5, 2007	Lyle L. Cross YRC #47 Annual Meeting and Banquette
May 7, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 & Council #148 Stated Meeting
May 8, 2007	Sunshine Lodge #341 Stated Meeting
May 9, 2007	Weatherford Chapter #105
May 11, 2007	Amarillo Chapter #196
May 12, 2007	Floydada York Rite Conference
May 14, 2007	Grand Chapter Office, Waco
May 14, 2007	Oak Cliff Chapter #373
May 15, 2007	Midlothian Lodge #584 Stated Meeting
May 17, 2007	Ennis Chapter #135
May 18-19, 2007	York Rite Conference Helotes
May 19, 2007	Mt. Horeb Chapter #57 Celebrates 150 Years, Opened the Grand Chapter
May 20, 2007	Ascension Sunday St. Mathews
May 20, 2007	Black Cap Ceremony Dallas Scottish Rite
May 21, 2007	Grand Chapter Office, Waco
May 21, 2007	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting Dallas
May 22, 2007	EA Degree Midlothian Lodge
May 24, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting
May 24, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Honors Grand Junior Warden
May 26, 2007	York Rite Conference TMRC
May 29, 2007	EA Degree Midlothian Lodge
May 31, 2007	Garland Lodge 50 year for Jack Patterson
June 1, 2007	Holy Grail Council AMD and Dinner
June 2, 2007	Greenville York Rite Festival
June 4, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 & Council #148 Stated Meeting
June 5, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Fellowcraft Degree
June 6, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting
June 8, 2007	Red Cross of Constantine Houston
June 9, 2007	Super Excellent Masters Degree Dallas
June 11, 2007	Dale E. Miller Chapter 150 th Celebration Gun Barrel City
June 12, 2007	Sunshine Lodge Stated Meeting
June 13, 2007	Weatherford Chapter #105 and Council #64 Stated Meeting
June 15, 2007	Grand Chapter and Council Trustees Meeting TMRC
June 16, 2007	Robert Bruce Brannon Council AMD Stated Meeting
June 16, 2007	York Rite Festival Grandbury
June 18, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Stated Meeting

June 19, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Stated Meeting
June 20, 2007	Gift of Life Committee Scottish Rite Hospital
June 21, 2007	Ennis Chapter and Council
June 22, 2007	Dallas Council 100 year Celebration
June 23, 2007	District 1 Commandery School of Instruction
June 25, 2007	Dallas Chapter and Council Installation, Installing Officer
June 26, 2007	Midlothian Lodge, Fellowcraft Degrees
June 28, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting
June 30, 2007	Handley Lodge, St. Thomas of Acon Consecration
June 30, 2007	Sunshine Lodge Installation
July 1, 2007	Midlothian Chapter #211 and Council #148 Installation
July 5, 2007	Corpus Christi Chapter and Council Installation
July 7, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Installation
July 7, 2007	Sherman Lodge Installation
July 10, 2007	Sunshine Lodge Stated Meeting
July 10, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Master Mason Degree
July 11, 2007	Love Field Chapter and Council
July 16, 2007	Killeen Chapter and Council 50 Year Presentation.
July 17, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Stated Meeting
July 18-19, 2007	El Paso Chapter and Council
July 21, 2007	AMD Day Waco
July 24, 2007	Midlothian Lodge FC Degree
July 25-27, 2007	York Rite Sovereign College, Grand Rapids Michigan
July 28, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite One Day Reunion
July 30, 2007	Knight Masons Stated Meeting

APPRECIATIONS

I wish to especially thank my wife, Claudia, for allowing me to be away from home so much. Without the understanding of a great wife, this job would be very difficult.

I wish to thank all the Officers and Companions of the Chapters for their hard work this year. I especially wish to thank Companions Ron Park and Larry Canada for all the help they contributed in the planning and execution of our programs.

I wish to thank our Grand Secretary, Orville O'Neill and the girls in the office, Dawn and Darlene, my heartfelt thanks for all their hard work and making it easier for me to do what I needed to do.

Finally, I wish to thank all my Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests and all the Committee Members for taking the time to work with me for the promotion of Capitular Masonry throughout this great state. I especially thank My Grand Marshall Sam Allsbrooks for his always being there when I needed him.

Thank you my Companions for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter for the past four years and I hope to continue to serve this Grand Chapter in the future. God Bless all of you and God Bless this Grand Chapter.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,
James Roy Elliott
M: E: Grand High Priest

The first part of the Report was in the Pre-print and if you want me to read it, I will, but it is lengthy. If you had rather I didn't, well, we will let you peruse it at your will.

A COMPANION: So moved.

ANOTHER COMPANION: Second.

ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Report, the Preliminary Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. All in favor will give the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. So ordered, Companion Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and My Companions All:

This is the Supplemental report of the Grand High Priest. Many of you have read the initial printed report of the Grand High Priest which is in your program and will not read it at this time. I will read the supplemental report at this time.

To our Distinguished Guests and Out of State Visitors I extend a hardy welcome and my appreciation for your presence and hope you visit will be enjoyable.

I have really enjoyed serving as your Grand High Priest this past year and visiting many of your chapters.

DISPENSATIONS

July 29, 2007 Dispensation for Granbury Chapter No. 454 to elect and install a King out of time due to circumstances beyond his control.

July 29, 2007 Dispensation to allow Roby Chapter No.380 to elect and install officers out of time due to lack of attendance at the June stated meeting.

July 31, 2007 Dispensation to Army Chapter No. 393 to elect and install a King out of time due to circumstances beyond his control.

August 13, 2007 Dispensation for Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 to elect and install it's High Priest out of time due to circumstances beyond his control.

August 18, 2007 Dispensation for William J. Kidd Chapter No. 424 to move its Charter to Park Place Lodge in Houston, Texas for a Special Convocation to elect candidates.

September 12, 2007 Dispensation to allow Park Place Chapter No.458 to install officers out of time due to circumstances beyond their control.

Dispensation has also been granted for the purpose of Exalting more than three candidates at one time to the following chapters:

August 28, 2007 Texas Chapter No. 362

GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARDS

It was my pleasure to award two very active York Rite Masons this year. Both have worked in the quarries of Masonry for many years, promoted the York Rite and always gone that extra mile. Both are active in all facets of Masonry.

The recipients I chose this year are Reese L. Harrison, Jr. of San Antonio Chapter No. 381 and Earl E. Tweed of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

VISITATIONS

July 31, 2007	Midlothian Lodge EA Degree	Sept. 5, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated
Aug. 1, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated	Sept. 6, 2007	First of Tishri Dallas Scottish Rite
Aug. 4, 2007	Knight Masons and AMD Stamford	Sept. 7, 2007	York Rite Bodies Officers Meeting in Waco
Aug. 6, 2007	Midlothian Chap and Coun Stated	Sept. 8, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Reunion
Aug. 7, 2007	Midlothian Lodge MM Degree	Sept. 11, 2007	Sunshine Lodge Stated
Aug. 10-11, 2007	Texarkana York Rite Festival	Sept. 11, 2007	Midlothian Lodge FC Degree
Aug. 14, 2007	Sunshine Lodge Stated	Sept. 14, 2007	York Rite Festival Ft. Worth
Aug. 14, 2007	Midlothian Lodge MM Degree	Sept. 15, 2007	York Rite Festival Ft. Worth
Aug. 18, 2007	Houston York Rite Festival	Sept. 17, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Stated
Aug. 20, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite Stated	Sept. 18, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Stated
Aug. 21, 2007	Midlothian Lodge Stated	Sept. 20-22, 2007	Southwest Regional York Rite Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas
Aug. 23, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting	Sept. 26, 2007	Gift of Life Committee Meeting
Aug. 23, 2007	Waco Chap and Coun Speaker	Sept. 27, 2007	TMRC Board Meeting
Aug. 28, 2007	Midlothian Lodge MM Degree	Sept. 28, 2007	Ft. Worth Crusader Chapel, St. Thomas of Acon Stated
Aug. 29, 2007	Gift of Life Committee Meeting	Sept. 29, 2007	Dallas Scottish Rite 3rd day Reunion
Aug. 30, 2007	Tejas Chapel St. Thomas of Acon Stated	Oct. 1, 2007	Midlothian Chapter and Council Stated
Aug. 31, 2007	Tejas Festive Board	Oct. 3, 2007	Tancred Commandery Stated Meeting and Inspection
Sept. 3, 2007	Midlothian Chap and Coun Stated	Oct. 4-6, 2007	Grand Chapter School of Instruction
Sept. 4, 2007	Midlothian Lodge EA Degree	Oct. 6-9, 2007	Grand Chapter and Grand Council Grand Session

APPRECIATIONS

I wish to especially thank my wife, Claudia, once more for allowing me to be away from home so much. Without the understanding of a great wife, this job would be very difficult. She works two jobs and helped me get by and allowed me to do this job and has supported me all these years. I think if it hadn't of been for her I probably would not have been a Master Mason and I have to give her my gratitude.

I wish to thank all the Grand Officers and all of the Companions for there hard work this year. I especially wish to thank Companions Ron Park and Larry Canada for all the help they contributed in the planning and execution of our programs this year.

To our Grand Secretary, Orville O'Neill and the girls in the office my heartfelt thanks for all there hard work and making it easier for me to do what I needed to do.

I wish to thank our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Donny W. Broughton for inviting us to wear our regalia at his conferences and promoting York Rite Masonry this year.

Finally, I wish to thank all my Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests and all the Committees Members for taking the time to work with me for the promotion of Capitular Masonry throughout this great state. I especially thank my Grand Marshall Sam Allsbrooks for his always being there when I needed him.

Thank you my Companions for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter for the past four years and I hope to continue to serve this Grand Chapter in the future. God Bless all of you and God Bless this Grand Chapter.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,
James Roy Elliott
M: E: Grand High Priest

I move the adoption of this Supplemental Report.

A COMPANION: Second.

ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded for the adoption of the Supplemental Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. All those in favor please signify by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: On a personal note, we have had a good year. We have had things that we have had to deal with. We have dealt with them. We have conducted the business of this Grand Chapter, I hope, from the heart. We have tried to do the best we could do. If we made any mistakes, we apologize. But if you don't work, you don't make mistakes.

All of my Deputies did all that they were asked to do and more. All of my Grand Officers were always there when we needed to open a Representation. I appreciate all that you did and all that you will do in the future. I can't thank you enough for allowing me to have a small part in the Grand Chapter.
Thank you, Companions. (RISING APPLAUSE.

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN RESUMED HIS PROPER STATION IN THE GRAND EAST (AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Credentials Committee is ready now.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We will have the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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 John MacGregor, Past High Priest of R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108. I am here to give the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee as of 10:15 A.M. today:

Present are:
17 Grand Chapter Officers
13 Past Grand High Priests
257 Past High Priests

38	High Priests
6	Kings
4	Scribes
42	Chapter Representatives
18	District Deputy Grand High Priests
46	Grand Representatives of Texas near other Grand Jurisdictions
16	Visitors
80	Chapters
4	Out of State Visitors

We have a total of 80 (240) votes for Companions holding a ballot of three (3) votes, and 257 (257) votes for Companions holding a ballot of one (1) vote, for a total of 497 votes.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN MACGREGOR, CHAIRMAN
GARY DIXON, ROBERT KIRK, DAVID ROGERS, JEFFERY MILLER

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee. All those in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Report of the Grand Officers' Committee. Are you ready?

COMPANION G. CLAY SMITH: We're ready.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS REPORTS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422.

This is the Report of your Grand Officers' Committee. This year's theme was "Visibility, Pride and Commitment." We commend Most Excellent Companion Elliot on the visibility and exposure of the Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry that he has brought to the Order. With wearing the Red Coat it has shown the Pride of Royal Arch Masonry across the state, this United States and in Scotland.

We referred the following portions of the Address and Report of the Grand High Priest to the following Committees.

Our Fraternal Dead was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Fifty Year Awards and Golden Keystone Awards were referred to the Committee of Honors and Awards.

Grand Representatives Nominated was referred to the Committee of Fraternal Correspondence.

Committee Appointments and Dispensations were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Dispensations for Festivals was referred to the Committee of York Rite Festivals Coordinating.

Consolidation of Chapters and Legal Documents executed was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it has been our pleasure to serve you and the Grand Chapter this year.

Respectfully submitted,
G. CLAY SMITH, CHAIRMAN
H. BART HENDERSON, ROBERT L. "BOB" CLEMMONS, C. LOUIS HOPKINS, PAUL D. WARREN

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the Adoption of this report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Grand Officers' Committee. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION -- DECEMBER 8-9, 2007**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies* & Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas, The Duties of the Board are listed in Chapter 14, Texas Masonic Retirement Center of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Article 110, Duties of the Board of Directors,

Whereas, Article 110 was amended in 1993 by adding the last sentence of paragraph 3, which now reads:

“Under no circumstances shall a member of the Superintendent’s immediate family hold the position of Assistant Superintendent or Assistant Administrator of the Clinic/Nursing Center. (Amended 1993)

Whereas, in the corporate and business rules and regulations regarding nepotism have become under scrutiny,

Therefore, be it resolved that this last sentence be amended to read as follows:

Under no circumstances shall a member of the Superintendent’s, Assistant Superintendent, Administrator, Assistant Administrator, Director of Nurses, and the Head of any Department be employed by the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and or Clinic/Nursing Center. (Amended 1993, 2007)

Respectively submitted,
Jack L. Wright, PHP, Will N. Kidd Chapter 424, RAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies*, Jurisprudence, & Finance

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is required to sign all legal documents for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center,

Whereas, it is important that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest should attend all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center,

Whereas, the cost of travel has risen very high and rapidly restricting the travel of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

Therefore be it resolved that Chapter 3, Grand High Priest, Article 23, Expenses, be amended by adding the following new paragraph:

“In addition to the above listed expenses, the Grand High Priest may be reimbursed by the Texas Masonic Retirement Center expenses for travel from his home to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors as provided in Article 125 of the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter.

Be it further resolved that Chapter 15, Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Article 125, No. Remuneration for Board which now reads:

“No Member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center shall at any time receive either directly, or indirectly, any remuneration for his services as a member of said Board except, that each member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center shall be reimbursed an amount, as elected by the Board, not to exceed what is authorized by the Internal Revenue Service per mile both to and from his place of residence to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, to attend the Board meetings once a month or as many times as necessary. (Amended 1993, 2002)

Be amended by inserting the following phrase, "and the Grand High Priest" so that Article 125 would then read as follows:

"No Member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center shall at any time receive either directly, or indirectly, any remuneration for his services as a member of said Board except, that each member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and the Grand High Priest shall be reimbursed an amount, as elected by the Board, not to exceed what is authorized by the Internal Revenue Service per mile both to and from his place of residence to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, to attend the Board meetings once a month or as many times as necessary. (Amended 1993, 2002, 2007)

Respectively submitted,
Jack L. Wright, PHP, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424, RAM

RESOLUTON NO. 3
Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies* and Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Be It Resolved:

Ninety days before any member who has not paid his dues and is about to go suspended, that the High Priest will appoint a committee to contact these Companions and encourage them to pay their dues. The High Priest may appoint as many members as he may deem necessary to fill this committee. The committee will report to the Chapter as to their findings, and in the event the Companion cannot pay his dues recommend that his dues be remitted, that he be suspended, or that he be encouraged to demit.

Submitted,
Leonard L. Fitzgerald, III, P.H.P., Dallas Chapter No. 47, RAM

RESOLUTON NO. 4
Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies* and Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas Galena Park Chapter No. 490, Royal Arch Masons is no longer located in Galena Park, Texas and has been relocated to Cleveland, Texas,

Be it Resolved that at a Stated Convocation the Companions voted to change the name to Cleveland Chapter No. 490, Royal Arch Masons.

Submitted by,
Ronald J. Price, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 5
Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies*, Jurisprudence & Finance

The history of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in Texas, both past and present is characterized by glowing accounts of unselfish deeds and dedicated commitment to those principles and precepts taught in the lessons of our various degrees.

The present affords opportunity to reflect upon the past; and it has been the past from which we have drawn inspiration and purpose to assure our future. It is therefore both fitting and incumbent upon us, as we travel upon the path established by Companions of the past to recognize and honor those Capitular and Cryptic Masons who, while on our watch have demonstrated unselfish deeds and dedicated commitment to the advancement and preservation of the lessons of morality and commitment to all that is good.

Existing provisions of the Cornerstone Award of the subordinate Chapters and the Cryptic Triangle Award of the subordinate Councils are designed for special recognition by Chapters and Councils of Companions who demonstrate excellence of commitment to Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.

The Grand Royal Arch Golden Keystone Award is an annual presentation made by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Royal Purple Service Award is an annual presentation made by the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council. While both such awards are given in recognition of exceptional commitment to the principles and precepts of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry as demonstrated

by the actions of those nominated for the award, it leaves a void for proper and merited recognition of some who might otherwise qualify for such recognition, but are disqualified by having previously served as an elective officer of either the Grand Chapter or the Grand Council.

Therefore, it is my recommendation that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas instruct the Committee on Awards and Recognitions to recommend amendments to the existing provisions of the laws of this Grand Chapter that will create and permit a special award to be known as "York Rite Lifetime Achievement Award" for recognition under the following guidelines:

- 1) The award may be presented twice within a three year period to any worthy Companion who has demonstrated unusual leadership his commitment and dedication to the progressive preservation of the principles and precepts of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.
- 2) The award shall reflect the unanimous consensus of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, and nomination for same shall be made jointly by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Master of the Grand Council, and shall be made at a joint open meeting of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted:
G. Clay Smith, PHP, George Washington Chapter No. 422

RESOLUTION NO. 6 **Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies* and Jurisprudence**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

There has been a major decline over the past ten years in the number of Companions who are proficient in all or parts of the Texas Royal Arch Chapter Ritual, even including the basic Chapter Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Much of this appears to be related to the decision by this Grand Chapter to publish a "plain language ritual."

The intent of the plain language ritual was to make it easier for Companions to learn the work and to encourage them to do so. We now have the advantage of ten years of hindsight since publication of the first plain language ritual, and it is now clear that - unfortunately - just the reverse has occurred.

In retrospect, it probably should have been apparent to us that actually LEARNING the work is easier when people have to THINK about what they are reading as they read it. People using the old code book as "an aid to the memory" had to learn SOMETHING about the wording of the ritual in order to be able to recognize the codes. In our opinion, people used to learn more accidentally using the code book than most persons today learn intentionally from the plain language ritual.

There is no doubt in our minds that the plain language rituals - both the 1997 version and the 2001 revision - have turned out to be a huge liability to Texas Royal Arch Masons rather than an asset. Not having to think about what the words of the ritual are in order to read them has obviously created a significant disincentive to learn the work. A rapidly increasing number of Chapters cannot open or close without reading those simple ceremonies. Many Companions are not even bothering to learn how to pronounce the words in our Ritual, much less understand what they are reading.

We have complicated this situation for our members even more by publishing two different plain language rituals - both of which are recommended for use - together with a Monitor and a Lecture Book authorized for use during the ritual work. It would be so much simpler to return to a single code book that would actually be USEFUL to the Companions in learning the wording of the ritual and a single Monitor containing other information that would be USEFUL to Companions in conducting meetings and conferring degrees. In other words, it would be much better for our members to have only two books that would actually HELP them to learn and do the work instead of the current four books that appear to be providing little or no benefit.

With the current decline in ritualistic proficiency, Texas Royal Arch Masons are well on track to being unable to confer our beautiful and impressive degrees except in periodic regional festivals. It is imperative that we provide the tools that will make it EASIER for our members to learn to properly conduct their meetings and to confer our degrees individually and locally.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee on Work be directed by this Grand Chapter to develop and present to Grand Chapter in its Annual Convocation in October, 2008:

- 1) a determination as to which of the optional changes to the Ritual approved by this Grand Chapter during its Annual Convocation in December, 2001, have been useful to the Craft in conferring the Work, and a recommendation as to which of those changes should be retained; and

2) an orderly plan (including a proposed timetable) and any necessary changes to the Laws of this Grand Chapter to:

i) phase out publication of the Plain Language Ritual and to replace it with an updated Code Book. (The Committee on Work may consider recommending that approved Code Books be authorized for use in Chapter meetings for some reasonable specified period of time to allow Companions to once more become familiar with their use as an Aid to the Memory before returning to a practice of prohibiting their use by Officers in their stations); and

ii) update the Monitor. (The Committee may consider including in the Monitor the Chapter Procedure for Balloting, Introduction and Reception of Grand Chapter Officers, Presentation of 50-Yr. Awards, Installation Ceremony for Officers of Subordinate Chapters (Const & Law), and the Lectures in the current Chapter "Lecture Book.")

Submitted by The Committee on Work,
Russell Milliken, Chairman
Tim Towson, Dale Secor, Eldon Brooks, Allan W. (Skip) Dees

RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS
OF THE 158TH ANNUAL CONVOCAION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Resolution No. 1	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes and Policies Adopted as Amended by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 2	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes and Policies Adopted as Amended by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 3	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes and Policies Adopted as Amended by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 4	Adopted by the Committee on Purposes and Policies Adopted by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 5	Held over to be reported on by the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards at the 2008 Grand Convocation
Resolution No. 6	Adopted by the Committee on Purposes and Policies Adopted by Grand Chapter

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Report of the Grand Secretary, if you are ready, sir.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: I am ready, sir.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's Office for the year ending October 31, 2007, is submitted for your consideration.

On June 24, 2006, there were 123 Chartered Chapters. As of this date we have had four (4) chapters to merge, which were Alpine Chapter No. 398 with Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445, Sweetwater Chapter No. 236 with Hamlin Chapter No. 310, Oak Cliff Chapter No. 373 with Midlothian Chapter No. 211, Weatherford Chapter No. 105 with Ridglea Chapter No. 485. On August 5, 2006, Zerbubbabel Chapter No. 30 was reconstituted at Normangee, Texas, which leaves 120 Chartered Chapters. Of the 120 Chapters 16 showed a gain in membership, 48 showed a loss, while 26 reported no change.

During the year -- and let me say this, Most Excellent. Companions, you know we have had two Grand Sessions this year and for this last Grand Session it moved everything up two months. So the numbers I am about to give you for membership and stuff is really a preliminary number. We have not gone through all of the returns and you will see why when I read this to you.

During the year there were Exalted 349 Companions, Affiliated 36, Affiliated Plural 44, Reinstated 51, Demitted 133, Suspended 295, Expelled 2. We had 431 deaths for a total loss of 379. Our Membership now stands at 12,636, of which there are 281 exempt for financial reasons and 1,539 Fifty Year Members which leaves 11,243 dues paying members.

We have six Chapters that have not sent in their Annual Returns for the year 2006-2007. They are Brenham Chapter No. 5, Brownwood Chapter No. 141, San Angelo Chapter No. 170, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 and Ft. Stockton Chapter No. 476. Now, since this was printed, Goose Creek, I received those, and Hidalgo, I received those just yesterday. We had twenty-six Chapters that were a month or more late. They were as follows; San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, Nacogdoches Chapter No. 13, Waco Chapter No. 45, Gonzales Chapter No. 51, Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 63, Orange Chapter No. 78, Dad Pender Chapter No. 80, Cooper Chapter No. 101, R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108, Bosque Chapter No. 153, Abilene Chapter No. 159, Temple Chapter No. 199, Floydada Chapter No. 227, Alpha Chapter No. 243, B. T. Estes Chapter No. 263, Teague Chapter No. 320, Seguin Chapter No. 344, Henderson Chapter No. 361, Roby Chapter No. 380, Seagoville Chapter No. 419, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424, Port Neches Chapter No. 436, Garland Chapter No. 451, Richmond Chapter No. 467 and Love Field Chapter No. 478. Those all came in and we have not went through those because we didn't have time because we moved the Grand Session up two months. Now, the numbers will be reassigned and when the Proceedings come out, the actual numbers will be in there when we get through with them. Understand, when these things come in late, there is just not anything that the office can do. That is just a fact. It takes a while to go through 124 of them and, like I say, these 26 were a month or more behind. In fact, we just got some of them when we sat down and started making preparations for this Grand Convocation.

Some of these Chapters have new secretaries because I called every one of them and talked to them. If any of you are in here, please do not hesitate to call us. 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. It helped a little bit this year when I mailed the cards out earlier for the Officers that were elected. The guys who read the return, who actually read them instead of throwing them on the desk, filled them out and sent them back to us and it helped greatly. But the ones who didn't look into them until two or three months later, well, we never did get those. This office needs the returns to extract the information so we can get the returns book printed in a timely manner.

Also on September 15, 2007, this office disbursed the interest from the Endowed Membership Fund. The interest from that fund totaled \$47,808.90, which figured out to \$24.02 per member after the \$1.75 for each endowment of which there are 1,855 members. The remaining \$5.55 was returned to the Endowment Fund. This office wishes to thank the subordinate Chapters for their cooperation and support, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his officer's for their help. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Grand Secretary's Report. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. The Report is adopted, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, Most Excellent.

(Supplemental Information for the Grand Secretary's Report)

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OCTOBER 2007

SAN FELIPE de AUSTIN NO. 1: Ted Armstrong, Marvin Labohm, William D. Snipes, Curtis Wilson
WASHINGTON NO. 2: J. Weldon Clampitte, Brian R. Dodson, David Fallas, Dwight Phillips
JERUSALEM NO. 3: Cliff Cameron, Randy Laza, George Patrick McHaney
LONE STAR NO. 6: Terry LaGrone, Don R. Long, Jerry Lee Martin, James R.W. Medina, Raymond M. White
SAN JACINTO NO. 7: Dale Dickman, Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr.
NACOGDOCHES NO. 13: Donald Sargent
MARSHALL NO. 19: John E. Hurley, Jr.
TYLER NO. 24: Gary D. Dixon, Richard Gaiser, Jerral F. Knox, L.A. Pete Peters, James M. Pledger, Doye Sudduth, Bob Uzzell
CARTHAGE NO. 28: Walter M. Craft, Karl T. Oney, Michael W. Welch
ZERUBABEL NO. 30: Gary Adams
COLUMBIA NO. 34: Rodney E. Brown, Sr., Arnold R. Langston, Thomas N. Turner, Sr.
WACO NO. 45: Billy Davis, Alton H. Deviney, Claude Ervin, J. Damon Fehler, Jerry Forest, Harold E. Jackson, Guadalupe "Sonny" Juarez, Jr., William E. Matyastik, Jon S. Spann, Tony Uzzell
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GONZALES NO. 51: Gary Combs
BONHAM NO. 52: Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.
HAGGAI NO. 53: D. Grant Anderson, Larry Burton, Kevin M. Clark, C. Louis Hopkins, Gary Duane

Hosick, Roger Jacobsen, H. David Moore, L.E. Nodwell, M. Gene Terrell
DALE E. MILLER NO. 55: James R. Green, Steve Herrick
MT. HOREB NO. 57: Ken Bushong, Vernon B. Davis, Sam Herron, Richard L. Vaughn, G. W. Volland
FORT WORTH NO. 58: David H. Gardner, Charles W. Modesitt, Ray Wiegand
SHERMAN NO. 62: Billy H. Combest, Floyd Glen Day, Donald H. Swango
SULPHUR SPRINGS NO. 63: Loys R. "Bill" Faughtenberry, Eddy Jason Rabe, Aubrey L. Roland
DAD PENDER NO. 80: Kenneth Cotter, Clarence Laney
W. T. AUSTIN NO. 87: Jack W. Lester Jr., Owen West
CORPUS CHRIST NO. 91: LeRoy K. Crozier, Justin Van Kleeck, Johnny A. Young
GRANDVIEW NO. 93: Donald L. Anderson, Lloyd G. Bohannon
CLEBURNE NO. 100: Kenneth E. Miller
COOPER NO. 101: Joe O. Estlack
R.C. BUCKNER NO. 108: Rex S. Lewis, John J. Mac Gregor, II, David G. Rogers
GREENVILLE NO. 114: Donny W Broughton, James R. Clark, Joseph C. Gilmore, Charles L. Mize
OGILVIE NO. 115: Fred E. Allen, Gary R. Rockefeller
ENNIS NO. 135: Barry D. Brunk, Sr., Cecil Curry, Thomas A. Little, Jr., Joe V. Pool
DENISON NO. 138: Leonard Faulkner, Jr.
STEPHENVILLE NO. 140: Tommy D. Guest, Bill J. Holden, John Musgrove
BROWNWOOD NO. 141: Thomas G. Keithly
TERRELL NO. 146: Herbert Fain, Floyd Leslie Pope, Robert Sutton
BELLVILLE NO. 151: Dennis E. Ziemer
HILLSBORO NO. 152: Gary Brewer, Jack M. Harper, II
BOSQUE NO. 153: Royce P. Heath, Denny H. Proffitt
EL PASO NO. 157: Raymond Alden, Jim Davis, Ricardo D. Gonzalez, Ruben E. Lara, Richard L. Sandford,
ABILENE NO. 159: Alonzo Boggs, Hubert E. Smith, Paul D. Warren
SAN ANGELO NO. 170: William F. Culp, James E. Hill, Jr., Charles F. Miller, Joe F. Schriever
KEYSTONE NO. 172: Robert E. Black, Allan W. Dees, Wayne D. Groce, Dale Ivie, Jackie Matthews
LONGVIEW NO. 177: Jesse M. Newton
BIG SPRING NO. 178: Terry W. Stogner
LAREDO NO. 185: J. Clayton Baum
BEAUMONT NO. 188: Daniel Bowden, Thomas F. Griffin, Randall R. Kimbrough, Lester C. Smith
ALVORD NO. 193: Sherman W. Hobbs, Dewayne McCrary
AMARILLO NO. 196: Ted D. Hennis, Charles F. Hood Jr., Richard F. Izatt, David Melear, Judge R. Risley, Patrick Skipper, Elijah Eugene West
LLANO NO. 197: Michael L. Hazel, E.E. Buster Williams, Mark E. Williams
WICHITA FALLS NO. 202: Matthew Kent Chapman, George F. Schwartzau
MIDLOTHIAN NO. 211: Virgil S. Allsbrooks, Kenneth Cooley, James Roy Elliott, Steven R. Heald, G. Joe Hocker, Walter Jack Hott, Craig Huffman, Jerry N. Kirby, Daniel T. Odom, III, Dennis Tucker
FLOYDADA NO. 227: James M. Willson, Jr.
LUFKIN NO. 240: Jimmy L. Allison, W. Eugene Brookshire, James W. Harkness
HUGH J. MCCLELLAN NO. 248: Robert L. Clemmons, Thomas A. Noble, Marvin Porr, Jr.
B. T. ESTES NO. 263: Robert D. Tyson
FLORENCE NO. 275: Sidney D. Hayes, Columbus O. Jones, Larry G. Joslin, John E. Mabry
KERRVILLE NO. 305: Walter Ray Benton, Dock F. Dixon, Jr., Anthony R. Fedele, Rowland Tessier
HAMLIN NO. 310: W. David Counts, A. Glen McCandless, Jerry Pingle
TEAGUE NO. 320: William A. Bitsing, II
PORT LAVACA NO. 338: Jack E. Beeler, Robert Loflin
SEGUIN NO. 344: Gary W. Horejsi, Gary W. Horesji, Jr., Kellis D. Moore, Jimmy H. Pomroy, William J. Viner
SANTA ANNA NO. 346: Daniel Cody
HENDERSON NO. 361: Russell C. Brown, Dwain Knight
TEXAS NO. 362: Michie M. Brous, Melvin T. Hagood, Charles Steven Wolfe
ARLINGTON NO. 376: Jeff Bennett, Michael C. Champion, Sr., Robert Collier, Leslie L. Coone, Floyd E. Hall, James D. Kirkpatrick, James D. Ward
WHITESBORO NO. 377: Henry A. Carrigan, Carl H. Garrison
SOUTHSIDE-POLYTECHNIC NO. 378: Bill Blanks, Jack D. Davidson, Hobie Henderson, Robert Y. Rodriguez, Herschel Larry Whitfield, B.J. Young
SAN ANTONIO NO. 381: Kent B. Crickard, H. Nelson Dunn, Jesus A. Garza, Reese L. Harrison Jr., Eugene A. Meyer
ARMY NO. 393: George H. Cheney, Harry F. Jameson
GOOSE CREEK NO. 408: William J. Giles, Jr., Kim D. Gregory, W.S. Sib Hewitt, Floyd R. Mills, Sr., Ronald A. Sharp, Carl E. Starkey, Jimmy Threadgill, Jerome Ulrich
TARRANT NO. 416: Joe Orona
SEAGOVILLE NO. 419: David L. Anderson, Wallace E.. Boyd, Bennie L.T. Cox, Billy Cryer, Chad Gilmore, William Guy
GEORGE WASHINGTON NO. 422: Douglas Collins, David Dibrell, Daniel T. Hill, John C. Irving, W.P. Irving, Jr., Corey M. Keese, Karl J. Krayner, G. Clay Smith
WILL N. KIDD NO. 424: Robert A. Foreman, Jr., H. Bart Henderson, Everett Kerley, Leonard O. Pierce, Jack L. Wright

MABANK NO. 435: Tim F.E. Towson
PORT NECHES NO. 436: Andrew D. Arnold, Steven L. Arnold, Charles C. Arrington, E.E. Chapman, Sr., Tommy F. Chapman, Mark D. Myer, Wade G. Richards, William E. "Bill" Schroeter
BORGER NO. 437: Kenneth R. Moss, Ray R. Renfro
HELOTES NO. 444: Thomas E. Carnes, E. Andy Hentschel, John H.V. Lorch, Alfred E. Machts, Jr., Ralph A. McLeod, Robert H. Morlaes
SAM J. HELM NO. 445: Farris L. Benham, A.F. Berkley, Jay Bryson, Graham H. Childress, Lester L. Ericson, Candido Gutierrez, Jerry L. Mann, Gene Schneider, Neel A. Wright
HEMPHILL HEIGHTS NO. 448: Mitchell Ray Jones
KILGORE NO. 449: John W. Mahn, Jewel T. Proctor
QUANAH NO. 450: Robert Melear
GARLAND NO. 451: Leonard Fitzgerald, R.H. Bob Waters
BURNET NO. 453: Russell F. Milliken, Johnnie C. Smith
GRANBURY NO. 454: Eldon L. Brooks
PASADENA NO. 455: Dozier Gossett, Ron Morehead, Robert B. Portwood, E.D. Mack Reid, Robert G. Starkey, Richard C. Sharp
PARK PLACE NO. 458: J.D. "Buddy" Baccus, Charles H. Blacknall, Ken E. Borkert, John C. Elkinton, N.W. "Butch" Hanna, Jr., Charles M. Harvey, J. Preston Haynes, Henry M. Hughes, III, David Mather, Jack T. Peebles, Thomas C. Snedecor, Lawrence E. Tucker
SOUTHEAST TEXAS NO. 465: Onnie Weaver, Larry Whipps
RICHMOND NO. 467: Doug Callaway, Neal E. Skinner
HALTOM CITY-RIVERSIDE NO. 468: Loyd O. Addy Sr., B.B. Barkley, Clair Billington, Travis Frazier, J.H. "Jack" Jeter, Paul Mason, Kirby Rudisill, Steve Runyon
BLUE BONNET NO. 470: James N. Higdon
NORTH HOUSTON NO. 472: John A. Kleinfelder, Michael H. Shively, Carl W. Wunsche, Paul E. Wunsche
LOVE FIELD NO. 478: Brian C. Ball, Larry G. Canada, Leonard P. Harvey, Elmer Murphey, III, Orville L. O'Neill, F.E. Skip Smith, Jr., Fred Smith, Thomas W. Snyder, LeRoy Tellgren
LLOYD L. GIBSON NO. 481: Lloyd J. Blackstock, Alvis Mabry
KILLEEN NO. 484: Harold T. Bonner, Charles E. Campbell
RIDGLEA NO. 485: Jim Manley
GRAND PRAIRIE NO. 489: Billy Ray Bell, Robert G. Kirk, Marion Stevens
CLEVELAND NO. 490: Kenneth B. Fischer, Ronald J. Price, John A. Tuttle, Jeffrey L. Wright
HURST NO. 492: David Wayne Antes, Stephen D. Dorsey, Merle W. Jones, Steve Jones, F. Douglas Mitchell, Ernest E. Parrish, Kenneth G. Smith
SNYDER NO. 494: Johnney Greenfield, E. Don Wittie
BROWNSVILLE NO. 495: W.M. Gower, Michael Kuhlmann, Dillon Vanderford, Robert E. Wooten

Subordinate Chapters Represented in Grand Chapter

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
San Felipe de Austin	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jerusalem	3		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brenham	5	X			X	X	X	X		
Lone Star	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Jacinto	7		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rising Star	9									
Palestine	10	X		X	X	X				
Cherokee	11		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Nacogdoches	13									X
Marshall	19	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Tyler	24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carthage	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zerubbabel	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
Columbia	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corsicana	41				X					
Waco	45	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dallas	47	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
Haggai	53	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Dale E. Miller	55	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Mount Horeb	57	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fort Worth	58	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
Orange	78	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Dad Pender	80	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W. T. Austin	87	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corpus Christi	91	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Grandview	93	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Cleburne	100	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Cooper	101	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R.C. Buckner	108	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Greenville	114	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ogilvie	115		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Center	125	X	X	X					X	
San Marcos	129	X	X	X		X	X			
Ennis	135	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Denison	138	X	X			X				X
Stephenville	140	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownwood	141	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Terrell	146								X	X
Bellville	151		X	X			X		X	X
Hillsboro	152	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bosque	153	X	X			X		X	X	X
El Paso	157	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Abilene	159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Angelo	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keystone	172	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Longview	177	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Spring	178	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Laredo	185								X	X
Beaumont	188	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alvord	193	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Amarillo	196	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Llano	197		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Temple	199	X			X					
Wichita Falls	202	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Midlothian	211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clarendon	216									
Floydada	227	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Plainview	228			X						
Lufkin	240	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpha	243	X	X	X		X	X			
Hugh J. McClellan	248	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Childress	262									
B. T. Estes	263	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Brady	264	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Florence	275	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kerrville	305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hamlin	310	X	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
Seguin	344	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Santa Anna	346									X
Henderson	361	X			X	X	X			X
Texas	362	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arlington	376	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whitesboro	377	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southside-Polytechnic	378	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roby	380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Antonio	381	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Army	393	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goose Creek	408	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Tarrant	416	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Seagoville	419	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
George Washington	422	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Will N. Kidd	424	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hidalgo	434	X	X		X	X				
Mabank	435		X	X			X			X
Port Neches	436	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Borger	437	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Helotes	444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sam J. Helm	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hemphill Heights	448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kilgore	449				X	X	X	X	X	X
Quanah	450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garland	451	X		X	X	X				X
Burnet	453	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Granbury	454	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pasadena	455	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Park Place	458	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lamesa	463		X					X		
Southeast Texas	465	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richmond	467	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Haltom City-Riverside	468	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue Bonnet	470	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
North Houston	472	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fort Stockton	476	X	X	X		X	X			
Love Field	478	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Killeen	484	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Ridglea	485	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grand Prairie	489	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cleveland	490	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hurst	492	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Snyder	494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownsville	495	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, 2007

Chapter Name & No.	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	0	2	0	1	2	0	16	0	6	17	0	164
Washington 2	0	17	0	0	1	2	11	0	16	11	0	422
Jerusalem 3	0	1	0	3	0	1	15	0	0	12	0	33
Brenham 5	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	38
Lone Star 6	0	21	1	2	1	2	0	0	11	0	12	395
San Jacinto 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	32
Rising Star 9	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	36
Palestine 10	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	66

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Cherokee	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	44
Nacogdoches	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	10	0	55
Marshall	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	9	0	37
Tyler	24	0	3	0	0	7	16	10	0	11	27	0	343
Carthage	28	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	54
Zerubbabel	30	0	2	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	26
Columbia	34	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	4	5	0	194
Corsicana	41	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	42
Waco	45	0	8	0	0	5	2	35	0	7	31	0	309
Dallas	47	0	19	1	0	0	6	19	0	21	26	0	559
Lafayette	48	0	2	0	0	0	4	5	0	5	12	0	78
Gonzales	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Bonham	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	32
Haggai	53	0	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	6	0	1	128
Dale E. Miller	55	0	3	0	1	0	1	3	0	4	4	0	36
Mount Horeb	57	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	76
Fort Worth	58	0	2	0	1	0	3	20	0	5	25	0	211
Sherman	62	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	3	0	59
Sulphur Springs	63	0	3	0	1	0	0	6	0	4	6	0	116
Orange	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	61
Dad Pender	80	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	73
W. T. Austin	87	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	11	0	92
Corpus Christi	91	0	8	1	0	6	2	8	0	22	17	0	326
Grandview	93	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	7	0	37
Cleburne	100	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	53
Cooper	101	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	74
R. C. Buckner	108	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	29
Greenville	114	0	8	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	4	75
Ogilvie	115	0	5	1	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	1	70
Center	125	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	3	0	51
San Marcos	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Ennis	135	0	1	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	54
Denison	138	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	5	0	75
Stephenville	140	0	4	0	2	2	1	1	0	4	0	2	50
Brownwood	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129
Terrell	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	20
Bellville	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Hillsboro	152	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	51
Bosque	153	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	26
El Paso	157	0	7	0	0	1	5	1	0	14	12	0	141
Abilene	159	0	8	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	3	99
San Angelo	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Keystone	172	0	3	0	0	0	5	1	0	4	7	0	85
Longview	177	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	58
Big Spring	178	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	0	71
Laredo	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Beaumont	188	0	7	0	0	1	1	2	0	5	0	0	111

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Alvord 193	0	3	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	1	43
Amarillo 196	0	8	0	0	0	2	3	0	7	4	0	224
Llano 197	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	27
Temple 199	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	6	0	60
Wichita Falls 202	0	1	0	1	0	0	8	0	2	8	0	166
Midlothian 211	90	6	1	0	0	11	14	0	6	24	0	152
Clarendon 216	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	17
Floydada 227	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	83
Plainview 228	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	53
Lufkin 240	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	138
Alpha 243	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	70
Hugh J. McClellan 248	0	1	0	0	2	3	4	0	13	17	0	251
Childress 262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	18
B. T. Estes 263	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	4	18	0	94
Brady 264	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	37
Florence 275	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	29
Kerrville 305	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	53
Hamlin 310	43	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	6	16	0	84
Teague 320	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	79
Port Lavaca 338	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	6	0	114
Seguin 344	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	127
Santa Anna 346	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	27
Henderson 361	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	5	0	36
Texas 362	0	10	0	0	1	1	2	0	10	2	0	181
Arlington 376	0	9	0	1	5	12	1	0	9	7	0	147
Whitesboro 377	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	5	0	28
Southside-Poly 378	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	174
Roby 380	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	12
San Antonio 381	0	7	1	0	20	2	2	0	6	0	18	248
Army 393	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	97
Goose Creek 408	0	2	1	0	0	3	3	0	10	13	0	140
Tarrant 416	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	10	0	170
Seagoville 419	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	2	0	87
George Washington 422	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	7	108
Will N. Kidd 424	0	1	2	0	0	0	7	0	10	14	0	269
Hidalgo 434	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	64
Mabank 435	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	35
Port Neches 436	55	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	160
Borger 437	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	6	0	95
Helotes 444	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	4	6	0	113
Sam J. Helm 445	51	5	1	0	0	2	2	0	9	7	0	194
Hemphill Heights 448	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	2	10	0	123
Kilgore 449	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5	6	0	54
Quanah 450	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	55
Garland 451	0	2	0	0	0	6	9	0	2	15	0	124
Burnet 453	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	12	0	59
Granbury 454	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	72
Pasadena 455	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	3	0	126

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Park Place 458	0	3	1	1	0	3	5	0	12	15	0	240
Lamesa 463	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	0	21
Southeast Texas 465	0	0	0	4	7	2	3	0	2	0	4	156
Richmond 467	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	84
Haltom City-Riverside 468	0	2	0	1	0	0	8	0	9	14	0	137
Blue Bonnet 470	0	7	0	0	0	1	7	0	4	5	0	43
North Houston 472	0	7	0	0	2	6	14	0	9	20	0	192
Fort Stockton 476	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	19
Love Field 478	0	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	15	205
Lloyd L. Gibson 481	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	102
Killeen 484	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	66
Ridglea 485	106	8	2	0	2	10	22	0	25	45	0	213
Grand Prairie 489	42	3	0	0	0	3	5	0	6	11	0	94
Galena Park 490	0	14	1	1	0	9	0	0	2	0	5	47
Hurst 492	0	6	1	0	0	0	6	0	4	3	0	139
Snyder 494	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Brownsville 495	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
TOTALS	387	379	32	54	82	185	390	2	489	665	146	12450

INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas 10-31-2007

INCOME:

Dues (10,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05	\$ 113,812.30
Degree Fees (296 X \$25.00)	\$ 10,105.31
Past Masters Fee (30 x \$15.00)	\$ 270.00
Contract Items - Grand Council	\$ 44,067.80
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 29,038.22
Endowed Membership Administration Fee	\$ 3,246.25
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies	\$ 5,307.60
Grand Commandery Yk Rt Conference Contrib	\$ 500.00
	\$ 206,347.48

EXPENSES:

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$ 18,000.00
Office Salaries	\$ 46,247.83
Employee Insurance	\$ 8,254.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 5,173.04
Office Expense	\$ 7,486.73
Office Supplies, Prtg, Stationery	\$ 9,087.73
Grand Secretary Expense	\$ 2,816.79
Computer Expense	\$ 1,723.82
Gr High Priest Allowance	\$ 4,000.00
Gr High Priest Service Award	\$ 1,035.00
Gr High Priest Photo Expense	\$ 200.00
Deputy Gr. High Priest Allowance	\$ 2,000.00
Grand King Allowance	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Scribe Allowance	\$ 1,000.00
Office Furniture Insurance	\$ 931.00
Grand Chapter-Council Internet	\$ 358.64
Committee on Work Mileage & PD	\$ 1,771.85

Committee on Work Supplies	\$ 130.00
School of Inst Mileage & PD	\$ 873.84
Annual Sessions Incidental Expense	\$ 30,361.68
Security Expenses	\$ 6,460.00
Printing Proceedings	\$ 11,032.25
Golden Keystone Awards	\$ 898.23
York Rite Conferences	\$ 1,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 24.88
Grand Masters Banquet	\$ 897.41
Contribution to Grand Lodge	\$ 12,000.00
York Rite Festival Fund	\$ 215.25
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	\$ 175.00
Membership Development	\$ 40.00
History & Preservation Comm Exp	\$ 300.00
District Deputy Training Exp	\$ 1,000.00
Ritualistic Competition	\$ 250.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 169.00
Tax Report Preparation	\$ 795.00
Accts. Payable Tx Masonic Ret. Ct.	\$ 5,022.00
Youth Awards	\$ 300.00
Contrib to Southwest YR Conf.	\$ 50.00
Retirement Fund Contribution	\$ 3,041.30
Audit Expense	\$ 6,000.00
	\$ 192,122.27

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We will have the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent, Right Excellent and Excellent Sirs and my Companions all:

My name is Kenneth Cooley. I am a Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 in Midlothian, Texas.

You all heard from the Grand Secretary a little earlier that this whole year has been pushed up. These numbers I am going to give you is going to be a preliminary estimate as of August 31st and we will have them all in the Proceedings when the books are closed October 31st.

I am pleased to summarize the following information for you as of August 31, 2007.

In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as of August 31, 2007 in:

Community Bank General Fund	\$93,038.40
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	\$638,509.90
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	\$29,064.52
UBS Endowed Membership Fund	\$458,089.75
Guaranty Bank Endowed Members	\$101,834.03
UBS Bonding Fund	\$40,798.17
Petty Cash	200.00
Inventory	20,000.00
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$90,877,839.00
Furniture & Fixtures	61,814.15
Depreciation	<u>36,816.00</u>
Total Assets	\$92,286,198.77
Accounts Payable TX Masonic Retirement Center	\$2,838.00
Endowed Membership Reserve	\$564,300.00
Endowed Membership Retained Income	\$0
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$90,877,839.00
Bonding Account Reserve	\$40,798.17
Unrestricted Assets	\$800,423.60
	\$92,268,198.00

Companions, all this information is available to you at any time through me or the Grand Office. As we continue to grow we still want to return as much as possible to the constituent Chapters. Thank you.

Before I go further, this will also be in the Proceedings with the final figures as of October 31st of this year.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Grand Treasurer. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

(SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT)

Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2007	
Community Bank General Fund	65,079.18
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	661,353.48
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	29,277.94
UBS Endowed Membership Fund	469,136.25
Guaranty Bank Endowed Members	108,906.77
UBS Bonding Fund	40,894.80
Petty Cash	200.00
Inventory	32,255.79
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	98,532,824.00
Furniture & Fixtures	61,814.15
Depreciation	<u>36,816.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>99,964,953.36</u>
Accounts Payable TX Masonic Retirement Center	5,022.00
Endowed Membership Reserve	570,600.00
Endowed Membership Retained Income	10,189.36
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	98,532,824.00
Bonding Account Reserve	40,894.80
Unrestricted Assets	<u>805,423.20</u>
	<u>99,964,953.36</u>

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We are going to jump ahead here real quick for special reasons, but we will have the Chairman of the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards to give his Report at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest;

I am Companion Mitchell Ray Jones, Past High Priest of Hemphill Heights Chapter No. 448, and on behalf of the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee we would like to make this Report.

It has been a great year for Capitular Masonry. You, indeed have been most visible. We had two chapters celebrated 150 year anniversaries this year and certainly I thought it would be most fitting that this be a part of our Report. Those Chapters were Dale E. Miller Chapter No. 55 in Gun Barrel City and Mt. Horeb No. 57 in Mahomet. For many years - I don't know how many in this assembly have been to Mt. Horeb in the beautiful downtown city of Mahomet. How many have ever been there?

A COMPANION: We're not sure of what you said.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: Have any of you ever been to Mt. Horeb Chapter located in the beautiful downtown city of Mahomet? Well, it's close to Florence, not too far from, what, Burnet. I got in touch with the Grand Secretary's Office and I said, "How do you get to Mt. Horeb" because I wanted to be there for the opening of the Representation of the Grand Chapter with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He said, "Well, let me put you in touch with the Right Excellent Grand King," who I believe sent me a beautiful printed MapQuest detail. But you can't hardly get there from here. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: You nearly have to go to the post office and ask for the Zip Code and then go from there, but it was a wonderful experience. I know we need to move along, but I'm telling you over the years I have heard from people I have admired so much about the harmony that existed at Mt. Horeb and I'm telling you, you need to go there to experience it.

The Lodge, the Chapter and Council are like one. Many years ago none other than Companion James Wesley Carter who sort of mentored me in some ways - I took it seriously in some ways and I took it not so seriously. But he said, "Mitchell Ray 'Candy Man' Jones, you need to go to Mt. Horeb," but I never did while he was living. Anyhow, I wanted to go down there and I saw one of the most touching ceremonies take place whenever the Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented them with their recognition and one of the widows was there with one of the past active members - I believe he was there - the High Priest of the Chapter, but the fellow went over and kissed her because there is so much brotherly love and sisterly love in that Chapter. So I commend the Grand High Priest for that program that night. I have got some copies, five or six. If any of you would like to read about it, I have got some extra copies of the entire program that I have with me.

Also, Gun Barrel City and I know there was one here from - is there anybody here from Mt. Horeb?

A COMPANION: Right here.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: Okay. Let's give Mt. Horeb a hand. (APPLAUSE.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: Dale E. Miller No. 55 in Gun Barrel City, and what do I remember about Gun Barrel City? Whenever Past Grand Master Sam Hilburn in 1979 wrote in his Proceedings, he said something like this, "I have been to many places this year. I have gone to places that I never knew existed," and one of them stood out to Mitchell Ray. He said, "I have been to Gun Barrel City." You know, until my company gave me a responsibility of calling on some accounts in Gun Barrel City, I had never been to Gun Barrel City, but now it is a thriving city; got Wal-Mart and what-have-you. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: But that Chapter celebrated its One Hundred and Fifty Year Anniversary and it was a very - a lot of you people, a lot of you Companions knew Companion Dale Miller. He was a dear friend. He was a diligent worker in all Bodies of Masonry and over the years we were involved in several things. I know he was Secretary of the Scottish Rite whenever I got my red hat in Fort Worth, Texas. So Dale Miller celebrated its one hundred and fifty years and the Grand High Priest was there and we had a wonderful program.

One Chapter celebrated its One Hundred Year Anniversary, Florence No. 275 and one celebrated fifty years which was Killeen No. 484.

There were numerous Fifty Year Awards and I hope, as I have always said, that as many as possible were presented in the Chapter. I would like to lift up one I know that was presented this year who got an award last night, the Golden Keystone Award, Companion Earl Tweed. Earl Tweed, where are you? He was here, I know.

A COMPANION: You can't see him. He's behind a post.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: Behind a post. Companion Earl Tweed got his Fifty Year Award. He was given the Golden Keystone Award, but I'm telling you, he is Dallas Chapter No. 47. He is a very diligent worker there. He puts out the cold cuts whenever they have refreshments, light refreshments before Degrees. You would never know that he was at the Battle of the Bulge or that he was up in years and let's give Companion Earl Tweed a hand. (APPLAUSE.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: On occasions we want to recognize Companion Reese Harrison who joined those of us who are holders of the Golden Keystone Award. Companion Reese, you know, whenever you have somebody that uses legal words so loosely as Companion Reese, you like to have him be able come up and I'm glad to say he knows Mitchell Ray. He makes me feel like that I'm one of his legal cohorts and I can't hardly spell the word, but, Companion Reese, you're back where? Let's give Companion Reese a hand. (APPLAUSE.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: I'd like to close with a portion that I hope in future years will become a part of the awards ceremony because I think we need to recognize where we're making improvements and where change is taking place. Several years ago I used to hear about things up at McKinney, Texas. McKinney at one time was a sleeping suburb of Collin County, but the York Rite Bodies were essentially dying. No less than Grand Commander Mooney, the Indian, wanted to take their Charter and I'm sure that for some reason Grand High Priest and the Grand Master of the Grand Council didn't remove the Chapter and Council. But somebody that is sitting here in this assembly this morning petitioned the York Rite Bodies at McKinney and Companion Hopkins has remarked at several places that they said, "Well, what are we going to do with this petition? We don't know how to do the Work." And Companion H. David Moore, having presented a petition to McKinney, got them on fire and today we have a Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council who I'm sure would have probably never made that progression if McKinney hadn't got its act together. He is a Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. Companion David Moore is the present Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery.

And so I want to lift up Haggai Chapter 53 for this accomplishment and say that there are other Chapters that I visited this year and associated with that could take some lessons from what's happened at Haggai Chapter and Council and McKinney Commandery No. 34 many years ago. I owe an awful lot of it or I attribute a lot of it to Companion H. David Moore.

H. David, where are you? He was here, I know. Has he stepped outside? Usually that happens whenever you want to do that. But if you see him, why, thank him for motivating McKinney to get involved.

I just believe the best days are ahead. I believe so much as our Grand Master and our Deputy Grand Master certainly said last night, I believe in this Ritual so much. It's what motivates me. I do a lot on the Internet and I recently sent some e-mails out and I was telling in this e-mail and sort of composed it myself, what a joy it would be to greet people with a smile and tell them that you like them. If they say something unkind about you, you'd say, you know, "And Jesus loves you." If you are not a Christian, say whatever would be on your heart. But I believe that if we would take some lessons from this tremendous Ritual we have in the Grand Chapter, especially in the Royal Arch, which to me is so beautiful, we wouldn't be having the problems that we're having now.

You know, we have some that won't speak to each other and so forth. And I am so blessed to be what I consider a friend to people in high places and low places.

So, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, with that, I would like to move the adoption the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards.

Respectfully submitted,
MITCHELL RAY JONES, CHAIRMAN
A. GLEN MCCANDLESS, THOMAS W. SNYDER, ROBERT L. SEARS, JACK E. BEELER

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Committee. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

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E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST JONES: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest and in closing since I mentioned James Wesley Carter earlier and he used to have a saying, "For those who care, I am James Wesley Carter and so forth, and for those who don't care, why, you'll hear me anyhow."

Some of you may have heard of some surgery that I'm going to have in the morning. I will not be able to stay for all of the assembly and I've notified the Grand High Priest and so forth. Probably at the very time that the Election takes place in the morning I will be having the removal of my carotid gland, which is cancerous. Many of you that have heard of this have said things like, "We're going to remember you in our prayers," and I covet that. I just want you to know that Mitchell Ray is ready. I expect it to be successful. I'm hoping that I can be at the Honors, 33rd Degree Honors Session in Dallas presided over by my dear friend, Leonard Harvey. But whatever happens, the medical team has assured me they've done all they can and Mitchell is at peace. Thank you. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Mitchell and your Committee for all the work that you have done. We will keep you in our prayers this next week until we see you again. We are expecting you to do some work at the Festival in Midlothian on the 12th of January.

COMPANION JONES: Okay. That will be a challenge.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you. Purposes and Policies, Leonard Harvey.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURPOSES AND POLICIES

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions;

I am Leonard P. Harvey, Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478, Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, reporting to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on its 2007 Annual Convocation.

For the Record, Resolutions Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 have been jointly referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and to the Purposes and Policies Committee. In addition, Resolutions Nos. 2 and 5 have been jointly referred to the Jurisprudence, Finance and to the Purposes and Policies Committees. The Purposes and Policies Committee has been charged to report and recommend to the Grand Chapter on all six Resolutions.

In order that you might more easily follow the Report, we will deal with the Resolutions in numerical order. Therefore, you will note Resolution No. 1 as listed at the top of Page No. 2 of your booklet. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we are prepared to report on Resolution No. 1 at your pleasure.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Could we have someone who submitted - Jack Wright, would you like to move the Resolution? Jack, are you here?

COMPANION HARVEY: Where is Companion Jack Wright? He's a Member of the Committee for goodness sakes.

Most Excellent, if it's all right with you, I would move for Resolution No. 1 and then we can make a report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Be fine with me.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Resolution No. 1 as submitted by our Companion Jack L. Wright - (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARVEY: - seeks to amend Article No. 110 of the laws which govern the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center by further defining rules applicable to the employment of family members of the Superintendent and other salaried personnel of the Retirement Center.

While we often over-encumber our rules and regulations with language well intended to clarify or to amplify existing Laws, we believe that the intent of Resolution No. 1 can best be addressed quite easily by a slight modification of existing language of that portion of Article No. 110 which now reads: "Under no circumstances shall a member of the Superintendent's family hold the position of Assistant Superintendent or Assistant Administrator of the Clinic/Nursing Center."

In lieu of the language proposed by Companion Wright, we propose the following substitute amendment to the present language of Article 110: "Under no circumstances shall an immediate family member of either the Superintendent or of any Department head be eligible to hold a salaried position at Texas Masonic Retirement Center."

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Purposes and Policies Committee, in accord with the Jurisprudence Committee move the adoption of the substitute amendment to Article 110. It says essentially the same thing as does the proposal made by Companion Wright, but with fewer words. And I move the adoption of the proposal of the Committee to substitute that language as proposed in Resolution No. 1.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the report and move to adopt the language change of Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Hearing none, if you will accept the language change that the Committee has proposed and hearing no objections we will vote on the Resolution as amended. All in favor of Resolution No. 1 as amended, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

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COMPANION HARVEY: Actually, the motion was to approve the substitute language, but now that you have done the whole thing, I guess that takes care of it. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARVEY: That's what you call speeding up things.

There is another Resolution submitted by Jack Wright. Has he gotten here yet? Did you like the way we handled that, Jack?

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we are prepared to report on Resolution No. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Resolution No. 2 as submitted by Companion Jack L. Wright seeks to amend a portion of Article No. 23 by the addition of the proposed language shown near the bottom of Page No. 2, and a proposed amendment to Article No. 125 at the bottom of Page No. 3 and continued on the top of Page No. 4. The proposal would add eligibility of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for reimbursement of expenses incurred by his attendance at meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in connection with his official duties.

It is jointly agreed by the Jurisprudence, Finance and Purposes and Policies Committees that the proposed amendment to Article No. 23 is superfluous because that Article of our Laws deals exclusively with expenses of the Grand Chapter Office and has no relevance to expenses incurred on behalf of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center as does Article 125.

While it is customary at the present time that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is reimbursed by the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for expenses incurred in connection with his official duties, we see no reason not to include him among those who are currently listed as eligible for expense reimbursement by the Texas Masonic Retirement Center as provided by Article 125.

Therefore, it is our recommendation that Resolution No. 2 be approved only with regard to the proposed amendment of Article No. 125.

So what we are saying is we don't believe it is necessary to put this provision in the Articles dealing with the Grand High Priest's expenses in Article 25 or whatever it is. I think it is 23. Since that is a matter of importance to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center that his name be added to that list of Officers, Directors and others already listed in the Article that allows reimbursement for expenses. So we really are amending Companion Wright's thing and it is our recommendation that Resolution No. 2 be approved only with regard to the proposed amendment to Article 125. I will try to explain it further if you need me to.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the recommendation of the Committee and the amendment proposed. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? At this time we will vote on the amendment. All in favor of the amendment of the Purposes and Policies Committee, please vote with the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Amendment carried.

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COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, we are prepared to deal with Resolution No. 3.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Do we have to move it. It's already amended. Resolution No. 2?

COMPANION HARVEY: Our recommendation was that we recommend approval of the second part of Resolution No. 2, which our recommendation is that we don't recommend approval of the first part, but we do recommend approval of the second part to add the Grand High Priest to the list of those entitled to reimbursement for official duties at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: All right. We need to vote on Resolution No. 2 as amended. Resolution No. 2 as amended, is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Resolution No. 2 as amended vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3

COMPANION HARVEY: Now, we are ready for Resolution No. 3.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Resolution No. 3.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Leonard Fitzgerald. Where is he?

COMPANION HARVEY: Do you want to come up here and move on your motion, sir, your Resolution?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you.

COMPANION FITZGERALD: Companions, I am Leonard L. Fitzgerald, III, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47 in Big D, Texas. I recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 3.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 3 as submitted by Companion Leonard Fitzgerald, III, seeks the enactment of legislation that would include among the duties of the High Priest of a subordinate Chapter that he appoint a committee to encourage Companions to pay their dues; to remain in good standing in their Chapter; to determine either their financial or physical conditions that would prevent active participation in Chapter activities and to provide for needed relief of those Companions who cannot pay their dues.

It is the joint opinion of both the Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees that such charitable acts as the investigation of our Companion's ability to pay dues is already incumbent upon all who have knelt at the Altars of Freemasonry, but such action taken by subordinate Chapters might also be conducive to membership retention, as well as reveal vital information with regard to both physical and financial condition of our Companions who have not paid their dues. Such is our duty, and we see no useful purpose to be served by our continuing to ignore our charitable duties toward one another.

In 1995 our Grand Lodge recognized the need for such committee in our Lodges and enacted Article 319a to accommodate the need. We have taken the liberty to plagiarize portions of that article to accommodate our recommendation.

Accordingly, it is jointly recommended by the Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees that Paragraph 12 be added to Article 236 as follows:

Companions, Article 236 is that listing of the duties of a High Priest in subordinate Chapters. Article 236, Duties of the High Priest. It shall be the duties of the High Priest: (Paragraph 1 - 11 no change.) Add Paragraph 12 as follows:

"To cause the name of each Companion of the Chapter who is in arrears for his dues to be assigned to a committee of three members of the Chapter. The High Priest may appoint as many such committees as might seem prudent to him. Each such committee shall be provided with appropriate information regarding the Companion in arrears, and will collectively and individually make every reasonable effort to contact the Companion in arrears and encourage him to pay his dues. The committee will report its findings to the Chapter and make such recommendations as might be appropriate for the charitable relief of any Companion who is unable to pay his dues."

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, to accommodate the intent expressed in Resolution No. 3, I move the adoption of the foregoing proposed amendment to add paragraph 12 to Article 236.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the report of the Committee and the amendment to the Resolution. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, all in favor of the amendment to Article 3 – or Resolution No. 3, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. The amendment passes.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we are prepared to report on Resolution No. 4 at your pleasure.

SEVERAL COMPANIONS IN UNISON: No.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Have to move on amended No. 3.

COMPANION HARVEY: I'm not being argumentative, but we had no proposed language that was submitted with regard to that Resolution. We had to make up language to accommodate the intent of the Companion who submitted the Resolution. So -

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Now, if we would vote on the amended Resolution No. 3, is there any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Resolution No. 3 as amended, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Continue.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 4. We are ready for that now.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

COMPANION PRICE: Companions, I am Ronald J. Price, Past High Priest of Galena Park Chapter No. 490 and I make a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4 to change Galena's Park name from Galena Park because we no longer reside there to Cleveland Chapter No. 490.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 4 has been submitted by Companion Ronald J. Price on behalf of Galena Park Chapter No. 490, stating that at a Stated Convocation held by the Chapter it was approved by the Companions present that since the Chapter has relocated from Galena Park to Cleveland, the Chapter wishes to change the name from Galena Park Chapter No. 490 to Cleveland Chapter No. 490.

Our assumption is that the relocation of the Chapter has been approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and that the required information has been filed with the Right Excellent Grand Secretary, and based upon that assumption it is the joint recommendation of the Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees that you approve Resolution No.4 as submitted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the recommendation of the Committee on Resolution No. 4. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Hearing none, if you will vote for Resolution No. 4, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes, Resolution passes.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: No. 5.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

COMPANION SMITH: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest of George Washington No. 422 and I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 5.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 5 at the top of Page No. 5 as submitted by Companion George Clay Smith has been jointly referred to the Jurisprudence, Finance and Purposes and Policies Committees. The Resolution seeks the addition of a special award in recognition of lifetime achievement with regard to unselfish deeds and commitment to those principles and precepts taught in our Masonic degrees.

In essence, the Resolution calls for the Grand Chapter to instruct the Committee on Awards and Recognitions to recommend amendments to existing provisions of our Laws of the Grand Chapter that will create and permit a special award to be known as "York Rite Lifetime Achievement Award" for recognition under the guidelines listed in the Resolution.

We would first observe that part of the proposed name of the award including "York Rite" encompasses the Commandery portion of the York Rite, and we have no jurisdiction over that Grand Body. In order for the award to be applicable to the Grand Bodies of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, we recommend that the name of the award be exclusive to Capitular and Cryptic Masonry. Perhaps such award could honor the memory of some fallen Companion of the past whose life reflected the intent of the award, or possibly carry the name of some influential and revered character involved in the various degrees of Capitular and/or Cryptic Masonry.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of the three Committees involved that, and there are four things we are going to recommend. None of them will change the Law. So I can put you to rest on that.

1) The Awards and Recognitions Committee be charged to better define the award as being in recognition of lifetime achievement more appropriate to presentation by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

2) The Finance Committee in joint consultation with the Awards and Recognitions Committee determine any budgetary concerns that might be involved with regard to providing the proposed award, and make suitable provisions for the award.

3) That upon agreement among the two Committees named above, they jointly provide the information necessary for the Jurisprudence Committee to prepare appropriate legislation to provide for the award to be included in the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

4) That the Awards and Recognitions Committee submit to the 2008 Annual Convocation any proposed amendments to our Laws that would facilitate the creation of and the rules pertaining to the proposed award.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the foregoing is the recommendation of our combined Committees with regard to the disposition of Resolution No. 5 for consideration of the Companions at this time.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the report of the Committee. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Is this going to fall as a Resolution or just a referral?

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, this is being referred to the Honors, Awards and Recognitions Committee. I can read it again, but what we need to do is better define it. Take the words "York Rite" out of it and have it more applicable to the Chapter and eventually to the Council and that will be addressed, I imagine, in Grand Council. It is something that needs to be further coordinated between the Honors, Recognitions and Awards Committee and the other Committees that would be involved.

Because we don't have any particular recommended amendments to our Laws to facilitate of the Resolution, we just feel like that the three Committees that we have named in our recommendation to this Grand Body get together and come back in 2008 for the more solid recommendation for the Grand Body to consider.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Is any of the Jurisprudence Committee here? Skip, can I just refer that or do we need to vote on it?

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, I think you just need to vote on the recommendation of the Committee, which does -

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Okay.

COMPANION HARVEY: - what you seem to be concerned about.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You have heard the recommendation of the Committee in regard to Resolution No. 5. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, could I address kind of a follow-up to that that we just discussed?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Yes, sir.

COMPANION HARVEY: I think that this Grand Body should be very pleased with the way these things are handled by joint Committees. We meet on Sunday morning and we hammer these things out and come to these agreements jointly and it was the joint recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee that we need to fine-tune this thing and come up with something very positive before this Grand Body and we feel like that the appropriate Committee to bring this to the Grand Body is the Honors, Recognitions and Awards Committee and that is how this thing developed.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: No. 6?

RESOLUTION NO. 6

COMPANION HARVEY: Skip, do you want to come up.

COMPANION ALLAN W. (SKIP) DEES, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON WORK: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions: My name is Allan Dees. I am a Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172. I move your approval of Resolution No. 6.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 6 as proposed by the five members of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work has been jointly referred to the Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees.

The Resolution seeks instructions of the Grand Chapter to the Committee on Work to develop and present to the 2008 Annual Convocation various recommendations in regard to the current use of the plain English ritual compared to the possibility of returning to the use of so called code books; an update of the existing Monitor, and related recommendations.

Companions, we would remind you that the Resolution does not seek any amendments to either the Constitution or to the Laws of this Grand Chapter during the 2007 Annual Convocation; rather it seeks instructions of this Grand Chapter to the Committee on Work to bring any recommendations concerning those issues and possible related amendments to our Laws to the 2008 Annual Convocation for deliberation of this Grand Body.

Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas instruct the members of the Committee on Work to proceed with those matters as outlined in Resolution No. 6 and bring any proposals that they deem beneficial to the Craft for consideration of the 2008 Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we recommend approval of Resolution No. 6 as submitted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the recommendation of the Committee. It is not a change in any of the Laws. It is just to give the Committee on Work some rules. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion?

If you would accept the Report of the Committee on Purposes and Policies on Resolution No. 6 and the recommendation, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. The Resolution passes.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this completes the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee to the 2007 Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. We wish to express our appreciation of your confidence reposed in us as a committee.

We greatly appreciate Right Excellent Orville L. O'Neill and his office staff for their kind and invaluable assistance in the preparation of our report. And, we would be remiss should we fail to mention the helpful cooperation of those committees which have been jointly referred with ours to the several Resolutions.

To the Companions here assembled, we thank you for your kind attention and participation in the legislative process. We recognize that we don't always please all of you, but be assured that our recommendations are made with the sincere belief that they are in the best interests of our Grand Chapter. We are a service committee, and are willing to assist any of you in your efforts to bring matters before the Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the members of the Purposes and Policies Committee, I move the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee as recommended, as amended and in all things approved in accordance with the action taken thereon by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be, and is hereby approved, and that all amendments to the Laws of the Grand Chapter herein adopted are hereby referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for final approval.

Submitted by the committee,
LEONARD P. HARVEY, CHAIRMAN
F. DOUGLAS MITCHELL, LAWRENCE E. TUCKER, JACK L. WRIGHT, W. DAVID COUNTS, JR.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the recommendation and the motion of the Purposes and Policies Committee. If you will accept this Report, please vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

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COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, this Committee is composed of, in addition to myself, Companion Doug Mitchell, whose term expires this year, and we thank Doug for his faithfulness in coming down here from Arkansas to meet with us; Companion Larry Tucker, who is here and I'm going to ask him to sign the Report in a minute; Companion Jack Wright who failed to show up for the first portion, but he did get back later; and Companion David Counts, Jr. I just can't say enough appreciation for these Companions. Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companion Leonard, we appreciate you and all that your Committee does in the efforts you put forth into this Grand Session. Thank you for your service.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, the noontime is drawing close. We have got a Session this afternoon in the Council. Unless one of the Committee Chairmen just have to make a report right now and nobody has informed me of such, we will proceed to adjourn and eight o'clock in the morning resume the Grand Session.

(GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, before I declare this Grand Convocation at refreshment, I will ask our Grand Chaplain to dismiss us with a prayer.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: Our Gracious Heavenly Father, for this meeting and for the hope that each of us understands in helping us to do the things that are in the best interest of our Order, we are most thankful. Guide us and direct us as we continue our services in the morning and elect new people to give leadership to our organization. Thank you, Lord, for being with us today. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I now declare the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at refreshment until eight o'clock at the sound of the gavel in the East in the morning.

(11:42 a.m.)

FIRST SESSION CONCLUDED AND GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNED
UNTIL OCTOBER 9TH, 2007 AT 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2007 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.

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

(GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) I now declare this Grand Chapter of Texas open for its second Session of the One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Convocation. Grand Chaplain, would you lead us in our devotions.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: May we pray? Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for a good night, for the opportunity of fellowship, for the meeting we had yesterday we are most thankful. This morning we have tremendous responsibilities. Help each one of us to think considerably about what we do, why we do it and who we are doing it for. We are doing it for You, Lord. We know this, but help us to realize this in making these decisions today. Help each man to do his own best sincerely for the good of the cause that we serve You, our communities, our Chapters throughout the State of Texas. Support our Officers wherever they are, whatever they do. These things we ask in Your Name and For Your sake. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Good morning, Companions!

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Good morning!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We will pick up where we left off with the Report of the By-Laws Committee, Tommy Griffin.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all;

I am Thomas F. Griffin, Past High Priest of Beaumont Chapter No. 188, and we, your Committee on By-Laws, submit the following Report.

Six Chapters submitted revisions to their By-Laws this year:

Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30	Park Place Chapter No. 458
Dallas Chapter No. 47	Haltom City - Riverside Chapter No. 468
El Paso Chapter No. 157	Killeen Chapter No. 484

After careful review of the submissions of these Chapters, your Committee requests that you grant these changes which consisted primarily of times and dates that the Chapters meet, a few standardized as to the proper format of the Code of By-Laws adopted by the Grand Chapter Session in the year 2000, and a few, but very few, clerical errors.

Companions, these submissions were the very best according to format that I have ever seen in the years I have been privileged to serve on this Committee. My hat goes off to the secretaries of these Chapters and thanks to all that you do for Capitular Masonry. Most Excellent, I move for the adoption of this portion of the report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Report. All in favor will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. It is adopted.

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COMPANION GRIFFIN: Most Excellent and Companions, one of the Chapters mentioned, Haltom City - Riverside has a special request in their change of By-Laws. During this past year this Chapter asked for dispensation to meet quarterly at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, which was granted by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Chapter is now asking for the following to be granted by this Grand Session.

Article II
Convocations of the Chapter

Section 1. The Stated Convocation shall be held in the Haltom City-Riverside Masonic Lodge No. 1331, located at 4403 Broadway, Haltom City, Texas, on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 o'clock p.m. with the exceptions that the February, May, August and November Stated Convocations be held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, 1501 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The Charter shall be displayed at all Stated or Special Convocations.

Companions, your Committee on By-Laws thinks this is an innovative way to keep our York Rite Brothers in the retirement center active in their Chapter work and we believe this is a great idea as did our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

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COMPANION GRIFFIN: Companions, I ask you for a round of applause for the efforts of Haltom City - Riverside and our thanks to them for being so thoughtful. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION GRIFFIN: We also understand that Companion Kirby Rudisill, our Superintendent at the center, is working on a special project in the new facility being built that will accommodate other interests. So our hats are off to him as well.

Most Excellent, I want to thank you for your support this year and for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,
THOMAS F. GRIFFIN, CHAIRMAN
LARRY CANADA, PAUL WUNSCH, HERBERT GARON, JR.

We regret the loss of one of our Companions on the By-Laws Committee, and that being Companion Donald L. Smith, Sr., and wanted our thoughts and prayers to continue to his family and loved ones.

Most Excellent, I move for the adoption of this report in its entirety.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report in its entirety. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion Griffin, for all the work that you and the Committee has done. We appreciate your efforts and especially with this last thing, getting it right to do what they needed to do.

COMPANION GRIFFIN: Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Let's see. Report of the York Rite Festivals, Liaison and Coordinating Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FESTIVALS, LIAISON AND COORDINATING

Most Excellent Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions:

I am Loyd Chance, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

We, your Committee on Festivals, Liaison and Coordinating are happy to report that there was a lot of activity during this Capitular year, but very few of the Secretaries reported them to the Grand High Priest. Therefore, he couldn't pass it on to the Grand Secretary and, therefore, the Grand Secretary couldn't make an accurate report.

I can give you the number of Chapters that we have and that is 120. We have had good numbers in the various Festivals and evidently you didn't need any help as far as the coordination from this Committee because you have done well. I think with a little more cooperation and a little more advertisement we could do a better job. I don't know if we would get any more candidates because the classes have been good. But the point I am trying to make, Most Excellent and Companions, is that we have these on top of each other and you holler for help and the help can't go everyplace at the same time. So I would ask that the cooperation and coordination in this next year be a little closer together. The Grand Officers all want to participate and be a part of these festivals, but too many at the same time causes confusion and poor work.

Most Excellent Sir, we, your Committee on Festivals, Liaison and Coordinating are happy to have had the opportunity to serve you and this great organization, and congratulate you on a very good year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOYD L. CHANCE, CHAIRMAN

JERRY N. KIRBY, WILBUR E. JOHNSON, JERRAL F. KNOX, JAMES KIRKPATRICK

We appreciate your efforts this year. We note you have had a fine year and we are looking forward to the next. Thank you very much. I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Mason. Down hands. Opposed, same sign.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion, for your work and your Committee. Investments, Report of the Investments Committee.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Most Excellent and Companions, my name is Tim Towson. I am a Past High Priest of Mabank Chapter No. 435 and I make the following Report on behalf of the Investment Committee.

Since our last report there have been no changes in the investment objectives of this Grand Chapter. Hence, no change in the guidelines governing those investments. The level of activity in the general economy continued to fluctuate within anticipated limits so there has been no change in asset allocation.

This Grand Chapter operates with a generally conservative, broadly diversified investment portfolio and it is the recommendation of the committee that it continue to do so until economic conditions warrant a change.

Fraternally submitted,

TIM TOWSON

K. PAUL BRADLEY, J. DAMON FEHLER, J.R. BOB HURT, JERRY N. KIRBY

I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the Investment Committee. All in favor will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion Tim, for the work that you do and your Committee. Now the Report of the Committee on Work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Companions, my name is Allan W. Skip Dees, Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172. We, your Committee on Work, submit herewith the following report:

Schools of Instruction in the Capitular Work:

We have been in session since Thursday, October 4, 2007, and have registered 20 active Representatives of subordinate Chapters and 26 visitors for a total of 46 actual participants, including 11 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:

Terry W. LaGrone, Lone Star No. 6
 James Edward Gregory, Haggai No. 53
 Ken Bushong, Mt. Horeb No. 57
 L. A. Faughtenberry, Sulphur Springs No. 63
 Gary Brewer, Hillsboro No. 152
 Bennie L. T. Cox, Seagoville No. 419

Ron Morehead, Pasadena No. 455
 Dock Dixon, Kerrville No. 305
 Roland Tessier, Kerrville No. 305
 Charles Allen Gilmore, Seagoville No. 419
 Richard Sharp, Pasadena No. 455

Even with the reduced attendance at the school this year – which was expected for the first year of the new Grand Chapter schedule – participation in the class rooms was excellent. If you had the opportunity to come to the school this year and chose not to do so, you missed a great combination of fellowship and instruction. The Companions who came to the school this year came to work. Unlike some schools in recent years, the Committee members often arrived in the class rooms to find Companions signed up to do the parts and in their stations waiting for us. It was particularly helpful this year to be able to hold our evening sessions here at the Grand Lodge Building, and we thank our Grand Secretary for helping to make that possible. We ask all of the Companions here at this Grand Chapter Convocation to consider attending and participating next year. With all five members of the Committee here in one place, the opportunity for instruction in the ritual is unsurpassed, and the fellowship is outstanding.

In addition to the Annual Schools of Instruction at Waco, Local Schools were hosted by the following Chapters this year:

- Dallas Chapter No. 47 (Dallas, Texas) – 2 schools
- Lufkin Chapter No. 240 (Lufkin, Texas)
- Ft. Worth Chapter No. 58 and Texas Chapter No. 362 (Fort Worth, Texas) – 2 schools
- Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 63 (Sulphur Springs, Texas)
- George Washington Chapter 422 (Richardson, Texas)
- R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108 (Dallas, Texas) – 2 schools
- El Paso Chapter No. 157 (El Paso, Texas)
- Clarendon Chapter No. 216 (Clarendon, Texas)
- Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445 (Odessa, Texas)
- Garland Chapter No. 451 (Garland, Texas)
- Burnet Chapter No. 453 (Burnet, Texas)

We very much appreciate the work of these sponsors in setting up the Regional Schools of Instruction and that of the Companions who attended and participated in them. Regional or Local Schools of Instruction provide an opportunity for the Committee on Work to reach out to Companions who do not have ready access to a nearby Committee member and who are unable to attend the Annual School of Instruction in Waco. We have had a Committee on Work table set up during the School of Instruction and the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation to actively promote both the Regional School process and nominations from the Craft to the Committee for Companions who are proficient in the Work and have not yet been awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the Committee. These Schools are typically 4-6 hours in length and focus on those parts of the ritual for which instruction is requested by the attendees. If you have not yet talked to one of us about a School in your area, please do so.

We have approved this year the following certificates:

One Year (First Year)	8
One Year (Renewals)	60
Three Year (Renewals)	48
Life (25 Years)	<u>9</u>
Total	125

Our numbers would have been higher, but for the loss this year of several Companions who are now practicing their ritual in the Supreme Grand Lodge Above:

Gaston Parsons of Sequin Chapter No. 344, Tom Blankenship, Amarillo Chapter No. 196
 and Henry Edward David, Port Arthur Chapter No. 250

We want you 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:

"Doc" Edgar Hughes, Washington No. 2	Les Bond, Texas No. 362
Terry W. LaGrone, Lone Star No. 6	Robert Burris, Texas No. 362
John E. Buzzell, Dallas No. 47	Ed Knott, Texas No. 362
Ken Bushong, Mt. Horeb No. 57	Mike Kuhlmann, Brownsville No. 495

We also would like for you to recognize those Companions who have earned 25-year "Life Certificates" this year. Those who are present please stand as I call your names:

Tom B. Johnson, Washington No. 2	Jack W. Burton, Blue Bonnet No. 470
Jimmy M. Henley, Tarrant No. 416	James N. Higdon, Blue Bonnet No. 470
David G. Rogers, Seagoville No. 419	Gerald E. Parker, Ridglea No. 485
Alfred E. Machts, Jr., Helotes No. 444	F. Douglas Mitchell, Hurst No. 492

We note that Companion Gaston Parsons, a member of Seguin Chapter No. 344, would also have been awarded a Life Certificate this year had he not passed away recently.

Certificate Listing on the Grand Chapter Website

A listing of those people currently holding certificates is posted on the Grand Chapter/ Grand Council Website. An example of the listing has been available for your inspection at the Committee on Work table. 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, R. E. (Bob) Black at reb@clearwire.net or (432) 689-3530 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.

Grand High Priest's Ritualistic Competition

We have been advised by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest that – if tradition prevails and he is elected Grand High Priest - the ritualistic competition next year will be in the Royal Arch Degree. The competition will utilize the High Priest, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and Master of the 1st Veil. Watch the Texas York Rite website for an announcement in the next few weeks of the competition.

Personal Remarks

Right Excellent Companion Dale Secor was unable to travel to Waco to assist with the instruction in the Annual School this year because he has recently begun a new job and was unable to get time off. We look forward to having him back at work with us next year.

We are extremely appreciative of the support Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companion Orville Lee O'Neill and his wonderful staff in the Grand Secretary's Office have provided to the Committee.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve this Grand Chapter as a member of the Committee on Work for the last eight years and as its Chairman this year. While this will be my last year on the Committee, I look forward to continuing to help out with the work whenever possible and to participating in this school for many years to come.

Fraternally submitted,
RUSSELL MILLIKEN, CHAIRMAN
TIM TOWSON, DALE D. SECOR, ELDON L. BROOKS, ALLAN W. (SKIP) DEES

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report that was given. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, Companions.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Skip, and your Committee for all the work that it has done and I know this year and last year with the work on the Schools of Instruction outside of this Grand Session and it looks like we are really doing good on that. We appreciate all the efforts that the Committee has put in.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers past and present, my Companions all:

I am Donny Swango. I am Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. I am the Past High Priest of Sherman Chapter No. 63.

The Members of this Committee are privileged to have served during this Capitular Year and appreciate the appointment from you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Preliminary Report from our Committee has already been submitted and is in print for your reading pleasure and information. Also, there are several nominations that have been accepted and received for Grand Representatives and those, too, are printed in the Grand High Priest's Report.

All the Members of your Committee participated and because two members of the Grand Council Committee apparently chose not to participate, I elicited the other two members of that Committee to join with us in a combined effort in a research of the many Proceedings submitted to us. I am very grateful for all of their efforts.

From then until now nothing further has been submitted to us. We found that doing our job that Masonry in general and Capitular Masonry specifically had not changed from the preceding year and still faced the same problems over and over again. That is certainly nothing new. The result as we see it really lies in the fact that little is done to correct our woes, that maybe if we ignore them they will solve themselves and just go away. The term we includes us all, Companions, in Texas and elsewhere, not just those who were elected and appointed to serve.

Your Committee hopes by bringing some of the same things to light year after year along with anything new of interest that we might light a fire amongst the Companions in this State to make positive changes and take positive steps. Alas, we do live in eternal hope, don't we?

Again, we give thanks to you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for the privilege to serve and for the effort you put into it this past year.

With kindest fraternal regards,

DONALD L. SWANGO, CHAIRMAN
JEFFERY J. MILLER, DWIGHT W. PHILLIPS, PIERRE G. NORMAND, JR., LARRY SCOTT WALL

I move the adoption of this Report as a whole.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companion, we appreciate the effort that you and your Committee have put in in working so hard to bring this Report.

COMPANION SWANGO: Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Report of the Memorials Committee.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

COMPANION KEITHLY: Most Excellent Sir and Officers, Companions:

On behalf of the Chairman of the Memorials Committee, Dr. Don R. Long, who could not be here this morning:

We, your Memorials Committee have received and examined your report for 2007, and we are indeed distressed by the deaths of some 431 Companions during this year. We, however, embrace and accept, with sadness, the wise providence of Almighty God, Who has seen fit to take out of this earthly scene these dear Companions. As the balm of Gilead soothed and sustained the wounded wayfarer, so we pray that God's divine love may dwell amongst the dear ones of our departed Companions' household, to cheer, to console and strengthen in their hour of sorrow and despair.

Be it known to you that at 1:30 p.m., October 7, 2007, a Memorial Service was conducted in memory of our departed Companions in the Ground Floor Auditorium of the Grand Lodge Temple in Waco, Texas.

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." (Job 14:1 -2)

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." (Ec. 12:7)

Sincerely and fraternally,
DON R. LONG, CHAIRMAN
BILLY H. COMBEST, O. L. CLARK, THOMAS KEITHLY, GENE SCHNEIDER

I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the Memorials Committee. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Father Tom, for all your work in the Memorials Committee.

COMPANION KEITHLY: Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. Is there a Member of the Grievances and Appeals Committee present?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

COMPANION MOORE: I'm Dave Moore, Haggai Chapter No. 53.
We had no petitions for Grievances and Appeals and so, therefore, there is no report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: No report? Thank you, Companion. Be seated
All right. New Chapters.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHAPTERS

COMPANION GARZA: Good morning. My name is Jesse Garza. I'm a Past High Priest of San Antonio Chapter No. 381 and Chairman of the New Chapters Committee.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Grand Officers and Companions: Your Committee on New Chapters makes the following report. There were no recommendations for new Chapters. Therefore, the committee makes a negative report.

It was a pleasure serving on this Committee and all of us thank you for the confidence you have in us and the appointment to such a Committee.

Yours truly,
Jesus A. Garza, Chairman
Billy Ray Combest, Oscar Lee Clark, Gene Schneider, Thomas G. Keithly

Thank you. I make a motion we accept the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: The motion is that we accept the Report of the New Chapters Committee. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: The Law Review Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAW BOOK REVIEW

COMPANION PARK: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Ron Park, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

Most Excellent, your Law review is proceeding. We are in the final stages of it. After this Grand Session we are going to try and have a complete book and get back to iron out a few wrinkles that we are

progressing with. It is almost complete, but we don't have a complete book to let you review at this time. We would like to bring it back at the next Session and have a complete book.

We have removed a bunch of the Articles and now we are going into the index and it is just time consuming. We are progressing with it and I would like to move that this Report be accepted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, appreciate you all for your efforts and I'm sure that the Deputy Grand High Priest will extend your Committee and allow you to finish your work.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Amen!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You have spent three or four years already on it and you –

COMPANION PARK: Getting close.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: – getting close.

Companions, if you will accept the Report of the Law Review Committee, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Thank you, Companions. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION PARK: Thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter. It is a labor of love for us and we do appreciate the support that we get from the Grand Chapter. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Order of the High Priesthood.

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

COMPANION THOMAS SNEDECOR, SECRETARY, ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Tom Snedecor. I'm the Secretary of the Order of High Priesthood. We had our meeting last night with 38 candidates. Very good. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION SNEDECOR: We elected our new set of Officers and Tony Myer should be doing this right now. He is our new Grand High Priest of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priests.

COMPANION SNEDECOR: We addressed our financial conditions as well and we made some progressive decisions regarding that and we feel like we are going to be solvent for at least the next ten years, probably longer. Looks very good. Looks very, very good.

I make a motion that we accept this Report from the Order of High Priesthood.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept the Report. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion.
Report of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

100TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

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 the President of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board.

At the organizational meeting of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, held during the Grand Chapter Session on December 5, 2006, the following Companions were selected and presented to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Orville L. O'Neill, President
John H. Jeter, Jr., Vice President
W. E. Brookshire, Secretary
Farris L. Benham, Treasurer
Steve Wolfe, Director
John R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant Secretary and Attorney

To date, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors have held the regularly scheduled business meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with one (1) exception; the July meeting was held on July 19, 2007. The October meeting will be held during the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation, and the November meeting will be held on November 16, 2007, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Board of Directors would like to praise the outstanding efforts of our M: E: Grand High Priest, James Roy Elliott, for his regular attendance at the Board meetings. We would also like to acknowledge the remaining Grand Officers; Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Clarence Laney, Right Excellent Grand King, Douglas Collins and Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Robert Melear.

Gentlemen, we commend you for your strong show of support throughout the year and your continued presence at the monthly Board of Director's Meetings.

These fellows have to travel sometimes a pretty good ways to get to those meetings and we do really appreciate you all's attendance. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE).

RETIREMENT PLAN

The Retirement Committee representing the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, appointed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, are as follows: Orville L. O'Neill, John H. Jeter, Jr., W. E. Brookshire, Floyd Hall and Steve Wolfe. The Retirement Committee convened on February 22, 2007.

The Board Members met with representatives of Wells Fargo Bank on February 22, 2007, to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Plan for employees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The Market Value of the Retirement Trust Fund as of October 1, 2006, was \$2,681,476.23. The Market Value as of September 30, 2007, was \$2,732,285.00, resulting in an increase of \$50,808.77. Our retirees and/or beneficiaries received a total of \$108,532.68 in retirement benefits during the Plan Year Ending September 30, 2007. A pension plan contribution in the amount of \$180,000.00, was required for this Plan Year, and was made on May 7, 2007. This was again due to the limited financial performance of the Plan, and the number of participants currently receiving benefits.

As of Plan Year Ending September 30, 2006, the Retirement Plan had one hundred eleven (111) participants; sixty-eight (68) were active participants, thirty-one (31) of the participants were retirees and/or beneficiaries and twelve (12) were vested participants who terminated during the Plan Year.

INDEPENDENT LIVING - CLINIC/NURSING CENTER CENSUS

As of June 30, 2007, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's membership consisted of one hundred twenty-three (123) Grand Chapter residents, twenty-two (22) Grand Lodge widows and twenty (20) Eastern Star residents, giving the Retirement Center a total census of one hundred sixty-five (165) members. This figure represents a loss of seven (7) residents since the last Grand Chapter Report.

FINANCES AND COST

The Board Members met with representatives of JP Morgan Private Bank on May 24, 2007, and again on September 27, 2007, 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, 2007, was prepared by Judd Thomas Smith Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. The Report will be on file in the Grand Secretary's Office in Waco.

As outlined in the Auditor's report, the Unit Cost Per Resident Day for the Retirement Center is \$42.40; the Unit Cost for the Clinic/Nursing Center is \$155.67; the Total Unit Cost per Ward Day is \$83.51. This represents a decrease of \$2.64, compared to last year's Cost Per Resident Day.

The total ward days reflected in the Audit Report are as follows:

Grand Lodge/Independent Living	\$ 3,358	
Grand Lodge/Clinic/Nursing Center	\$ <u>5,185</u>	
Total		\$ 8,543
Grand Chapter/Independent Living	\$ 36,712	
Grand Chapter/Clinic/Nursing Center	\$ <u>16,394</u>	
Total		\$ 53,106
Eastern Star/Independent Living	\$ 4,040	
Eastern Star/Clinic/Nursing Center	\$ <u>3,554</u>	
Total		\$ <u>7,594</u>
Grand Total		\$ 69,243

CONTRIBUTIONS

From January, 2007 through September 30, 2007, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center received a total of \$10,716.80 in charitable donations. The total membership in the State of Texas is approximately one hundred and two thousand (102,000) Masons, which equates to eleven cents (\$.11) per member, per gift.

We must also keep in mind, however, that this amount does not encompass the numerous bequests that we receive from our benefactors throughout the year. We remain extremely grateful for the support that we receive, and commend all Texas Masons for their ongoing generosity.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Throughout the years, hard work, planning and, yes, money have all been necessary to make the Texas Masonic Retirement Center a true home. However, the Board of Directors determined that additional housing was needed if we were to continue to meet the increasing healthcare needs of our Masonic elderly. Subsequently, we announce that the construction of this new building is expected to begin at the beginning of 2008. Encompassing approximately 43,000 square feet, the new facility will offer a variety of floor plans, ranging from efficiency apartments to one and two bedroom units. A state-of-the-art wellness center, therapy pool, gym and physical therapy area are just some of the amenities that will be available in the new building. An architectural rendering of this beautiful facility is included in our biennial, holiday mailer, which will be sent out to all Texas Masons on November 1, 2007.

CONCLUSION

It has been said that "For all who would read the lesson of life correctly, there is no nobler privilege than to serve." As the President of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, I can assure you that this philosophy still holds true today.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL, PRESIDENT
JOHN H. JETER, JR., VICE PRESIDENT
FLOYD HALL, DIRECTOR

W. E. BROOKSHIRE, SECRETARY
CHARLES STEVE WOLFE, DIRECTOR

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, every year a man rotates off the five-year Board of the Retirement Center. We have a fine gentleman going off this year and if the Directors of the Retirement Center would please come up here. Jack Jeter, Gene Brookshire, Floyd Hall, Steve Wolfe, are you in here? I think Steve had to go home. I know he took Sara home. He may not have gotten back yet. Anyway, here are four of us.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Jack Jeter is going off this year and we will miss this rascal. We have a little plaque here.

"As we have done it unto the least of these, my Brethren, ye have done it unto me. Jack Jeter, 1995 to 2007. In grateful recognition of his expression of love, care and concern for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center," we present this plaque to you, my friend, for all the hard work that you have done over the years for being part of that Retirement Center.

COMPANION JETER: I thank you, Companion President.

COMPANION JETER: Most Excellent, in going off the Board of Directors for the Texas Retirement Center is like divorcing your wife after you have been married about sixty-five years. I've only been married 62 so I'll move it on down. But serving on this Board, Companions, is the most gratifying personal thing that I have ever undertaken. What an honor it is to go into that home out there that one day a month and to know that you are out there for the sole purpose of the residents of that home and how grateful they are for your appearance. I have been told many, many, many times how much that they appreciate the Board out there and the interest that the Board has in their behalf.

So I would like to say going off this Board is with a sad heart, really, and with joy, too. It has been very gratifying. And to you, my Companions, thank you for electing me on those two terms I have served on

that Board. I thank you and I appreciate it very much.

(RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I would just like to say to those of you who haven't had the opportunity to visit the Retirement Center, you need to make that effort. And to the Board of Directors of the Texas Retirement Center, they do a fantastic job looking after our members and widows and the ladies of the Eastern Star. There is so much work that is done out there.

A lot of work is done by the Superintendent, Kirby Rudisill, but the Board watches everything that is involved. They are there all the time, in and out all the time, checking on things, making sure that we are really taking care of those folks out there and they really appreciate it. From all the time that I have been out there, it is really a fantastic facility.

Hope all of you will make the Grand Master's day out there next Saturday and take the opportunity to tour the facility.

Thank the Board of Directors for all that they do and will continue to do.

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

Gonzales Lodge #30	\$75.00	Keystone Chapter #172	\$50.00
Eagle Lodge #41	\$25.00	Will N. Kidd Chapter #424	\$175.00
Warren Lodge #56	\$80.00	Dallas Council #18	\$1,815.00
Waco Lodge #92	\$300.00	Bonham Council #37	\$75.00
White Rock Lodge #234	\$25.00	San Jacinto Council #347	\$75.00
Whitesboro Lodge #263	\$50.00	John C. Callahan Council #408	\$25.00
Kopperl Lodge #292	\$100.00	Vashti Chapter #32, O.E.S.	\$100.00
Florence Lodge #338	\$25.00	Big Spring Chapter #67, O.E.S.	\$90.00
Blazing Star Lodge #413	\$200.00	Belle Moon Chapter #90, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Nolands River Lodge #453	\$50.00	Ransford Chapter #135, O.E.S.	\$69.80
Hill City Lodge #456	\$1,000.00	Hadassah Chapter #188, O.E.S.	\$10.00
Fort Griffin Lodge #489	\$100.00	Eastland Chapter #280, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Carlton Lodge #519	\$250.00	Uvalde Chapter #297, O.E.S.	\$70.00
Crawford Lodge #585	\$652.00	Austin Chapter #304, O.E.S.	\$100.00
San Saba Lodge #612	\$20.00	Fairfield Chapter #331, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Kerrville Lodge #697	\$100.00	Rio Vista Chapter #343, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Sabinal Lodge #943	\$25.00	Marshall Chapter #356, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Reagan Lodge #1037	\$50.00	Wills Point Chapter #366, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Ganado Lodge #1055	\$50.00	Johnson City Chapter #376, O.E.S.	\$45.00
New Braunfels Lodge #1109	\$60.00	Bay City Chapter #380, O.E.S.	\$130.00
Texas City Lodge #1118	\$105.00	Troup Chapter #421, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Somerset Lodge #1205	\$200.00	Vernon Chapter #424, O.E.S.	\$115.00
Richardson Lodge #1214	\$50.00	Oakville Chapter #521, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Tyler Lodge #1233	\$100.00	Taylor Chapter #578, O.E.S.	\$300.00
Ridglea Lodge #1341	\$125.00	La Porte Chapter #683, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Gabe P. Allen Lodge #1352	\$100.00	Albany Chapter #733, O.E.S.	\$25.00
T. Neal Porter Lodge #1354	\$50.00	Amarillo Chapter #787, O.E.S.	\$100.00
White Settlement Lodge #1372	\$25.00	Waskom Chapter #812, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Iron Bluff Lodge #1376	\$35.00	Bluebell Chapter #856, O.E.S.	\$300.00
Cypress Lodge #1423	\$50.00	Lindale Chapter #864, O.E.S.	\$200.00
Cherokee Chapter #11	\$100.00	Mesquite Chapter #887, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Dallas Chapter #47	\$1,830.00	Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959, O.E.S.	\$40.00
Bonham Chapter #52	\$75.00	Winnsboro Chapter #967 O.E.S.	\$50.00

J. A. Kemp Chapter #970, O.E.S.	\$10.00	Carl Baker	\$50.00
Bullard Chapter #972, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Casey C. Baker	\$50.00
Caldwell Chapter #976, O.E.S.	\$10.00	H. G. Baldwin	\$50.00
Medina Chapter #988, O.E.S.	\$15.00	William Baldwin	\$20.00
Ridglea Chapter #999, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Gordon E. Bangs	\$50.00
Waelder Chapter #1023, O.E.S.	\$45.00	Robert L. Banister	\$50.00
Deport Chapter #1045, O.E.S.	\$100.00	H. R. Barbisch	\$15.00
North Shore Chapter #1058, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Mr. and Mrs. Burke Barkart	\$1,000.00
Crowley Chapter #1125, O.E.S.	\$75.00	Allen Barker	\$50.00
Webb Chapter #1140, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Stephen A. Barlow	\$25.00
Bryan Chapter #222, O.E.S. Past Matrons & Patrons	\$35.00	James R. Barnett	\$25.00
Corpus Christi York Rite Bodies	\$100.00	Ralph A. Barnett	\$50.00
Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Texas	\$25.00	Robert L. Barnishin	\$5.00
Grand Prairie York Rite	\$30.00	Jim and Nora Barnum	\$10.00
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas	\$25.00	William G. Baron	\$15.00
The Marine Square Club of Houston	\$200.00	Patrick H. Barron	\$20.00
Midland York Rite Bodies	\$1,000.00	Richardo H. Barrera	\$35.00
North Star Shrine #2	\$50.00	Marshall Barton	\$100.00
Past Matrons & Past Patrons, Dist 3, Sect 7	\$50.00	Ralph E. Barton	\$20.00
Rockin' Chair Red Hatters of the TMRC	\$150.00	Brian Bass	\$100.00
St. Timothy Conclave	\$100.00	Stan and Jan Bass	\$100.00
M. D. Aaron	\$500.00	Joseph Batrice	\$100.00
Robert L. Abbot	\$20.00	Chip and Tracy Batten	\$25.00
Teddy Acklin	\$50.00	Charles R. Beach	\$10.00
H. M. Acock, Jr.	\$100.00	Carroll Beale	\$10.00
B. L. Adams	\$25.00	Roy E. (Buddy) and Georgia Bean	\$100.00
Gary P. Adams	\$100.00	Jesse Beard	\$500.00
Andy Adcock	\$10.00	N. G. Beard	\$100.00
Dominick Albanese	\$160.00	Melvin R. Beard	\$100.00
Bill Alexander	\$25.00	Michael P. and Flora Becket	\$250.00
Joe M. Alexander, Sr.	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert J. Beckman	\$100.00
James Allcorn	\$100.00	Jerry Been	\$100.00
John David Allen, III	\$50.00	Bobby L. Bell	\$20.00
Mike Allen	\$50.00	Robert M. Bell	\$100.00
Ralph Allen	\$10.00	George R. Bemis	\$50.00
Robert E. and June Allen	\$100.00	Dr. Henry W. Bendel	\$75.00
Thurman L. Allred	\$100.00	John H. Benefield	\$15.00
Wayne Allums	\$25.00	Walter R. Bennett	\$50.00
Thomas L. Alston	\$10.00	Joel A. Benton	\$50.00
Frank W. Amadon	\$25.00	Gerhard W. and Vaike Berg	\$20.00
Larry R. Amyett	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Berkman	\$20.00
B. H. Anderson	\$5.00	A. R. Bernard	\$100.00
John W. & Marjorie Andrews	\$100.00	Robert Berry	\$10.00
Melvin Anisman	\$50.00	Warren L. Besly	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$5.00	Wm. W. Beuhler, Jr.	\$25.00
Richard Anthis	\$50.00	J. Ralph Bickley	\$50.00
Donald C. Appleby	\$50.00	Walter C. Biddle, Jr.	\$50.00
Larry Armstrong	\$20.00	Roy Bielich	\$20.00
Lee Armstrong	\$20.00	John L. Bigler, Jr.	\$25.00
W. B. Armstrong	\$25.00	J. C. Birdsall	\$100.00
J. B. Arrington	\$100.00	Robert J. Birdsong	\$55.00
John E. Askin	\$100.00	Omer Bishop	\$400.00
Ron Atkins	\$50.00	Randy Bishop	\$25.00
Joe P. Attaway	\$100.00	Aaron S. Blackstone	\$20.00
Wayne Autrey	\$40.00	John D. Blackmon	\$50.00
W. F. Autry	\$50.00	Robert L. Blackwell, II	\$100.00
William F. Autry	\$50.00	James E. Blakeman	\$25.00
Mark W. Ayers	\$25.00	James D. Blankenship	\$50.00
Bill and Janis Bailey	\$50.00	Ennis J. Blanton	\$25.00
Lt. Col. Felix R. Bailey	\$25.00	Robert E. Blount	\$25.00

Forrest K. Boaz	\$25.00	George J. Burnett	\$150.00
Sarkis Boghossian	\$25.00	William M. Burney, Jr.	\$15.00
Richard Bohn	\$25.00	Kenneth E. Burrows	\$25.00
Ted Bolf	\$50.00	J. E. Burton	\$100.00
Ray Boman	\$20.00	Bob Rayburn Butler	\$25.00
David and Jeanie Bond	\$15.00	R. J. Butler	\$25.00
Earl G. Bonnin	\$20.00	John and Pamela Butterworth	\$50.00
James L. Boone	\$100.00	Dan Byrne	\$300.00
Harold D. Boots	\$25.00	Leeoma Caldwell	\$40.00
Kenneth E. Borkert	\$50.00	B. E. Calhoun	\$20.00
Bob Bowers	\$20.00	Floyd C. Calvert	\$25.00
Robert S. Boyce	\$50.00	Joseph Cammarata	\$25.00
Robert H. Boyett	\$10.00	Herman Campbell	\$20.00
B. A. Bozant	\$500.00	R. C. Cannefax	\$50.00
George T. Bradley	\$25.00	J. R. Cantrell	\$15.00
J. C. Bradshaw	\$100.00	Lyndal Carey	\$100.00
D. R. Brady	\$5.00	Robert R. Carle	\$100.00
Ernest L. Brady, Sr.	\$40.00	Cranfill Carlton	\$15.00
Neal Brady	\$25.00	Boyd H. and Regina Carnley	\$100.00
Charles R. Bragg	\$100.00	Clarence W. Carpenter	\$10.00
Jack R. Bragg	\$10.00	Leon Carpenter	\$50.00
Dewey H. Brawner	\$25.00	Charles E. Carruthers, Jr.	\$20.00
Lyndell H. Bray	\$100.00	Lawrence M. Carter	\$20.00
Vernon Bodine Brazelton	\$200.00	Marcus O. Carter	\$100.00
Samuel R. Breitbart	\$15.00	Thomas J. Carter	\$25.00
Thad D. Brewer	\$20.00	John W. Casall, Jr.	\$100.00
Allen R. Bridges	\$25.00	Frederick A. Casey	\$50.00
Rocky Bridges	\$25.00	Dedra Kay Cason	\$5.00
Bill Bright	\$10.00	Arthur A. Castleman	\$100.00
Clarence Bright	\$100.00	William H. Caudill	\$100.00
William N. Bright	\$100.00	Cynthia A. Cawley	\$140.00
Joel Brinkley	\$50.00	James O. Cawley	\$150.00
John, Kathy, and Jeremy Brinkley	\$20.00	Jim Cawley	\$50.00
William C. Bristow	\$25.00	Eugene A. Chambers, Sr.	\$1,000.00
David Bronner	\$25.00	David R. Chambliss	\$100.00
James P. Brooks	\$10.00	Ronnie Chasteen	\$25.00
Bobby Broomfield	\$20.00	Brenson Cherry	\$25.00
Ottis E. Brooks	\$5.00	Ronald W. Cherry	\$10.00
Scott C. Brosi	\$50.00	Steve Cherry	\$20.00
Clovis M. Brotherton	\$25.00	F. M. Chiles, Jr.	\$50.00
Michie M. and Nancy Brous	\$50.00	Angelo Chiusano	\$10.00
Albert E. Brown	\$25.00	Louis R. Chriss	\$25.00
James C. Brown, Jr.	\$50.00	Jacob Cialona	\$20.00
James Theo and Johnnie Brown	\$750.00	Benjamin Clark	\$50.00
Joe H. Brown	\$100.00	Anna Clary	\$25.00
W. V. Brown	\$25.00	Courts K. Cleveland, Jr.	\$100.00
James F. Brumit	\$100.00	Paul A. Clinkscales	\$100.00
Travis B. Bryan	\$50.00	Paul D. Cobb	\$100.00
W. E. Bryan	\$1,000.00	Robert Cobb	\$100.00
Don Bryant	\$200.00	Ken and Ruth Cochran	\$10.00
W. T. [Bill] and Margie Bryant	\$50.00	David B. Cofer, Jr.	\$50.00
Glynn D. Buie	\$100.00	Thomas J. Coffey, Jr.	\$50.00
Jim Buller	\$100.00	Carroll C. Coker	\$25.00
Burley L. Bullock	\$100.00	W. B. Cole	\$10.00
M. E. Burch	\$25.00	Alfred C. Coleman	\$15.00
Billy Bob Burdette	\$20.00	Newton J. Coleman	\$50.00
Frank Burke	\$25.00	William C. Coleman	\$25.00
Tom C. Burke	\$50.00	Brother Ken Collins	\$25.00
Bob and Wanda Burkhalter	\$260.00	R. I. Collinsworth, Jr.	\$50.00
Steve Burleson	\$25.00	William K. Combest	\$100.00

James R. Condrey	\$100.00	William D. Dorsey	\$10.00
J. Lloyd Cook	\$25.00	John O. Douglas, Jr.	\$50.00
Pecos Cook	\$50.00	Connie A. Doyle	\$100.00
Roy C. Cook	\$10.00	Darrell Drennan	\$25.00
George D. Coon	\$100.00	Lloyd A. Dreyer	\$10.00
Ward C. Cooper	\$250.00	Lee W. Driskill	\$20.00
H. F. Copeland	\$50.00	Douglas Drury	\$25.00
Ross J. Cox, Sr.	\$10.00	Dr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Duckworth	\$25.00
Bert Cornelius	\$50.00	Tommy Duckworth	\$10.00
Marvin and Brenda Corry	\$10.00	William P. Duckworth	\$100.00
Robert L. Coston	\$15.00	Jerry D. Duggan	\$25.00
Leslie A. Cotten	\$20.00	Gerald W. Duke	\$50.00
Jack R. Cotterell	\$25.00	Patrick W. Duke	\$50.00
D. J. Coughenour	\$25.00	Carl W. Duncan, Jr.	\$100.00
David R. Cox	\$20.00	Jimmy C. Dunigan	\$30.00
J. M. Craft	\$50.00	Freeman B. Dunn	\$100.00
Van L. Crapps	\$25.00	Thurman J. Dunn	\$100.00
Betty Lynn Crawford	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Dunning, Sr.	\$20.00
Glenn F. Crawford	\$100.00	Carl O. Dyer	\$100.00
Lt. Col. T. E. Crawford	\$25.00	Welton W. Dykes	\$500.00
C. W. Crawley	\$80.00	Jack E. Earnest	\$100.00
William S. Creighton, Jr.	\$25.00	Charles G. Easley	\$50.00
Russell Crockett	\$10.00	Eason Collision Specialists, Inc.	\$100.00
William C. Crothers	\$25.00	Martin H. Eastburn	\$25.00
Tom D. Crowder	\$25.00	K. L. Edmiston	\$50.00
Troy Crumpton	\$50.00	Alfred D. Edwards	\$10.00
Bobby F. Cryer	\$25.00	Bill Edwards	\$50.00
Tony and Gloria Cummings	\$50.00	Billy G. Edwards	\$10.00
W. Gordon Cunningham	\$100.00	Don Edwards	\$2.00
Arthur F. Curtis	\$10.00	Harry L. Edwards	\$50.00
Stephen and Barbara Curyk	\$20.00	E. M. Ekdahl	\$50.00
Roy Cutrell	\$100.00	James R. Elliott	\$144.00
Randall F. Dainty	\$20.00	Neil and Candace Elliott	\$20.00
Mark Dalpiaz	\$25.00	W. D. Emmons	\$25.00
Bruce D. Dalton	\$50.00	Arnold F. English	\$25.00
Rayford E. Danley	\$100.00	J. R. [Bob] English	\$500.00
Chester Duane Darby Living Trust	\$50.00	Peter S. Erhard, M.D.	\$100.00
Craig Darling	\$10.00	John L. Eskridge	\$50.00
Joseph L. Darr	\$20.00	Albert H. Evans	\$100.00
James M. Davidson	\$25.00	Jerry W. Evans	\$500.00
Billie E. Davis	\$100.00	Charles Ewing	\$40.00
Garland H. Davis	\$20.00	Robert F. Ezzell, Sr.	\$10.00
Guy L. Davis	\$30.00	H. R. Fallon	\$250.00
Otis L. and Frankie Davis	\$100.00	Joe Falwell	\$50.00
Frank DeHay	\$100.00	Bobby D. and Billie Faries	\$10.00
Martin L. Dehl	\$10.00	Jearl Farmer	\$20.00
J. Deines	\$50.00	Betty Farnham	\$100.00
Garland Delamar	\$10.00	Guy Faught	\$10.00
Leonard DeMasters	\$50.00	Edward L. Favors	\$40.00
Franklin W. Denius	\$35.00	Carol D. & Mary Feemster	\$10.00
J. D. DeShazo	\$100.00	Hector Felip	\$100.00
Ronald Deshong	\$25.00	Derk A. Fenimore	\$25.00
David A. Detmar	\$100.00	David Ferguson	\$25.00
Curtis W. Dickenson	\$50.00	Ernest Few	\$100.00
H. H. Dickson	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Fields	\$600.00
C. E. Dillon	\$100.00	Douglas Finch	\$100.00
Carlton B. Dodson	\$25.00	Ronnie Finch	\$50.00
Johnnie W. Dolen, Jr.	\$20.00	David Finney	\$100.00
Chris Domm	\$50.00	Glenn and Mary Fisher	\$20.00
Robert T. Dorr	\$20.00	John M. Flach	\$25.00

James D. Fleming	\$1,000.00	Richard A. Goodell	\$25.00
Thomas H. Fletcher, Jr.	\$100.00	William Goodrich	\$100.00
James A. Flick	\$15.00	Bruce Gordon	\$25.00
Robert Flores, PM, 32nd Degree	\$45.00	Robert J. Gordon	\$5.00
Arthur C. Flory	\$50.00	J. H. and S. A. Gorrell	\$500.00
Raymond L. Fogg	\$50.00	William T. Goslin	\$25.00
David Fogle	\$10.00	Barry Grace	\$100.00
Virgil D. Forehand	\$25.00	Johnny Graham	\$4.00
Lester E. Foreman	\$10.00	Robert W. Graham	\$20.00
Vernon Fortenberry	\$100.00	William E. Graham	\$50.00
Lee Foster	\$100.00	J. C. Grantham	\$50.00
M. L. Foster	\$50.00	Marion E. Graves, Jr.	\$500.00
Woody Fourrier	\$100.00	Glynn and Zellner Gray	\$20.00
James H. Foxhall	\$50.00	James W. Gray	\$20.00
A. L. Franks	\$50.00	L. E. Gray	\$20.00
Clifton Francis	\$10.00	James and Elizabeth Grayson	\$100.00
Diane Franks	\$50.00	Wilbur R. Grayson	\$25.00
Abigail Freeman / District Deputy Grand Matrons	\$100.00	J. Forrest Green	\$100.00
S. E. Fritz	\$20.00	Raymond E. Greer, II	\$100.00
Fred J. Fryer	\$100.00	Herman and Frances Griggs	\$20.00
Richard D. Funk	\$50.00	David Wesley Gulley	\$20.00
Walter Max Gaebler, Jr.	\$20.00	Fred Gunn	\$100.00
Donald W. Gaines	\$100.00	John Gutierrez	\$25.00
Phillip Gaither	\$50.00	Dorrance H. Guy	\$100.00
Jimmie and Joyce Gallemore	\$10.00	Robert Hagen	\$15.00
Hugh A. Galt	\$50.00	Harve J. Hagerty	\$10.00
Bobby L. Gambill	\$25.00	Lynn Halamicsek	\$25.00
Wilmer A. Gamel	\$50.00	W. E. Haley	\$50.00
Eugenio Garcia	\$25.00	David Hall	\$50.00
Forrest L. Garland	\$25.00	George Hall	\$250.00
Richard A. Garland	\$200.00	James W. Hall	\$20.00
Edwin R. and Peggy Garner	\$50.00	Robert L. Hall	\$25.00
Eugene Garnsey	\$30.00	Robert W. Hall	\$600.00
Raymond L. Garrett	\$1.00	Charles R. Hamblin	\$50.00
A. Dwayne Garrison	\$100.00	Hames Family Trust	\$10.00
James S. Garrison	\$50.00	J. R. Hampton	\$25.00
Leon G. Gaspard	\$15.00	Harvey J. Hancock	\$40.00
Jerry A. Gazaway	\$15.00	Charles R. Haning	\$100.00
Karl C. Gebert	\$100.00	Wade H. Harbin	\$5.00
Steve Gentry	\$10.00	Bobby G. Harden	\$25.00
Loyd A. George	\$25.00	E. C. Harper	\$100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Geron	\$50.00	C. R. Harper	\$10.00
Gerald W. Gibson	\$50.00	John L. Harris	\$20.00
Roy A. Gibson	\$200.00	John D. Harris	\$25.00
The Gilbert Family and J. [Cathy] Atkins	\$30.00	Melvin Harrison	\$50.00
James C. Gilbert	\$25.00	Barnwell R. Harsey	\$15.00
T. G. Gillespie	\$10.00	William C. Harter	\$100.00
Kenneth M. Gilliam	\$25.00	Charles L. Harvey	\$25.00
Wade and Jean Gilliam	\$100.00	Charley Harvey	\$50.00
Rev. Billy O. Gilmore	\$15.00	Don and Audrey Harvey	\$50.00
Robert H. Glass	\$150.00	Paul E. Haskins	\$50.00
Edward Glaze	\$50.00	Preston Hass	\$25.00
L. D. Godfrey	\$25.00	H. Harris Hatfield	\$35.00
G. A. Goethe	\$100.00	John N. Hatler	\$50.00
Jimmie Goforth	\$25.00	George T. Hayden	\$25.00
Paul M. Goin	\$30.00	William E. Haynie	\$100.00
Mitchell E. [Mike] Goldman	\$10.00	Paul F. Healy	\$250.00
Ralph H. Goldsmith	\$500.00	Neil W. Hearne	\$10.00
Moab R. Gomez	\$25.00	O. B. Hearne	\$25.00
Horace N. Goodson	\$50.00	Johnnie B. Heck	\$100.00

Darrell C. Hefley	\$10.00	Beuford Israel	\$10.00
Fred Heinemann	\$20.00	Jack Todd Ivey	\$100.00
Donald H. Hendricks	\$25.00	Robert Jacks	\$100.00
Don Henderson	\$20.00	Charles R. Jackson	\$100.00
William W. Henderson	\$20.00	J. D. Jackson	\$50.00
Mike J. Hendricks	\$20.00	James D. Jackson	\$20.00
Darrell Hendrix	\$105.00	Jerry Jackson	\$10.00
Raymond G. Henton	\$20.00	Albert J. Jacobs	\$100.00
Abdon Hernandez, Jr.	\$10.00	Roger Jacobs	\$25.00
John Hernandez	\$200.00	Bill James	\$25.00
Margaret & J. B. Herrington	\$90.00	David James	\$50.00
Ray Hewitt	\$100.00	David R. Jarrett	\$100.00
William R. Heyduck	\$50.00	James A. Jenkins	\$100.00
Carson O. Hicks	\$100.00	Todd Jenkins	\$60.00
I. N. Hickox	\$20.00	John H. (Jack) and Evelyn Jeter	\$50.00
Rufus M. Hilbun	\$25.00	Raymond H. Jipp	\$10.00
Steve Hildebrand	\$50.00	Brenda Johnson	\$30.00
Bob D. Hill	\$100.00	Dimmit Johnson	\$5.00
Ronnie L. Hill	\$50.00	Don R. Johnson	\$25.00
Max Hirrill	\$50.00	E. S. Johnson	\$100.00
Albert R. Hobbs	\$25.00	George O. Johnson	\$50.00
Gilbert C. Hobbs	\$25.00	Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson	\$15.00
James E. Hodges	\$50.00	James A. Johnson	\$40.00
J. J. Hoehn	\$10.00	Jerry and Vanessa Johnson	\$10.00
Victor J. Hoff	\$100.00	John E. Johnson	\$50.00
Gregory Hoffman	\$10.00	John T. Johnson, Jr.	\$25.00
Maurice Holcomb	\$40.00	Lon D. Johnston	\$25.00
W. W. Holder, Jr.	\$25.00	Loretta Johnson	\$15.00
Hubert N. Holland	\$25.00	Ross E. Johnson, Jr.	\$500.00
John Hollingsworth	\$20.00	Richard L. Johnson	\$50.00
Torren Z. Hooper	\$10.00	Robert M. Johnson, III	\$100.00
Y. A. Hopke	\$100.00	Virgil M. Johnston	\$100.00
Ronald J. Horowitz	\$25.00	Joe E. Johnston	\$15.00
Cash Houpt	\$100.00	Edward Jones	\$25.00
Audrey L. Howard	\$20.00	James D. Jones	\$100.00
James Howell	\$100.00	Jimmy D. Jones	\$25.00
Laud Howell	\$100.00	Lonnie L. and Derilda Ann Jones	\$10.00
James A. Hubbard	\$100.00	Rondal L. Jones	\$50.00
Roy F. Huckaby	\$25.00	Royce Jon Jones	\$24.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen E. Hudnall	\$50.00	Fancher E. Jordan	\$50.00
George L. Hudson	\$25.00	Marvin Jordan	\$15.00
Don Huffman	\$1,000.00	Robbie and Cathy Jordan	\$100.00
Glenn W. Huffman	\$50.00	Wendell Jordan, Jr.	\$50.00
Mitchel and Kaye Huffman	\$100.00	Jordan's Mfg.	\$150.00
Floyd Hughes	\$100.00	Richard Joseph	\$50.00
Vester T. Hughes, Jr.	\$200.00	W. T. Joyvies	\$10.00
W. W. Hughes	\$10.00	Jesse V. Justice	\$10.00
Greg Hulett	\$100.00	Virgil Justice	\$150.00
Clinton Humphries	\$50.00	L. W. Kartous, PM Lafayette Lodge	\$25.00
J. B. Hunn	\$100.00	Abe Katz	\$15.00
H. T. Hunnewell	\$100.00	Jack Keenan	\$20.00
Leonard H. Hunter	\$15.00	Robert J. Keigley	\$200.00
Hal L. Hunt	\$50.00	Dillard Con Keirse	\$20.00
Johnny R. Hunt	\$50.00	B. J. Kelley	\$30.00
Sam Hunt	\$25.00	Harold and Sharon Kelley	\$50.00
Ray E. Hunter	\$50.00	Troy K. Kelley	\$50.00
Edward W. Huse	\$10.00	W. O. Kelly	\$200.00
James G. Hutchinson	\$30.00	Billy R. Kennedy	\$25.00
Richard F. Hutton	\$20.00	Howard V. Kennedy	\$50.00
Richard H. Irwin	\$10.00	J. R. Kennedy	\$10.00

James W. Kenney	\$100.00	Companion Clint Love	\$20.00
John D. Kennedy	\$100.00	Eugene H. Lovering	\$25.00
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Billy Kent	\$20.00	Jose A. Lozano	\$25.00
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F. E. Killebrew	\$50.00	Edward K. Lukin	\$25.00
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Thomas D. Lambert	\$10.00	Arvel Martin	\$100.00
Tommy Lancaster	\$25.00	George Martin	\$25.00
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Linda Lane	\$25.00	Merle L. Martin	\$5.00
Clarence J. Laney	\$96.00	William B. Martin	\$100.00
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Stephen Laws	\$100.00	Ben L. Matheson	\$25.00
Robert Lawton	\$25.00	Walter Mattox	\$100.00
Cecil D. Laywell	\$25.00	Mr. and Mrs. George Matuskey	\$50.00
Jerry M. Leach	\$350.00	Edward C. Mauldin	\$40.00
Billy B. Lee	\$100.00	Neoma May	\$10.00
Charles and Janice Lee	\$25.00	Earl W. Mayfield	\$5.00
Ray C. Lee	\$15.00	Bill Mayo	\$25.00
Robert Lee	\$25.00	Harlan McAlpine	\$25.00
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Raymond M. Lewis	\$20.00	James I. McCoy	\$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Lindke	\$25.00	Buck and Lu McCullough	\$20.00
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Larry C. Lively	\$50.00	Willard McDuffie	\$10.00
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Diane M. Lloyd	\$50.00	Vernon McGee	\$50.00
W. V. Logsdon	\$100.00	John D. McGovern	\$20.00
Barry Long	\$50.00	Kenneth D. McGuyer	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Don W. Long	\$35.00	Lenard McHargue	\$20.00
Gerald H. Long	\$500.00	A. H. McLwain	\$25.00
Ronnie Long	\$10.00	J. E. McIntire	\$10.00
Doug & Opal Lord	\$1,000.00	Tommy McIntosh	\$20.00
Albert D. and Ann Love	\$20.00	Lavon McKenney	\$20.00

Ed McKeon	\$25.00	Jack W. Murdock	\$50.00
Gordon S. McKissack	\$100.00	Everett A. Murff	\$10.00
Ray F. McKissack	\$50.00	Elmer Murphey, III	\$250.00
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Glenn McMenamy	\$100.00	Ross B. Myrick, Jr.	\$100.00
Jack McMillan	\$25.00	Douglas Don Narrell	\$25.00
T. D. and M. W. McMillan	\$25.00	Harlan Naylor	\$10.00
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Robert F. McPhetridge	\$50.00	S. C. Nelson	\$20.00
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Earl W. Meador	\$15.00	Mike Newsham	\$25.00
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W. A. Meadows	\$25.00	Brad Nickels	\$25.00
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Lee Meyer	\$50.00	Jack Clyde Odom	\$10.00
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John Mierzwik	\$100.00	Orville O'Neill	\$600.00
Horace B. Millard	\$10.00	Richard and Nancy Opperman	\$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Mitchell	\$10.00	Billy A. Orcutt	\$20.00
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Donald L. Moberg	\$10.00	Edward T. Osbergard	\$100.00
John and Karen Montandon	\$25.00	Ralph Osborn	\$20.00
Larry Montrose	\$50.00	Charles Ottinger	\$100.00
Talley Moon	\$100.00	Houston G. Owen	\$50.00
Mr. Albert L. Moore	\$100.00	Dewey Owens	\$50.00
Bobby J. Moore	\$5.00	Col. James B. Owings, USA, Retd.	\$100.00
Cecil R. Moore	\$20.00	Robert C. Pace	\$25.00
Harold Moore	\$100.00	Norman Pack	\$10.00
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Isaac H. and Freda Moore	\$20.00	Derrell and Barbara Palmer	\$15.00
James A. Moore	\$100.00	Robert F. and Fran Pannell	\$50.00
Kellis D. Moore	\$225.00	Ricky Parker	\$100.00
Robert C. Moore	\$30.00	Robert D. Parker	\$25.00
Earl H. Morgan, Jr.	\$100.00	Roy D. Parks	\$25.00
Jeff A. Morgan	\$20.00	Lewis C. Parr	\$100.00
Don H. Morrison	\$100.00	Earnest E. Parrish	\$50.00
Guy Morrow	\$20.00	Gerald Parrish	\$20.00
Howard Morse	\$25.00	Michael S. Parrish	\$10.00
Homer R. Moseley	\$10.00	Owen E. Parrish	\$100.00
James H. Moser	\$800.00	Ben N. Parry	\$100.00
Ralph V. Moss	\$180.00	Sam Passman	\$50.00
Mel Mountjoy	\$25.00	Walter L. Patrick	\$100.00
Robert Moyer	\$60.00	J. V. Patterson	\$50.00
W. K. Mullinax	\$25.00	Ronnie Patterson	\$25.00

Markham L. Patton	\$25.00	William Rickett	\$500.00
Vincent O. Patton	\$50.00	Ronald J. Riggins	\$25.00
Glyn Pearson	\$100.00	Gladys Riley	\$20.00
Roger Pearson	\$10.00	Pam Riley	\$100.00
Dr. Charles R. Peck	\$100.00	A. M. Rimkus	\$15.00
Brad Peeples	\$15.00	Ernest E., Jr. and Nancy Rising	\$1,000.00
Anthony A. Peniston	\$50.00	Jerry & Shirley Rittmann	\$20.00
James W. Peoples	\$50.00	Ignacio Rodriguez Rivera	\$10.00
James S. Percell	\$40.00	Austin Roach	\$100.00
William C. Perkins	\$100.00	Norman Roach	\$50.00
Billy L. Perry	\$25.00	Robert R. Roark	\$10.00
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J. Tad Persons	\$25.00	Chris B. Roberts	\$50.00
Willard J. Pevey	\$50.00	Larry R. Roberts	\$100.00
John Pfluger	\$10.00	Garfield Roberts	\$25.00
R. E. Phillips	\$200.00	R. J. Roberts	\$25.00
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John L. Plasek	\$200.00	R. J. Robbins	\$100.00
Paul E. Poe	\$50.00	W. G. Robbins	\$50.00
Roy T. Pointer	\$200.00	John A. Robinson	\$10.00
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Charles W. Postel	\$25.00	Arnoldo L. Romero	\$25.00
Arthur M. Potter	\$10.00	Rolando Ronquillo	\$10.00
Douglas E. Powell	\$10.00	Frank Rose	\$25.00
Wm. P. Powell	\$25.00	Richard H. Rosenauer	\$100.00
John R. Powers	\$100.00	Billy J. & Kerlene Ross	\$200.00
Marvin T. Powers	\$35.00	Glyn D. Ross	\$25.00
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Jack B. Preston, Sr.	\$30.00	Penelope Rowe	\$30.00
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Judge J. Albert Pruett, Jr.	\$50.00	Stephen C. and Norma L. Runyon	\$35.00
Tex E. Pursley	\$50.00	Carl E. Russell	\$10.00
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Arthur and Yvonne Reimers	\$5.00	David Sarginson	\$100.00
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R. Doyne Reynolds	\$50.00	Tommy W. Saylor	\$50.00
Randy Reynolds	\$100.00	Axel L. Schiller	\$10.00
George W. and Bebe L. Rhodes	\$50.00	Edward M. Schlieter	\$20.00
Roger D. Rhodes	\$25.00	Leonard V. Schneider, Jr.	\$10.00
Joe Richardson	\$25.00	J. Robert Schoolfield	\$25.00
Joyce C. Richardson	\$5.00	Richard D. Schreiber	\$25.00
Thomas L. Richardson	\$25.00	Robert B. Schwartz	\$25.00

James and Murt Scrivner	\$100.00	Leah Jo Sparks	\$200.00
Joe and Eleanor Scrivner	\$50.00	Roe Spencer	\$25.00
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Billy W. Seals	\$50.00	Charles Stalcup	\$15.00
Melvin B. Seeling	\$25.00	Charles R. Standifer	\$25.00
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Gary Selby	\$100.00	J. H. Stapleton	\$10.00
Jack M. Selby	\$25.00	Carl E. Starkey	\$50.00
Loyd J. Self	\$15.00	Bill Staton	\$50.00
Charles R. Sellers	\$40.00	Perry L. Steele	\$100.00
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Harold B. Sharpe	\$25.00	Ronald D. Stephens	\$1,000.00
William T. Shebs	\$100.00	F. E. Stevens	\$20.00
Tom Sheffield	\$10.00	Charles E. Stewart, Jr.	\$200.00
Kenneth & Joy Sheppard	\$25.00	Irwin L. Stewart, Jr.	\$50.00
Vinson Shields	\$25.00	R. C. Stewart	\$50.00
Larry E. Shiflet	\$25.00	Wayne D. Stewart, Jr.	\$25.00
D. E. Shipp	\$200.00	Charles R. Stice	\$300.00
Ken Shockley	\$25.00	Curtis R. Stogsdill	\$25.00
H. W. Short	\$20.00	Nick Stoisolovich	\$100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Shurtleff	\$20.00	Bobby L. Stokes	\$100.00
Edwin Siers	\$15.00	The K. D. Story Family	\$25.00
Douglas A. Sikes	\$40.00	Gerald M. Strange	\$25.00
J. R. Simmons	\$20.00	Jack H. Strange	\$5.00
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W. E. Simms, Jr.	\$25.00	Ray Stroup	\$100.00
John Simpson	\$25.00	Herman J. Sullivan, Jr.	\$20.00
Joseph M. Simpson	\$5.00	Roy P. Surovick	\$50.00
Richard S. Skipper	\$20.00	Mr. and Mrs. James Suter	\$100.00
Karen and Lee Sloan, III	\$50.00	Joe E. Sutton	\$10.00
Lee L. Sloan	\$20.00	Vernon Sutton	\$25.00
Bill Small	\$200.00	Billy R. Swan, Sr.	\$10.00
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Ben E. Smith	\$25.00	Ben Tanksley	\$100.00
Buck Smith	\$50.00	D. C. Taylor	\$50.00
Carroll H. Smith	\$20.00	D. R. and Norma Taylor	\$100.00
Doris Smith and Family	\$100.00	James M. Taylor	\$20.00
Eugene B. Smith	\$100.00	M. A. Taylor	\$50.00
James Smith	\$25.00	W. J. Teeter	\$50.00
James E. Smith, Jr.	\$10.00	Wilbur L. Tenery	\$25.00
Kenneth E. Smith	\$25.00	Dewey and Carole Tennant	\$100.00
Max Smith	\$25.00	Milton H. Thomas	\$50.00
Mark E. Smith	\$15.00	Charles C. Thomas	\$40.00
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Winston S. Smith	\$25.00	Richard S. Thomas	\$10.00
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K. E. Smyrl	\$50.00	Dana M. Thompson	\$1,000.00
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Tom Snyder	\$20.00	James B. Thompson	\$100.00
Clarence Sodek	\$10.00	John R. Thompson, Jr.	\$250.00
Mervine H. Soileau	\$25.00	Jerry M. Thornhill	\$10.00
H. M. Sorrels	\$25.00	Albert Thornton	\$25.00
John Sossaman	\$10.00	Denny Threlkeld	\$10.00
Larry South	\$50.00	Billy R. and Tommye Tims	\$10.00
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Jerry C. Tongate	\$25.00	J. Weilmuenster	\$20.00
Alex Trevino	\$100.00	Arthur E. Weiss	\$50.00
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William F. Trogdon	\$20.00	Raymond Weldon	\$25.00
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V. H. Turner	\$50.00	J. P. Wells	\$35.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Ulmer	\$25.00	Oliver Wenker	\$25.00
Andrew W. Uresti	\$50.00	Dan E. Wentworth	\$25.00
Charles and Helen Ursell	\$20.00	Jason L. Wentzel	\$25.00
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Richard Vines	\$50.00	William H. Wheeler	\$50.00
Ric Volk	\$25.00	Thomas and Virginia Whiteford	\$25.00
Richard B. Wade	\$25.00	Gerald W. White	\$25.00
Albert Wagner	\$50.00	Larry R. White	\$25.00
John and Joyce Waldie	\$175.00	Oscar J. White	\$100.00
G. A. Walker	\$25.00	Richard P. White, Jr.	\$25.00
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Ralph H. Walker, Jr.	\$100.00	Robert C. Whitebread	\$20.00
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Robert L. Walker	\$20.00	Frank Wiggins	\$75.00
Weldon Walker	\$10.00	Raymond M. Wiggins	\$25.00
George Wall	\$50.00	Walter Wiles	\$100.00
C. B. & Flo Waller	\$10.00	Donald E. Wilkins	\$10.00
Morris D. Wallis	\$100.00	Earl Williams	\$110.00
Charles Walsh	\$250.00	Hobbs Williams	\$25.00
Clifton Walsh	\$25.00	Jerry R. Williams	\$25.00
Robert P. Walton	\$25.00	Jim W. Williams	\$50.00
Robert A. Walz	\$25.00	John R. Williams	\$25.00
John Henry Wampler	\$20.00	Kenneth and Nancy Williams	\$50.00
Charles E. Ward	\$25.00	M. J. Williams	\$50.00
Norman E. Ward	\$50.00	Mike Williams	\$30.00
Tom B. Ward	\$100.00	Paul J. Williams	\$50.00
Lloyd Warden	\$10.00	Perry Williamson	\$50.00
Noel R. Warmack	\$50.00	Terry Williford	\$25.00
Stanley Warnick	\$25.00	Carl V. Wilson	\$20.00
Jeremy Warren	\$20.00	Clarence A. Wilson	\$100.00
Melvin L. Warren	\$100.00	Hugh T. Wilson	\$100.00
Ralph Douglas Warren	\$25.00	James M. Wilson	\$100.00
Greg Wassberg	\$25.00	M. C. and Barbara Wilson	\$50.00
Bill Watkins	\$20.00	Richard L. Wilson	\$100.00
George L. Watkins	\$100.00	Joe D. Windham	\$100.00
Glenn Watkins	\$4.00	Thomas P. Winger	\$25.00
John H. and Linda Watson	\$50.00	C. A. Winkle	\$25.00
John P. Watson, Jr.	\$50.00	Wintermute Clinic	\$25.00
Lonnie E. Watson	\$20.00	Walter Wisdom	\$50.00
Tim Watts	\$100.00	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wlazlinski	\$20.00
L. A. Weathers	\$45.00	Donald Wogberg	\$5.00
Daniel F. Weaver	\$15.00	Dorothy Wolbing, Bill & Donna Winter	\$20.00
Joe Weaver	\$10.00	Archie L. Wolfe	\$20.00
Walter Weaver	\$50.00	Steve Wolfe	\$168.00
Frank B. Weber	\$10.00	G. W. Womack	\$20.00
Michael N. Weddle	\$30.00	R. L. Womack	\$100.00
Michael L. Weed, Sr.	\$20.00	Richard Womack	\$50.00
Edgar Weems	\$50.00	Roy K. Womack	\$25.00

Robert L. Woodhead	\$100.00	Willerson Yearly	\$25.00
Eugene Word, Jr.	\$25.00	Joe K. York, Jr.	\$25.00
Tommy D. Worley	\$10.00	Paul York	\$100.00
Bill J. Wright	\$10.00	Donald K. Young	\$20.00
Walter H. Wruck	\$25.00	J. B. Young	\$25.00
Paul E. Wunsche	\$10.00	Byron Zedler	<u>\$25.00</u>
Page V. Yeager, Jr.	\$100.00		
GRAND TOTAL			\$91,540.80

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: In about ten minutes we are going to have to start this Election.

We have got time for the Report of the Membership Committee, J. Weldon Clampitte.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests and my Companions all:

My name is J. Weldon Clampitte, Past High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 2. The Membership Committee, consisting of myself as Chairman and what is supposed to be thirty-six members in the various Capitular Districts, have worked hard this past year to increase York Rite membership in Texas. This is the third year this Committee has tried this method for recruitment of new Masons to join the York Rite. I feel we are making progress.

A program is only as good as its workers and I know that some of the members of the Committee are working very hard. While others are not making the personal visits to prospective members. Trying to overcome this has been a problem as it is with most committees; some work, while others do not. In addition, there are no phone numbers furnished to the Committee. Grand Lodge does not receive them and therefore we do not receive them.

Also some of the members, like in Districts 14, 8 and 9 are being overwhelmed with prospects while some other Districts get no prospects or possibly only 1 or 2. To continue the distribution to the Committee Members in this same manner is unjust for the larger Districts and satisfactory to the smaller ones.

I also want to thank the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and his staff for their efforts in furnishing us with the information for the promotion of York Rite Masonry throughout the State this past year.

During the past ten months, I have mailed out to the District Members or e-mailed them in most instances on several occasions the names and contact information on 1,046 newly raised Master Masons around the State. Out of this we have now received about 551 new York Rite Masons.

The Grand Commandery is still mailing out letters to the same prospects. Past Grand Commander McCandless and current Grand Commander, Tom Snyder, are furnished with the same information and are supposed to be mailing letters for their Bodies, also.

We feel that York Rite is growing. According to the returns from the local Chapters, more Masons have been Greeted and Exalted during the past year than in years previous.

Because Masons no longer need to have membership in either Rite to become a Shriner, York Rite has a distinct advantage over the Scottish Rite. Our advantage is we teach Masonry where the Blue Lodge left off and once this is explained to the prospects in a clear and concise manner, we will get these new Masons.

As I said in my Report in previous years, no longer can we sit by and wait for candidates to approach us. We must become more aggressive in our methods of soliciting new members. This new plan will work if we will only utilize the tools being provided to us and just go ask.

I would advise the Companions that this coming year we are not going to use the Committee as it has been in the past, which is fine, but I am hoping in continuing years the method for mailing from the Retirement Center continues. This is educating the new Masons not only on being York Rite Masons, but also telling them that the Masonic Retirement Center is a York Rite Grand Chapter facility, not just a Blue Lodge facility. It is amazing to me when you talk to people, they will say, "I didn't know that. I thought it belonged to the Grand Lodge." And I am going to tell you about eighty-five percent of the Masons feel that way.

Most Excellent Sir, it has been my pleasure to serve you this past year as Chairman and look forward to serving this Grand Chapter in the future.

I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion. All in favor of adopting the Report of the Membership Committee vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Report of the Committee on Printing.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Can I do that here, Most Excellent?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Yes, sir, please.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

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 in Dallas, Texas.

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 like printing for two Grand Sessions. 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, ROY D. SHIPLEY, BILLY RAY BELL, CLIFFORD T. TEER

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have the motion to adopt the Report of the Printing Committee. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, it is about that time and if we can get the Credentials Committee Final Report.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

COMPANION MacGREGOR: 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 John MacGregor, Past High Priest of R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108, in Dallas, Texas.

I am here to give the Final Report of the Credentials Committee as of 8:30 a.m. today:
We have registered:

20	Grand Chapter Officers
13	Past Grand High Priests
277	Past High Priests
39	High Priests
6	Kings
5	Scribes
47	Chapter Representatives
19	District Deputy Grand High Priests
47	Grand Representatives of Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions
42	Visitors
86	Chapters
4	Out of State Visitors

We have a total of 86 (258) votes for Companions holding a ballot of three (3) votes, and 277 (277) votes for Companions holding a ballot of one (1) vote, for a total of 535 votes (535).

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN MACGREGOR, CHAIRMAN
ROBERT KIRK, GARY DIXON, JEFFREY MILLER, DAVID ROGERS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the Final Report of the Credentials Committee. All in favor of accepting this Report vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion, you and your Committee, for all that you have done. We appreciate all your hard work.

COMPANION MacGREGOR: It was a privilege, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: At this time I would like to appoint the Tellers.

TELLERS

Eddy Jason Rabe, Chairman
Jeffrey Scott Bennett, Fred R. Smith, Cecil R. Curry
Robert D. Tyson, Dillion E. Vanderford, Jr.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Let's see.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, while you are wandering around and looking, could I say a little something?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Yes, sir.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, last year when the Credentials Committee gave their Final Report, there were 20 Grand Chapter Officers. This year we have 20.
Past Grand High Priests, there were 12 last year and this year we have 13.
Past High Priests, last year was 279. This year it was 277.
High Priests last year were 33 and this year there is 39.
District Deputy Grand High Priests, there were 13 last year. This year there are 19.
Grand Representatives to other Jurisdictions was 46. This year there were 47.
Visitors from Texas were 17 last year. This year there are 42.
Visitors from out-of-State was 6. This year I think we wound up with 4.
Altogether last year there were 516 votes in all. This year there are 535.

Companions, the reason I'm comparing this is there was a lot of people undecided how this was going to turn out in October, moving it from December. We fed 368 at the banquet Sunday night. That is approximately the same amount that we have been feeding, give or take fifteen or twenty every year.

So according to these numbers, moving the Grand Chapter to October did not affect adversely anything that would have been done. So I think we turned out very, very well with the numbers in October as we had in December. Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: One other thing, how many present are here for the first time? Would you please stand. Let's give them a hand. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I know there were a lot of people that weren't sure what was going to happen when we changed the dates and I think it is going to be better next year. We are all going to be crowded in here next year. I hope so and a lot of the younger guys will be able to come. I know the attendance at the School was great.

We need to get on with the Election. At this time I will turn the Chair over to the Grand King to conduct the first part.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST	CLARENCE J. LANEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST	DOUGLAS COLLINS
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING	ROBERT E. MELEAR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE	TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.* JERRY L. MANN RICHARD C. SHARP
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER	KENNETH E. COOLEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
MEMBER, BOARD OF TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER, FIVE YEAR TERM	JAMES ROY ELLIOTT* JACK L. WRIGHT C. LOUIS HOPKINS
MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON WORK, FIVE YEAR TERM	DAVID ROGERS

*(ELECTED)

(DURING THE ELECTION PROCEEDINGS M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT
(CONDUCTED FURTHER BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Is there anybody who has not turned in a ballot? I declare
the ballot closed.

The Tellers will proceed back here to the room and count the ballots.
Let's see. Tell you what, at this time is the Grand High Priest of Louisiana is here. Sir, would you like to
address this august Body?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LAURENCE, OF LOUISIANA: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand
Officers and Companions:
I am Michael Laurence, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of
Louisiana and go LSU!
(LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LAURENCE: You all had a great game last night, I see. I stayed up late.
Cowboys pulled it out. I was glad for you all.

But, anyhow, I am glad to be here. I thank you all for the hospitality. Thanks for the meal Sunday night.
It was great and if we can return that, I will be awful pleased, also. Whoever you all's cooks were, I think
I'll get them to get me some beef over there.

But, anyhow, I thank you all again for allowing me to be here. Thank you so much. The hospitality was
great. We in Louisiana want to invite you all to my Grand Session, which will be the second week in
March. Put that on your calendars. It is going to be in Alexandria. So we'll expect a lot of you all there.

Again, it looks like we in Louisiana are having probably the same problems you all have had for
membership and it looks like this year we are also on the rise as far as members that are petitioning the
Royal Arch Masons and we also find that we are getting a lot of young members for the last few years.
The membership, of course, has been middle age or elderly, you may say, who have been petitioning the
York Rite. Now we are getting young members. So it's a good change and it looks like in the next few
years also in Louisiana we should start having an increase down there.

I know I have been going around and visiting the other States and all. They have been having the same
problem with the decline in membership. One thing is, of course, I see the same thing you all got. It's
dead and you look around, the age, the average age of the York Rite Bodies was high and each year we
would like for that age to start dropping when we start getting younger members in.

But, again, I would like to see you all out, every one of you all, I want to invite you out to my Session there
in March and, again, thank you all so much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: We look forward to attending your Grand Session.
What about the Report of the Finance Committee now.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Jimmy Willson, Past High Priest of Floydada Chapter No. 227.

This is kind of an unusual year for the Finance Committee. I think you heard the reading of the Report that we had up-to-date on the Grand Treasurer, and also the Report of the Grand Secretary, the Reports that he had. But the thing about it is, we are, of course, not able to function as normal and won't be functioning until the books are closed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas. The way this operation was chartered back a number of years ago, when it was chartered, and the way it is we can't close the books until October the 31st. Then we will have the audit after that. Following that, we will work out the best we can the budgets and so forth. This changed systems and made things a little bit difficult for the Finance Committee, but the rest of you I think have had a good time and I am glad you all are here.

I might give you some figures that our wonderful secretary, Dawn, upstairs got together just quickly. We have had total receipts as of August 31st of \$134,392.00 and we only got about fifty-two thousand dollars due to be posted. That will be posted as soon as we get everything cleared up. We have had annual fees of about \$5,330.00. We have spent through August 31st \$139,482.44. As soon as we get the final figures the Finance Committee probably will meet by telephone and postage and we will work out the budget situation and let each of your Chapters know what has been laid out for this coming year.

Under the circumstances I hope you understand that that is the best we can do. One man was criticizing me for it and I said, "Well, if you had been here and voted last year and voted the other way, it might not have happened."
(LAUGHTER.)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: But you voted to do that and we are doing it your way. We are happy about it, but we have got to follow the law. He didn't understand that, but I explained to him how our Charter was granted and all and he changed his mind. I hope all of you will understand and be courteous to the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and the staff upstairs as we try to work this thing out.

Starting after this year you will be getting a report presented to you as a Body, but it will be a year late. So you will know where your money comes from and you will know where your money is going. We have nothing to hide. It is just a choice that you have made and you have got to understand that we have got to do the best we can with what you have asked us to do.

Fraternally submitted by,
J.M. JIMMY WILLSON, JR., CHAIRMAN
DAVID L. ANDERSON, J.D. BUDDY BACCUS, FARRIS L. BENHAM, JOE F. SCHRIEVER

I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the move to adopt the Report of the Finance Committee. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands.
Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.)

(SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2008

INCOME:

Past Masters Fee (30 x \$15.00)	0
Dues (10,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	110,500.00
Degree Fees (296 X \$25.00)	7,400.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	46,000.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	24,000.00
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,000.00
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	5,000.00
Grand Commandery Yk Rt Conference Contrib	500.00
TOTAL	196,400.00

EXPENSES:

Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	20,000.00
*Office Staff.....	45,500.00
*Payroll Taxes.....	5,500.00
Grand High Priest:	0
Reimbursement.....	4,500.00
Photo	200.00
Grand High Priest Service Award.....	700.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	2,250.00
Grand King Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Grand Scribe Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Golden Keystone Award.....	1,000.00
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	10,000.00
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	9,500.00
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	15,000.00
*Computer Expense	4,000.00
Contribution to Grand Lodge.....	12,000.00
School of Instruction Printing	200.00
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem.....	1,000.00
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.....	975.00
*Bond.....	200.00
*Employee Insurance.....	9,500.00
Contingency Fund.....	700.00
Fifty Year Awards Expenses	1,000.00
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.....	4,000.00
TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 10,000 + degree fees)	5,000.00
Audit.....	3,500.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security \$40/Hr X 75 Hrs	3,700.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$36/Month ...	360.00
Youth Awards.....	300.00
*Tax Report Preparation	1,000.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses (10)	1,500.00
York Rite Festival Fund	300.00
Furniture & Fixtures Exp.....	300.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	800.00
TOTAL	193,935.00

*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companion Laney.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Most Excellent, I'm Clarence Laney, Past High Priest of Dad Pender Chapter No. 80.

I have an announcement to make. Next year because of Baylor's Parents Day hotel accommodations and restaurant accommodations, I am moving the Session to the third Monday of October instead of the second Monday and I think that will help facilitate this Session better. So I am making the announcement to do that.

Also, the Officers, you will please leave your aprons by your stations. That will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: How about the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee?

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for the Record, I am Reese L. Harrison, Jr. Past High Priest of San Antonio Chapter No. 381.

This is the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions all:
To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I am going to read what the Chairman has written.
I am Russell Clay Brown, Past High Priest of Richmond Chapter No. 467 and Henderson Chapter No. 361.
Russell could not be here today. He was here on Sunday and he was supposed to be back yesterday and he did not return. He is not here today. He is with a client in Dallas.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered the matters requested by the Grand Chapter and/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:

Committee Appointment
Dispensation to Host Fund-raisers
Dispensations to Install Officers Out-of-Time
Dispensations to allow Chapters to Move Charters
Dispensations to Appear in Public
Clarification of Authority to Host Festival
Consolidation of Chapters
Legal Documents Executed
Resolutions Nos. 1 through 6 to determine whether they were in proper form

Committee Appointment

On December 6, 2006, the Grand High Priest appointed Larry Canada to the By-Laws Committee to serve through 2007 due to the resignation of Billy Iker.

This action was in accordance with Articles 68 and 84 of the Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and we concur with it.

Dispensation to Hold Fund-raiser

On December 6, 2006, the Grand High Priest granted a Special Dispensation for Killeen Chapter to hold a RV/Outdoor Show as a fund-raiser.

This action was in accordance with Articles 10 and 228 of the Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Dispensation to Install Officers Out-of-Time

On January 17, 2007, the Grand High Priest approved the request of Burnet Chapter No. 453 for dispensation to elect and install a Treasurer out-of-time due to the death of their Treasurer.

This action was in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 9, 25 and 227 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with it.

Dispensations to Move Charter

The Grand High Priest granted the following dispensations to move charters: January 17, 2007 - to Galena Park No. 490 to move its Charter to Tarkington Prairie Lodge No. 498 in Cleveland, Texas (thereby disbanding the Cleveland Royal Arch Club); Haltom City - Riverside Chapter No. 468 to move its Charter to the TMRC once a quarter for the purpose of holding its Stated Meeting; March 20, 2007 - Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 to move from McAllen Lodge in McAllen to San Juan Lodge No. 1173 in San Juan, Texas; March 27, 2007 - Hamlin Chapter No. 310 to move Charter to Stamford Lodge No. 853 in Stamford, Texas; Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 to appear in Austin, Texas on April 23, 2007, for the purpose of presenting a photo; Borger Chapter No. 437 to move its charter from Adobe Walls Lodge to Isom Lodge No. 1242; Cherokee Chapter No. 437 to move its charter from Rusk, Texas, to Terrell Lodge No. 83 in Alto, Texas.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companion Reese -

COMPANION HARRISON: Yes, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: - could you pause a minute. We have a ballot.

COMPANION JASON RABE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Jason Rabe, Past High Priest of Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 63.

We had a total of 427 votes cast. We had four spoiled, leaving a total of 214 to elect. For Tim La Vergne 285; Jerry Mann 48 and Richard Sharp 94.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion.
Companion Tim, will you accept?

COMPANION LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest, Bonham Chapter No. 52. I most humbly accept and thank you very much, Companions.
(APPLAUSE.

COMPANION RICHARD SHARP: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Richard Sharp, a Past High Priest of Pasadena Chapter No. 455. I would like to put my votes over to Tim La Vergne to show that he has a larger majority in the Grand Chapter. Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Companion. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Okay. At this time I am going to turn it over to our Grand King to conduct the next election.

(ELECTION PROCEEDINGS.

(DURING THE ELECTION FOR A PLACE ON THE TEXAS MASONIC CENTER BOARD OF
(DIRECTORS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I declare the ballot closed.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Yes. Companion Harrison, if you will proceed on with your Report.

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am still Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Past High Priest of San Antonio Chapter No. 381.

Under Dispensations to move Charter, I had read all of those Dispensations and the Committee now reports that:

These actions were in accordance with Articles 7, 10, 25 and 194 and we concur with them.

Correspondence of Clarification and Direction

On April 4, 2007, the Grand High Priest sent a letter to Chapters to clarify jurisdiction to hold a York Rite Festival and on June 22, 2007, he sent separate correspondence to Chapters requesting that proper documentation be received from all Candidates at Festivals.

These actions were in accordance with Articles 290 and 328A and we concur with them.

Consolidation of Chapters

On May 21st, June 14th and July 2nd, 2007, the Grand High Priest approved the consolidation of four Chapters into four other Chapters, the specifics of which are in his Report and not repeated here.

These actions were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 9, 25, 193, 290A and/or 298 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and we concur with them.

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 and we cannot, therefore, make any assessment of whether or not his actions in this regard were appropriate; however, we note that the legal documents were prepared by the Attorney of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, who has the legal responsibility to assure their validity.

Resolutions

Your Committee finds that all of the Resolutions, as submitted and with the amendments proposed by the Committee on Purposes and Policies, were and are in proper form for consideration by this Grand Chapter and are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter.

Since all referrals of Resolutions are joint referrals to the Committee on Purposes and Policies, as well as Jurisprudence, we defer to the Report of the Committee on Purposes and Policies for full discussion and

recommendation as to each Resolution. This Committee hereby adopts the Report of the Committee on Purposes and Policies and concurs in its recommendations.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee I wish to thank you and the Grand Chapter for the opportunity afforded this Committee to serve in its capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
RUSSELL CLAY BROWN, CHAIRMAN
JAMES N. HIGDON, F. E. "SKIP" SMITH, REESE L. HARRISON, JR., TOM B. JOHNSON, JR.

Those are the Members of the Committee. On Sunday when we held - this is not in the Report, John - on Sunday when the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Committee on Purposes and Policies met jointly, there was only one Member of the Committee present at that time, but the Report that we have read to you at this moment was available to the Purposes and Policies Committee and to the other Members of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the entire Committee on Jurisprudence Report.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved to adopt the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee in its entirety.

A COMPANION: Second.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I got the second. All those in favor of this Report would signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you so very much, Reese, you and your Committee.

COMPANION HARRISON: Thank you, Most Excellent Acting Grand High Priest.
Now, for the Record, this is the only copy that I know of in the world and I'm supposed to deliver this to whom? The Grand Secretary or John Cline?

E: GRAND MARSHAL ALLSBROOKS: Here. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, could we express our appreciation to John Cline, a Companion of this Grand Chapter, who is our Official Court Reporter. That is what he did for a living and he is now sort of retired, but he comes here every year and records the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter with accuracy and he may be the last Mason that we have in the State who is doing this. But we are very fortunate that he is our Court Reporter. (APPLAUSE.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WARREN: And he is also a member of Sweetwater Commandery.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: And I believe that ovation is well deserved.
Okay. Who else do we have here? Committee on Work, is that what you have got next?
Companions, while we figure out what we have got to do next, we would like to hear from Companion Entwistle, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WARREN: He's a Three-Star General.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST HOWARD F. ENTWISTLE, PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF LOUISIANA: Thank you, Grand High Priest.
It is indeed a pleasure to be over here in Texas again. As most of you know, I have been over here several years in the past as I have been going through the Grand Lines over in Louisiana.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we really appreciate all the hospitality of all the Texas Masons, whether it be the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery or Grand Lodge. You know, you have always come over and supported us on the other side of the Sabine River. I heard the other day - I won't mention any names - there are certain people in high places in the State of Texas who now call Louisiana the largest county in Texas. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ENTWISTLE: But we have still got that Sabine River there. Keep that in mind, you know. It's still there. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ENTWISTLE: So it is going to be kind of tough to get across that Sabine River. Every once in a while we put a blockade there.

One thing my Grand High Priest did bring up is we would like to have you come over and visit as usual in our Grand Chapter and Council Session in March and again in our Grand Commandery Session in April. If any of you would like to have those dates, come by and see me. On the back of my business card which I see some people in Texas have now copied -
(LAUGHTER.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ENTWISTLE: - it is the days of our Grand Chapter and Council Session as well as our Commandery Session and where they're at and phone number and contact. So you come by and get one of these and it will make it easy for you to keep up with rather than to pencil it down.

I'm going to shut up and sit down. You know, it's like you tell Paul all the time and I don't want to get a bad reputation, you know.
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Do we have any other Out-of-State Guest who would like to bring us greetings from - is Ken Story here? Here comes Ken.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Ken, welcome to the podium.

R:E: KENNETH E. STORY, PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF ARKANSAS: Thank you, sir.

It is good to be back in Texas. I missed coming in December of last year because I had a little lady friend that was afflicted with cancer. And then on the 13th of August the Lord called her home. I guess you can tell there's a big hole in my life, but with God's help I'll recover. It's been almost two months now, but that house is the biggest house I've ever seen in my life. When you got a cat you got to take care of and you got a lot of sweeping to do, a lot of mopping to do and a lot of doggone dishes to do and still do your job. But, like I said, it's a labor of love.

I was down in Magnolia the night she died doing what she wanted me to do. If she had of lived until the 26th of September, we would've been married 52 years and it's hard to give up somebody. But all things work out good for the will of the Lord and I gave her up to the Lord when she first came down with cancer because it was the small cell carcinoma in the lung. Don't know why she got lung cancer, but, anyway, she fought a good fight. She was with me all the way and I settled with the Lord a long time ago that it was His will she was supposed to go although I'm going to be lonesome and every time I think about it, I choke up. But we'll make it because I trust in the Lord to keep me going. So much for that. But it is good to be back in Texas, the largest county in Arkansas.
(LAUGHTER.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST STORY: When I'm up in Missouri I say, "Welcome to North Arkansas" and when I'm down in Louisiana, I say "Hey, I know where L. A. is. That's Lower Arkansas."
(LAUGHTER.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST STORY: But it's good to be with Masonic Brethren. We don't do the Work exactly the same all over the place, but we get it done and I think we're going to have an increase in the Council this year. As of the 1st of August we had Greeted 69. For a little place like Arkansas that's a lot of Greetings, you know. It looks like we are going to have an increase. We're looking for about a three percent increase this year and if my calculations are right, it's already 5.7. So as long as we don't have a whole bunch of deaths between now and the end of December, we're going to be all right.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I want to thank you so much.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST STORY: Thank you very much and it's good to be here.
(APPLAUSE.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: The Tellers Report.

COMPANION RABE: Most Excellent, I am Jason Rabe, Past High Priest of Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 63.

We had a total votes cast of 547. Seven were spoiled, making 540 ballots eligible; meaning needing 271 to elect. For James Roy Elliott, 204; Jack Wright, 102; Louis Hopkins, 134.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, no one pulled a majority on that so we will have another ballot.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST HOPKINS: Companions, I appreciate your support, but I think I would like to withdraw my name from contention at this time. Thank you.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WRIGHT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Jack L. Wright, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424. I move that we cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Companion Elliott.

A COMPANION: Second.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded to cast all the votes for Companion Roy Elliott. All in favor of doing so and electing Roy Elliott as a Member on the Board, please signify by the usual sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companion Elliott will you accept?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, I accept. (APPLAUSE.

Companions Louis and Jack, you had a tough one. You know, it was tough. All three of us would have made a good candidate. I appreciate the confidence. I think I was more nervous about this than when I was nominated for Grand Scribe. As most of you noticed, I got up a little quick over here, but my heart is there and I will do the best job I can possibly do on that Board of Directors. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, as the President of the Board of Directors at the Retirement Center, we need to call a meeting now to elect our Officers while you are doing the Committee on Work. Will that be fine? Thank you, sir.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Committee on Work, I'm sorry. We're going to get things done yet. Companions, please. The floor is now open for nominations for the Committee on Work, one seat on the Committee on Work.

(ELECTION PROCEEDINGS.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: According to this, there is no other business to come before us except to - do we have any other Out-of-State Guests who would like to bring greetings to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas? Do we have any other In-State Guests? Buddy? Okay. Orville.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm still Orville O'Neill, Dallas Chapter No. 47, Past High Priest, and the Board of Directors of the Retirement Center has had a meeting. They have elected Orville O'Neill as President, Steve Wolfe, Vice President, Floyd Hall and Roy Elliott as Directors. Gene Brookshire as Secretary and Farris Benham will stay as the Treasurer. Thank you, Most Excellent. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you. Companion Elliot, Most Excellent Sir, would you please get up here and take your seat back. (LAUGHTER.

(M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT THEN RESUMED HIS PROPER STATION AND (PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I'm still Clarence Laney, Past High Priest of Dad Pender Chapter No. 80.

I would like to make a few remarks. Very Excellent Weldon, are you still in here? Okay. He mentioned something about the Membership Committee and that is going to be a little different. We are going to continue it as much as it has been in the past, but it's going to be a little different. Instead of working with 40 Committeemen, I went ahead and decided to change it to Regional Directors to extend their duties to handle that particular duty. I found that half of them were already members of that Committee anyway. So it is a lot easier to deal with nine people than it is 40 people. So that's the only difference really in the makeup of the Membership Committee that Very Excellent started and I think it's working very well.

Also, I want to express with great gratitude of the opportunity to serve under our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Roy Elliott. He's been a yeoman this year. He's went the miles, he's done the work and it's been an extreme pleasure to be part of this Line of Officers and the Grand High Priest.

I think he deserves a round of applause for all his hard work and I want to thank him personally. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I haven't done it all. You know, I couldn't have done it without my Officers and without my Deputies. We have had a great year. I wanted to do a lot more, but the time, ten months, we did all we could do. I know the incoming Officers will continue and look after this Grand

Chapter with as much foresight and consideration as we have in the past and we'll have a great year for the next several years. I really am proud to see that we have done this well with the move away from Grand Lodge. I think this will benefit us in the future.

Companions, I really enjoyed serving you and appreciate all the assistance and help. Anybody that I have forgotten to thank, I thank and the report I've had has been phenomenal and I appreciate every one of you. I love every one of you. Thank you. (APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION TOWSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, an announcement for the Grand Secretary's record. The Committee on Work has met and elected Tim Towson Chairman; Bob Black will remain as Secretary. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Is there any other business to come before this Grand Chapter? I have got 10:14. Grand High Priest-elect, what time do you want them back?

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: 10:30.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: 10:30. With that, Grand Chaplain, would you offer us a prayer of dismissal at this time.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: May we pray. Father, we are thankful for the leadership we have had this past year. We are thankful for the outstanding job he's done and we are thankful for the men who follow him. Guide us and direct us as we leave this place that we carry on this work in a manner which will be acceptable to You and important to our organization. This we ask in Your name and for Your sake. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, I now call this Grand Chapter of Texas to refreshment for the purpose of public Installation which will begin at 10:30.

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.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER	JERRY N. KIRBY
INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN	J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Thank you all for being here. We will commence with the Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for the ensuing year.

I am privileged to have two very excellent companions assisting me this morning, Very Excellent Orville Lee O'Neill, Past Grand High Priest, and Very Excellent James McCrory Willson, Jr., is our Installing Chaplain and I am very privileged to have him assisting me. I am Jerry Kirby and I am privileged to be the Installing Officer this morning.

Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Officers to be installed.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present the Officers, elected and appointed, for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for Installation.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: The Elected Officers will advance two paces. Companions, you have been elected to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the ensuing year. If you are willing to assume the duties of the office to which you have been elected, you will place your right hand 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 for which I have been elected, and until my successor is duly installed, that I will perform the duties of the 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."

All Officers will be seated with the exception of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest-elect who will be presented by the Very Excellent Grand Marshal.

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2008

CLARENCE J. LANEY	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
DOUGLAS COLLINS	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
ROBERT MELEAR	R:E: GRAND KING
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KEN COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2008

ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, JR.	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
F. E. (SKIP) SMITH	E: GRAND ORATOR
CARL H. GARRISON	E: GRAND MARSHAL
GARY D. DIXON	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
JOE O. ESTLACK	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
J. DAMON FEHLER	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
SHERMAN HOBBS	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
DEWAYNE McCRARY	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
BRET K. CONWAY	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
EDWIN M. LINDKE	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
JEFFREY S. BENNETT	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
LEONARD O. PIERCE	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
G. CLAY SMITH	E: GRAND GUARD

PRAYER AT INSTALLATION

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: May we pray. Our Most Precious God, we enter a new year with new leadership and new support groups. Give them the strength, give them the vision, give them the ability to make this year what we all agree it should be and will be with Your help. They are all good men, but they need Your guidance and help them to make this one of the greatest years in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas because without You we cannot win. To our leader, be with him always. Be with him every evening as he talks to You about what needs to be done tomorrow because it is Your leadership that will cause him to give us the leadership that we need to follow. Bless all who are members of this organization. Make everybody be a supportive individual for the cause in which we are all going to be engaged. Lord, without You it can't happen; but with You we can win the battle. These things we ask in Your Name and for Your sake. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Installing Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation. Everybody will please rise (GAVELING).

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: In the name and by the authority of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I declare the Officers of this Grand Chapter duly and constitutionally installed.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, congratulations! Thanks for the honor and to quote a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, "I'm done done."

(LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you very much, Very Excellent Jerry Kirby. It is my distinct honor to have you install this Grand Chapter and I wouldn't have it any other way.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Thank you for the privilege.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I have some real big shoes to follow all the Past Grand High Priests of this august body. I will try to do it to the best of my ability. With your support I know I can persevere.

I want to thank each and every one of you for coming out and witnessing this Installation. Taking a little time and sharing it with us means a lot to us. Thank you very much for coming.

COMPANION MARK MYER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, if I could have you here at the podium for just a moment.

Most Excellent, it is a great pleasure to call you that. We have had a great time working together in the Grand Council and it is really a pleasure and honor to see you in this position today. However, like the emperor, you ain't going nowhere dressed like that. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION MYER: Most Excellent, seeing that you are entirely destitute of appropriate regalia for the office that you now hold and knowing that it is absolutely necessary for you to have it at this time, it is my honor and pleasure on behalf of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas to present you with the apron and collar of your office. We will get you on the road to being properly dressed here.

Congratulations, Most Excellent! I know you will wear it with pride and honor and you will serve very well in the office you now hold.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you very much.
Thank you, Companion Mark, Very Illustrious Sir. I remember when I was the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel and had the honor to present to you when you became Grand Master of the Grand Council your regalia and it really is a distinct honor to have you present this to me at this time. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN AFFORDED THE GRAND OFFICERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, several years ago and if I started naming years, I would probably get it wrong. It was probably about thirty-eight years ago I met a lady named Pamela Crook, C-r-o-o-k. When we got married, I saved her from a life of crime. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: She became a Laney at that point and I tell everybody that and she gets mad at me every time. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: But, Pam, thank you for being with me and putting up with me for so many years. I really do appreciate it and love you. Thank you. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Again, I want to thank each and every one of you for being here, especially the Installing Officers, which were Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest Jerry Kirby and Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest Orville O'Neill and not to say any less, but, Jimmy Willson.

I can't say how big a shoes these guys are and it is so much of a pleasure to be able to be installed by them.

Also, to the Deputies, I'm putting you guys to work. We have got a lot to do this year. The planning that I have enacted to the Chapters to help them grow, you are going to be a critical part in getting this plan rolling. The Grand Lodge has the Wardens' Retreat, the Grand Lodge has the LIFE Program. Grand Chapter to this point has no leadership plan at all. It is a critical position I have taken in enacting this planning session to help them grow. We have been losing Chapters because we are not helping them enough to grow. We don't want to lord over our Chapters, we just want to help them and guide them.

I know when I got installed the first time as High Priest, I just wanted the status quo. Well, the status quo is not going to cut it if we are going to grow. We have to start moving in the right direction and you guys are so very important in this plan that we have set up.

I'm excited about being able to go and helping every Chapter in this great State to become better. If they become better, we all become better and we spread this wonderful work throughout the State.

Thank you so very much for taking the time to accept this position and please take this work very seriously because it is. I would just want to thank you right now for all the work you are going to be doing in the future. It is just so very important for this Grand Chapter.
Thank you very much, sirs. Give them a hand. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Sometimes I feel like a tumbleweed because I have traveled and

moved the last several years from south Dallas to north of Dallas to now I can throw a rock and hit the Red River up in Whitesboro. So I belong to four different Chapters throughout the State. My mother Chapter is Love Field and if all of the members of Love Field would please stand up, I would appreciate it right now.

Thank you, Companions, for coming and witnessing this Installation. Thank you very much.
(APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: The next Chapter that I joined or affiliated or pluraled with was Midlothian. It is unusual to have a Grand High Priest and a Deputy Grand High Priest in the same Chapter, but it just happened that way. Roy belongs to Midlothian. Would all of the Midlothian Companions please stand up at this time. I would like to thank each and every one of you for being here.
Thank you.
(APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: The next one I joined because I moved to a place called Corinth was Dad Pender Chapter. So would all of the members of Dad Pender please stand up. Ken. Thank you, Companions for being here.
(APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Of course, the last move I made was to Whitesboro and I just not too long ago joined Whitesboro and I think you said there were three of you. So stand up and get recognized - well, four counting me. Thank you, guys, for being here. It is a very small Chapter.
(APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: They have opened now a couple of times with nine and they were excited about that. They like the nine better than five.

E: GRAND MARSHAL GARRISON: That was the first time, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that we had opened with nine in about - Brother Ken, what did we figure out? - eight or nine years, seven or eight years? So we're trying to grow. We're going to get there.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: They are coming along. So I am glad to help out the best I can. They have a burden to bear with me there, but I'm glad I'm a part of Whitesboro now. So thank you very much.

I think I saw the Grand Master here, the Grand Master of Masons, Donny Broughton. Most Worshipful Sir, it is a pleasure to have you come witness this Installation. Thank you so very much for being here.

M:W: GRAND MASTER BROUGHTON: Thank you, Most Excellent Sir. I would like to offer my best wishes for you and your Grand Chapter Officers. I know that the rest of us here will join with me in wishing you the very best as you propagate our Fraternity and more especially the Grand Chapter into the Twenty-First Century here during your year of service with your Officers during 2007 and 2008 and with your indulgence I would like to make one observation.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Sure.

M:W: GRAND MASTER BROUGHTON: You do look very nice sitting up there in your regalia. But as Paul Harvey says, I would like to kind of see and hear the rest of the story. I understand that there is a song that you like to sing in the privacy of your home - entitled, "I'm too sexy for my shirt." I'd like to hear your rendition of that.
(LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Well, the shower has to be running. I'm sorry.
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Donny. Thank you so very much.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: Well, Most Excellent, I thought that I had been moving around here enough that you might have noticed me, but I am your Grand Photographer.
(LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Oh, that's right. I'm sorry, Leonard.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: It is an honor to be your Grand Photographer and I wish I could introduce my wife and all my relatives, but none of them are here.
(LAUGHTER.)

A COMPANION: How about Michie?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: What? Oh, I missed Michie, too.

E: GRAND ORGANIST BROUS: I appreciate it.
(LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Next year I want you to do "America" and "Texas Our Texas." Do you think that would be possible next year?

E: GRAND ORGANIST BROUS: Well, yes.

(LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: All right. Is there any other business that we need to take care of at this time? Going once, going twice.

Will everybody please rise for a prayer (GAVELING).

Companion Chaplain, will you give us a closing prayer.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN SIECKMANN: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, in who we live and move and have our being with grace, You gave us this day for the continued blessing that you have held over this Chapter during this Grand Annual Convocation. We ask now, Lord, that you be with these Grand Officers as they go about the business of this Grand Chapter for the next year. Give them safe journey, guide them in their deliberations and forgive them and forgive all of us for worrying about failure. Be with this group today, Lord, as we travel to our various homes after this meeting. Give us all safe journey. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Following my gavel, all the Grand Officers come to the front for a picture. Then after we get through, we will go outside and do the panorama.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: Grand Officers, you all just kind of stay where you are. Deputies, get over here real quick. We're going to shoot you all first if we got plenty of ammunition and then the Deputies.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Then the Officers. Okay.
In due and ample form I close this Grand Chapter now (GAVELING).

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS DULY CLOSED IN ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2007, AT 11:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

CLARENCE J. LANEY

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

APPENDIX

LIFE CERTIFICATES					
NAME	Ch No	YEAR	NAME	Ch No	YEAR
Baccus, J. D. Buddy	458	1992	Mason, Daniel	381	2002
Bell, Alfred	373	1993	Mayne, Robert F	248	1999
Bell, Billy Ray	489	2003	McCament, Paul	448	2001
Benham, Farris L.	445	2003	McClendon, Jack W.	310	1970
Berkley, A. F.	445	2006	McFarland, H. M	24	1983
Black, Ralph F	420	1988	Melanson, J. R., Jr	2	1990
Brooks, Eldon L.	479	2002	Melear, Robert E.	450	2003
Burton, Jack E.	470	2007	Mitchell, F. Douglas	492	2007
Burton, William L.	448	2005	Modesitt, Charles W.	58	2006
Clary, A.R	485	1999	Morris, Joseph L.	393	1998
Clemons, Ronald R	393	2000	Noble, Thomas W	248	1998
Collier, Robert D.	376	2006	Nowotny, Gerald F	381	1998
Coone, Leslie L	376	1990	Parker, Gerald E.	485	2007
Cossey, Clarence L.	6	2002	Parsley, Cody	465	1986
Cox, Raymond R.	492	2001	Powell, E. M	455	1993
Dittert, Andrew	338	2004	Purkaple, Howard M. Jr.	491	2001
Duke, John W.	240	2006	Reid, E.D. Jr.	455	2004
Durham, James G.	436	1998	Richmond, B. J.	454	2005
Etheridge, Obie L	91	1994	Rogers, David G.	419	2007
Fallas, David	2	2005	Rothe, Martin	444	2006
Fischer, Kenneth B	458	1999	Scott, James A.	170	1997
Graham, W. F.	416	1975	Secor, Dale D.	455	1997
Gray, E. M.	320	1991	Secor, Dale D.	445	2006
Hargrave, Richard L. III	472	2006	Shepelwich, John B	416	1970
Harrison, Reese L. Jr.	381	1989	Smith, Donald L Sr	248	1998
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	1999	Smith, E. Frank	481	1882
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	2000	Snedecor, Thomas C.	458	2005
Hearn, Lawrence D. Sr	444	2000	Stone, Harvey	115	1985
Henley, Jimmy M.	416	2007	Stone, Harvey	115	1998
Hilburn, Sam E.	172	2003	Threadgill, James A	284	1996
Higdon, James N.	470	2007	Thomson, John E. Jack	34	2006
Holland, Edward H.	2	2003	Tircuit, A. C., Sr	1	1984
Huse, Billy W.	478	1998	Trost, W. A.	455	1985
Jackson, J. D	284	1997	Valenzuela, J.C.	444	2003
Jameson, Harry F. Sr.	393	2006	Walker, J. B	416	1996
Jeter, J. H., Jr	468	1994	Wall, Eugene D.	193	2001
Johnson, F. G	455	1988	Ward, James D.	376	1996
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	Wells, William H. Jr.	485	2002
Keltz, Shannon J	248	1997	Werchan, Wilmer	458	2005
Keltz, Shannon J.	248	1998	Williams, Riley C	47	1993
Kirby, Jerry N	211	1995	Windle, Danny W.	468	2004
Latimer, A. B.	450	2001	Wright, Jack L.	424	2004
Long, Gerald H.	416	2001	Yarger, Leroy D	393	2000
Machts, Alfred E. Jr.	444	2007			

FIRST YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2008

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH. NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH. NO.</u>
Bond, Les	362	Hughes, Doc Edgar	2
Burris, Robert	362	Knott, Ed	362
Bushong, Kenneth	57	Kuhlmann, Mike	495
Buzzell, John E.	47	LaGrone, Terry	6

ONE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2008

Adaszczyk, Richard	393	Johnson, Harlan "Skip"	445
Bennett, Jeff	376	Johnston, Jason	87
Bilsing, William A. II	320	Jones, Jerrel B.	53
Black, Robert E.	172	Jones, Merle W.	492
Blair, Weldon Joe	53	Kirk, Robert G.	489
Bonner, Harold T	484	Koonce, Joseph I.	275
Burton, Lawrence James	53	Lester, Jack W.	87
Cameron, Cliff C.,	3	Martin, Collin W.	87
Campbell, Charles E.	275	McGee, Hugh E.	53
Clampitte, J. Weldon,	2	Melear, W. David	196
Crawford, Glenn F.	485	Milliken, Bruce	172
Criss, Carl Keith	57	Mize, Charles Lee	114
Davis, Vernon B	57	Newman, Braxton	101
Day, Keith D.	211	Nodwell, L. E.	53
Dorsey, Stephen D.	492	Oglesby, J. R.	34
Drumm, Milton A. ,Jr	444	Pinkerton, Paul E.	376
Duke, J.T.	159	Rodriguez, Robert Y.	378
Embry, James Gordon	453	Schmidt, Robert J.	378
Fehler, J. Damon	45	Schneider, Gene	445
Fehrenbach, Nikolaus K.L.	47	Shipley, Roy D.	211
Flippo, Terry L	437	Sieckmann, Robert L.	7
Garrison, Carl	377	Smith, Dale Melven	448
Guevara, Gustavo,	444	Smith, Francis Edwin, Jr.	478
Gutierrez, Candido	445	Smith, Haskell A.	376
Hall, Wilmer L.	108	Teer, Clifford	45
Harp, Donald M.	484	Thorn, A.O.	1
Hocker, Gerald Joe	211	Torrens, Hugo L.	373
Honea, Homer L.	445	Vanderford, Dillon E. Jr	495
James, Garth F.	47	Warren, Paul D.	159
Jeffress, James W.	378	Whitefield, Herschal Larry	378

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPRIING 2008

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Acton, James A.	455	Kuehlem, Charles F. Jr.	362
Beeler, Jack E.	338	Land, Lewis A.	376
Borkert, Kenneth E.	458	Laney, Clarence J.	478
Brasher, W.C.	108	Lile, T. A.	468
Carr, W. Eugene	416	Litchfield, J.F	362
Chapman, Tommy F.	436	Mabry, Alvis	481
Clair, Donald	468	Mabry, John E.	484
Clapp, Norval F.	338	Mann, Jerry L.	445
Collier, J. Pat, Jr.	436	Moyer, Ray	492
Collins, Douglas	495	Mullinax Lewis C.	485
Cook, Gerald T.	196	Myer, Mark D.	436
Covey, D.R.	419	Nichols, William A	338
Cowley, Don R.	58	Polk, Todd W.	422
Elkinton, John C.	458	Pynes, Lindsey	263
Garza, Jesus A.	381	Reeves, Robert J.	481
Greenwood, Paul J.	338	Riley, James H.	34
Grimes, Paul	193	Robinson, Jessie W.	199
Hagood, Melvin T.	362	Rutledge, Floyd L.	448
Hobbs, Sherman W.	193	Smith, Johnny Ray	193
Hopkins, C. Louis	53	Stark, Marvin A., Jr.	80
Howard, Charles T.	468	Sutton, D. Oliver	362
Hunter, Kenneth D.	453	Tuell, Allen	419
Irving, Wm. P. Jr.	422	Vaughn, Earlton	115
Jackson, Glenn C.	338	Walker, Robert P	436
Keese, Glenn	451	Watkins, Marshall C.	484
Krayer, Karl J.	422	Wilson, M.V	34

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPRIING 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Anderson, David L.	419	Kruse, K.R.	419
Anthony, Maurice	393	McKibbin, Veryl L.	101
Beeler, George C.	338	Miller, J. Hershell	416
Blair, Charley A	416	Moore, H. David	53
Boggs, A.D. Lonnie	159	Myers, Tommie E.	338
Canada, Larry G.	478	Pingle, Jerry	310
Childress, Graham H.	398	Reddell, J. Fred	416
Donnenwerth, D.R.	424	Sauer, Ray	485
Ellis, Jess E.	416	Shaenfield, Sid	393
Estlack, Joe O.	101	Silva, Elias	481
Faulkner, Leonard H.	138	Snyder, Thomas W.	478
Greenamyre, Thomas E.	275	Stringer, James	188
Hall, Floyd	376	Sturm, Fritz	338
Harper, Jack M. II	152	Sutton, James Lionel	53
Hart, William R.	275	Sutton, James Robert	53
Hood, Charles F. Jr.	196	Turner, Thomas N.	453
Horejsi, Gary W.	393	Williams, Lewis B.	236
Iker, Bill G.	47	Wolfe, Steve	362
Johnson, Bob I.	34		

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPRIING 2010

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Armistead, John	159	Manley, James D.	416
Ball, Brian C	478	McCoy, Stephen L.	153
Barkely, B. B.	468	Melot, George B.	248
Barton, Jim E.	408	Milliken, Russell F.	453
Berry, James D.	6	Neal, Douglas	468
Black, Horace D.	320	O'Neill, Orville L.	47
Bowman, George	422	Orona, Joe	416
Bradley, Paul K.	416	Padon, William T.	100
Brookshire, W. Eugene	240	Ray, John D.	47
Cassity, Aaron B.	47	Schwartau, George F.	202
Christos, Andrew A.	338	Shelton, Joseph W.	416
Clark, James R.	114	Shively, Michael H.	472
Cooper, Tom	135	Smith, Johnnie C.	453
Day, Keith D.	373	Summersgill, Paul	172
Dillard, Frank	211	Thalmann, Eugene A.	434
Dorsey, Stephen D.	492	Toney, E. Dixon	152
Fester, James A.	362	Towson, Tim	451
Foreman, Robert A. Jr.	424	Weaver, Onnie	465
Fries, Ed	422	White, Raymond M.	6
Hash, Henry	362	Willard, James D.	472
Hogan, Jessie W.	320	Wilson, Charles C.	48
Ivie, Dale	172	Wilson, Gerald F.	448
Kaemmerling, Harold F.	240	Wunsche, Paul E.	472
Kirkpatrick, James D.	376		

HONORARY MEMBERS **GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

Egbert, William H.	Tennessee	1990	Heckert, John L.	Kansas	1997
Hazelrigg, Frank W.	Missouri	1990	Trax, Clifford L.	Kansas	1997
Bowen, Rex L.	Oklahoma	1990	Nolte, James H.	Kansas	1997
Hedge, Johnny	Arkansas	1991	Patterson, James H.	Louisiana	1997
Graef, Warren D.	Louisiana	1991	Brabham, Jr., E. W.	Louisiana	1997
Young, Harold	Louisiana	1991	Schroff, Calvin	Missouri	1997
Orr, Earl Wayne	Missouri	1991	Garland, Roger C.	Tennessee	1997
VanEtten, Charles F.	New York	1991	McCleary, Paul E.	California	1998
Hileman, Charles E.	Illinois	1991	Boothe, Huston F.	Louisiana	1998
Abernathy, Robert M.	New Mexico	1992	Rodriguez, Heriberto	Mexico	1998
Albritton, Earl M.	Louisiana	1992	Salinas, Oscar J.	Mexico	1998
Carlton, Donald	Oklahoma	1992	Ray, David A.	Oklahoma	1998
Duncan, Clifford L.	Arkansas	1992	Thomas, Kish L.	Oklahoma	1998
Gidel, Paul M.	Iowa	1992	Carter, C. Richard	Missouri	1998
Snyder, David F.	Kansas	1992	Baker, James A.	Scotland	1998
Yahola, Robert	Tennessee	1992	Lupien, Ronald P.	Florida	1999
Fuller, Edgar L.	Arkansas	1993	Moore, Robert I.	Florida	1999
Bodine, Lawrence E.	Kansas	1993	Plaisance, Larry J.	Louisiana	1999
Shelton, Jay M., Jr.	Kansas	1993	Fulton, Donald L.	New Mexico	1999
Keeton, Harley E.	Kansas	1993	Howard, Harvey G.	New Mexico	1999
Cockerham, James H.	Missouri	1993	Burns, Jesse H.	Oklahoma	1999
Haralson, Donald H.	Oklahoma	1993	Entwistle, Howard F.	Louisiana	2000
Robertson, Larry P.	Oklahoma	1993	Payne, Lillard E.	Louisiana	2000
Carlton, Gilbert W.	Colorado	1994	Woodard, Rex	Louisiana	2000
Capps, R. Glenn	N. Carolina	1994	Monroe, Richard E.	Massachusetts	2000
Dean, Keith W.	Florida	1994	Adams, Charles	Ohio	2000
Thomas, Herschel O.	Illinois	1994	Geeslin, George W.	Ohio	2000
Durand, Earl J.	Louisiana	1994	Vaughn, Beecher W.	Ohio	2000
Maenner, Harry O.	Missouri	1994	Dooley, Jimmy R.	Oklahoma	2000
Bunnell, Ralph P.	Missouri	1994	Hendrix, Monte Gene	Oklahoma	2000
Yaeger, Harold F.	Montana	1994	Himes, M. C.	Alabama	2001
Price, Charles S.	New Mexico	1994	James, Edman L.	Louisiana	2001
White, James A.	New Mexico	1994	Strout, Clyde.	Louisiana	2001
Weinheimer, L. G., Jr.	New York	1994	Theriot, Dudley J.	Louisiana	2001
Lusk, Joseph M.	Oklahoma	1994	Owen, Thomas J.	Kansas	2002
Watkins, Paul G.	Oklahoma	1994	Barker, Newell	Oklahoma	2003
Russell, Robert	Oklahoma	1994	Carter, C. Richard	Missouri	2003
Lowmiller, Kenneth L.	Oklahoma	1994	Gentry, Delbert R.	Missouri	2003
Keiser, Donald	Oklahoma	1994	Clucas, William B.	Alaska	2003
Hollaway, Dalvin	Oregon	1994	Gray, Austin C. Jr.	Indiana	2003
Gober, Jarvis A.	Tennessee	1994	Huffman, John D.	Indiana	2003
Shafer, Max F.	Tennessee	1994	Reynolds, Larry A. Sr.	California	2004
Story, Kenneth E.	Arkansas	1995	Moore, James G.	Louisiana	2004
Dent, C. Leslie	California	1995	Ferguson, Emory J.	Alabama	2005
Tuck, Roy B. Jr.	Louisiana	1995	Jackson, Jimmy M.	Kansas	2005
Brenneman, William E.	Missouri	1995	Ducote, Herrin	Louisiana	2005
Grant, John	Missouri	1995	Riley, Timothy J.	Louisiana	2005
Isaacs, E. M.	Oklahoma	1995	Crawford, Foster S.	Missouri	2005
White, Arthur	England	1996	Adamson, James R.	Indiana	2006
Roberts, R. V.	Louisiana.	1996	William B. Fairchild	Michigan	2006
May, Roy E.	Louisiana	1996	Edward A. Reine	Louisiana	2006
Kittle, Paul W.	Missouri	1996	Clayton A. Wolfe	Louisiana	2006
Wieland, Clarence W.	Missouri	1996	Michael Laurence	Louisiana	2007
Taylor, James C.	Oklahoma	1996	Nick R. Ramos	Tennessee	2007
Perkins, Bill B.	Oklahoma	1996			
Stirling, Gene	Arkansas	1997			
Keffer, Phillip W.	Kansas	1997			

**COUNTIES COMPOSING DISTRICTS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

(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, Bellville No. 151.

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, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, and Somervell
Chapters: Stephenville No. 140, Bosque No. 153, Granbury No. 454

TWENTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bastrop, Hays, Lee, and Travis
Chapters: Lone Star No. 6, San Marcos No. 129

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, Haltom City-Riverside No. 468, Ridglea No. 485, Hurst No. 492

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2007 with Twenty-Seventh District

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, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton
Chapters: Abilene No. 159, Hamlin No. 310, Roby No. 380, Snyder No. 494

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT:

Counties: Brown, Coleman, Coke, Mills, Runnels, and Sterling
Chapters: Brownwood No. 141, Santa Anna No. 346

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, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler
Chapters: Keystone No. 172, Big Spring No. 178, Sam J. Helm no. 445

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2008 with Thirty-Third District

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-??-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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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
Adriance, 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
Morriss, S. J.	163	1892-93	05-18-1902
Nusom, Frank	54	1893-94	03-11-1922

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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, E. 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

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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
McSweeny, A. A.	140	1952-53	02-07-1955
Winfrey, 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
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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Organized December 14, 1841, and on January 16, 1849, adopted a resolution to dissolve March 1, 1849.

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. Herring*	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*	S. S. Munger*	James Wrigley*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1869-1870	.....	James Wrigley*	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. Brahan*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1878-1879	G. M. McWhirter*	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahon*	W. B. Wilson*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1879-1880	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahon*	W. B. Wilson*	S. M. Williams*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1880-1881	J. B. McMahon*	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1881-1882	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	Haston Twomey*	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*	Rufus Price*	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*	Robert Brewster*
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*	Thomas H. Haynie*	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr.*
1896-1897	R. O. Rounsavall*	Thomas H. Haynie*	James D. Crenshaw*	J. M. Strayhorn*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr.*
1897-1898	Thomas H. Haynie*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	French Simpson*	George Lopas, Jr.*
1898-1899	J. C. Kidd*	James D. Crenshaw*
1899-1900	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw*
1900-1901	James D. Crenshaw*

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1901-1902	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, 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. M. Fly*	Ben F. Dwiggs*	O. M. Longnecker*	O. M. Longnecker*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1915-1916	Wm. Madden Fly*	Ben F. Dwiggs*	O. M. Longnecker*	B. K. Hawkins*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1916-1917	Ben F. Dwiggs*	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*	Holt, Frank*	John M. Weekley*	John M. Weekley*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1923-1924	Sam J. Helm*	John M. Weekley*	Dan N. Cushing*	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*	E. C. Couch*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1927-1928	George W. Emery*	Ben F. Brown*	George G. White*	Hardy Petty*	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. Clappitt* ...	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	Jesse D. Cox*	Curtis B. Hay*	Curtis B. Hay*	C. S. Woodward* ...	C. A. Young*	Frank Oldham*
1946-1947	Curtis B. Hay*	C. S. Woodward* ...	Herbert Wheeler* ...	Herbert Wheeler* ...	C. A. Young*	Frank Oldham*
1947-1948	C. S. Woodward* ...	Herbert Wheeler* ...	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young*	Frank Oldham*
1948-1949	Herbert Wheeler* ...	C. A. Young*	A. A. McSweeney* ...	A. A. McSweeney* ...	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1949-1950	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young*	A. A. McSweeney* ...	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1950-1951	Clarence A. Young* ..	A. A. McSweeney* ...	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1951-1952	A. A. McSweeney* ...	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt*	John O. Caruthers*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1952-1953	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt*	John O. Caruthers*	Allen J. O'Brien*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1953-1954	Warren F. Merritt*	John O. Caruthers*	Allen J. O'Brien*	Roy B. Underwood*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1954-1955	John O. Caruthers*	Allen J. O'Brien*	Roy B. Underwood*	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1955-1956	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood*	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Don K. Glass*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1956-1957	Roy B. Underwood*	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Don K. Glass*	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1957-1958	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Don K. Glass*	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Edward Sweeden* ...	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1958-1959	Don K. Glass*	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Edward Sweeden* ...	George E. Poulter*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1959-1960	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Edward Sweeden* ...	George E. Poulter*	Frank G. McDonald*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1960-1961	Edward Sweeden* ...	George E. Poulter*	Frank G. McDonald*	Tom Cheatham*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1961-1962	Frank G. McDonald*	Tom Cheatham*	J. L. Kincannon* ...	C. C. Sherrod*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1962-1963	Tom Cheatham*	C. A. Hays*	Dean W. Turner* ...	Clyde V. May*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1963-1964	C. A. Hays*	Dean W. Turner* ...	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	Frank Oldham*
1964-1965	Dean W. Turner* ...	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*			
1965-1966						
1966-1967						

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1967-1968	Irvin Johnsey*	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*	N. B. Gafford*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1968-1969	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*	N. B. Gafford*	A. S. Noble*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1969-1970	D. D. Tidwell*	N. B. Gafford*	A. S. Noble*	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1970-1971	N. B. Gafford*	A. S. Noble*	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	John H. Waddell* ..	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1971-1972	A. S. Noble*	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	James A. Scott, Jr.	James R. Davenport*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1972-1973	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	James A. Scott, Jr.	James R. Davenport*	H. C. Thomas*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1973-1974	James A. Scott, Jr.	James R. Davenport*	H. C. Thomas*	A. R. Casebolt*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1974-1975	James R. Davenport*	H. C. Thomas*	A. R. Casebolt*	J. M. Willson, Jr.	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1975-1976	H. C. Thomas*	A. R. Casebolt*	J. M. Willson, Jr.	Robert H. Waters ..	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1976-1977	A. R. Casebolt*	J. M. Willson, Jr.	Robert H. Waters ..	E. Frank Smith	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1977-1978	J. M. Willson, Jr.	Robert H. Waters ..	E. Frank Smith	J. B. Bynum*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1978-1979	Robert H. Waters ..	E. Frank Smith	E. Frank Smith	Fritz A. White*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1979-1980	E. Frank Smith	J. B. Bynum*	Fritz A. White*	Leslie L. Coone	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1980-1981	J. B. Bynum*	Leslie L. Coone	J. T. Mabry*	C. H. Ransdell*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1981-1982	Leslie L. Coone	J. T. Mabry*	C. H. Ransdell*	James W. Carter*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1982-1983	J. T. Mabry*	C. H. Ransdell*	James W. Carter*	C. W. Aleshire*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1983-1984	C. H. Ransdell*	James W. Carter*	C. W. Aleshire*	Charles L. Smith*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1984-1985	James W. Carter*	C. W. Aleshire*	Charles L. Smith*	Willie Joe Wright* ..	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1985-1986	C. W. Aleshire*	Charles L. Smith*	Willie Joe Wright* ..	Jay C. Gosdin*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.*	E. T. Bloomquist*
1986-1987	Charles L. Smith*	Willie Joe Wright* ..	Farris L. Benham ..	Jerry N. Kirby	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1987-1988	Willie Joe Wright* ..	Farris L. Benham ..	J. D. Baccus	Jerry N. Kirby	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1988-1989	Farris L. Benham ..	J. D. Baccus	Jerry N. Kirby	Eldon L. Brooks	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1989-1990	J. D. Baccus	Jerry N. Kirby	Eldon L. Brooks	Edward B. Anderson*	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1990-1991	Jerry N. Kirby	Eldon L. Brooks	Edward B. Anderson*	Jack L. Wright	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1991-1992	Eldon L. Brooks	Edward B. Anderson*	Jack L. Wright	William E. Schroeter	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1992-1993	Edward B. Anderson*	Jack L. Wright	William E. Schroeter	Obie L. Etheridge...	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	Eldon L. Brooks
1993-1994	Jack L. Wright	William E. Schroeter	Obie L. Etheridge...	Richard H. Coates* ..	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	Eldon L. Brooks
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NEW BRUNSWICK.....	Fred E. Allen (90).....	A	X	X	A	A	A	X
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	John J. MacGregor, II (03).....	-	-	X	X	A	X	X
NEW JERSEY.....	James M. Stringer (95).....	X	X	A	X	A	A	A
NEW MEXICO.....	David James "Jim" Davis (07)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
NEW SOUTH WALES....	James D. Berry (95).....	X	X	E	E	E	E	E
NEW YORK.....	Michael H. Shively (94).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEW ZEALAND.....	Robert A. Foreman(03).....	-	-	X	X	X	A	A
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Paul D. Warren (99).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NORTH DAKOTA.....	Robert E. Melear (03)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
NOVA SCOTIA.....	Patrick Hammers (03)	-	-	A	X	X	X	A
OHIO.....	Joe O. Estlack (96).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OKLAHOMA.....	J.M. Jimmy Willson , Jr. (00)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OREGON.....	J. Weldon Clampitt (05).....	-	-	-	X	X	X	X

GRAND JURISDICTION	NAME & YEAR APPOINTED	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
PENNSYLVANIA.....	C. Louis Hopkins (03).....	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
PHILIPPINES.....	N.W. Butch Hanna, Jr. (06)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
PORTUGAL	Dwight W. Phillips (05)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
QUEBEC.....	A.F. Frank Berkley (05).....	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
QUEENSLAND.....	Charles Steve Wolfe (00)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RHODE ISLAND.....	James D. Ward (82).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SASKATCHEWAN.....	Paul E. Wunsche (07).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
SCOTLAND.....	Charles E. McKay (03)	-	-	X	X	X	X	E
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....	B. J. Young (02)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Leslie L. Coone (79).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Joe R. Gilmore (03)	-	-	X	X	X	X	A
SWITZERLAND.....	Jack E. Beeler (96).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
TENNESSEE.....	Jack L. Wright (88).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UTAH.....	Jerry Pingle (96).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VENEZUELA.....	John W. Duke (85).....	X	X	X	X	A	X	E
VERMONT.....	B. J. Richmond (88).....	X	X	E	X	X	X	E
VICTORIA.....	Joe E. Schriever (88).....	A	X	X	X	X	E	X
VIRGINIA.....	F.E. Skip Smith, Jr. (07)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
WASHINGTON.....	Jack T. Peebles (06).....	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Kirby Rudisill (97).....	X	X	X	X	E	E	X
WESTERN AUSTRALIA..	E. Frank Smith (78).....	X	X	X	X	X	E	E
WISCONSIN.....	Timothy M. La Vergne (03).....	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
WYOMING.....	Wm. P. Irving, Jr., (98)	A	X	X	X	X	X	X

(X) Present

(E) Excused

(A) Absent

GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS

* AMOS CROUCH, Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 57	1984
* H. CARLTON NORRIS, Lufkin Chapter No. 240	1984
* GEORGE HANKS, Tarrant Chapter No. 416	1985
* WILLIE T. LONGNECKER, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	1985
* THOMAS C. FERGUSON, Burnet Chapter No. 453	1986
* W. H. JACK LOWRY, Arlington Chapter No. 376	1986
* REGINAL L. JONES, Washington Chapter No. 1	1987
* ERNEST E. HUNTER, Conroe Chapter No. 452	1987
* O. A. BUTTRELL, Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445	1988
* A. P. O'DANIEL, Dallas Chapter No. 47	1988
* A. E. BUDDY KILLION, SR., Hamlin Chapter No. 310	1989
* IRA LEE EDWARDS, Keystone Chapter No. 172	1989
* H. C. ROBASON, Abilene Chapter No. 159	1990
EUGENE A. THALMANN, Hidalgo Chapter No. 434	1990
JACK E. BEELER, Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338	1991
* DONALD F. SMITH, Dallas Chapter No. 47	1991
* JAMES HUBERT BUSBEE, Rising Star Chapter No. 9	1992
* CARL E. SMITH, Teague Chapter No. 320	1992
* J. LAWSON GIBBS, Burnet Chapter No. 453.	1993
LEONARD O. PIERCE, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	1993
* ARTHUR A. STUPL, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	1994
* DALE E. MILLER, A. C. Garrett Chapter No. 420	1994
CODY PARSLEY, Silsbee Chapter No. 465	1995
DAVID N. WHITEHEAD, Port Arthur Chapter No. 250	1995
GERALD H. LONG, Tarrant Chapter No. 416	1996
LAWRENCE D. HEARNE, Helotes Chapter No. 444	1996
* HUBERT L. KOKER, El Paso No. 157	1997
* LEROY A. ROUSSEAU, Grandview No. 93	1997
MITCHELL RAY JONES, Dallas No. 47	1998
* JACK E. WYLIE, Love Field No. 478	1998
ALFRED E. BELL, Oak Cliff No. 373	1999
* WILLIAM G. KORTMANN, JR., Tyler No. 24	1999
SHERMAN W. HOBBS, Alvord No. 193	2000
COY McDOUGALD, Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	2000
WILLIAM D. SNIPE, San Felipe de Austin No. 1	2001
E. DON WITTIE, Snyder No. 494	2001
W.E. GENE BROOKSHIRE, Lufkin No. 240	2002
JAMES D. MANLEY, Tarrant No. 416	2002
H. DAVID MOORE, Haggai No. 53	2003
EDWARD M. SCHLIETER, Kerrville No. 305	2003
A.F. FRANK BERKLEY, Sam J. Helm No. 445	2004
DALE D. DICKMAN, San Jacinto No. 7	2004
H. BART HENDERSON, Will N. Kidd No. 424	2005
ALLAN W. "SKIP" DEES, Sam J. Helm No. 445	2005
ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, San Jacinto No. 7	2006
ROBERT E. BLACK, Keystone No. 172	2006
EARL E. TWEED, Dallas No. 47	2007
REESE L. HARRISON, JR., San Antonio No. 381	2007

(* Deceased)

2007

Capitular Review

by
Donald Swango, Chairman
Grand Chapter Fraternal Review Committee

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS R.A.M.
FOR 2006-2007

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

I, and the Companions below, would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Companions of this Grand Chapter as members of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee this year.

Finding myself surprised to being selected to succeed myself as a member and Chairman of the same Committee for the Grand Council, I attempted to contact the members of both Committees to confirm their participation. To my delight, all the members of the Grand Chapter Committee responded favorably. However, two members of the Grand Council Committee failed to respond to either letters or phone calls.

So, as Chairman of both Committees, I elicited the help from those responding favorably to work for both. You and I, Most Excellent, owe a debt of gratitude to all the companions who pitched in and made these Committee Reports a success.

The combined Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is, therefore, most pleased to make this preliminary report and want you to know that we appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We are in receipt from the Grand Secretary's Office the nominations of the following Texas Companions to serve as respective Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Texas:

G. Clay Smith	Grand Chapter of Connecticut
Kenneth E. Cooley	Grand Chapter of Colorado
Paul E. Wunsche	Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan
Virgil Sam Allsbrooks	Grand Chapter of Delaware
F.E. "Skip" Smith, Jr.	Grand Chapter of Virginia
James Roy Elliott	Grand Chapter of Louisiana
David James "Jim" Davis	Grand Chapter of New Mexico

We received twenty-two (22) proceedings in book form and eight (8) proceedings on CD's to review and report. Fourteen (14) of these were combined Chapter and Council and, sometimes, Commandery proceedings. One (1) was a form letter giving a web site to read or retrieve their proceedings. These proceedings were divided as evenly as possible amongst the combined Committee members who participated (below). We respectfully submit the information that follows for the enjoyment of yourself and the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

ARKANSAS -- 2005

A joint session of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.
The Companions of the Grand Chapter who died are listed in the proceedings.
The Grand Chapter consists of only 21 Chapters. 18 Chapters were present at the Grand Session.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, told the Companions that \$140,000.00 was found to be missing from the York Rite accounts. The Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder and Grand Commandery Secretary are one in the same.

The Companions were reminded that the York Rite Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder and Grand Commandery Secretary's office is not open every day.

The Grand High Priest issued an edict that the "blue book" cannot be used for the opening and closing of a Chapter. The white book and the red book are the recognized Rituals. (*ed. We wonder, why three ritual books?*)

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas has district Grand Chapters that are opened twice each year.

The Grand Chapter has 2033 Members. The Grand Chapter annual dues are set at \$ 5.00 per year and the Per-capita was increase to \$ 15.00 per year.

ARKANSAS -- 2006

The Grand High Priest remarked that the bonding company will be changed. The present bonding company will not renew the bond due to the history of the York Rite Bodies.

The Grand High Priest visited each of the Chapters in the State.

Life memberships (endowments) are set at 16 times the annual dues of the Chapter.

Two Chapters were ordered to consolidate this year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON TERRITORY

A total of 36 Chapters in Jurisdiction with 33 Chapters Represented.

32 Grand Representatives present and 31 absent.

They seem to have a few more Officers than we do in Texas:

MEC	Brian A. Richman	Grand First Principal
REC	William Fooks	Grand Haggai
REC	Leslie Robinson	Grand Joshua
MEC	George Eaton	IPGZ
REC	Ron Glover	Grand Treasurer
REC	Ed Wilson	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC	George Tillotson	Grand Principal Sojourner
REC	Alastair Ross	Grand Senior Sojourner
REC	David Grange	Grand Junior Sojourner
REC	Lionel Brownsey	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 1
REC	Atkinson	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 2
REC	David Ogilvie	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 3
REC	Tom Purves	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 4/5
REC	Lionel Buller	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 6
REC	Douglas Burke	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 7
REC	Gerry Smith	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 8
REC	William Aaroe	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 9
REC	Rick Lenes	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 10
REC	Gordon Hebbon	Grand Superintendent, Dist. 11
REC	James Whyte	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
VEC	James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC	Colin Hart	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC	Gerald Newton	Grand Master 4 th Veil
VEC	Warwick Parker	Grand Master 3 rd Veil
VEC	Les Little	Grand Master 2 nd Veil
VEC	Lorne Street	Grand Master 1 st Veil
VEC	Ken Ward	Grand Standard Bearer
REC	Gordon Galt	Grand Director of Ceremonies
VEC	William Phillips	Grand Marshal
VEC	Neil Marsh	Grand Pursuivant
VEC	William Poncia	Grand Steward No. 1
VEC	Darrell Morphy	Grand Steward No. 2
VEC	Angus Nichol	Grand Steward No. 3
VEC	Joel Chiri	Grand Chaplain
Comp.	Robert Barr	Grand Organist
VEC	Leonard Timmins	Grand Tyler

Reception of 19 Distinguished Guests

At their Flag Ceremony, all flags - British Columbia, Yukon and Canadian – were presented.
A roll call of each subordinate Chapter is called for their report of deceased Members.

Three Chapters were reported demised:

It was with much sadness that many chapters are extremely weak and need much work in their membership attendance as well as improving ritual. This year, they received the charters from Mount Moriah # 20 in Fernie, Papyrus #27 in Powell River and Kootenay #3 in Kaslo.”

NOTE: Kootenay #3, in Kaslo, was chartered under the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1897.
Mount Moriah # 20 in Fernie, was chartered under the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1905.

From the East: “Membership continues to decline throughout Masonry, as a whole, nay throughout the volunteer organization. This year has seen the surrender of three charters in this jurisdiction. Saying that, Companions, I do not see this as a bad thing, but more a common life cycle in which we have all seen in the past.”

For the General Account only, Income of \$ 39,571 and Expenses of \$ 37,436 ending with a net income of \$ 2,135.

As of December 31, 2004, membership was 2043 and on December 31, 2005, it was 1939 - a decrease of 104 companions. The statistics from the 2005 Annual returns are:”

Deceased:	63	Exalted:	53
Suspended:	33	Restored:	07
Demitted:	<u>79</u>	Affiliated:	<u>19</u>
TOTAL:	175	TOTAL:	79

A further discussion occurred as to the costs of hosting Grand Chapter. MOVED by VEC Ted Perry, SECONDED by EC Karl Ellingsen that “Commencing with the 2007 Grand Chapter Convocation, the registration fee be set at \$20.00. For registrations post marked 30 days or less before the date of the annual convocation the fee will be \$40.00.”

The vote was Yes: 105; No: 23; Spoiled: 0.

MOTION: Carried

CONNECTICUT

All business of the Grand Chapter including the Installation was done between 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Nineteen out of twenty-two chapters had a representative at the Grand Chapter. There were a total of 234 Demits, which left Grand Chapter with a tot membership of 1915. That leaves less than 10% of Connecticut masons in the York Rite.

Grand Chapter adopted a pre Capita Tax of \$1.00 per annum through 2011, and can be waived in any year which net membership growth of the Grand Chapter during the previous year meets or exceeds 10%

The first time in 12 years the Joint Table Chapter with the Prince Hall was cancelled.

GEORGIA

Georgia holds their Convocation in Joint session with all York Rite Bodies including the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

The overall attitude of the Grand York Rite Bodies was positive and the fraternal relations with other Masonic Bodies was excellent.

As with other fraternal organizations the Chapter suffered net losses in membership. The Grand Chapter reports a net membership loss of 539 as of December of 2005 with a grand total of 8,900 members.

One of the highlights to report from the Annual Georgia Convocation is their successful Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) program. The RARA program supported by the Conventions, Chapters and Companions has distributed \$12,500.00 this year. RARA has chosen to support Able Kids Foundation as the recipient of their fund-raising. The Able Kids Foundation is a pioneering effort between Industry, Non-profits Organizations and to benefit students with hearing loss in head start, pre-school, middle, junior and high schools. This is just one example of what Georgia York Rite Masons are doing for needy children.

IDAHO

Idaho holds their Convocation in Joint Session including the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. The Convocation rotates among Idaho cities.

The Convocation was well attended and no significant challenges, except membership growth, were reported.

The Annual Returns shows that the Grand Chapter has 13 Chapters reporting that they Exalted 14 new members.

A decrease in overall membership of 4.13% was reported - to a total of 678 members.

IOWA

Most proceedings were common to other Grand Assemblies of Grand Chapters. 52 Chapters in the state; 34 Chapters represented and 18 not represented at the Annual Assembly.

Membership: they had a net loss of 246 members (3,658 down to 3,412). They had a + of 68 new members but a - of 314 deceased, demitted or NPD. Of the 9 districts in Iowa, only 3 held schools of instruction during the year.

Awards:

- Royal Arch Merit Award
- Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Award
- Zerubbabel Red Apron Honor Roll
- Grand Chapter Silver Service Award

IRELAND

Observation: There are three positions listed above the Grand High Priest in their list of Grand Officers...Supreme Grand King (on the Throne), Deputy Grand King, Assistant Grand King.

Quarterly Convocations are held.

MANITOBA

From the Grand First Principal: "It is with gratitude and to some extent amazement that I am here to thank you for the privilege of having served you as your Grand First Principal. It has been a memorable year for me and I expect some of you as well. I chose the theme for the year "Patience, Perseverance, and Prudence", little realizing how appropriate it would prove. Patience and perseverance were definitely required, and as for prudence, which is measurably subjectively, it may depend upon whom you consult."

NEW SOUTH WALES AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY GRAND INSTALLATION CONVOCATION

Mission Statement: "To ensure the future prosperity of our Order by making every Master Mason in this Jurisdiction aware of Mark and Royal Arch Freemasonry and assist in creating a desire in him to join our Order."

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The Grand Secretary questioned whether it was absolutely necessary to produce such an extensive copy of the annual proceedings. It was agreed that as a cost savings, the Grand Secretary might condense some items.

From the Grand High Priest: During the year, he had a chance to attend Constituent Chapters and witness degree work, installations and rededications. On all occasions, he was "impressed with the attendance and the manner in which the work was conducted." (*ed. How refreshing!*)

From the Grand Scribe: He promoted all year that "Communication is a two-way street....the primary key to survival.....that it does no good to assume that everyone knows what the other knows."

From a survey of Grand Representatives: Approximately 50% had established and maintained good relationships with their counterparts. The other 50% had little or no success in eliciting response from their counterparts. Approximately 25% have become disillusioned and discouraged that they see no point in continuing.

NOVA SCOTIA -- 2005

The Grand Chapter was opened in "ample" form (*ed. Hmmm, does that have meaning?*)

From the Grand High Priest: He had promised a souvenir book to be published for his Grand Convocation. It was and the Grand Secretary reported that the funds derived from the sales paid for the Grand Convocation.

From the Grand Secretary: A number of Chapter Secretaries were late in filing their annual returns.....causing all sorts of problems in the compilation of information.

From the Incoming Grand High Priest: Instead of trying to get more new members in a big way, while acknowledging that they do need new members, he suggests that they spend more time with the members that they now have. (*ed. What a novel idea!*)

NOVA SCOTIA -- 2006

From the Grand High Priest: Though his Official Visit to every Chapter had been well publicized, he found on some visits that he had not been included in the Summons and that had there not been an entourage with him on more than one occasion, those respective Chapters could not have opened.

While there were great examples of good work, the fact was that many could not even read their parts well from open books.....no practice, no comprehension, no effective communication.

Their loss of membership continued for the fourteenth straight year....approximately 5%.....and cited the need to address the fact that many members are demitting each year.

OKLAHOMA -- 1999

Nine Chapters (39.1%) reported no degree work.

OKLAHOMA -- 2000

From the Custodian of the Work Committee: No one requested a School of Instruction this year.....which indicates that every Chapter can open, close and confer all four degrees flawlessly. The fact is just the opposite, few, if any, can. Dependence on festivals has reduced our ability to confer degrees at home.

From Fraternal Correspondence Committee: It is concluded that most Grand Chapters are experiencing the same frustrations and problems as we are.....declining membership due to a lack of interest, suspensions, and need for new members.

OKLAHOMA – 2001

The membership in constituent chapters increased by a net 197 (10%) this past year (net of 310 exaltations).

If we are interested in keeping the membership we have, we must do something drastic to maintain their interest.

OKLAHOMA – 2006

4% Loss of membership
exaltations increased 49%
deaths increased 77%
suspensions/withdrawals increased 67%

ONTARIO

The National Anthems of both Canada and the United States are sung at the opening of the Grand Convocation.

Grand First Principal (Grand High Priest) serves for two years.
The Companions were asked to reflect on two items - Personal Image and True Charity.

Grand First Principal investigated the possibility that electioneering had taken place prior to voting for the Grand Chapter Offices. A committee was called to investigate. The committee was unable to find and evidence that electioneering had taken place.

Grand First Principal reports that some confusion among the Grand Superintendents (District Deputy Grand High Priest) they were not responsible to the Grand Second Principal or the Grand Third Principal but to the Grand First Principal. The Grand Superintendents were directed to stop acting as Advisors.

A complete list of the Companions who died, demitted or suspended were published in the review.

A membership of 8,129 in a large number of Chapters. The average size of a Chapter is fifty to sixty Companions.

OREGON

Twenty of the twenty-two councils were represented at Grand Chapter.
Total membership for the Grand Chapter stands at 1544

Grand Orator spoke about the death of an old friend - Royal Arch Masonry in Oregon. I quote the following from his address, "If we don't change, we'll surely arrive at where we're headed," and Companions, that destination is oblivion.

SCOTLAND

From the First Grand Principal (known to us as Grand High Priest): It was hard to believe that he was well into his third year in office (ed. Something we should consider?)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Total membership of Grand Chapter is 5841 after a loss of 350 members
Ministers of GOD are exempt from dues.

WISCONSIN

From the Grand High Priest: He had two main goals.....getting constituent Chapters to participate in a re-consecration ceremony and to encourage the use of that Table Chapter ceremony. To some extent, both were achieved.

Seven (7) \$600 scholarships were awarded.

DONALD H. SWANGO, CHAIRMAN
JEFFREY J. MILLER, PIERRE G. NORMAN, JR., DWIGHT W. PHILLIPS, LARRY SCOTT WALL,
WILLIAM P. IRVING AND JERREL B. JONES

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**The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas will hold
the next Annual Convocation in the City
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October 20th and 21st
A.D. 2008, A.I. 2538
at 8:00 o'clock A.M.**