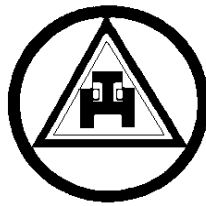


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Separating from Active Duty in October 1969, he married his wife Pamela Crook on December 5, 1969, and had one child, Rebecca Joy Laney in 1974. He received an Associates Degree from Mountain View Junior College in Dallas and worked as a carpenter 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.

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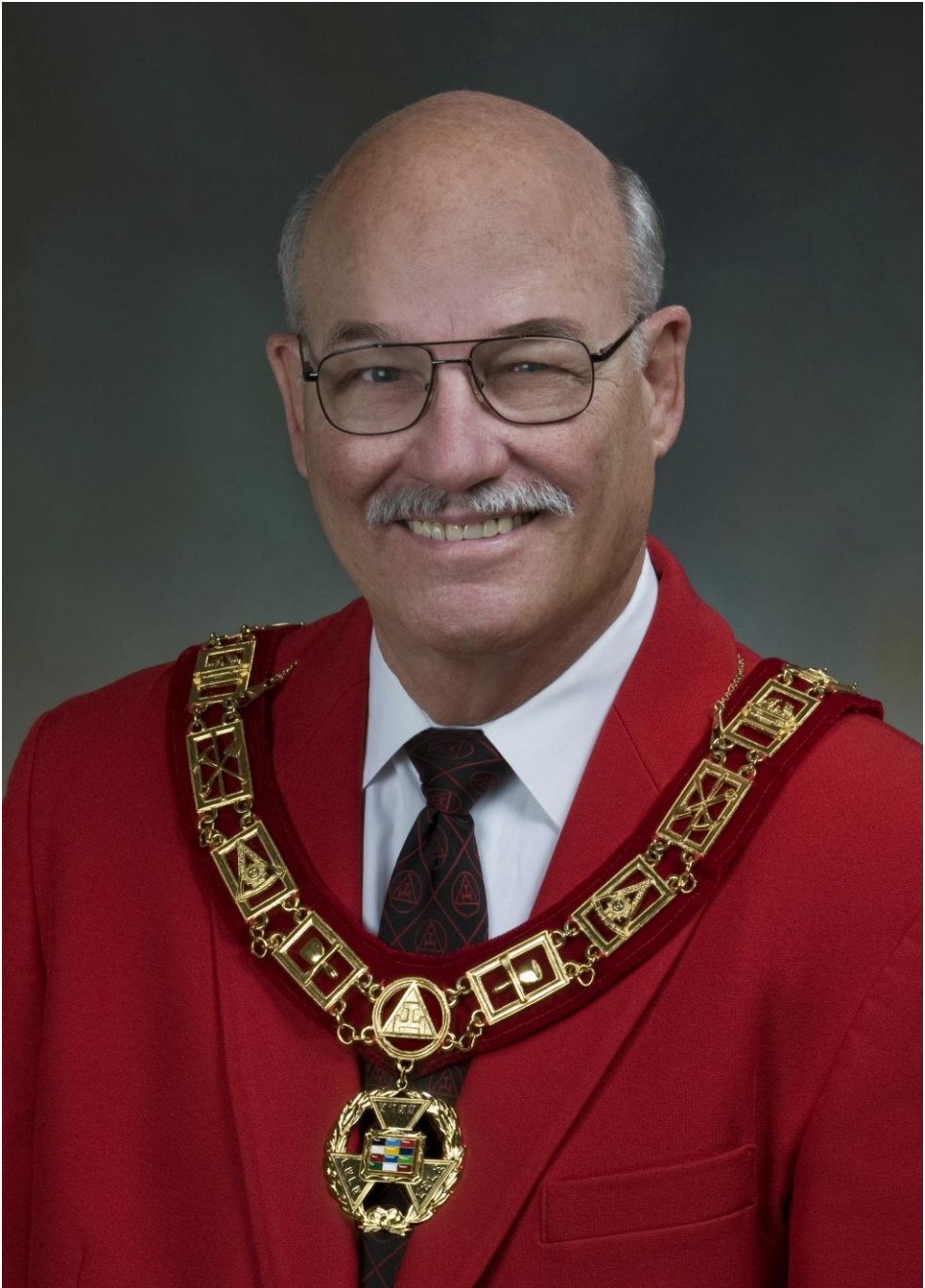
Z. E. Coombes merged with Love Field Chapter No. 478 and Council No. 396, where Clarence served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1991, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in the Council in 1992. Clarence Laney has also served as High Priest and TIM of Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 and Dad Pender Council 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.



DOUGLAS COLLINS
M.: E.: Grand High Priest 2009
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

DOUGLAS COLLINS

Companion Douglas Collins was born in Harlingen, TX, on December 8, 1944. His earliest education began in his mother's kindergarten at the age of four. Family rumor has it that she started the school because she could not get anyone who would care for him while she was at work. He graduated from Brownsville High School in 1962 and immediately entered the United States Air Force. After training at Chanute AFB in Illinois as an Aircraft Electrician, Douglas spent the next two and a half years at RAF Alconbury, England with the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. As RB-66's were being retired from the Air Force inventory, he was transferred stateside where he completed his service at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama.

After being honorably discharged in 1966, Companion Collins joined the Brownsville Police Department serving from 1966 through 1967. In December of 1967, he joined the Dallas Police Department and served 22.5 years before retiring as a Detective in 1990. Douglas served in Patrol, Communications, and Investigations. After retirement he owned and operated, "A Moment in Time Photography Studio".

Douglas has three sons by his first marriage, Richard, Bobby, and David; and a granddaughter, Amber. In 1998, he and Cheri were married and enjoy the company of their three grandkids, Abby, Cash, and Mandy.

Companion Collins was a member of the Brownsville Jaycee's before moving to Dallas. While living in Brownsville after retirement, he served as President of the Brownsville Republican Club. He was elected as a delegate to the State Republican Conventions in 1998 and 2000.

Companion Collins, besides having been a Cub Scout, Boy Scout (Life rank) and Explorer Scout, is a Senior DeMolay and credits his desire to become a Mason to that early fraternal experience. In 1981, he petitioned East Dallas Lodge No. 1200 and was raised on August 31, 1982. Quickly becoming interested in this wonderful Fraternity, he dove in and got to work. He received his 3-year Certificate of Proficiency from The Grand Lodge Committee on Work in 1986 and continues to hold it today. After serving as Worshipful Master of East Dallas Lodge in 1988-89, he affiliated with Keystone Lodge No. 1143 and served as Master in 1993-94. In 1989 he affiliated with Rio Grande Lodge No. 81 in Brownsville. A further affiliation with Mercedes Lodge No. 1010 resulted in being elected and serving as Worshipful Master in 2005-06. Companion Collins served the Grand Lodge of Texas and Grand Master J. P. Vogel as District Deputy Grand Master for District 14-F in 1992. He also served as W: Grand Photographer from 1994 through 1997.

In September 1999, Douglas presented a successful research paper to Texas Lodge of Research and was elected a Full Member. He later received the James D. Carter Award for Literary Excellence for the paper entitled, "Stephen Powers: Master Mason, Master Citizen". After serving in several appointed offices, he was elected as Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research on 20 March 2004. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

Shortly after being raised in 1982, Companion Collins petitioned Dallas Chapter No. 47 RAM for the Capitular Degrees and was exalted on 15 November 1982. In 1989, he affiliated with George Washington Chapter No. 422 in Richardson and served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1990-91. He was appointed Grand Photographer by V: E: Jerry Kirby and served for 12 years in that capacity. Companion Collins was instrumental in the establishment of Brownsville Chapter No. 495 chartered on 08 December 1998 and served as Secretary until 2006. In 2002 he was appointed as District Deputy Grand High Priest pro-tem for District 25 by V: E: Billy Melton. In 2000 he was awarded the Cornerstone Award by the Companions of Brownsville Chapter No. 495. Companion Collins was elected Grand Scribe on 6 December 2005, Grand King on 5 December 2006, Deputy Grand High Priest on 9 October 2007, and will be elected and installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on 21 October 2008.

Douglas was greeted in Dallas Council No. 18, Royal and Select Masters on 17 November 1982. He received the Super Excellent Master Degree in 1983. Companion Collins affiliated with George Washington Council No. 408 (now John C. Callahan Council) and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1991-92. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in December 1991. He was appointed III: Grand Photographer by V: I: William V. Sims in 1992 and served 12 years in that office. Companion Collins was instrumental in the founding of Brownsville Council No. 414 and served as Recorder until 2006. He was awarded the Cryptic Triangle by the Companions of Brownsville Council in 2000.

Douglas served V: I: Bill Schroeter and the Grand Council R&SM as District Deputy Grand Master for Cryptic District 25 in 2005.

On 22 November 1982, Douglas was knighted in Dallas Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. He served as Eminent Commander in 1992. He affiliated with Hidalgo Commandery No. 94 in Weslaco, Tx. and served as Recorder from 2000-2005. In 2002, the Sir Knights of Hidalgo Commandery awarded him with the Excalibur Award.

Companion Collins enjoys membership in several other Masonic organizations including the Scottish Rite, Alla Grotto, and Hella Temple.

Douglas is a Charter Member and the Charter Marshal of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147. He served as Governor in 1996-97 and was elected to receive the Order of Knight of the Purple Cross of York in 2002. In 1993 he was elected to receive the Knight of the York Cross of Honor in Texas Priory No. 23. Douglas was the Charter Excellent Chief of Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, Knight Masons, and has served as Scribe since 1994. He is also the Charter Sovereign Master of Col. William Barrett Travis Council No. 344, AMD. He received the Royal Order of Scotland in 1996. In 2005 Douglas received the DeMolay Legion of Honor (Active). In 2008 he was knighted in George M. Patrick Chapel No. 44, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon. Douglas is also Viceroy of South Texas Conclave, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and will serve as Puissant Sovereign in 2009.

Having visited every Royal Arch Chapter in Texas, from Brownsville to Borger, El Paso to Orange, and Texarkana to Laredo, Douglas Collins has seen the challenges, some good and some not so good facing the Grand Chapter of Texas. He understands that some of these challenges need to be addressed by the elected Grand Officers to help the Companions of Texas, where needed, and re-invigorate York Rite Masonry in Texas. To that end, Douglas promises his untiring efforts through new programs and personal assistance and service to instill a sense of pride and accomplishment in the Companions of Texas.

**MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE
OF THE
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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
(SINCE REHABILITATION)
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS OF TEXAS

GROUND FLOOR AUDITORIUM
MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE
WACO, TEXAS**

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2008 - 1:00 P.M.

**SERVICES CONDUCTED
BY
ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, JR.,
EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLAIN
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND
E. E. CHAPMAN, SR.,
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

PreludeMrs. Michael (Betty Carole)
Shively

COMPANION AND REVEREND DON R. LONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH
MEMORIALS COMMITTEE: Will you please rise for our Invocation.

INVOCATION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN SIECKMANN: Lord, we come to You at this hour so very thankful for the many blessings You have given us. We pray that You will be with us now as we honor those, our Companions, who have gone on before us. Be with us this afternoon, Father, and be with those who are in their hour of sorrow. Forgive us when we fail You, Lord, and be with these who bring the eulogies this afternoon. We pray that You will be with them and bless them in their efforts. We ask these things in Thy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

COMPANION LONG: We have met on this occasion to worship the Grand Artificer of the Universe and to honor the memory and pay tribute to all the Companions who have traveled the road to the Valley toward the West and have ended life's toilsome journey. They have laid aside the working tools of life. They have been found worthy to enter the Holy of Holies above into the presence of the Supreme Grand Master of Heaven and Earth and from Him they have received the reward of everlasting joy.

Solomon, that wise king of ancient Israel and our first Grand Master, wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes the following:

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A

time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-9)

These Companions experienced all these things in their lives. They labored well and some for many years in the quarries of Masonry. Many served in the defense of this nation in time of war and willingly placed their lives on the line to insure the freedoms we have today. Many were part of that “Greatest Generation” written about by Tom Brokaw. They built a great nation and we reap the rewards of their efforts today. And now their time of eternal light, rest and peace are theirs.

They were “Bridge Builders” of whom W. A. Dromgoole wrote in his poem:

An old man, traveling a lone highway
Came at the evening cold and gray
To a chasm deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
For the sullen stream held no fears for him,
But he turned when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man”, cried a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending of day,
And you never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you a bridge at eventide?”
And the builder raised his old gray head;
“Good friend, on the path I have come

There followeth after me today,
A youth whose feet will pass this way.
“This stream which has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim –
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.”

We honor them and thank God for their friendship and what they have done over the years.
And, John this is not scripted.

Before Companion Shively comes and gives the Tribute, I want to say a word about my dear and precious friend of over thirty years, Buddy Baccus. Buddy was one of those special friends to me. I met him in San Angelo in 1977 and through the years we waged many wars together, shared many good times together, and I don't know about you, but every time that I met with Buddy, he never shook my hand. He grabbed me, he hugged me and he kissed me on the cheek, and I will never forget that because he always said, “Don, I know men aren't supposed to kiss one another, but you are a special friend,” and this I knew.

TRIBUTE TO V:E: AND V:I: J. D. (BUDDY)BACCUS,
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE
M:E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS AND
PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE
M:I: GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

COMPANION MICHAEL H. SHIVELY, CHAIRMAN, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Today I am here to give a Tribute to our friend, J. D. (Buddy) Baccus, and we are so honored to have family and especially our special friend and his lady Bettye here with us today. We thank you so much for honoring us with your presence.

When I get to the end of this, you all are going to learn that great minds run in the same channels. There is really only one great mind here and Don's is great.

J. D. (Buddy) Baccus was born in Teague, Texas, on July 24, 1926. Companion Baccus left his worldly realm to serve the Grand Master of the Universe on June 1, 2008.

Each of us has a "Buddy" story that we enjoy telling. He was the kind of person that took the time to make each one of us feel special. One of my thoughts as I prepared this Tribute was to invite anyone present who wished to relate their special memories about our friend. Time constraints will not allow this, however.

Buddy worked in all phases of Masonry. As Grand Master of Masons, Grand Commander, Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was renowned for his ability to perform ritual and make candidates feel they were special and important.

This ability was not his greatest asset. That asset exemplified itself when he was needed for any endeavor that would help a Mason or the Craft. He conducted numerous Masonic Funeral Services, always making the family and loved ones feel that he had prepared the service just for them. Such was the persona of our friend. When we were with him, no matter how many other tasks he had, how many demands there were on his time, he made time for a Brother. When asked for his opinion, he would give good and sound counsel.

I recently read a book by Og Mandino called "The Greatest Miracle in the World." In the book God provided a memorandum to mankind. In one part he said "Take counsel, no longer hide your rarity in the dark. Bring it forth. Show the world. Strive not to walk as your brother walks, nor talk as your leader talks, nor labor as do the mediocre. Never do as another. Never imitate. Imitate no one. Be yourself. Show your rarity to the world and they will shower you with gold." By precept and example our friend exemplified and encouraged each of us to be the best and do our best in everything. He understood that each one of us was in fact, "The Greatest Miracle in the World."

As I said, now you will learn that two people think along the same lines.

I think Will Allen Dromgoole had a man like Buddy in mind when he wrote:

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;
The 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;
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You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide –
Why build you the 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 place this flower on the Altar in memory of our beloved friend and Companion, J. D. (Buddy) Baccus, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, with the hope that we will again meet him when we also go to be with our Grand Master.

(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR, ASSISTED BY MRS. BETTYE BACCUS.

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

COMPANION AND REVEREND BILLY COMBEST, MEMBER, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS: Good morning, dear Sisters and Brothers. I think the proper spirit is already in this place because if you had been in here a little bit earlier, you would have seen people expressing their spirit through God to worship. Visible signs because they were dancing for Him, I think would be the proper term and that is appropriate there. So I appreciate you being here.

This tribute I am going to attempt to give us for the Past High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Grand Council of Texas.

It is a great privilege and responsibility to stand in this place at this time. It is a greater honor for me than I can tell you about to stand in this place as a Member of the Memorials Committee and give tribute to the Past High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Texas and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Grand Council of Texas.

In a tribute to this responsibility I claim the many prayers of all Companions of the Royal Arch Chapters, past and present, wherever they may be. The High Priests and Thrice Illustrious Masters are the fraternal cement that holds our Chapters and Councils together. They are what made us into one body of Companions. We will be forever thankful for your service and pray that all future High Priests and future Thrice Illustrious Masters will hold what they have kept for them.

Words are not enough to extend the honor we intend here, but our prayers and your prayers lifted up to that Great White Throne of Grace in our words is all that we have. May the Almighty God hold each deceased Past High Priest and Past Thrice Illustrious Master safe in His Holy Hands until we are all reunited in that world where death comes not. Amen.

COMPANION WALTER CRAFT, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: We place this flower upon the Altar in memory of our Past High Priests and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters whose passing we mourn, but whose memory will always remain with us and provide a guide for our future conduct. May they rest in eternal peace.

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

COMPANION WALTER CRAFT, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: As we come to this time and when we remember a special friend and Companion to encourage, inspire and support us on our journey to this time and place, we remember especially the time they devoted to this great Fraternity and to us in particular when they could have engaged in other activities. Such were the men that our education and betterment were uppermost in their concern.

COMPANION GENE SCHNEIDER, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: We are here today to pay tribute to the deceased Companions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. We place this flower on the Altar in memory of the Grand Chapter Masons and Grand Council Masons who have gone to that undiscovered country where we will meet again when we make the same journey. Today we take time to remember those special Companions who took time to give us, their friends and these Bodies their love, support and

devotion. Each of us is a better Mason because we knew and learned from them. May they rest in eternal peace.

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

COMPANION AND REVEREND THOMAS KEITHLY, MEMBER, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: From its beginning Masonry has been a vehicle whereby men of many nationalities have been able to meet on the level of respect and brotherhood, forgetting those things that make differences and acknowledging those attributes that each man as a Mason must possess. Through this universality we have made friends, enriched our lives and increased our knowledge.

COMPANION HERB GARON, JR., MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: We place this flower on the Altar in memory of the deceased Companions of other Jurisdictions who carried the mantle of our Fraternity to the four corners of the Earth and even to the Moon. They have prepared a path that allows each of us to travel in foreign places with a secure knowledge that we have but to find a friend and establish a haven of Masonic fraternalism. May they rest in eternal peace.

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

COMPANION JESUS GARZA, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: This Tribute is made to the Members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

From Valley Forge to Baghdad and all places in between the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America have placed themselves in harm's way to protect those freedoms that we as Masons hold so dear. They ask no special entitlement; only that they be allowed to serve. They uphold and believe that all men should be allowed to govern themselves.

I will place this flower on the Altar in memory of those in our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. They gave their lives so that we may remain free. May we never forget that and may they rest in eternal peace.

(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

DIVINE SERVICE

COMPANION SHIVELY: We are going into the Divine Service and I am going to tell you all which song. The song is "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise." And Becky is going to lead you all. Please stand.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

COMPANION SHIVELY: Would you please remain standing for our Call to Worship.

COMPANION DANNY BOWDEN: Please join in the Call to Worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is in His Holy Temple.

Let all the Earth keep silence before Him.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us go into the House of the Lord.

I went with them to the House of God, with Multitude that kept Holy Day.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

As the heart panteth after the water brooks, go panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the City of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole Earth is full of His glory.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

COMPANION SHIVELY: Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC Mrs. Michael (Betty Carole) Shively and Mrs. Paul (Becky) Wunsche

MESSAGE

"DON'T TAMPER WITH UNTEMPERED MORTAR"

BY

COMPANION AND REVEREND DON R. LONG, CHAIRMAN

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE,

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

COMPANION LONG: In the Entered Apprentice Degree the candidate is presented with a Lamb Skin or White Leather Apron and he is told: "It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that could be conferred, at this or any future period, by king, prince or potentate, or any person, except he be a Mason; which, I hope, you will wear with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity."

The new Mason is also told how to wear that apron as an Entered Apprentice Mason, with the bib turned up. Those ancient Entered Apprentice Masons who worked to build King Solomon's Temple did this in order not only to distinguish them from Fellowcraft and Master Masons, but to keep from soiling their clothes when they were carrying or daubing the mortar between the stones for the master stone masons.

It is to teach us, the Free and Accepted Masons, to never tamper or daub with Untempered Mortar. Untempered means marred, weakened, blemished or damaged. As we shall see, the term

"Untempered Mortar" means trying to hold stones or bricks together with little more than plain whitewash.

Where does Masonry get this term? Ezekiel, that great prophet in ancient Judea, spoke of untempered mortar. The first twenty-four chapters of the Book of Ezekiel contain messages from this prophet before the fall of Jerusalem. By God's decree the city was "doomed" because of their rebellion against God's will and His truth. In Chapter 13 Ezekiel proclaims the true word of God to the people of Jerusalem and Judea! This is what it says: "Because, even because they [prophets falsely saying they spoke in the name of Jehovah, A.K.A.: they were foolish prophets] have seduced My (that is God's) people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one (the people) built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with Untempered Mortar: Ezekiel, I (that is God) wants you to say unto them which daub it with Untempered Mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; yea, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with Untempered Mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with Untempered Mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; to-wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 13:10-11, 14-16 King James Version and personal interpretation) "And her prophets have daubed them with Untempered Mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken" (Ezekiel 22:28).

These prophets falsely said they were speaking in the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, Jehovah, but in actuality spoke out of their own hearts, their own emotions and their own desires. As a result they had not built a firm and good wall of moral and spiritual counsel for Judea in the face of the coming crisis from the Babylonian armies and captivity.

This moral and spiritual weakness led the people to build a physical wall around Jerusalem that was weak in the face of Nebuchadnezzar's great army.

They were so arrogant that they expected God to fulfill their word, to do what they said. They had announced peace when there was no peace. Their attitude was this, "We can just throw some stones together and daub it with whitewash because God will not let this „heathen" army destroy us."

Verse 10 literally reads: "And he (the people) is building a party-wall (a wall of stones loosely piled together without mortar), and behold them (the false prophets) daubing it with marly (weakened, blemished or damaged) clay plaster, or whitewash."

The wall of physical defense which the people of Jerusalem had built and which they thought would keep the invading armies away were not strong. The false prophets passively agreed in the people's flimsy attempt to defend the city, hiding its weakness by words of lying prophecies. The nation believed these false prophets who had spoken out of their own hearts, emotions and desires. They were saying God would not let Judea be captured and taken away to a foreign land and God would not let the city of Jerusalem and its Temple be destroyed. However, Ezekiel, speaking for God, said that this destruction would come to pass through the armies of Nebuchadnezzar and the false prophets would be buried beneath the collapsing walls, "and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof." (Ezekiel 13:14)

What does this mean to you and I as Masons when we are instructed to never tamper or daub with untempered mortar?

Primarily I believe it means we should build our moral, spiritual and Masonic edifice on God's truth, not on the false truth that comes from our own desires and emotions and/or from the desires and emotions of others who are moved by their own spirit and not the Spirit of the Lord. We in this great Fraternity must not listen to those who would seek, like these false prophets of Judea, to tell us that things are all right when they are not and that things are bad when in reality they are the blessings of God.

We will have a general election on November 4th and we have heard all kinds of things from both parties and even from those not connected with a political party (a lot of it sounds like those false prophets in Ezekiel's day). Weigh it all carefully and then vote your conscience and mind. But the

best thing we can do for our country is this: "If my people (that is, God's people, those who have put their faith in Him as Redeemer and Sustainer), who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." [2 Chronicles 7:14 (New International Version)].

To the individual Mason the lesson here is this: Every Mason is taught that one of the principal tenets of our profession is Truth.

"Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity." (Monitor of the Lodge, Grand Lodge of Texas).

Companions, let us never be guilty of tampering or daubing with Untempered Mortar. Let us build the foundation of our lives, on the enduring principle of Truth, God's Truth.

And where will we find God's Truth? I quote from the Bible presentation: "However men may differ in creed or theology; all good men are agreed that within the covers of the Holy Bible are found those principles of morality which lay the foundation upon which to build a righteous life. Masonry, therefore, opens this Book upon its Altar with a command to each of its members that he diligently study therein to learn the way to Eternal Life so long as it (the Holy Bible) illuminates the pathway of the Craftsmen by its golden rays of truth, so long will Freemasonry live and shed its beneficent influence upon mankind."

I close with a poem that summarizes all we have said and done today and it is a challenge to each of us about how we will use the rest of our lives and remembering never to tamper with untempered mortar.

Life is a Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For the dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on Earth...
And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
The cars...The house...The cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
The way the other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,

And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special day
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy's being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

Becky, would you lead us now in "Here I am, Lord."
Would you stand, please.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "HERE I AM, LORD"

COMPANION SHIVELY: Before Companion Bob gives our Benediction, I would like to recognize the two Committees who worked together to do this and express our appreciation to Reverend Don R. Long for his diligent work and advice and for bringing this wonderful message.

For the Memorials Committee of the Grand Royal Chapter of Texas, the Chairman is Don Long, Reverend Bill Combest, Bob Sieckmann, Jr., Gene Schneider and Reverend Thomas G. Keithly.

For the Memorials Committee of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, I am the chairman, Walter Craft, Jesus Garza, Herb Garon, Jr. and E. E. Chapman, Jr., who couldn't be here today and, Danny Bowden, we appreciate so much you stepping in his place.

We also like to express our appreciation to our Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Grand Council for appointing us to these Committees. It is a great honor they gave us.

COMPANION SHIVELY: And Betty Carole, we do appreciate you playing so beautifully for us and Becky for singing for us. Thank you.

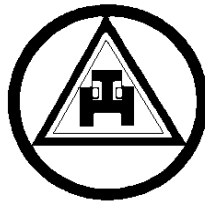
BENEDICTION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN SIECKMANN: Father, as we now leave this place, we pray that You would be with us throughout the remainder of this day. And, Father, may we ardently remember those who we paid tribute to this afternoon. We ask now that You go with us in our several ways. In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE
CONCLUDED
1:50 P.M.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**



2008

**HELD IN THE GROUND FLOOR AUDITORIUM OF THE
MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE
IN THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS
MONDAY AND TUESDAY
OCTOBER 20TH AND 21ST, 2008**

**THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
will hold its next Annual Convocation in the city of Waco on
Monday and Tuesday, October 19th & 20th
A.D. 2009, A.I. 2539**

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORK
will meet Thursday through Saturday
October 15th through 17th**

CLARENCE JOY LANEY

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

**M.:E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
WHITESBORO, TEXAS**

**R.:E.: GRAND SECRETARY
WACO, TEXAS**

FIRST SESSION ON OCTOBER 20TH, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.

MUSICAL PRELUDE E: GRAND ORGANIST MICHIE M. BROUS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST JERRY N. KIRBY: Good morning, Companions!

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Good morning!

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Finally, we are about to have the Procession of the 2008 Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas so they can come and open this One Hundred and Fifty-Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.
I would invite them to process. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE)

PROCESSIONAL OF GRAND OFFICERS

CLARENCE J. LANEY	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
DOUGLAS COLLINS	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
ROBERT E. MELEAR	R:E: GRAND KING
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH E. COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
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 W. HOBBS	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
JACK PEEBLES, pro-temp	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
JESSIE NEWTON, pro-temp	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
D.J. JIM DAVIS, pro-temp	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

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is a great pleasure and an honor that you have allowed me to call this Session to whatever. (LAUGHTER.)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: But I would like to present to you the gavel for you to preside over your Session. You have had a great year and it is a real honor and a pleasure for me to do this. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion Kirby. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I appreciate you doing this. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)
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 LANEY: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will introduce the Excellent Grand Guard.

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

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

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

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

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: 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 DIXON: I am not satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: 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 DIXON: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: 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 and direct him to guard accordingly.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: 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-Ninth 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 LANEY: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Excellent Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in our opening prayer.

PRAYER

Father, we come to Thee at this hour to conduct the business of this Grand Chapter. We ask that You be with our Grand Officers as they conduct this business. Father, may all we do be pleasing to Thy sight and glorify Thy Name and be of benefit to this Grand Chapter. We ask these things in Thy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment for the purpose of Visitors, introducing the Youth Groups and hearing the Grand Oration. You will inform the Grand Guard.

(THE GRAND CHAPTER WAS THEN CALLED FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, since we are at refreshment, will you invite the Visitors in.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Are you ready to receive the Rainbow and DeMolay?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: We are going to do the flags. Then we will do that. Right Excellent Grand King, will you do the honors of the flag?

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

R:E: GRAND KING MELEAR: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Excellent Grand Officers, past and present, Companions:

It has been given to me the unique assignment of paying tribute to the Flag of the United States of America as this was given to me by Past Grand High Priest Paul Warren and was specifically asked for by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Clarence Laney, and I recite to you:

We as Masons are especially devoted to the Flag of our country. In every Masonic assembly across our nation the Flag is accorded a position of highest honor and on the level of the presiding officer. Also, in every assembly immediately after prayer we Pledge Allegiance to our beloved Flag.

The Flag is a symbol of the American way of life. It represents the land in which we were born, reared, attended school, raised a family, enjoyed religious freedom and after a well spent life, we are compensated for our service to mankind.

Perhaps each of you own a piece of this land. Would you exchange it for ten times what you could own in a foreign land? Can you honestly and sincerely pledge allegiance to any other flag in the world?

The Star Spangled Banner is the symbol of our ideas of freedom, justice, charity, equality, loyalty to the principles for which it stands. It represents the rich and the poor, the sick, the mentally ill, the homeless and even the traitor who betrays it for a few pieces of silver. No other emblem has ever served mankind so well or faithful.

The future of our Flag is impressive as it overcomes one obstacle after another. There will be new conquests over totalitarianism, despotism, sickness and disease, poverty and unemployment and even greed.

This Flag is truly the symbol of the American people who sought a better way of life and found it. Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you at this time to rise and face the United States Flag and join me in

our Pledge of Allegiance.

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 LANEY: Okay. I did not know this, but we will sing the first verse of "America."

(SINGING OF "AMERICA" BY ENTIRE ASSEMBLY.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you. Grand Scribe, will you do the honors for the Texas Flag.

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent, Excellent and Very Excellent Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Companions and Ladies:

I am Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest for Bonham Chapter No. 52.

The official flag of Texas was adopted in session by the Third Congress of the Republic of Texas in Houston on January 25th, 1839, on motion of William H. Wharton, Oliver Jones and others. It specified that the flag should consist of "A blue perpendicular stripe of the width of one-third of the whole length of the flag and a white star of five points in the center thereof and two horizontal stripes of equal length and breadth, the upper stripe of white, the lower of red, of the length of two-thirds the length of the whole flag."

There was no other specification of the Flag of Texas until a statute was passed by the 43rd Legislature clarifying but not changing the original description given here. The statute did add specifications, however, one being that the star, from topmost to lowest points, shall be approximately one-third the depth of the blue field.

Colors in the flags of both the United States and Texas mean red for courage, white for purity and liberty and blue for loyalty. The committee, headed by Oliver Jones, which wrote the recommendations in 1839 for the present Lone Star Flag specified the meaning should be white for peace, red for war and blue for friendship. However, this part of the recommendation was not adopted by the Texas Congress, and the meanings of the colors in the national and state flags are commonly accepted as being identical.

The Texas Flag is the only flag of an American State having previously served as a flag of a recognized independent country.

If you would, please rise and give the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Will you please lead "Texas Our Texas."

(SINGING OF "TEXAS OUR TEXAS" BY ENTIRE ASSEMBLY.

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

Let's present the Youth Groups under the direction of Jimmy Willson and Paul Warren.

PRESENTATION OF YOUTH GROUPS

COMPANION H. BART HENDERSON: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is my pleasure to present to you and through you to the Companions here assembled Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Miss Rachel Grizzle, Grand Charity, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you for coming today. We really appreciate you being here. I have a special place in my heart for Rainbow Girls. My wife and my daughter both were Rainbows and I was, also, for about twelve years an advisor for the Rainbow Girls of De Soto and I really did enjoy that time. I am really proud that you took this time to come and be before us today. Thank you very much.

M:I: GRAND MASTER CHAPMAN: Supreme Inspector, Grand Charity, it is indeed a privilege to have you both here at the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. As I believe you are both aware, but maybe the audience is not aware, I am a current Rainbow advisor. My daughter was very active in the Rainbow and is now a pledge mother of a Rainbow group.

It is an honor and a privilege to have you all and you all were a very big part of the Grand Master's Program this year.

At this time I would like to offer you all an opportunity to speak to the audience.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL, SUPREME INSPECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS: Thank you.

Thank you so very much, Most Illustrious Sir and Most Excellent.

It is certainly a pleasure for Rainbow to be included in your festivities this morning. We appreciate the support of these two who have greeted us and their activity in Rainbow. We appreciate each one of you, each one of you for your teachings, number one, that we follow, for your support and also for your financial gifts. You are our leaders, you are our mentors. We appreciate you and we thank you for the honor of being here today.

I would like Rachel to greet you, please, if she will.

MISS RACHEL GRIZZLE, GRAND CHARITY, GRAND ASSEMBLY OF TEXAS, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS: Good morning!

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Good morning!

MISS GRIZZLE: First of all, I would like to say thank you all for welcoming us here today. I would like to let all of you know that our State Charity Project that we are working with this year is Habitat for Humanity. The way we are helping them out is by selling plush, cute and cuddly teddy bears and also giving our time to Habitat sites.

I would like to take this time to invite each of you to our Eighty-Sixth Annual Grand Assembly Session June 26th through June 28th in Frisco. We would love to see all of you there. Thank you.
(APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION REESE L. HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, I take pleasure in presenting to you and through you to the Companions here assembled Joseph Weldon Clampitte, the Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas and an active member of the International Supreme Council, the Order of DeMolay. And with him is Companion of San Antonio Council No. 14 Paul Canales, State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Texas. And I leave them in your fraternal care.
(LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Weldon, it is really an honor for us to greet you here at the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Being a Past Grand High Priest yourself and I had a wonderful time at the Session, the DeMolay Sessions this year. I believe, if I remember correctly, all of the Grand bodies in Texas were present at that time during the festivities and we really had a great time.

Also, to the State Master Councilor, it is a pleasure to see a young man like yourself go ahead and get into the York Rite and become a member and an active part.

I was a Priory Dad for about ten years in De Soto and they were a great bunch of guys. As a matter of fact, one of the members of that was my State Coordinator, Karl Kray. He was a part of that group and that is when my association with him began.

You are a great bunch of guys and I really appreciate you all being here today. Thank you.

M:I: GRAND MASTER CHAPMAN: Right Worshipful Dad Harrison, the presenter of our Dad Clampitte, the Executive Officer, is also a former Executive Officer.

Brother State Master Councilor and Sir Knight and Companion: it is indeed a privilege for me to welcome you into the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

As many of the audience knows, I am a Senior DeMolay and have been an advisor of a Chapter for sixteen years now. I can think of no better opportunity or place in my heart than to represent DeMolay as Grand Master and you were, also. It is a very important part of my Program this year.

If there is anything the Grand Council can do to assist you, I will be there working with you. I am proud of you, Brother State Master Councilor, and, Dad Clampitte, it is always an honor to have you. If you would at this time, address the audience with anything you all might have to say.

R:I: DEPUTY GRAND MASTER J. WELDON CLAMPITTE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DEMOLAY IN TEXAS: Thank you, Dad Chapman.

Most Excellent Sir, you said you were a former dad. We can press you back into service -
(LAUGHTER.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: - if you are willing to take of your time and since you already have had some experience, I would always be glad to talk with you and accept your application to reenter the advisorship of a Chapter or Priory either one.

It is an extreme pleasure to represent Texas DeMolay to this fine audience. Texas DeMolay is doing well. The last time I looked at the computer, which was yesterday, we seemed to be doing number two internationally in members, which is never satisfactory to me. I want us to be number one. I think that Texas should be number one in everything it does.

It is in large part to the adult leadership that I have throughout the State that works with these kids. It is not me that does it; it is them. They are the hard workers and then the kids with them are the hard workers. All I do is shuffle paperwork.

It is an extreme pleasure for me to tell you right now that this gentleman on my right, your left, Paul A. Canales, a State Master Councilor and also a Companion, is working with us very well and you can tell from him becoming a York Rite Mason that we are working well with Masonry in all the Bodies of Masonry in Texas. Every one of the major Bodies works with us tremendously.

I would like to now introduce to you - you have heard his name - Paul A. Canales, the State Master Councilor for a few words.

COMPANION PAUL A. CANALES, STATE MASTER COUNCILOR OF DEMOLAY IN TEXAS: I would just like to thank all of you for the support you have been giving to our organization. It is because of your dedication that we are able to go out and become number two in membership and it is because of your dedication that we are going to work to get to number one.

Dad Clampitte, I know that tomorrow is a big day for you. I could stand up here and say a handful of jokes and things like that, but -
(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION CANALES: - but you still have the power to remove me for the next month or so.
(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION CANALES: So I'm going to wait until Conclave.
I would just like to leave everybody with the words I have been leaving all the newly installed Officers of the other Masonic Bodies with and that is: in everything you do honor those who came before you;

respect those who serve with you; and inspire those who will come after you. Thank you for your time and all your support. (APPLAUSE.

M:I: GRAND MASTER CHAPMAN: Grand Charity and State Master Councilor, will you please come up again.

Companions, if any of you all went to the York Rite Conferences this year, you probably heard me say that one of my favorite quotes is: the future is purchased by the present. Companions, Ladies and Guests, this is our future. Let's invest in it well. Thank you both. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Excellent Grand Orator, we are ready for your Address.

GRAND ORATION
BY E: F. E. (SKIP) SMITH, GRAND ORATOR

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: I'm Skip Smith and I'm the Grand Orator, the man with the coolest title in the whole Royal Arch Chapter. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: I spent the whole year imagining myself in a Roman toga with sandals and an olive branch giving an oration. I even suggested that to Clarence, but he didn't care much for the idea. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: He gave me a look, a look that my football coach used to give before he assigned penalty laps. So I knew I better do this straight up. Well, the problem with doing an oration straight up is that it is supposed to be something more than a speech. It is supposed to uplift the moral character and set the tone for the ensuing Grand Chapter Session. Hey, no pressure. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: So I really struggled to try and find a theme for an oration because I really love this Body and I really have tried to pinpoint just one thing I could talk about, and I couldn't find anything. I really had to search and I found an idea in one of my family's stories.

My Grandfather Frank was a Mason in a small town and he won an oration by one of the greatest orators of the last century, and he donated the proceeds of that oration to the small Lodge in the town where he was from.

My Grandfather Frank ran a combination hardware store, furniture store, funeral home, mortuary, monument business (and as a Mason, owned the Masonic Lodge space upstairs) in a little town called Stockton. One year he sold more RCA Victrolas than anyone else west of the Mississippi. As a reward he won a Chautauqua Show. Some of you may know of the Chautauqua movement, but for the rest, it was a traveling tent show that brought highbrow entertainment to the small rural communities out west. If any of you have ever been to the fairgrounds near Stockton and know where the platform is where the high school kids get their rodeo belt buckles, you know where it is.

To give you an example of who performed at the fairgrounds near Stockton. There was the Boston Shakespeare Company, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the John Phillip Souza Band and the star of the Metropolitan Opera, Enrico Caruso. That was a Chautauqua. And the final act was always an oration by the co-founder of the Chautauqua movement, the great William Jennings Bryan.

Well, I wrote to the county newspaper out there, it's a weekly, and they said he talked on every subject imaginable. He spoke about politics, philosophy, religion, patriotism, he made you laugh, he made you cry. Companion Bryan, a Mason from Nebraska, talked for three and one half hours. Well, Clarence said I could have as much time as I needed. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: And I sure wanted to do right by him and do a real oration, but he would give me that look again and you all know what I'm talking about. (LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: Needless to say, I will not be doing that to you. But, I will borrow from Companion Bill's Rules of Oratory. He always talked on a subject in three sections and always told people the absolute truth about how he personally felt about a subject. So, I am going to tell you how I truthfully feel about you people, in three parts.

The first part is my story about Royal Arch Masons. We all have symbols and stories about Masonry that help sum up our feelings about our fraternity. For some, it is the stories about wounded men in battle being treated by brothers from the other side, pictures like the Shriner carrying both the crutches and a small crippled child, Simpkins store, or the little girl who traveled cross country bearing only a note and a Masonic pin. My story, like most, involves car trouble.

I was a brand new Mason, three days worth, and I was at my Lodge's Saturday morning workday. We always adjourned at noon and would take the lodge mail and go to the German deli around the corner for the mystery meat sausage lunch special. This particular mail had an announcement for an open-air degree in Central Texas, one that was in one of those rock quarries, with the tilers up on top.

The immediate Past Master and the Junior Warden both decided that I needed to go and see it. I agreed to go, but it turned out that my friends had another reason to go. The Junior Warden worked for an exotic car dealership and had a loaner car for the weekend. The car was a new turbo Saab sports car and the Junior Warden and the immediate Past Master wanted to take this car out on the highway. Well, go we did. The four and one-half hour trip only took about two and one-half hours, and that was with those two switching drivers every thirty minutes.

We attended the most beautiful degrees I have ever seen. But then, it was time to leave. And as you may have guessed, the car would not start. And we are out in Central Texas. Well, we popped the hood like all men will do and stared at it like we had a clue what was under the hood of a brand new turbo Saab Swedish sports car, or could read the manual which was in Swedish. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR SMITH: When the Brethren realized we needed help, they did everything that I had been told they would do. They all came to our assistance. They were going to make sure we were going to be safe until the car could be repaired. They offered to take us into their homes. But, there was one Brother that did a lot of talking with the Junior Warden about the York Rite and the Royal Arch, Degrees that I had not heard of yet. He left and returned with a tow-truck. He hitched us up and towed us the whole long way back to University Park. He dropped us off and then at 4:30 in the morning, headed back to Central Texas. He said he had to work the next morning. Well, he taught me an important first lesson in Masonry. He taught me the difference between a Mason and a Royal Arch Mason. A Mason is a good man. He was going to do everything that I had heard a Mason would do if I was in trouble and needed help. He would see me safe, but, the Royal Arch Mason would do something more. He would see me safely home.

So, you see, I have always felt that Royal Arch Masons were different. The second part of this story is how I substantiated my opinion by also hearing it "from the highest source in American Masonry." I was fortunate to attend the 200th Anniversary of the Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. After one of the entertaining programs, I had the great pleasure of talking with several companions who had found early Chapter Minutes from Fredericksburg Chapter No. 1. One of these sets of minutes involved Companion George Washington. He brought a friend and neighbor to receive the Royal Arch Degree. He even participated in the Degree work and joined in the conviviality afterwards. But what was most interesting to me was what Companion Washington wrote on the Petition. He wrote elaborately on how the Brother Smith was so good a man, so passionate a man, so good a Mason outside of the Lodge, he acted like he had already received the Royal Arch and it was appropriate that he be made a Companion.

I paraphrase what Companion Washington (George) wrote. But the general implication was that he and his contemporaries agreed that Royal Arch Masons were different Masons. Their passions for the Craft carried over into their lives outside of Lodge.

Which brings us to the third part of this little journey which needs to explain how and why. Many speakers have almost touched on it when they talk of that mysterious thing happening at the Altar that gives us our passion about the Craft. It is the obligation. Not the words. Not the meaning. But, the paradigm. The symbolism of the obligation reveals the first and most common one. A circle, drawn using a compass. A line, dividing our actions into two camps, inside or outside what is owed to a Brother.

The Royal Arch Mason does not use this paradigm or would this symbol be appropriate. Because, to the Royal Arch Mason, the obligation is not what is owed to a Brother. It is the minimum that is owed

to a Brother. It is a starting point for a line traveling into infinity.

I look around this room and I can think of examples where almost every one of you have done that in front of me and it explains a George Washington and how he could come to Lodge and be everybody's friend. It also explains how he could become the father of our country. It explains those Brethren who never come to Lodge, but live Masonry and it explains you the worker bees of our Fraternity who give the rest of the Fraternity its reputation, and to me at least it explains that first man I ever met in Masonry on my second day as a Master Mason who saw to it that I was taken home when I was in trouble. Thank you. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Excellent Grand Orator.
I was apprehensive because, you know, he is a lawyer and I was afraid he would talk all day, but he did a good job. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Unfortunately, I need to ask all the non-members to leave at this time. I really appreciate you again for being here. Thank you very much and let's give them a hand.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor.
Companion Grand Secretary, have you some Resolutions to make?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, Most Excellent. Can I do them from here or do you want me to come up?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: No, from right there will be fine, 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 LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons.

Contrary minded, same sign. I heard that in Missouri this year and it was very appropriate. Thought I'd try it here. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION
(Honorary Members)

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:
BE IT RESOLVED, that all out-of-state Guests who are not Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign.
Motion passed, Companion Grand Secretary.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, if you will go up to the office sometime during the day and see the young lady up there, she will make you a card and give it to you.

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., October 21, 2008, 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 LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, the same sign.
Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Those are all the Resolutions, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Grand Secretary, can we have the Roll Call of the Grand Officers?

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

CLARENCE J. LANEY
DOUGLAS COLLINS
ROBERT E. MELEAR
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.
KENNETH E. COOLEY
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, JR.
F. E. (SKIP) SMITH
CARL H. GARRISON
GARY D. DIXON
JOE O. ESTLACK
J. DAMON FEHLER
SHERMAN W. HOBBS
JACK PEEBLES, pro-temp
JESSIE NEWTON, pro-temp
D.J. JIM DAVIS, pro-temp
JEFFREY S. BENNETT
MICHIE M. BROUS
LEONARD O. PIERCE
G. CLAY SMITH

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

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion.

I just want to tell all the Grand Officers how much I appreciate their support this year. You all served very well and it was very much a pleasure to be with you.

Companion Bob, would you like to respond for the Grand Officers.

RESPONSE FOR GRAND OFFICERS

R:E: GRAND KING MELEAR: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I guess one of the greatest thrills that a man can have once he progresses beyond the local Chapters is working on an area in a statewide basis and meeting new friends, people, places and getting to see the wonderful art of Masonry being practiced throughout this great State of Texas, and also on rare occasions being able to and afforded the pleasure of going even into foreign countries and other states to see how they are

practicing Masonry.

I thank this Grand Chapter and I thank you and the other Grand Officers for allowing me the honor of being able to coattail along with you and be with you, learn from you and perhaps brighten someone else's life just a little bit more down the chain by the actions that you and your forefathers have set for you as you have set for us.

I think I can speak on behalf of all of these men. They are fine men. I know them all and I wouldn't hesitate to party with them anywhere in the State. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: GRAND KING MELEAR: They are very nice, kind, gentle, wonderful men who want to help their fellow human beings.

Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest for this opportunity. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Grand Secretary, will you read the Roll Call of the 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*	GOBER, TEXAS	1979
E. FRANK SMITH*	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	1980
LESLIE L. COONE*	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	1982
FARRIS L. BENHAM	AMARILLO, TEXAS	1989
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
JAMES ROY ELLIOTT	MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS	2007

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that concludes the Roll Call of the Living Past Grand High Priests.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, it has been an honor to receive all of your help this year. Every time I have called on you, you have helped and I really, really appreciate it. This Grand Body really deserves you guys and I am so proud to have you here today at this Grand Session. Companion Very Excellent James Elliott, would you give the Response.

RESPONSE FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Past Grand High Priests, we wish to thank you for your service and leadership this year and look forward to welcoming you into our ranks tomorrow. You have done a great job and we appreciate all that you have done and it has been our pleasure to observe and help you anytime you have asked us to. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Before you all leave, would everybody please rise. Let's give these distinguished Companions the Private Grand Honors.

(PRIVATE GRAND HONORS EXTENDED TO THE LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companions.
 You may be seated. (GAVELING)
 Are you ready for the District Deputies now, Grand Secretary?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: As he is calling you, would you please gather around the west side of the Altar, please.

ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

<u>DIST.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER NAME</u>	<u>NO.</u>
1	*W. H. (Bill) Guy	Ogilvie	115
2	Jack Mahn	Kilgore	449
3	Donald C. Sargent	Nacogdoches	13
4	Mike Pledger	Tyler	24
5	*Larry Whipps	Southeast Texas	465
7	Dennis E. Ziemer	Bellville	151
8	Carl W. Wunsche	North Houston	472
9	N. W. (Butch) Hanna	Park Place	458
10	*Stephen Hall	Richmond	467
11	Bill Faughtenberry	Sulphur Springs	63
12	Kenneth W. Kniss	Whitesboro	377
13	Herbert Fain	Terrell	146
14	Karl J. Krayner	Geo. Washington	422
15	Marion Stevens	Grand Prairie	489
16	Thomas A. Little, Jr.	Ennis	135
17	Jack M. Harper, II	Hillsboro	152
18	Claude Ervin	Waco	45
19	Denny Proffitt	Bosque	153
20	Terry W. LaGrone	Lone Star	6
21	*G. W. (Bill) Volland	Mt. Horeb	57
22	Gary Combs	Gonzales	51
23	E. Andy Hentschel	Helotes	444
24	*Justin Van Kleeck	Corpus Christi	91
25	Robert E. Wooten	Brownsville	495
26	M. Gene Terrell	Haggai	53
27	Stephen D. Dorsey	Hurst	492
29	*Kent Chapman	Wichita Falls	202
30	Jerry L. Pingle	Hamlin	310
31	*Daniel J. Cody	Santa Anna	346
32	*Sam Worbington	San Angelo	170
33	*James L. Hawkins	Keystone	172
34	Allan W. (Skip) Dees	Keystone	172
35	Ruben E. Lara	El Paso	157
36	*Alvin Alexander	Floydada	227
38	Richard Izatt	Amarillo	196
39	J. Clayton Baum	Laredo	185
40	*Mark Williams	Llano	197

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that concludes the Roll Call of the District Deputies.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, I know that you worked hard in the quarries this year. I have put on a few extra programs that maybe taxed you a little more than you are used to and every one of you performed admirably and I really do appreciate all of your efforts this year in trying to improve your Chapters in your areas. You are the backbone of the Grand Chapter and I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the work you have performed today. Companion Steve Dorsey, would you give the Response.

RESPONSE FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST, DISTRICT NO. 27, STEPHEN D. DORSEY:
Thank you, Most Excellent.

On behalf of all the District Deputy Grand High Priests we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the implementation, advancement and fulfillment of your vision for the improvement of Capitular Masonry throughout the State of Texas.

We would like to thank you for your year of leadership which allowed us the opportunity to increase our knowledge of Capitular Masonry and to experience the joy of seeing the growth and increased proficiency of our respective Chapters through your most excellent programs, and come tomorrow, your very excellent programs. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST DORSEY: It was indeed a joy to serve you this year and thank you, sir, for the promotion and proliferation of Capitular Masonry in our great State of Texas. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Will all of you please rise.
These people definitely deserve the Private Grand Honors.

(THE PRIVATE GRAND HONORS WERE EXTENDED TO THE 2008 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND (HIGH PRIESTS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companions. You may be seated.
Companion Very Excellent Grand Secretary, would you read the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Would all of you please assemble around the Altar as your name is called.

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	Jeffery S. Bennett
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
Distict Of Columbia	Mark D. Myer
Finland	Justin L. Van Kleeck*
Florida	John C. Elkinton
France	John D. Newman*
Georgia	Carl H. Garrison
Germany	Douglas Collins
Hawaii	William A. Bilsing, II*
Idaho	William E. (Bill) Schroeter
Illinois	Lawrence E. Tucker
India	Alfred E. Bell
Indiana	Raymond M. White
Iowa	Arliss Weber

Ireland	Ronald D. Park
Israel	David Fallas**
Italy	Thomas N. Turner
Kansas	Mitchell R. Jones
Kentucky	William D. Snipes**
Louisiana	James Roy Elliott
Maine	A. Glen McCandless*
Manitoba	Ronald J. Price
Maryland	Robert P. Walker**
Massachusetts	Brian R. Dodson
Mexico	Arnold R. Langston
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	Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
Nevada	Farris L. Benham
New Brunswick	Fred E. Allen
New Hampshire	John J. MacGregor, II**
New Jersey	Clarence J. Laney
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. W. (Jimmy) Willson
Oregon	J. Weldon Clampitt
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	Robert D. Collier
South Dakota	Joe R. Gilmore
Switzerland	Jack E. Beeler
Tennessee	Jack L. Wright
Utah	Jerry Pingle
Venezuela	John W. Duke
Vermont	B. J. Richmond**
Victoria	Joe F. Schriever
Virginia	F. E. (Skip) Smith, Jr.
Washington	Jack T. Peebles
West Virginia	Kirby Rudisill
Western Australia	E. Frank Smith**
Wisconsin	Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.
Wyoming	William P. Irving, Jr.

(* DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

(** EXCUSED)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that concludes the Roll call of the Grand Representatives.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, it is great to have all of you present. You have

served a very important job of visiting our States and keeping up with what is going on in those other Grand Chapters. I know I had the opportunity to go visit several States this year and you learn a whole lot. They do things differently and you all need to be out there correcting them as much as you possibly can. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Anyway, thank you for your service and thank you for all being here today.

Larry Canada, I know you are never without words. Would you respond for this August body.

RESPONSE FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

COMPANION LARRY G. CANADA: It is great volunteering for this opportunity. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, all of the members around here thank you for the appointments that we have. We like the opportunity of visiting the other States. We like the opportunity to tell them all the things they do wrong and show them as much as we can. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION CANADA: The nicest thing I think about being a Grand Representative to the other Jurisdictions is that they can see what we are in Texas and the fact that we are proud of being a Texas Mason. With that, we thank you for the opportunity.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companions. Appreciate you all being here. Let's give them all a good round of applause. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companions, and you may be seated. Right Excellent Grand Secretary, how about the Roll Call of the Recipients of the Golden Keystone Award?

Will all of the Recipients go to the west of the Altar when your name is called.

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	Southeast Texas 465	1995
David N. Whitehead*	Port Arthur 250	1995
Gerald H. Long*	Tarrant 416	1996
Lawrence D. Hearne*	Helotes 444	1996
Mitchell Ray Jones	Dallas 47	1998
Alfred E. Bell	Midlothian 211	1999
Sherman W. Hobbs	Alvord 193	2000
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
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
Ronald D. Park	Dallas 47	2008
J.P. Pat Collier, Jr.*	Southeast Texas 465	2008

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, it is a great honor to have you here at this Grand Session. You have exemplified the Work in so many ways and it is just a very, very great honor to have you here before us today and to see the newest member, Ronald D. Park, amongst you does my heart very well. Ron, would you like to give the Response for your group?

RESPONSE FOR GOLDEN KEYSTONE RECIPIENTS

COMPANION RONALD D. PARK: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

It is indeed an honor to receive this honor, but it is also to serve this Grand Chapter. Each and every one of these Companions have done yeoman's service. I just feel honored to be amongst them, but also to serve you. And I thank you for the honor of being chosen this year.
Thank you, sir.

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE LA VERGNE: Companions, will you please rise (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) and let's extend to these Honorees the Grand Honors.

(PRIVATE GRAND HONORS EXTENDED TO RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companions. You may be seated. All right.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Would you ask the Out-of-State Guests -

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Will all the Out-of-State Guests please go to the outside in order to introduce you at this time.
Is the Most Illustrious in the room? OK, here he comes.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED OUT-OF-STATE GUESTS

HELD JOINTLY WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

NAME AND TITLE:

PRESENTED BY:

KENNETH E. STORY

Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander of the great State of Arkansas.

KENNETH E. COOLEY

CARLE JACKSON

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

PAUL D. WARREN

HOWARD F. ENTWISTLE

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

PAUL D. WARREN

VERNON ATKINSON

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for Louisiana.

PAUL D. WARREN

EDMUND HARRISON

Right Excellent Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International

MICHAEL H. SHIVELY

KEITH McKINNEY

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

JOE O. ESTLACK

STANLEY N. McIRVIN

Right Eminent, Grand Master General of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

B. J. YOUNG

NICK R. RAMOS

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee.

JACK L. WRIGHT

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

RECEPTION OF DISTUGUISHED TEXAS GUESTS
HELD JOINTLY WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS
NAME AND TITLE: PRESENTED BY:

LOYD L. CHANCE **H. BART HENDERSON**
R.E Grand Governor in Texas, York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

KENNETH B. FISCHER **JAMES ROY ELLIOTT**
Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA.

LAWRENCE E. TUCKER **PAUL D. WARREN**
Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America

J. M. JIMMY WILLSON, JR. **PAUL D. WARREN**
Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America

WILLIAM E. MATYASTIK **BRIAN DODSON**
Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas

DOCK F. DIXON **BRIAN DODSON**
V:E: Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

DAVID MELEAR **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL E. WUNSCH **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

H. DAVID MOORE **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

H. BART HENDERSON **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JERRY N. KIRBY **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

LOYD L. CHANCE **BRIAN DODSON**
Right Eminent Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Commander

JERRY L. PINGLE **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JOHN C. ELKINTON **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JACK M. HARPER, II **BRIAN DODSON**
Eminent Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

TOMMY GUEST **C. STEVE WOLFE**
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

GENE CARNES

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

C. STEVE WOLFE

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

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

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W. DAVID COUNTS

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

C. STEVE WOLFE

TOMMY F. GRIFFIN

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

DOUGLAS COLLINS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Most Worshipful Grand Master Tommy Griffin, it is really indeed an honor and pleasure for me to receive you today into this Grand Body.

Whenever our paths started working together, I had this problem. We had Tommy Griffin, Tommy Chapman and Tom Snyder, but I wasn't going to change my name to Tom. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: But I considered you all as the Tom-Tom, the guidance system through my work in the State. It has been a pleasure serving with you and meeting with you at several different times and having some good fraternal relationships. Thank you, sir, for being here. Thank you very much.

M:I: GRAND MASTER CHAPMAN: Most Worshipful Grand Master, welcome on behalf of all the Cryptic Masons into the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

It has indeed been a privilege serving this year as Grand Master of the Grand Council while you were serving as Most Worshipful Grand Master of all Masons in Texas and it has really been a fun year. I know we have been friends a long time and I have called you on cell phones when I was a hundred miles away from you and we were on different trips trying to do different endeavors and it was coincidental. We didn't plan to be Grand Masters at the same time, but it sure has been a fun coincidence and I appreciate everything you do for this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, I now present to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Tommy Griffin. (APPLAUSE.

M:W: GRAND MASTER GRIFFIN: Thank you, Companions. Please be seated.

Most Excellent, Most Illustrious and my Companions and Friends: I'll tell you what, it's a great feeling. I appreciate the Grand Honors that you extended to me.

You know, I never was a District Deputy Grand Master in Blue Lodge and somebody told me one time, "Tommy, you can't be Grand Master if you haven't been District Deputy." And I said, "Well, I had a badge that showed that I was a District Deputy Grand Master. But the year that Most Worshipful J. P. Vogel in 1992 extended that honor to me, I got elected to the Committee on Work and you could not at that time and I don't think you still can hold those two positions. So I had a choice to make: either be a District Deputy or be a Member of the Committee on Work and I allowed my name to be available and I got elected. I guess I have the only name badge that says, "Right Worshipful Tommy Griffin, District Deputy Grand Master District 107 and Member of the Committee on Work."

But I still have not got used to receiving Grand Honors, whether it be in the Blue Lodge or whatever Body in Masonry and I appreciate you extending those to me today.

We visited our grandson. He is eight weeks old and what a joy that is. He is just now, whenever you get him over here to burp, you know he is raising his head back and forth. That's the stage he's in.

I'm not sure he is seeing his grandfather or not. He is smiling a little bit, but we had a great day Saturday. I drove up and I always listen to Willie's Place. They tell you, you know, if you can't go, well, they will bring Willie's Place to you on HM 13. So I listened to that quite often. There was a song that came on there that says, "I'm just an old chunk of coal, but I'm going to be a diamond some day."

You know, I thought about that in your life as a Mason and I guess I was that old chunk of coal back there in 1978 when I was initiated, passed and raised, and even though I know you guys tried and the Lord has helped me in a lot of ways and my wife as well, I'm not that diamond yet, but sometimes whenever you are with Masons and you go to meetings and you are treated like a diamond. I'll tell you what, I appreciate that very much from the bottom of my heart. (APPLAUSE)

M:W: GRAND MASTER GRIFFIN: I come from a little Lodge. We had 68 members when I joined it and became a Master Mason on May 5th, 1978. I will never forget that night. Right out of the box they elected me the Junior Warden of my Lodge and I was Master in 1980 and 1981. My dad was a Charter Member of our Lodge. He passed away in 1985. He told me, he said, "Son you know you have five Brothers here who have really backed you and really taught you the Work. They taught it to you well, but," he said, "whenever you become Master of this Lodge, you represent all 68 members, not just those five." And I took that to heart as well and I called every one of those members of my Lodge. I put them on committees. I put them on any kind of details and, of course, I'm from the Marine Corps and there are some details there. I put them on all kind of details where they could help in the Lodge. They may not have been a ritualist, but they may could have cooked us something to eat for one night's meeting or whatever. They could do the yard in January, where we don't have grass growing in Southeast Texas. But they were on the board. They did something for our Lodge.

That is what we tried to do this year. We tried to get everyone involved as much as we can in Masonry. The Education and Service Committee has done a great job with our Wardens Retreats. We tried to exemplify a part of the symbolism programs in our seventeen Conferences that we had. I hope most of you were there. Then we had a question and answer session which I allowed anyone from the floor to ask me a question and I did my best to explain the Grand Lodge proceedings and what is really happening in the Grand East during the year, not just at Grand Lodge, but during the year. We are trying to educate our Masons across Texas.

One of the programs that David talked about last night, it costs the Grand Lodge \$10,000.00 to do this program that I wanted to present. I wrote a letter to every Master Mason that was raised from the time I was installed and it will proceed until December the 4th of this year.

We also sent each one of them - now, I actually signed my signature to each one of those letters. I didn't want that rubber-stamped. I wanted to send it to them personally.

We also sent them a book of the Craft in symbols and it is a very interesting book. It teaches you a lot about Masonry. It teaches a lot about the symbolisms and you know what you are getting into as a Master Mason. That was something that I was not privileged to have whenever I joined the Fraternity.

The Brother that taught me my work had seven errors in his Work. He has still got three. I can't convince him that those three aren't there. (LAUGHTER)

M:W: GRAND MASTER GRIFFIN: He will go to his grave with those three errors. I have corrected mine. Gene Carnes has helped me out a little bit on that. (LAUGHTER)

M:W: GRAND MASTER GRIFFIN: But he didn't know any of the symbolism of Masonry. He didn't know what it was. You know, I asked him, "The Holy Saints John, is that the Holy Saint that I studied in the Methodist Church coming up as a youth?" "Tommy, don't worry about that. Let's just say it and go on and later on you'll find out." (LAUGHTER)

M:W: GRAND MASTER GRIFFIN: Well, I found out and that is what our Fraternity is all about. We tried to present that this year.

We have had problems out there. We are trying to solve them. I believe that the foundation of Masonry is our Ritual and we have emphasized that across the State. I've dodged a few darts, but I can handle it.

I think that every Mason should at least be able to recognize what our Working Tools are and what they stand for and what those Three Great Lights in Masonry are over there on that Altar and what they mean to each and every one of us. That is the key to our Fraternity.

My grandson is eight weeks old. The Eastern Star lady, and I have told this several times during the year, she came to me years ago. She said, "Tommy, you got that beautiful apron on being on the Committee on Work with the 47th problem on the flap." She said, "I know that you can do something about Masonry. You have got an important position." She said, "I'd like Lodges to be like my grandfather's Lodge, my dad's Lodge, and that's not the way they are. Can you do anything about it?" "We're trying, ma'am, we're trying."

Thirteen years later I'm wearing the apron that Gene has on now, the Grand Junior Warden of your Grand Lodge, and she came to me and she saw that collar. She said, "I know you can do something about it now. You know, I want the Lodge to be like it was where Masons are respected in their communities and they were the members of the Lodge and they were the backbone of our society in our home town."

Well, Brethren, all I can say is: I tried and we are trying our best and we are going to continue that. With the Trustees that you have in line, I think we are in good hands. I'm not worried about yesterday and, you know, the future is for my grandson. It is up to you guys and myself to carry that on for him and I hope that you do that.

I want to read part of the letter that I sent to every one of these Master Masons in the State and it is in the Constitution and the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas. It states, and I quote, "Our purpose is to advance the moral and social interests of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love, and generally to promote in its own way the happiness of mankind - it is a fraternity of good men, linked together by honorable and indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interests in factional politics and sectarian religion and free from the dictation of both."

My Companions, that is what we are. It is up to you. It is up to our Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons across this State to promote our Fraternity.

I appreciate you listening to me this morning. Wear your Square and Compasses with pride and continue to make Masonry a Texas tradition. Thank you, Companions. (RISING APPLAUSE).

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion, Arliss Weber, are you in the room?

COMPANION WEBER: Yes, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Come forward, please, sir. I have something to present to you. This year I was up in the great State of Iowa. When I was up there at their Session, guess who I get to see. Companion Weber here. He has family who live in Iowa and I made him and appointed him, had the privilege of doing that, making him the Representative to the State of Iowa. I would like to present your Patent to you at this time. Congratulations, Companion. (APPLAUSE).

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: There is also a little card there for you. I have never found a frame to fit that or I would have got a frame.

Thank you, Companion. We really appreciate you. Hope to see you in Iowa again.

I also have another one here for Georgia for Carl Garrison, will you please come down.

Companion Garrison, it has been a pleasure being with you this year and I have received your Patent and I would like to present it to you at this time. Congratulations, Carl. (APPLAUSE).

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now, Companion McKinney from Ohio, are you still here? Would you come to our podium and give us some words of wisdom at this time.

V:I: KEITH MCKINNEY, PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF OHIO: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, honored Guests and Companions all:

I have been coming to Texas for a good while now and in each case and in each Body I have been with much cordiality and hospitality. I can't tell you how much it means to me to come to Texas.

About eleven years ago I had the honor and privilege of suggesting our now Most Illustrious Grand Master, Fred A. Boggs. He is now serving up there and I wish to bring to you, the Officers and the Companions of this great State of Texas his greeting and his best wishes for a very, very good Capitular year and a very good Council year.

Eleven years ago when I suggested his name, he has not disappointed us in the great State of Ohio and it pleases me very much to represent him today here in the great State of Texas. I can't tell you just how much it means to me to come down every year and be with the Companions in this great State.

So many of the ones that I have met here have been a boon to me, guided me along here and kind of taught me the ropes here and how you do things in Texas. Now, I know that we have to come down to Texas to get the right way to do it.
(LAUGHTER.

V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER MCKINNEY: Our ways are just a little bit different, but they all mean the same, Companions. We are all in the same family of the Honorable and Ancient Fraternity. I want to say to you that I look forward to coming back here to this great State and meeting again some of the Companions here that I have already met. I hope to make new friends. Thank you so very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Jackson from Louisiana, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, are you in the audience?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WARREN: Most Excellent, I think they had a conference call at ten o'clock so they may still be out on that.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. I will give my address at this time.

(RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING ROBERT MELEAR THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND (PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

I am Clarence J. Laney, Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478 and I now present my Grand High Priest's Address.

I hope everybody has a booklet that they received at registration and my Address is in this report. If you would like for me to read it at this time, I will. But if you would like to read it on your own, which I know you can, I will just make a motion to receive of the Grand High Priest's Address.

A COMPANION: So moved.

R:E: GRAND KING MELEAR: Companions, you have heard the motion to receive the Grand High Priest's Address.

If you will accept, you will signify by the usual voting sign among Master Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Companion Grand Secretary.

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

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

We, the Grand Officers of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas welcome you all to the 159th Annual Convocation.

To the Distinguished Guests: We hope you enjoy your stay and if we can do anything to enrich your time here, please let us know.

To the members of Texas: Embrace the opportunity to serve the important deliberation's of this Grand Chapter. I extend to you my appreciation for your attendance. If this is the first time you have attended our Grand Session, make this an annual occurrence.

During my lifetime, I have traveled and witnessed many things, but October 11, 2007 started me on the most amazing journey I have ever traveled. It has been the greatest of all privileges to have served as the Grand High Priest of Texas. Thank you very much for the opportunity and I will be forever in your debt. I will always cherish all of your kindness and support. As Past Grand High Priest, Jerry Kirby (1991) said, "It has been good, not evil; gain, not loss; success, not failure; and most importantly, your love has made everything worthwhile and profitable". Thank you thrice times Companions.

STATE OF THE ORDER

This is one report I wish I could sugar coat and say how wonderful things are in all our Chapters. Some Chapters are working very hard and showing growth, while others are learning their work and the degrees. To these companions, I take my hat off and thank you.

However, there are other Chapters who are getting tired and giving up. Age and the rate of suspensions are the two major challenges we face as a fraternity. I have noticed at the festivals that the classes are larger and the age of the candidates are younger than they have been in the past. These facts show we need to change the way we run our Chapters to prepare for new growth. The answer is **Planning** and **Communication**!

"There are loyal hearts and spirits brave
And souls that are brave and true;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

Give Love and to your life will flow
A strength in your utmost need;
Give faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith is your word and deed.

This life is a mirror of king and slave
And just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

Oscar M. Longnecker
Grand High Priest 1918

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

Another year has past the mark and our ranks have been invaded, by the tyrant death, but we shall not forget those beloved companions. The supreme Grand Master on High has deemed it wise to pass them through the sanctuary to their heavenly mansion. To thee, Oh God, we give our praise for the just shall pass from life through death to life.

I do wish to mention one in particular, and that is Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest. J.D. Buddy Baccus who fought a tough battle with cancer. There are not enough words to say what all he as done for Masonry in Texas, but I would like to speak to the spirit with which he did them. He was always upbeat and had a joke ready to tell that would uplift the entire Grand Convocation. He reminded us that we shouldn't take everything quite so seriously. We will miss him greatly.

RELOCATION OF WACO CHAPTER NO. 45, R.A.M.

Problem:

- A. Waco Chapter No. 45 meeting at 724 Washington Ave., Waco, TX, requested to move to the Lee Lockwood Library Museum.
- B. I received complaints of companions not receiving their dues cards.

Findings:

- A. The Chapter has on several occasions met to discuss the problem concerning the building. To date the issues have not been addressed. The elevator was not certified and had no working phone or alarm.
- B. I found there were some dues cards that were not issued. The High Priest, Sonny Juarez, informed me the secretary had resigned and some information and checks were lost or misplaced.

Action:

- A. I visited Waco Chapter No. 45 on October 25, 2007. At this time they were having a summoned meeting of the Council for the purpose of voting on the question of moving to a new location. The vote to move was passed by a majority. The Chapter also opened and voted to move. Note this was not a summoned Chapter meeting.
On November 18, 2007, I granted dispensation to Waco Chapter to meet and move to The Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. I did this under Article No. 193 and 194A and the condition of the building located at 724 Washington Ave., Waco, TX.
- B. I verbally spoke with the High Priest, Companion Sonny Juarez, to take steps to solve the dues card issue and find a new secretary. I asked the Grand Secretary Orville L. O'Neill to help bring this issue to a close.

Reflection:

What saddens me the most about this issue is the actions and feelings exhibited at the meeting were not that of true brotherly love and affection, but they were a battle of egos. Please make this move and work to regain the fraternity that is the basis of York Rite. Take this unfortunate disagreement and recognize what was wrong and discard it. I hope that the companions see fit to regain the proper fraternal spirit.

If the building on Washington Ave. is repaired then the companions should seek to go back and meet there again.

2008 YORK RITE CONFERENCES

This year there were seven state conferences. They are listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cordinator</u>
November 10, 2007	Kirbyville	J. P. Pat Collier Jr.
January 5, 2008	Fort Worth	Jeffrey S. Bennett
January 26, 2008	Tyler	Richard W. Gaiser
February 23, 2008	Helotes	Joe O. Estlack
March 1, 2008	Houston	Paul E. Wunsche
March 29, 2008	Floydada	J. M. Jimmy Willson Jr.
April 12, 2008	Dallas	David G. Rogers

As the State Coordinator, Companion Karl J. Kraymer worked relentlessly to meet the challenges of the duties of the conferences. He played an important part and presented a great program entitled "The Key to the Mysterious Characters". The program put forth the best explanation of the important part of the Royal Arch Degree. Thank you Companion Karl Kraymer.

The following programs were explained at the conferences:

- New Planning Guide Project
- Orientation of new companions
- Bring a short subject to each business meeting
- Newsletter every 3 months, or quarterly, throughout the state

An Acronym to improve your own Chapter

- H – ard Work (Luck = the residue of hard work and effort)
- A – sk (Ask a Blue Lodge Mason to be a new member)
- P – lan (If you don't plan, you plan to fail. Success = residue of design)

- P – ride (Learn your work. You are an example for someone)
- Y – ou (You are the final ingredient to the success plan. The biggest room in the world is the room for self improvement)

HAPPY = SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S DECISION

Right Illustrious G. W. Bill Volland sent me an e-mail asking two questions.

1. When opening a Chapter for five, do the five companions have to be members of that Chapter?
2. When opening the Chapter for nine, do all nine have to be members of that Chapter?

Answer:

1. Yes, all have to be members of the opening Chapter. According to Article 207 of the Constitution and Law of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas, it states, "Shall not transact any business with less than five of its own members".
2. The law for opening for nine is silent on how many members it takes to open a Chapter. Whereas Article 207 stated five members must be present to transact business, I would say the other four members may be from other Chapters.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

February 6-10, 2008 Masonic Week in Alexandria, Virginia

Attended the Masonic Week in Alexandria, Virginia. This was the first time I was able to attend. While I was there I was Elevated, Bathed and Corked, meaning I received the Elevator Degree, the Order of the Bath and the Order of the Cork. At the Order of the Bath I was initiated as the class candidate, conferred by Past Grand Master of Texas, MW Reese L. Harrison, Jr. While this was my first time in Virginia, I had the chance to visit with my brother and his family in Winchester, Virginia. He showed me around the area and took me to Harpers Ferry.

March 9 –15, 2008 Louisiana

Attended Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana. They had a great session and my wife Pam and I enjoyed the banquet held at the Hotel in Alexandria.

Arkansas

Attended the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas in North Little Rock. Pam and I were met with kindness and hospitality. We enjoyed getting to visit with V:E: Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas, Ken Story.

March 21 –24, 2008 Easter Observance at Washington, DC

Pam and I went to the Arlington National Cemetery to witness the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Sir Knight William Koon II, along with the Grand Commander of Indiana, placed a wreath at the tomb. We spent a day touring George Washington's plantation home, Mount Vernon, and the George Washington Monument. If you have not seen the monument, make plans to go. It is well worth the trip.

April 10 – 11, 2008 Oklahoma

Excellent Grand Marshall, Carl Garrison, and I attended the Grand Chapter and Council of Oklahoma. Two days were not long enough to enjoy all that they had to offer. However, the time was well spent and I look forward to attending again next year.

April 27 –May 2, 2008 California

Attended the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California. I was surprised at how many transplanted Texans there were in California. Pam and I had a great time at their banquet. We were also afforded the opportunity to visit with Pam's second cousin in Tehachapi, California and see the historic Tehachapi Loop. We are looking forward to attending the California Grand Sessions again next year.

May 10 – 18, 2008

Missouri

Attended the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri in Jefferson City. They held a successful session along with a western theme banquet including Karaoke as entertainment. Pam and I had the opportunity to visit the Lake of the Ozarks and the Ha Ha Tonka State Park, translated as Laughing Waters.

June 6 – 7, 2008

Philadelphia

Attended the 250th Anniversary of Columbia-Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 3 in Philadelphia, PA. I stayed at the famous Union League of Philadelphia Hotel where President Abraham Lincoln gave one of his addresses. This Chapter received its warrant to work in 1758 from Lodge No. 3, and was given the No. 3 for that reason. They were the first Chapter in Pennsylvania and have been working continuously since they came into being. I visited with many Distinguished Companions, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, AF & AM, Brother Stephen Gardner, The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of PA, Companion Paris D. Alunni, the Most Eminent Grand Master Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Companion Edward H. Fowler, Jr. On my last day the District Deputy Grand High Priest Companion Barry N. Lavinson, and his wife, took me on a tour of Philadelphia. We visited the Grand Lodge Building, the Liberty Bell, Benjamin Franklin's grave site, the Italian open market, and to "Geno"s to eat a famous Philly Cheese Steak sandwich.

**FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONS OF
THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER HELD FOR THE MARKING OF THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS**

On the 12th day of April, 2008 a Grand Representation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was opened at 3:00 PM at the Masonic Temple located at 1100 Henderson in Fort Worth, Texas in Due and Ancient form according to the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas with the following participating:

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
KENNETH COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
LARRY WHITFIELD as	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
EDDIE CHAPMAN as	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
JEFFREY BENNETT	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
CARL H. GARRISON	E: GRAND MARSHAL
GARY DIXON	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
JOE ESTLACK	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
DAMON FEHLER	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
SHERMAN HOBBS	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL
DEWAYNE McCRARY	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL
CARL GARRISON as	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL
MICHIE BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
STEPHEN DORSEY as	E: GRAND GUARD

On the 12th day of July, 2008 a Grand Representation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was opened at Sulphur Springs, Texas in Due and Ancient form according to the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas with the following participating:

CLARENCE J. LANEY	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
WILLIAM E. CAMPBELL JR. as	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JOHN W. JACK MAHN as	R:E: GRAND KING
JAMES ROY ELLIOTT as	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
ROBERT SIECKMANN	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
ANDREW DALRYMPLE as	E: GRAND MARSHAL
GARY DIXON	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
LEE ROWLAND as	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

PAUL G. STEWART as
 SHERMAN HOBBS
 DEWAYNE MCCRARY
 ROBERT SIECKMANN as
 GEORGE FRANCIS as

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
 E: GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL
 E: GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL
 E: GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL
 E: GRAND GUARD

VISITATIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10/9/07	Home from Grand Chapter	Waco, TX
10/13/07	Family Day at TMRC	Arlington, TX
10/15/07	Whitesboro Lodge #236	Whitesboro, TX
10/16/07	Huntsville Lodge – Meeting	Huntsville, TX
10/17/07	A C Garrett Commandery Inspection	Garland, TX
10/18/07	Travis Commandery Inspection	Sherman, TX
10/20/07	Rose of Sharon Dinner	Dallas, TX
10/23/07	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
10/25/07	Waco Chapter & Council Stated Meeting	Waco, TX
11/1/07	Hillcrest Lodge - Gave Talk	Dallas, TX
11/3/07	Weatherford Commandery Inspection	Weatherford TX
	To Granbury Commandery Inspection	Granbury, TX
11/11/07	TMRC - Gave Veterans Day address	Arlington, TX
11/12/07	Hiram Lodge - Stated Meeting	Collinsville, TX
11/13/07	Dad Pender Chapter & Council	Denton, TX
11/15/07	Indivisible Friends Commandery	Sherman, TX
11/17/07	Palestine Festival	Palestine, TX
11/19/07	Whitesboro Lodge #236	Whitesboro, TX
11/20/07	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
11/27/07	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
12/1/07	Denton Commandery Inspection	Denton, TX
12/5/07	Grand Lodge	Waco, TX
	To Palestine Commandery Festival	Palestine, TX
12/10/07	Hiram Lodge - Stated Meeting	Collinsville, TX
12/11/07	Dad Pender Chapter & Council	Denton, TX
12/13/07	Sherman Chapter & Council	Sherman, TX
12/17/07	Whitesboro Lodge #236 EA Exam	Whitesboro, TX
12/18/07	Denton Commandery Installation	Denton, TX
12/19/07	A C Garrett Commandery	Garland, TX
1/3/08	Whitesboro Lodge – Fellowcraft	Whitesboro, TX
1/7/08	Quanah - Visit C & C	Quanah, TX
1/8/08	Gainesville OES - Gave Talk on TMRC	Gainesville, TX
1/10/08	Travis Lodge in Sherman	Sherman, TX
1/12/08	Midlothian Festival	Midlothian, TX
1/14/08	Hiram Lodge - Stated Meeting	Collinsville, TX
1/15/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
1/17/08	Sherman Indivisible Friends	Sherman, TX
1/19/08	Dallas Festival	Dallas, TX
1/21/08	Whitesboro Lodge	Whitesboro, TX
1/22/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
1/24/08	TMRC – Meeting	Arlington, TX
1/30/08	Whitesboro Lodge - Masters Degree	Whitesboro, TX
1/31/08	St Thomas of Acon	Dallas, TX
2/1/08	St Thomas of Acon Festive Bd. Dinner	Dallas, TX
2/12/08	Denton Chapter & Council	Denton, TX
2/14/08	Sherman Chapter & Council	Sherman, TX
2/16/08	Arlington Festival	Arlington, TX
2/18/08	Whitesboro Lodge	Whitesboro, TX
2/19/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
2/25/08	Quanah - MM Degree	Quanah, TX

2/26/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
2/28/08	TMRC – Meeting	Arlington, TX
3/17/08	Whitesboro Lodge	Whitesboro, TX
3/25/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
3/27/08	TMRC Meeting & Ground Breaking Ceremony	Arlington, TX
4/4/08	Stag Banquet	Waco, TX
4/5/08	KYCH Mtg in Sherman	Sherman, TX
4/8/08	Denton Chapter & Council	Denton, TX
4/15/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
4/17/08	Sherman Commandery	Sherman, TX
4/18-4/21	Grand Commandery	Dallas, TX
4/22/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
5/20/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
5/21/08	AC Garrett Commandery	Garland, TX
5/22/08	TMRC Meeting	Arlington, TX
5/24/08	Whitesboro School of Instruction	Whitesboro, TX
5/27/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
5/30/08	Amarillo School of Instruction	Amarillo, TX
6/2/08	Whitesboro Lodge - EA Degree	Whitesboro, TX
6/4/08	Masonic Service - Buddy Baccus	Ft Worth, TX
6/9/08	Hiram Lodge - Stated Meeting	Collinsville, TX
6/10/08	Dad Pender C & C - Could Not Open	Denton, TX
6/14/08	Denton School of Instruction	Denton, TX
6/17/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
6/19/08	Sherman Lodge	Sherman, TX
6/24/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	
6/28/08	DeSoto Lodge Installation	DeSoto, TX
	Denison C & C Installation	Denison, TX
	Collinsville C & C Installation	Collinsville, TX
7/1/08	Denton Stanfield Lodge	Denton, TX
7/8/08	Dad Pender	Denton, TX
7/9/08	Love Field C & C Installation	Dallas, TX
7/12/08	Sulphur Springs 150 Year Celebration	Sulphur Springs, TX
7/14/08	Hiram Lodge - Stated Meeting	Collinsville, TX
7/15/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
7/17/08	Demolay Conclave	Austin, TX
	Waco AMD Mtg	Lee Lockwood Bldg Waco,
	TX	
7/21/08	Whitesboro Lodge	Whitesboro, TX
7/22/08	Whitesboro Chapter & Council	
	Whitesboro, TX	

DISPENSATION TO TEMPORARILY MOVE CHARTER

November 18, 2007 - Granted dispensation to move Charter from Morton Masonic Lodge No. 72 to Rosenberg Masonic Lodge No. 881 for the purpose of holding a festival.

January 29, 2008 - Granted dispensation to Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424 to move to Holland Lodge No. 1 for holding a special convocation to elect candidates.

June 17, 2008 - Granted dispensation to Beaumont Chapter No. 188 to move to Madison Lodge No. 126 for the purpose of holding a festival.

July 21, 2008 - Granted dispensation to move Southwest Texas Chapter No. 450 to Dewitt Clinton Lodge No. 29 for the purpose of installing officers.

DISPENSATION TO MOVE CHARTER TO ANOTHER ADDRESS

October 15, 2007 - Granted dispensation to Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 to move to Charles W. Anderson Lodge No. 1413.

January 29, 2008 - Granted dispensation to move Charter of Temple Chapter No. 199 to King Solomon Masonic Lodge No. 1420.

CONSOLIDATIONS

December 17, 2007 – Issued approval to consolidate Lamesa Chapter No. 463 with Big Spring Chapter No. 178.

January 7, 2008 - Issued approval to consolidate Fort Stockton Chapter No. 476 with Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445.

July 21, 2008 - Issued approval to consolidate Snyder Chapter No. 494 with Big Spring Chapter No. 178.

MERGE DISTRICTS

February 14, 2008 – Received recommendation that Capitular District No. 33 be merged with Capitular District No. 34. I do concur with this suggestion and find no reason this should not be acted upon.

PERMISSION TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC

October 15, 2007 – I gave permission for Gonzales Chapter No. 51 to appear in public with regalia in accordance with Article 10. Gonzales Chapter met for a memorial service at the amphitheater in Gonzales, Texas.

PERMISSION TO HOLD ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OUT OF TIME

December 17, 2007 - Gave permission to San Jacinto Chapter No. 7 to hold election of officers and install them out of time.

December 17, 2007 - Due to the death of the Treasurer Companion Valenzuela, permission was given to Helotes Chapter No. 444 to hold election and install a treasurer.

FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

I congratulate the Companions who have received this high honor. It has been one of the greatest highlights of my responsibilities this year to have these awards prepared for those of you who have labored long and hard in the quarries. May we enjoy your efforts and wisdom for many more years.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Joseph K. Ellis, Jr.	Tyler No. 24	
Scott Powell Roach	Lafayette No. 48	
Clifford F. Wooten	Mt. Horeb No. 57	
Charles Robert Etheridge	Galena Park No. 490	05/09/2008
Phillip Owen Turner	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	04/15/2008
J. W. Hyde	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	
Hubert E. Paris	Mabank No. 435	06/23/2008
Charles Dewitt Holmes	Carthage No. 28	03/15/2008
Donald R. Gable	Big Spring No. 178	
Robert Choate Hill	Big Spring No. 178	
William Clayton Hughes	Kilgore No. 449	04/22/2008
Emerson R. Jones	Kilgore No. 449	04/22/2008
Richard Lester Mulanax	Kilgore No. 449	03/15/2008
Richard Parish English	Lufkin No. 240	06/27/2006

Joe Echols Rich, Sr.	Lufkin No. 240	03/25/2008
Curtis Moxie Ruby	Lufkin No. 240	
George Franklin Smith	Kerrville No. 305	
Glen D. Lackey	Kerrville No. 305	03/24/2008
Charley Ralston Coffey	Kerrville No. 305	
Robert Otha Bobbitt	Beaumont No. 188	02/12/2008
Walter Lee Straughn, Jr.	Beaumont No. 188	02/11/2008
Elder Millard Thomas	Beaumont No. 188	Deceased
Eugene Oscar Heath	Plainview No. 228	
Garland Boyd Lott	Plainview No. 228	
James S. Shank	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	03/27/2008
Robert Rex Aycok	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Embry W. Williams, Jr.	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Edward Elmo Murray	Port Lavaca No. 338	02/20/2008
Doyel Norman Martin	Pasadena No. 455	Deceased
Cecil Andrew Graham	Will N. Kidd No. 424	03/11/08
Albert V. Howie	Terrell No. 146	07/28/2008
George T. Hazelwood	Terrell No. 146	07/28/2008
James F. Baker	Will N. Kidd No. 424	
Ralph Austin Choate	Big Spring No. 178	05/09/2008
Joe F. Hughes	Amarillo No. 196	
Kenneth E. LaFave	Amarillo No. 196	
Arnold Ivy Baker	North Houston No. 472	06/06/2008
Charles Lee Chaplin	North Houston No. 472	06/06/2008
Virgil Richard Matthews	North Houston No. 472	
Francis Marion Burdick	Dallas No. 47	deceased
Claude Wilson Lyon, Jr.	Dallas No. 47	09/02/2008
William Harris Vaughan	Dallas No. 47	05/28/2008
Delmar Eli Wallace, Jr.	Dallas No. 47	05/02/2008
James B. Meredith	Texas No. 362	04/14/2008
Charles Aubrey Ringler	Texas No. 362	04/01/2008
Harvey Chatman Rupe, Jr.	Texas No. 362	04/01/2008
Frank P. Talley, Jr.	Texas No. 362	04/01/2008
William Edward Wallace	Texas No. 362	01/01/2008
James Junior Barnes	Kilgore No. 449	02/19/2008
William D. Decker	Henderson No. 361	2007
Jessie Clayton McKay	Tarrant No. 416	
James Harve West	Hamlin No. 310	03/20/2008
Harold Joe Justin	Wichita Falls No. 202	
Charles Dean Thomas, Sr.	Wichita Falls No. 202	
Charles R. Hewitt	Hamlin No. 310	
Charles Grover Rushing	Wichita Falls No. 202	
James Burrell Davis	Washington No. 2	
James Robert Wright, Jr.	Washington No. 2	04/12/2008
Charles Leonard Burke	Washington No. 2	
Darrell E. Mayfield	Washington No. 2	
Jack Mezick McCaine	Washington No. 2	
Owen Elliot Popham, Jr.	Washington No. 2	Deceased
John Stevens Van DeMark	Washington No. 2	06/20/2008
James C. Johnson	B. T. Estes No. 263	
Jesse Clinton Hollingsworth	Dallas No. 47	
John L. Cook	Gonzales No. 51	
Verne Norfleet Stamper	El Paso No. 157	
Billy Foy Morrison	Haltom-City/Riverside No. 468	06/09/2008
Vernon L. Helmick	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	
Billy Norris Johnson	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	
John Edward Smith	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	Deceased
James Worsham Williams	Waco No. 45	
Wilbur Hedges Hall	Waco No. 45	
Harry Lee Mellon	Richmond No. 467	
Neiland Atmar Pharr	Richmond No. 467	
Johnnie Boyd Scott	Richmond No. 467	

Odis Lee Simmons	Richmond No. 467	
William Martin Simmons, Jr.	Richmond No. 467	
Edgar Vornsand	Richmond No. 467	
Jack Weldon Wilkinson	Richmond No. 467	
Juan L. Flores	Laredo No. 185	07/23/2008
Edward Donald Jenkins	Brady No. 264	
Clarence D. Handley, Jr.	Waco No. 45	
Robert Lee Powell	Waco No. 45	
Jimmy D. Boswell	W.T. Austin No. 87	
Richard LaVon Hollinger	Park Place No. 458	
Gerald Ralph Harding	Park Place No. 458	
Alfred Henry Coward, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	06/20/2008
Earle Easterling	Park Place No. 458	
Homer Milton Hutton	Park Place No. 458	
Herbert Latimer Johnson	Park Place No. 458	06/20/2008
Raymond E. Maness, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	
Jack D. Morriss	Killeen No. 484	
Ralph O. Powell	Killeen No. 484	
Kenneth Jean Rogers	Killeen No. 484	05/19/2008
Kenneth A. Followill	Whitesboro No. 377	08/05/2008
William R. Campbell	Tyler No. 24	07/02/2008
Phillip C. Boley	Tyler No. 24	05/09/2008
Gerald D. Emmons	Tyler No. 24	05/09/2008
Ray McCauley	Tyler No. 24	05/09/2008
Charles D. Pickens, Jr.	Tyler No. 24	05/09/2008
Bennie Troy Portwood	Tyler No. 24	
Thomas Jackson Risinger	Tyler No. 24	05/09/2008
Johnnie Glenn Jennings	Goose Creek No. 408	
James Linden Threadgill	Goose Creek No. 408	
William Lee Jamison	Goose Creek No. 408	To Family
Carl Henry	Denison No. 138	
Jesse Clarence Smith	Southeast Texas No. 465	06/19/2008
Walter Earl Parker	Dad Pender No. 80	
Gene Carroll Buckner	Ridglea No. 485	
Kenneth King Hayes	Ridglea No. 485	
Archie L. Hayter, Jr.	Ridglea No. 485	07/24/2008
Arthur A. Hodge	Ridglea No. 485	
Otto William Bealss, Jr.	Ridglea No. 485	
James R. Lindsay	Seguin No. 344	
Ward Melvin Harris	Seguin No. 344	
Charles Wymon Shirey	Greenville No. 114	09/15/2008
Forrest Wayne Gardner	Greenville No. 114	08/11/2008
Lucius Linton Bowman, III	Greenville No. 114	07/23/2008
Alexander Barragan, Jr.	Corpus Christi No. 91	
Dale E. Hagy	Corpus Christi No. 91	
Robert Kenneth Willis	Corpus Christi No. 91	08/20/2008
Earl Hodges	Corpus Christi No. 91	
Robert Gurley Shackelford	Corpus Christi No. 91	
Benny Max Boone	Grand Prairie No. 489	
Ray Finley Holt	Orange No. 78	
Douglas E. Johnson	San Antonio No. 381	
Porter F. Loring, Jr.	San Antonio No. 381	
Victor Lewis Terry	Hillsboro No. 152	

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

We had several trustee meetings this year and they have been informative and helpful in setting up a five year plan for the Grand Chapter. I really appreciate the support of the Grand Officers and Committees that participated in this process. The list of goals is as follows:

- A Planning Program to be given to the Excellent Kings

- Short Talk Programs to be given at subordinate chapters
- A Newsletter to all the companions in the state
- An orientation to be given to candidates who attend festivals
- To investigate the redistricting of the Grand Chapter
- To investigate ways to increase the monetary support to the youth groups

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Whereas, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas has a special committee on history and preservation for years 2004 through 2008.

Whereas, this special committee has shown positive results and has greatly contributed to this Grand Chapter, as demonstrated in the past by locating the photographs and burial sites of the Past Grand High Priests of the Republic of Texas of this Grand Chapter and other historical information; and

Whereas, this special committee can benefit The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas in the future, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the special committee on history and preservation be made a regular standing committee of the Grand Chapter.

APPRECIATIONS

There is no way one person can appropriately perform all the duties incumbent of the office of the Grand High Priest without help. I owe a lot to too many companions, friends and everyone that I have had the pleasure to cross paths with along this journey. I will try not to leave out anyone who I owe a debt of gratitude to and if I do, I apologize now.

To the Elective and Appointive Grand Officers:

Your support and assistance has been greatly appreciated. When you were called upon you were there and did your part. You will always have my grateful appreciation.

To the District Deputies:

You have continually been faithful to your duties throughout the year. I gave you a lot of work to perform. I know that I assigned to each of you the task of handing out a Planning Guide to each Excellent King in each Chapter and with this task you spent long hours in the quarries. Each of you did your best, so you are all the best of the best.

To the Right Excellent Grand Secretary Orville L. O'Neill:

To this Grand High Priest, you have been my guide, my aid and my friend. When I called, you were always there to point me in the right direction. Please accept my appreciation to you and your office staff. The staff has always given their best to provide or find answers for all my questions.

To the Planning Team:

Ron Park, Larry Canada, Clay Smith, Tom Snyder, Carl Garrison, Karl Krayner, Tim La Verne, Doug Collins, and Jeff Bennett: I chose these guys because of their incredible experience in planning. They all worked together with the maximum of effect. The outcome is proof of the pudding. It has been an honor to work with you and this year exhibits the success of that planning. Thank you.

To the Excellent Grand Marshall, Companion Carl Garrison:

You deserve the title of Excellent, because of the job you performed. We have traveled many miles together this year and you have gone the extra mile. I will try to repay you in the future, but remember the good times shared can never be lost, and are carried with us through out our life. We have shared the good times. Thank you.

To the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and Kirby Rudisill:

After I was installed as Right Excellent Grand Scribe I tried to attend as many monthly Board Meetings as possible. It has been my privilege and pleasure to meet with you and to be a part of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. At all the meetings I have been extended every courtesy. The Board and Kirby Rudisill take good care of all the business and the residents living at the Home. I have learned a lot about the workings of the Home and will always look back at the experience with

fond memories.

To Most Illustrious Grand Master Companion Tommy Chapman:
This year has been very challenging and demanding, but with your help, leadership and cooperation, I think we pulled it off. We have traveled many miles and performed many duties together and it has been fun. What I cherish the most is our unity of purpose. Your excitement for the Masonic Order is contagious and can do nothing but help spread the word. Thanks again.

To my wife, Pam:
I want to thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the struggles of this year and tell you that I love you now and evermore.

To the Past Grand High Priest's:
All of the Past Grand High Priest's have been most helpful with their friendship, insight and advice. When I asked for help you were always there. Special thanks go to Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest's Jerry Kirby, Orville L. O'Neill and Jimmy Wilson for being my installing team and starting me off on the right path.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,
Clarence J. Laney
M.: E.: Grand High Priest

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Grand Officers of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Texas, Past Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and my Companions all, we are happy you are here at our 159th Annual Convocation for 2008. I now extend to you a hardy welcome.
This is the Supplemental Report of the Grand High Priest.

VISITATIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
8/14/08	Sherman Travis Lodge	Sherman, TX
8/16/08	McKinney Festival Ch & Co	McKinney, TX
8/18/08	Whitesboro Lodge	Whitesboro, TX
8/19/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
8/20-8/24	Arizona Grand Sessions	Scottsdale, Arizona
8/26/08	Whitesboro Ch & Co	Whitesboro, TX
8/28/08	TMRC Meeting	Arlington, TX
8/30/08	Denton Commandery Festival	Denton, TX
9/6/08	150 Yr Celebration Sherman Chapter	Sherman, TX
9/8/08	Celina Lodge No. 919	Celina, TX
9/9/08	Dad Pender Ch & Co	Denton, TX
9/10/08	Love Field Ch & Co	Dallas, TX
9/11/08	Sherman Travis Lodge	Sherman, TX
9/15/08	Whitesboro Lodge	Whitesboro, TX
9/16/08	Denton Commandery	Denton, TX
9/18-21/08	Southwest York Rite Conference	Manhattan, Kansas
9/23/08	Whitesboro Ch & Co	Whitesboro, TX
9/26-27/08	Ft Worth Ch & Co Festival	Ft .Worth, TX
10/3/08	Funeral for Greg Gillenwater	Hewitt, TX
10/11/08	Family Day at TMRC	Arlington, TX
10/13/08	Hiram Lodge Stated Meeting	Collinsville, TX
10/14/2008	Dad Pender Ch & Co	Denton, TX
10/15-21/08	Grand Chapter & Council Sessions	Waco, TX

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

During the year it has been my privilege to nominate the following Companions to serve as Grand Representatives from Texas near Other Jurisdictions:

November 27, 2007 -- Arnold Langston to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Mexico.

December 14, 2008 -- Robert Collier to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

September 12, 2008 -- Clarence Laney to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

September 12, 2008 -- Carl H. Garrison to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

September 12, 2008 -- Jeffrey Bennett to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Argentina.

September 12, 2008 -- Douglas Collins to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Germany.

September 12, 2008 -- Arliss Webber to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

150 YEAR CELEBRATION OF SHERMAN CHAPTER NO. 62, R.A.M.

On September 6th, 2008 it was a great honor to be able to participate in the 150 Year Celebration of Sherman Chapter No. 62. They were chartered on June 24, 1858. We opened a representation of the Grand Chapter, had several presentations, followed by dinner. Everyone had a nice time sharing in the celebration. I thank the Grand Chapter officers who participated.

The following Officers were present:

CLARENCE J. LANEY	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
DOUGLAS COLLINS	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CHRIS KERR as	R:E: GRAND KING
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
JACK MAHN as	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, JR.	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
GARY DIXON	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
KEN KNISS as	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
RONALD D. PARK	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
CARL GARRISON	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL
M. GENE TERRELL as	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL
ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, JR. as	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL
KENNETH E. COOLEY as	E: GRAND GUARD

PASSING OF GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE STAFF MEMBER

I was saddened by the passing of Greg Gillenwater, of Hewitt, Texas. He served the Grand Chapter for approximately 9 months in the office with the Grand Secretary. Greg was a Baylor graduate and retired from the Texas Army National Guard after 20 years of service. He was also the Secretary of Fidelis Lodge 1127 and Waco Chapter and Council. He will be greatly missed.

GRAND MASTER'S FAMILY DAY AT THE TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Master's Family Day at The TMRC. The events started at 10 o'clock with Arlington Commandery presenting the flag and I had the honor of introducing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas, Brother Tommy Griffin. There were approximately 10 food booths at the session and over 30 other booths that held arts, crafts and other goodies that the crowd enjoyed. The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. Other events consisted of excellent live entertainment and tours of the retirement center. I hope the future Grand Masters continue this practice.

GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARDS PRESENTED

There are so many deserving Companions in Texas that work hard in the quarries. It was my honor to present the Golden Keystone Awards last night at the Banquet to two people who have promoted so much for the York Rite and Masonry for many years.

The two are Ronald D. Park of Dallas Chapter No. 47 and J.P. Pat Collier, Jr. from Southeast Texas Chapter No. 465. Unfortunately, Pat could not be with us, but I will make sure that he gets that pretty soon.

DISPENSATION TO MEET TEMPORARILY IN ANOTHER LOCATION

September 9, 2008 – I granted dispensation for Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424 to move their charter to Holland Lodge No. 1 for the purpose of electing candidates for a York Rite festival.

September 9, 2008 – I granted dispensation for Love Field Chapter No. 478 to Mike H. Thomas Lodge No. 1314 for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's Degree. They consequently moved this degree to a later time after October.

September 12, 2008 – I granted dispensation for Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 to meet at Olive Branch Lodge No. 26 in San Felipe, TX for the purpose of presenting a Cornerstone on October 4, 2008.

On October 9, 2008 – I granted dispensation for Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, RAM to meet temporarily at Cedar Bayou Lodge No. 321 located at 2850 Ferry Road, Baytown due to the damages caused by Hurricane Ike making them unable to meet at their building.

DISPENSATION TO MEET TEMPORARILY IN ANOTHER TOWN

October 16th, 2008 – I granted dispensation for Park Place Chapter No. 458 to move their charter to Pasadena Lodge No. 1155, located 1030 South Main, Pasadena, Texas because of damage caused by Hurricane Ike.

DISPENSATION TO INSTALL OUT OF TIME

August 14, 2008 – I granted dispensation to Terrell Chapter No. 146 to install an Excellent King out of time.

August 14, 2008 – I granted dispensation to San Jacinto Chapter No. 7 to install officers out of time.

PERMISSION TO CONFER THE DEGREES ON MORE THAN THREE CANDIDATES

August 1, 2008 – I granted dispensation for Washington Chapter No. 2 to confer the Capitular Degrees on more than three candidates at a York Rite Festival they hosted in conjunction with Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 109 on August 16th, 2008.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS EXECUTED

During the year I have signed many legal documents related to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center that were prepared by the Attorney Randy Thompson.

APPRECIATIONS

I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve this

Grand Chapter.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Clarence J. Laney
M.: E.: Grand High Priest

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

R:E: GRAND KING MELEAR: Companions, you have heard the motion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to adopt this portion of his Report. If you will adopt this Report, show your assent by raising the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. Motion carries, Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, as a side note, I would just like to say something at this time. We have had a lot of talk about all the generations of people and they are the Baby Boomers and the Generation X and all that, but there are a group of people that are about 28 and younger that have a different mindset than the older generation. Most of us listen to a channel called WII FM. I don't know if any of you know what that is. That is What's In It For Me. And this generation of the 28 year olds and younger are people who want five things in life and that is friendship, fellowship, leadership, community and family and they don't listen to Channel WII FM.

I was trying to work very hard this year to get us prepared to receive these new young men that are coming out. We have to put ourselves in a position to give them what they are looking for when they come in and that is hard work, that is planning, pride and you, my Companions. I really think we are turning the corner on membership and I urge each of the leaders of your Chapter to work hard to plan and communicate for these new Companions.

Thank you so very much for being here.

(RISING APPLAUSE.

(M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY RESUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER
(THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Please be seated.

Do we have a Preliminary Report from the Credentials Committee? Would you come and give that, please.

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 Rex Lewis, Past High Priest of R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108. I am here to give the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee as of 9:00 a.m. today.

Present at that time are:

18	Grand Chapter Officers
12	Past Grand High Priests
253	Past High Priests
37	High Priests
9	Kings
13	Scribes
38	Chapters Representatives
19	District Deputy Grand High Priests
66	Grand Representatives of Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions (with the addition of those who have been excused)
14	Visitors
79	Chapters
7	Out-of-State Visitors

We have a total of 70, or 210 Votes for Companions holding a ballot of three (3) Votes, and 253 Votes for Companions holding a ballot of one (1) vote, for a total of 463 Votes.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID G. ROGERS, CHAIRMAN (PRO TEM)
GARY DIXON, REX LEWIS, DAN TURNER, JEFFREY J. MILLER

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those who are in favor, let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Contrary minded, same sign. Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

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

COMPANION LEWIS: Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Grand Officers' Report, Companion Smith

REPORT OF THE GRAND OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

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

I am happy to bring your Grand Officer's Report at this time.

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

To the Committee of Memorials: Our Fraternal Dead

To the Committee of Recognitions, Honors and Awards:
Golden Keystone Awards and Fifty-Years Service Awards.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence: Committee Appointments; Dispensations; Consolidations; Grand High Priest Decisions

To the Committee on History and Preservation: Chapters marking their 150th Anniversaries

To the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence: Grand Representatives Nominated; Grand Representatives Appointed near Other Jurisdictions

To the Committee on York Rite Festivals Coordinating: Dispensation for Festivals

Resolutions Numbers 1 and 3 were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolution Number 2 was referred to the Committee on Work.

Resolution Number 4 was jointly referred to the Committees on Honors and Awards and the Committee on Finance.

Grand High Priest Recommendation Number 1 was jointly referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Committee on Purposes and Policies.

Our Grand High Priest is to be commended for his leadership. His theme was Planning and Communication. The following programs were explained this year at the conference:

New Planning Guide Project
Orientation of the new Companions
Bring short subject talks at each business meeting
An Acronym to improve your own Chapters;
H-ARD (hard work)
A-SK (ask a blue lodge member to become a new member)
P-LAN (for the future)
P-RIDE (in learning your work)

Y-OU (you are the final ingredient to the success plan)
HAPPY = SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the members of your Committee on Grand Officers' Report were pleased to serve you and the Grand Chapter during this Capitular Year, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to do so.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

G. CLAY SMITH, CHAIRMAN

LOUIS HOPKINS, BART HENDERSON, PAUL WARREN, JERRY KIRBY

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this Report. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Companion Right Excellent Grand Secretary, the motion has been approved.

COMPANION SMITH: Thank you, Most Excellent.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION -- OCTOBER 20-21, 2008**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas there is no specific Article in the Constitution and Laws of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas specifying assignment of Chapter to Districts, since the territorial jurisdiction requirements were repealed long ago. Nevertheless, the "Counties Composing Districts" pages in the Proceedings and Annual Returns of the Grand Council set forth the following:

SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties:	Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, Washington
Chapters:	Jerusalem No. 3, Brenham No. 5, San Jacinto No. 7, Zerubbabel No. 30, W.T. Austin No. 87, Bellville No. 151
Councils:	Jerusalem No. 7, Brenham No. 22, Huntsville No. 7, Zerubbabel No. 26, W.T. Austin No. 52, Bellville No. 93

EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Counties:	Chambers, Part of Harris, and Liberty
Chapters:	Goose Creek No. 408, Will N. Kidd No. 424, North Houston No. 472, Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481, Cleveland No. 490
Councils:	Goose Creek No. 339, San Jacinto No. 347, North Houston No. 387, Lloyd L. Gibson No. 394, Cleveland No. 405

And whereas, to align Cleveland R.A. Chapter No. 490, in order to enable it to better enhance, promote, and grow Capitular Masonry within areas where such rural R.A. Chapters and their respective communities connect with Cleveland R.A. Chapter No. 490, located in far western Liberty county, approximately 2.5 miles from both the Montgomery & San Jacinto County lines,

And whereas, the membership of Cleveland R.A. Chapter No. 490, has voted on April 25, 2008 in favor of the desire to move from District 8 to District 7, and it is believed that Jerusalem, Brenham, Huntsville, Zerubbabel, W.T. Austin, and Bellville Chapter's are in agreement with the re-alignment

we submit:

The new alignment to be as follows:

SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, San Jacinto,
Walker, Waller, Washington, **Liberty**
Chapters: Jerusalem No. 3, Brenham No. 5, San Jacinto No. 7, Zerubbabel No. 30,
W.T. Austin No. 87, Bellville No. 151, **Cleveland No. 490**
Councils: Jerusalem No. 7, Brenham No. 22, Huntsville No. 7, Zerubbabel No. 26,
W.T. Austin No. 52, Bellville No. 93, **Cleveland No. 405**

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Lloyd L. Gibson No. 394

Fraternally submitted,
The Members of Cleveland Chapter No. 490, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2
Referred to the Committee on Work

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas:

1. The Royal Arch lecture contains only a minimal explanation of the Key to the Mysterious Characters used in conferring the degree.
2. Candidates are entitled to a more detailed explanation of the key and characters, as it completes a significant lesson from the Master Mason's degree, and is a compelling reason that they petition for membership in the Royal Arch chapter.
3. Candidates who understand the degrees that they receive are more likely to increase their activity in their Royal Arch chapter.
4. The content for the "Keys to the Mysterious Characters" has been developed and presented at the 2007-2008 regional conferences of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.
5. The best way to maintain integrity and protect the esoteric nature of the content of the presentation is to place it into the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, under the auspices of the Committee on Work of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 328 OF THE LAWS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 328B. ROYAL ARCH LECTURE. A chapter may, at its option, insert the "Keys to the Mysterious Characters" presentation, following its mention in the lecture, with accompanying text and slides, as authorized by the Committee on Work of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Karl J. Krayer, PHP

RESOLUTION NO. 3
Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS Royal Arch Masons in Texas have advised the Committee on Work that the current numerous options in the ritual for use in conferring the Chapter Degrees are confusing and have made repeated requests to the Committee on Work for a standardized and more uniform ritual; and

WHEREAS The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, in its 158th Annual Convocation held in Waco, Texas on October 8, 2007, directed the Committee on Work to develop and present to Grand Chapter in its 159th Annual Convocation in October, 2008, a determination as to which of the optional changes to the Ritual approved by this Grand Chapter during its 152nd Annual Convocation in December, 2001, have been useful to the Craft in conferring the Work, together with recommendations as to which of those changes should be retained: and;

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter's Committee on Work has made the required review and has made its determinations as to which of the recent changes have been useful and – in the opinion of the Committee - should be retained in a Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work, with appropriate "festival only" options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Chapters continue to be allowed to use whatever language is expedient for calling between degrees, dispensing with labor, and resuming labor. In accomplishing these objectives, at a minimum the following actions are required:

Calling Down From Royal Arch to Another Degree or Dispensing with Labor in a Degree:

- Establish that there is nothing further to come before the Chapter or Lodge
- Use ritualistic language previously approved by Grand Chapter to check with the Secretary if preparing to do degree work in the Mark Master Degree or in any other degree for which the Secretary needs to verify that the appropriate fees have been paid.
- Call down to another degree or dispense with labor
- Inform the Guard

Calling Up From a Degree to a Higher Degree

- Establish that there is nothing further to come before the Lodge
- Purge the Lodge
- Call up to another Degree
- Inform the Guard

Resume Labor in Any Degree

- Purge the Lodge or Chapter
- Announce the resumption of labor
- Inform the Guard

2. Restore the requirements for giving the charges in the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master degrees in the degree conferrals. These charges are not esoteric and may be read.

3. Return to the traditional full set of circumambulations in the Standard Form of conferral of the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master degrees. Allow the "one round"

circumambulation adopted in 2001 as a "festival only" option when necessitated by time constraints.

4. Return to the traditional form of the "reprimand" in the Mark Master Degree.

5. Reaffirm the 2001 elimination of redundant language in the Mark Master Lecture.

6. In the Past Master Degree - when there are multiple candidates (other than in a festival) - keep all of the candidates together until all have acquiesced to the Ancient Charges in the second section, and then take Candidates singly from this point until all have been seated in the Oriental Chair, grouping them again for the remainder of the degree beginning with the Bible Lecture.

7. Reaffirm the 2001 decision to designate the sentences immediately preceding and following the Ancient Charges in the Past Master Degree - together with the verbiage associated with presentation to the candidate of the Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws - as "esoteric" rather than "monitorial."

8. Reaffirm the 2001 decision to classify the Bible Lecture in the Past Master Degree as a mandatory part of the Degree rather than being optional.

9. Reaffirm the 2001 decision to designate a portion of the floorwork in the Royal Arch Degree - beginning in the anteroom with "My brother, the noise and confusion which you have just heard is intended to represent the confusion which occurred at the destruction of King Solomon's Temple" and continuing through "We will go up. Remember the passwords, Brethren" - as esoteric except for the "Proclamation of Cyrus."

10. Reaffirm the 2001 decision - with regard to the Royal Arch Degree - that the hoodwinks and cabletow harness be removed from the candidates, and their shoes given back, in the anteroom before approaching the first veil so that they can see and react to the tactics at the first veil.

11. Reaffirm the 2001 decision to designate the last paragraph in the Principle Sojourner's Lecture (on approaching the first veil) as "esoteric."

12. In the Royal Arch Degree, return to the traditional form in which the Principle Sojourner reinforces the explanations of the signs given them by the Masters of the Veils by repeating them.

13. Return to making three trips through the Veils in the Standard Form of the Ritual for the Royal Arch Degree. Allow the "one trip through the Veils" procedure adopted in 2001 as a "festival only" option when necessitated by time constraints.

14. Reaffirm the 2001 decision to eliminate repetitive dialogue in the Royal Arch Lecture, substituting a brief description of the corresponding ceremonies.

Fraternally submitted,

Tim Towson, Chairman

Dale D. Secor, Eldon L. Brooks, Allan W. Dees, David G. Rogers

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to Committee on Recognition, Honors and Awards* & Finance

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, a large number of the Constituent Chapters of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas has been in a continuing decline in membership numbers, participation, morale, support by members, and losses outnumbering exaltations, and

WHEREAS, there are Awards such as the Golden Keystone and Cornerstone Awards in recognition of personal achievement to distinguished Companions for dedicated service to the Grand Chapter and the individual Chapters, and

WHEREAS, there is no Award to recognize Chapters that excel in leadership, ritual proficiency (Except certification by Committee on Work), attendance, recruitment of Master Masons, outstanding management by the elected Officers, participation at Grand Chapter Sessions, support of the Texas

Masonic Retirement Center, support of recently exalted Companions, pride in dress, and the small things that impress the Community and other Masonic bodies to want to be involved with them, and

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas succeeds annually with the "Vanguard Award" to deserving Lodges that have exhibited many of the aforementioned qualities, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas has succeeded annually with the "Cross and Crown Award" to Commanderies meeting distinct requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, and Right Excellent Grand Scribe have no means by which to comprehensively understand the plight of Chapters which may be struggling to stay "alive" or no longer care about their condition and are on the verge of having to be merged or surrender their Charter,

Be It Therefore Resolved,

That an award, to be entitled the "Zerubbabel Award", be established for the purpose of recognizing the Chapters in Texas that exhibit an enthusiasm to improve themselves and the state of Capitular Masonry in Texas.

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Zerubbabel Award shall be awarded to the Chapter with the greatest accumulation of points tabulated by the District Deputy Grand High Priests on their Official Visits to the constituent Chapters. That the Zerubbabel Award (to be designed later) will be awarded to the Chapter with the highest accumulation of points after the two visits. Second and Third place tabulations will receive plaques reflecting such. That there will be a special recognition to the three Chapters with the greatest improvement between the first and second visits. That a monetary award of \$150.00, \$100.00, and \$50.00 be awarded to the winning Chapters.

Be It Further Resolved,

That no Chapter, regardless of size, shall be exempt from participation. That, in fact, part of the purpose of the award is to establish a sense of competition and "Esprit de Corps" in the Officer ranks.

Fraternally submitted,
Douglas Collins, PHP, George Washington Chapter No. 422

GRAND HIGH PRIEST RECOMMENDATION NO. 1
Referred to Committees on Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas has a special committee on History and Preservation for years 2004 through 2008.

Whereas, this special committee has shown positive results and has greatly contributed to this Grand Chapter, as demonstrated in the past by locating the photographs and burial sites of the Past Grand High Priests of the Republic of Texas of this Grand Chapter and other historical information; and

Whereas, this special committee can benefit The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in the future, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the special committee on History and Preservation be made a regular standing committee of this Grand Chapter.

**RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS
OF THE 159TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

Resolution No. 1	Not Adopted by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 2	Not Adopted by the Committee on Work Adopted by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 3	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Jurisprudence Adopted by Grand Chapter
Resolution No. 4	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Recognitions Honors & Awards Amended and Adopted by Grand Chapter
Recommendation No. 1	Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Adopted by Grand Chapter

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion Smith, and thank the rest of your Committee for all of your hard work. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: And, now, for the Grand Secretary's Report.
You can do it from there.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Excellent Royal Grand Arch Chapter of Texas:

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's Office for the year ending October 31, 2008, is submitted for your consideration. That is a couple of weeks from now, but that is when our fiscal year ends.

On June 24, 2007, there were 120 Chartered Chapters. As of this date we have had two (2) chapters to merge which were Fort Stockton No. 476 with Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445, Lamesa Chapter No. 463 with Big Spring Chapter No. 178 which leaves 118 Chartered Chapters. Of the 118 Chapters, 24 showed a gain in membership, sixty-five (65) showed a loss, while 29 reported no change.

Now, after this was written and reported, Snyder has merged with Big Spring and that will go on next year's Report. Just to let you all know that we do know they merged and why I didn't read it at this time. It will be on next year's Report.

During the year there were Exalted 409 Companions, Affiliated 29, Affiliated Plural 25, Reinstated 58, Demitted 127, Suspended 432 and Expelled 0. We had 444 deaths for a total loss of 536. Our membership now stands at 11,964, of which there are 416 exempt for financial reasons and 1,341 Fifty Year Members, which leaves 10,207 dues paying members. Now, those numbers will fluctuate a little bit and you will understand why when I read this next paragraph.

We have 13 Chapters that have not sent in their Annual Returns for the year 2007-2008. They are Brenham Chapter No. 5, Nacogdoches Chapter No. 13, Waco Chapter No. 45, Orange Chapter No. 78, Brownwood Chapter No. 141, San Angelo Chapter No. 170, B. T. Estes Chapter No. 263, Teague Chapter No. 320, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, Garland Chapter No. 451, Park Place Chapter No. 458, Love Field Chapter No. 478 and Killeen Chapter No. 484.

Now, I had to write this a couple of days ago. Since that they have hand-delivered some of these. Killeen, Park Place, Goose Creek and Brownwood have delivered theirs. It is in the office now, but

those could not be included in here because we didn't have time to go through them and get the numbers out of them.

We had twenty-six chapters that were a month or more late. Some of these Chapters have new secretaries. If any of you are in here, please do not hesitate to call 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. This office needs the returns to extract the information so we can get the Returns Book printed in a timely manner, plus the membership numbers. Now if we don't get the returns in we have to use last years numbers, so we don't know if that thirteen had an increase or decrease.

Also, on September 15th, 2008, this office disbursed the interest from the Endowed Membership Fund. The interest from that fund totaled \$49,917.85, which figured out to \$22.58 per member after the \$1.75 for each endowment of which there are 2,051 members. The remaining \$17.02 was returned to the Endowment Fund. This office wishes to thank the subordinate Chapters for their cooperation and support. Next year it may be a little less, but we are working very diligently with our investment people and hopefully we can come up pretty close to what we had this year.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of the Grand Secretary's Report and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries, Very Excellent Grand Secretary.

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 2008

SAN FELIPE de AUSTIN NO. 1: Ted Armstrong, Walter Parr, James Rex
WASHINGTON NO. 2: Andrew Bass, J. Weldon Clampitte, Brian R. Dodson, Michael Meier, Dwight Phillips, Roberto M. Sanchez
JERUSALEM NO. 3: Cliff Cameron, Billy Cook, Jerry A. Smith
BREHAM NO. 5: Delbert Price, Ronald J. Price
LONE STAR NO. 6: James T. Crysap, Terry LaGrone, Don R. Long, Jerry L. Martin, James R.W. Medina, C. Keith Orrison, Raymond M. White
SAN JACINTO NO. 7: Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr.
NACOGDOCHES NO. 13: John L. Chapman, II, Donald Sargent
MARSHALL NO. 19: John E. Hurley, Jr., James E. Pollock
TYLER NO. 24: John E. Andrews, Larry Blanchard, Gary D. Dixon, David Foster, Richard Gaiser, Jerral F. Knox, Randy D. Medders, James M. Pledger, Doye Sudduth, Robert W. Uzzell
CARTHAGE NO. 28: Walter M. Craft, Michael W. Welch
ZERUBABEL NO. 30: William A. Bilsing, III
COLUMBIA NO. 34: Rodney E. Brown, Sr., Arnold R. Langston, Thomas N. Turner, Sr.
WACO NO. 45: Claude Ervin, J. Damon Fehler, Jerry Forest, Guadalupe "Sonny" Juarez, Jr., William E. Matyastik, Anthony "Tony" Uzzell
DALLAS NO. 47: Fred Allen, Matt Cast, Loyd L. Chance, William L. Free, Herbert Garon Jr., James R. Hurt, Mitchell Ray Jones, Charles McKay, Jeffrey Miller, Orville O'Neill, Ronald D. Park, Earl E. Tweed
BONHAM NO. 52: Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.
HAGGAI NO. 53: C. Louis Hopkins, Gary Duane Hosick, H. David Moore, L.E. Nodwell, James Robert Sutton
MT. HOREB NO. 57: Ken Bushong, Clinton G. Dubey, E. Sam Herron, Richard L. Vaughn
FORT WORTH NO. 58: David H. Gardner, B. J. Young
SHERMAN NO. 62: Billy H. Combest, Floyd Glen Day, Donald H. Swango
SULPHUR SPRINGS NO. 63: Loys R. "Bill" Faughtenberry, Aubrey L. Roland
DAD PENDER NO. 80: Kenneth Cotter, Thomas W. Snyder

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CLEBURNE NO. 100: David E. Houston
COOPER NO. 101: Joe O. Estlack, Hugo B. South
R.C. BUCKNER NO. 108: David L. Anderson, Rex S. Lewis
GREENVILLE NO. 114: Chris Allison, Donny W. Broughton, Joseph C. Gilmore
ENNIS NO. 135: Cecil Curry, Ken Hackney, Thomas A. Little, Jr., Joe V. Pool, Randall Scott Wall
DENISON NO. 138: M. Gene Terrell
STEPHENVILLE NO. 140: Harry A. Bradley, Tommy D. Guest
BROWNWOOD NO. 141: Thomas G. Keithly
TERRELL NO. 146: Herbert Fain, Doyle Parrish, George Parrish
BELLVILLE NO. 151: Dennis E. Ziemer
HILLSBORO NO. 152: Jack M. Harper, II, David E. Heald, E. Dixon Toney
BOSQUE NO. 153: Michael J. Cote, Jack D. Davidson, Royce P. Heath, Steve McCoy, Brad Nickels, Denny H. Proffitt
EL PASO NO. 157: Jim Davis, William H. Giddings, Ricardo D. Gonzalez, Ruben E. Lara
ABILENE NO. 159: John W. Armistead, Hubert E. Smith, Paul D. Warren
SAN ANGELO NO. 170: James E. Hill, Jr., Joe F. Schriever
KEYSTONE NO. 172: Robert E. Black, Allan W. Dees, Dale Ivie, Jackie Matthews
LONGVIEW NO. 177: Robert W. Dinning, Jr., Louis Gimbert, Jesse M. Newton
BIG SPRING NO. 178: James Neeley, Terry W. Stogner, Arliss C. Weber
LAREDO NO. 185: J. Clayton Baum, Thomas G. Moore
BEAUMONT NO. 188: Daniel Bowden, Thomas F. Griffin, James W. Holloway, Randall R. Kimbrough
ALVORD NO. 193: Donald L. Cranford, Sherman W. Hobbs
AMARILLO NO. 196: Ted D. Hennis, Charlie Holt, Charles F. Hood Jr., Richard F. Izatt, David Melear, Judge R. Risley, Milton M. Skipper, Patrick Skipper, Gary Smith, Elijah Eugene West
LLANO NO. 197: Ray Benton, Michael L. Hazel, E.E. Buster Williams
WICHITA FALLS NO. 202: Gary Warren Pearce
MIDLOTHIAN NO. 211: Virgil S. Allsbrooks, Alfred E. Bell, Kenneth Cooley, James Roy Elliott, Steven R. Heald, Craig Huffman, Jerry N. Kirby
FLOYDADA NO. 227: James M. Willson, Jr.

LUFKIN NO. 240: Jimmy L. Allison, W. Eugene Brookshire, John W. Duke
ALPHA NO. 243: Dean O. Hildreth, Chales Lane
HUGH J. MCCLELLAN NO. 248: Robert Chesser, Robert L. Clemmons, Marvin Porr, Jr.
CHILDRESS NO. 262: George R. Wall
FLORENCE NO. 275: Gordon N. Decker, Sidney D. Hayes, Columbus O. Jones, Larry G. Joslin, John E. Mabry
KERRVILLE NO. 305: Jerry D. Bible, Dock F. Dixon, Jr., Anthony R. Fedeale, Rowland Tessier
HAMLIN NO. 310: W. David Counts, Angus M. Crowder, Jerry Pingle
TEAGUE NO. 320: Charles V. Day
PORT LAVACA NO. 338: Jack E. Beeler, Henry F. Dove, Robert Loflin
SEGUIN NO. 344: Gary W Horejsi, Wayne E Lehman, Kellis D Moore, Jimmy H Pomroy, Nick Ramos
TEXAS NO. 362: Michie M. Brous, Thomas E. Carnes, Melvin T. Hagood, Bruce W. Hammond, Edward Knott, Charles Steven Wolfe
ARLINGTON NO. 376: Jeffrey Bennett, Robert D. Collier, Floyd E. Hall, James D. Kirkpatrick, James D. Ward
WHITESBORO NO. 377: Carl H. Garrison, Ken Kniss, Clarence J. Laney
SOUTHSIDE-POLYTECHNIC NO. 378: Hobie Henderson, Robert Y. Rodriguez, Herschel L. Whitfield
SAN ANTONIO NO. 381: Pedro A. Alanis, Kent B. Crickard, H. Nelson Dunn, Jesus A. Garza, Reese L. Harrison Jr., Clint McKenzie, Eugene A. Meyer, Gerald F. Nowotny, Douglas VanGriner
ARMY NO. 393: Harry F. Jameson, James Robert McConnell
GOOSE CREEK NO. 408: William J. Giles, Jr., Carl E. Starkey, Jimmy Threadgill, Jerome J. Ulrich
TARRANT NO. 416: Joe Orona, James D. Manley
SEAGOVILLE NO. 419: Richard E. Barbour, Bennie L.T. Cox, Chad Gilmore, David G. Rogers
GEORGE WASHINGTON NO. 422: Douglas Collins, David B. Dibrell, William L. Hall, W.P. Irving, Jr., Karl J. Kraye, G. Clay Smith, Russell Stalcup, Dan W. Turner
WILL N. KIDD NO. 424: H. Bart Henderson, Everett Kerley, Leonard O. Pierce, Jack L. Wright

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MABANK NO. 435: Dennis Bolt, Timothy F.E. Towson

PORT NECHES NO. 436: Steven L. Arnold, Charles C. Arrington, E.E. Chapman, Sr., Tommy Chance Chapman, Tommy F. Chapman, Jeff R. Felder, III, Preston Harper, Mark D. Myer, Wade G. Richards, William E. "Bill" Schroeter, Thomas L. Stafford

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HALTOM CITY-RIVERSIDE NO. 468: Loyd O. Addy Sr., Jason Borghesi, J.H. "Jack" Jeter, Paul Mason, Kirby Rudisill, Stephen C. Runyon

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NORTH HOUSTON NO. 472: Michael H. Shively, Clint Stevens, Carl W. Wunsche, Donald A. Wunsche, Paul E. Wunsche

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KILLEEN NO. 484: Harold T. Bonner, Charles E. Campbell, Charles D. Miller, John M. Sample

RIDGLEA NO. 485: Clarence Ray McKown, Lewis G. Mullinax, Joe Sherwin, Dale M. Smith

GRAND PRAIRIE NO. 489: Billy Ray Bell, Jimmy Emmons, Fred Grant, Robert G. Kirk, Marion Stevens

CLEVELAND NO. 490: Kenneth B. Fischer, Mitchell Lee Hammack, Randy Laza, Floyd Ray Mills, Sr., John A. Tuttle, Jeffrey L. Wright

HURST NO. 492: Stephen D. Dorsey, Merle W. Jones, Stephen C. Jones, Ernest E. Parrish, Kenneth G. Smith

BROWNSVILLE NO. 495: Michael Kuhlmann, Elmer R. Pete Mitchell, Joe N. Rodriguez, Dillon Vanderford, Robert E. Wooten

Subordinate Chapters Represented in Grand Chapter 1999-2008

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
San Felipe de Austin	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jerusalem	3		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brenham	5	X			X	X	X	X			X
Lone Star	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Jacinto	7		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rising Star	9										
Palestine	10	X		X	X	X					
Cherokee	11		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Nacogdoches	13									X	X
Marshall	19	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Tyler	24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carthage	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zerubbabel	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
Columbia	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corsicana	41				X						
Waco	45	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Dallas	47	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lafayette	48	X		X	X	X	X				
Gonzales	51	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Bonham	52		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Haggai	53	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dale E. Miller	55	X	X	X	X	X				X	
Mount Horeb	57	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fort Worth	58	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sherman	62	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sulphur Springs	63	X	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	X
W. T. Austin	87	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corpus Christi	91	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grandview	93	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Cleburne	100	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Cooper	101	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R.C. Buckner	108	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Greenville	114	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ogilvie	115		X	X	X	X	X	X		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	X
Denison	138	X	X			X				X	X
Stephenville	140	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownwood	141	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Terrell	146								X	X	X
Bellville	151		X	X			X		X	X	X
Hillsboro	152	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Bosque	153	X	X			X		X	X	X	X
El Paso	157	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Abilene	159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Angelo	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keystone	172	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Longview	177	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Spring	178	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Laredo	185								X	X	X
Beaumont	188	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alvord	193	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Amarillo	196	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Llano	197		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Temple	199	X			X						
Wichita Falls	202	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Midlothian	211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clarendon	216										
Floydada	227	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Plainview	228			X							
Lufkin	240	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpha	243	X	X	X		X	X				X
Hugh J. McClellan	248	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Childress	262										X
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	X
Kerrville	305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hamlin	310	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Teague	320	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Port Lavaca	338	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Seguin	344	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Santa Anna	346									X	
Henderson	361	X			X	X	X			X	
Texas	362	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arlington	376	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whitesboro	377	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southside-Polytechnic	378	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roby	380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
San Antonio	381	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Army	393	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goose Creek	408	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tarrant	416	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Seagoville	419	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
George Washington	422	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Will N. Kidd	424	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hidalgo	434	X	X		X	X					
Mabank	435		X	X			X			X	X
Port Neches	436	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Borger	437	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Helotes	444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sam J. Helm	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hemphill Heights	448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kilgore	449				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Quanah	450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garland	451	X		X	X	X		X		X	
Burnet	453	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Granbury	454	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pasadena	455	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Park Place	458	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southeast Texas	465	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richmond	467	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Haltom City-Riverside	468	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue Bonnet	470	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Houston	472	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Love Field	478	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Killeen	484	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Ridglea	485	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grand Prairie	489	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cleveland	490	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hurst	492	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownsville	495	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

(X) REPRESENTED

**TABULATED STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH
CHAPTER OF TEXAS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 23, 2008**

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	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	13	10	0	154
Washington 2	0	17	0	0	0	8	12	0	13	16	0	406
Jerusalem 3	0	0	0	2	9	0	3	0	2	0	6	39
Brenham 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Lone Star 6	0	15	0	0	0	2	51	0	12	50	0	345
San Jacinto 7	0	5	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	31
Rising Star 9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	32
Palestine 10	0	5	1	0	0	0	9	0	5	8	0	58
Cherokee 11	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	5	0	39
Nacogdoches 13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Marshall 19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	34
Tyler 24	0	4	2	0	5	2	14	0	12	17	0	326
Carthage 28	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	55
Zerubbabel 30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	25
Columbia 34	0	2	0	0	0	6	2	0	6	12	0	182
Corsicana 41	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	0	36
Waco 45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309
Dallas 47	0	18	0	0	1	2	10	0	22	15	0	544
Lafayette 48	0	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	3	4	0	74
Gonzales 51	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	43
Bonham 52	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	32
Haggai 53	0	11	0	1	1	6	1	0	1	0	5	133
Dale E. Miller 55	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	40
Mount Horeb 57	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	75
Fort Worth 58	0	2	0	0	4	2	5	0	10	11	0	200
Sherman 62	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	4	0	55
Sulphur Springs 63	0	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	5	0	111
Orange 78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Dad Pender 80	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	73
W. T. Austin 87	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	92
Corpus Christi 91	0	10	1	0	2	5	13	0	22	27	0	299
Grandview 93	0	2	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	5	0	32
Cleburne 100	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	52
Cooper 101	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	73
R. C. Buckner 108	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	31
Greenville 114	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	80
Ogilvie 115	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	4	5	0	65
Center 125	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	51
San Marcos 129	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	50
Ennis 135	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	3	0	51
Denison 138	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	8	5	0	70
Stephenville 140	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	46

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Brownwood	141	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	19	18	0	111
Terrell	146	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	22
Belville	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Hillsboro	152	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	51
Bosque	153	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26
El Paso	157	0	4	1	0	0	2	17	0	6	20	0	121
Abilene	159	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	100
San Angelo	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Keystone	172	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	4	0	81
Longview	177	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	57
Big Spring	178	21	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	13	84
Laredo	185	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	28
Beaumont	188	0	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	111
Alvord	193	0	3	0	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	0	43
Amarillo	196	0	20	0	0	2	0	8	0	16	2	0	222
Llano	197	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	27
Temple	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Wichita Falls	202	0	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	7	5	0	161
Midlothian	211	0	8	1	0	2	5	12	0	5	11	0	141
Clarendon	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	15
Floydada	227	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	5	7	0	76
Plainview	228	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	53
Lufkin	240	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	6	0	132
Alpha	243	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	69
Hugh J. McClellan	248	0	7	2	0	0	5	12	0	10	18	0	233
Childress	262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	16
B. T. Estes	263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Brady	264	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	33
Florence	275	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	36
Kerrville	305	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	52
Hamlin	310	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	85
Teague	320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Port Lavaca	338	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	6	10	0	104
Seguin	344	0	5	1	0	0	0	29	0	8	31	0	96
Santa Anna	346	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	26
Henderson	361	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	33
Texas	362	0	7	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	181
Arlington	376	0	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	7	0	3	150
Whitesboro	377	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	33
Southside-Poly	378	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	171
Roby	380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
San Antonio	381	0	12	0	1	1	11	5	0	11	13	0	235
Army	393	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	93
Goose Creek	408	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Tarrant	416	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	10	13	0	157

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Seagoville 419	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	90
George Washington 422	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	108
Will N. Kidd 424	0	6	0	1	0	2	3	0	8	6	0	263
Hidalgo 434	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	60
Mabank 435	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	33
Port Neches 436	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	161
Borger 437	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	98
Helotes 444	0	14	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	0	9	122
Sam J. Helm 445	18	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	13	0	0	194
Hemphill Heights 448	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	5	0	118
Kilgore 449	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	51
Quanah 450	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	4	0	51
Garland 451	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124
Burnet 453	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	65
Granbury 454	0	4	0	0	0	1	7	0	5	9	0	63
Pasadena 455	0	0	0	0	1	3	22	0	3	27	0	99
Park Place 458	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Southeast Texas 465	0	24	0	0	1	4	11	0	1	0	9	165
Richmond 467	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	91
Haltom City-Riverside 468	0	9	0	0	0	1	6	0	8	6	0	131
Blue Bonnet 470	0	11	1	4	1	1	4	0	0	0	12	55
North Houston 472	0	13	0	0	1	0	8	0	3	0	3	195
Love Field 478	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
Lloyd L. Gibson 481	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	100
Killeen 484	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Ridglea 485	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	5	68	0	145
Grand Prairie 489	0	1	0	0	5	5	5	0	1	5	0	89
Cleveland 490	0	4	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	53
Hurst 492	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	8	0	131
Snyder 494	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	19
Brownsville 495	0	6	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	4	0	23
	39	409	29	25	58	127	432	0	444	560	117	11,964

**GRAND CHAPTER INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
OCTOBER 31, 2008**

INCOME:	
Dues (10,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	108,429.10
Degree Fees (296 X \$25.00)	11,200.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	38,172.82
General Fund Interest Income.....	22,270.36
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,589.25
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	7,008.91
Grand Commandery Yk Rt Conference Contrib	500.00
TOTAL	191,170.44

EXPENSES:	
Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	20,000.00
*Office Staff.....	42,764.71
*Payroll Taxes.....	5,072.12
Grand High Priest:	0
Reimbursement.....	4,500.00
Photo	200.00
Grand High Priest Service Award.....	690.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	2,250.00
Grand King Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Grand Scribe Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Golden Keystone Award.....	19.76
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	5,777.87
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	7,684.75
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	6,644.97
*Computer Expense	620.00
Contribution to Grand Lodge.....	12,000.00
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem.....	581.76
Committee on Work Supplies	12.72
Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem.....	1,578.99
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses.....	14,216.79
Grand Treasurer's Allowance.....	600.00
*Grand Secretary's Expense	3,984.53
*Office Furniture Insurance.....	934.00
*Employee Insurance.....	8,914.00
Contingency Fund.....	206.51
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference	50.00
District Deputy Training Expense (used for TTV)	1,500.00
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	808.84
Ritualistic Competition.....	150.00
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	2,592.12
TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 10,000 + degree fees)	4,973.70
Audit.....	3,500.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security \$40/Hr X 75 Hrs	4,400.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$36/Month ...	465.14
Youth Awards.....	300.00
Tax Report Preparation	795.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses (10)	1,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures Exp.....	7,129.99
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	62.50
TOTAL	169,730.77

*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now, we are ready to receive 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.

I am pleased to summarize the following information for you as of August 31, 2008. The final figures will not be done till the end of October, 31, when the fiscal year ends. In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as of August 31, 2008 in:

Community Bank General Fund	\$123,903.99
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	\$586,082.51
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	\$30,018.00
UBS Endowed Membership Fund	\$425,849.53
Guaranty Bank Endowed Members	\$113,319.57
UBS Bonding Fund	\$40,470.82
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Inventory	\$27,023.08
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Furniture & Fixtures	61,814.15
Depreciation	<u>37,816.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$99,903,689.65</u>
Accounts Payable TX Masonic Retirement Center	\$3,571.85
Endowed Membership Reserve	\$598,500.00
Endowed Membership Retained Income	0
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Bonding Account Reserve	\$40,470.82
Unrestricted Assets	<u>\$728,322.98</u>
	<u>\$99,903,689.65</u>

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.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of this Report and the final completed Report as of October 31, 2008, when it is complete.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and seconded. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, the same sign. Companion Grand Secretary, the motion has been approved.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you Companion Excellent Grand Treasurer. Let's give him a hand. (APPLAUSE.

As of October 31, 2008:

Community Bank General Fund	\$88,469.19
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	\$470,319.13
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	\$30,146.45
UBS Endowed Membership Fund	\$330,276.79
Guaranty Bank Endowed Members	\$115,105.50
UBS Bonding Fund	\$36,362.28
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Inventory	\$25,246.88
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Furniture & Fixtures	61,814.15
Depreciation	<u>37,816.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$99,652,948.37</u>
Accounts Payable TX Masonic Retirement Center	\$4,973.70
Endowed Membership Reserve	\$602,100.00
Endowed Membership Retained Income	\$5,498.53
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Bonding Account Reserve	\$36,362.28
Unrestricted Assets	<u>\$471,189.86</u>
	<u>\$99,652,948.37</u>

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now, we will hear the Report of the Law Review Committee. Is Leonard here? Yes, there he is.

COMPANION LEONARD P. HARVEY: I'm here, Most Excellent.

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

REPORT OF THE LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Distinguished Guests of other Grand Jurisdictions and Companions:

I am Leonard P. Harvey, Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478 and Chairman of the Law Review Committee and reporting on behalf of the Committee Members as follows:

It was an ongoing concern with regard to ever increasing amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas that, in 2005, prompted Most Excellent J. Weldon Clampitt, Grand High Priest to appoint a Grand Chapter committee to be known as the "Special Committee on Constitution and Law Book Review." The assignment to the Committee was to "review and coordinate consistency of the Laws of the Grand Chapter with existing laws and with amendments made thereto since the last review was conducted by a committee chaired by Companion James M. Willson, Jr., in 1987." The Committee appointed by Grand High Priest Clampitt was composed of Companions Leonard P. Harvey as Chairman, Jack L. Wright, Ronald D. Park and Herb Garon as members.

During the year following the 2005 Annual Grand Convocation, the Committee met in Dallas on several occasions to establish formats and procedures for our guidance throughout the assignment. It was first determined that the revision should include the recommendation to eventually publish the work on standard 8-1/2" x 11" paper; maintained in a three ring binder, indexed by readily identifiable sections with regard to content; and while not exclusively appropriate to this Report to the Grand Chapter, it will also be our recommendation that the ring binder include material and format applicable to both the Grand Chapter and to the Grand Council with appropriate separate divider between both Grand Bodies.

Readability and user friendliness was a concern to the Committee, and Century 10 pt. font was finally selected as the standard font and size for the entire project. Having made those decisions, assignments for various portions of the project were made to the Members of the Committee. Ensuing pesky health issues amongst some Members of the Committee, as well as commitments to other fraternal responsibilities slowed the process somewhat.

At the 2006 Annual Grand Convocation, Most Excellent John C. Elkinton, Grand High Priest, continued the tenure of the Committee, and at the 2007 Annual Grand Convocation, Most Excellent James Roy Elliott again continued the tenure of the Committee. Throughout the major portion of our existence as a committee, we have labored long, and sometimes rather tediously, in the quarries in our commitment to bring up good and square work, and your committee is hopeful that a useful and user friendly product has been produced for your consideration.

On July 14, 2008, through the office of the Grand Secretary our committee forwarded to Companion Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, electronic copies of our work for his discretionary distribution among members of the Jurisprudence Committees of both Grand Bodies, with the request that our work be reviewed by the Committee, and that suggestions and/or corrections be noted and returned to our committee by mid-September in order to ensure compatibility of our efforts with the opinions and requirements of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any suggestions and/or corrections noted by the Jurisprudence Committee either have been, or before any publication of the work, will be incorporated into the volume that we have brought before you at this Annual Grand Convocation. We earnestly trust that a favorable recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee will be made to this Grand Chapter as a part of their report.

In addition, we have forwarded to the Chairman of the Honors, Recognitions and Awards Committee the text for presentation of the Cornerstone Award as was approved by this Grand Chapter at its

2003 Annual Grand Convocation, and a revised ceremony for presentation of the Fifty-Year Capitular Service Award was also forwarded to the Honors, Recognitions and Awards Committee for its review and possible approval. It has been the sense of your Review Committee that the Fifty-Year Recognition Ceremony presently approved by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is little more than an adaptation of the ceremony approved for use by Grand Lodge in recognition of Fifty-Years of service to Freemasonry. It is our opinion that Fifty-Years of service to Capitular Masonry should be more representative of a Companion's service to Capitular Masonry, and we trust that the Honors, Recognitions and Awards Committee will favorably consider those two ceremonies, and will recommend that they be included as a part of the appendix to our work.

Some of the features of the revised format include alphabetically tabbed sections for convenient reference and access to subjects included in those sections. For example:

Forward (no tab)	Contains the Title Page, Preface, Dedicatory, Masonic Calendar, Table of Contents, Origin and History and Charter.
Section "A"	Contains the Constitution.
Section "B"	Contains the laws which govern the Grand Chapter.
Section "C"	Contains the laws which govern the Subordinate Chapters.
Section "D"	Contains matters pertaining to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.
Section "E"	Contains the ceremonies, forms and index to the laws.

We have neither attempted nor were we charged to make any alterations to the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. It is a document that has withstood the test of time and has served this Grand Chapter exceptionally well as a basis for statutory guidance throughout the years.

Instead, our effort has focused on the laws that govern the Grand Chapter and the Subordinate Chapters. In that regard we have coordinated the laws" compatibly with the section in which they are contained. For Example - Section "B" contains those laws governing the Grand Chapter. Article 2 is now designated as Article B-002 (2). The "B" designates the section and the 002 designates the identified Article. The (2) designates the current Article 2. That numbering system pretty well holds true throughout Section "B", but when you get over into those laws which govern the subordinate Chapters, the first law in that section is Article 147. In the proposed format it is identified as Article C-001 (147), and Article C-001 is the proposed designation for old Article 147 which is enclosed in parenthesis for reference. Such identification has long been the practice of our Grand Lodge.

As reported to the Jurisprudence Committee, we have not - repeat, we have not - presumed to change any of the existing laws. There are some instances where we have combined one or more present laws into a single law. When combined they say essentially the same thing with much less confusion and greatly reduced redundancy. After reviewing the proceedings of certain past Grand Convocations to establish the original intent of proposed amendments to our laws, we have made the effort to eliminate ambiguity in several instances so that the current law reflects the intent of the law at the time it was amended. One example of that would be as pointed out to the Jurisprudence Committee. Our current Article 285 defines eligibility for the Capitular Degrees as: "being a member in good standing of a Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons." We historically have conferred the degrees upon Arkansas and Louisiana Masons, and they belong to Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons. Accordingly, our recommendation is to make that particular provision similar to that of Grand Lodge and have that law read, "a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas." We did that because Arkansas and Louisiana are not Free and Accepted Masons. They are peculiar in a lot of ways, you know. (LAUGHTER.)

COMPANION HARVEY: There are some current provisions in the section of our laws pertaining to subordinate Chapters which are appropriate only to the Grand Chapter; for instance, Article 397 provides for participation of the Grand Chapter Officers in the activities of the Southwestern Conference of York Rite Grand Officers. That Article has been moved to the section which deals with the laws governing the Grand Chapter.

Articles 109 through 125 are exclusive to matters pertaining to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. In the interest of a ready reference to the Retirement Center, those provisions are proposed to be combined into a section identified as TMRC.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Law Review Committee now lays before this Grand Chapter its work for inspection. We trust it will meet the expectations of the Master Overseers of the Grand

Chapter. It has indeed been the commitment and the intent of your Review Committee to bring up good and square work that we trust will be of benefit to the Companions of Capitular Masonry in Texas.

Therefore, Most Excellent Sir, I move that this Report be received by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for its recommendation, with the proviso that changes recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee be incorporated into the final document before it is printed and distributed to the Subordinate Chapters.

Most Excellent Sir, that is my motion and I will have another to follow.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor will let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.
Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I now move that the Law Review Committee be retained as an active committee pending final approval of the Jurisprudence Committee and referral to the Grand Secretary for his preparation and distribution to the subordinate Chapters of Texas.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All contrary minded, same sign. Motion carried, Right Excellent Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this Report is submitted by:
LEONARD P. HARVEY, CHAIRMAN
JACK L. WRIGHT, RONALD D.PARK, HERB GARON

Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Leonard Harvey, we would greatly like to show our appreciation to your Committee that has labored so long and so hard in the quarries to come up with this document and read it over and go over and over and over until you come up with the final document. I really appreciate it personally and I know each of these Companions do also. Thank your Committee for us. We will give you a round of applause. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Grand Guard that I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter from labor to refreshment and direct him to guard accordingly.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter duly called from labor to refreshment.

We will meet back here at eight o'clock Tuesday for the second part of our Session.
Thank you, Companions. Let's eat lunch.

(11:30 a.m.)

FIRST SESSION CONCLUDED AND GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNED
UNTIL OCTOBER 21ST, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2008, 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 LANEY: I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas duly called from refreshment to labor.

I would like to now call - before we begin any great or laudable undertaking, we should first invoke the aid of Deity.

Excellent Grand Chaplain, would you please lead us in prayer (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE).

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN SIECKMANN: Let us pray.

Father, we are thankful that we can gather here again this morning in Your Name. We ask that You be with this Grand Chapter in its Grand Annual Communication as we continue business. Be with these Grand Officers. Guide them and make them always seek Your will in all that they do. We ask these things in Thy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I now call for the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Leonard Harvey.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURPOSES AND POLICIES

COMPANION HARVEY: 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 2008 Annual Convocation.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

COMPANION HARVEY: The only proposed legislation referred by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to our committee was his Recommendation No. 1 as listed at the bottom of page 6 of the booklet. It was referred jointly to the Jurisprudence Committee, and to our committee which has been designated by the Grand High Priest to make the joint recommendation of both Committees.

The recommendation of Most Excellent Clarence J. Laney calls for the creation of a regular standing committee, or what we might call a "Term Committee" to be known as the "History and Preservation Committee."

In order to facilitate Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1 we recommend that "History and Preservation" be added to the list of Committees in Article 68 (B-070) of the Laws of the Grand Chapter.

We further recommend the addition of Article 84-F (B-091.1) to the Laws of the Grand Chapter as follows:

Committee on History and Preservation

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

It shall be the duty of the History and Preservation Committee to seek, locate, restore, catalog and preserve the records of every kind pertaining to the history of Capitular Masonry in Texas, and in recognition of dedicated and faithful service to Capitular Masonry, ensure that the final resting place of prominent leaders are suitably marked and properly maintained. In addition, the Committee shall

encourage and assist local Chapter leadership in efforts to properly assemble and record local historical records pertaining to the influence of Capitular Masonry in the communities.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is the joint recommendation of the Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees that Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1 be approved as herein described - adding the History and Preservation Committee to the list of Grand Chapter Committees, and including the appointment procedure and the duties of the Committee in the laws of the Grand Chapter.

We therefore recommend approval as just presented.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, we have a motion and a second for this Resolution - Is there any discussion? Hearing none, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons, for. And all against, same sign. Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee as recommended, amended and in all things approved in accordance with the action taken 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 its final approval and recommendations.

And I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, this Report is submitted by the Committee, consisting of:

LEONARD P. HARVEY, CHAIRMAN
LAWRENCE E. TUCKER, W. DAVID COUNTS, JR., JACK L. WRIGHT, F. E. (SKIP) SMITH

Most Excellent, if I might have just a moment of personal privilege. I'm rotating off of this Committee this year and I think that is a good thing. No use in plowing a mule until he just absolutely lays down in the middle of the road.

I just want you Companions to know how very much I appreciate your courtesies to me in giving these Reports. You have been mighty nice to me. I am rotating off. Maybe you can be even nicer when I'm not Chairman.

(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARVEY: Thank you, Most Excellent.

(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Leonard Harvey, we have really enjoyed your participation on this Committee and please thank the rest of the Committee for me.

COMPANION HARVEY: Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. I need to have the Report of the Report of the By-Laws Committee.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

COMPANION HERB GARON: Let me preface this by saying I am not Thomas F. Griffin. I am, however, very pleased to be able to deliver his report on the By-Laws Committee today to you. 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 -

(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION GARON: That's why I prefaced that.

And we, your Committee on By-Laws, submit the following Report.

Two Chapters submitted revisions to their by-laws this year: Waco Chapter No. 45 and Sequin Chapter No. 344

The changes were minor revisions of time, place and degree fee changes which were under the guidelines of this Grand Chapter and comply with the standard format of the Code of By-Laws adopted by the Grand Chapter Session in 2000. A copy of their Chapter by-laws, if approved by this Grand Chapter, will be sent to these two Chapters electronically at the conclusion of this Session which will expedite and simplify their record processing if needed.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion. Is there a second?

A COMPANION: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: And a second. All those in favor of the motion let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION GARON: Most Excellent, two Chapters, Columbia Chapter No. 34 and Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481 submitted a copy of their By-Laws to this Grand Chapter Session because of your encouragement to have a current set of By-Laws on file for the Grand Chapter Office. I commend these two Chapters for their efforts and compliance to the proper format of the Code of By-Laws and thank you for your input to have this accomplished.

Most Excellent, I move for the adoption of this portion of the Report.

A COMPANION: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION GARON: Most Excellent and Companions, it has been a joy for me to serve on this Committee for all these years and I appreciate your confidence in appointing me as the chair once again. I have completed my tenure and will always cherish the fact that you and others had the faith in me to perform these duties and I wish to thank the Members of this Committee for their commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. GRIFFIN, CHAIRMAN

PAUL WUNSCH, HERB GARON, JR., SAM ALLSBROOKS, JEFFERY BENNETT

Most Excellent, I move for the adoption of this portion of the Report and in its entirety.

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE LA VERGNE: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and its second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried, Excellent Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Herb, for your work. The Companions really appreciate the work that you and your Committee do. Tell them we thank them.

COMPANION GARON: I certainly will. Thank you, Most Excellent. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now, we will hear a Report of the Investment Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I am Tim Towson, Past High Priest of Mabank Chapter No. 435 and I offer the following Report on behalf of the Grand Chapter Investments Committee.

The investment objectives of this Grand Chapter have remained unchanged during the past year. We continue to employ a conservative philosophy and the perspective of a long-term investor. Accordingly, there have been no changes in the investment policies or weightings of the various assets classes in the portfolios. The Trustees and Committee will continue to monitor activity in the financial markets and take such actions as may be necessary to achieve the investment objectives of this Grand Chapter.

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

Fraternally submitted,

TIM TOWSON, CHAIRMAN

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second.

All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.

Motion carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Tim, we appreciate your work and thank your Committee for us. (APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now, we would like to hear the Report of the Committee on Work.

Excellent Companion Skip Dees.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE ON WORK

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

I am Allan Dees. I am Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172.

On behalf of the Committee on Work and our Chairman, Right Excellent Companion Tim Towson, I offer the following Report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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 16, 2008, and have registered 26 Representatives of subordinate chapters and 37 visitors for a total of 63 registrants, including 19 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:

Jorge Basabe
Andrew Bass
Donald L. Cranford
James T. Crysop
Cecil R. Curry
Robert Knode
Ken Hackney
Douglas H. Havis
Sidney D. Hayes
Dean O. Hildreth
Karl J. Krayner
James L. Neeley
Juan G. Pena, Jr.

Haggai No. 53
Washington No. 2
Alvord No. 193
Lone Star No. 6
Ennis No. 135
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Ennis No. 135
Dallas No. 47
Florence No. 275
Alpha No. 243
George Washington No. 422
Big Spring No. 178
Corpus Christi No. 91

Joe V. Pool
John M. Sample
Gary D. Smith
John Tuttle
Richard L. Vaughn
Randall Scott Wall

Ennis No. 135
Killeen No. 484
Amarillo No. 196
Cleveland No. 490
Mt. Horeb No. 57
Ennis No. 135

Attendance was up this year over last year, and participation in the classrooms was excellent. We were able to hold 4 classes for each of the morning and afternoon sessions and two classes for the evening sessions. 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. Like last year, the Companions who came to the school this year came to work. We ask all of the Companions here at this Grand Chapter Convocation to consider attending and participating next year. 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:

Lone Star No. 6 - Austin
Marshall No. 19 - 3 Schools
Carthage No. 28 - 2 Schools
Bonham No. 52 - 2 Schools
Terrell No. 146
El Paso No. 157
Big Spring No. 178
Amarillo No. 196
Alpha No. 243 (Del Rio)
Hamlin No. 310 (Stamford)
Whitesboro No. 377
Seagoville No. 419 - 2 Schools
George Washington No. 422 (Richardson)
Helotes No. 444
Garland No. 451
Love Field No. 478 (Dallas)
Ridglea No. 485 (Ft. Worth) - 2 Schools

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. 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)	20
One Year (Renewals)	70
Three Year (Renewals)	29
Life (25 Years)	4
Total	123

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

Leonard Fitzgerald	Dallas No. 47
Harold F. Kaemmerling	Lufkin No. 240
Veryl L. McKibbin	Cooper No. 101

We have also lost several Companions holding 25 Year Life Certificates:

J. D. (Buddy) Baccus
 William L. Burton
 Andrew Dittert
 E. M. Gray
 A. B. Latimer
 Jack K. McClendon
 Robert F. Mayne
 J. C. Valenzuela
 James B. Walker
 William H. Wells
 Leroy Yager

Park Place No. 458
 Hemphill Heights No. 448
 Port Lavaca No. 338
 Teague No. 320
 Quanah No. 450
 Hamlin No. 310
 Hugh J. McClelland No. 248
 Helotes No. 444
 Tarrant No. 416
 Ridglea No. 485
 Army No. 393

This committee particularly mourns the loss of our junior past member of the Committee on Work, Russell F. Milliken, a devoted member of Burnet No. 453 and a member of this Committee for seven years. Companion Russell has a Life Certificate by virtue of completing a term on the Committee on Work, and would have received a 25 Year Life Certificate in 2010.

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:

Jorge Basabe
 Andrew Bass
 Tommy Chance Chapman
 James T. Crysup
 Wayne Gallion
 Charles R. Lane
 Glenn McCandless
 Clint McKenzie
 Jack Peebles
 Ben Pena
 Glen Goff
 F. Kenneth Griffin
 Embress (Andy) Hentshel
 Dean O. Hildreth
 Roger Jacobsen
 Leonard O. Pierce
 James Rodriguez
 Gary D. Smith
 William Viner
 Neil Winslow

Haggai No. 53
 Washington No. 2
 Port Neches No. 436
 Lone Star No. 6
 Seguin No. 344
 Alpha No. 243
 Hamlin No. 310
 San Antonio No. 381
 Park Place No. 458
 Cooper No. 101
 Seguin No. 344
 Texas No. 362
 Helotes No. 444
 Alpha No. 243
 Haggai No. 53
 Will N. Kidd No. 424
 San Antonio No. 381
 Amarillo No. 196
 Seguin No. 344
 Seguin No. 344

Let's give these fellows a hand.
 (APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION DEES: We would also 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:

John C. Elkinton
 Leonard A. Faulkner
 E. Dixon Toney

Park Place No. 458
 Denison No. 138
 Waco No. 45

We note that Companion Harold Kaemmerling, a member of Lufkin No. 240, would also have been eligible to receive a Life Certificate this year had he not passed away recently.

Certificate Listing on the Grand Chapter Website

An updated listing of those people currently holding certificates will be posted on the Grand Chapter

/Grand Council Website following the Grand Chapter Convocation. The listing is by District, then by Chapters within the District, and then by members within the Chapter that hold a certificate.

Certificates are no longer mailed to the individual Companions, but are mailed to the Chapter and Council shown by their names in the listing on the website. If you have earned a Certificate and have not received it, please check with your Secretary/Recorder.

The Committee on Work would appreciate your helping us to make sure that the information in this listing is correct. We are aware that some Companions may have moved their memberships or may be members of multiple Chapters and Councils and would prefer that their Certificate be sent to a different Chapter/Council. We try to identify all Companions who are no longer with us when we review the Certificates annually for renewal, but we probably miss some. If you are aware of any errors in our listing, please notify the Secretary for the School, 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

A Ritualistic Competition was held in conjunction with the October 2008 Annual School of Instruction in Waco. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Clarence J. Laney directed that the competition be held in the Royal Arch Degree. Teams competed at the close of the Annual School of Instruction on October 18.

Only one Chapter team was able to compete this year. Haggai Chapter No. 53 won the first place \$150 cash award with a score of 947 out of a possible 1000 points. The Degree Team was Roger Jacobsen (MEHP), Kirk Muskina (COH), Jorge Basabe (PS), Louis Hopkins (RAC and Team Captain), Duane Hosick (MIV), and Carl Garrison (Candidate and Team Captain).

A composite team managed to outscore the Chapter team. Scoring 962 out of 1,000 points and continuing the tradition of the top composite team outscoring the top Chapter team. That Degree team was Joe Estlack, Gary E. Smith, James Kirkpatrick, Ken Beshawn, Floyd Hall and Carl Garrison, who was the team captain.

The Committee on Work asks that you give these Chapters and Companions a hand in further recognition of their interest in working to improve their proficiency in the ritual and their willingness to step up and demonstrate it. Let's give them a hand. (APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this part of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Report, and a second. All in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Skip Dees, I would like to insert something here if you don't mind. I want to commend you on your ritualistic competition that you had. You had a very good part in that and I think you all did an excellent job and I'm very proud of the job that you did and your Committee on this ritualistic competition this year. It was admirable and I just wanted on the Record to tell you how much I appreciated it. Thank you very much.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you very much. This was a challenging competition. Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest was present to observe the competition and we really appreciate his support, his active support on what we do.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

To this Committee was referred Resolution No. 2. The Resolution accurately represents that the Royal Arch Lecture contains only a minimal explanation of the Key to the Mysterious Characters referred to in the Degree. It suggests that Candidates would not only benefit from a more detailed explanation of the characters and the diagrammatic key to those characters, but because of an improved understanding of the Royal Arch Degree they would be more likely to participate actively in

Chapter activities.

The Resolution goes on to recommend that the essential content of a program presented at the 2007-2008 Regional Conferences of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas - entitled "Keys to the Mysterious Characters" - be incorporated into the approved Royal Arch Chapter Ritual as an optional part of the Royal Arch Lecture.

Most of the Committee Members have witnessed the referenced Regional Conference presentation and are in agreement that it has value. We would certainly endorse its use as an educational program for use in a Chapter meeting. It is the sense of this Committee, however, that there is little interest on the part of the Craft in significantly expanding either the content or the time required for conferral of the Capitular Degrees. With particular reference to the already lengthy Royal Arch Degree and its Lectures, the Committee is concerned that adding new material to the Degree might even make it more difficult for Candidates to focus on the information already contained in the Degree.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends that Resolution No. 2 be NOT adopted.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this portion of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion.
Is the Presenter here so he can give his comments and make - there he is.

COMPANION KARL J. KRAYER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and my Companions all:

I am Karl J. Kraye, Past High Priest, George Washington Chapter No. 422 in Richardson, Texas.
I want to express my gratitude to all of the many Companions for your kind words through face-to-face and e-mail messages expressing your gratitude for the presentation of the Keys to the Mysterious Characters. I am very grateful for those comments.

I have received a number of requests for this presentation and I want to tell you I have been very stingy with them. I have protected it. I have not given it to anybody. I am the only one that holds it here.

My intent for placing this Resolution before the Grand Chapter is twofold. One is to maximize the protection of our esoteric Work and, secondly, to maximize the understanding of our Work by our candidates.

I will begin with the first briefly. I very much believe that the best place for this material is within the Work. That is where other Jurisdictions that include the Key to the Mysterious Characters have placed it. It belongs as a part of our Work, not in a file cabinet, not on a computer, not in the Secretary's home, not in the drawer of the Lodge, but a conscious decision be made to insert it as an optional part of the Royal Arch Lecture. Again, other Jurisdictions that use this, that is what they do. Secondly, my purpose is to maximize candidates' understanding of this Degree. My Companions, it is my assertion, as I gave at the Regional Conferences this year, that upon hearing the reference to the Key in the Royal Arch Lecture, then maybe one half of one half of one percent of candidates have any understanding of what we are talking about.

It is very important in my view that we put this presentation in its context: after it is mentioned in the Lecture, after the candidate has heard the words, the three named deities expressed in three languages where the candidate can see at that time these words are the long lost Master's word, how the long lost Master's is, in fact, the inevitable name of deity. That completes the story from the Master Mason's Degree as is indeed one of the major reasons our candidates petition to receive the Chapter Work. If they get it then, they will understand it. They will cherish it, they will be back, they will get involved.

We may never get them back, my Companions, for a slide presentation, but we have them there and if a Chapter wants to insert the presentation, that is the place to do it.

I want to emphasize, my Companions, that no Chapter has to do this. We are not requiring this as a part of the Royal Arch Chapter. No Chapter has to do this. It's an option. We are making it available to them. But if they do, it is, in fact, the best place.

Companions, I wanted to say that I have great respect for my esteemed Companions on the Committee on Work. I have known three of these Members for more than twenty-five years and they are very, very dedicated to our Craft and have served us very, very well, and it is my great hope that we can agree to disagree and that all of you as Companions will agree to disagree with our esteemed Companions.

I have been a York Rite Mason for 33 years. As we come to these events each year, somehow we talk about the good old days. I don't know if that was before my time or maybe I missed it during our time. I don't really know. But I would tell you this, that there is nothing we have ever done that we can't do again. The only thing it takes is a decision to do it. If we talk about the good old days when we had dedicated Companions and Companions who understood the Work, Companions, are we really worried about the coffee getting cold where we can't devote twenty more minutes to make sure our candidates understand the Degrees that they are going through?

Again, not as a requirement, but as an option. I urge you, my Companions, to accept Resolution No. 2 and to vote against the motion as expressed by our esteemed colleague on the Committee on Work.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I thank you for your attention and indulgence.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, is there any other discussion? Hearing none, I call for the question.

COMPANION DEES: May I respond?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Sure.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions all:

We have already said in our Report that we would certainly endorse the use of this as an education program in the meetings. The matter of fact is that if the Grand Chapter were to make this available to the Chapters, there is nothing that would prevent them from presenting it on the same night that they do a Royal Arch Degree. So that option we think is there right now.

Now, we recommended that it be not adopted because we think that is going to be the sense of the Companions and we would like to go along with the winning side. But we certainly are amenable to do whatever you choose in this regard. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now, let me see if I understand the motion. The motion is not to make -

COMPANION DEES: Is to not adopt Resolution No. 2.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: - not adopt Resolution No. 2.

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN FEHLER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is confusing to vote in the negative to most Companions -

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Come up here and talk.

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN FEHLER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Damon Fehler, Past High Priest of Waco Chapter No. 45

On a Resolution - simply vote for or against a Resolution rather than doing it in the inverse. I think for the sake of confusion we need to vote for or against the Resolution rather than trying to get it voted in the negative.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. If all of you all understood that, you are better than I am.

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN FEHLER: It is a confusing motion.

COMPANION DEES: I move the adoption of that part of the Report. That was simply moving the

adoption of that portion of the Report. If you want to move the Resolution, I'm willing to withdraw my motion for right now.

A COMPANION: If the Report is adopted, the Resolution is defeated.

COMPANION DEES: I will withdraw my motion. You move to have the Resolution adopted and there won't be any questions.

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN FEHLER: I move for the adoption of the Resolution.

A COMPANION: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I understand the Committee Member, Skip Dees -

COMPANION DEES: I withdrew my motion. I will make it later.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: - withdrew his motion and the motion now is to adopt Resolution No. 2 or not adopt it.

All those in favor of Resolution No. 2 vote by raising your right hand. All opposed to Resolution No. 2.

I believe it passed from my count. Will you guys - let's do this one more time. I want to make sure we do what the Companions want. All those for the Resolution raise your hand. All - thank you. All opposed, raise your hand. I believe they are voting for the Resolution and I declare the Resolution passed.

(RESOLUTION NO. 2 WAS ADOPTED.)

COMPANION DEES: Thank you.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the portion of the Report where I recommended that it be not adopted, which has no effect other than to clear this off of our books.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: We have a motion and a second.

COMPANION REESE L. HARRISON, JR.: For the Record, I am Reese Harrison, Past High Priest of San Antonio Chapter No. 381 in San Antonio and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

I believe that the motion is out of order. It would have the effect of overturning the previous vote if a motion was made that the Resolution be not adopted. That is what he has just done.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, sir.

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent, if I may add, if he wants his Report that they took a contrary view adopted, we can do that, but I think the Record is clear that they recommended against it and the Grand West said from the quarries, "We want to have the Resolution. Therefore, we are opposed to the Committee's report."

COMPANION DEES: (BOWS)

(LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Skip, do you know -

COMPANION DEES: Yes, I'm going to quit talking about Resolution 2.

(LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: So you want to approve -

COMPANION DEES: We will just conclude and ask that our Report in its entirety be adopted. I wish I had Companion Harvey's language. You know, as amended and so, but I'll get it right in a minute.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay.

COMPANION DEES: We are going to talk now about:

Updating and Republication of Chapter Monitor

The Committee on Work was charged by Grand Chapter to develop and report on an orderly play (including a proposed timetable) and any necessary changes to the Laws of this Grand Chapter to phase out publication of the Plain Language Ritual and to replace it with an updated Code Book and to update the Monitor. Upon further consultation with Companions around the State, it has become apparent to the Committee that it is not the will of the Companions that the Plain Language Ritual be replaced with a Code Book. In response to our charge, we have focused on updating the Chapter Monitor - which may be used during Chapter meetings - to make it a more useful tool to the Companions in the conduct of their meetings and conferral of the Degrees. Following is a progress report with regard to that charge.

The Committee is planning to update and reformat - in larger type for easier reading - the information now contained in the Monitor. In addition, the Committee would like to add pictures of the Chapter Jewels; procedures for balloting for the Degrees and for affiliation; procedures for the introduction and reception of Grand Chapter Officers; ceremonies for presentation of the Grand Chapter 50 Year Service Award (both by itself and jointly in conjunction with the presentation of the Grand Council 50 Year Service Award); all of the monitorial parts (including the Principal Sojourner's Lecture and the Sacred History, making the current "Lecture Book" unnecessary); and a pronouncing glossary of hard-to-pronounce names and terms used in the Capitular Degrees. Finally, we would like to add instruction relative to the tactics used in the Chapter Ritual for opening and closing - both for nine officers and for five officers - and conferral of the Degrees.

We have begun working on a draft of the monitor update, but the work has been slowed considerably by the fact that there is no electronic version of the monitor available, so the Committee is having to re-type the information in the current Monitor. In addition, much of what we need to do could not be done until Grand Chapter made its decisions with regard to the Committee's recommendations in Resolution No. 3 for an approval standardized, uniform ritual with appropriate festival options to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

The Committee anticipates - given the need for detailed cross-checking of the information to be put in an updated Monitor in order to try to get this as close to right as possible the first time - that it will take at least two years to bring a draft Monitor to Grand Chapter for approval. We also expect that the cost to produce - and the price to the Companions - will be roughly the same as for the current rituals.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and a second for approval of this portion of his Report. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I now get to deliver the personal remarks of the Chairman, Tim Towson.

Right Excellent Companion Dale Secor was unable to travel to Waco to assist with the instruction in the Annual School this year because he is heavily involved as a Harris County employee of the Parks Department with cleanup efforts following Hurricane Ike 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. We offer our condolences to one of their staff. We actually never had the opportunity to meet Greg, but I have heard from people how attentive he was to the work, how dedicated he was and how he was trying to work for this Grand Chapter right up to the last few days before his death. We appreciate that kind of dedication and we also especially appreciate everything that Dawn does for us.

So, Companion Orville Lee O'Neill, if you would express that appreciation to Dawn on our behalf, we would very much appreciate it.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That will be done, sir.

COMPANION DEES: 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 five years and as its Chairman this year. Of course, I am speaking for Tim. I look forward to continuing to be of service to the Craft in whatever manner you choose to let me serve.

Fraternally submitted,

TIM TOWSON, CHAIRMAN

DALE D. SECOR, ELDON L. BROOKS, ALLAN W. (SKIP) DEES, DAVID ROGERS

If Eldon Brooks is in the room, I still need to get his signature on at least one of these reports.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this report, as amended, mutilated or whatever in its entirety. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and a second.

All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.

Motion carries, Right Excellent Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion Dees.

Please tell the Committee how much I appreciate them.

(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Is the late Loyd Leo Chance ready for his -

COMPANION CHANCE: Yes, Most Excellent. I am somewhat prepared now.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FESTIVALS, LIAISONS AND COORDINATING

COMPANION CHANCE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, 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, and several were reported to the Grand Secretary and were posted on the website by that Committee, although, none were reported to me.

I can give you the number of Chapters that we have and that is 117. 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 everywhere 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

WILBUR E. JOHNSON, JERRAL F. KNOX, JAMES KIRKPATRICK, THOMAS W. SNYDER

COMPANION CHANCE: I will make the motion to approve this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second.

All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.

Motion carries, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I do want to make a little bit of comment about the festivals that I have been to - there has been quite a few - and I have noticed that they are getting larger.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, it is nine o'clock.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Nine o'clock. So we are ready for the Election. I don't know that we are going to need a Tellers Committee, but they will be:

TELLERS

Steve Dorsey, Chairman
Carl Wunsche, Jack Mahn, Tom Little, Karl Krayner, Jerry Pingle

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Go ahead and give your Credentials Committee Report, sir.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

COMPANION DIXON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions:

I am Gary Dixon, Past High Priest of Tyler Chapter No. 24 and I am here to bring you the Final Report of the 2008 Credentials Committee as of 8:45 a.m. today.

We have here present today:

15	Grand Chapter Officers
12	Past Grand High Priests
44	High Priests
10	Kings
13	Scribes
285	Past High Priests
43	Chapter Representatives
96	Chapters represented (only 79 picked up their Chapter ballots)
22	District Deputy Grand High Priests
67	Grand Representatives of Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions (which includes those of which have an excused absence)

We have issued 79 three vote ballots votes. We have also issued 285 one vote ballots. With 79 three vote ballots which equals 237 and 285 one vote ballots accounts for a grand total 522 eligible votes.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID ROGERS, CHAIRMAN, PRO TEM
REX LEWIS, GARY DIXON, KEN CRICKCARD, CLAUD ERVIN, PRO TEM

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

COMPANION DIXON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, your Committee on Credentials want to thank you and this Grand Chapter for your appointment and the ability we had this year to serve this Grand Chapter.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion, and thank the rest of your Committee.
(APPLAUSE.)

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
MOST EXCELLENT	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	DOUGLAS COLLINS
RIGHT EXCELLENT	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST	ROBERT E. MELEAR
RIGHT EXCELLENT	GRAND KING	TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.
RIGHT EXCELLENT	GRAND SCRIBE	G. CLAY SMITH
RIGHT EXCELLENT	GRAND TREASURER	KENNETH E. COOLEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT	GRAND SECRETARY	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER, FIVE YEAR TERM		ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON WORK, FIVE YEAR TERM		TIM TOWSON

(AFTER THE ELECTION PROCEEDINGS M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY
(CONDUCTED FURTHER BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I would like to call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in this little room right back out here so we can elect officers.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Allan Dees. I am Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172 in Midland, Texas.
The Committee on Work has retired and has returned to report that we have elected Companion Eldon "Zabud" Brooks as our Chairman for the ensuing Capitular year.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Congratulations, Eldon.
While we are waiting on the Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board to get back, we have a Report of the Committee on History and Preservation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND PRESERVATION

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Good morning Companions, my name is Ronald D. Park and I am a Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47 in Dallas, Texas, and I am the Chairman of the Committee on History and Preservation.

As we started this year we joined with the Internet Committee and have put the pictures of the Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests on the Grand Chapter website and are in the process of trying to put the biographical information for each of them as it is on the Grand Lodge website. This project required a lot of research and has been very time consuming, but all good projects take time.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Those opposed, same sign.

Motion carries, Right Excellent Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION PARK: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it has been a privilege for the Members of this Committee to serve you and the Grand Chapter this year.

Faternally submitted,

RONALD D. PARK, CHAIRMAN

GARY W. ADAMS, ELDON L. BROOKS, G. W. (BILL) VOLLAND, KENNETH COTTER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move we adopt this Report as a whole.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion Ron. We appreciate you all's work and thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Do we have a Report on the Committee on Memorials?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

COMPANION KEITHLY: I am Thomas G. Keithly, a Past High Priest of Brownwood Chapter No. 141. On behalf of Don Long, the Chairman of the Memorials Committee, I present the following Report. Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

We, your Memorials Committee have received and examined your report for 2008, and we are indeed distressed by the deaths of some 427 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' households 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 19, 2008, 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 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 paternally,

DON R. LONG, CHAIRMAN

BILLY H. COMBEST, ROBERT L. SIEDKMANN, JR., THOMAS KEITHLY, GENE SCHNEIDER

I ask that this, on behalf of the Chairman, be accepted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, the same sign. Motion carried.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Your Committee did a fine job.

Do we have a report on the Committee on Grievances and Appeals?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Nothing has been reported to this Committee, therefore we have nothing to take up your time by making a long nothing to report.

GENE SCHNEIDER, CHAIRMAN

H. DAVID MOORE, JAMES R. BEELER, JOE R. GILMORE, TOMMY F. CHAPMAN

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we thank you for the honor of serving and I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this Report and a second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, the same sign. Motion carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion Gene.
Call for the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

COMPANION DONALD H. SWANGO: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests and my Companions all: I am Donny Swango. I am a Past High Priest of Sherman Chapter No. 62.

On behalf of your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, I am pleased to make this Supplemental Report for 2008.

The Proceedings of Grand Chapters of nineteen states, provinces and countries were reviewed. Of particular note, of the nineteen Proceedings received, eight were in the book form that we have been familiar with over the years, ten were on CDs and one came in e-mail. There is no doubt but that the CD route is growing and appears to continue to be the future in disseminating mass Masonic data in the future.

Each Proceeding contained basically the same type of information and comparing one to another seems to be something best left to the statisticians of the world. Trying to glean something that our Companions might find truly interesting proved to be, as in the past, challenging.

The one theme that continues to stand out above all, universally and regrettably, is that we, as fraternal organizations, though we are trying, are still hurting, on several and various fronts. One prime example remains, new and retained membership, as there is not any great influx of new members and, by virtue of age, keeping what we have still proves to be very difficult.

So we tried to bring some light, maybe new, maybe not, to the Companions of Texas. Perhaps we, as Royal Arch Masons, will continue to try to do something positive about the problems we face. But, more often than not, we keep on keeping on and neither heed the warnings nor do anything to correct the problems, thinking, or maybe just hoping, that the problems we face will correct themselves. Yes, Companions, we continue to have lots of work to do and need the help of every one of you.

During the year, the Grand High Priest nominated several Companions to serve as Grand Representatives from Texas near the other Grand Jurisdictions. He also accepted the nominations of several Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions to serve as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Texas, as follows:

Georgia	Carl H. Garrison
Argentina	Jeffery S. Bennett
Germany	Douglas Collins
Iowa	Arliss Weber
New Jersey	Clarence J. Laney
South Carolina	Robert D. Collier
Mexico	Arnold R. Langston

To serve as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Texas:

Idaho	Rex W. Reed
Nova Scotia	Frederick W. Clarke

Of the five Members appointed to this committee, one has yet to respond to my calls for his participation and one was appointed Chairman for the same Committee on the Council side. As for that Chairman, I excused him from participating with us, as he had enough to do already. Therefore, being two short, I once again solicited and received the ready help of Companions Jerrel Jones and Bill Irving. For their able assistance, I am very grateful.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the acceptance of the Preliminary Report of the Committee, as published, as well as this Supplemental Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION SWANGO: Most Excellent, speaking for myself, and I hope for the Committee, your trust in us is appreciated and we thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD H. SWANGO, CHAIRMAN
JEFFERY J. MILLER, PIERRE G. NORMAND, DWIGHT W. PHILLIPS, L. SCOTT WALL

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, Companion Donny Swango. I really appreciate your hard work. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Do we have a Report from the Committee on New Chapters?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHAPTERS

COMPANION DAVID MELEAR: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions all: I am David Melear, Past High Priest of Amarillo Chapter No. 196.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Members of this Committee thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter in this capacity during this 2008 Capitular Year.

However, we received no requests for this Capitular Year. Therefore, we have no report to record for 2008.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER DAVID MELEAR, CHAIRMAN
DAVID GLEN MATHER, JESUS A. (JESSE) GARZA, JASON PIERCE, ROBERT GENE KIRK

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion. All those in favor say "Aye." All opposed, same. Hearing none, the motion carries.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, David, for your hard work. We hope to make you work harder next year. We need new Chapters. Thank you.

COMPANION DAVID MELEAR: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I now call for a Report of the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

COMPANION MITCHELL RAY JONES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Mitchell Ray Jones,

Past High Priest of Hemphill Heights Chapter No. 448 and affiliated of Dallas Chapter No. 47.
I would like to give the following Report of the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee.

Your Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards has carefully reviewed the Resolution to establish the Zerubbabel Award in order to recognize Chapters whose performance throughout a Capitular Year is exceptional, as compared with other subordinate Chapters in Texas.

The Resolution provides for District Deputy Grand High Priests to tabulate points on each of two official visits to every Chapter, and to provide cash awards and plaques to the top three scoring Chapters in the State, and special recognition to those Chapters which demonstrate improvement between the two visits.

Your Committee agrees that this Resolution will eliminate a deficiency that exists in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, as compared to other grand bodies, such as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and the Grand Commandery of Texas, which annually recognizes subordinate bodies who perform in an excellent manner.

Your Committee does not hesitate to recommend the approval of this award, and encourages the Companions to support this Resolution with your vote today.

However, your Committee is also concerned about three items in the Resolution, which if left unaltered, would effectively tie the hands of future presiding officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

First, the Resolution calls for the award to be given to the Chapter with "the highest accumulation of points after the two visits" and to give "special recognition to the three Chapters with the greatest improvement between the first and second visits." This Resolution expressly requires a Grand High Priest to mandate that his District Deputies make two official visits. It is entirely possible that a future Grand High Priest could be enthusiastic about the award, and find it very workable in a system with one official visit. Your Committee believes that every Grand High Priest should be required to execute the mechanisms to ensure that this award is granted each year, but should not be required to do so exactly in the manner prescribed in this Resolution. Therefore, your Committee encourages you to approve the Resolution as we amend it below.

Secondly, the Resolution attaches an encrypted and well developed grading system with values for assessments on a variety of important categories. We applaud the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest for his diligence and foresight and forethought in producing this system. However, to be sure your Committee recognizes that this is his system and one that should not be an addendum to the Resolution that you approve today. It is entirely possible that a future Grand High Priest, for example, would wish to reward a Chapter which sends dais officers to Grand Chapter Conferences and not only to the Grand Chapter or a future Grand High Priest may wish to recognize a Chapter which executes a successful social activity and add it to the evaluation form in deference to other factors. Therefore, your Committee encourages you to approve the Resolution as we amend it below.

Third, the Resolution does not find a place within the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Your Committee encourages you to approve the Resolution as we amend it below, which gives it a permanent location within the written annals of our Grand Body.

Make no mistake that your Committee supports this Resolution, but at the same time finds it very dangerous, and, in fact, inappropriate, to tightly legislate the behavior of future Grand High Priests. In that light, therefore, we offer the following amendments to the Resolution:

that all references to "two official visits" be replaced with the verbiage "official visits," thus providing the ambiguity and flexibility for each Grand High Priest to define the foundation for the award the way he wishes.

I move the adoption of this amendment.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion.

A COMPANION: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: There is a second. Is there any discussion? Right Excellent Sir.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Douglas Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422.

I agree with the Committee and, you know, in writing this up, I was - I didn't have the, you know, former background to base this on. It is my idea of trying to get a competition type - kind of a camaraderie between the Chapters and an incentive to be better. There is nothing in this that - everything that I feel like I put in is positive. It's not asking Chapters to do anything more than they should be doing. The fact that we are using it this year as a combination District Deputy Grand High Priest report forms really has nothing to do with the prize or with the award at all other than I thought I'd see how it would work and then perhaps if this passes, future Grand High Priests may want to have separate forms because each Grand High Priest does design his own form.

So the amendment - part of the conversation back there, if you will give me just a second to look at this a minute. Is that all right?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: All we have is time.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We don't have that much.

Okay. Well, I urge you to pass it. Like I say, we want to give an award to the Chapters who are getting out there and working and the ones who are trying to improve it. That's what this is for. I appreciate your support.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, right now we are voting on the amendment from the Committee. If there is no other discussion, we will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. The amendment has carried, Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION JONES: Thank you, Most Excellent, and thank you Right Excellent Doug for your cooperation in going along with us.

Your Committee submits the following amendment:

that the following clause be added to the end of the first sentence, "using a scoring system approved by the presiding Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas." That sentence will now read: "The Zerubbabel Award shall be awarded to the Chapter with the greatest accumulation of points tabulated by the District Deputy Grand High Priests on their official visits to the subordinate Chapters, using a scoring system approved by the presiding Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas."

I move the adoption of this amendment.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Okay. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. The approval of the amendment passes.

COMPANION JONES: And finally:

that this resolution amend, and thus, be placed into Article 77C of the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, as follows:

Zerubbabel Award. The Grand High Priest must present the Zerubbabel Award during his term in office in order to recognize Chapters whose performance throughout a Capitular Year is exceptional, as compared with other subordinate Chapters in Texas. The Zerubbabel Award shall be awarded to the Chapter with the greatest accumulation of points tabulated by the District Deputy Grand High Priests on their official visits to the subordinate Chapters, using a scoring system approved by the presiding Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

I move the adoption of this amendment.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion. Is there a second?

SEVERAL COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Is there any discussion?

COMPANION HARRISON: What is the number?

COMPANION JONES: 77C.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Hearing no discussion, I call for the question. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. The amendment passes.

COMPANION JONES: Finally, I move for the adoption of the Resolution, as amended.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. We have a motion for the - state it one more time.

COMPANION JONES: That it be inserted into the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, which gives it a permanent place. Article 77C will be the Zerubbabel Award. But it's all of that. That's -

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Yes, as amended. Okay. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. It passes.

COMPANION JONES: Your Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards has carefully reviewed the Resolution to establish a Lifetime Achievement Award for Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in Texas. As the Companions are aware, this Resolution was referred to this Committee based upon some necessary clarification required from its introduction into a supplemental report two years ago in the Grand Council. You are likely aware that two deserving Companions have already been recipients of this award, and appropriate presentations have been made over the last two years by the then presiding Grand Masters of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

Your Committee applauds the fervor and zeal demonstrated by the Sponsor of this Resolution, in his attempt to ensure that deserving Companions are recognized for outstanding and meritorious service over their careers in the Chapter and Council.

In this Report, we want to make note of two concerns. First, we recognize the undebatable fact that we have no jurisdiction over any other body than our own. That no matter how close we may wish to be in coordinating our work with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, we have no legal basis to legislate or impose any activity of any kind upon it.

Your Committee finds it improper to attempt to enter into any agreement with another grand body which would suggest or require activity on its part. The reality is that we cannot make an award for anyone but ourselves, at our own level, which is the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Second, your Committee is reminded of the role that the Golden Keystone Award plays for this identical purpose in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Cryptic Triangle Award plays in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master. We believe that these awards are well-defined, selective and provided to only the distinguished few.

It is the opinion of your Committee that both of these awards are given for lifetime achievement. Your Committee believes that there is no advantage gained by adding yet another award to our midst which would either duplicate these awards, or attempt to subordinate these awards. The thought that an award for Lifetime Achievement in Capitular and Cryptic Masonry is higher, more meaningful, or held in greater esteem than the two awards currently given by the Grand Bodies of the Chapter and, Council, is not fair or wise.

In summary, this Resolution contains flaws. However, we make note of the following: these awards have favorably passed the careful scrutiny of the Jurisprudence Committees of both bodies, the awards have already been presented to worthy Companions by the Grand Master of the

Grand Council in the last two years, and, it is not in the best interest of the Grand Chapter to take a combative or inhospitable stance toward the Grand Council, but rather, to cooperate, thus producing peace and harmony among all Companions.

Furthermore, your committee believes that it is important that the Resolution and award find a place within the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Your Committee encourages you to approve the Resolution as we amend it below, which gives it a permanent location within the written annals of our Grand Body.

I, therefore, move to amend this Resolution as follows:

That this Resolution amend, and thus be placed into Section 77D of the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, as follows:

Lifetime Achievement Award. Each year, the Grand High Priest shall collaborate with the Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. Recipients of the award must be agreed upon by both of the presiding officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas.

Finally, I move the adoption of the Resolution, as amended.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION JONES: We congratulate our Most Excellent Grand High Priest on his selections for the coveted Golden Keystone Awards Companions Ronald D. Park and J. P. (Pat) Collier, Jr.

During the last Capitular Year there were 128 Fifty Year Awards and 31 Cornerstone Awards given. I move for the adoption of the complete Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION JONES: Most Excellent, on behalf of the Committee and especially Companion Karl Kraye, who was so instrumental in some of the Resolutions, we thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter. (APPLAUSE.)

Fraternally submitted,
MITCHELL RAY JONES, CHAIRMAN
KARL J. KRAYE, JACK E. BEELER, A. GLEN MCCANDLESS, LARRY G. CANADA

COMPANION PAUL WUNSCH: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we ask that those who have been appointed to serve as District Deputies for the Grand Council, if you have not picked up your package, if you will go back there at this time, we will get that presented to you. Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Now call for the Report for the Order of High Priesthood. I don't see anybody moving. So the Report of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

101ST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

PRESIDENT ORVILLE O'NEILL: I am Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47, and I would like to present this report on behalf of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

At the organizational meeting of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, held during the Grand Chapter Session on October 9, 2007, the following Companions were selected and presented to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Orville. L. O'Neill, President
Steve Wolfe, Vice President
W. E. Brookshire, Secretary
Farris L. Benham, Treasurer
Floyd Hall, Director
James Roy Elliott, Director

This year, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Boards of Directors have held the regularly scheduled business meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with two (2) exceptions; no September meeting was held this year, and the November meeting will be held on November 20, 2008, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Clarence J. Laney for his constant presence at the Board meetings and enthusiastic support of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center during his term as Grand High Priest. We would also like to acknowledge the Grand Officers; Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Douglas Collins, Right Excellent Grand King Robert Melear and Right Excellent Grand Scribe Timothy La Vergne. Working on behalf of our organization throughout the year, these worthy Companions deserve to be recognized for their efforts.

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, Steve Wolfe, W. E. Brookshire, Floyd Hall, James Roy Elliot

The Retirement Committee convened on February 28, 2008.

The Board Members met with representatives of Wells Fargo Bank on February 28, 2008, 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, \$2,872,371.00. The Market Value as of September 30, 2007, was \$3,150,382.00, resulting in an increase of \$278,011.00. Our retirees and/or beneficiaries received a total of \$121,892.67 in retirement benefits during the Plan Year ending September 30, 2007. A contribution to the Retirement Plan was required again this year, and a payment in the amount of \$127,428.00 was made on May 28, 2008. The volatility of the stock market during this fiscal period is primarily responsible for the disappointing financial performance of the Trust Fund.

As of Plan Year ending September 30, 2007, the Retirement Plan had one hundred twelve (112) participants; seventy (70) were active participants, thirty (30) 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, 2008, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's membership consisted of one hundred twenty-five (125) Grand Chapter residents, twenty (20) Grand Lodge widows and eighteen (18) Eastern Star residents, giving the Retirement Center a total census of one hundred sixty-three (163) members. This figure represents a loss of three (3) residents since the last Grand Chapter report.

Finances and Cost

The Board Members met with representatives of JP Morgan Private Bank on May 22, 2008, 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, 2008, 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 \$46.36; the Unit Cost for the Clinic/Nursing Center is \$185.20; the Total Unit Cost per Ward Day is \$94.23. This represents an increase of \$8.07, 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	\$3,242
Grand Lodge / Clinic/Nursing Center	<u>\$4,491</u>
Total	\$7,733
Grand Chapter / Independent Living	\$37,298
Grand Chapter / Clinic/Nursing Center	<u>\$15,652</u>
Total	\$52,950
Eastern Star / Independent Living	\$3,671
Eastern Star / Clinic/Nursing Center	<u>\$3,127</u>
Total	\$6,798
Grand Total	\$67,481

Contributions

From January 2008 through September 30, 2008, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center received a total of \$48,055.00 in charitable donations. The total membership in the State of Texas is around one hundred and two thousand (102,000) Masons, which equates to approximately forty-seven cents (\$.47) per member, per gift. We must keep in mind, however, that this amount does not encompass the numerous bequests that we receive from our benefactors throughout the year. We are all well aware of the serious economic challenges currently facing our country, which makes fund raising even more difficult. The Texas Masonic Retirement Center is one of many charitable organizations who are asking for financial assistance, and we are up against some fierce competition. Although we continue to experience a decline in annual contributions, we remain grateful to our generous contributors, whose continued patronage helps to support this worthy charity.

Home Improvements

Last year we announced our plans to build a multi-story, independent living apartment complex, which would encompass approximately 43,000 square feet. Construction of the new building began on March 3, 2008, at a projected cost of \$9,314,525.00 and should be completed sometime during the early part of 2009. We are proud that the TMRC remains a strong and viable entity, which can be evidenced by our continued growth and expansion of services.

Conclusion

The great philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr. once said, "Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege." Speaking on behalf of my fellow Board Members I can assure you that we embrace this philosophy and will continue our efforts on behalf of this noble organization.

Respectfully submitted,
 ORVILLE L. O'NEILL, PRESIDENT
 STEVE WOLFE, VICE PRESIDENT
 W. E. BROOKSHIRE, SECRETARY
 FLOYD HALL, DIRECTOR
 JAMES ROY ELLIOTT, DIRECTOR

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT O'NEILL: Thank you, Most Excellent.

Companions, I would like for you all to give these men here a great big hand because they take very, very good care of your property. (APPLAUSE.

PRESIDENT O'NEILL: Thank you and I thank you very much, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

COMPANION BROOKSHIRE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the residents and the management of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center they have seen fit to have prepared for presentation to Companion Orville a beautiful plaque and this plaque reads, "TMRC. Orville L. O'Neill. In grateful recognition in his expressions of love, care and concern for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, which has enriched the lives of our residents. 2004-2008." And we look forward to many, many more years of continued service.

Congratulations, Companion Orville.

(APPLAUSE.

PRESIDENT O'NEILL: I have always enjoyed York Rite Masonry. I don't care if it is the Chapter, Council or Commandery, but I have come over the years when I first went on that Board, I've just learned to love it. That is a great place. You guys need to come out there and visit it and look at it and see what you all have got out there that you are proud of. Who knows? One of these days you may have to come out there and live and we will be more than happy to have you out there. So, please, Fellows, come out and visit it. Thank you. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Did you already report on the Officers?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: The Officers will remain the same as in the book now.

**TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008**

St. John's Lodge # 53	\$100.00	Mesquite Chapter #887, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Whitesboro Lodge #263	\$40.00	Daingerfield Chapter #906, O.E.S.	\$75.00
Florence Lodge #338	\$50.00	Rosewyn Chapter #927, O.E.S.	\$35.00
Armstrong Lodge #445	\$200.00	Lancaster Chapter #943, O.E.S.	\$25.00
Hill City Lodge #456	\$1,000.00	Ed. J. Kiest Chapter #959, O.E.S.	\$40.00
Dallas Lodge #760	\$75.00	Haltom City Chapter #982, O.E.S.	\$22.00
Yellowhouse Lodge #841	\$300.00	Medina Chapter #988, O.E.S.	\$70.00
Loving Lodge #917	\$25.00	Waelder Chapter #1023, O.E.S.	\$36.00
Reagan Lodge #1037	\$50.00	No. Shore Chapter #1058, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Pentagon Lodge #1080	\$25.00	Lone Star Chapter #1083, O.E.S.	\$100.00
New Braunfels Lodge #1109	\$165.00	Naples Chapter #907, O.E.S.	\$45.00
Texas City Lodge #1118	\$150.00	Pearland Chapter #1065, O.E.S.	\$50.00
Keystone Lodge #1143	\$50.00	TMRC DL Chapter #1145, O.E.S.	\$58.00
Somerset Lodge #1205	\$100.00	Ft. Worth Past Matrons & Patrons	\$50.00
Richardson Lodge #1214	\$100.00	Grand Council of R & S M	\$25.00
Tyler Lodge #1233	\$100.00	Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.	\$5,000.00
Roy Stanley Lodge #1367	\$100.00	Grand Royal Arch Chapter of TX	\$150.00
White Settlement Lodge #1372	\$50.00	High Noon Club	\$300.00
Lone Star Chapter #6	\$100.00	Ord of Amaranth Bluebonnet Ct #3	\$50.00
Cherokee Chapter #11	\$100.00	Mark and Judy Adkins	\$100.00
Marshall Chapter #19	\$100.00	Primo L. Albano	\$20.00
Dallas Chapter #47	\$220.00	Robert E. and June Allen	\$100.00
Bonham Chapter #52	\$25.00	Thurman L. Allred	\$100.00
Ennis Chapter #135 & Council #81	\$50.00	Anonymous	\$135.00
El Paso Chapter #157	\$25.00	Apex Materials	\$250.00
Midlothian Chapter #211	\$500.00	Don R. and Patsy J. Archer	\$50.00
Roby Chapter #380	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Averett	\$25.00

George Washington Chapter #422	\$25.00	Mrs. Ann Babb	\$50.00
Will N. Kidd Chapter #424	\$125.00	Gordon E. Bangs	\$50.00
Austin Council #2	\$100.00	Cindy L. Barnes	\$30.00
Dallas Council #18	\$220.00	John W. Barnes	\$100.00
Bonham Council #37	\$25.00	Henry P. Bartoli	\$10.00
Midlothian Council #148	\$1,000.00	Charles R. Beach	\$10.00
Midlothian Chapter #211	\$500.00	Bobby L. Bell	\$20.00
Roby Council #316	\$25.00	Bogan Dunlap & Wood Ins. Agency	\$100.00
San Jacinto Council #347	\$50.00	Roland C. Borden	\$100.00
Blue Valley Chapter #2, O.E.S.	\$70.00	M. C. and Leta Brian	\$35.00
Ruth Chapter #20	\$35.00	O. B. Bridier	\$20.00
Kerrville Chapter #24, O.E.S.	\$10.00	Bill Bright	\$150.00
- Nellie Holdsworths PMC			
Big Spring Chapter #67, O.E.S.	\$90.00	Nancy and Curtis Britt	\$25.00
Belle Moon Chapter #90, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Ronald L. and Charlotte Brock	\$25.00
Ransford Chapter #135, O.E.S.	\$21.00	W. Eugene Brookshire	\$5,000.00
Winnie Chapter #160, O.E.S.	\$50.00	James Theo & Johnnie Brown	\$26,500.00
Richland Springs Chapter #264, O.E.S	\$35.00	Jim Buller	\$50.00
Lampasas Chapter #295, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Dan Byrne	\$200.00
Uvalde Chapter #297, O.E.S	\$35.00	Glen S. Cade	\$40.00
Fairfield Chapter #331, O.E.S.	\$25.00	N. E. Cannon	\$50.00
De Leon Chapter #396, O.E.S.	\$100.00	William H. Caudill	\$100.00
Gorman Chapter #443, O.E.S.	\$51.00	Douglas Collins	\$75.00
Decatur Chapter #543, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Betty Lynn Crawford	\$300.00
Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Thomas Crawford	\$25.00
Taylor Chapter #578, O.E.S.	\$100.00	C. W. Crawley	\$40.00
North Fort Worth Chapter #684, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Lewis M. Croom	\$25.00
Hillsboro Chapter #769, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Billie E. and Sally Davis	\$75.00
Prospect Hill Chapter #817, O.E.S.	\$15.00	Earl Davis	\$10.00
Bluebell Chapter #856, O.E.S.	\$250.00	Rodney E. Davis	\$12.00
Love Field Chapter #875, O.E.S.	\$6.00	Sybil V. Davis	\$35.00
Connie and Linda Daws	\$20.00	Lonnie L. and Derilda Ann Jones	\$5.00
V. A. Day	\$50.00	Randall C. Jones	\$25.00
Billy R. and Peggy Dickey	\$40.00	Justice of Peace & Cnstbles Assn.	\$500.00
Oscar Hugh Dixon	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kaftan	\$40.00
Bobby Dockens	\$25.00	Robert J. Keigley	\$200.00
Olan P. Donaho	\$25.00	Howard V. Kennedy	\$50.00
Frank H. Eaton	\$150.00	Dr. Kenneth L. Ketner	\$100.00
John W. and Anita S. Ehrlar	\$100.00	Jane Key	\$50.00
Elizabeth Thompson Literary Club	\$25.00	Jane Key and Teddie McClendon	\$25.00
Grady and Wanda Erwin	\$25.00	Kenny Kimbrough	\$50.00
Robert J. Erwin	\$10.00	John W. Kirkley	\$150.00
John A. Espensen	\$100.00	A. F. Krauss	\$100.00
Obie L. Etheridge	\$100.00	Edmund Ladendorff, Jr.	\$25.00
C. J. Evers	\$100.00	Peter B. LaGrange	\$100.00
Edith Farmer	\$25.00	Terry and Gina LaGrone	\$45.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Fields	\$300.00	Clarence J. Laney	\$390.00
Bill Fowler	\$40.00	Timothy M. LaVergne, Sr.	\$25.00
Mr.. and Mrs. Lou Fragapane	\$25.00	Wanda Lawrence	\$25.00
The Freeburg Family	\$50.00	Richard S. Ledermann	\$50.00
George J. Fuller	\$150.00	Benjamin E. Leibe, Jr.	\$50.00
W. T. Gale	\$100.00	Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Lindke	\$80.00
Bobby L. Gambill	\$25.00	Lois and Roger Linn	\$20.00
Jackie F. Gann	\$50.00	Colonel D. V. Lippard	\$25.00
Jeffrey Garrett	\$250.00	R. E. Lovett	\$25.00
Austin A. Gibbons	\$25.00	Marine Square Club of Houston	\$200.00
Wade and Jean Gilliam	\$100.00	Henry and Opal Martin	\$30.00
Gilliland Insurance Agency	\$100.00	J. D. Martin, Sr.	\$100.00

John and Minnette Goodman	\$35.00	Jerry B. Martin	\$25.00
Cecil A. Graham	\$50.00	Tom and Rainy Matthys	\$50.00
Robert R. Green	\$25.00	Larry McCaslin	\$10.00
Jim and Kay Groom	\$40.00	M. S. McDonald	\$20.00
F. I. Guerry, Jr.	\$25.00	Imogene McIntire	\$30.00
Larry V. and Kathy Hall	\$500.00	Fred and Dottie McKinley	\$30.00
Dan and Sandra Hamilton	\$100.00	Maxey McKnight	\$25.00
Patricia, Kristin and Kasey Harder	\$10.00	Robert H. McMahan	\$100.00
Hardy Listener's Book Review Club	\$25.00	Edward O. Melberg	\$100.00
Ben Harp	\$15.00	L. V. [Pete] Mhoon	\$25.00
William Head	\$300.00	S. A. [Ann] Moore	\$100.00
Michael Henderson	\$100.00	Waylon S. Morgan	\$30.00
Jimmy M. Henley	\$200.00	James H. Moser	\$800.00
Todd M. Herndon	\$25.00	Ralph V. Moss	\$135.00
J. B. and Margaret Herrington	\$10.00	Robert Moyer	\$60.00
Margaret Herrington	\$50.00	Ben E. Neeper	\$25.00
B. L. and Patsy J. Hickman	\$50.00	Dale B. Norton	\$40.00
Doug W. and Carol L. Hillin	\$50.00	Jack M. and Lois Odell	\$420.00
James E. Hodges	\$20.00	Orville O'Neill	\$660.00
Royer and Dorothy Holland	\$25.00	Danny Owen	\$10.00
Matt Howard	\$75.00	Joe D. Patrick	\$75.00
Charles P. Hudson	\$1,000.00	Steve and Shirley Pendleton	\$50.00
Clinton Humphries	\$70.00	Dr. William C. Perkins	\$100.00
Leonard H. Hunter	\$25.00	E. T. Pernell	\$25.00
Ind. Ins. Agents &	\$100.00	Madelaine Pfau	\$100.00
Brokers Permian Basin			
Vernon M. Inman, Jr.	\$200.00	Norman T. Poer	\$50.00
Jerry Jackson	\$10.00	Mr. and Mrs. John L. Poulsen	\$65.00
Suzanne Jenkins	\$25.00	Doug Rains	\$25.00
Jerry and Vanessa Johnson	\$10.00	P. W. Randall	\$30.00
Wilbur E. and Rosemary Johnson	\$50.00	J. G. Reynold	\$50.00
Virgil M. Johnston	\$100.00	Harrold E. Rice	\$25.00
Burton L. Jones	\$50.00	David G. Rogers	\$35.76
Dan C. Jones	\$100.00	K. T. Rogers	\$50.00
Thomas R. Rogers	\$10.00	William F. Trogdon	\$20.00
Mary Jo Rosamond	\$20.00	Mrs. Bradley Troy	\$5.00
Jim Rose	\$50.00	Stephen Verno	\$100.00
Larry and Pat Rowell	\$100.00	Charles and Joni Vincent & Family	\$45.00
Brian D. Sandlin	\$100.00	John and Joyce Waldie	\$225.00
Schwab Charitable Fund	\$250.00	James H. Walker	\$10.00
Simpson Trust	\$100.00	Robert L. Walker	\$25.00
Winnefred Sizer	\$10.00	Norman E. Ward	\$50.00
David Brian Sloan	\$200.00	Hoyt W. Watson	\$50.00
Thomas W. Snyder	\$200.00	Ricky and Teri Whitaker	\$50.00
Leah Jo Sparks	\$700.00	Roger H. White	\$35.00
Thomas A. Spencer	\$1,000.00	Arris, Pat and Tony Whitehead	\$10.00
Carl E. Starkey	\$25.00	M. M. Wicker, Jr.	\$25.00
John and Diane Stephens	\$20.00	R. T. Williams & Sandra Heer	\$10.00
V. E. Stephens	\$450.00	Bruce E. and Nadine Wilson	\$25.00
Margie B. Stewart	\$50.00	Charles S. Wolfe	\$210.00
William Stockard	\$25.00	David and Jenifer Wood	\$25.00
H. S. Stovall	\$50.00	Greg Wright	\$50.00
Col. and Mrs. Ray Stroup	\$100.00	Joe Pat and Barbara Wright	\$20.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Suter	\$50.00	R. W. Wright, Jr.	<u>\$25.00</u>
Patsy and Randy Thompson	\$1,000.00		
Montie Thompson, Jr.	\$10.00		
Jorge E. Tijmes, M.D.	\$25.00	TOTAL	\$64,186.76

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. I now call for the Report of the High Priesthood.

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

COMPANION TOM SNEDECOR: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Officers of our Grand Chapter and Members all:

My name is Tom Snedecor. I am a Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter No. 458, and I am reporting on the results of our Order of High Priesthood that was conferred last night.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred last night, Monday, October 20 on forty-two candidates in full ritualistic form. The meeting was well attended and the candidates attentive. The Council is in excellent financial shape and further cost saving efforts are underway. Our Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest, John Elkinton was elected as our Presiding Officer for the ensuing year.

If some of those candidates are in this room, would you please stand so that we might recognize you as new members of the Order of High Priesthood. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION SNEDECOR: It was more than I had expected and I've got some work to do to overcome that problem. But financially we are probably in better shape than any Masonic organization in the State of Texas. That is kind of unusual, but we are still trying to institute some additional plans to be frugal in our activities and we have elected a new list of Officers for this year, headed up by John Elkinton, who is also Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter No. 458.

That is our Report, sir.

Submitted by,
Thomas C. Snedecor, Secretary

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

COMPANION SNEDECOR: I move that this Report be accepted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Companion Grand Secretary, it passes.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD 2008-2009

M:E: Grand High Priest	John C. Elkinton
R:E: Master of Ceremonies	Larry G. Canada
R:E: Conductor	E.E. Buster Williams
E: Treasurer	Gerald F. Nowotny
E: Secretary	Thomas C. Snedecor
E: Chaplain	Jack Peebles
E: Marshal	David Gardner
E: Steward	Lawrence E. Tucker
E: Sentinel	H. Bart Henderson

CANDIDATES FOR ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD ON OCTOBER 20, 2008

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name, MI</u>	<u>Ch.</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name, MI</u>	<u>Ch.</u> <u>No.</u>
Alanis	Pedro A.	381	LaGrone	Terry	6
Arnold	Steven	436	Laza	Randy	490
Bass	Andrew H.	2	McConnell	James Robert	393
Bible	Jerry D.	305	Mitchell	Elmer R. "Pete"	495

Bradley	Harry A.	140	Moore	Thomas G.	185
Chesser	Robert E.	248	Morales	Robert H.	444
Cohen	Robert S.	87	Nickles	Brad	153
Crysup	James T	6	Parrish	Doyle	146
Davidson	Jack D	153	Parrish	George	146
Fain	Herbert D.	146	Pomroy	Jimmy H	344
Faletto	Phil	454	Rodriguez	Joe N.	495
Foreman	Kenneth D.	454	Rodriguez	James A.	381
Gooch	Steve	478	Saldua	Martin	2
Harvey	Cortney	448	Smith	Jerry A.	3
Hayes	Sidney D.	275	Smith	Kenneth G.	492
Heard	Steven R.	211	Stanley	Rick	467
Hildreth	Dean O	243	Stevens	Clint	472
Huffman	Craig	211	Turner	Dan W.	422
Hughes, III	Henry M.	458	Uzzell	Anthony J.	45
Kirkpatrick	James	376	Van Griner	Douglas J	381
Knott	Edward G.	362	West	Owen D.	87

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. Report of the Membership Committee. Is Gene here? How about a Report of the Committee on Printing?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

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

I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All in favor say aye. All opposed, same. Motion carries.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I now call for the Report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:
I am Jimmy Willson, Past High Priest of Floydada Chapter No. 227.

You remember several years ago I told you when you changed the meeting date of this organization, there were certain problems which couldn't be solved very easily. One of those problems is how we report on our finances.

Our Audit Report for 2007, which will be in this year's Proceedings, came this week. You say, why? Well, according to our Charter and the operation of this organization, we cannot close our financial books until October the 31st each year. That means that we don't have a complete report of where we are.

The Grand Treasurer gave you a report yesterday of where we were. We will be meeting if everything goes according to schedule like we did last year. The Finance Committee will save money and all that sort of stuff because most of them will always come to Grand Lodge. Sometime during the Grand Lodge Session this year we will have a meeting of your Finance Committee. We will work the budget with the money that we have at the end of the year. We will take the proposals of the various organizations, Committees and so forth and work out the thing. That is as soon as we can do it.

We are in pretty good financial shape, as you know, from the Grand Treasurer's Report yesterday. We are not rich, but we are not broke either. But the important thing you have to realize is because we are in the situation we are in now you don't get a report at this meeting because of the time it is. It is about twenty-five or thirty days sometime before we get through with the official year which we have to close our books on. I hope you understand this and I hope you will share with us as we try to serve you.

The Committee has very many dedicated people and we always sit down and go over what has been asked for. We try to be sure that you are getting the kind of responses you should get and we are trying to do the job as best we can. But under the legal procedure which we have to follow now, we can't give you anything more than what the Grand Treasurer gives you each year.

If anybody has any questions, why, I will be glad to try to answer them. I want to tell you, this Audit Report came this week. The one for this past year, for 2008, will probably be about the same circumstances, but it is always available. Our books are open. We got nothing to hide. It is in the office if you really want to know. If you will look at your coming Proceedings, you can see. We always print these when we get them. I want you to understand that. A lot of people sometimes think that Masonic organizations are high in their money, but I happen to be one of those people in what I happen to be involved in, it is always open to you. We have got nothing to hide and we want you to know that.

One year in the Grand Commandery I did make a mistake and I went to sleep at the switch and didn't do my job properly. I had to get up before the Grand Commandery and say that I went to sleep at the switch as Chairman of the Finance Committee this year because we had changed the people who had been handling our business. The fine young lady who had been looking after our business real good and called me every time something needed to be done. She came in one morning and she said, "Fellows, my husband and I are going to be 30 years old and we want to start a family. So I'm going to retire from you. I hope you understand this," which we did. She said, "I picked the two best men in my company to take over my job for you."

Well, unfortunately, they didn't do like she did that year and we went to sleep. But after they met with us and they found out what we wanted, we caught up fast enough that we got ourselves out of trouble and got back in the best you can get with our finances.

But I promise you right now your Finance Committee is doing its best to fulfill its obligation to you, but it will be sometime around Grand Lodge time before we can meet and set up the budget and tell you exactly how the year ended on October the 31st. That's the reason for it. We have nothing to hide, but as I say, we will always have these reports up there for you to look at in the office any time you want to.

I move that you accept this Report, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion.
All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, the same. Motion carried.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Very Excellent Companion Jimmy Willson, we really appreciate all you do for us. Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.)

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2008-2009

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)	9,000.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	41,000.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	15,000.00
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,600.00
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	6,000.00
Grand Commandery Yk Rt Conference Contrib	0
TOTAL	185,100.00

EXPENSES:	
Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	20,000.00
*Office Staff.....	45,500.00
*Payroll Taxes.....	5,500.00
Grand High Priest:	
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.....	500.00
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	6,500.00
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	8,500.00
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	7,500.00
*Computer Expense	2,000.00
Contribution to Grand Lodge.....	12,000.00
School of Instruction Printing	200.00
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem.....	900.00
Committee on Work Supplies	150.00
Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem.....	2,000.00
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses.....	16,000.00
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.....	0
*Employee Insurance.....	9,000.00
Contingency Fund.....	500.00
Fifty Year Awards Expenses	500.00
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference	50.00
District Deputy Training Expense (used for TTV)	1,500.00
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	1,000.00
Ritualistic Competition.....	0
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	4,000.00
TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 10,000 + degree fees)	5,000.00
Audit.....	4,000.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security \$40/Hr X 75 Hrs	4,500.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$36/Month ...	500.00

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.....	1,000.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	800.00
Through the Veils Newsletter	4,000.00
TOTAL	182,775.00

*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Reese, are you ready to give the Report on Jurisprudence?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Past High Priest of San Antonio Chapter No. 381 and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

To speed things up I was going to call on my good friend, Mitchell Ray Jones, to give the Report.
(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARRISON: Mitchell as you can tell is a salesman par excellent. You bought what he was selling just so he'd leave.
(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent, this is your Committee on Jurisprudence"s Report.

I. Referrals

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 the following items referred by the Committee on Grand Officers Reports:

1. Relocation of Waco Chapter No. 45, RAM
2. Grand High Priest Decisions
3. Dispensations to Temporarily Move Charter
4. Dispensation to Move Charter to Another Address
5. Consolidations
6. Merger of Capitular Districts
7. Permission to Appear in Public
8. Permission to Hold Elections and Installations Out of Time
9. Grand High Priest"s Recommendation No. 1
10. Resolution No. 3
11. Resolution No. 1

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 are all done in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Item No. 6 above pertains to a recommendation that Capitular District No. 33 be merged with Capitular District No. 34, and the Grand High Priest concurs with the suggestion and finds no reason this should not be acted upon. There are no Chapters in District No. 34. Therefore, District No. 34 needs to be deleted which can be accomplished by merger of District 34 into District 33 and District 33 will be the surviving Capitular District.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends that such a merger be accomplished at this Grand Annual Convocation.

And I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor say aye. All opposed, same. Motion carried.

COMPANION HARRISON: In the Supplemental Report of the Grand High Priest items No. 3 and 8 were supplemented, a dispensation to meet temporarily in another town due to Hurricane Ike damages and a dispensation to confer the Capitular Degrees on more than three candidates at a York Rite Festival were granted, and Grand Representatives were nominated. All of these actions are in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. It should be noted that if the Grand High Priest issued a dispensation to confer the Capitular Degrees on more than three candidates at a York Rite Festival, a dispensation is not required by Article 328A. Further, Article 330 in regard to such a dispensation was repealed in 1986.

Let me move the adoption of this portion of the Report which is part Roman numeral I, Referrals.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor say aye. All opposed, same. Motion carried.

COMPANION HARRISON: Part II.

II. Balloting on Petitions and Courtesy Work

The Committee on Jurisprudence notes that Chapters 33 and 34 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas require that a ballot on petitions for the Degrees must occur either before candidates receive the Degrees either in their own chapter or by courtesy in another chapter, including but not limited to York Rite Festivals. Courtesy work cannot be done without a request from the Chapter which elected the candidate. See Article 296. No particular form of request is defined by law.

III. Resolutions

There are four Resolutions before this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Two of the four Resolutions do not affect the Laws or the Jurisprudence of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, but Resolutions No. 2 and No. 4 do affect the laws of this Grand Chapter.

IV. Recommendations

Grand High Priest, Recommendation No. 1 has the effect of establishing a Term Committee on History and Preservation. This will require an amendment of Article 68 and Chapter 14 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends that the unused Article 80 be assigned as the Article number instead of Article 84F. And I so move this portion of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor say aye. All opposed, same. Motion carries.

COMPANION HARRISON: Part V.

V. Law Review Committee

With the adoption and approval of the Report of the Law Review Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommends that the reformatted Law Book be published on the web page of the Grand Chapter, and that notice of same be given on the home page of the website, and that the same be incorporated by reference into a resolution to implement the adoption of the Law Review Committee Report.

We further recommend that by adoption of this Committee on Jurisprudence be deemed submission to the Grand Secretary on or before September 1, 2009, as required by Article 143, and that this portion of the Jurisprudence Committee Report be deemed such resolution as mentioned above.

We further recommend that by adoption of this Committee on Jurisprudence Report that the same be deemed notice to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter that the matter is referred to the 2009 Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter for its consideration, deliberation and final actions at that time, and that this matter be given priority on the 2009 agenda of the Grand Annual Convocation.

And I move the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second.

All in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.
Motion carried.

COMPANION HARRISON: Part VI.

VI. Scrivener's Error

In 1994, Article 93 was adopted to read as follows:

It is hereby declared to be a Grand Chapter offense for any Companion to use the plain language ritual while filling any station during stated or called convocations or degree conferrals. The Grand Chapter offense just specified exempts one Companion designated by the High Priest to prompt those filling stations and conferring degrees and such Companion may use the code book or the plain language ritual.

In 1996, due to a scrivener's error Article 93 was deleted in its entirety. The entire article should have been changed to read as follows:

It is hereby declared to be a Grand Chapter offense for any Companion to use the plain language ritual while filling any station during stated or called convocations or degree conferrals. The Grand Chapter offense just specified exempts one Companion designated by the High Priest to prompt those filling stations and conferring degrees and such Companion may use the code book or the plain language ritual.

The Committee recommends that Article 93 be republished in the Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws.

And I so move the adoption of the Committee's Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second.

All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign.
Motion carries.

COMPANION HARRISON: Part VII.

VII. Resolution No. 3

Resolution No. 3

To this committee was referred Resolution No. 3. The resolution is a response by the Committee on Work - to Grand Chapter's direction on October 8, 2007, during its 158th Annual Convocation held in Waco, Texas - for the Committee to:

1. determine which of the optional changes to the Ritual approved by this Grand Chapter during its 152nd Annual Convocation in December, 2001, have been useful to the Craft in conferring the Work; and

2. offer recommendations as to which of those changes should be retained as part of a Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work, with appropriate "festival only" options.

At this time, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I would yield the remainder of my time on part Roman numeral VII, Resolution No. 3 of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence to Allan (Skip) Dees for him to continue with the rest of this. In fairness it should be noted that he is a proponent of this Resolution and we will call upon him to move for the adoption of this Resolution. But I think it would be more appropriate for the Proponent to give the remainder of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which we have as a Committee endorsed so that in the event there are questions, as he goes through the Report, the expert, consulting witness here - (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION HARRISON: - will be able to answer whatever your questions are. I don't try to practice medicine and I don't want medical doctors practicing law. He is an engineer and I'm a lawyer and he really knows this Ritual and I have a Lifetime Certificate in the Work, which entitles me to forget it. (LAUGHTER.)

COMPANION HARRISON: And I learned it when you had to learn every word and not what they do now.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, Companion Harrison.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Allan Dees. I am a Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172 and a current Member of the Committee on Work.

This resolution states that Royal Arch Masons in Texas have advised the Committee on Work that the current numerous options in the Ritual for use in conferring the Chapter Degrees are confusing and that these Companions have made repeated requests to the Committee on Work for a standardized and more uniform Ritual. These requests have been repeated right here in Waco during this year's Grand Chapter School of Instruction.

The system of ritualistic "options" approved by Grand Chapter in 2001 have made it very difficult for the Committee on Work to respond to the needs of Texas Chapter Masons. In addition to having a Traditional Form of the Work (as published in the 1997 printed Ritual) and a Revised Standard Form of the Work (as published in the 2002 printed Ritual), the various options available for both forms of the work have created a lot of confusion. This was a noble experiment, but it has created more problems than it has solved. In the opinion of this Committee and many people who have expressed their concerns with the current system, it is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masons in Texas to have certainty as to the approved Ritual and to return to the simplicity of having the Committee on Work authorized to teach a standardized, uniform Ritual with appropriate festival-only options.

The effect of adopting a Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work - with identified festival-only options - as the Ritual approved by this Grand Chapter to be taught by the Committee on Work - would be to change the "optional" or "pick-and-choose" nature of various sections of the Ritual and return to having a single, standardized, and more uniform Ritual incorporating the best (as determined by this Grand Chapter) of the Ritual options.

To avoid any confusion, we wish to make two things clear at the outset.

1. Resolution No. 3 does not address in any way another charge to the Committee on Work to present an orderly plan to update the Monitor and to phase out publication of the printed Ritual and to replace it with an updated Code Book. The Committee on Work has addressed this charge separately from Resolution No. 3. Although not material to the recommendations in Resolution No. 3 - for your information and to avoid any confusion in this regard - the Committee on Work has not made a recommendation to this Grand Chapter to replace the printed Ritual with an updated Code Book.

2. The action recommended by this Committee apply only to a standardized Ritual form proposed to be approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work. Nothing proposed by this Committee would prevent the use of Ritual options currently approved by Grand Chapter, including the longer Mark Master or Royal Arch lectures in the traditional form of the Ritual and the "green book" form (also found in the 1997 publication of the Ritual) for introduction and initial examination of candidates in the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees.

We will now proceed to deal individually with each of the individual recommendations in Resolution No. 3.

Part 1 of Resolution No. 3 recommends that Chapters continue to be allowed to use whatever language is expedient for calling between Degrees, dispensing with labor, and resuming labor. It proposes that Grand Chapter, while not requiring a specific esoteric ritual to accomplish these objectives, nevertheless specify the actions that are required.

Upon extensive consideration, it appears that adoption of this recommendation would ultimately require the Committee to adopt alternative ritualistic language to accomplish the desired objectives. This would be counter to the intent of the original proposal.

As a result of the action taken by Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation in 2001, Chapters are now allowed to use whatever language is expedient to accomplish these objectives. Chapters who currently use the "traditional" Ritual (which is currently supposed to be published in the printed Ritual as a "Committee on Work suggestion") for these purposes are not precluded from continuing to use them if they so choose. Maintenance of the status quo now appears to be the most desirable option. This Committee therefore moves that Part 1 of this Resolution be NOT adopted, and that this results in no change to decisions made by Grand Chapter in 2001 in this regard.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, Companions.

Part 2 of Resolution No. 3 recommends that Grand Chapter restore the requirements for giving the Charges in the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in the Degree conferrals. It notes that these charges are not esoteric and may be read.

This Committee has reviewed the three Charges proposed to be restored as requirements in the Degree conferrals. In proposing, in 2001, that these Charges be made optional, the Committee on Work stated that they could be eliminated without a significant loss of substance in the Degree conferrals. The primary consideration in making the proposal, however, was to find ways in which to reduce the time needed for conferral of the Degrees.

Upon review, it is the opinion of this Committee that there is information of value in these Charges. In addition, including the Charges as part of these Degrees helps to illustrate the direct connection between the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge and the Ancient Craft Degrees conferred by the Chapter. This Committee therefore concurs that the Charges should be restored as required portions of the Ritual when the Degrees are conferred individually. While we believe that these Charges have the same value when the Degrees are conferred during festivals, the Committee recognizes that time is an important factor in some festival Degree conferrals and proposes that they remain optional for festival use.

The Committee therefore moves that Part 2 of Resolution No. 3 - with the caveat that the Charges will remain optional for festival use - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

This may constitute an amendment and have to be voted on as an amendment. We would like to move that it just be adopted as a whole.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: That's the motion?

COMPANION DEES: That's the motion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION DEES: Part 3.

Part 3 of Resolution No. 3 recommends that Grand Chapter standardize on use of the traditional full set of circumambulations for conferral of the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees, as shown in the 1997 printed Ritual. This recommendation would authorize the "one round" circumambulation adopted in 2001 as a "festival only" option when necessitated by time constraints. The full set of circumambulations - continuing the ritualistic process begun in the first three Degrees in Masonry for examination of the Candidate by the principal officers - is a vivid illustration to Candidates of the connection between the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge and the Ancient Craft Degrees conferred by the Chapter. The characterization of the Chapter and Council Degrees as a direct continuation of the first three Degrees conferred in Texas by the Blue Lodge is a strong selling point in talking to prospective members.

The Committee therefore moves that Part 3 of Resolution No. 3 - standardizing on the full set of circumambulations, except where time constraints in festival work makes the "one round" circumambulations necessary - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION DEES: Part 4.

Part 4 of this Resolution recommends that Grand Chapter standardize on the traditional form of the reprimand in the Mark Master Degree. The shortened form of the reprimand was intended to remove some repetitive language and make it easier for the persons who deliver the reprimand in the Degree work. Numerous Companions have come to the Committee on Work and stated that they prefer the traditional form of the reprimand and have no intention of learning the slightly shorter "revised" form.

The Committee has so far found no one who particularly likes the shorter form.

The Committee therefore moves that Part 4 of Resolution No. 3 - standardizing on the traditional form of the reprimand - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION DEES: Part 5.

Part 5 of this Resolution recommends that Grand Chapter standardize on the revised language for the Mark Master Lecture, as approved by Grand Chapter in 2001 and published in the 2002 Revised Standard Form Ritual book. In that revision, a short explanatory sentence in the Mark Masters' Lecture replaced a detailed and redundant explanation of the consequences of attempting to receive wages from a Mark Masters Lodge without being entitled to them. The Committee on Work has found widespread acceptance of that change.

The Committee therefore moves that Part 5 of Resolution No. 3 - standardizing on the revised language for the Mark Master Lecture - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: Part 6 of this Resolution makes a new recommendation with regard to the Past Masters Degree. At the current time, when there are multiple candidates for this Degree (other than in a festival), the candidates are separated before the beginning of the Second Section. They are then taken separately to the East for a preliminary explanation of the reason for the degree, to receive the Ancient Charges to the Master of a Lodge, and so on. The resolution proposes that all of the candidates be kept together until all have acquiesced to the Ancient Charges in the second section. The proposal is for the candidates to be taken singly from that point until all have been seated in the Oriental Chair, grouping them again for the remainder of the Degree beginning with the Bible Lecture.

The Committee believes that a significant amount of time can be saved by adopting this procedure (and suspects that recognition of this fact may have motivated some Chapters to make it a local practice already), and therefore moves that Part 6 of Resolution No. 3 be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and the second.

COMPANION DEES: We have some discussion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: Leonard Pierce, Will N. Kidd Chapter 424.

Skip, is any of this optional because as a Chapter working, they may find it easier to try to do something a little differently and we don't want to tie their hands too tight so that, you know, if you've only got two candidates, you may want to do the whole thing and you've got plenty of time that evening, or else, you know, if you got multiple candidates? But are we going to have our hands tied to be a little flexible?

COMPANION DEES: Right now it is not optional for the candidates to be kept together until they have acquiesced to the Ancient Charges. And what that means is that if you have two candidates or five candidates, each has to be brought up separately to have the explanation for the reason of this Degree and to listen to the Ancient Charges and acquiesce to them. In the opinion of the Committee on Work this could effectively be done by keeping all of the candidates together until that point, and we are recommending that we would change the Ritual to that effect. It would not be optional. We are not proposing that it be optional to bring them up separately to listen to the Charges.

Does that - that is what we propose. We see no reason to do so.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second.

All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign.

Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, Companions. We are going to group some Resolutions together here. We needed to look at all of the things that we did in 2001 so:

Parts 7 through 11 of this Resolution recommend that Grand Chapter reaffirm several decisions it made in 2001 for Ritual changes that were not optional, but were applicable to Work being done using either the 1997 ("Traditional Form") or the 2002 ("Revised Standard Form") Rituals. These changes were:

1. to designate the sentences immediately preceding and following the Ancient Charges in the Past Master Degree - together with the verbiage associated with presentation to the candidate of the Charter, Constitution and Bylaws - as "esoteric" rather than "monitorial."
2. to classify the Bible Lecture in the Past Master Degree as a mandatory part of the Degree rather than being optional.
3. to designate a portion of the floor work in the Royal Arch Degree - beginning in the anteroom with "My brother, the noise and confusion which you have just heard is intended to represent the confusion which occurred at the destruction of King Solomon's Temple" and continuing through "We will go up. Remember the passwords, Brethren" - as esoteric except for the "Proclamation of Cyrus."
4. to require that the hoodwinks and cabletow harness in the Royal Arch Degree be removed from the candidates, and their shoes given back, in the anteroom before approaching the first veil so that they can see and react to the tactics at the first veil.
5. to designate the last paragraph in the Principal Sojourner's Lecture (on approaching the first veil) as "esoteric."

The Committee on Work has heard no criticism of these changes, and they appear to be working well. The Committee therefore moves that Parts 7 through 11 of Resolution No. 3 - reaffirming these changes as desirable - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second.

All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed, same sign.

Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: Thank you, Companions. We're getting close.

Part 12 of this Resolution recommends that Grand Chapter standardize on the traditional form of the Principal Sojourner's descriptions of the signs he has received from the Masters of the First, Second and Third Veils in the Royal Arch Degree. In the traditional form of the Ritual, the Principal Sojourner repeats in full the explanation of the sign just received to the person guarding the next Veil.

In proposing, in 2001, that these detailed explanations be made optional, the Committee on Work characterized the detail in the explanations as unnecessary repetition that could be eliminated in the interest of time. Upon reflection - and discussion with numerous Companions who regularly take the part of the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree - the Committee on Work has come to the conclusion that this repetition beneficially reinforces the explanation of each sign and makes the signs more memorable to the Candidates.

The Committee therefore moves that Part 12 of Resolution No. 3 - standardizing on the traditional language for the Principle Sojourner in explaining the signs received at each of the veils - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: Part 13 of this Resolution recommends that Grand Chapter standardize on the traditional form of making three trips through the Veils to make discoveries in the Royal Arch Degree. The Resolution also proposes that the "one trip through the Veils" procedure adopted in 2001 be approved as a "festival only" option when necessitated by time constraints.

The 2001 Committee on Work recommendation to provide an option for "one trip through the Veils" was driven, as have been others, by the idea of saving time in conferring the Degrees. The Committee has concluded, after discussing this procedure among themselves and with numerous other Companions, that this may be necessary in festival work in some instances, but that it is not needed when the Degrees are conferred individually. A strong consensus has emerged that the single trip through the Veils does not have the impact that comes from using the traditional form of the Ritual. Even in those Chapters which do not lower Candidates into a vault, the individual trips give the Principal Sojourner much more of an opportunity to "act out" the Ritual with the Candidates and impress upon their minds what is being portrayed.

The Committee therefore moves that Part 13 of Resolution No. 3 - standardizing on the traditional form with three trips through the Veils in the Royal Arch Degree (except where time constraints in festival work makes the "one trip through the Veils" procedure described in the 2003 Revised Standard Form ritual necessary) - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, the same sign. Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: You have been extraordinarily patient. We have got one more. Part 14 of this Resolution recommends that Grand Chapter standardize on the revised language for the Royal Arch Lecture, as approved by Grand Chapter in 2001 and published in the 2002 Revised Standard Form Ritual book. In that revision, a brief description of the Candidates' introduction through the Veils and back through the Veils three times in search of discoveries is covered in two paragraphs covering about 3/4 page of the Ritual. This description replaced a more detailed description that covered 3-1/2 pages in the traditional form of the Ritual. The Committee on Work has found widespread acceptance of that change. The Committee therefore moves that Part 14 of Resolution No. 3 - standardizing on the revised language for the Royal Arch Lecture - be approved as part of the Standard Form of the Ritualistic Work approved by Grand Chapter to be published and to be taught by the Committee on Work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign.

Motion carried.

COMPANION DEES: The Committee on Work wishes to express its appreciation to the Jurisprudence Committee for their cooperation with us and their work with us in preparing these recommendations and allowing us to make this presentation.

And now, I will now yield back to Companion Harrison to conclude this work and actually to, if necessary, move the adoption of this part of the Report.

COMPANION HARRISON: He made a motion to adopt this part of the Report, which I think would just be concluding remarks, but I will second it.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION HARRISON: Continuing on. Part VIII is Resolution No. 4.

VIII. Resolution No. 4

The Committee concurs in the Report of the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards as to the numbering of new Article 77C and 77D as being in proper and legal form and I move the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: We have the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, the same sign. Motion carries.

COMPANION HARRISON: The next part of the Committee's Report would be Roman numeral IX. It has to do with Resolution No. 2.

IX. Resolution No. 2

The Committee finds that Resolution No. 2 is numbered appropriately as Article 328B for the inclusion of the Keys to Mysterious Characters when mentioned in the Lecture of the Royal Arch Degree. I move the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report that as number, Article 328B, is in proper and legal form.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, you have heard the motion and second. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

X. Resolution No. 1

This Committee finds that Resolution No. 1 does not affect the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, but does affect that part of the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Chapter published in its latest iteration at pages 115-117 entitled "Counties Composing Districts of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Texas" and last revised on December 6, 1994. We recommend that the Grand High Priest call upon the proposer Resolution No. 1 to place this item before the House. The Committee only examined it to see whether or not it was in proper and legal form and if it was inconsistent with any portion of Grand Chapter Law and it is not. So you need to have the Proposer to come forward and make the appropriate motion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Is a member of Cleveland Chapter No. 490 of Royal Arch Masons present?

RESOLUTION NO. 1

COMPANION RANDY LAZA: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions: My name is Randy Laza. I am the current High Priest of Cleveland Chapter No. 490. Most Excellent, I propose that we adopt Resolution No. 1.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, we have a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion?
I recognize Companion Bob.

COMPANION BOB SIECKMANN: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Officers:

This proposal would only dilute a District that has five Chapters and would expand District No. 7 and the physical area, geographical area of District No. 7 would be increased by about another fifty miles and it would be a great burden on whoever is District Deputy of that District for all his travel.

- if this proposal were to be adopted, it includes Liberty County, which in that County there is also Lodges in Dayton and Liberty and that would even greater increase the geographical area of this proposal.

I would recommend that this proposal be defeated.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you.
Any further discussion?

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Allan Dees. I am Past Master of Dayton Lodge No. 284 in Liberty County and I simply have a question for the Past High Priest of Dayton Chapter No. 284. I'll get it right in a minute.
I would like to ask for clarification of what effect this would have on the Lodges in Dayton or Liberty? Would they still have - would they still be considered eligible to be part of Goose Creek Chapter which they now are?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I can't answer that.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, just to finish up. If this Resolution would have the effect of making - putting these Chapters in a different jurisdiction, to my knowledge Goose Creek hasn't really been given the opportunity to participate in working this Resolution and I think its members may very well object to it. I am no longer a member there. I have demitted. But I do know the people in Dayton and Liberty felt very strongly that they are a part of that particular District in which they now reside.
Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Any other discussion?

COMPANION WILLIAM BILSING, III: Good afternoon. I am Bill Bilsing. I am current High Priest of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30 in District 7 and also fixing to be a District Deputy for District 7 in the Council and I don't have any problem with this. If the guys in Cleveland want to move to District 7, that doesn't seem to be any problem with me. Thank you.

COMPANION RONALD PRICE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Ronald Price. I am a member of Cleveland Chapter 490 and a member of Brenham Chapter No. 5, one in each District.

I think that the geographical location of these Lodges - it makes no sense to do this. I do not think that there is really a - it says in this Resolution - a country and city Chapters in - I've been in all of the Chapters in both of these Districts and there is no difference between city and country. There's no member of either Cleveland Chapter or Brenham Council that wears overalls and a straw hat. And I recommend that we not approve this. It's not necessary to - for many reasons that I am not a learned enough speaker to speak about. I thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Is there other discussion?
Hearing none - you have something, Jack?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WRIGHT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Jack L. Wright, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424.

District No. 8 is in the north half of Harris County. We have in this District 8 Galena Park Chapter that was moved to Cleveland and had a lot of support to start this Chapter and get it going, kept it

going is coming from this District 8. It would be best to retain that tie to the source for Ritual Work, for instruction and for assistance.

So I ask that you not approve this change.

This point that Companion Dees brought up, Cleveland is in the northwest corner of Liberty County. Liberty County stretches all the way down to US 90 and I-10, about a distance of forty or fifty miles. If we were to reactivate Liberty Chapter, then it would be in District 7 and what you would have as a District that would reach all around the closest source of good instruction. So I ask that you not approve this. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. Companions, I call for the question.
All those in favor of this Resolution let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons.
All opposed, same sign. The motion is not adopted.

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that completes all of the parts of the Committee on Jurisprudence's Report.
It is submitted by:

REESE L. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN
JAMES N. HIGDON, RUSSELL CLAY BROWN, DAVID E. HOUSTON, ELMER MURPHEY, III

We would also like to express our appreciation to John Cline, our Court Reporter, because without him, lawyers in the courtroom wouldn't be able to preserve anything. Everybody ought to thank him for making your Proceedings possible.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Let's give him a hand.
(APPLAUSE.)

COMPANION HARRISON: This is not a part of the Committee's Report. Inquiry has been received from a Member of the Grand Council Jurisprudence Committee that was made to me as Chairman of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee. That was: where does it say what our fiscal year is and when does it end in Grand Chapter Law? He said that he was told that it was in the Charter. It is not in the Charter. Okay. If you want to change the fiscal year of the Grand Chapter, you don't have to amend the Corporate Charter.

It is not in the Constitution. It is just in an ordinary statute called Article 52. "Closing Books. The Grand Secretary shall close his books on the 31st day of October each year." So if you want to change that, you have to submit the proper resolution on or before September the 1st of 2009 to change your fiscal year. Then you have to make a notification to the Internal Revenue Service. That has nothing to do with Masonic Law now. We are in civil law that you are changing your fiscal year. Your auditor does that and you have to have one short year and one long year.

So it is done all the time. It is not any real issue. So if you want to do that or somebody out there wants that done, they need to submit the proper resolution to accomplish that on or before September the 1st.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Will you help me write that?

COMPANION HARRISON: Yes, sir.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Let's do it. I will be happy. The Grand Treasurer will be happy. Grand Secretary will be happy.

COMPANION HARRISON: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest and thank you Companions. Is it Friday yet?
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Reese, I can't thank you enough for how well your Committee takes care of this Grand Chapter. Appreciate it.

COMPANION HARRISON: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Right Excellent Harrison from the General Grand Chapter, will you come and give your presentation at this time. We have about maybe five minutes or so. It is really a pleasure to have you come visit us.

R:E: EDMUND (TED) HARRISON, GENERAL GRAND KING, GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Distinguished Members of this Grand Chapter, particularly those Members carrying the Harrison name - (LAUGHTER).

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: My name is Ted Harrison. I am Past High Priest of Ancient Chapter No. 1763 in New York City.

Being unaccustomed to speaking publicly, I brought some notes. We are gathered here together this evening to remember Brother Salvatore Piscatacchio - oh, wait a minute. That's the funeral I attended last Thursday. (LAUGHTER).

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: Salvatore was a great man incidentally. The people in the back, can you all hear me clearly? Very, very good. Because some people in the front would be happy to change places with you. (LAUGHTER).

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: My hearty thanks to you, Most Excellent Sir, for your kindness and courtesy in welcoming us here, and to all of you who made me so welcome.

I grew up in Montreal where they speak French, you know. When I was growing up the Queen of England came to Montreal and she made a presentation to the Mayor. He made the response to her, "Most Excellent Queen, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and from my wife's bottom, also." (LAUGHTER).

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: I can't help but be impressed by what I have seen here in Texas. You have a great Grand Chapter, a great history. You are very active. You certainly are most cordial and very interested in learning about things going on in other places.

I have attended to the actions that new members are talking about, the new members who were here. A great number were anointed High Priests in the ceremony last night.

I'm here with a positive message, my Companions. Because although we hear about diminishing numbers, in my experience in traveling around the country I can tell you of five Grand Chapters who this year will announce a positive state in their count of membership, a growth; not how many did we lose, but how many did they gain. And that is a very, very significant thing for us to take note of.

There are many, many people coming into the Lodges today. Most of them are younger people. They are eager and enthusiastic. They have a curiosity about our great Fraternity. Many of them know more about it than many of us do because they have read so much and picked up so much on the websites. They may not always know what they need to know or what is correct, but they know.

These young men are coming into the Lodges and with all due respect to the Past Grand Master, most of our Lodges are not doing a very good job about mentoring them and keeping them there. And that answer falls to you, my Companions.

It was suggested that we need to get after the new members in Lodges sooner rather than later. It has been traditional that we do it later. There was a suggestion made that there should be a change - there was a discussion about changing Ritual so I don't mind presenting this proposal, but this would be for the Grand Lodge. But in the Third Degree there will be a part entered into the Ritual that states, "And behold the Worshipful Master approaching from the East with a petition for your Royal Arch Chapter." (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE).

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: Now, that may be pushing a little bit, but you get the message. The young people today coming in are on a fast track. Things are moving quickly today in this day and age. They aren't going to sit around and wait. If you get them into the Royal Arch sooner rather than later, they will become better educated and better able to go back to their Lodges and help the Lodges revitalize themselves. That is our function as Royal Arch Masons to teach more about Masonry.

As a Representative of General Grand Chapter, we represent Chapters in 43 States, Grand Chapters in 43 States in this country and most of the Grand Chapters around the world in Europe, Latin America and we just introduced American Royal Arch Masonry into Africa. I emphasize American Royal Arch Masonry because all Members of our Chapters are promoting American Royal Arch Masonry, whether it be in Europe or Latin America or in Africa.

We enjoy a wonderful support from our Grand Chapters here in the United States and it is a great joy to be able to serve them and serve them is what we do.

We have a new Grand Secretary's Office and a new General Grand Chapter line of Officers that are vibrant, eager and enthusiastic and some of them even know how to speak, in spite of the fact that you got stuck with me today. (LAUGHTER.)

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: There are only seven Grand Chapters in the United States who are not members of the General Grand Chapter. Three of those are already in serious discussions with us, having formed a committee to entertain the exploration of the possibility of working together with General Grand Chapter.

I invite you, Grand High Priest, to consider that possibility. We would certainly welcome an opportunity to meet with you to explore what we could accomplish together rather than being apart.

There is strength in numbers and unity and there are no problems in working together. There are only issues that may possibly have to be dealt with.

Most Excellent Sir, I want to thank you for this opportunity. I want to congratulate the newly elected Officers. We look forward to meeting with them on future occasions.

If I may, my Companions, just close with a small portion of Ritual from the Order of Malta that "This frail organization, though here subject to the many ills that flesh is heir to, possesses an immortal soul which shall soar to realms of endless bliss beyond the power of change to live forever." I thank you, my Companions. (RISING APPLAUSE.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. Is Companion Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jackson in the room?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WARREN: He had to go back to Louisiana. They have a wake this afternoon.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Okay. I believe that is the end of all the Committee Reports and now I guess we need to call off. Do you have some announcements, Doug?

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Most Excellent. As soon as we get called off, we will have the Installation starting just as close as possible to ten to fifteen minutes after we shut down here. So if the Outgoing Officers will leave your regalia in your chairs and the Incoming Officers will make sure you have got your regalia and - or the Deputies are ready to go and we'll take care of the regalia as you come in. We need to get going on this.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions please explain about the pictures.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Let me tell you about the pictures. As soon as the Grand Chapter's Installation is over with, we are going to ask the Grand Officers to come up here and get their pictures taken and the Deputies get their pictures done and that shouldn't take but about two minutes. We are going to go outside with the Grand Council Officers and get a panoramic done of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Officers and Leonard will be taking more photographs.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: We need to take individual pictures of the Grand Officers before we close the Grand Chapter.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Okay. Then we will get the panoramic done of the incoming Grand Officers.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Grand Guard we are about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment for the purpose of Installation of Officers and direct him to guard accordingly.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companions, thank you for your participation today and staying through all of the deliberations. I know it was long, but it was all worthwhile and I really do thank you for remaining here.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of Installation of Officers.

11:45 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	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL	JERRY N. KIRBY
INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN	J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Companions, we are about to have an Installation of Officers for the Grand Chapter of Texas, and will the Grand Marshal please present the officers to be installed.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL KIRBY: Officers to be installed, please rise.

Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest, I present the Officers who have been elected and appointed as the Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the ensuing Grand Capitular year. I know them to be well disciplined, well educated and capable of filling the offices in which they have been selected, and I ask that they be duly and constitutionally installed therein.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: The Elected Officers will advance two spaces. Companions, you have been elected to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the ensuing Capitular Year. If you are willing to assume the Offices to which you have been elected, you will each 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."
Please be seated.

(R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL WAS INSTALLED BY M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS, (AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2009

DOUGLAS COLLINS	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
ROBERT MELEAR	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.	R:E: GRAND KING
G. CLAY SMITH	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2009

BILLY COMBEST	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
JACK M. HARPER, II	E: GRAND ORATOR
DONNIE M. SWANGO	E: GRAND MARSHAL
GARY W. HOREJSI, SR.	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
WILLIAM P. IRVING, JR.	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
ROBERT E. WOOTEN	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
DILLON E. VANDERFORD, JR	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
CLINTON M. M. McKENZIE	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
KENNETH COTTER	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
HARRY A. BRADLEY	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
RAYMOND R. RENFROE	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
LEONARD O. PIERCE	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
ARNOLD LANGSTON	E: GRAND GUARD

PRAYER AT INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN WILLSON: Please rise.
May we pray?

Our Most Precious God, we enter into a new year, we enter into a new opportunity with a new group of people. With these Officers, we ask You to give them strength, give them the ability and give them the will to do the things that You would have them do in the interest of Your cause and our cause as leaders of this organization as they cooperate and work together. We are pleased to have them with us and to have the kind of help we have got, but we know we can't be successful without You. So as each man uses his ability that You have given him, guide him and direct him to do the things that we need to be done where we will be proud of it at the end of this year. Without You, we can't make it, but with You, and I think the dedication of all these Officers that I am aware of, we can make it and this will be one of the greatest years that we have had. Thank You, Lord. These things we ask in Your Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Everyone will please rise.
Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL KIRBY: In the name of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas by the Order of the Installing Officer and by the authority in me vested, I declare the Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the ensuing Capitular Year installed in due and ample form.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Please be seated.

That concludes the Installation of Officers and is the Representative of the Order of High Priesthood in the room or anybody? Well, I guess I can do that, too.

If you will come down here, sir, we will see that you are properly dressed as you stand out like a sore thumb right now. (LAUGHTER.)

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: I won't mess your hair up now, I promise (PLACING COLLAR AND JEWEL ON THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST). (LAUGHTER.)

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: We have a presentation to make to you, sir.

COMPANION STANLEY McIRVIN, GRAND MASTER GENERAL OF CONVENT GENERAL: Congratulations on your Installation here. On behalf of the Convent General, I would like to present you with this certificate from the Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. "To every Knight in the York Cross of Honour: Greetings: Know ye that responding full confidence in your special honored Knight, Douglas Collins, we, the Convent General by these presents do confer upon him the peculiar decoration, rank and title of Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with one quadrant and call upon all Knights to honor and recognize him as such. Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord 2008, of our Order 79," signed myself, Stanley N. McIrvin, Grand Master General; attested, Kenneth E. Buckley, Grand Registrar General. Certificate No. 687.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir.

COMPANION McIRVIN: Here is a jewel you can wear at the proper time.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: This will be the proper time right now. Thank you very much.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: And I think we have a couple more presentations to make. Oh, Dillon and Bill.

E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER IRVING: Most Excellent Sir, your Chapter, George Washington Chapter No. 422, would like to present you with a setting maul, which is the proper implement of a York Rite Mason.

Also, George Washington has the custom of paying wages. I would like to pay wages to you with a true Jewish half shekel.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you very much. Bill, thank you very much.

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL VANDERFORD: Most Excellent Collins, I got it right this time. For those of you who were there for the District Deputy training, I called just everybody else's name and looked at Doug and just kind of went off in my own world. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL VANDERFORD: But Brownsville Chapter, which you were instrumental in starting, is so very proud of you today. We are not a big Chapter and don't have a lot of money, but we thought it would be appropriate if we got you a little something. So we got you this watch here and it is just a little token from us. Hold the box for a minute. Just a little token from us that we had engraved and it says on the back, if I can get it open, it says, "Grand High Priest, D. Collins, 2009." On the face has the triple tau. We hope that you will wear this during your year. I hope it fits. Mom and I spent some time checking out your current watch to see if that might fit. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL VANDERFORD: We are proud of you and we hope that you remember to come and visit us now that you have got this honor bestowed on you today.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Dillon. Appreciate it. I know he will remember my name one of these days. (LAUGHTER.)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Companion Collins -

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

V:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: - I have a special gift here for you. I really, really want you to get down the road real well and make sure that everything is smooth and everybody knows that you are coming. So I have this special presentation at this time (PRESENTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST A HAT WITH TWINKLING LIGHTS ON IT).
(LAUGHTER.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: I really believe the Companions of this State will see you coming.
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I hope the Highway Patrol will notice it as I, you know - corresponding red and blue lights. Thank you so much, sir. Appreciate that. I will treasure this.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Be sure to take it with you everywhere.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I will take it with me.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Also, at this time I would like to present you a token from the Companions of Texas for your service this year to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I have worn mine with pride and it is just a real pleasure to be able to present this to my successor.

Doug, I know you will have a great year and wear it with pride, sir. It is a beautiful ring.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: That is beautiful. Thank you so much.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Put your hat on so it will distract from the ring.
(LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you. Thank you so much.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: I guess you have all the appropriate regalia now, sir, and I have got to conduct a little business. I'll see you after a while.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Orville, you have been my friend for a long time, since about, oh, twenty years, and I want you to know that I appreciate our friendship and I cherish it and I couldn't have thought of anybody more that I would rather have than you install me and I appreciate it so very, very much.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: While I am standing up here, let me take this privilege of this moment to thank everybody, all my Officers and Deputies, for everything that you all are going to be doing for the next year.

The Companions of Texas elected me several years ago to the Office of Grand Scribe and supported me ever since and normally we take this time to introduce family and loved ones and I'm going to - what I am going to do is - there is no way I'm walking out of here without introducing my wife. Okay. Cheri is my everything and I'm not trying to copy Buddy Baccus, but I am. She is my American Express card and I don't leave home without her.
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I am going to ask - we are pressed for time. I'm going to ask if there are any - I want to recognize all of the visitors from - well, I've got Chapters in two different Districts and all of that, but because of the time factor, we are going to have to forego that.

But we really have to get going. I want to thank everybody on behalf of all of the Companions in here, the families that have come out. I want to thank the Past Grands who are here who have kind of been giving me advice for the past couple of years and I know are going to be giving me a whole lot more advice as time goes by.

But if there is any Grand Officer who would like to introduce their relative that's here at this time?

We'll just go at it that way instead of just going one by one. All right. I know Bob's wife is here, Mary.

Let me tell you about the pictures. Just as soon as I hit this gavel up here or the setting maul - got a brand new bag - we're going to close in ample form. The Officers, the floor Officers, please come up here and the Deputies stand by. We are going to get a photo of the floor Officers. Then as soon as we do that, we are going to get a photo of the Deputies. And as soon as we do that we are going to go outside with the Grand Council Officers and Deputies and get the panoramic done.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Okay. Waiving any further ceremony and because of the time factor - again, I appreciate everybody out here - I declare this One Hundred and Fifty-Ninth Grand Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas closed in due and ample form until the opening of the One Hundred and Sixtieth on Monday October the 19th of 2009.
Thank you (GAVELING).

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS DULY CLOSED IN ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2008, AT 12:55 P.M.

ATTEST:
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
R .:E .: GRAND SECRETARY

DOUGLAS COLLINS
M.:E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

APPENDIX

LIFE CERTIFICATES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Ch No</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Ch No</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Bell, Alfred	373	1993	Machts, Alfred E. Jr.	444	2007
Bell, Billy Ray	489	2003	Martin, Rothe G.	444	2006
Benham, Farris L.	445	2003	Mason, Daniel	381	2002
Berkley, A. F.	445	2006	McCament, Paul	448	2001
Black, Ralph F.	420	1988	McClendon, Jack W.	310	1970
Brooks, Eldon L.	479	2002	McFarland, H. M	24	1983
Burton, Jack E.	470	2007	Melanson, J. R., Jr	2	1990
Clary, A.R	485	1999	Mitchell, F. Douglas	492	2007
Clemons, Ronald R	393	2000	Modesitt, Charles W.	58	2006
Collier, Robert D.	376	2006	Morris, Joseph L.	393	1998
Coone, Leslie L.	376	1990	Myer, Mark D.	436	2008
Cossey, Clarence L.	6	2002	Noble, Thomas W	248	1998
Cox, Raymond R.	492	2001	Nowotny, Gerald F	381	1998
Duke, John W.	240	2006	Parker, Gerald E.	485	2007
Durham, James G.	436	1998	Parsley, Cody	465	1986
Elkinton, John C.	458	2008	Powell, E. M	455	1993
Etheridge, Obie L	91	1994	Purkape, Howard M. Jr.	491	2001
Fallas, David	2	2005	Reid, E.D. Jr.	455	2004
Faulkner, Leonard A.	138	2008	Richmond, B. J.	454	2005
Fischer, Kenneth B	458	1999	Rogers, David G.	419	2007
Graham, W. F.	416	1975	Scott, James A.	170	1997
Hargrave, Richard L. III	472	2006	Secor, Dale D.	455	1997
Harrison, Reese L. Jr.	381	1989	Secor, Dale D.	445	2006
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	1999	Shepelwich, John B	416	1970
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	2000	Smith, Donald L Sr	248	1998
Hearn, Lawrence D. Sr	444	2000	Smith, E. Frank	481	1882
Henley, Jimmy M.	416	2007	Snedecor, Thomas C.	458	2005
Hilburn, Sam E.	172	2003	Stone, Harvey	115	1985
Higdon, James N.	470	2007	Stone, Harvey	115	1998
Holland, Edward H.	2	2003	Threadgill, James A	284	1996
Huse, Billy W.	478	1998	Thomson, John E. Jack	34	2006
Jackson, J. D	284	1997	Tircuit, A. C., Sr	1	1984
Jameson, Harry F. Sr.	393	2006	Toney, E. Dixon	45	2008
Jeter, J. H., Jr	468	1994	Trost, W. A.	455	1985
Johnson, F. G	455	1988	Wall, Eugene D.	193	2001
Johnson, Thomas B.	2	2007	Ward, James D.	376	1996
Johnson, Wilbur E	2	2000	Waters, Robert H.	451	2003
Johnston, Gordon D	378	1992	Watkins, Greg	6	2001
Jones, Mithcell Ray	448	2002	Welch, R. Glenn	6	1996
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
Long, Gerald H.	416	2001	Wright, Jack L.	424	2004

FIRST YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH. NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH.NO.</u>
Basabe, Jorge	53	Lane, Charles R.	243
Bass, Andrew	2	McCandless, A. Glen	310
Chapman, Tommy Chance	436	McKenzie, Clinton MM	381
Crysup, James T.	6	Peebles, Jack	458
Gallion, Wayne	344	Pena, Ben	101
Goff, Glen	344	Pierce, Leonard O.	424
Griffin, F. Kenneth	362	Rodriguez, James	381
Hentschel, Embress Andy	444	Smith, Garry D.	196
Hildreth, Dean O.	243	Viner, William	344
Jacobsen, Roger A.	53	Winslow, Neil G.	344

ONE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Bennett, Jeffrey S.	376	Jones , Jerrel B	53
Bilsing , William A. II	320	Jones , Merle W.	492
Black, Robert E.	172	Kirk , Robert G.	489
Bond, Les	362	Knott, Ed	362
Bonner, Harold T	484	Koonce, Joseph I.	275
Brasher, W.C.	24	LaGrone, Terry	6
Burris, Robert	362	Land, Lewis A.	376
Burton, Lawrence James	53	Lester , Jack W.	87
Bushong, Kenneth	57	Lile, T.A.	468
Buzzell, John E.	47	Litchfield, J.F.	362
Cameron, Cliff C.	3	Mann, Jerry L.	445
Campbell, Charles E.	275	Martin , Collin W.	87
Clampitte, J. Weldon	2	Melear, W. David	196
Clapp, Norval F. Jr.	338	Milliken , Bruce	172
Criss , Carl Keith	57	Mize, Charles Lee	114
Davis , Vernon B	57	Moyer, Ray	492
Duke, J.T.	159	Oglesby , J. R.	34
Embry, James Gordon	453	Pinkerton , Paul E.	376
Fehler, J. Damon	45	Polk, Todd W.	422
Flippo , Terry L	437	Pynes, Lindsey	263
Garrison, Carl	377	Robinson, Jessie W.	199
Garza, Jesus A.	381	Rodriguez , Robert Y.	378
Greenwood, Paul J.	338	Rutledge, Floyd L.	448
Grimes, Paul	193	Schneider, Gene	445
Gutierrez, Candido	445	Shipley , Roy D.	211
Hall, Wilmer L.	108	Sieckmann, Robert L.	7
Harp, Donald M.	484	Smith , Dale Melven	448
Hocker, Gerald Joe	211	Smith , Francis Edwin, Jr.	478
Honea, Homer L.	445	Smith, Johnny Ray	193
Howard, Charles T.	468	Stark, Marvin A. Jr.	80
Hughes, Doc Edgar	2	Torrens, Hugo L.	373
Irving, William P. Jr.	422	Tuell, Allen	419
Jeffress, James W.	378	Vanderford, Dillon E. Jr.	495
Johnson, Harlan "Skip"	445	Warren , Paul D.	159
Johnston, Jason	87	Whitefield , Herschal Larry	378

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Anderson, David L.	419	Hart, William R.	275
Anthony, Maurice	393	Hood, Charles F. Jr.	196
Beeler, George C.	338	Horejsi, Gary W.	393
Blair, Charley A	416	Iker, Bill G.	47
Boggs, A.D. Lonnie	159	Johnson, Bob I.	34
Canada, Larry G.	478	Kruse, K.R.	419
Childress, Graham H.	398	Miller, J. Hershell	416
Donnenwerth, D.R.	424	Moore, H. David	53
Ellis, Jess E.	416	Myers, Tommie E.	338
Estlack, Joe O.	101	Pingle, Jerry	310
Greenamyer, Thomas E.	275	Reddell, J. Fred	416
Hall, Floyd	376	Sauer, Ray	485
Harper, Jack M. II	152	Shaenfield, Sid	393

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2009 cont.

Silva, Elias	481	Sutton, James Robert	53
Snyder, Thomas W.	478	Turner, Thomas N.	453
Stringer, James	188	Williams, Lewis B.	236
Sturm, Fritz	338	Wolfe, Steve	362
Sutton, James Lionel	53		

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2010

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Armistead, John	159	Ivie, Dale	172
Ball, Brian C.	478	Kirkpatrick, James D.	376
Barkely, B. B.	468	Manley, James D.	416
Barton, Jim E.	408	McCoy, Stephen L.	153
Berry, James D.	6	Melot, George B.	248
Black, Horace D.	320	Neal, Douglas	468
Bowman, George	422	O'Neill, Orville L.	47
Bradley, Paul K.	416	Orona, Joe	416
Brookshire, W. Eugene	240	Padon, William T.	100
Cassity, Aaron B.	47	Ray, John D.	47
Christos, Andrew A.	338	Schwartz, George F.	202
Clark, James R.	114	Shelton, Joseph W.	416
Cooper, Tom	135	Shively, Michael H.	472
Day, Keith D.	373	Smith, Johnnie C.	453
Dees, Allan W. Skip	172	Summersgill, Paul	172
Dillard, Frank	211	Thalmann, Eugene A.	434
Dorsey, Stephen D.	492	Towson, Tim	451
Fester, James A.	362	Weaver, Onnie	465
Foreman, Robert A. Jr.	424	White, Raymond M.	6
Fries, Ed	422	Willard, James D.	472
Harkness, James W.	240	Wilson, Charles C.	48
Hash, Henry	362	Wilson, Gerald F.	448
Hogan, Jessie W.	320	Wunsche, Paul E.	472

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2011

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Acton, James A.	455	Keese, Glenn	451
Adasczyk, Richard	393	Krayer, Karl J.	422
Beeler, Jack E.	338	Kuhlmann, Mike	495
Borkert, Kenneth E.	458	Laney, Clarence J.	478
Carr, W. Eugene	416	Mabry, Alvis	481
Chapman, Tommy F.	436	Mabry, John E.	484
Collier, J. Pat, Jr.	436	Mullinax, Lewis C.	485
Collins, Douglas	495	Newman, Braxton	101
Cook, Gerald T.	196	Nodwell, L.E.	53
Fehrenbach, Nikolaus K.L.	47	Reeves, Robert J.	481
Guevara, Gustavo	444	Sutton, D. Oliver	362
Hagood, Melvin T.	362	Vaughn, Earlon	115
Hobbs, Sherman W.	193	Watkins, Marshall C.	484
Hopkins, C. Louis	53	Wilson, M.V.	34
Hunter, Kenneth D.	453		

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-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

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, Upton, Ward, and Winkler
Chapters: Keystone No. 172, Big Spring No. 178, Sam J. Helm no. 445

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2008

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Culberson, El Paso, and Hudspeth
Chapters: El Paso No. 157

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Swischer, Terry, Yoakum
Chapters: Floydada No. 227, Plainview No. 228, Hugh J. McClellan No. 248

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Armstrong, Carson, Castro, Collinsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler
Chapters: Amarillo No. 196, Clarendon No. 216, Borger No. 437

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Dimmitt, Duval, LaSalle, McMullen, and Webb
Chapters: Laredo No. 185

FORTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala
Chapters: Alpha No. 243

LIST OF DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

NAME	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Gillespie, Barry	1841-43	05-07-1851
Butler, Anthony	1843-44	04-19-1849
Burleson, Edward	1844-45	12-26-1851
McFarlane, Dugald	1845-46	03-??-1861
Darnell, N. H	1846-47	07-??-1885
Johnson, Moses	1847-48	??-??-1853
Patrick, George M.	1848-49	06-29-1889

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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

NAME	CHAPTER NO.	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Williams, S. M.	1	1850-51	09-15-1858
Nichols, E. B.	2	1851-52	11-30-1872
Patrick, George M.	3	1852-53	06-29-1889
Taylor, W. M.	4	1853-54	09-23-1877
Cartmell, H. R.	8	1854-55	03-03-1869
Harrison, J. C.*	13	1855-56	02-27-1856
Greene, J. L	3	1856-57	04-??-1867
Ruthven, A. S.	1	1857-58	07-18-1865
Taylor, J. F.	19	1858-59	03-06-1889
Austin, W. T	1	1860-61	02-25-1874
Clark, Ed.	6	1861-62	05-04-1880
Gentry, A. M.	2	1862-63	02-20-1883
Taylor, E. W.	2	1863-64	11-05-1886
Tucker, P. C.	1	1864-66	07-09-1894
Gillette, H. F	38	1866-67	04-25-1896
Sexton, F. B.	9	1867-68	05-15-1900
Giddings, J. D.	5	1868-69	06-26-1878
Munger, S. S.	2	1870-71	03-26-1901
Jones, J. B.	41	1871-72	07-19-1881
Moses, Norton	94	1872-73	05-21-1908
McBride, H. J.	24	1873-74	06-13-1910
McAlpine, W. K.	1	1874-75	06-05-1901
Swain, W. F.	1	1875-77	01-07-1902
Bramlette, William	48	1877-78	07-21-1908
McWhirter, G. M.	76	1878-79	02-26-1887
Coombes, Z. E.	47	1879-80	03-25-1896
McMahon, J. B.	133	1880-81	12-03-1892
Nowlin, Peyton	73	1881-82	09-10-1905
Williams, S. M.	2	1882-83	07-13-1918
Foster, G. W.	90	1883-84	11-28-1921
Twomey, Haston	28	1884-85	06-14-1899
Frymier, B. F.	4	1885-86	12-03-1915
Sartwell, W. L.	147	1886-87	11-07-1897
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, F. P.	13	1919-20	11-01-1949
Chrisman, O. O.	273	1920-21	06-08-1938
Atchison, John A.	99	1921-22	01-13-1962
Gartland, James A.	48	1922-23	05-18-1927
Helm, Sam J.	41	1923-24	03-09-1940
Holt, Frank	45	1924-25	11-28-1976
Weekley, John M.	135	1925-26	03-03-1949
Cushing, D. N.	21	1926-27	01-13-1970
Emery, George W.	22	1927-28	01-29-1933
Brown, B. F.	332	1928-29	01-28-1947
White, George G.	57	1929-30	07-07-1947
Couch, Ed C.	429	1930-31	04-03-1944
Petty, W. H.	49	1931-32	05-17-1934
Wood, E. M.	294	1932-33	10-20-1949
Zumwalt, J. Lee	422	1933-34	05-10-1957
Clampitt, George W.	1	1934-35	05-04-1983
Moore, J. H.	248	1935-36	03-14-1938
Atkinson, O. B.	275	1936-37	01-23-1955
Newcomb, Joe X.	21	1937-38	12-10-1972
Pender, J. W.	80	1938-39	02-12-1969
Lightfoot, Jewel P.	362	1939-40	07-14-1950
Worley, W. Roy	202	1940-41	11-17-1956
Bartley, T. M.	227	1941 (Honorary)	03-05-1952
Chesney, W. J.	175	1941-42	05-03-1954
Rice, John Temple	157	1942-43	11-05-1970
James, E. F.	373	1943-44	03-01-1956
Oldham, Frank	45	1944-45	01-17-1958

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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS (Continued)

NAME	CHAPTER NO.	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Telfair, W. H.	250	1945-46	04-16-1956
Cox, Jesse D.	309	1946-47	06-17-1953
Hay, Curtis B.	373	1947-48	11-26-1952
Woodward, C. S.	376	1948-49	01-31-1980
Wheeler, Herbert	201	1949-50	02-01-1977
Gaugler, Kurtz E.	2	1950-51	10-16-1952
Young, Clarence A.	152	1951-52	11-24-1961
McSweeney, A. A.	140	1952-53	02-07-1955
Winfree, E. S., Jr.	188	1953-54	07-29-1971
Merritt, Warren F.	1	1954-55	12-18-1971
Caruthers, John O.	467	1955-56	09-25-1969
O'Brien, Allen J.	437	1956-57	11-06-1979
Underwood, R. B.	152	1957-58	05-21-1962
McKenzie, Wallace*	448	1958-59	04-01-1959
Glass, Don K.	91	1959-60	11-23-1988
Verinder, Sidney A.	420	1960-61	04-11-1988
Sweeden, Edward S.	449	1961-62	03-31-1969
McDonald, Frank G.	152	1962-63	02-07-2002
Cheatham, Tom C.	209	1963-64	08-08-1979
Sherrod, Charles C.	248	1964-65	10-09-1988
Hays, C. A.	404	1965-66	12-24-1970
Turner, Dean W.	361	1966-67	08-08-1993
Johnsey, Irvin S.	220	1967-68	02-05-1981
May, Clyde V.	250	1968-69	02-29-1980
Tidwell, D. D.	141	1969-70	11-24-1982
Gafford, N. B.	63	1970-71	08-28-1998
Noble, Allie S.	420	1971-72	10-07-1973
Brannon, R. Bruce	354	1972-73	09-13-1986
Davenport, James R.	420	1974-75	04-11-1997
Thomas, H. C.	424	1975-76	02-12-1993
Casebolt, A. R.	58	1976-77	11-07-1987
Bynum, J. B.	445	1980-81	12-13-1986
Mabry, J. T.	1	1982-83	11-11-2004
Ransdell, Clifford H.	87	1983-84	05-30-2004
Carter, James W.	404	1984-85	10-08-1994
Aleshire, Clifford W.	197	1985-86	01-02-1995
Smith, Charles L.	344	1986-87	09-10-1995
Wright, Willie Joe	63	1987-88	03-11-1988
Baccus, J.D. "Buddy"	458	1989-90	06-01-2008
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*

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS SINCE ITS FORMATION

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.
1850-1851	S. M. Williams*	J. A. Greer*	James Webb*	T. J. Head*	C. G. Keenan*	A. S. Ruthven*
1851-1852	E. B. Nichols*	W. M. Taylor*	H. R. Cartmell*	S. McCarty*	C. G. Keenan*	A. S. Ruthven*
1852-1853	George M. Patrick*	J. C. Harrison*	H. R. Cartmell*	W. H. Cushney*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1853-1854	W. M. Taylor*	H. R. Cartmell*	J. L. Greene*	J. F. Williams*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1854-1855	H. R. Cartmell*	J. C. Harrison* .....	.....	J. W. Davenport*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1855-1856	J. C. Harrison*	J. L. Greene* .....	.....	J. F. Taylor*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1856-1857	J. L. Greene*	A. S. Ruthven* .....	.....	J. F. Taylor*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1857-1858	A. S. Ruthven*	J. F. Taylor*	J. A. Lawrence*	E. W. Taylor*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1858-1859	J. F. Taylor* .....	.....	W. T. Austin*	Ed Clark*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1859-1860	.....	W. T. Austin*	Ed Clark*	J. B. Likens*	C. G. Keenan*	A. S. Ruthven*
1860-1861	W. T. Austin*	Ed Clark*	J. B. Likens*	R. T. Lively*	C. G. Keenan*	A. S. Ruthven*
1861-1862	Ed Clark*	R. T. Lively*	A. M. M. Upshaw* ..	A. M. Gentry*	C. G. Keenan*	George Goldthwaite*
1862-1863	A. M. Gentry*	E. W. Taylor*	P. C. Tucker*	J. A. Lawrence*	A. M. M. Upshaw* ..	George Goldthwaite*
1863-1864	E. W. Taylor*	P. C. Tucker*	J. A. Lawrence*	J. B. McMahon*	A. M. M. Upshaw* ..	Robert Brewster*
1864-1865	P. C. Tucker*	J. A. Lawrence*	P. T. Clark*	H. F. Gillette*	A. M. M. Upshaw* ..	Robert Brewster*
1865-1866	P. C. Tucker*	H. F. Gillette*	J. D. Giddings* .....	.....	A. M. M. Upshaw* ..	Robert Brewster*
1866-1867	H. F. Gillette*	P. T. Clark*	T. Whitehead*	F. B. Sexton*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1867-1868	F. B. Sexton*	J. D. Giddings*	W. D. Wood*	S. S. Munger*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*

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1868-1869	J. D. Giddings*	S. S. Munger*	James Wrigley*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1869-1870	S. S. Munger*	James Wrigley*	J. B. Jones*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1870-1871	S. S. Munger*	James Wrigley*	J. B. Jones*	Norton Moses*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1871-1872	J. B. Jones*	Norton Moses*	H. J. McBride*	E. T. Rhodes*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1872-1873	Norton Moses*	H. J. McBride*	E. T. Rhodes*	W. K. McAlpine*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1873-1874	H. J. McBride*	E. T. Rhodes*	W. K. McAlpine*	Peyton Nowlin*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1874-1875	W. K. McAlpine* ..	Peyton Nowlin*	W. F. Swain*	William Bramlette* ..	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1875-1876	W. F. Swain*	William Bramlette* ..	John Adriance*	John Matlock*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1876-1877	W. F. Swain*	William Bramlette* ..	John Adriance*	G. M. McWhirter*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1877-1878	William Bramlette* ..	G. M. McWhirter*	Z. E. Coombes*	H. Braham*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1878-1879	G. M. McWhirter* ..	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahan*	W. B. Wilson*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1879-1880	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahan*	W. B. Wilson*	S. M. Williams*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1880-1881	J. B. McMahan*	S. M. Williams*	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1881-1882	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	Haston Twomey*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1882-1883	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	Haston Twomey*	B. F. Frymier*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1883-1884	G. W. Foster*	Haston Twomey*	B. F. Frymier*	W. L. Sartwell*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1884-1885	Haston Twomey* ..	B. F. Frymier*	W. L. Sartwell*	John Adriance*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1885-1886	B. F. Frymier*	W. L. Sartwell*	John Adriance*	John C. McCoy*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1886-1887	W. L. Sartwell*	John Adriance*	John C. McCoy*	R. M. Harkness*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1887-1888	John Adriance*	R. M. Harkness*	Rufus Price*	John P. Bell*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1888-1889	R. M. Harkness*	Rufus Price*	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1889-1890	Rufus Price*	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	S. J. Morriss*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1890-1891	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	S. J. Morriss*	Frank Nusom*	J. C. Kidd*	Robert Brewster*
1891-1892	John McDonald*	S. J. Morriss*	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	J. C. Kidd*	Robert Brewster*
1892-1893	S. J. Morriss*	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	A. S. Bunting*	S. D. Moore*	Robert Brewster*
1893-1894	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	A. S. Bunting*	R. O. Rounsavall*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1894-1895	J. K. Stone*	A. S. Bunting*	R. O. Rounsavall* ..	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1895-1896	A. S. Bunting*	R. O. Rounsavall* ..	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1896-1897	R. O. Rounsavall* ..	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1897-1898	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw* ..	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1898-1899	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw* ..	C. R. Phillips*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1899-1900	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw* ..	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1900-1901	James D. Crenshaw* ..	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	French Simpson*	George Lopas, Jr,*

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1901-1902	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopus, Jr.*
1902-1903	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	Sam P. Cochran*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1903-1904	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	Sam P. Cochran*	P. M. Riley*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1904-1905	E. T. Murchison*	Sam P. Cochran*	P. M. Riley*	Charles F. Smith*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
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ALASKA.....	Jack W. Lester, Jr. (03)	-	X	X	X	X	X	A
ALBERTA.....	David G. Mather (06)	-	-	-	-	E	X	X
ARGENTINA.....	Jeffrey S. Bennett (08)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
ARIZONA.....	Richard C. Sharp (05).....	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
ARKANSAS.....	Orville L. O'Neill (98)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BELGIUM.....	William L. Blanks (82).....	X	X	X	E	E	E	E
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	H. David Moore (03)	-	X	E	X	X	X	X
CALIFORNIA.....	Wilbur E. Johnson (86).....	A	X	X	X	E	X	E
CANADA.....	A. D. "Lonnie" Boggs (94).....	A	X	A	E	E	X	E
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CONNECTICUT.....	G. Clay Smith (07).....	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
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Capitular Review

by
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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, with the able assistance of two other Companions, is most pleased to make this preliminary report. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Before I go any further, I feel it is necessary to explain that one member of this Committee, Dwight W. Phillips, is also the Chairman of the same Committee on the Grand Council side. I sent him a letter in the beginning stating that I would not ask him to participate with us as he had his own headaches to be concerned with. The two Companions who assisted us, as they have for more than a couple of years without being named members of the Committee, are Companions Bill Irving and Jerrel Jones. Their willingness to help is greatly appreciated by your Chairman and, I would hope, by you and this Grand Chapter.

We are in receipt from the Grand Secretary's Office the following acceptances of those Companions nominated to serve as our Grand Representatives near their Grand Chapters:

Rex W. Reed	Grand Chapter of Idaho
Frederick W. Clarke	Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia
Ian Hay	Grand Chapter of Queensland (Australia)

We are also in receipt from the Grand Secretary's Office the following nominations of those Texas Companions to serve as the respective Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Texas:

Arnold R. Langston	Grand Chapter of Mexico
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We received nine (9) Proceedings in book form, eleven (11) Proceedings on CD's and one (1) Proceeding e-mailed to review and report. These were divided as evenly as possible amongst the three Committee members who participated and the two who assisted us in our endeavors. We submit to you the following information for yourself and the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction to enjoy, and perhaps learn:

ALBERTA -- 2007

From the M:E: Grand First Principal: "My biggest concern regarding our Grand Chapter is the lack of attendance by the Companions at their chapter meetings. This is evident in all chapters, whether rural or urban. We must do more to make our meetings more interesting. Our meetings can be streamlined so that we can spend more time in Masonic education. It is not just enough to read a paper. Small group discussions, whether in open chapter or around the table at the Festive Board, are often more successful. This gives us the opportunity to involve all the companions, especially our new companions. Show them that we care about them. Show an interest in what they do for a living. Show an interest in their families. Tell them what we expect of them and show them what we believe. I have mentioned that I observed many degrees. The work has been of a high level. For those Chapters that have not had degrees for some time, I would encourage them to exemplify the work. Not having degree work can lead to apathy. Exemplifying the work may restore interest and pride in their work. Having a School for Instruction during which practicing the opening and closing may be of benefit to the new companions. These are just some suggestions Companions, not a criticism of your work. I hope that you will receive these observations in the spirit in which they were expressed."

Membership losses were down, with comparative figures for:

Dec 31 2006 Loss 16
Dec 31 2005 Loss 22
Dec 31 2004 Loss 63
Dec 31 2003 Loss 96

Fraternal Relations:

This report contains only thirty-two responses from a total of eighty-three Grand Representatives. This is down from forty-two last year, and it appears that the Companions are losing interest in communicating with other jurisdictions and with this Committee. It becomes very discouraging to continue to give a nil report but the Committee still requires some communication to do its job. To those who communicated to the Committee, even though they had no response from their counterpart, we thank you. Of the thirty-two who communicated, twelve had not heard from their counterparts. Many of the sister jurisdictions are not forwarding their Commissions confirming the appointments we have made. The Committee is reviewing all of the appointments and returns from the past three years and will be making recommendations. There are still a number of representatives required to replace those who have moved, died, or requested replacement.

ARKANSAS -- 2007

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas also meets in joint session, and passes joint resolutions. The Secretary and Treasurer are the same in all three bodies. All distinguished guests are introduced at the joint session. Companions Hopkins, Elliott and O'Neill were present and introduced. The number of members is surprising, 1,733 in twenty-two Chapters and one at-large Chapter. All Chapters were present for the Grand Session as well as the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests. Orville O'Neill addressed the group and told about the Texas revised Past Masters Degree. Of the 300 degrees conferred, over 100 completed the York Rite Degrees. The only narrative is the Grand High Priest. All other reports simply give the purpose and that it passed.

COLORADO -- 2006

September 7, 2006 132nd Convocation

27 Chapters- 23 Represented

A roll call of Constituent High Priest taken

Total membership 1509 –Gained 73 Loss 189

Texas's GHP is quoted in the proceedings- " WE need to change Masons, not changing Masonry"

CONNECTICUT -- 2007

Reactivate our Existing Members

Should have a semi-annual meeting each year like Grand Lodge does to iron out programs, changes, etc.

Membership has dropped 24 % over last 8 years or about 3 % per year.

GEORGIA -- 2007

185th Convocation May 7, 2007

58 Chapters were represented out of 77

Like most Grand chapters Deaths are high- 336

Total net loss 534

Banquet is a dinner for all of the York Rite Bodies

IDAHO -- 2007

99th Convocation April 21, 2007

Total Membership-629

13 total Chapters in Grand Jurisdiction

Interesting Address from the Grand Historian in regards to the High Priest Breast Plate and what it means.

ILLINOIS -- 2006

One Hundred Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation: The Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Illinois met on July 28, 2006 in Springfield, Illinois. Membership statistics included 221 Exaltations, 7 reinstatements, 55 demits, 137 suspensions and 187 Companion's deaths. At the time of the meeting there are approximately 6,378 Companions that include 16 Fifty-year card Companions. The Illinois Grand Lodge and Chapter have displayed great teamwork and mutual respect by distributing 500 to 600 CD's to every member at the Grand Lodge Annual meeting for the promotion of Masonry.

INDIANA -- 2007

Long Range Planning

5 year plan – Membership and Retention, Leadership and Financial Stability

Membership down 3% from 5810 to 5639

IRELAND -- 2006

They appear to do things "right" in Ireland, regarding Grand Representatives. For example, M:E: Companion Donald C. Webster, being in attendance and having produced his Patent of Appointment, the Grand Director of Ceremonies formed a procession and presented him to the Most Excellent and Supreme Grand King for Investiture as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. The newly invested Grand Representative was conducted to his seat and saluted.

A Grand Representative who shall not have attended the Grand Chapter on at least two occasions in each year (they meet quarterly), or who shall have ceased to reside within the jurisdiction, shall cease to be eligible to continue in Office. Further, that Past Grand Representatives will retain the Courtesy Title of M:E: Companion.

A motion from the Grand Registrar for Instruction seeking approval to split the Royal Arch Degree into two parts to facilitate those giving the degree – for a trial period of one year – was recommended to the Supreme Grand Chapter and confirmed.

There were only twenty-two (22) Companions "struck off the rolls" by all subordinate Chapters in 2006 for non-payment of dues.

The net operating surplus increased from 14,683 Euros in 2005 to 20,645 Euros in 2006 – an increase of 41%.

LOUISIANA -- 2007

One Hundred-Sixtieth Annual Convocation: The Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana met in Alexandria, Louisiana to conduct the official business of the Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana. The Grand Chapter began the year with 32 Chapters and finished with 30 Chapters including one merged Chapter with an existing Chapter. There was one Charter surrendered, 319 Degrees Conferred and 101 Companions lost to death. There were 2,642 Companions at the start of the year in 2006 and 2,547 Companions at the end of the same year.

MAINE -- 2007

One Hundred Eighty-Second Annual Convocation: The Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Maine met in Bangor, Maine on April 28, 2007 for the official business of the Royal Arch Masons of their state. The Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Chapter started the year with 4,234 members and ended with 4,059 members that included 71 member's exalted and 122 deaths. Of special significance, the Grand High Priest Kenneth Libby visited each Chapter of the State of Main at least once.

MISSOURI -- 2006

One Hundred-Sixtieth Annual Convocation: The Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Missouri met on May 19, 2006 at Jefferson, Missouri to conduct the official business of the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. Membership statistics include 57 Chartered Chapters and 5,633 Companions at the end of December 2005. There were 333 Companions exalted, affiliated or reinstated during the year. There were 186 demits, 342 suspended for non-payment of dues, 11 expelled and 232 Companions lost to death. The net loss was 438 Companions for 2005. Of special significance is the contribution of \$200,000 to the Able Kids Foundation by Missouri Chapter Companions.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR -- 2006

Standard report – no outstanding items or events.

NORTH CAROLINA -- 2007

All three York Rite bodies meet on the same days. A Joint session is held the first day and Joint resolutions are passed. A resolution was adopted to extend the deadline for nominating candidates for the Grand Line, if less than two (2), until 12 noon the end of January. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected to those offices in all three bodies. The Chapter number is noted for all companions when their name appears. I am surprised at the small number of members of the Chapter. There are 4,523 members in Twenty-eight Chapters in the State, divided into nine districts. The largest number of members occurred in 1982, 10,238.

ONTARIO -- 2007

In the opening of the Grand Chapter the flags of Canada and the United States are presented, and the National Anthems of both countries are sung.

The titles, order of preference and the number of Officers are different:

Grand First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal
Grand Chaplain
Grand Treasurer
Grand Scribe Ezra
Grand Scribe Nehemiah
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Registrar

The title for the District Deputies is Grand Superintendent

The membership is 8,129 in ninety-seven Chapters. Many assistant officers are appointed at the end of the session. These include the other officers of the Chapter. All the changes in membership are listed in full; for example, Deaths, Demits, and other changes. The Grand Chapter has a large scholarship program. Eighty-five applications were received and only one rejected. The cost was \$30,300.00.

SCOTLAND -- 2007

From the First Grand Principal (which equates to our M:E: Grand High Priest):

" I would never like our Masonic teachings to be altered, however, I would like to look at trying to accommodate the young Mason. Time is important to everyone and we have all noticed that people cherish their free time in a different way from the last century.....I would like to see installations and other important ceremonies conducted in the morning with a lunch to follow, giving everyone the opportunity to either get home by early evening to take their wife shopping or family to the local match. It will hopefully not undermine the importance of the occasion, but let many more come to the celebrations."

The Grand Z (First Grand Principal) and the Grand Scribe E went to London to attend the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. It was truly a royal celebration as the heads of both Craft and Mark in England were present. The main event in Albert Hall was attended by 5500 Brethren and Ladies with an overflow at Mark Masons Hall.

As an aside note, your reviewer was privileged to enjoy an "event" at Mark Masons Hall. This event was, as we would call it, lunch at the Carvery. Quite elegant by our standards, lunch and dinner at the Carvery is really an occasion with Companions and Brethren (and, perhaps, their Ladies) in London.

SOUTH CAROLINA -- 2007

Each of the three bodies meet on the same days. A Joint session is held the first day and Joint resolutions are passed. The only narrative is the Grand High Priest, the reports only have the report on the committee and that it passed. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected to those offices in all three bodies. The Grand High Priest approves all requests for Dual and Plural memberships. The membership is small 5,546 in twenty-seven Chapters. No narrative is given. The Grand Chapter adopted a program for the Life membership program. The Companions must pay different amounts depending on their age at the time of purchase. For example a Companion twenty-one to twenty-four years of age the cost is twenty-five times the annual dues of that Chapter, while a Companion sixty-five years of age the cost is seven times the annual dues of that Chapter.

VERMONT -- 2007

June 5, 2007 190th Convocation
21 Chapters – 11 Present
Total membership –809
1-Chapter Charter Surrendered; 1-Chapter Merged

WEST VIRGINIA -- 2006

Each Chapter now has a copy of the Ritual.
Motion to dispense with kneeling during opening & closing.
Proceedings on CD have financial savings for sister and foreign jurisdictions.
AWARDS – Distinguished Award, Triple TAU – visit 9 Chapters, Super Triple TAU – v 27.

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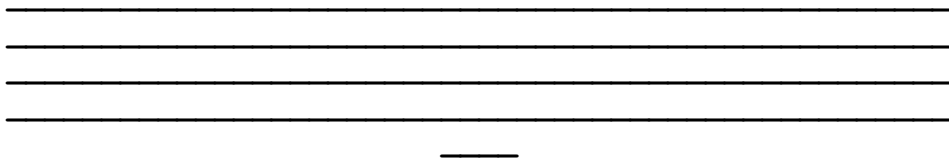
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