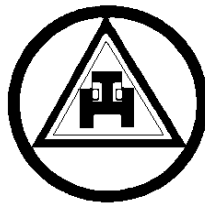


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Douglas Collins

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 grand daughter, 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.

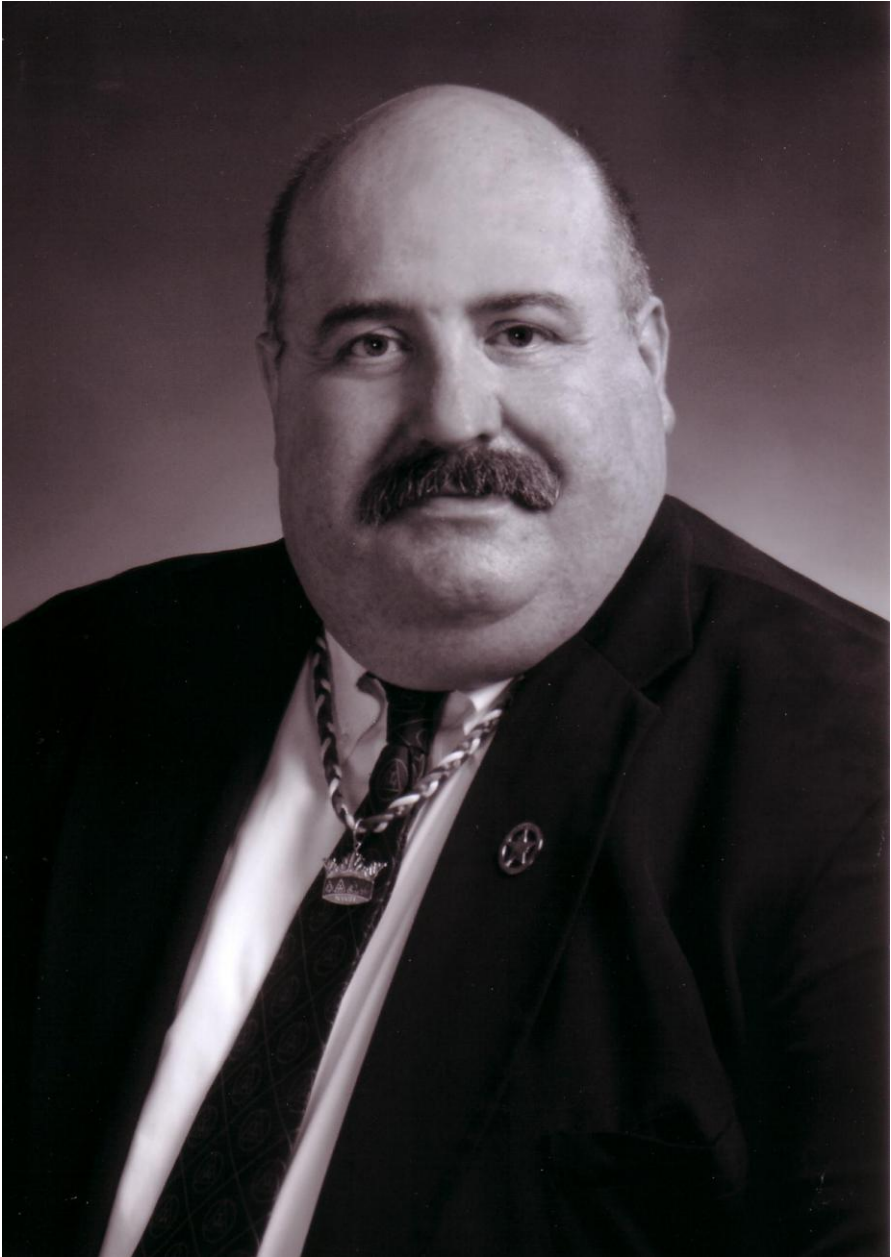
Douglas was greeted in Dallas Council No. 18, Royal and Select Masters on 17 November 1982. He received the Super Excellent Master Degree in 1983. Companion Collins affiliated with George Washington Council No. 408 (now John C. Callahan Council) and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1991-92. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in December 1991. He was appointed Ill: 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 Honour 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.



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

Timothy Michael La Vergne, Sr.

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

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

Tim has been a Police Officer for the past 28 ½ years, having worked for the Saratoga Springs NY Police Department, Lake George Village NY Police Department, and Honey Grove TX Police Department. For the past 27 years Tim has been employed by the Bonham Police Department, and holds the rank of Captain. Tim holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

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

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

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

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

Tim became a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies in 1995. He is a member of the Grayson County Scottish Rite Club, and was a charter member of the Fannin County Scottish Rite Club where he served as President in 2006 and 2007. He served on the Fannin County Scottish Rite Club's 18th Degree Team from 2004 to 2007.

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

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

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

**MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE
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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

AND

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

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18, 2009 - 1:00 P.M.

**SERVICES CONDUCTED
BY**

**REV. THOMAS G. KEITHLY,
EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO-TEMPORE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

AND

**REV. DAVID FOSTER
ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHAPLAIN
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

Prelude Becky Wunsche

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO-TEMPORE KEITHLY: Good morning. If I could get your attention. If there are any Companions, Guests and Family hanging around outside, someone might give them word that we are ready to start our service.

Let us stand for prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO-TEMPORE KEITHLY: O Thou Great Artificer of the Universe, open our hearts and minds and souls to receive Thy grace as we draw near to Thee in prayer and adoration. Be Thou our light and our guide that we might worship Thee in truth and holiness. Forgive us our trespasses that we may appear spotless before Thy Heavenly Throne. Grant that in our present assembly we may grow in love to one another as Thou doth love us. We know that without Thy blessing we are nothing, but with Thy blessing we may be all things to all men. And so we render to Thee the praise, honor and glory now and forever. And let us all say amen!

RESPONSE BY THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS: Amen!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO-TEMPORE KEITHLY: Please be seated. We would like to welcome you to our Memorial and Divine Service on behalf of the Grand Officers and Memorial Committees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. This has been our tradition for many years. If you are new here, we are very glad to have you here and join with us.

We start with our Tributes in the Memorial Session and I call upon the Very Excellent and Very Illustrious J. M. (Jimmy) Willson, Jr., to give the Tribute to our good friend Robert Melear.

TRIBUTE **TO R:E: ROBERT EDWIN MELEAR,** **DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE** **M:E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

V:E: AND V:I: J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, JR.: Today I go to the 24th Psalm to share what I believe is a true memory for Robert Edwin Melear. The first five verses of this Psalm tell the true story of this man and his memory.

A Psalm of David

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Robert Melear was born January 6, 1942; died November 18, 2008. He was married to Mary Russell on August 11, 1967 in Quanah. They have three daughters: Elizabeth Torrens, Nancy Melear of Castlerock, Colorado, Carol Grogan of Campos, Colorado, a son, David Melear of Canyon, Texas, and seven grandchildren.

He attended Seymour, Texas, public schools, graduating high school in 1960. He attended Baylor University, graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Math and English; received his Teacher's Certificate in 1984 and also received a Computer Science Certificate from Midwestern University in 1984. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Quanah; served as Deacon for over twenty years, Elder for six years and Chairman of the Official Board for five years.

He donated 98 units of blood to the American Red Cross.

He was a member of the Texas Professional Educators, serving as President of the local chapter in 1994, and a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

He received an award for outstanding community service in April of 2004. He was a member of Quanah Chamber of Commerce since 1977. Bob was Citizen of the Year in 1993, Volunteer of the Year in 1994 and served as President in 2002.

He was also a member of the Quanah Lions Club since 1979.

Bob was a member of the Boy Scouts of America from 1950 to 1958, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout on December 15, 1957.

He received the Honorary Chapter FFA degree in 1999; 4-H Building American Communities Award in 1997; Director of Soil and Water Conservation District 1977-1983.

He served in the U. S. Army, active duty, 1960 to 1965; served in the Reserves from 1965 to 1967. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

He was a teacher at Quanah High School and Junior High School for 25 years. He was a farmer and rancher for 35 years.

Masonic History

Blue Lodge:

Seymour 604, Seymour, Texas and Quanah 689, Quanah, Texas;
Raised: June 6, 1967, Seymour Lodge 604
Dual Member: Quanah Lodge 689, November 20, 1967
Endowed Member: Quanah Lodge 689, November 4, 1991
Senior Deacon 1969, Junior Warden 1970, 1999, Senior Warden 1971, Master 1972, 2000
Secretary 1976 to 1986
Masonic Service Coordinator 1992 to 1994
District Deputy Grand Master 1973, 1982
District Masonic Relations Officer 1997, 1998
Golden Trowel Award 1996
Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Texas 2004
Committee on Public Education of the Grand Lodge of Texas 2004, 2005-2011
Committee Take Time To Read of the Grand Lodge of Texas 2004, 2005
Briscoe Workshop of the Grand Lodge of Texas Area Chairman 2004, 2005

Texas Lodge of Research, Member 2001, Junior Deacon 2002
Scottish Rite, Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies Lubbock, Texas
Member August 26, 1967, Dallas
Transferred membership to Lubbock April 12, 1972 (Charter Member) member to present
Shrine, Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas
Maskat Temple Member, August 26, 1967 to present

Chapter:

Royal Arch Quanah Chapter 450, February 1, 1968
Scribe 1996, King, 1968, 2000, 2001, High Priest 1969, 1970, 1998, 1999
Secretary from 1975 to 1985
District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, 1972, 1990
Order of High Priesthood, December 4, 1972
Grand High Priest of the Order of Anointed High Priests of Texas, 1982
Committee on Work Certificate, December 5, 1968
Committee on Work Life Certificate, December 9, 2003
Grand Representative to North Dakota, December 11, 2004

Council:

Quanah 367, Quanah, Texas
Royal Master and Select Master on February 29, 1968
Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, Quanah Council 367, 1968, 1986, 1987, 1998 to 2004
Right Illustrious Deputy Master, Quanah Council 367, 1969
Thrice Illustrious Master, Quanah Council 367, 1970
Recorder from 1975 to 1985
District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council R & S M of Texas, 1975
Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council R & S M of Texas, 1980
Grand Steward of the Grand Council of
R & S M of Texas, 1980
Committee on Work Certificate, December 5, 1978 to present
Committee on Work Life Certificate, December 9, 2003
Super Excellent Masters Degree, December 9, 1972
Order of the Silver Trowel, December 5, 1972

Commandery:

Vernon 33, Vernon, Texas, Amarillo 48, Amarillo, Texas, Wichita Falls 59, Wichita Falls, Texas
Red Cross, Vernon Commandery 33, March 26, 1968
Malta, Vernon Commandery 33, April 2, 1968
Knight Templar, Vernon Commandery 33, 1972, 1973, 1974
Merit Award 1972
Recorder, Vernon Commandery 33 from 1975 to 1985
Prelate, Vernon Commandery 33, 1998 to present
Prelate Wichita Falls Commandery 59, 2003 to present
Dual with Amarillo 48 and Wichita Falls 59

Warder, Amarillo Commandery 48, 2003
 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor, August 25, 1972
 Knight of the York Cross of Honour, September 17, 1973
 Knight Preceptor, April 28, 1973
 Ritualistic Team from Amarillo, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
 Excalibur Award, 1996
 Grand Commandery Charters and Dispensations Committee, Texas Chairman, 2000-2005
 Knight Templar Educational Foundation member, 2004-2005
 Texas Knights Templar Educational Foundation Director, 2005
 Red Cross of Constantine Star of Bethlehem Conclave, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Member, Star of Bethlehem Conclave May, March 1, 1975
 Sovereign Star of Bethlehem Conclave 1983
 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, Dallas, Texas
 Member, Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, Dallas, Texas, December 11, 1985 to present
 Preceptor, Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, Dallas, Texas, 1993
 York Rite College West Texas York Rite College 36, Lubbock, Texas
 Knight of York, West Texas York Rite College 36, September 30, 1972
 Governor, West Texas York Rite College 36, 2004
 Order of the Purple Cross, July 23, 2005
 Royal Order of Scotland, June 11, 2005

Companion Robert Edwin Melear lived a life of service to others. He was motivated by love that is revealed to us in the Scripture. He not only professed that love and respect, but he lived it. You heard the list of service to others in his community and the Masonic Fraternity. Our Master gave us a dedicated servant with a heart as big as Texas. Bob was a person who made life good for others.

God called him home on November 18, 2008, to receive a greeting of "Well done my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

I place this flower on the Altar in memory of Robert Edwin Melear, my friend and Companion, who worked to make this world a better place without hope of fee or reward. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO-TEMPORE KEITHLY: For the Tribute to Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Allan Dees, who certainly was a Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Member of the Committee on Work, will be given by Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Eldon Brooks.

TRIBUTE
TO E: ALLAN WILLIAM (SKIP) DEES,
MEMBER, COMMITTEES ON WORK,
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND THE GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER ELDON BROOKS: Allan W. (Skip) Dees was born June 23, 1942, in Dallas, Texas, grew up in Kaufman, Texas, and graduated from Kaufman High School in 1960. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Texas A & M University in January 1965.

After graduation, Skip joined Texaco as a petroleum engineer in South Texas and worked in various petroleum engineering management positions in South Texas, Southeast Texas and Trinidad, West Indies. He became a Registered Petroleum Engineer in Texas in 1974. In 1981, he organized Texaco's Houston Division Regulatory Compliance Department. He was transferred to Midland in 1984 as Regulatory Compliance Manager (and later Environmental, Health and Safety Manager) for Texas and New Mexico.

Skip was named Texaco Regulatory Affairs Manager in 1994, with responsibilities primarily for Texas regulatory and legislative matters. He served on Texaco Oil and Gas Association's (TxOGA's) Production Environmental Committee from 1984 and was its Chairman from 1987 until his retirement in November, 2002. During the same period, he was also an active member of TxOGA's Regulatory Practices Committee. He was the first recipient, in 1995, of Texas Oil and Gas Association's Exemplary Service Award. Since retiring from Texaco, he has continued full-time support of these and other TxOGA's

committees as a Regulatory Affairs consultant on contract to TxOGA.

He served as an Elder of First Presbyterian Church in Liberty, Texas. He served as Deacon and Elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland and continued to participate in church committee work when not an elected church officer. He taught adult Sunday School classes in Liberty, and has been a children's Sunday School teacher in Midland since the late 1980s.

He served Boy Scouts of America for eight years while in Liberty, Texas, as a Cub Scout Pack Committee Secretary and Den Leader and as Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster. Some of his fondest memories were of the three trips he was able to make to Philmont Scout Ranch as a Scout Leader and seeing his oldest son earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Skip was a member and affiliated Past Master of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623, A.F. & A.M. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Lubbock Consistory. He was particularly active in the various organizations that compose the York Rite of Masonry. In addition to being a Past Presiding Officer of all four of the major York Rite bodies and an officer in several other York Rite honorary organizations, he had held several appointive and elective offices on the state level. As a local representative of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, he assisted applicants for financial assistance with eye surgery to obtain that assistance since 1993, and he served for several years on a Knights Templar Educational Foundation state committee to review scholarship and educational loan applications. In recognition of his service to Masonry and his community, he was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honour in 2003 and the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2006 by the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. He was also awarded the Golden Keystone Award in 2005 by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The Grand Chapter of Texas
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Skip served as Grand Master of the 2nd Veil in 1992, District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1999 and 2007, and many committees of the Grand Chapter. Skip served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master in 1994 and 2007.

Skip's greatest and most famous years were spent as a member of the Committee on Work. He was elected to the Committee in 1999 and served until his death in May 2009. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Work two times.

His knowledge and wisdom with the computer and tactics was beyond belief, and his willingness to go anywhere, anytime to enthusiastically share that knowledge with Chapters and Councils in this state was humbling.

Skip, you will be and are missed more than we can tell you, and you have earned your rewards to be seated in Heaven above.

Before I leave this podium I have to tell a little incident that happened during Skip's funeral in Midland, Texas, in that Trinity Presbyterian Church that he worked continually. There were several people that got up and talked about Skip and his work with the regulatory agency and with legislative matters in this State regarding such. He was an authority in that field and one man got up and gave a beautiful tribute. A lawyer gave a beautiful tribute to Skip and left.

After that, the minister got up to the podium and he looked all over his podium, up above, down below. Then he went back to his seat and looked around it, got up and came back to the podium and looked for his notes and he couldn't find them. He went down and talked to the family. He came back and he said, "I'm embarrassed, but I had notes on this podium to do Skip's funeral, but they're gone."

Well, what you would expect, the lawyer in the back of the room that gave him a tribute stood and he said, "I believe I have your notes."
(LAUGHTER)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER BROOKS: I wish Skip could have been there to hear the laughter that happened at that.

Skip was the Chairman of this Committee both times and he was a tremendous organizer. He was a wonderful teacher and he was a wonderful tactician in this Body and to serve on a committee with him in

that capacity was quite an education. We who served with him at times had to moderate. Skip had a tendency to overdo on tactics like the Commandery uses and we often told him, "Well, Skip, this isn't the Commandery. Come back to earth, will you." (LAUGHTER)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND V:I: PAST GRAND MASTER BROOKS: And he would in his own way. I can only stand here and do as Skip would do, "Well, fellows, what are you wanting to do?" That was one of the fondest things that he would say.

Allan W. (Skip) Dees served this Grand Chapter and Grand Council with honor and distinction for many years and I lay this flower upon the Altar and this Bible as a tribute to him. Make a place for us, Skip. We know you're there. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: A Tribute to Right Illustrious Don Sargent, District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 5, will be given by Most Worshipful W. David Counts and Right Worshipful Elmer Murphey, III.

TRIBUTE
TO R:I: DONALD C. SARGENT,
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF
CRYPTIC DISTRICT NO. 5, GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER W. DAVID COUNTS: Donald Charles Sargent was born on October the 3rd, 1958. In his lifetime he did so many wonderful things that it takes two of us to talk about his accomplishments in this life, both as a man and a Mason.

He was raised a Master Mason June the 15th, 1983. At the time of his death he was the sitting Secretary in Wells Lodge. He was the Worshipful Master of Tranquility Lodge 2000. He was a Past Master of Milam Lodge No. 2. He was also the District Deputy of 21A for this Masonic Year. He passed 18 September 2009.

In the Chapter he served as High Priest in 2006 in Nacogdoches, Chapter 13, and was Secretary 2007-2008; also served in the Council as the Thrice Illustrious Master 2006 and Recorder 2007-2008. He also belonged to Washington Council No. 2. He was an Endowed Member. In Houston Council No. 1 he was also an Endowed Member.

All of you who knew Don knew that he was infectious. You could not keep but being comfortable with him. He could talk to anybody about anything.

I want to ask Right Worshipful Elmer Murphey if he would come and talk about the man and then I will come back and talk a little about some of my experiences with Don.

COMPANION AND R:W: PAST GRAND MASTER ELMER MURPHEY, III: Thank you, Grand Master. As you probably are well aware, Don had a Master's in Spanish and a duplicate Master's in French that he obtained from Stephen F. Austin University. He taught at Stephen F. Austin University for a period of time and then he chose to teach in a local middle school, and that is a personification of Don Sargent.

We had the opportunity to have a Masonic funeral in Nacogdoches two weeks ago for Don and as has been said many times, there were more Masons at that funeral - it was a large funeral - there were more Masons clothed as Masons as at many funerals I have ever been to. That was probably the largest number.

Yesterday when we had the opportunity at Tranquility Lodge at our Stated Meeting where I am serving now as Worshipful Master Pro Tem in Don's stead, we had the opportunity for the Masons of Milam Lodge and Wells Lodge where he served as Secretary, the Chapter and Council and all the Bodies of which he was a member, including Gray Lodge, Temple Lodge, we gave them the opportunity and they took it to tell us what was in their hearts about Don Sargent.

You know, every time in our Lodge meetings when we say, "How should Masons meet?" "On the level." Many times during that meeting young men, teenagers, grown men, fathers, grandfathers, said that the

personification of Don in their minds was that Don naturally met on the level. We had children there who were crying. We had grown men there who were crying. Because all we can say on this earth to someone we love is, thank you for having been with us for such a short period of time and we look forward to being with you again and that is what they were saying to Don yesterday.

If anyone in my experience as a Mason exuded meeting on the level, highly educated, highly intelligent, Don Sargent did. Don's best and closest friend, had no education to our knowledge, but he cried his heart out yesterday because he missed his close friend, Don Sargent.

So if you have any doubt in your mind whatsoever that Masonry and its absolute cornerstone of meeting on the level lives and breathes through the Masons of Texas, all you have got to know and be aware of is to meet the friends and acquaintances of Don Sargent and they will so inform you that Don was the absolute Mason. Thank you, Grand Master.

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER COUNTS: Don Sargent was an ordained minister and a lot of people there yesterday he married. There were a lot of people there that he had buried their parents. It was one of those things that you experience just very seldom.

When I had the opportunity to start naming District Deputies, and I might say as a sidebar, the best group of Deputies there has been.

COMPANION AND R:W: PAST GRAND MASTER MURPHEY: (SHAKES HEAD) (LAUGHTER)

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER COUNTS: In my opinion. (LAUGHTER)

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER COUNTS: And Don was the first one I called. I didn't call him, I went and talked to him. I asked him if he would serve and he did with distinction.

Because he lived not only his love for Masonry in all of the Bodies, he lived his life as one of God's children. The example he set day in and day out, good times or bad, would have been pleasing to God's eyes.

Don in his condition, diabetes was eating on him constantly, he had already lost a leg, he always had a smile. He didn't have a handicap. He had opportunities. That was his attitude. You couldn't get him down and you couldn't get him to say a bad word or complain.

I had an opportunity to talk to Don one time about his salvation and his conversion experience to Christianity and accepting God's grace and he said it all so simply. He said, "My experience was just like a Halloween pumpkin." He said, "The Lord took all of that junk out of the middle of me, he cut me on a smiley face and he put a candle in there to where all of the world could see that I was one of His children," and that's Don Sargent. He lived exactly his Christian experience. Thank you.

COMPANION AND R:W: PAST GRAND MASTER MURPHEY: We place this rose on this Altar upon this work of our Lord in the name of Donald C. Sargent, knowing that we have been blessed by his presence.
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: Right Excellent Raymond White will give our Tribute to Right Excellent Richard L. Vaughn, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular District No. 21.

TRIBUTE
TO R:E: RICHARD L. VAUGHN,
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
CAPITULAR DISTRICT NO. 21,
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TEXAS

COMPANION RAYMOND WHITE: We pause for a moment to pay tribute to a Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priest of Texas and more especially on this occasion to Richard Lee (Dick) Vaughn. Dick was born on December the 12th in 1937 in Decatur, Illinois. He was passed into the next life on January the 27th, 2009.

He became a member of Mount Horeb Chapter and Council in 1979. He was High Priest in 1985 and was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1983. He was past Commander of Temple Commandery and was not only a member, but an active participant in many other Masonic Bodies in central Texas.

It is easy to be a Master Mason or a York Rite Mason in a room full of Masons, but it is what we do outside of those meetings that really makes a difference in the world. Dick was the type of man that lived his life as a Mason and was always a fine example.

In Luke 18 one portion reads that he who reveres himself is humbled and he who humbles himself is revered. Dick was the type of man that humbled himself daily. He was a best friend, a little bit of a cut-up, but he was a fine example.

When we are born, we are welcomed into this world by our family, our friends. As we become adults we are reminded that we are only traveling on this world for a temporary length of time. And when we pass this world into the next, again, we are welcomed by friends and family, something that makes it easier to remember those who have gone beyond. You have heard it said many times that you are not dead until you are forgotten and we are all keeping people alive by remembering them.

In tribute to the Past Grand High Priest we place this flower upon the Altar and more especially Richard L. Vaughn.
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: I call upon Companion Paul Wunsche who is going to be giving tribute to the Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

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

COMPANION PAUL WUNSCH: We in Texas have been blessed to have been led by many great men and leaders who held the office of High Priest and Thrice Illustrious Master of the Councils. These men have provided guidance for these Bodies through exemplary conduct and leadership, allowing us to follow the teachings of the Royal Arch and Royal and Select Degrees, thereby making us better men and Masons.

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: We place these flowers on the altar in memory of our Past High Priests and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters whose passing we mourn, but whose memory will remain with us to provide a guide for our future conduct and an example for us to emulate. May they rest in eternal peace.
(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: I call upon Companion Robert Foreman and Excellent Martin Saldua to give 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.

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

COMPANION ROBERT A. FOREMAN, JR: For each of us there has been a friend and mentor in Masonry, one to whom we have looked on with admiration and aspired to emulate. Many of those leaders and teachers have gone before us to be with the Supreme Grand Architect above, and watch over us each day as we go about our Capitular and Cryptic duties, serving our Companions. We give thanks this day as we remember those Companions who have gone this way before, and have made the final journey. They were our friends, our Brothers, our Companions and have made each of us better in their touch of our lives. While we remember them, they will never truly be gone.

We place these flowers on the Altar in memory of the Chapter and Council Masons who have gone to the Supreme Grand Lodge above. We remember their friendship, their guidance and their love for the Fraternity of Masonry, and York Rite Masonry in particular. They now rest with the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

(PLACES FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: A tribute to the Deceased Royal Arch and Royal and Select Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions will be given by E: Donnie Swango and Companion Michael Shively.

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

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

A medieval proverb says, "Prayer without devotion is like a body without a soul."

O Eternal Father, for the joy of fraternal companionship, for the sharing of happiness and sorrow, for the plans and achievements and even disappointments, for all of them, we humbly praise Thy name.

We come now to pay homage to the departed whom we now remember as having entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on Earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memories. May the beauty of their lives abide among us as a loving benediction. And let us say: Amen.

COMPANION MICHAEL SHIVELY, CHAIRMAN, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: We place this flower upon the Altar in memory of those deceased Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who have carried the medal of our fraternity to the four corners of the earth. They have prepared a path that allows each of us to travel in foreign places with secure knowledge that we have but to find a Mason to establish a friendship and mutual respect that provides us with the secure knowledge of what we love and respect. May they rest in peace that passeth all understanding.

(PLACES FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: Finally, we give tribute to the deceased members of the Armed Forces of this great United States of America. This will be given by Excellent Bill Irving.

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

E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER WILLIAM P. IRVING, JR.: From Valley Forge to Afghanistan, on the battlefield or on their watch to protect this great country, 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 asked no special entitlement, only that they be allowed to serve. They upheld our belief that all men should be allowed to live and govern themselves.

I place this flower on the Altar in memory of those in our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. They gave their lives to protect our freedom. The price of freedom is not free. May we never forget them and may they rest in God's peace and protection.

(PLACES FLOWER ON THE ALTAR)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: I think we need to stretch. Let's stand for the prayer to end the Memorial Service.

God, the author of all being, we give Thee thanks for sharing with us the lives of our Companions who have laid down their working tools in this earthly sphere since we last met in Grand Session. We pray, that having opened to them the gates of larger life, they may go from strength to strength in perfect service in Thy Heavenly Kingdom. We beseech Thee to comfort their families and friends in their bereavement, with assurance of Thy eternal love with Thy saints made perfect in the Realm Above. And grant that we, inspired by their good example, may continue our labors on earth for the furtherance of brotherhood among all mankind in Thy Holy name. And let us all say, amen.

THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS IN UNISON: Amen.

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: We will now join in singing "Be Thou My Vision."

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "BE THOU MY VISION"

DIVINE SERVICE

COMPANION SHIVELY: Will you please remain standing for the Call to Worship.

The Lord is in his holy temple:

RESPONSE: Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

COMPANION SHIVELY: 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.

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

COMPANION SHIVELY: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

RESPONSE: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

COMPANION SHIVELY: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

RESPONSE: I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

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

RESPONSE: As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

COMPANION SHIVELY: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

RESPONSE: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

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

RESPONSE: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

COMPANION SHIVELY: You may be seated.

We have special music now by Betty Carole Shively and Becky Wunsche.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Betty Carole Shively, Becky Wunsche

COMPANION SHIVELY: We are now honored to have our Message brought by Richard Foster, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

MESSAGE **BY COMPANION AND REVEREND DAVID FOSTER** **I: GRAND CHAPLAIN** **GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

Please stand for the reading of God's word.

"And Jared lived 162 years and he begat Enoch. And Jared lived after he begat Enoch 800 years and begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Jared were 962 years and he died.

And Enoch lived sixty and five years and begat Methuselah. And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah 300 years and begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Enoch were 365 years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

The words of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please be seated.

He walked with God. What an epitaph! How would you like to have that written on your tombstone? He walked with God. Here are some epitaphs that I found in a little research of a few Masons that you may have heard of. One is Will Rogers. His epitaph says, "If you live life right, death is a joke as far as fear is concerned." Winston Churchill's epitaph, "I am ready to meet my maker. Whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." (LAUGHTER)

Benjamin Franklin, "The body of B. Franklin, printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lying here food for worms for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more elegant edition, corrected and improved by the author." (LAUGHTER)

Charles Lindbergh, "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, behold Thou art there."

Mel Blanc, the voice of Porky Pig, "That's all, folks!" (LAUGHTER)

George Washington, "Looking into the portholes of eternity teaches that the brotherhood of man is inspired by God's word and all prejudice of race vanishes away."

One of my favorites, John Wayne: "Tomorrow is the most important day in life. Comes in at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands with the hope of learning something yesterday."

Oliver Hardy, "A genius of comedy, his talent brought joy and laughter to all the world."

Sam Houston, "The world will take care of you."

And Stephen F. Austin, "Wise, gentle, courageous and patient. He was the founder of a mighty commonwealth."

What do you think is going to be your epitaph after you are gone? Enoch's is: He walked with God. Actually, we don't know very much about Enoch. Those men present who have taken the Council Degrees of Cryptic Masonry, you may remember something about him.

The Bible tells us that he was a patriarch and that he lived in that mysterious time before the days of Noah and there are three books in the Pseudepigrapha that are named after him and supposedly written by him.

One of these books is actually quoted in the New Testament. In the Book of Jude, Verses 14 and 15, which says, "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men, saying, 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts that they have done in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.'"

So I think that we can at least say this much about Enoch: from the Bible, first, he walked with God. Secondly, he was one of two people that the Bible says went to Heaven without dying. And, thirdly, he prophesied against the ungodly. This man who lived thousands of years ago, so long ago the very age in which he lived was lost in antiquity, he left this great legacy: he walked with God. How would you like to be remembered after you're gone? I think he walked with God is one of the greatest epitaphs a person can have.

We spent the last several moments memorializing some wonderful men who dedicated their lives to service of this great Fraternity of ours and I hope that we can think of all of them and say of their lives, "Here was a man who walked with God."

When I think about it, what does it mean really to walk with God? It is a nice phrase, but what does it mean? Well, here are some ideas I came up with. I think for one thing it means to have a purpose, a direction in your life. As a pastor I have occasionally, I think, encountered lives that seem to lack direction and people who didn't really seem to have a real purpose in their lives and I hope I did something to help them to find their way in life. I don't know if I have been extremely successful, but I feel like so many people throughout the world today are kind of wandering around aimlessly with really no direction in life and not knowing where to go with their lives and I find that very unfortunate.

It kind of reminds me of the people of Israel in the Bible. You know, when they crossed the Red Sea and they saw waters come crashing down upon the chariots of the Pharaoh and they were fine and dandy and everything was hunky-dory and everything was wonderful. But when they left Mount Sinai with the responsibility of the Ten Commandments, they found themselves wandering around in the wilderness. That to me is a picture of so many people's lives of just wandering around in a spiritual wilderness without a direction and with no purpose in life.

When I think of Enoch and people like him who walked with God, I think one of the things it means is to have a purpose in your life, a direction of where to go with your life and I think it means also this: to walk with God means to have an intimacy, a personal relationship with your creator in this life. And God is just more than a God way up there, a God who doesn't care. He is a God who walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He is a God who, when we face our problems and our tribulations in life, he is there by our side. He is walking with us as we walk with him. And when we face that great trial at the end of our lives when we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, that very well known Psalm No. 23, tells us, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." That is walking with God. And I think he means a third thing: not only a personal relationship with your creator in this life, but I believe it also means an eternal relationship with your creator in the life to come.

The story of Enoch, a man who suddenly was no more because God took him, seems like a very strange story, doesn't it? I wonder: why is this very strange story in there? Why doesn't the Bible tell us more about it? When I think about it, it says an awful lot right there. "Enoch walked with God and he was not for the Lord took him." It's like he and God were just walking along one day hand in hand and I kind of picture in my mind God looking down at him and smiling and saying, "Enoch, old boy, it's time for us to go home." And while they were walking along, they just walked right on into Heaven. And the fact that he didn't die and yet went to be with the Lord forever, here is what it says to me. First that there is a Heaven and I pity those people who deny it.

There is a life after this. There is an eternity way longer than this experience that we have in this life. And when I think of Enoch not having to die, that to me is a message of immortality and reminds me of one of the first teachings we have in Masonry that we have an immortal part within us that shall never, never, never die. That is the teaching that I get from Enoch.

Let me tell you about a man who walked with God. In 1842 my great grandfather came to this great State and settled in Cass County. His name was Thomas Jefferson Foster. He was a Charter Member of First Baptist Church of Linden, Texas, and he was a Charter Member, also, of Linden Lodge No. 192. Among other things, he was a carpenter and he built one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in the State of Texas. Unfortunately, it was destroyed in the early 1900s by a cyclone. It was a two-story affair. The Baptist Church used the first floor and the Masonic Lodge used the second floor. Ever hear of that happening before?
(LAUGHTER)

He was a Charter Member of both organizations. They sold the building later to Cass County. And it became the County Courthouse Annex, but like I said, it was later destroyed. But if you go to Linden, Texas today, you will find the First Baptist Church there and right next door to it is Linden Lodge No. 192. To this day maintaining a good relationship one organization with the other. And I am proud to say that my great grandfather had a hand in establishing of those two great organizations.

Let me tell you about another man who walked with God. My uncle, Haydon Haig Foster, of El Paso Lodge No. 130, he was a man who meant so much to me when I was young and growing up in the 1950s and early 1960s. I could talk for hours, I think, of how he was, I believe, a pillar of the Baptist Church there in El Paso and how he used to sing in the choir. He was a Baptist deacon and he used to sing with a

deep, melodious bass voice, you know. I won't bore you with all of that, but here is what I remember. Once a year, once a year we would receive a phone call from El Paso. Back in those days long distance calls were expensive, you may remember. And this happened once a year. Uncle Haig would tell my dad that he was coming into Houston and would we please meet him at Hobby Airport and pick him up.

The next day we would pile into the old '49 Chevy and drive down to Hobby Airport and I would find Uncle Haig there with a little boy. The little boy usually had skin that was darker than mine and he came from probably the poorer section of El Paso or maybe across the river in Ciudad Juarez. But Uncle Haig would take the time and the expense to fly one child to Houston every year to take him to Shriners Hospital in Houston and this was a yearly event and this is something that I will always remember that this man put so much time and so much effort to take care of children, to do something good in this world. And those of you who don't know this, the Shriners Hospital never charged any one of those families one thin dime for treating them. No matter how complicated the surgery was or how expensive the surgeons would have been, the medical care was free.

And this was something that stayed with me through the years of how my uncle cared that much to bring one child to Houston every year. And two weeks later or so we would drive back out to Shriners Hospital and pick the little boy up and take him to Hobby Airport so he could fly back to El Paso at my uncle's expense.

Of both of these men I think I can very safely say: he walked with God.

Let me tell you about another man who walked with God. Years ago I had the privilege of pastoring in a small church in East Texas and there was a man of the church. I would visit in his home. I was always impressed by his sweetness and his gentleness and his kind nature. His name was Grady Isabel. He was a member of Elkhart Lodge No. 400.

Finally, he passed away and, of course, the family asked me to perform the funeral. On the night before the funeral I was at the funeral home and I was visiting with the family in the family room. You know the scene. And after a little while I began to mingle around a little bit. I walked down the hallway and I saw a group of men in the hallway. I recognized some of them as being members of the Masonic Lodge in Elkhart. And I walked up to them and said, "I bet you all are the Masons, aren't you?" And they said, "Yes, we are." "And Mr. Isabel was a member of your Lodge, wasn't he?" "Yes, he was." And then I said without any prior planning, I said, "You know, I've been thinking about becoming a Mason myself." When I woke up that morning, I had no idea I would be saying a thing like that on that day. But as soon as I said it, one of the gentlemen said, "I have got a petition out in the truck." (LAUGHTER)

What is important to me about Brother Isabel is that because of his influence and because of my great grandfather and my uncle and so many other Masons that I have known throughout my life, they influenced me enough for me to know that Masonry was something that I wanted to be a part of. Because the more I thought about it, I came to the realization that Masonry, regardless of the nonsense that you might read on the Internet, or the stupidity that comes in some recent best selling novels, that Masonry is a good organization, composed of good men. And that is what it all comes down to. The influence that you have upon somebody else's life. Masonry doesn't ask any of us to be a bunch of Bible-pounding fanatics.

All we are urged to do is to be steadfast in the faith of our profession. And, folks, I've done enough Bible presentations in my life to know that much.

We have memorialized several men today and kept in our hearts the names of other people who have passed away and we say of each of them, "He was a good man." And I'm saying that the world needs more men like this. We remember them after they are gone. We are grateful for their lives and how their lives impacted ours and of each one of them I say, "He walked with God." Amen.

COMPANION SHIVELY: Thank you, Reverend Foster. Our closing hymn is "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." I don't know of a better way to tell God that we do adore Him by following the words of this hymn. Please stand.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

COMPANION SHIVELY: Before we have our Benediction, are there any announcements that need to be made? I know we are running a little late for the KYCH.

Thank you, Becky and Betty Carole for the beautiful music and, Mary, we are so honored that you are here today. Thank you, Sweetheart.

BENEDICTION

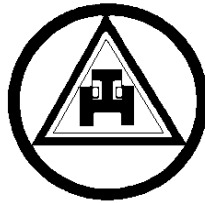
COMPANION SHIVELY: May we pray?

Our Father and our God, as we come before You this day, we thank You for the many blessings that You have given us. We thank You for allowing us to walk with You. We thank You for allowing us to be Masons, to be here in this great country as free men to do those things that we feel are right, to touch others. Lord, we thank You so much for the friends that we have here. We ask that You be with each of us as we go through this week and that You be with our leaders as they lead this great Fraternity. We ask that You give us grace that we may return home and then come back to be with You again and be with each other. In all of these things we ask in the Name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE BY THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS: Amen.

MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE
CONCLUDED
2:40 P.M.

PROCEEDINGS
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ANNUAL CONVOCATION
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2009

**HELD IN THE GROUND FLOOR AUDITORIUM OF THE
MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE
IN THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS
MONDAY AND TUESDAY
OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH, 2009**

**THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
will hold its next Annual Convocation in the city of Waco on
Monday and Tuesday, October 18TH & 19TH
A.D. 2010, A.I. 2540**

**THE COMMITTEE ON WORK
will meet Thursday through Saturday
October 14th through 16th**

**DOUGLAS COLLINS
M.:E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
SPRING BRANCH, TEXAS**

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

FIRST SESSION ON OCTOBER 19TH, 2009 AT 8:00 A.M.

MUSICAL PRELUDE E: GRAND ORGANIST MICHAEL

V: E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Companions, it is my pleasure to introduce the 2008-2009 Grand Officers of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Please stand. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE)

PROCESSIONAL OF GRAND OFFICERS

DOUGLAS COLLINS

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

G. CLAY SMITH

R:E: GRAND KING

KENNETH E. COOLEY

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

R:E: GRAND TREASURER

THOMAS KEITHLY (pro-temp)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

JACK M. HARPER, II

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN

DONNIE M. SWANGO

E: GRAND ORATOR

GARY W. HOREJSI, SR.

E: GRAND MARSHAL

WILLIAM P. IRVING, JR.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

ROBERT E. WOOTEN

E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

DILLON E. VANDERFORD, JR.

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

H. NELSON DUNN (pro-temp)

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL

KENNETH COTTER

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL

HARRY A. BRADLEY

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL

RAYMOND R. RENFROE

E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD

MICHIE M. BROUS

E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD

LEONARD O. PIERCE

E: GRAND ORGANIST

ARNOLD LANGSTON

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER

E: GRAND GUARD

V: E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Most Excellent, it is my pleasure to present to you the gavel to preside at the 2008-2009 Grand Conclave of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST DOUGLAS COLLINS: Very Excellent Companion Clampitte, thank you very much. Thank you for introducing us and we are going to get started, Folks, somehow. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)

Companions, after we open, we are going to hold off on the Flag Presentations until we call from labor so that the Guests and dignitaries can participate also.

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 COLLINS: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will introduce the Grand Guard.

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

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: (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 HOREJSI: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.
M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Are you satisfied that there are a constitutional number present to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter?

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

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

(The E: Grand Captain of the host ascertained that there were a sufficient number of chartered chapters present to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: 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 REPRESENTA-
(TIVES PRESENT TO OPEN THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

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

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

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: 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 Sixtieth 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 COLLINS: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Excellent Grand Chaplain, will you please bring the opening prayer.

PRAYER

E: CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: Let us pray.

Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, we assemble as Masons and humbly acknowledge Thy presence among us. We are thankful for the freedom You have given us, the free will in which You have endowed mankind. Grant that we may always use it in accordance with Thy will. You give us that freedom that we might be creatures capable of love. Grant that in this opportunity we may exemplify that love to the furtherance of brotherhood among all mankind that they all may come to meet upon the level. We ask for these two days that You be with us that we may do all in accordance with Thy will for the furtherance of our Fraternity. Give us grateful hearts. Give us wisdom of mind, especially to our Grand Officers that what we do and say today and tomorrow may always be for the furtherance of brotherhood in accordance with Thy will. For it is in Thy Holy Name we pray. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter from labor to refreshment for the purpose of presenting awards, receiving the Excellent Grand Orator's message and receiving our Guests.
Will you please inform the Excellent Grand Guard.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment for receiving Out-of-State Guests, the Grand Orator's message and whatever else I said. We will have – as soon as we bring everybody in, we will have the Tributes to the Flags. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, Ladies and our Guests, I got a little bit ahead of myself. The reception of Out-of-State Guests, Masonic Guests, will be in the closed portion of the meeting after the Grand Orator's Address.

So right now what we are going to do, we want to have the Tributes to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

The Tribute to the United States Flag will be given by Right Excellent Timothy La Vergne, Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: I Am the Flag.

I am the flag of the United States of America
My name is Old Glory
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth, and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshiped I am saluted.
I am loved I am revered.
I am respected and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war
for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg,
Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill,
the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome
and the beaches of Normandy, Guam,

Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me,
I was there.
I led my troops,
I was dirty, battle-tested and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me
And I was proud.

America has been attacked by cowardly fanatics
And many lives have been lost
But those who would destroy me cannot win
For I am the symbol of freedom,
Of one nation
Under God
Indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.

I have been burned, torn and trampled
on the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn
and trampled on the streets of my country.
And when it's by those whom I've served in battle it hurts.
But I shall overcome for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness
to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms
of a grieving parent
at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,
I am proud.
MY NAME IS OLD GLORY
LONG MAY I WAVE

Will you please stand for the 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 COLLINS: Thank you, sir.

The Tribute to the Texas Flag will be given by Right Excellent G. Clay Smith, Right Excellent Grand Scribe.

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE SMITH: Companions, Ladies and Guests:

Our grand old Flag has flown all over our State for many years. It is very distinctive from all the other State Flags. It is the only flag that has flown over the State of Texas as a republic and as a state and which has equal rights to fly at the same height, the only flag out of fifty States that has the equal right to fly at the same height as the United States Flag.

Companions, please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the great State of Texas Flag and our flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

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

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE SMITH: Thank you, Companions.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: If I could have Dad Clampitte, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, to join me at the Altar and we will now receive our Youth Groups.

COMPANION H. BART HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the Companions here assembled these Distinguished Guests.

In order, we have Miss Kati Lynn Castillo, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

We have Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector of Texas and Mexico of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

We have with us, also, Companion Aaron James Saldana, State Master Councilor of Texas, DeMolay International; and Tommy Chance Chapman, State Illustrious Knight Commander of the Texas Priory of DeMolay International.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We want to welcome you to this One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and we are always in support of the youth. We hope to get more youth to join our ranks and later becoming, hopefully, Master Masons and Eastern Star and on up the road.

If there is anything that we can do for you while you are here, let us know. We are so pleased to have you.

M:I: GRAND MASTER CLAMPITTE: Welcome to the Grand Council. On my behalf I want to thank both of you for being here and for all that you do for the Youth Groups. You are a shining light to the Rainbow. Would you like to say a few words?

Although Bart forgot to mention that Tommy Chance Chapman was a Companion, he is also on the team that won the Ritual competition last night.

GREETINGS FROM RAINBOW

MISS KATI LYNN CASTILLO, GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR, TEXAS, GRAND ASSEMBLY, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Master, Distinguished East and friends:
Good morning, everyone.

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

What a wonderful year it has been as two great men, Mr. Collins and Mr. Clampitte, have successfully led two of the many branches of the Family Tree we call Masonry. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls counts itself so fortunate and blessed to be part of this same ever growing and blossoming Tree. Grand Chapter and Council has been and forever will be intertwined with the Grand Assembly of Texas as many of your wives, sisters, mothers and perhaps even grandmothers are former Rainbow Girls, while your daughters, granddaughters and nieces are active members in our Order.

Texas Rainbow is truly grateful to Grand Chapter and Council for their continued love and support of our organization. The success of our Order not only depends on our own members, but the generosity of time and talent from our fraternal family.

This year in Texas Rainbow we are showing our love for our Order with the theme "The Wonderful World of Rainbow," as we celebrate the joy and happiness our Order brings to the world.

Our State Charity project this year is Make-A-Wish International. This organization is built on helping children with life-threatening medical conditions to have their wishes come true. Make-A-Wish project has been giving children their wishes since 1980, and has given out more than 170,000 wishes in these 29 years. One major supporter of the organization has been Disney and its theme parks. Because of their support, going to a Disney park has become one of the most requested wishes, and it is our goal this year to share our joy and happiness by sending at least two kids to Disney World. We hope that the kids we send will experience the magic of Disney, and have their imaginations soar beyond what they think they might be limited to.

Together we can accomplish this goal. Texas Rainbow is asking for your support with this very worthy project. Some ways you can help are by purchasing a Make-a-Wish Dragon, purchasing the limited editions of Make-A-Wish buttons, and a Make-A-Wish Tie. The dragons are \$10 each and they make an adorable sound when you squeeze its belly. The limited edition buttons are only \$2 each and the ties are \$15 each. All the proceeds from these items will go directly to Make-A-Wish International. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please see my mom, Stephanie Castillo, or Mrs. Dibrell and we will be happy to assist you.

I would like to invite you to visit any of the 58 Rainbow Assemblies in Texas and talk with the members and advisors to see the wonderful and imaginative events and projects they are working on. You may also visit our website to view photos of our recent happenings or to receive information about assemblies in your area and upcoming events. Please remember we are always looking to share the joy and wonderment of Rainbow with new girls, so please contact Mrs. Dibrell, your local Grand Deputy or Mother Advisor for questions or recommendations for new members.

Congratulations again to Mr. Collins and Mr. Clampitt for having such successful terms. You both truly shared your love of your Orders with everyone. Texas Grand Assembly sincerely appreciates having both of you at our Grand Assembly this past year and for giving greetings and donations. We would also like to thank you again for the generous donation that you gave last night and for always supporting Texas Rainbow.

I want to wish Mr. Timothy La Vergne and Mr. Larry Canada the best of luck as they begin their new terms and I hope to see each of you as we continue our journey throughout the year! Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Miss Castillo.
Companion Aaron.

GREETINGS FROM DeMOLAY

COMPANION AARON JAMES SALDANA, STATE MASTER COUNCILOR OF TEXAS, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DeMOLAY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Excellent, Right Illustrious, past and present Excellent and Illustrious Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Visitors and my Companions all:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for allowing me the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of all the DeMolays in Texas.

I would like to congratulate the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the rest of the 2008-2009 Grand Officers on a very successful year for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate in advance the 2009-2010 Grand Officers who will be elected and appointed to serve the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas for the ensuing year. I am sure that most of you are completely aware of what DeMolay is, but for those of you who are not too familiar with it: DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy

and productive lives, basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience.

DeMolay International has entered into a three year partnership with Relay For Life. Relay For Life is the world's largest movement to help end cancer. It unites 3.5 million people each year. Texas DeMolay will assist Relay For Life in raising much-needed funds and awareness that enable the American Cancer Society to help people stay well, help people get well, help find cures and help fight back against cancer. As of today Texas DeMolay is doing well. We have over 20 chapters in Texas with over 800 members. This bodes well for the future of Masonry in Texas as well as the future of the Texas York Rite Bodies because as we become of age a good portion of us end up petitioning to Blue Lodge and within time we will branch out in search of more light and petition to other appendant Masonic bodies such as Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.

I can speak on my own behalf and say that personally I am not only a DeMolay, but I am also a Master Mason from Park Place Lodge No. 1172 down in Houston, Texas. And as previously stated, as we become more interested and involved in the Fraternity, and after we have assumed our solemn obligations as Masons, we begin joining other affiliated Masonic bodies in search of more of the aforementioned light.

Therefore, I am also ecstatic and proud to state that I became a York Rite Mason on September 12, 2009, and am now a member of Park Place's Chapter and Council. (APPLAUSE)

COMPANION SALDANA: There is an interesting fact that I would like to note, rather a bond that I share with Most Illustrious Grand Master Clampitt. He is not only our Most Illustrious Grand Master, but as previously stated he is also the Executive Officer for Texas DeMolay, and on a personal note I am proud to stand before you and say that he is the Brother Mason who conferred and raised me a Master Mason and showed me the light.

At this time I would also like to introduce Companion Tommy Chance Chapman. He is also our State Illustrious Knight Commander and I am privileged to say he was on that perfect Degree Team.

On behalf of Texas DeMolay we would like to wish you all a wonderful Session and we would like to thank you for your support of the Masonic Youth in Texas. Not just the support that you show the DeMolays, but we would also like to thank you for the support that you offer the Rainbows of Texas. We really do appreciate it and, trust me, it does not go unnoticed, because if it was not for your support there would not be a Masonic Youth in Texas.

Once again, we would like to congratulate the 2008-2009 Grand Officers on a successful year and we would like to offer best wishes to the Companions running for the different elected offices for the 2009-2010 year and wish them the best year possible. I cannot stress the importance of the strength of the bond that we share as members of the Masonic Family. We must keep this bond strong and if any of the York Rite Bodies ever need anything from me or any of the other members of Texas DeMolay, please do not hesitate to ask. We will always be here, and I ask that you remember that us "Coming together is merely a beginning, us keeping together shows progress while us working together ensures success." Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring greetings. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Companion Aaron.

Companion Chance, thank you so much. If you will have a seat with us, we are going to have the Grand Orator's Address and we do have a Fifty Year Presentation.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Roland Louis Tessier. Bring him down to the Altar, please, sir.

FIFTY YEAR PRESENTATION

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Good to see you.

Companions, we are assembled here upon this occasion to pay a tribute of respect and esteem to the distinguished Companion Roland Tessier of Kerrville Chapter No. 305, Royal Arch Masons.

From time immemorial Freemasonry has taught a proper reverence and veneration for age, particularly so when years of age stand united with years of service and when an honor is conferred upon a recipient who is both worthy and esteemed. Age has always been the crowning glory of man. It affords an opportunity to reflect upon the past and from the experience of the past the present receives its most useful counsel

and guidance. It is to age that we look for wisdom and it is upon wisdom that Freemasonry builds each and every laudable enterprise.

There are three steps which are symbolic of the three principal stages of life; namely, youth, manhood and age. In youth we should industriously occupy our minds in the attainment of useful knowledge; in manhood we should apply that knowledge to the discharge of our respective duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves; but it is only in age that we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent upon a well spent life.

It is, therefore, a source of great pride and pleasure that Chapter No. 305 has within its midst upon this occasion a beloved member who for fifty years has been a worthy Companion and Royal Arch Mason, and I can certainly vouch for that. I've known Roland for some time.

I'm going to go ahead and read his Capitular history.

Companion Tessier received his Mark Master's Degree on April 16th, 1959; Past Master's the same date. He was made a Most Excellent Master on 4-16 of 1959 and was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason on the same date. He served as High Priest of Kerrville Chapter No. 305 in 2000, 2006, 2007; served as King in 1999, Scribe in 1998 and was Treasurer 2001 through 2004. He holds affiliation, in 1996, with Columbia Chapter No. 7 in Roswell, New Mexico.

Companion Tessier it is with pleasure that we behold you before the Altar of Freemasonry. It was at this or a similar Altar where you were taught to approach fifty years ago. There you assumed obligations that made lasting impressions on your mind and had an uplifting and spiritualizing influence upon your life and character.

You have approached the Altar of Capitular Masonry again to receive recognition which comes but to few men. Heaven has bounteously lengthened the years of your life and you are to receive as an award from the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas a distinguished honor.

As you were taught early in your Masonic career never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessings of Deity, I, therefore, call upon our Companions to arise while we invoke the blessings of Almighty God upon our present convention.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Supreme High Priest of the Universe to this our present convocation, grant unto this Companion who has for fifty years of his life been a member of our Fraternity, grant him life, health and strength and the daily provisions of a good and all-wise province. Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that as our Companion enters into the eventide of his life he may have rest from every burden, grace to meet every need and receive from Thee an abiding peace that passeth all understanding. May the light of Thy countenance shine upon him. May faith, hope and love ever brighten in his declining years. Take not from him Thy Holy Spirit, but grant that he may pass the remainder of his life in Thy love, Thy faith and to Thy glory. All of this we ask in the Name of the Supreme High Priest of the Universe to whom be the glory and honor forever. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, be seated. (PRESENTING CERTIFICATE AND PIN TO COMPANION TESSIER)

M:I: GRAND MASTER CLAMPITTE: Companions, I'm not going to go through the same ceremony that Most Excellent did, but I am going to read out the Cryptic history. According to this, you must have been Greeted in New Mexico and didn't get active until you came to Texas, but you were Greeted in the Royal Master's on April the 17th, 1959, and Select Master's on April 17th, 1959. You have been Thrice Illustrious Master in 1999-2000 at Kerrville Council.

It is my pleasure to present to you your Fifty Year Pin and hope that you don't stop now.

COMPANION TESSIER I hope so, too.

M:I: GRAND MASTER CLAMPITTE: (PRESENTING CERTIFICATE AND PIN) It comes with a pin and you also get a certificate and I'm going to include your history with it. You may like to have that and keep it for reference. So congratulations for a job well done.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companion, is there anything you would like to say to the Companions?

COMPANION TESSIER: Well, this all happened a long time ago. When I went through all the ceremonies fifty some-odd years ago, I never thought that I'd be this old or I'd taken better care of myself.

(LAUGHTER)

COMPANION TESSIER: I had a lot of help along the way and I appreciate all the support I've had from all of my Companions here through these years. Thank you very much.

(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: My Companions, we will now have the Address of the Grand Orator by our Excellent Grand Orator Jack McGee Harper, II.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND ORATOR

E: GRAND ORATOR HARPER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions:

Let me begin by saying what a great pleasure it has been to have been appointed as Grand Orator this past year by Most Excellent Douglas Collins. It has truly been an honor, and I have enjoyed every minute.

It is my hope that this Grand Oration is worthy of his trust.

Singer and songwriter Tom Cochrane penned a song back in 1992 entitled Life is a Highway, and a portion of the lyrics is:

“Life's like a road that you travel on
When there's one day here and the next day gone.
Sometimes you bend, sometimes you stand
Sometimes you turn your back to the wind.
There's a world outside every darkened door
Where blues won't haunt you anymore.
Where the brave are free and lovers soar
Come ride with me to the distant shore.
We won't hesitate, break down the garden gate
There's not much time today.

Life is a highway
I want to ride it all night long.
If you're going my way
I want to ride it all night long.

There's no load I can't hold
Road so rough, this I know.
I'll be there when the light comes in
Tell 'em we're survivors.”

You know, when you stop to think about it Masonry, and Royal Arch Masonry, is a highway that each of us as Masons and wives is on. Thus, this Grand Oration is entitled The Royal Arch Highway.

Royal Arch Masonry has come a long way indeed since coming to Texas. We learn from Very Excellent Jewell Preston Lightfoot in a “History of the Relations Between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America,” published in 1943, that the first legally opened Chapter of Royal Arch Masons occurred in 1838 in Matagorda, Texas, under the auspices of Companion Dugald McFarlane. Soon thereafter, two other Chapters were formed. Then, 10 December 1841, after the Grand Lodge of Texas had voted to grant dispensations to four Chapters in Texas, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas held a convention on 23 December 1841 to officially take control over Royal Arch Masonry in Texas. However, questions arose concerning the legitimacy of the charters (a story that has been told in other volumes, and too lengthy for this Oration), and in 1849 the Companions voted to dissolve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas. However, in 1850, with the

support of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was formed.

Since 1850 much has happened, and many miles have been traveled. Royal Arch Masonry had to endure the Civil War, adopting and standardizing an esoteric ritual (not an easy feat at the time), as well as the Great Depression, along with World Wars I and II, the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War conflicts. During this time, even though there were periods where times were hard, the Craft continued to flourish, and grow stronger than before. However, we now find ourselves looking over a precipice and examining our infrastructure and our numbers of Companions.

As stated, we are focusing on the Royal Arch Highway. So since 1841 a great deal of time has gone into building that highway, if you will. Many great Companions have contributed much time, effort and knowledge to make our highway as well constructed as can be. However, we are at a point now where our highway (as many other highways currently are in America) at the point where we need to go back, examine our infrastructure, and make the necessary repairs so that we can continue to travel down this highway.

As we have all heard or read numerous times, "Freemasonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols"; therefore, I will offer up a symbol of my own: a highway! As we begin this analogy, if each of you will take a moment and picture in your mind a brand new section of interstate. Now, think about how nice that is. There are no potholes in the asphalt, or cracks in the concrete. All the markings are shiny and bright. Just think if all highways were this nice! Now, picture in your mind the other highway, the one that does have potholes in the asphalt or cracks in the concrete. This highway continues to be driven over by heavy vehicles and trucks and deteriorates day by day. Yet, it seems that maybe because of the high volume of traffic that no repairs ever seem to be made and eventually the highway will get so bad that no one will want to travel upon it; and eventually if no repairs are ever made, it simply fades into the night, hardly being traveled again.

Compare and contrast the two highway examples, and let us ask ourselves, which one better represents our own Royal Arch Highway? I would say that we are probably not the shiny new highway, neither are we the highway that is fading into the night. We are, however, traveling down the path, and it is now that we must look at rebuilding our infrastructure so that we do not get to such a dire point. What infrastructure is it we must repair, and how? Let us again look to the literal highway for an example.

The first step in building a highway is to start with the foundation and sub-grade as this is the chief strength and support for our highway. In examining our sub-grade we will want to know what soil we will be working with, as this will determine the proper method of stabilization to use. Thus, for us to fix our Royal Arch Highway, we must look at our infrastructure. That is, how are we doing from our elected Grand Chapter Officers, as well as our constituent Chapters? Our Grand High Priest, prior to his ascension to that office, made it a point to visit each and every Chapter in our great state. While not trying to speak on his behalf, I am sure that he would mention that several of our Chapters could use some help. That means we, as the Grand Chapter Officers have to be willing and ready to assist if need be, but also to keep the greater good of Royal Arch Masonry in mind.

The second step in building a highway is to use a stabilizing agent. Let us say lime. What this does is to take the sub-grade, and mix with it to form a much stronger and longer lasting sub-grade. In order to complete this work, the Working Tools of an Operative Highway Builder must be used: the Mixer, Road Reclaimer, Compactor, Roller and Motor Grader. Now these Working Tools might be different from our own Speculative Tools of the Chisel, Mallet, Crow, Pick and Spade. Regardless of the Operative or Speculative Working Tools, we need to make sure that both constituent Chapters and Grand Chapter have the right tools to re-build our highway. Do we have those tools necessary? Have we looked into our closets or storage rooms to find them? My point is that, if we do not have the necessary tools at our disposal in our tool belt, then we cannot fix our highway. It is my belief that we do have the necessary tools, but we have not taken them all out of our tool belt yet. Self introspection is a difficult thing to perform and look inward at our situation; yet, a willingness to look at and embrace change will go a long way.

The third step in rebuilding a highway is to use the aforementioned Working Tools of an Operative Highway Builder and mix in the lime and spread it evenly on the sub-grade, then to bring in the Mixer and Roller to compact the sub-grade to maximum compaction. This equates to us using our tools and getting down to our basic level in Royal Arch Masonry and making the necessary decisions from the ground or sub-grade up. Nothing on the surface will matter if our sub-grade is weak, or unable to handle the weight

and pressure of the changing times.

The fourth step in building a highway is to make a base for the surface wear. This entails using limestone for our base rock, which will help to form a high density compaction rock. After all the base rock has been placed on to the sub-grade, it is time for the Motor Grader to spread the rock evenly in two inch lifts across the surface. This must be done three separate times so that there is a total of a six inch base. As for our Royal Arch Highway, that means that we need to take the time to continually add to our own sub-grade. This can be accomplished through our ritual work, pride, service and dedication and devotion to our gentle craft. We as Royal Arch Masons must have a solid foundation in order to be the best we can be and to bear good witness for the Grand Chapter.

The fifth and sixth steps in building a highway are to bring in asphalt cement and run it through an asphalt paving machine, which will lay a mat of hot asphalt of a depth of two to three inches. Once this is laid, workers will follow behind using rakes to smooth and sculpt the asphalt. This will hid any lines or joints that the asphalt paver cannot smooth out. Then a steel wheel roller is used to compact the asphalt and then a pneumatic roller which gets off all the lines left behind and provides the final compaction.

To me, this analogy with the highway is also similar to our concepts of rough and smooth ashlars. In other words, those individuals with rakes smoothing out the rough edges of the asphalt are also necessary for our Royal Arch Highway. Who among us is willing to help our fellow Companion to smooth out their rough spots and perhaps the rough spots of our Chapters? Who among us is willing to look inward at our Royal Arch Craft and closely examine our fault lines and weak spots and work towards fixing them? Companions, if none among us is willing to do this, we will be incomplete and never realize our true goal and our highway will come to an end. This is a task that does not just rest on our Grand Chapter Officers, but as well upon each Chapter Officer and Member.

Before moving on, I would like to thank Brother Bryan Chamberlain for his insightfulness into providing me with a better understanding of road construction. Any errors in relaying this concept are mine alone. Companions, we truly do have a great job ahead of us in restoring the so desperately needed infrastructure for our Royal Arch Highway, but it is a task I know we are able to conquer. The country music singer Steve Wariner wrote a song entitled "Life's Highway" in 1985 and it says:

Sun is up, time's at hand.
There's a stir upon the land.
And so brings another day
On life's highway.

On city streets, down country roads,
Like a stream the people flow.
There's bread to win and tolls to pay
On life's highway.

There is hope with ev'ry turn,
A bridge to build, a bridge to burn.
It's hoping you never go astray
On life's highway.

We are young, them are old,
Passin' through then passin' on.
Like the roses bloom and fade
On life's highway.

Step by step, round and round
Never knowing where we're bound.
From the cradle to the grave
On life's highway."

How appropriate, Companions! Truly the sun is up, the time is at hand and a new day has begun for each of us to begin taking back our Royal Arch Highway. And, while there are tolls to pay and bridges to build, hopefully there will not be many bridges burned.

Replacing our Royal Arch Highway will be a lasting legacy that current Companions can bestow and one that will be an enduring gift; one that should last several generations. While it is true that our highway will last longer by always providing constant maintenance, if we can be the group that begins this construction and can begin to see it through, our highway will be well on its way. The issue, however, is one that I pointed out earlier and that is our current condition. While we are neither the shiny new highway nor the road that has been abandoned, we must take immediate action to preserve our Royal Arch Highway. In order to keep our highway continuing on great paths that started back in 1841, we must realize that we are at a crossroads. We must realize that it is up to each and every one of us to immediately commit to making a difference. I know that we will make the right choice and the only choice. I know that difficult decisions will have to be made, but I stand committed to help. Companions, being that our Royal Arch Highway is at a crossroads, I ask you this question: Which path will we choose? My response is to leave you with this poem, "The Road Less Traveled," by Robert Frost:

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down, long as far as one could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by
And that has made all the difference."

Thank you.

(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Excellent Companion Harper. That was a great Oration.

At this time we will prepare to call back to labor. I want to thank the Youth Groups for having come this morning and brought a message and Companion Tessier for waiting until the Grand Session to have his Fifty Year Award presented. I want to thank the Grand Orator for having such a great Oration.

At this time I will ask that - we are getting ready to call back to labor and any present not Royal Arch Masons will please excuse themselves. Thank you all for being here. Let's give them a round of applause.

(APPLAUSE)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor.

Companion Royal Arch Captain, you will so inform the Grand Guard. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, if I get something wrong in the wording or the gaveling you up and down, I'd like to promise you the next time I'm Grand High Priest I won't do that.

(LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Okay. Getting back to business, Companion Grand Secretary, do you have Resolutions to make?

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

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 this Resolution.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Second the motion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded to seat all the Companions in good standing. All in favor, signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION
(Honorary Members)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that all out-of-state guests who are not Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter. Most Excellent, I move the adoption of this Resolution.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Second the motion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: It has been moved and seconded to make all out-of-state guests who have not already been made so Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter. All in favor will let it be known by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: If you will please come up to the Grand Secretary's Office, we will fix you up a card.

RESOLUTION
(Setting Time of Election)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the time for Election of Grand Officers in this Grand Chapter be set at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 20th, 2009, and shall have priority over all other business. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Resolution.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Second the motion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion and second setting the time for Election of Grand Officers at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 20th, 2009.

All in favor, signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We will now have the Roll Call of Grand Officers. And if you would, come up and all of you line up in front of the Altar.

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

DOUGLAS COLLINS	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
G. CLAY SMITH	R:E: GRAND KING
KENNETH E. COOLEY	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
THOMAS KEITHLY (pro-temp)	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
JACK M. HARPER, II	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
DONNIE M. SWANGO	E: GRAND ORATOR
GARY W. HOREJSI, SR.	E: GRAND MARSHAL
WILLIAM P. IRVING, JR.	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
ROBERT E. WOOTEN	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
DILLON E. VANDERFORD, JR.	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
H. NELSON DUNN (pro-temp)	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
KENNETH COTTER	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
HARRY A. BRADLEY	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
RAYMOND R. RENFROE	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
LEONARD O. PIERCE	E: GRAND ORGANIST
ARNOLD LANGSTON	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
	E: GRAND GUARD

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: They have all answered, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Companions, Excellent Sirs, I want to thank you for having served your Grand Chapter as Grand Officers this year. You all have done a fine job. I'm glad to see all of you here today and ready. We are sorry that due to a death in the family Clinton McKenzie couldn't be here. His father passed away a couple of days ago and he's tied up with that.

Companions, these are your Grand Officers. Let's give them a hand.

(APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: And, Companion - Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Gary Horejsi, would you give a response for the Grand Officers.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: From the microphone right there.

RESPONSE FOR GRAND OFFICERS

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST HOREJSI: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Grand Officers, Right Excellent Grand Officers and Excellent Sirs and Companions:

It's hard to speak for all these gentlemen knowing exactly what's in their hearts, but I can safely say this: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter and you during this Capitular Year. I know, you know, as you get older, the years go faster. This was a very fast year for me and I'm sure for them also, and I truly enjoyed it and I'm sure each of these fine gentlemen did also.

I was reading some of the Proceedings from the Grand Lodge and from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and Grand Council and most of the Responses praised the Grand Presiding Officer an unbelievable amount.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I'm waiting. (LAUGHTER)

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST HORESJI: Well, I'm not going to do that. (LAUGHTER)

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST HORESJI: It is my opinion, Companions, that if you have spent any time at all with this Grand High Priest and even in a thirty second conversation you would know the type of man that he is, his integrity, his honesty, sincerity and his devotion to the Masonic Fraternity. He is without a doubt an excellent Grand High Priest.

I believe that and I may be wrong, but did you not have to pull the Charter of one Chapter this year?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: One Chapter.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST HORESJI: He had to perform one sad duty that I thought had happened. I just verified it that he had to pull the Charter of one Chapter. He almost pulled the Charter of another Chapter that is in my Capitular District down in 22. But owing to his honesty and integrity, he had an Official Visit down to the south of San Antonio, spoke with them and while they are not healed, they are alive and doing much, much better. There are a couple of representatives here today, but I'm not going to ask them to stand. I don't want to embarrass them, but he did go down, speak with them and they are alive and they are getting better. They have conducted a Festival. The Commandery is better because of his visit and that's the type of man he is. He went down and he read them the riot act in a very Masonic fashion. They realized that they were in trouble. Now they're moving right along.

And Most Excellent Grand High Priest, one of the Companions down there, the County Sheriff, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. I thought you would want to know that.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I'm sorry to hear that.

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST HORESJI: I guess he's doing okay. I haven't gotten the official word lately. All I know is the doctor said it was caught early enough and hopefully he will be okay. He is not up here today. You know who I am speaking because you were a lawman. You all travel in the same little clique and get all of us non-lawmen on the highway. (LAUGHTER)

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST HORESJI: But, again, Companions, our Grand High Priest, in my opinion, did an excellent job and we thank you again, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Gary. Appreciate it. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: He wants to get a photo of you all standing there and if you will be seated, we will have the Roll Call of the Living Past Grand High Priests.

If the Living Past Grand High Priests would gather on the west side of the Altar, also.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: The Living Past Grand High Priests.

ROLL CALL OF THE LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

JAMES A (RED) SCOTT*	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS	1974
JAMES M. WILLSON, JR.	FLOYDADA, TEXAS	1978
ROBERT H. (BOB) WATERS	GARLAND, TEXAS	1979
E. FRANK SMITH*	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	1980
LESLIE L. COONE	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	1982
FARRIS L. BENHAM	AMARILLO, TEXAS	1989
JERRY N. KIRBY	RED OAK, TEXAS	1991
ELDON L. BROOKS	GRANBURY, TEXAS	1992
JACK L. WRIGHT	ARLINGTON, 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*	PORT ARTHUR, 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
CLARENCE J. LANEY	DALLAS, TEXAS	2008

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Very Excellent Sirs, I want to thank you all for being here at your Grand Chapter. There are several of you that I have sought counsel from over the last couple of years and you have readily given it to me, sometimes even when I wasn't seeking it. (LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: But I want to thank you for your interest, for your love of this Grand Chapter, for your willingness to be of aid at any time. I look forward to joining your ranks in the not too distant future, like pretty doggone soon and I'm looking forward also to the banquet tonight.

So, Companions, let's give these Past Grand High Priests a round of applause. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companion Roy Elliott, would you make a response for the Past Grand High Priests.

RESPONSE FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Most Excellent.

As always, the Past Grand High Priests have been available for the Grand High Priest to ask and sometimes without being asked to extend advice. It is always a pleasure to be able to assist this Grand Chapter in any manner we are asked to do.

We hope that in the future we will all be around to extend some advice to the incoming Grand High Priest. It has been a pleasure this year to be active with this Grand Chapter and assist you in any manner that we have been able to do. Thank you very much for the recognition. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We would ask for the Roll Call of District Deputy Grand High Priests. If you all will come down and assemble on the west side of the Altar.

ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

DIST.	NAME	CHAPTER NAME	NO.
1	W. H. (Bill) Guy*	Ogilvie	115
2	Jesse M. Newton	Longview	177
3	John H. Chapman, II*	Nacogdoches	13
4	Robert Uzzell	Tyler	24
5	Steven L. Arnold	Port Neches	436
7	Delbert Price*	Brenham	5
8	William Giles, Jr.	Goose Creek	408
9	Jack T. Peebles	Park Place	458
10	Brady G. Elliott	Richmond	467
11	Joe R. Gilmore	Greenville	114
12	Floyd G. Day*	Sherman	62
13	Dennis L. Bolt*	Mabank	435
14	William L. Free*	Dallas	47
15	Steven R. Heald	Midlothian	211
16	Randall Scott Wall*	Ennis	135
17	Kenneth E. Miller*	Cleburne	100
18	(Vacant)		
19	Phillip C. Faletto	Granbury	454
20	C. Keith Orrison*	Lone Star	6
21*	Richard L. Vaughn (Deceased)	Mount Horeb	57

22	Gary W. Horejsi, Jr.*	Seguin	344
23	H. Nelson Dunn	San Antonio	381
24	Juan G. Pena, Jr.*	Corpus Christi	91
25	Joe N. Rodriguez	Brownsville	495
26	Joseph D. Smith*	Alvord	193
27	Robert D. Collier	Arlington	376
29	Richard D. Doss**	Quanah	450
30	A. M. (Mac) Crowder	Hamlin	310
31	Arliss C. Weber	Big Spring	178
32	Arliss C. Weber	Big Spring	178
33	Candido Gutierrez	Sam J. Helm	445
35	Ricardo Gonzalez	El Paso	157
36	Robert E. Chesser*	Hugh J. McClellan	248
38	Elijah E. West*	Amarillo	196
39	Thomas G. Moore*	Laredo	185
40	Dean O. Hildreth	Alpha	243

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

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Right Excellent Sirs, I want to thank you for the job that you did this year. We had a couple of new things that came up that District Deputies had not been asked to do before and for the most part you did your job well. You contributed greatly to the first year's success of the Zerubbabel Award in most cases and represented me well in your Districts.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the job you did. I hope you have continued success in your Masonic career. Let's give these District Deputies a nice round of applause. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I will ask Right Excellent Jack Peebles to give the Response.

RESPONSE FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST PEEBLES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of your District Deputy Grand High Priests I want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. It has been our privilege to represent you in the several Capitular Districts and we hope that we have done our job to your satisfaction and to that of the Craft.

We wish you all the best and thank you for the service to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE)

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

Right Excellent Grand Secretary, we will have the Roll Call of Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND JURISDICTION

Alabama
Alaska
Alberta
Argentina
Arizona
Arkansas
Belgium
British Columbia
California
Canada

NAME

Earl E. Tweed
Jack W. Lester, Jr.
David G. Mather
Jeffery S. Bennett*
Richard C. Sharp
Orville L. O'Neill
William L. Blanks**
H. David Moore
Douglas Collins
A. D. (Lonnie) Boggs

Colorado
 Connecticut
 Delaware
 District of Columbia
 Finland
 Florida
 France
 Georgia
 Germany
 Hawaii
 Idaho
 Illinois
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 Italy
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 New Brunswick
 New Hampshire
 New Jersey
 New Mexico
 New South Wales
 New York
 New Zealand
 North Carolina
 North Dakota
 Nova Scotia
 Ohio
 Oklahoma
 Oregon
 Pennsylvania
 Philippines
 Portugal
 Quebec
 Queensland
 Rhode Island
 Saskatchewan
 Scotland
 South Australia
 South Carolina
 South Dakota
 Switzerland
 Tennessee
 Utah

Kenneth E. Cooley
 G. Clay Smith
 Virgil Sam Allsbrooks
 Mark D. Myer
 Justin L. Van Kleeck*
 John C. Elkinton
 John D. Newman*
 Carl H. Garrison
 Dillon Vanderford, Jr.
 William A. Bilsing, II
 William E. (Bill) Schroeter
 Lawrence E. Tucker
 Alfred E. Bell*
 Raymond M. White
 Arliss Weber
 Ronald D. Park
 David Fallas*
 Thomas N. Turner
 Mitchell R. Jones
 William D. Snipes**
 James Roy Elliott
 A. Glen McCandless
 Ronald J. Price
 Jack M. Harper, II
 Brian R. Dodson
 Arnold R. Langston
 Donald R. Donnenwerth*
 H. Bart Henderson
 David L. Anderson
 Wayne D. Groce*
 Edwin M. Lindke **
 Larry G. Canada
 Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
 Farris L. Benham
 Fred E. Allen
 John J. MacGregor, II*
 Clarence J. Laney
 David James (Jim) Davis*
 James D. Berry**
 Michael H. Shively
 Robert A. Foreman**
 Paul D. Warren
 W. David Melear
 Patrick Hammers*
 Joe O. Estlack
 J. M. (Jimmy) Willson, Jr.
 J. Weldon Clampitte
 C. Louis Hopkins
 N. W. (Butch) Hanna, Jr.
 Dwight W. Phillips
 A. F. (Frank) Berkley
 Charles Steve Wolfe
 James D. Ward
 Paul E. Wunsche
 Charles E. McKay
 B. J. Young
 Robert D. Collier
 Joe R. Gilmore
 Jack E. Beeler
 Jack L. Wright
 Jerry Pingle

Venezuela
Vermont
Victoria
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
West Australia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

John W. Duke**
B. J. Richmond**
Joe E. Schriever
F. E. (Skip) Smith, Jr.
Jack T. Peebles
Kirby Rudisill*
E. Frank Smith**
Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.
William P. Irving, Jr.

(* DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

(** EXCUSED)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Companions, thank you. You are our eyes and ears to the rest of the world and we appreciate the job that you have undertaken. I know that not all of you are always in contact with the states that you represent, but let me tell you what I got to thinking about doing and we are going to do it. I'm going to start sending a copy of "Through the Veils Newsletter" to the Grand Chapters of the different states. So maybe this will spark some interest in their getting in contact with you and we will see what transpires from that.

I want to thank all of you for the job that you are doing, the job that you will continue to do and some of you who are new in this job, let's keep in contact with our other Grand Jurisdictions.

I'd like to have - Companion Skip Smith, could I get you to respond for the Grand Representatives. Go to the microphone or the podium either one. You are always easy when it's extemporaneous.

RESPONSE FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

COMPANION F.E. SKIP SMITH: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers:

It is our pleasure to serve you in this capacity. The joy that we receive by communicating with each other's Jurisdictions brings light and ideas into this Grand Chapter and hopefully we can continue to serve you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir. Let's give these Representatives a round of applause. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We will receive the Roll Call of the Recipients of the Golden Keystone Awards. As your name is called, please come down to the Altar.

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
Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr**	San Jacinto 7	2006
Robert E. Black	Keystone 172	2006
Earl E. Tweed	Dallas 47	2007
Reese L. Harrison, Jr.	San Antonio 381	2007
Ronald D. Park	Dallas 47	2008
J.P. Pat Collier, Jr.**	Southeast Texas 465	2008
D. Doye Sudduth	Tyler 24	2009
Thomas G. Keithly	Dallas 47	2009

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

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir.

Companions, there is not much of a simple way to say it than I'm going to say it this way. Here are your super Masons. Here are your Masons that have - that have gone head and shoulders above the rest of the Craft by their diligence to the Craft, their long service, your commitment and the things that I mentioned last night. All of you are equally justified in receiving and being recipients of this Award. I want to thank you very much for your outstanding service to Capitular Masonry. Let's give these Companions a standing round of applause.
(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Companions. I will ask Companion Jack Beeler to give the Response. He's another one of our TLR Past Masters.

RESPONSE FOR GOLDEN KEYSTONE RECIPIENTS

COMPANION JACK E. BEELER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is an honor to respond for such a distinguished group and I appreciate Orville. Thank you, Orville. You followed instructions well. He changed up the Roll Call this year and I almost missed my name. This is the first time I wasn't first.

It is a long time being associated with this fine group and I just - I'm saddened that our oldest living Recipient is in deteriorating health, Gene Thalmann. I had an opportunity to visit with him last spring, but his heart is still with the Craft, but his mind is failing and his body is failing and he's unable to travel. But he's still trying to serve Capitular Masonry. I give him a hearty heads up for the service that he is doing.

We are delighted that Thomas Keithly and Doye Sudduth joined our ranks last night and they are distinguished in the fact, Companions, that they are very select Brethren. They are now Recipients of the Golden Keystone, the Royal Purple Service Award and the Knight Templar Cross of Honour. So welcome, three-star generals.

It is an honor for us to serve this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and any time that we can be of service to any of you, give us a call and Cody will take care of it.
(LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Companions.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Sir, would you ask all of our Out-of-State Guests to please retire and the In-State Guests also.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Yes, would all of the Out-of-State Guests for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council please meet with Jimmy Willson outside so we can receive you. All the Masonic Dignitaries, both out-of-state and in-state, you are going to be introduced. Companions, please give your attention to the introductions of Guests.

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

NAME & TITLE

PRESENTED BY:

JOE P. DIEDERICH

Right Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas.

MITCHELL RAY JONES

CHARLES STUTTLE, II

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas.

MITCHELL RAY JONES

KENNETH STORY

Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas; Very Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas; Personal Representative of Arkansas near Texas.

MITCHELL RAY JONES

DAVID F. SNYDER

Past Very Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas, Past Very Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, Past Very Illustrious Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, and currently serving as the Grand Master General of Convent General of the KYCH.

CHARLES STEVE WOLFE

JOHN BELANGER

Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the great State of Louisiana and Past Very Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana

PAUL WARREN

VERNON ATKINSON

Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana.

PAUL WARREN

TIMOTHY RILEY, JR.

Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Grand Cryptic Council of Masons in the State of Louisiana.

PAUL WARREN

TIMOTHY RILEY, SR.

Right Illustrious Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana and he is the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana, and a Past Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana.

PAUL WARREN

RICARDO RUIZ GUILLEN

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

HERIBERTO RODRIGUEZ LUNA

Illustrious Master of Monterrey Council No. 3 in Monterrey, Mexico.

IKE ISAACS

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

GENE SCHNEIDER

KENNETH BUCKLEY

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma, Most Eminent Grand Registrar-General of the Convent General of the USA and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

GENE SCHNEIDER

NICK RAMOS

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

JERRY KIRBY

EDMUND D. HARRISON

Right Excellent General Grand King Of General Grand Chapter of the United States of America and Personal Representative of Emory J. Ferguson, the General Grand High Priest.

MICHAEL SHIVELY**RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED TEXAS GUESTS****HELD JOINTLY WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS****NAME & TITLE****PRESENTED BY:****DOCK F. DIXON**

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**DAVID MELEAR**

V:E: Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

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

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

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

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**H. BART HENDERSON**

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**JERRY N. KIRBY**

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**LOYD L. CHANCE**

Right Eminent Grand Recorder and Honorary Past Grand Commander
Grand Governor in Texas of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America

THOMAS W. SNYDER**JERRY L. PINGLE**

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**JOHN C. ELKINTON**

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**JACK M. HARPER, II**

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

THOMAS W. SNYDER**J.M. JIMMY WILLSON, JR.**

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and Right

THOMAS W. SNYDER**LAWRENCE E. TUCKER**

Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights of the United States of America

THOMAS W. SNYDER**TOMMY GUEST**

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

BRIAN R. DODSON**GENE CARNES**

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

BRIAN R. DODSON**ORVILLE L. O'NEILL**

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

BRIAN R. DODSON**W. DAVID COUNTS**

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

J. WELDON CLAMPITTE

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

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE)

M:I: GRAND MASTER CLAMPITTE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master -
(LAUGHTER)

M:I: GRAND MASTER CLAMPITTE: - it is my pleasure and extreme privilege to introduce to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas, the Most Worshipful W. David Counts and my friend.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Worshipful Grand Master, we welcome you into your Grand Chapter. We are pleased you are here. The three of us have kind of been running lines here for the last couple of years. It's been a pleasure working with you and we look forward to working with you in any way that we can. If we can assist you, just let us know.

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER COUNTS: Thank you all. Please be seated.
It is indeed a pleasure for me to be here. I have had a wonderful experience, but it is good to be home in my Grand Council and my Grand Chapter.

We're all in this together. You know, we this year talked about membership. For some reason collectively we have all began to see a lot more work done all through our Blue Lodges, the Chapters, the Councils and it's good. It's a good thing and it is real good that it is catching. When one Blue Lodge or Chapter or Council gets to working pretty good and somebody else sees it and they get busy and get their work going, too.

We have gotten some good publicity with the Dan Brown book. I think it will continue to focus light on Masonry. I haven't read the book yet, but I have been told some about it. It may talk about some of the things that maybe don't get to the Chapter and the Council, but we're all Brothers. We're all Masons first. Then from there we grow.

We have lots of young Masons. I had a little reservation about the 18 year olds. I have been wrong about other things.
(LAUGHTER)

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER COUNTS: These young men that you see, you can see our future if you look in their eyes and talk to one of them and it's going real good. Our future is secure. But thank you all for being here. Thank you for what you do. I enjoyed what you all allowed me to do very much and look for you all back the first week of December and get Orville started on the right road.

COMPANION AND M:W: GRAND MASTER COUNTS: But thank you all. We're all in this together and it's good, it's a good thing. The better we can do in Grand Lodge, the better we're going to do in the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council. One follows the other. I'm so glad to be here with you and thank you for letting me come visit. Thank you.
(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, that concludes the Introduction of all of our Dignitaries. Thank you very much. We will have the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

COMPANION GARY DIXON, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I'm Gary Dixon, Past High Priest of Tyler Chapter No. 24 and I'm here to give you the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee as of 8:30 a.m. today.

Present are:

- 16 Grand Chapter Officers
- 15 Past Grand High Priests
- 262 Past High Priests
- 19 High Priests
- 5 Kings
- 6 Scribes

67	Chapter Representatives
25	District Deputy Grand High Priests
68	Grand Representatives of Texas near other Grand Jurisdictions
8	Visitors
68	Chapters
13	Out-of-State Guests

We have a total of 67 Chapter ballots issued for 201 votes for Companions holding three votes and 262 individual ballots for 262 votes of Companions holding a one-vote ballot for a total of 463 votes.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID ROGERS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM
MICHAEL KUHLMANN, GARY DIXON, JEFF MILLER, REX LEWIS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Gary.

COMPANION DIXON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, thank you for the opportunity to serve on your Credentials Committee and this Grand Chapter.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you. You did a great job.

(R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE THEN ASSUMED THE STATION OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST (AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: It is now time for the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Most of you have it in the program that you got. I'm not going to repeat all of it; just various parts of it here that I want to highlight. The rest of it is in the program. And I will also give my Supplemental Report at the completion of this.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most Excellent Acting Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Right Excellent Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priests, Excellent Grand Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Grand Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and my Companions all, thank you so very much for your attendance at this 160th Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

I trust that thus far, you have found everything to be satisfactory with your accommodations and needs. Welcome to the City of Waco and it is my sincere hope that your stay will be positively memorable.

For those of you who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time, I hope that it will be an educational and rewarding experience, an experience that will stimulate you to return annually and induce you to urge your Companions to join with us in our annual efforts.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for electing me to serve as your Grand High Priest. This has been the most wonderful experience of my life. It gave me the stimulus to visit each and every Chapter in Texas over the past four years, meeting and making new friends, participating in many stimulating discussions with the Companions, and trying to help out in reaching a solution to the various challenges with which our Capitular Fraternity has been challenged. In all these events, I have been straightforward with you in my opinions and suggestions. This address will be no different.

STATE OF THE ORDER

It would be wonderful if I could stand here, look you straight in the eye, and declare that we are in good shape. It would be wonderful, but dishonest.

Even though there are Chapters doing exceptional work around the state, they are in the minority. Too many Chapters are relying upon some other Chapter to sponsor a Festival so they don't have to learn the work instead of getting together, practicing the ritual, and conferring the degrees by themselves. Way too many Chapter Officers have difficulty, ranging from slight to extreme, in the simple process of opening and closing their Chapter in due and ancient form, a situation that would not be tolerated in the Blue Lodge or Commandery. This difficulty could be alleviated with a little practice at each meeting. It is that simple. The ability to confer the degrees could be alleviated with a little practice at each meeting.

Companions, when I've been in Chapters that have difficulty opening and closing because the Officers did not know their parts, I've suggested, "Why don't you have a practice on it right after the meeting?" And invariably right after the meeting, everybody hooks 'em and goes home instead of getting together and having a practice and working a little bit to try to make their opening and closing presentable.

I have noticed too many times, that Chapters on the edge of the abyss are those same Chapters that meet infrequently, that meet just often enough to satisfy the requirements set forth in Grand Chapter law. It has been my observation that these Chapters regularly run in to the problem of not having a quorum at the meetings, usually because the meetings are spaced so far apart that the Companions forget about them and fail to show up. If they were holding a monthly meeting, it would be easily remembered that the Chapter meets on the 2nd Monday or the 4th Thursday of the month, every month. Meeting quarterly, then not having a quorum, is a fast track way to losing not only interest in Capitular masonry, but also, to losing the charter. Too many times, the impression inferred from these Chapters was just, "go along to get along". Sadly, this attitude, once manifested in the officers, creates negative habits that are hard to shake.

On the positive side, there are Chapters in this state whose leaders have taken to heart the advice and guidance put forth by the planning guide and the suggestions given by the speakers at the conferences. They are opening and closing without the help of the ritual book. They are actively going to Lodges and recruiting new candidates through York Rite presentations. These Chapters are not waiting on some other Chapter to host a festival. They are conferring the degrees on candidates one or two degrees at a time ensuring that the newly made Companion is bonding with his Chapter and learning the meaning and intent of the degrees. This keeps the newly made Companion interested in learning more about the work. Hence, an active Capitular Mason.

The attendance at the 11 conferences held across the state was anemic at best. However, those Companions who attended the conferences were quite pleased with the format which included explanations of the goals of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Master of the Grand Council. The attendees took part in a rather unique breakout session entitled, "What Would You Do?" in which 6 separate scenarios were presented for discussion and sometimes, a lively debate ensued.

Companions, I urge you to redouble your efforts to attend the regional conferences. There is always a very good chance that you will leave with some fresh ideas or concepts that will benefit your Chapter.

Several programs were either continued or implemented to strengthen our York Rite this last year.

The High Priest Planning Guide, begun by V: E: Clarence Laney in 2008 was continued and I hope it will continue for a long time. This is a comprehensive guide for the Excellent King to use in planning his year as Most Excellent High Priest of his Chapter, this would be good for the Senior Warden or the Generalissimo to use also. It is a very comprehensive Masonic book and I want to congratulate Companion Very Excellent Laney for having come up with that.

The Zerubbabel Award is an award bestowed upon the Chapters with the highest accumulation of points as graded by the District Deputy Grand High Priests at their visits to the Chapters. Its goal is to encourage the Chapter Officers to work together using all resources available to make their Chapter a place where

their members can enjoy fellowship and participate in the common goal of increasing attendance and membership.

The publication, "Through The Veils", is the official publication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the companions informed as to current and upcoming events in our Grand Jurisdiction. It features commentary by the Grand High Priest and Grand Master, the latest news from around Texas, the newest members as reported to me from the Secretaries of host Chapters at York Rite festivals and from the Chapters who confer their own degrees, items of historical interest, photos from different activities such as degree conferrals, festivals, installations, Past High Priest nights, Cornerstone Awards and 50-year presentations.

The publication began as a five page black & white letter and has blossomed into an eight page full-color piece that rivals a lot of similar publications. I can tell you right now I am very proud of it and I have received some very good comments about it. If you are not a subscriber to "Through the Veils", you need to be and I'll be available to make sure you are. So please feel free to contact me and we'll get you signed up for it.

Regretfully, the Grand Chapter and Council do not have the funds to send this to every York Rite Mason in Texas, therefore, it will continue to be available by subscription at an annual rate of \$10.00. We have made lifetime subscriptions available for \$100.00. Donations and contributions go a long way in building up a financial reserve to ensure the continued publication of the magazine. The Grand Chapter has secured a non-profit status with the United States Postal Service so that we are not paying first-class postage for distribution. For those of you who do not know, we were having the printing done by a print shop in Austin and thanks to Jim Dougherty, Secretary of Lone Star Chapter No. 6, who is the one that puts it all together, we are now having it printed in full color by the Texas School for the Deaf, which not only benefits them, it benefits us. It gives them a project and gives us reduced cost.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

On 18 November 2008, Right Excellent Robert E. "Bob" Melear, Deputy Grand High Priest, passed from this earth due to complications of emphysema and pneumonia. Bob would have been installed tomorrow as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He was a delight to be around and was always ready with a smile and a joke. Bob was one who lit up the room when he entered. We sorely miss him. His regalia will remain in his chair throughout this Grand Chapter Convocation. Our condolences extend to his wife, Mary and son, Companion W. David Melear, and his sister Nancy.. On 22 November 2008, I opened a Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in Quanah Chapter No. 450, in Quanah, TX, for the purpose of holding a memorial observance prior to the funeral service. There were almost 100 Companions and Brothers in attendance.

On 22 January 2009, I received word of the death of R: E: Richard Vaughn, District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 21. Richard's demise was a shock to all of us. He traveled wherever he could in support of the Grand High Priest and had attended the York Rite Conference in Corpus Christi on 10 January and then the weekend before on 17 January had just been installed as Puissant Sovereign of St. Austin Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine the weekend prior to his untimely death. Richard was a great Masonic asset and will be sorely missed by all.

On 12 May 2009, I learned from V: E: Eldon Brooks PGHP, that R:E: Alan W. "Skip" Dees had passed away earlier in the afternoon. My first thought was that we have lost not only a great ritualist, but, more importantly, an eager student and natural teacher of the lessons taught in Capitular Masonry. Skip was always a gentleman and our Fraternity is worse off for the loss of such a good Mason. I asked V: E: Brooks to open a Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the purpose of conducting a memorial service in honor of Skip.

These three are among the many Companions of this Grand Chapter that sadly we lost this year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIONS
OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

22 November 2008 – Quanah, TX for the purpose of holding a memorial service for R: E: Robert E. "Bob" Melear

16 May 2009 – Midland, TX Opened by V: E: Eldon Brooks PGHP for the purpose of holding a memorial service for R: E: Alan W. "Skip" Dees

Grand Officers present:

Eldon L. Brooks (Pro-Temp)	M:E: Grand High Priest
Clarence J. Laney (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest
Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.	R:E: Grand King
Robert Black (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand Scribe
Paul Summersgill (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand Treasurer
Wayne Groce (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand Secretary
James Manley (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Chaplain
Herb Morgan (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Orator
Jay Bryson (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Marshal
Jackie Matthews (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Captain Of The Host
Jim Davis (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Principal Sojourner
Ricardo Gonzalez (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Royal Arch Captain
Ruben Lara (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Master Of The 3 rd Veil
Gene Schneider (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Master Of The 2 nd Veil
Richard Sanford (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Master Of The 1 st Veil
Harland Johnson (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Senior Steward
Neal Wright (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Junior Steward
Candido Guterrez (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Organist
Ronnie Williams(Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Photographer
Frank Berkley(Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Guard

8 June 2009 – Austin, TX for the purpose of conducting footstone marker ceremonies at the Texas State Cemetery for V: E: Edward Burleson PGHP 1844-45 of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas. Waco, TX for the purpose of conducting footstone marker ceremonies in Oakwood Cemetery for V: E: T. M. Bartley, Honorary Past Grand High Priest and longtime Grand Secretary 1913-1945.

Grand Officers Present:

Douglas Collins	M:E: Grand High Priest
Herbert Fain (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand King
James Crysap (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand Scribe
Ray White (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand Treasurer
Cliff Cameron (Pro-Temp)	R:E: Grand Secretary
Ben Linduff (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Chaplain
Louis Hopkins (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Captain Of The Host
Terry La Grone (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Principal Sojourner
Willaim A. Bilsing (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Royal Arch Captain
H. Nelson Dunn (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Master Of The 3 rd Veil
Bill Bilsing (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Master Of The 2 nd Veil
Gary Adams (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Master Of The 1 st Veil
John Vernon (Pro-Temp)	E: Grand Photographer
Arnold Langston	E: Grand Guard

10 July 2009 – Brenham, TX for the purpose of conducting footstone marker ceremonies for V: E: Barry Gillespie 1841-43. Very Excellent Gillespie was the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas.

FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED

To all the recipients of the Fifty Year Service Award, my most sincere and hearty congratulations for reaching such a milestone and my most sincere and hearty thanks for the service that you have rendered to your home Chapter and your Grand Chapter over the last half-century. It was my pleasure, indeed, honor, to have personally presented several of these awards this past year. I hope that you will be of continued service to Masonry in general. Thank you, again.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Adams, Donald C.	Hurst	492	
Anderson, Bobby J.	Haltom City-Riverside	468	
Anderson, Bruce C.	Sam J. Helm	445	3/20/2009
Ashford, Malcolm A.	Alvord	193	3/5/2009
Atkinson, James H.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	4/11/2009
Bailey, Weldon E.	Will N. Kidd	424	
Baker, Robert C.	Brownwood	141	3/14/2009
Bartlett, Orien D.	San Antonio	381	
Beardon, Robert E.	Floydada	227	4/2/2009
Bell, Alfred E.	Midlothian	211	4/22/2009
Blair, Jr., Robert E.	Garland	451	
Blanks, William L.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	4/11/2009
Bostick, Lewis L.	Floydada	227	3/19/2009
Brady, Homer T.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	
Brown, Clarence M.	Washington	2	6/8/2009
Bryan, Coy W.	Lone Star	6	3/3/2009
Busch, Thomas E.	Helotes	444	
Caldwell, Robert F.	Kilgore	449	to family
Carlisle, Jr., Eddie N.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009
Carruthers, Robert L.	Love Field	478	
Chambers, Eugene A.	Garland	451	
Cleveland, Jr., Courts K.	Texas	362	
Coker, Arbon E.	Seagoville	419	3/23/2009
Combs, George E.	Army	393	
Corkins, Robert K.	Sam J. Helm	445	3/20/2009
Crawford, Sr., Paul R.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	4/11/2009
Crews, George M.	Brownwood	141	
Curry, Preston L.	Ogilvie	115	4/28/2009
Dale, Richard N.	Will N. Kidd	424	4/3/2009
Dallas, Frank T.	Will N. Kidd	424	
Daniel, Isaac M.	Cherokee	11	3/16/2009
DeVore, Jr., Marion S.	Will N. Kidd	424	5/27/2009
Dibrell, George E.	Port Neches	436	6/11/2009
Drum, George E.	Garland	451	
Dunn, Freeman B.	Will N. Kidd	424	
Dunn, Thurman J.	Will N. Kidd	424	
Dykes, Welton W.	Sulphur Springs	63	5/7/2009

Eanes, Marvin M.	Corpus Christi	91	4/2/2009
Eatherly, Joeseeph D.	Haggai	53	
Ellwood, III, William R.	Brownwood	141	3/19/2009
Eppes, Fred R.	Teague	320	
Falkner, Bobby R.	Sam J. Helm	445	3/20/2009
Fitts, George B.	Tyler	24	
Flinn, Owen R.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009
Flynn, Eugene L.	Army	393	
Fowler, William J.	Lloyd L. Gibson	481	4/14/2009
Francis, William D.	Dallas	47	
Garrison, James R.	Port Lavaca	338	4/7/2009
George, Jr., Paul B.	Amarillo	196	5/8/2009
Gibbs, Jr., Robert W.	Waco	45	7/7/2009
Gill, William F.	Port Neches	436	5/27/2009
Gillespie, Jr. Theodore G	Port Neches	436	
Gist, John E.	Brownwood	141	
Glover, David G.	Sulphur Springs	63	deceased
Gritton, Eldon R.	Garland	451	
Gunter, Sidney R.	Midlothian	211	4/22/2009
Harrel, Willie J.	Ogilvie	115	3/26/2009
Harrell, Jr., Roy A.	San Angelo	170	
Harwell, Milton L.	Tarrant	416	
Henderson, III Simon W.	Lufkin	240	
Hightower, Jack E.	Quanah	450	3/12/2009
Hitt, James E.	Love Field	478	
Hocker, Kenneth K.	Arlington	376	5/9/2009
Hope, Woodie L.	Midlothian	211	3/18/2009
Horne, Mitchel L.	Port Neches	436	
Horton, Jr., Vayden H.	Granbury	454	4/23/2009
Ince, Henry W.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	
Irons, John B.	Sulphur Springs	63	5/21/2009
Jacob, Lelon V.	Port Lavaca	338	4/14/2009
Johnson, Calvin C.	Port Neches	436	
Justice, Jesse V.	Port Neches	436	5/15/2009
Karrenbrock, Milton F.	Wichita Falls	202	4/13/2009
Kinsey, Frank E.	Port Lavaca	338	4/8/2009
Kraus, Robert C.	Denison	138	
Krueger, Bernard E.	San Antonio	381	
LaFave, Kenneth E.	Amarillo	196	
Lanford, Lee J.	Dallas	47	4/23/2009
Leatherwood, William, D	Lafayette	48	2/18/2009
Little, Billy F.	Dallas	47	5/1/2009
Lobaugh, Samuel S.	Hugh J. McClellan	248	3/29/2009
Lockhart, Donald D.	Hurst	492	

Ludwig, Fred A.	Ennis	135	5/28/2009
Malone, III, Edwin S.	Texas	362	4/7/2009
Marley, Jeff L.	Grand Prairie	489	
McKee, Billy C.	Mabank	435	4/27/2009
McKenzie, William A.	Dallas	47	
McNeill, Carroll G.	Love Field	478	
Meadows, Jr., Leonard P	Garland	451	
Miculka, John V.	San Antonio	381	
Miles, Mardist L.	Love Field	478	
Miller, Jr., Percy M.	Sam J. Helm	445	3/20/2009
Moore, Curtis R.	Riverside	468	6/11/2009
Moore, Donald R.	Childress	262	5/26/2009
Morgan, Jr., William R.	Texas	362	
Moy, Frank E.	Corpus Christi	91	
Muns, Ralph E.	Sam J. Helm	445	4/9/2009
Nelson, Kay W.	Corpus Christi	91	
Owens, Doyle C.	Corpus Christi	91	
Parrack, Jr., William B.	Hugh J. McClellan	248	
Peters, Karl I.	Park Place	458	
Phillips, Robert E.	Cherokee	11	6/4/2009
Pittman, Travis D.	Washington	2	6/8/2009
Powell, William P.	Garland	451	
Raulston, Jr., Fred D.	Haltom City-Riverside	468	3/5/2009
Reasor, Jr., Ralph E.	Dallas	47	4/22/2009
Redd, Earl B.	B.T. Estes	263	6/10/2009
Reed, James B.	Waco	45	7/7/2009
Reese, James O.	Sam J. Helm	445	4/9/2009
Roach, Richard H.	Garland	451	
Robbins, William G.	Pasadena	455	5/3/2009
Robie, Hubert D.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009
Robinson, Earl L.	Carthage	28	
Ross, Jr., John K.	Granbury	454	4/23/2009
Sadler, Bill F.	Tyler	24	
Schroeter, Sr., William E	Port Neches	436	
Short, John V.	Lufkin	240	
Shriver, Sr., John D.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009
Sinclair, James W.	San Antonio	381	
Sizemore, Dick R.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009
Springer, John P.	Sam J. Helm	445	3/19/2009
Sprinkel, Raymond K.	Lafayette	48	2/18/2009
Stanley, Kenneth R.	Amarillo	196	5/19/2009
Stepp, Henry C.	Washington	2	
Stockton, Wallace L.	Midlothian	211	3/18/2009
Strother, Billy G.	Lafayette	48	2/18/2009

Tate, Alfred M.	Southside-Polytechnic	378	
Taylor, Horace	Grandview	93	4/25/2009
Tennison, Billy G.	Waco	45	7/7/2009
Turner, Lee T.	Hugh J. McClellan	248	
Vaughn, Earlon V.	Ogilvie	115	3/26/2009
Walker, Richard E.	Port Neches	436	
Ward, James H.	Tyler	24	
Watkins, Raymond M.	Love Field	478	
Webb, Jr., John R.	B.T. Estes	263	6/10/2009
Whitley, John W.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009
Wilson, Dorsett E.	Park Place	458	
Young, Howard T.	Tarrant	416	8/19/2009
Zimmerman, William K.	Corpus Christi	91	5/21/2009

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

18 June 2009 – I had the privilege of accepting the nomination of Craig Haggas as our Grand Representative to Georgia

18 June 2009 – I had the privilege of accepting the nomination of Sam E. Harmer as our Grand Representative to Nebraska

CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

24 March 2009 – Granted dispensation for the merger of Bellville Chapter No. 151 with Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, with Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 maintaining the name and number. This was done after all of the requirements of the Constitution and Laws had been met.

SUMMONED MEETINGS OF CHAPTERS

23 October 2008 – Brownwood Chapter No. 141, on direction from the Grand High Priest, held a summoned meeting for the purpose of discussing the future of the Chapter with the members. Brownwood Chapter was in dire financial straits due to one Companion, deceased, being in charge of all funds for the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery and was unable to pay the 2007 returns to Grand Chapter. It was suggested that the dues be immediately raised from the minimum amount and that all members be notified and asked to contribute \$25.00 to \$50.00 each for the purpose of becoming solvent.

25 November 2008 – Santa Anna Chapter No. 346, on direction from the Grand High Priest, was directed to hold a summoned meeting for the purpose of determining the future of the Chapter.

15 January 2009 – Brady Chapter No. 264, on direction from the Grand High Priest, held a summoned meeting for the purpose determining the future of the Chapter. The Chapter was having problems getting a quorum for the meetings and apathy seemed to be the keyword for the day. Other problems cited were as follows: age of members, lack of knowledge regarding Masonry especially in the Royal Arch, distance to travel, etc. The Companions voted 9 to 1 to demise or merge, however, because this was not a tiled Stated Convocation, the vote was more of a "sense of the members" than anything else.

I am proud of the Companions and glad that at a later date, they decided to get together and work to keep their Chapter from failing. So I want to congratulate them for the action that they took later on.

REMOVAL OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

13 July 2009 – I removed the District Deputy Grand High Priest from Capitular District 18 for failure to follow instructions and directions to which he had agreed when he was appointed.

GRAND TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Meetings of the Grand Trustees were held the following dates:

February 28, 2009

April 3, 2009

July 18, 2009

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES

17 November 2008 – Appointed John A. Tuttle to serve on the Committee on Grand Officers Reports for the term to end in 2011 due to the resignation of G. Clay Smith, Grand Scribe.

18 February 2009 – Appointed Onnie H. Weaver to serve on the Committee on Work for the term left vacant by the resignation of Dale D. Secor which occurred on January 7, 2009.

7 July 2009 – Appointed Albert Machts, Jr. to serve on the Committee on Work for the term left vacant by the passing of A.W. Skip Dees.

DISPENSATION TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC

November 24, 2008 – Granted Dispensation to Terrell Chapter No. 146 to appear in public for the purpose of riding on a float in the Terrell Texas Christmas Parade.

DISPENSATIONS TO MEET TEMPORARILY IN ANOTHER LOCATION

26 November 2008 – Granted Dispensation for Texas Chapter No. 362 to hold the January Stated Convocation at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

21 December 2008 – Granted Dispensation to Temple Chapter No. 199 to hold a Called Meeting at King Solomon Lodge No. 1427.

15 February 2009 – Granted Dispensation to Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424 to move their Charter to 4911 Montrose for the purpose of electing candidates at a York Rite Festival.

DISPENSATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF A CHAPTER TO ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE SAME TOWN

12 January 2009 – Granted dispensation for Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to move their Charter from 1100 Henderson St. in Fort Worth, Texas to 7700 Crowley Road in Fort Worth, Texas.

8 July 2009 – Granted Dispensation to Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424 to move their Charter from Oak Forest Lodge No. 1398 to S.P. Waltrip Lodge No. 1328 for the purpose of Installation of Officers.

DISPENSATIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF A CHAPTER TO ANOTHER TOWN

24 January 2009 – Granted dispensation to Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 to move their charter from San Juan, TX to Weslaco Lodge No. 1212, in Weslaco, TX.

4 April 2009 – Granted dispensation to Brownwood Chapter No. 141 to move their charter from Brownwood Lodge No. 279 in Brownwood, TX to Norton Moses Lodge #336 in Leander, TX.

21 April 2009 – Granted dispensation to Haltom City-Riverside Chapter No. 468 to move their Charter from Haltom City-Riverside Lodge No. 1331 to Keller Lodge No. 1084 in Keller, TX.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS OUT OF TIME

28 July 2009 -- Granted dispensation to R.C. Buckner Chapter No. 108 to elect and install officers out of time.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS OUT OF TIME

22 July 2009 – Granted dispensation to Bonham Chapter No. 52 to elect officers out of time.

DISPENSATIONS TO HOLD A YORK RITE FESTIVAL WITH MORE OR LESS THAN THREE CANDIDATES

24 January 2009 – A dispensation to hold a York Rite festival with more or less than three candidates was requested by Washington Chapter No. 2, Houston.

Upon researching the law governing this request, a dispensation was issued pending further review of the law.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS

The request for dispensation to hold a York Rite Festival with more or less than three candidates prompted the question: Is it necessary to request dispensation to hold a York Rite Festival with more or less than three candidates? After consulting the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and conversations with Past Grand High Priests Orville O'Neill and Jimmy Willson it was decided that the article (Article 330) requiring such request had been repealed in 1985 and that it was no longer necessary to request dispensation to hold a York Rite Festival with more or less than three candidates. What is required is that the Secretary of the Chapter notify the Grand High Priest 15 days prior to holding the Festival. That is all that is required. It would be good if the Grand High Priest was notified that a festival is going on well before the 15 days if at all possible.

The correspondence leading to my official decision is as follows:

January 24, 2009

Hon. J. Weldon Clampitt
4911 Montrose
Houston, Tx. 77006

Dear Companion Clampitt:

Dispensation is granted to Houston Chapter No. 2 to confer the Royal Arch Degree on more or less than three candidates at a time.

Article 330 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was repealed in 1986. According to V: E: Jimmy Willson, Jr. who presented the resolution to repeal this Article in Grand Chapter (Proceedings 1986, page 151), the Article was repealed because there were times that the Grand High Priest could not be contacted and this caused great confusion among the Companions as to whether they should proceed with the Festival or Degree conferral.

Therefore, I am issuing this dispensation, which appears to be unnecessary, only until I can get something in writing to back up Jimmy's statement.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Douglas Collins
M:E: Grand High Priest

January 26, 2009

To: The Subordinate Chapters of Texas

Subject: Decision on Article 330 (1986)

Companions:

For many years, it was believed that a Chapter, prior to conferring the Royal Arch Degree in a Festival or singly, was required to request a dispensation from the Grand High Priest to confer the degree with more or less than three candidates.

Upon researching the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and in discussing this with the Companion directly involved with the resolution to repeal this Article (Article 330 DISPENSATION. Repealed 1986), it is my opinion and decision that the requirement for a Chapter to request a dispensation from the Grand High Priest to confer the Royal Arch Degree on more or less than 3 candidates at one time was repealed in 1986 and therefore of no further need.

The provisions of Articles 328, 328-A, and 329 remain in effect and when adhered to, provide sufficient guidance on the proper procedure to use. Article 329 specifically allows the Chapters, by unanimous vote, to provide for the use of a substitute(s) on the very day of conferral.

This decision is effective immediately.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Douglas Collins
M:E:Grand High Priest

CHARTER ARRESTED

I alluded to it a little bit earlier and I wanted to be very plain spoken on what happened with this Charter. Prior to being installed as Grand High Priest it came to my attention that Santa Anna Chapter No. 346 had not held a Convocation of any type since September 2007 and was late on its returns.

Upon contacting Companion Daniel Cody, Past High Priest of Santa Anna Chapter, and at that time District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 31, this was confirmed. I sent a letter to him stating that should I be elected Grand High Priest, I would attend the regular Stated Convocation on 28 October 2008. Companion Cody informed me by phone that there would be not a meeting on 28 October due to lack of participation and interest. He was instructed by me to send a summons notice to all the members to attend the regular Stated Convocation of 25 November 2008 for the purpose of determining the future of the Chapter.

Upon arrival at the Chapter on 25 November 2008, Companion Cody was there to open the building and had all the records, minutes, dues cards, bank books and so forth to turn in. The last set of minutes was from the Stated Convocation of 25 September 2007. This indicated that during the year that Companion Cody served as District Deputy Grand High Priest there was no Official Visit to Santa Anna Chapter, no elections and no installation of Officers.

He also stated that there were still some hard feelings. When I asked him about some of this, he said that part of the problem was that there were no - that there were still hard feelings over the removal of the Chapter to Coleman several years ago.

At approximately 1845 p.m. I asked Companion Cody if he knew if there were any Companions that were going to attend the meeting. His reply was an emphatic, "No!" begging the question as to whether the

members had actually been sent a summons. Approximately an hour later it became apparent that no one else was going to show and I informed Companion Cody that I was arresting the Charter of Santa Anna Chapter No. 346 and by express authority of Most Illustrious J. Weldon Clampitte, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, I was arresting the Charter of Santa Anna Council No. 283. At that time I spoke with Right Excellent Orville O'Neill by phone and he advised that it would be best to leave the dues cards and seals with Companion Cody so that he could send out dues notices and keep the Companions in good standing.

A couple of weeks later, actually about two weeks later, while at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas in December I was informed by several past Grand Chapter and Grand Council Officers who were acquainted with members of Santa Anna Chapter that they had not received any type of summons notice. I immediately went to the Grand Chapter Office and asked Dawn for a mailing label list of all the members of Santa Anna Chapter No. 346. Upon returning from Grand Lodge I wrote a summons letter to each member of Santa Anna Chapter, directly to them and directing them to attend the 27 January 2009 Stated Convocation and if the members were interested in saving the Chapter, I would return the Charter and issue a Dispensation to resume work. On 27 January 2009 while en route to Coleman, I received a phone call from Right Excellent Arliss Weber, District Deputy Grand High Priest for Capitular District 31 who had arrived. He advised me that he was in Coleman and only one member had shown up for the meeting. I thanked him and advised him to return home.

That's the actions that were taken. So if there are any questions about it, you know, please come up later or whatever. That was the probable cause for arresting the Charter of Santa Anna No. 346.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS EXECUTED

During the year, I signed several legal documents for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center upon the advice of Randy Thompson, TMRC Attorney and consent of the Board of Directors.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

17 August 2009 – I appointed Most Illustrious J. Weldon Clampitte, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas to represent me in the Grand Chapter of Colorado at their Annual Grand Session. This was the time that I had run into a little bump in the road and was hospitalized in San Antonio. I had every intention of making that Grand Chapter session but my doctors and my body said I couldn't.

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

During my time in the Grand Chapter line, it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to have attended the board meetings of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. It has been an educational process in itself. There is no doubt that we have the finest retirement facility anywhere in the state or out of state. During the past year, as Grand High Priest, I have found it a pleasure to work with Companion Kirby Rudisill, Superintendent of the Center, and observe his dedication and outstanding management skills in running the center. Companion Randy Thompson helped me understand some of the legal points in different discussions.

The Board of Directors, consisting of President Orville O'Neill, Vice President C. Steven Wolfe, Secretary Eugene Brookshire, and directors James Roy Elliott and Floyd Hall, have shown wisdom, diligence, enthusiasm, pragmatism, and I believe that our "best kept Masonic secret" is in good hands. I want to thank the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for all they do.

OFFICIAL VISITS

- 1 December 2008 to Dallas Chapter No. 47
- 8 December 2008 to Gonzalez Chapter No. 51
- 11 December 2008 to Brownsville Chapter No. 495
- 4 June 2009 to Henderson Chapter No. 361

GRAND HIGH PRIEST ACTIVITY

- 21 October 2008 – Installed as Grand High Priest and closed the 159th Annual Grand Convocation
- 21 October 2008 – Presided at Grand Trustees meeting regarding Brownwood Chapter No. 141
- 23 October 2008 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 October 2008 – Attended “summons” meeting at Brownwood Chapter No. 141
- 24 October 2008 – Conducted York Rite Conference in Kirbyville
- 25 October 2008 – Conducted Houston York Rite Conference at Melrose Lodge.
- 25 October 2008 – Attended George M. Patrick Chapel of St. Thomas of Acon
- 8 November 2008 – Conducted York Rite Conference at R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108, Dallas
- 8 November 2008 – Conducted York Rite Conference at Tyler
- 11 November 2008 – Waco. I met with Companion Dennis Ziemer and received a set of color coded swords for the Masters of the Veils and Royal Arch Captain.
- 15 November 2008 – Conducted York Rite Conference at Texas Masonic Retirement Ctr.
- 16 November 2008 – San Antonio. Attended Texian York Rite College reception for Worshipful Masters of the 39th Masonic Districts.
- 20 November 2008 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting
- 22 November 2008 – Quanah. Opened a Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the purpose of holding a memorial observation for R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest Robert E. “Bob” Melear who passed away on 18 November 2008.
- 25 November 2008 – Coleman. Arrested the Charters of Santa Anna Chapter No. 346 and Santa Anna Council No. 283
- 1 December 2008 – made Official Visit to Dallas Chapter No. 47
- 2 December 2008 – Attended East Dallas Lodge No. 1200 and brought greetings from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
- 4 December 2008 – Waco. Conducted meeting of the Committees on Finance
- 8 December 2008 – Happy Birthday to me.
- 8 December 2008 – made Official Visit to Gonzalez Chapter No. 51
- 11 December 2008 – made Official Visit to Brownsville Chapter No. 495
- 17 December 2008 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting
- 1 January 2009 – Visited Canyon Lake lodge No. 1425 and brought Fraternal greetings.
- 3 January 2009 – Conducted the San Antonio York Rite Conference
- 8 January 2009 – Visited Blanco Lodge No. 216 and brought fraternal greetings.
- 10 January 2009 – Conducted Corpus Christi York Rite Conference
- 10 January 2009 – Installed as Puissant Sovereign of South Texas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.
- 12 January 2009 – San Antonio. Visited Community Lodge No. 1201 and brought Fraternal greetings.
- 15 January 2009 – Attended “summons” meeting with Brady Chapter No. 264
- 17 January 2009 – Attended 50th Anniversary Meeting of Texas Lodge of Research in Waco. Introduced as Past Master and Grand High Priest.
- 22 January 2009 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting.
- 26 January 2009 – Oatmeal, Tx. Attended the funeral service of R: E: Richard Vaughn, District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 21.
- 30 January 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference in Midland.
- 31 January 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference in Floydada.
- 31 January 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference in Quanah.
- 7 February 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference in Austin
- 7 February 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference in Waco
- 11 February 2009 – While on our way to Alexandria, Va., for AMD Week, we toured the Hermitage, home of President and Brother Andrew Jackson.

13 February 2009 – Alexandria, Va. Received the Order of the Scarlet Cord and attended the 1st Annual Dinner Meeting of the Masonic Society.

14 February 2009 – Alexandria, Va. Introduced as Grand High Priest at Annual meetings of the Grand Council of Knight Masons and the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees. Received Ye Ancient Order of Cork.

21 February 2009 – Attended Houston York Rite Festival hosted by Washington Chapter No. 2

27 February 2009 – Attended Cornerstone Leveling Ceremony at the TMRC for the Royal Arch Plaza addition.

27 February 2009 – Conducted Grand Trustees meeting at TMRC

6 March 2009 – Attended York Rite Festival honoring J. C. Montgomery at Love Field Chapter No. 478

7 March 2009 – Attended the remainder of the Festival at R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108

8 March – Hammond, La. Attended and introduced as Texas Grand High Priest at Louisiana Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and KYCH. Made Honorary Member in all three. Cheri and I were invited to a private dinner with Carle Jackson, outgoing Grand High Priest, Edward Reine, outgoing Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Most Worshipful Jeff Webb and their ladies. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Jac Mel Restaurant.

9 March 2009 - Attended Louisiana Grand Sessions and was received and introduced as M: E: Grand High Priest of Texas. We attended the banquet later that evening.

10 March 2009 – After breakfast, we left and on the way visited an old plantation and Angola State Prison.

11 March 2009 – After spending the night in Vicksburg, we toured the Vicksburg National Battlefield Monument.

12 March 2009 – N. Little Rock, AR. Made an Honorary Member of Arkansas Order of Sword and Trowel, Order of High Priesthood, Knight Masons, AMD, and KYCH.

13 March 2009 – Attended Arkansas Grand Sessions and was received and introduced as M:E: Grand High Priest.

21 March 2009 – Hillsboro. Attended annual election and installation of Officers of Texas Lodge of Research

26 March 2009 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting

28 March 2009 – Attended Tyler York Rite Festival. Conferred PM degree with R: E: David Rogers.

30 March 2009 – Dallas. Attended Rose of Sharon No. 49 Knight Masons Stated Meeting

3 April 2009 – Attended Grand Master's Stag Banquet in Waco.

4 April 2009 – Attended Grand Master's Conference in Waco.

7 April 2009 – Underwent parathyroidectomy surgery in San Antonio

20 April 2009 – Visited Norton Moses Lodge No. 336 to thank them for accepting a Chapter/Council in their lodge.

23 April 2009 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting

24 April 2009 – Arrived in Waco for Grand Commandery

25 April 2009 – Represented Grand Chapter at Gr. Commandery Awards Banquet.

26 April 2009 – Recognized as M:E: Grand High Priest at Texas Chapter Knights Preceptor and Texas Priory No. 23 KYCH

27 April 2009 – Received and introduced as Grand High Priest at Grand Commandery.

30 April 2009 – Conferred Past Masters degree at Lone Star Chapter No. 6, Austin.

1 May 2009 – Conferred Past Master Degree at Burnet Chapter No. 453 York Rite Festival.

2 May 2009 – Attended Royal Arch Degree at Burnet Festival

2 May 2009 – Attended Lyle Cross York Rite College Banquet in Dallas

5 May 2009 – Visited Perfect Union Lodge No. 10 in San Antonio and brought Fraternal greetings

7 May 2009 – Visited Post Oak Island Lodge No. 181 in beautiful downtown Beaumont, TX. Extended Fraternal greetings to the brethren present.

11 May 2009 – Visited Prairie Lea Lodge No 114 in Fentress, TX. Brought Fraternal

greetings.

- 13 May 2009 – Attended special “York Rite Night” at Helotes Chapter No. 444 and observed how the Companions obtained petitions from eight master Masons who had been invited to learn about the York Rite.
- 15 May 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference at Nederland. Presented the Cornerstone Award to Companion David Whitehead and a 50 year pin and certificate to Companion Jesse Justice.
- 16 May 2009 – Conducted York Rite Conference after attending the Annual Meeting of the Gulf Coast York Rite College 106.
- 17 May 2009 – Attended Masonic Oak ceremonies in Brazoria. Introduced as M:E: Grand High Priest.
- 18 May 2009 – San Antonio. Visited Nat M. Washer Lodge No. 1270 and brought Fraternal greetings.
- 23 May 2009 – Presided over meeting of South Texas Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and was speaker at the banquet.
- 28 May 2009 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting
- 30 May 2009 – Attended Texian Priory No. 78 KYCH and delivered Chapter lecture at conferral.
- 4 June 2009 – Made Official Visit to Henderson Chapter No. 361
- 8 June 2009 – Opened Special Convocation of Grand Chapter in Lone Star Chapter No. 6, Austin for the purpose of footstone markers in Austin and Waco.
- 12 June 2009 – Attended United Grand Imperial Council of Red Cross of Constantine in Oklahoma City. Introduced as M:E: Grand High Priest of Texas.
- 13 June 2009 – Attended UGIC Red Cross Installation Ceremonies.
- 17 June 2009 – Made Official Visit to El Paso Chapter No. 157.
- 20 June 2009 Attended Temple York Rite Festival and conferred Past Master degree on 11 candidates. Worked 3rd Veil in Royal Arch Degree.
- 22 June 2009 – Visited Cibolo Lodge No. 151 in San Antonio. Extended Fraternal greetings
- 23 June 2009 – Attended Continuing Masonic Education class at San Antonio Scottish Rite.
- 25 June 2009 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting.
- 26 June 2009 – Represented Grand Chapter at Grand Assembly International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Frisco and presented donation check from Grand Chapter.
- 29 June 2009 – Attended Stated Meeting Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, KM in Dallas
- 30 June 2009 – Installed Officers at Bosque Chapter No. 153 /Council No. 95 in Iredell
- 2 July 2009 – Installed Officers at Columbia Chapter No. 34 /Council No. 29 in West Columbia.
- 4 July 2009 – Attended Installation of Officers of Olive Branch Lodge No. 28 in San Felipe, Tx. Received Grand Master’s Medallion from M: W: David Counts.
- 8 July 2009 – Installed Officers at Helotes Chapter No. 444
- 9 July 2009 – Installed Brownsville Chapter No. 495 /Council No. 414 Officers
- 10 July 2009 – Opened Special Convocation for the purpose of laying footstone at the grave of our first Grand High Priest, V: E: Barry Gillespie in Brenham, Tx.
- 11 July 2009 – Attended State DeMolay Conclave in Austin and presented donation check from Grand Chapter.
- 16 July 2009 – Installed Officers of Brownwood Chapter No. 141 at their new home in Norton Moses Lodge No. 336 in Leander, TX.
- 18 July 2009 – Attended AMD day in Waco and conducted meeting of Grand Trustees and Finance Committees regarding Guaranty Bank.
- 23 July 2009 – Arlington. Attended TMRC Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 July 2009 – Installed Officers of Bluebonnet Chapter No. 470 in San Antonio.
- 25 July 2009 – Conferred Past Masters Degree at Bluebonnet Chapter No. 470 in San Antonio.
- 26 July 2009 – Hospitalized.

APPRECIATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is impossible to individually thank every Companion, Brother, and, in some cases, non-Masons, who have helped out in some way or another to ensure the success of the last four years. There are so many who have offered a helping hand along the way that I find it beyond my mental capacity to remember every act of kindness or support. But, the bottom line is that you are appreciated and you have my most sincere thanks for all you do for Capitular Masonry and I mean all of you. I want to thank you so very much for what you do.

To the Elective and Appointed Grand Officers

Thank you so very much for the enthusiasm and support you have shown for your Grand Chapter and Grand High Priest this past year. Because of the untimely loss of our Deputy Grand High Priest, Bob Melear, R: E: Timothy La Vergne has had to step up his plans and programs. Tim, I know it's been a challenge, but I also know that you are up to it. To the appointed Grand Officers, I hope that this year has given you pleasure in serving the Grand Chapter, but, I also hope it has been a great experience that will help you be of greater service to your local Chapter.

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests

You were given several tasks this year that were different from any that had been given before to District Deputies. You performed these tasks well and held up to the standards that I asked of you when you were selected. My genuine thanks go to all of you, and especially to the Deputies that had to cover another District on the second round of visits because of unforeseen circumstances. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I don't care what anybody else says, you all are the best Deputies that anyone ever had. I know everybody says that, but I mean it.

To Right Excellent Orville O'Neill, Grand Secretary

Orville, a special acknowledgement to you for all the work you have done this year and for the advice you have given me, even those times I didn't ask for it. I also extend my most sincere thanks to your office staff, Dawn and Stephanie for their help in making sure the "i's" were dotted and the "t's" were crossed.

To the Planning Team

Thanks to my state coordinator, Jack Harper, and the other members of the team: Dillon Vanderford, Jr., Jeff Bennett, Robert Loflin, Karl Krayner, and Ken Cotter. Your help in planning the year and conducting the conferences was invaluable.

To the TMRC Board of Directors

Once again, thanks to all of you for the fine job that you do in maintaining the superb facilities of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. As previously noted, my journey, beginning as Grand Scribe, brought me into contact with you on a monthly basis and I am extremely proud of all of you for what you do for Capitular Masonry.

To Most Illustrious Grand Master J. Weldon Clampitt

Weldon, what can I say about a couple of old retired cops running around the state and trying to stay out of trouble? Truthfully, my Companion, it has been my honor to have you as my counterpart this year. Your vast experience and ready advice has been a welcome asset to our friendship. I will always treasure the time and effort that we put into our goal of making sure that our Companions realized that the Chapter and Council are every bit as important as the Lodge. That there is a reason to be a York Rite Mason and that we should have as much pride in this part of Masonry as we do in any other.

To The Past Grand High Priests

Very Excellent Sirs: I want to thank you for the support and advice I have received from you during this past year. You have been there ready to make sure I did not go too far astray and to extend the hand of

fellowship and Brotherly love in all our endeavors. I am looking forward to joining your ranks and I hope that I can exhibit as much wisdom and guidance to future Grand High Priests as you have to me. Thank you, again.

To My Wife, Cheri and the Grand Fluff

There will never be sufficient praise or prose that I can use to describe my gratitude to God for giving me Cheri. From the time that it was suggested that I make myself available, I asked her what she thought and it took her about three or four minutes to say "Go for it." Cheri has been by my side, supporting me, advising me, correcting me and cheering me on with a love that I feel so lucky to have but don't feel I deserve. She has been an ambassador for Masonry. Except for the couple of weeks surrounding the birth of our grandson, Cheri has been with me as I visited every Chapter in the state of Texas. She has encouraged non-Masons to become Masons and Master Masons to join the York Rite. I have seen her talking to a young mason that has come in and we couldn't solicit his membership but she sure did. She would talk to them about joining the York Rite. Or non-Masonic guests that happened to be there, she'd talk to them about becoming Masons. She has truly been the First Lady of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas this year.

I would appreciate it, she's not here – but if you would give her a round of applause. (Rising applause.

CONCLUSION

Companions, I have two great loves in this Fraternity: Texas Lodge of Research and the York Rite of Freemasonry. It has been my honor and privilege to serve each in a leadership capacity.

I have faith that the Companions of Texas will renew their efforts to grow our beloved York Rite. I have faith that we can stem the flow of folding Chapters. I have faith that the future leaders of this Grand Chapter will provide the leadership and guidance to improve the overall status of our membership. I have faith there are a sufficient number of Companions who will continue to serve their chapters and this Grand Chapter to make a difference. I have faith that we will strive to re-invigorate ourselves and work together to make our Rite a goal for all Master Masons to become a part of. I have faith that we will excite the curiosity of our Blue Lodge Brethren to complete their journey in the Ancient Craft and achieve the Light that we are all seeking.

In short, I have faith that you, the Masons who have sought and received all the Light that the Lodge can bestow, will redouble your efforts to share that light with our less-informed Brethren that we may all know the Lost Word, the Word that unites us all as Companions and Brothers.

That is the Preliminary Report of the Grand High Priest.

Thank you.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted,
Douglas Collins
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Grand High Priest's Address.

All those in favor, vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Down hands. All opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priests, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Guests, Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and my Companions all:

Welcome again to your Grand Chapter. For your consideration, I offer the following supplemental report to the Grand High Priest's Report.

On July 26th, 2009, I was hospitalized in North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio with blood clots in both legs and unable to walk or stand. Without a lot of detail, suffice it to say that the six weeks spent in the hospital and subsequent rehabilitation facility put a major dent in my activities as Grand High Priest for the remainder of the year. I want to thank first, my wife Cheri, for all of her love and support during this very trying time. Secondly, I want to thank the Companions who were kind enough to send cards, call, or visit me in the hospital and rehab. Special thanks go to R: E: H. Nelson Dunn, DDGHP -23, and his wife, Zola, who made several visits and offered Cheri their assistance should she need it. I also want to thank Bobby Cox, the Most Excellent High Priest of Helotes Chapter No. 444, Jim Higdon, Joe Estlack and several others of you who came by the hospital or the rehab while I was there. It really brightened my day.

Thanks also to Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 and Helotes Chapter No. 444 for the cards signed by all the members.

Companions, last night the first winners of the Zerubbabel Award were announced. The reading of the score sheets confirm that Chapters can be objectively rated for performance, officer participation, enthusiasm, leadership, and other factors that constitute a well-run organization. Chapters that are strong indicated their strength in the scores. It proves that size of membership does not matter. A small chapter of 122 members, Helotes No. 444, scored 1936 points and walked away with First Prize while a number of Chapters with higher memberships scored much lower, not even placing in the top 10.

Congratulations to Dallas Chapter No. 47 with 1543 points and Texas Chapter No. 362 with 1530 points for placing 2nd and 3rd. Way too many Chapters were in the low, low range of scores indicating that the officers of those Chapters are suffering from the No. 1 killer of Masonry: Apathy. Some Companions have to drive fifteen or twenty miles to go to the Lodge.

There was, however, a great reason for hope in many Chapters. The three chapters in the most improved category, Borger 437, Bosque 153, and Keystone 172, prove that with a little insight into their situations, with proper leadership and camaraderie, and a little work, improvements are certainly possible. I look forward to the Zerubbabel Award becoming an accepted standard of Chapter proficiency and effectiveness. This will, in turn, mean a higher propensity to attracting candidates and growing our beloved York Rite.

DISPENSATIONS

September 15, 2009 – Granted Dispensation to Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 to move their charter to Olive Branch Lodge No. 26 in San Felipe, Texas for their October 3rd Convocation.

October 8, 2009 – Granted Dispensation to Port Neches Chapter No. 436 to Appear in Public as Royal Arch Masons on Sunday October 11th at Greenlawn Cemetery in Groves, TX for the purpose of conducting footstone ceremonies at the graves of V:E: W.H. Telfair and V:E: Clyde May, Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

October 16, 2009 – I nominated Companion Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr. to serve as the Grand Representative of Texas near Germany.

October 16, 2009 – I nominated Companion Jack M. Harper, II to serve as the Grand Representative of Texas near Maryland.

October 16, 2009 – I nominated Companion Douglas Collins to serve as the Grand Representative of Texas near California.

October 16, 2009 – I nominated Companion W. David Melear to serve as the Grand Representative of Texas near North Dakota which will continue North Dakota being served by the Melear family. That's where Bob Melear was our Grand Representative.

OFFICIAL VISITS

On October 5, 2009 I made my last official visit which was to George Washington Chapter No. 422.

I want to take this final opportunity to thank you, the Companions of Texas, who have contributed so much to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and made the past four years such a pleasant journey. Cheri and I will always treasure your friendship and Fraternal Love. My best wishes to all of you and keep up the good work!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Douglas Collins
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this portion - the Supplemental Report.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Supplemental Report of the Grand High Priest's Address. All in favor, usual sign among Masons. Hands down. All opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We will now have the Report of the Grand Officers Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS

COMPANION H. BART HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am Bart Henderson, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424 and I am pleased to report that after perusing the Report of the Grand High Priest, various portions of it were referred to the following committees:

"The State of the Order," the "Grand High Priest Activity" and the "Appreciations and Acknowledgments" - Grand Officers Reports;

"Our Fraternal Dead" - Memorials Committee;

"Grand Representatives of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas" - Memorials and History and Preservation Committees;

"Fifty Year Service Award Presentations" and "Golden Keystone Awards" - Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee;

"Grand Representatives Appointed" - Fraternal Correspondence and Jurisprudence Committees;

"Consolidation of Chapters," "Summoned Meetings of Chapters," "Removal of District Deputy Grand High Priest," "Appointments to Fill Vacancies," all "Dispensations," "Official Decisions," "Charter Arrested," "Legal Documents Executed," "Personal Representative Appointed," and "Texas Masonic Retirement Center" - Jurisprudence Committee;

"Grand Trustees Meetings" - Grand Secretary's Report.

We commend our Most Excellent Grand High Priest on all of his efforts to improve our Grand Chapter. In preparation for his term as presiding officer, our Most Excellent Companion, Doug Collins, visited every Chapter in Texas to see for himself, the true "State of our Order"; for many months, Companion Collins

traveled thousands of miles, spent countless hours and conversed with hundreds of Texas Companions in an effort to discover the correct path to lead our Grand Chapter.

We appreciate Most Excellent Collins' knowledge of and experience in our Order which became useful in his deliberations and sometimes difficult decisions in the execution of his duties as Grand High Priest. In reviewing the Grand High Priest's Report, its frank, but fair assessment should be a siren call to all of us to "redouble our efforts" to improve the situation of many of our Texas Chapters.

We also applaud Most Excellent Collins' publication "Through the Veils," an effort to communicate to the Companions of Texas what is happening across our jurisdiction; and his continued promotion and use of established educational programs, and the award system for those Chapters that excel in the execution of the programs.

On a personal note, I am very proud of Most Excellent Collins as another example of a Senior Texas DeMolay in a position of leadership, doing a great job! We appreciate his continued concern for the Masonic Youth of Texas and his joint effort with our Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Companion J. Weldon Clampitte, in the sale of stickers to raise funds for presentation to Texas Rainbow and Texas DeMolay.

Most Excellent Sir, I would like to acknowledge our Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Orville O'Neill, for his assistance in the preparation of this Report. Both he and his assistants Dawn Connally and Stephanie Baker perform invaluable services for our Grand Chapter, many times unnoticed.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of our Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and I move the adoption of this Report.

H. BART HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN
PAUL D. WARREN, JOHN TUTTLE, JERRY N. KIRBY, TOMMY F. CHAPMAN

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Grand Officers Committee report. All those in favor, vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Hands down. Opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HENDERSON: Thank you, Most Excellent.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION -- OCTOBER 19-20, 2009**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to Committees on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence*

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

WHEREAS, the Royal Arch Chapters of Texas are entirely dependent upon the Lodges for qualified candidates for the Capitular Degrees, and

WHEREAS, except on rare occasions; and then only upon dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas, applicants for the Degrees of Masonry are required to await the time with patience for no less than one lunar month between receipt of their petition and vote of the Lodge being taken on same, and

WHEREAS, some Companions of Royal Arch Chapters seem to have the mindset that a Special Convocation of the Chapter should be opened at any convenient time to receive and vote on petitions for the Capitular Degrees as late as the eve or perhaps on the day of a scheduled festival to receive and vote on petitions for the Capitular Degrees. In many instances, with proper planning the

petition could be received and vote taken at a previous or ensuing regular Stated Convocation of the Chapter.

Which begs the question: Is such procedure meant to accommodate the petitioner, or does it indicate a lack of orderly planning on the part of leadership and membership of the Chapter? Do we really believe that the petitioner will not display the same patience to receive the Capitular Degrees as was the case when he petitioned the Lodge for the Degrees of Masonry? It would seem that a more orderly and less hurried procedure for receiving and voting on petitions for the Capitular Degrees at regular Stated Convocations would be much more impressive to all petitioners. Some are either sent or brought to a festival bewildered at the urgency displayed by the present procedure. Could the urgency displayed by some overzealous Companions lead a petitioner to believe that he is being offered a one time opportunity to participate in a fire sale for the Capitular Degrees? The way we currently handle petitioners can certainly convey such thought; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Article C-141 (290) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

Art. C-141 (290) **Petitions for Degrees.** **Except as herein provided, A every** petition for the degrees must **shall** be in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by at least two members of the Chapter. Such petition should **shall** be presented **only** at a Stated Convocation, however, **upon receipt of satisfactory information from a Chapter pertaining to a circumstance which merits his consideration, the Grand High Priest may grant a dispensation whereby** such petition may be received and balloted on at a Special Convocation, by unanimous consent of all members present, and such petition shall contain all of the provisions set forth in the form prescribed by this Grand Chapter, and shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by the By-Laws for the Chapter degrees, and shall be accompanied by a proper petition for the degrees of Royal and Select Master, addressed to the nearest Council, together with the fee for such degree prescribed by said Council, which petition and fee shall immediately be forwarded by the Secretary to the Recorder of such Council. **(See Article C-064 (205))**

Be it further

RESOLVED that Article C-147 (298) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

Art. C-147 (298) **Balloting.** **Except as herein provided, B-balloting** on petitions for the degrees or for affiliation (should) **shall** be held **only** at Stated Convocations, however, **upon receipt of satisfactory information from a Chapter pertaining to a circumstance which merits his consideration the Grand High Priest may grant a dispensation whereby** unanimous consent of the members present, such petitions may be received and balloted on at a Special Convocation **called for the purpose,** but no other business required to be acted upon at a Stated Convocation shall be considered or acted upon at a Special Convocation. **Any such dispensation granted by the Grand High Priest shall expire upon closing such Special Convocation.(See Article C-064 (205)).**

Be it further

RESOLVED that Paragraph 1 of Article C-064 (205) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

Art. C-064 (205) **Special Convocations.** Special Convocations may be called at any time upon the call of the High Priest, or in his absence by the King, or in the absence of both, the Scribe. Petitions for the degrees or for affiliation may be received **and ballot taken thereon** at such Convocations **but only by dispensation granted by the Grand High Priest,** consent of all members present, but **and** no other business transacted than that for which the Convocation was called. **Except as provided in paragraph 4 of this Article, any Special Convocation called under this Article shall be opened and closed in accordance with the ritual taught by the Committee on Work and adopted by this Grand Chapter.**

Be it further

RESOLVED that Paragraph one of Article C-178 (328a) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended to read as follows:

Art. C-178 (328a) **York Rite Festival.** One or more Subordinate Chapters in any Capitular District may confer the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and a representative trio in the Royal Arch Degree. The Sponsoring Chapter (must) **shall** vote to conduct a York Rite Festival at a Stated (or Called) Convocation. **No degree or degrees shall be conferred upon a Candidate at a York Rite**

Festival unless he shall first present his Notice of Election (Form No. 8-B) attesting to his election to receive the degree or degrees and his payment of the fees for the degree or degrees to the Secretary of the Chapter which elected him.

Paragraph 2 – no change.
Fraternally submitted,
Leonard P. Harvey, Past High Priest Love Field Chapter No. 478, RAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

WHEREAS, it is essential for a Chapter to be financially sound, which can be accomplished through the use of a sound budget and audit program.

WHEREAS, there have been Chapters which have not followed such sound business practices thereby finding themselves experiencing financial problems, whereby the income is not sufficient to support the Chapter's expenses.

WHEREAS, Article 196, Audit of Books, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas provides that an audit of the Secretary's and Treasurer's books be conducted at the end of the Capitular Year, and that there is insufficient analysis of the audit report by some of the Chapters thereby not making appropriate changes in their budget process in regards to income vs. expenses thereby finding themselves in financial distress.

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist the Chapters with an analysis of their audit report to insure financial stability that the audit report be submitted to the Grand Secretary for review by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee, and upon review provide guidance to those Chapters experiencing financial issues in an effort to avert a financial crisis by the Chapter.

WHEREAS, the third paragraph of Article 196, Audit of Books, reads as follows: "Each audit after being read in the Chapter shall be recorded in the minutes in full. The District Deputy Grand High Priest shall inspect the audit of the Chapter books on his regular visitation."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the third paragraph of Article 196, Audit of Books, be amended as follows: "Each audit after being read in the Chapter shall be recorded in the minutes in full. That a properly completed and signed copy of the Minimum Audit Form No. 24 shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary no later than September 1st of each year for review. The District Deputy Grand High Priest shall inspect the audit of the Chapter books on his regular visitation."

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy M. La Vergne Sr., PHP Bonham Chapter No. 52, RAM

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to Committee on Purposes and Policies

For the purposes of having Article 197 reflect the proper date for submission of by-laws changes to the Grand Secretary's office,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 197 reads:

ARTICLE 197. CHAPTERS MAY ADOPT. Chapters may adopt by-laws for their own government, not in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter, but such by-laws shall not become effective until they have been submitted and are approved by this Grand Chapter. The by-laws changes must be submitted to the Grand Secretary by September 1st July 15th, preceding the opening of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter and by him distributed to the Committee on By-Laws. Subsequent changes as provided by Article 200 do not require such approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Collins, PHP, George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Referred to Committee on Finance, Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence*

WHEREAS, the minimum fee for degrees in Article 261 is fifty dollars (\$50.00), and

WHEREAS, this amount was set either in 1925 or prior to 1925, according to the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas 1925 (Appendix, Article 166, p. 170) reflecting that this amount has been in effect for eighty-four (84) years or more, and

WHEREAS, according to Measuring Worth.com, which is an internet service for calculating relative worth over time, the comparative minimum degree fees in 2008 would be Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and fifteen cents(\$928.15), and

WHEREAS, the great majority of Royal Arch Chapters in Texas are suffering from insufficient funds to maintain and operate their Chapters, and

WHEREAS, the future financial health of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the constituent Chapters requires that we operate in terms of 2009 and not 1925 or prior, therefore,

Be it Resolved,

That Article 261, Fee for Degrees, be amended to read as follows:

Article 261. FEE FOR DEGREES. The minimum fee for the Chapter degrees shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). ~~except for the periodic and special Festival occasions when the minimum fee may be reduced, but in no event to an amount lower than \$40.00 and any shall be preceded by a favorable vote for such reduction, stating the amount of the Degree fee agreed to by a majority of the members present and voting at a Stated Convocation of the Chapter desiring to have and participate in a Festival form of Degree conferral.~~ The entire fee charged by the Chapter shall be paid prior to the conferral of any degree.

2nd paragraph – no change

3rd paragraph – no change

4th paragraph – no change

5th paragraph – no change

6th paragraph – no change

7th paragraph – A minimum fee of Fifty (\$50.00), or the fees fixed by the by-laws of the Council for the Council Degrees shall accompany the petition for the Chapter Degrees, and shall immediately be paid over to the Council petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Collins, PHP, George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

GRAND HIGH PRIEST RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Referred to Committee on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence*

WHEREAS, amendments to the by-laws of a Chapter have an effect on every member of the Chapter, and

WHEREAS, every Companion, no matter how active or inactive he may be, has a right to voice his opinion on Chapter matters, and

WHEREAS, when a proposal to amend the by-laws of a Chapter is presented and accepted in proper form, there is a requirement that it lay over until the next or subsequent Convocation for final action, and

WHEREAS, the intended purpose of the layover is to give the members an opportunity to consider the proposal and be present to vote on it, and

WHEREAS, there are many instances where Secretaries of Chapters either do not know that

ALL members should be notified or claim that there is no responsibility on their part to notify the members thus denying every member the right to express his opinion on matters concerning the Chapter such as, but not limited to, Stated Convocation times and days, removal of Chapter from one location to another, dues, degree fees, etc., therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article 199 be amended to read:

ARTICLE 199. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to by-laws must be submitted in writing at a Stated Convocation and must lie over until the next or subsequent *Stated* Convocation for final action *and within seven (7) days the Secretary shall notify every member of the Chapter of the proposed amendment and the scheduled date for final action to be taken. Such notice shall be given either by U.S. Mail or in electronic form;* and an amendment not so proposed and acted upon is not legal. All of the provisions of the by-laws with reference to amendment must be complied with.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Collins, PHP, George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

GRAND HIGH PRIEST RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Referred to Committee on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence*

While visiting Chapters all over Texas since January 2005, I have sat in some Chapters whose officers did not or would not wear the appropriate regalia for Chapter officers. In one case, they had not worn regalia in over forty (40) years

WHEREAS, Article 247 allows an “out” on wearing the proper regalia at Convocations and other Chapter functions, a substitute for the word “should” will leave no doubt as to the proper actions required of the officers.

Therefore, be it resolved that Article 247. OFFICERS MUST WEAR JEWELS, ETC. be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 247. OFFICERS MUST WEAR JEWELS, ETC. No officer ~~should~~***shall*** appear in a Chapter, while open, without the jewel and clothing appropriate for his station. In the event that the officers of a Chapter are found not to be properly clothed due to lack of the proper regalia, the District Deputy Grand High Priest shall immediately inquire into the circumstances surrounding this situation and notify the Grand Secretary for the purpose of determining if the Grand Secretary has the proper regalia for their use until such time as the Chapter may procure their own. The regalia shall be procured within six (6) months of the date in which the regalia was loaned from the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Collins, PHP, George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

**RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE 160TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

<u>Resolution No. 1</u>	Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Adopted by Grand Chapter
<u>Resolution No. 2</u>	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Finance Passed as Amended by Grand Chapter
<u>Resolution No. 3</u>	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Passed as Amended by Grand Chapter
<u>Recommendation No. 1</u>	Adopted by the Committee on Finance Adopted by Grand Chapter
<u>Recommendation No. 2</u>	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Passed as Amended by Grand Chapter

Recommendation No. 3

Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies
Adopted by Grand Chapter

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We will now have the Report of the Grand Secretary.
You can do it from right there, sir, if you wish.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

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

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's Office for the year ending August 31st, 2009, is submitted for your consideration. On June the 24th, 2008, there were 118 Chartered Chapters. As of this date we have had two Chapters to merge, which was Bellville Chapter No. 151 with Jerusalem No. 3, and Snyder Chapter No. 494 with Big Spring Chapter No. 178. Santa Anna Chapter No. 346 had its Charter arrested. This leaves 115 Chartered Chapters. Of the 115 Chapters 30 showed a gain in membership, 64 showed a loss, while 21 reported no change in membership.

During the year there were Exalted 361 Companions; Affiliated 35; Affiliated Plural 7; Reinstated 69; Demitted 117; Suspended 320; Expelled 2. We had 407 Deaths for a total loss of 437 Companions. Our total membership now stands at 11,449, of those 323 are exempt for financial reasons and 1,371 Fifty Year Members which leaves 9,755 Dues Paying Members.

We have 12 Chapters who have not sent in their Annual Returns for the year 2008-2009 which were due on August 1st. They are Brenham Chapter No. 5, Nacogdoches Chapter No. 13, R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108, Brownwood Chapter No. 141, Plainview Chapter No. 228, B. T. Estes Chapter No. 263, Roby Chapter No. 380, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, Hidalgo Chapter No. 434, Garland Chapter No. 451, and Love Field Chapter No. 478 and Santa Anna Chapter No. 346 which had its Charter arrested.

Out of those 12, five of them hand-carried them to me at this Grand Session. We have not had time to go through them or do anything with them to extract numbers or information from them yet.

We had 37 Chapters that were a month or more late. Some of these Chapters have new Secretaries. Now, if any members from any of these Chapters that I have called, your Secretary is probably not here, but if you all are here and you heard these called, please go back to him and tell him to give us a call and we will help him any way we can. We will sit down and go completely through the returns with him if he wants to. Please call us because we have a heck of a time extracting information from those we can't get. We don't mind helping them rascals at all.

I called and spoke to each one of the Secretaries about the returns. This Office needs the returns to extract the information so that we can get the Returns Book printed in a timely manner, plus the membership numbers. Now, if we don't get the returns, we have to use last year's numbers so we don't know if you 12 had an increase or a decrease. You that read the Return Books may notice that those 12 Chapters don't have their Officers listed and a note there that says "No Annual Returns" by it.

Also, on September the 15th, 2009, this Office disbursed the interest from the Endowed Membership Fund. The interest from that Fund totaled \$28,225.96, which figured out to \$11.22 per member after the \$1.75 for each Endowment for which there are 2,175 Members. The remaining \$16.21 was returned to the Endowment Fund. This Office wishes to thank the subordinate Chapters for their cooperation and support.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion. Do I have a second?
A COMPANION: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: It has been moved and seconded to adopt this portion of the Grand Secretary's Report. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Hands down.

Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

(Supplemental Information for the Grand Secretary's Report:)

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OCTOBER 2009

SAN FELIPE de AUSTIN NO. 1: Ted Armstrong, Walter Parr
WASHINGTON NO. 2: Emile A. Bussemey, J. Weldon Clampitte, Brian R. Dodson, Marvin C. Hass, Michael A. Meier, Dwight Phillips, Martin Saldua, Roberto M. Sanchez, Hunter Schappaugh
JERUSALEM NO. 3: Cliff Cameron, Jerry A. Smith
LONE STAR NO. 6: George Cheney, James T. Crysyp, Terry LaGrone, Jerry L. Martin, James R.W. Medina, John H. Vernon, Raymond M. White
PALESTINE NO. 10: Larry B. Jung
MARSHALL NO. 19: George Gillespie, John E. Hurley, Jr., James E. Pollock
TYLER NO. 24: John E. Andrews, Larry Blanchard, Gary D. Dixon, Richard Gaiser, Jerral F. Knox, Randy D. Medders, L.A. Pete Peters, Doye Sudduth, C.A. Trent, Robert W. Uzzell
CARTHAGE NO. 28: Walter M. Craft, Michael W. Welch
ZERUBABEL NO. 30: Gary Adams, William A. Bilsing, II, William A. Bilsing, III
COLUMBIA NO. 34: Arnold R. Langston, Thomas N. Turner, Sr., John F. Woolsey, Jr.
WACO NO. 45: Claude Ervin, J. Damon Fehler, Harold Jackson, Guadalupe "Sonny" Juarez, Jr., William E. Matyastik, George Posey, Clifford Teer, Anthony "Tony" Uzzell
DALLAS NO. 47: Fred E. Allen, John E. Buzzell, Aaron B. Cassity, Loyd L. Chance, Herbert Garon Jr., James R. Hurt, Charles McKay, Jeffrey Miller, Orville O'Neill, Ronald D Park, Earl E. Tweed, Robert H. Waters
LA FAYETTE NO. 48: Lucian C. Barleaud, William G. Cunningham
GONZALES NO. 51: Stephen Henrichs
BONHAM NO. 52: Winston Bolton, Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., John Murphy, Michael Posey, Tom Stewart
HAGGAI NO. 53: Grant Anderson, C. Louis Hopkins, Gary Duane Hosick, H. David Moore, L.E. Nodwell, Gene Terrell
MT. HOREB NO. 57: Carl Keith Criss, Vernon B. Davis, Clinton G. Dubey, E. Sam Herron
FORT WORTH NO. 58: David H. Gardner, Richard E. Walker
SHERMAN NO. 62: Carl H. Garrison, Donald H. Swango
SULPHUR SPRINGS NO. 63: Eddy Jason Rabe, Aubrey Lee Roland
DAD PENDER NO. 80: Kenneth Cotter, Marvin A. Stark, Jr., Patrick H. Waddle
W. T. AUSTIN NO. 87: Jack W. Lester, Jr., Owen D. West
CORPUS CHRISTI NO. 91: Johnny A. Young
CLEBURNE NO. 100: David E. Houston
COOPER NO. 101: Joe O. Estlack, Hugo B. South, Clarence L. Thompson
R.C. BUCKNER NO. 108: Clyde Kenneaster, Rex S. Lewis
GREENVILLE NO. 114: Joseph C. Gilmore, Charles L. Mize
ENNIS NO. 135: Barry Brunk, Cecil Curry, Thomas A. Little, Jr., Joe V. Pool, Gerald Tyler
DENISON NO. 138: Lloyd G. Carpenter
STEPHENVILLE NO. 140: Harry A. Bradley, Kenneth G. Foreman, Tommy D. Guest, Alford Havens
BROWNWOOD NO. 141: Thomas G. Keithly, Michael D. Plemons
TERRELL NO. 146: Herbert Fain, Thomas Martin Smith, James Robert Sutton,
HILLSBORO NO. 152: Jack M. Harper, II, Charles R. McKinney, E. Dixon Toney
BOSQUE NO. 153: Jack D. Davidson, Royce P. Heath, Brad Nickels, Denny H. Proffitt, Justin Tergerson
EL PASO NO. 157: Raymond J. Alden, J.D. Jim Davis, Ricardo D. Gonzalez, Jon Thralls
ABILENE NO. 159: A.D. Lonnie Boggs, Hubert E. Smith, William F. Trogon, Paul D. Warren
SAN ANGELO NO. 170: James E. Hill, Jr., Charles F. Miller, Joe F. Schriever
KEYSTONE NO. 172: Robert E. Black, Wayne D. Groce, Jackie Matthews
LONGVIEW NO. 177: Robert W. Dinning, Jr., Jesse M. Newton
BIG SPRING NO. 178: James Neeley, Terry W. Stogner, Arliss C. Weber
BEAUMONT NO. 188: Duane Anthony, Daniel Bowden, James W. Holloway, Randall R. Kimbrough, Lester Smith, Robert W. Streeper
ALVORD NO. 193: Eugene D. Wall
AMARILLO NO. 196: Gary M. Freedman, Charles Holt, Charles F. Hood, Jr., Richard F. Izatt, David Melear, Milton M. Skipper, Elijah Eugene West
LLANO NO. 197: Ross J. Cox, Sr., Michael L. Hazel, Neal A. Watt, E.E. Buster Williams

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OCTOBER 2009 Cont.

WICHITA FALLS NO. 202: George F. Schwartz

MIDLOTHIAN NO. 211: Virgil S. Allsbrooks, Corry Buttram, Kenneth Cooley, James Roy Elliott, Steven R. Heald, Gerald Joe Hocker, Craig Huffman, Jerry N. Kirby, F.E. Skip Smith, Jr., Thomas W. Snyder, Dennis Ray Tucker

FLOYDADA NO. 227: James M. Willson, Jr.

LUFKIN NO. 240: Jimmy L. Allison, W. Eugene Brookshire

ALPHA NO. 243: Dean O. Hildreth, Charles Lane

HUGH J. MCCLELLAN NO. 248: Robert L. Clemmons, Marvin Porr, Jr.

CHILDRESS NO. 262: George R. Wall

FLORENCE NO. 275: Charles Campbell, Sidney D. Hayes, John E. Mabry

KERRVILLE NO. 305: Stephen Burch, W. Ray Benton, Jerry D. Bible, Dock F. Dixon, Jr., George H. Lee, Rowland Tessier, James A. Wheeler

HAMLIN NO. 310: Larry D.H. Coats, W. David Counts, Angus M. Crowder, Charles Martin, A. Glen McCandless, Jerry Pingle

TEAGUE NO. 320: Charles V. Day, Sr.

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

SEGUIN NO. 344: Randal Covington, Robert B. Ierien, Kellis D. Moore, Billy G. Owens, Nick Ramos

TEXAS NO. 362: Michie M. Brous, Robert L. Burris, Melvin T. Hagood, Bruce W. Hammond, Charles Steven Wolfe

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CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
San Felipe de Austin	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jerusalem	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brenham	5			X	X	X	X			X	
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	X
Columbia	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corsicana	41			X							
Waco	45	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dallas	47	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lafayette	48		X	X	X	X					X
Gonzales	51	X	X				X	X	X		X
Bonham	52	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Haggai	53	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dale E. Miller	55	X	X	X	X		X		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				
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		
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			
San Marcos	129	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	X
Hillsboro	152	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bosque	153	X			X		X	X	X	X	X

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El Paso	157	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Abilene	159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Angelo	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keystone	172	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Longview	177	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Spring	178	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Laredo	185							X	X	X	
Beaumont	188	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alvord	193	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Amarillo	196	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Llano	197	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Temple	199			X							
Wichita Falls	202	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Midlothian	211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clarendon	216										
Floydada	227	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X
B. T. Estes	263	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Brady	264	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
Port Lavaca	338	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Seguin	344	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Henderson	361			X	X	X			X		
Texas	362	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arlington	376	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whitesboro	377	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southside-Polytechnic	378	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roby	380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
San Antonio	381	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Army	393	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goose Creek	408	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tarrant	416	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Seagoville	419	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
George Washington	422	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Will N. Kidd	424	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hidalgo	434	X		X	X						X
Mabank	435	X	X			X			X	X	X
Port Neches	436	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Borger	437	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Helotes	444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sam J. Helm	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hemphill Heights	448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kilgore	449			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Quanah	450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garland	451		X	X	X		X		X		X
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

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Richmond	467	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Riverside	468	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue Bonnet	470	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Houston	472	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Love Field	478	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	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	
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, 2009

Chapter Name & No.	P R E V M B R S P	C O N S L	E X A L T E D	A F F I L I A T E D	A F F I L P L U	R E I N S T A T E D	D E M I S S I O N S	S U S P E N D E D	E X P E L L E D	D E A T H	L O S S	G A I N	M E M B E R S H I P
San Felipe de Austin 1	154	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	156
Washington 2	406	0	14	0	0	1	3	12	0	14	14	0	392
Jerusalem 3	39	18	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	57
Brenham 5	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Lone Star 6	345	0	19	1	0	1	3	30	0	11	23	0	322
San Jacinto 7	31	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	33
Rising Star 9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	29
Palestine 10	58	0	7	0	0	1	0	6	0	3	1	0	57
Cherokee 11	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	35
Nacogdoches 13	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Marshall 19	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	31
Tyler 24	326	0	1	0	0	5	1	7	0	10	12	0	314
Carthage 28	55	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	56
Zerubbabel 30	25	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	31
Columbia 34	182	0	1	0	0	1	2	17	0	7	24	0	158
Corsicana 41	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	33
Waco 45	262	0	1	0	0	1	3	28	0	5	34	0	228
Dallas 47	544	0	5	1	0	0	6	6	0	22	28	0	516
Lafayette 48	74	0	0	1	0	4	3	3	0	5	6	0	68
Gonzales 51	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Bonham 52	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	32
Haggai 53	133	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	137
Dale E. Miller 55	40	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
Mount Horeb 57	75	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	75
Fort Worth 58	200	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	10	12	0	188

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Sherman	62	55	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	4	4	0	51
Sulphur Springs	63	111	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	3	114
Orange	78	60	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	0	54
Dad Pender	80	73	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	72
W. T. Austin	87	92	0	1	1	1	0	1	4	8	10	0	82
Corpus Christi	91	299	0	1	1	0	4	3	6	17	20	0	279
Grandview	93	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Cleburne	100	52	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	55
Cooper	101	73	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	72
R. C. Buckner	108	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Greenville	114	80	0	2	1	0	1	2	6	3	7	0	73
Ogilvie	115	65	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	4	61
Center	125	51	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	11	0	40
San Marcos	129	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	49
Ennis	135	51	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	2	8	0	43
Denison	138	70	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	74
Stephenville	140	46	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	45
Brownwood	141	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
Terrell	146	22	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	24
Hillsboro	152	51	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	48
Bosque	153	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	26
El Paso	157	121	0	5	1	0	2	6	7	2	7	0	114
Abilene	159	100	0	6	0	0	1	0	6	3	2	0	98
San Angelo	170	83	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	81
Keystone	172	81	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	8	0	73
Longview	177	57	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	53
Big Spring	178	84	19	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	9	0	94
Laredo	185	28	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	29
Beaumont	188	111	0	17	0	0	0	2	0	9	0	6	117
Alvord	193	43	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	2	0	41
Amarillo	196	222	0	10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	217
Llano	197	27	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
Temple	199	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Wichita Falls	202	161	0	10	1	0	1	2	1	7	0	2	163
Midlothian	211	141	0	5	1	0	2	2	2	7	3	0	138
Clarendon	216	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Floydada	227	76	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	76
Plainview	228	53	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	2	9	0	44
Lufkin	240	132	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	130
Alpha	243	69	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	67
Hugh J. McClellan	248	233	0	6	1	1	1	0	9	18	18	0	214
Childress	262	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
B. T. Estes	263	100	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	6	13	0	87
Brady	264	33	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	31
Florence	275	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	35
Kerrville	305	52	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	54
Hamlin	310	85	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	4	4	0	81

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Teague	320	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	68
Port Lavaca	338	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	98
Seguin	344	96	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	99
Henderson	361	33	0	10	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	3	36
Texas	362	181	0	14	1	0	0	0	7	0	9	1	0	180
Arlington	376	150	0	16	1	0	3	8	0	0	4	0	8	158
Whitesboro	377	33	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	30
Southside-Poly	378	171	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	0	20	28	0	143
Roby	380	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
San Antonio	381	235	0	4	1	0	3	3	13	0	7	15	0	220
Army	393	93	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	5	11	0	82
Goose Creek	408	118	0	6	0	0	0	1	3	0	8	6	0	112
Tarrant	416	157	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	5	0	152
Seagoville	419	90	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	8	8	0	82
George Washington	422	108	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	0	5	13	0	95
Will N. Kidd	424	263	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	4	0	259
Hidalgo	434	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Mabank	435	33	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	35
Port Neches	436	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	10	0	151
Borger	437	98	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	98
Helotes	444	122	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	3	6	0	116
Sam J. Helm	445	194	0	2	0	0	1	1	24	0	12	34	0	160
Hemphill Heights	448	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	114
Kilgore	449	51	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	52
Quanah	450	51	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	50
Garland	451	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124
Burnet	453	65	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	72
Granbury	454	63	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	65
Pasadena	455	99	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	11	7	0	92
Park Place	458	249	0	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	14	2	0	247
Southeast Texas	465	165	0	7	2	0	4	3	11	0	4	5	0	160
Richmond	467	91	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	92
Riverside	468	131	0	3	0	0	3	1	7	0	5	7	0	124
Blue Bonnet	470	55	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	56
North Houston	472	195	0	10	0	0	0	2	11	0	10	13	0	182
Love Field	478	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	100	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	102
Killeen	484	70	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	78
Ridglea	485	145	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	1	3	6	0	139
Grand Prairie	489	89	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	87
Cleveland	490	53	0	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	58
Hurst	492	131	0	4	0	0	1	2	12	0	4	13	0	118
Brownsville	495	23	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	25
Totals		11,834	37	368	35	7	69	123	332	3	486	550	85	11,405

GRAND CHAPTER INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT as of AUGUST 31, 2009

<u>INCOME:</u>	
Dues (10,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	90,909.89
Degree Fees (296 X \$25.00)	7,375.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	24,353.86
General Fund Interest Income.....	23,741.47
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,806.25
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	3,098.30
Past Master Degree Fee	210.00
Charter Fee	25.00
TOTAL	153,519.77
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	16,666.60
*Office Staff.....	34,685.54
*Payroll Taxes.....	4,168.28
Grand High Priest:	
Reimbursement.....	0
Photo	200.00
Grand High Priest Service Award.....	345.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	2,250.00
Grand Scribe Reimbursement.....	1,125.00
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	5,684.82
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	9,292.25
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	5,913.99
Contribution to Grand Lodge Building	12,000.00
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses.....	435.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	600.00
*Grand Secretary's Expense	3,010.05
*Office Furniture Insurance.....	938.00
Contingency Fund.....	131.06
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference	50.00
District Deputy Training Expense	407.60
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	876.47
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	1,130.12
Audit Expense	3,600.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$36/Month ...	322.02
Youth Awards.....	300.00
Tax Report Preparation	900.00
York Rite Festival Fund	137.21
Furniture & Fixtures Exp.....	525.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	761.50
TOTAL	106,455.51

*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Now have the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

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

As you heard the Grand Secretary a while ago, if you paid any attention, when he stressed this, this is the Treasurer's Report and his Report as of August 31st, 2009, because we have now changed our fiscal year end to August 31st and we can give you a complete Report now and not have to worry about asking for you to wait for it in its entirety when the books are audited. Now, they are audited as of August 31st and here are the totals we have:

Community Bank General Fund	\$140,418.26
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	\$540,720.12
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	\$30,561.93
UBS Endowed Membership Fund	\$510,183.45
Guaranty Bank Endowed Members	\$38,594.21
UBS Bonding Fund	\$37,272.20
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Inventory	\$25,796.80
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$62,339.15
Depreciation	<u>\$38,816.00</u>
Total Assets	\$99,880,094.12

Accounts Payable TX Masonic Retirement Center	\$3,362.49
Endowed Membership Reserve	\$623,700.00
Endowed Membership Retained Income	\$3,007.15
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$98,532,824.00
Bonding Account Reserve	\$37,272.20
Unrestricted Assets	<u>\$689,928.28</u>
	\$99,890,094.12

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Report of the Grand Treasurer. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, would you like to go ahead at this time and move the adoption of those Reports that's already been printed?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, I can do that for you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Why don't we go ahead and get those out of the way now and then we'll call off.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, as you came and registered this morning, you saw a bunch of printed material up on the desk when you registered. Those are the Reports that were pre-printed for today, which is the Report of Grievances and Appeals, Recognitions, Honors and Awards, Report of the Printing Committee, Report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Report of the Grand Chapter History and Preservation, Report of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

I move the adoption of these Reports, pre-printed, sir.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Second the motion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded to adopt the pre-printed Reports as read by the Grand Secretary. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

PREPRINTED REPORTS:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

The 2008-2009 Committee on Grievances and Appeals received neither any grievances nor any appeals during the year.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals has no information to report other than all appears to be right within the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be of service.

DAVID L. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

H. DAVID MOORE, JERREL B. JONES, JOE R. GILMORE, TOMMY F. CHAPMAN

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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

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

During this Capitular year, One hundred thirty-eight (138) Companions received their 50-Year Service Awards. These Companions have given of their time and talents for a half century or more. Their names, chapter and date of presentation of the awards appear in the Proceedings of the Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Grand High Priest's Address. We commend these Companions for their years of service to this Grand Chapter.

Twenty-four (24) Chapters presented member Companions with the Cornerstone Award during this Capitular Year. These Companions are most deserving and we commend them on their love of Capitular Masonry and their dedicated service.

During this Capitular year, we received several very deserving nominations for the Golden Keystone Award. The recipients that were selected were recognized with this honor at our banquet Sunday night and their names will be included in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter. These Companions have distinguished themselves as the leaders of Capitular Masonry, and we wish them many more years of service.

The members of this committee wish to express our thanks for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN MCCANDLESS, CHAIRMAN

JACK E. BEELER, MITCHELL RAY JONES, LARRY G. CANADA, GEORGE H. CHENEY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

To The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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

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

office we will give them the password for that. This office will continue to look for other ways to save.

Faternally submitted,
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN
B.J. YOUNG, BILLY RAY BELL, CLIFFORD T. TEER, RALPH A. McLEOD

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND PRESERVATION

Most Excellent Doug Collins, I am Gary Adams a Past High Priest of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30 and Teague Chapter No. 320 and am serving as the Chairman of the History and Preservation Committee. On behalf of the committee I submit the following report.

PROJECT CAPITULAR CARE

The committee has continued its efforts to locate and mark the graves of our Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests.

The first grave marked this year was for Right Excellent B. C. Courtney. The ceremony was held at the Green Mount Cemetery in Greenville, TX on a bitterly cold windy day. Several companions from local Councils and the family of our beloved companion were able to attend the ceremony. A local newspaper reporter was in attendance and we received much needed positive reporting in the local paper. It was a special honor for me to be able to preside at this ceremony. Right Excellent Courtney was an outstanding Mason and Companion.

The second ceremony was held for the Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest T. M. Bartley. The ceremony was held at his grave-site in the Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, TX. Companion Bartley has the distinction of being the only Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. He was given this honor in 1941 in recognition of his many years of service as the Grand Secretary.

This year we concluded marking our Very Excellent Companions in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas, by conducting a footstone ceremony for General Edward Burleson who served as the MEGHP of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas in 1844-45, additionally General and Companion Burleson was the first person to be buried in the Texas State Cemetery, which was organized in his honor.

Another historical fact about General Burleson is that he commanded the unit in charge of the Twin Sisters cannon at the battle of San Jacinto, the decisive battle that gave Texas its independence, in which many famous Texas Masons are known to have participated, but sadly to our discredit their being Royal Arch Masons has not been as proudly proclaimed.

The first Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, Barrie Gillespie was also honored with a footstone ceremony in Brenham, TX. Companion Gillespie, while serving as High Priest of Lone Star Chapter, under a Masters warrant from Austin Lodge No.12, instructed Companion and Secretary H. W. Raglin to issue a call to all Royal Arch Masons in the Republic of Texas that a convention to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter would be held in Austin Texas late December of 1841. The detailed account of this convention and a list of the charter officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas were printed in the 2004 report of Grand Chapter Special Committee on History and Preservation by Companion Cliff Cameron.

Companion's Gillespie (First Grand High Priest GRAC Rep. of TX), Raglin (First Grand Secretary GRAC Rep. of TX) and Burleson (A Charter Member of the GRAC Rep. of TX) were all members of Lone Star Chapter in Austin, Texas and through Companion Cameron's research pictures of all three were donated to Lone Star Chapter for their records and display.

This last Sunday, the Companions of Pt. Neches Chapter, along with members of this Committee conducted a dual footstone Ceremony at Green Lawn Memorial Park in Groves, Texas for W. H. Telfair and Clyde V. May. Both of these Very Excellent Companions were members of Port Arthur Chapter which is now merged with Pt. Neches. This ceremony is an example of the zeal among the Companions, as these two foot stones were paid for by private donations and the stone setting fees were paid by Pt. Neches Chapter. It is this type of commitment and cooperation that allows this committee to greater use the small budget for this purpose.

There are still a great number of our Past Grand High Priest's gravesites that have not been located. Companions, please contact members of the committee if you have information about Past Grand High Priests so that their service can be honored.

The committee encourages all local councils to be good stewards of your histories. All of us have a history to be proud of but if it is not preserved it will surely be lost.

Special thanks go to Companion Cliff Cameron who has lived and breathed the history of this wonderful fraternity since this Committee's inception in 2004. He has researched, written many articles, traveled many miles often at his own expense, made phone calls, twisted arms, and done a wonderful job of preserving the history of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, and this Grand Body as well. Much of our history would now be lost if not for the diligent efforts of this Companion. Thank you, Cliff for all your help.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter Committee on History & Preservation I move the adoption of this report.

GARY W. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN

RONALD D. PARK, ELDON L. BROOKS, KENNETH COTTER, ARNOLD LANGSTON

102ND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
ARLINGTON, TEXAS

At the organizational meeting of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, held during the Grand Chapter Session on October 21, 2008, 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
John R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant Secretary & Attorney

This year, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors have held the regularly scheduled business meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with one (1) exception; the November Meeting was held on November 27, 2008, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

RETIREMENT PLAN

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

The Board Members met with representatives of Wells Fargo Bank on March 26, 2009, to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. The Retirement Committee convened on April 23, 2009 to discuss investment changes proposed by Wells Fargo Bank.

The Market Value of the Retirement Trust Fund as of October 1, 2007, was \$3,150,382.00. The Market Value as of September 30, 2008, was \$2,724,857.00, resulting in a decrease of \$425,525.00. Because the Auditor's Report of Examination is not yet complete, our reporting period for the Retirement Plan is one year behind the current year. Current information however, is available for the actual benefits paid during this reporting year; our retirees and/or beneficiaries received a total of \$158,809.47 in retirement benefits during the Plan Year Ending September 30, 2009. A contribution to the Retirement Plan was required again this year, and a payment in the amount of \$154,727.00, was made on May 7, 2009. The dismal economy is primarily responsible for the disappointing financial performance of the Trust Fund, during this reporting period.

As of Plan Year Ending September 30, 2008, the Retirement Plan had one hundred sixteen (116) participants; seventy-eight (78) were active participants, thirty (30) of the participants were retirees and/or beneficiaries, and six (6) were vested participants who terminated during the Plan Year.

INDEPENDENT LIVING - CLINIC/NURSING CENTER CENSUS

As of June 30, 2009, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's membership consisted of one hundred twenty-two (122) Grand Chapter residents, twenty-two (22) Grand Lodge widows, and seventeen (17) Eastern Star residents, giving the Retirement Center a total census of one hundred sixty-one (161) members. This figure represents a loss of two (2) residents since the last Grand Chapter Report.

FINANCES AND COST

The Board Members met with representatives of JP Morgan Private Bank on November 20, 2008, and March 26, 2009, 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, 2009, is in the process of being prepared by Judd Thomas Smith Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. Upon completion, the Report will be on file in the Grand Secretary's Office in Waco. The changes in Unit Cost Per Resident Day and the number of days spent in each section of the facility, will be included in the 2010 Annual Grand Chapter Report.

Like the rest of the nation, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center was affected by the tumultuous performance of the stock market, and the dramatic decline in our nation's economy. Subsequently, it became necessary to undertake certain cost cutting measures, to reduce the negative impact on our facility. While we suffered some losses in regards to our investments, our financial position remains sound. We look forward to the new year with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The amount received in contributions was disappointing, and reflects the continuing decline in membership. From January 2009 through September 30, 2009, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center received a total of \$17,029.54 in charitable donations. This figure does not however, reflect the many generous bequests that we have received throughout the year. Subsequently, we realize the importance of keeping our "name out there," and continue our fund-raising efforts. We realize that the Retirement Center is just one of many charitable organizations asking for financial assistance, pitting us against some fierce competition. We remain grateful to our generous benefactors, whose continued patronage help support this worthy charity.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Although construction of our new multi-story, independent living apartment complex began on March 3, 2008, we experienced a disappointing setback in April of this year, when the general contractor went bankrupt and pulled off of the job. Negotiations with the bonding company began shortly thereafter, and construction on the new building resumed in July of 2009. The revised, projected completion date is March of 2010.

CONCLUSION

Since opening in 1911, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has faced many unique challenges. The one constant throughout the years however, has been our resolve to provide quality care to our Masonic

brethren and their families. While the last year has been tumultuous, we emerge triumphant, and continue our quest to "Build on the Past for the Future."

Respectfully submitted by:
Orville L. O'Neill, President
Steve Wolfe, Vice President
W. E. Brookshire, Secretary
Floyd Hall, Director
James Roy Elliott, Director

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

Mount Horeb Lodge #137	\$150.00	Waskom Ch. #812, OES	\$50.00
Florence Lodge #338	\$50.00	Bluebell Ch. #856, OES	\$200.00
Hill City Lodge #456	\$1,000.00	Lindale Ch. #864, OES	\$100.00
East Bernard Lodge #817	\$55.00	Mesquite Ch. #887, OES	\$25.00
Loving Lodge #917	\$25.00	Waelder Ch. #1023, OES	\$70.00
Texas City Lodge #1118	\$175.00	Lone Star Ch. #1083, OES	\$25.00
Somerset Lodge #1205	\$100.00	W. Hughston Ch #1100, OES	\$100.00
Richardson Lodge #1214	\$75.00	Zapata Ch. #1106, OES	\$50.00
Tyler Lodge #1233	\$100.00	Gainesville Ch. #1123, OES	\$25.00
Iron Bluff Lodge #1376	\$70.00	High Noon Club	\$500.00
Arch J. Keys Lodge #1395	\$40.00	OES Time & Talent Dist. 5	\$333.00
Washington Ch. #2	\$1,600.00	Pst Matron/Pst Patron D1 S5	\$400.00
Columbia Ch. & Co.	\$200.00	Gary & Shirley Achtemeier	\$40.00
Dallas Ch. #47	\$285.00	Thurman L. Allred	\$100.00
Bonham Ch. #52	\$50.00	Nancy & Bill Armstrong	\$10.00
Midlothian Ch. #211	\$500.00	Kelly Ballinger	\$100.00
Arlington Ch. #376	\$100.00	Gordon E. Bangs	\$50.00
George Washington Ch. #422	\$25.00	Walter & Lou Beene	\$50.00
Port Neches Ch. #436	\$300.00	Barbara Beeson	\$40.00
Southeast Texas Ch. & Co.	\$75.00	Vernon Bodine Brazelton	\$25.00
Park Place Ch. #458	\$50.00	W. Eugene Brookshire	\$5,000.00
Richmond Ch. #467	\$50.00	Jim Buller	\$100.00
Halton-Riverside Ch. & Co.	\$350.00	Nell Caulfield	\$390.00
Lloyd L. Gibson Ch. & Co.	\$50.00	Nola & Mickey Choate	\$20.00
Grand Prairie York Rite	\$30.00	Robert D. Collier	\$25.00
Cleveland Ch. & Co.	\$50.00	Betty Lynn Crawford	\$100.00
Dallas Co. #18	\$295.00	C. W. Crawley	\$30.00
Keystone Co. #112	\$200.00	Billie E. & Sally Davis	\$550.00
Midlothian Co. #148	\$500.00	Tommie & Johnnie Davis	\$50.00
Richmond Co. #383	\$50.00	Craig Echols	\$50.00
John C. Callahan Co. #408	\$25.00	Wendell & Carole Edwards	\$35.00
Alice Ch. #61, O.E.S	\$52.00	James R. Elliott	\$235.00
Big Spring Ch. #67, OES	\$225.00	Jack & Lynn Emmons	\$100.00
Caddo Mills Ch. #82, OES	\$50.00	Grady & Wanda Erwin	\$25.00
Belle Moon Ch. #90, OES	\$25.00	Michael & Linda Eschenweck	\$20.00
Ransford Ch. #135, OES	\$50.00	M. L. Foster	\$50.00
Luling Ch. #155, OES	\$40.00	Bill Fowler	\$10.00
Montgomery Ch. #228, OES	\$50.00	J. Nicholas & Cynthia Fowler	\$50.00
San Marcos Ch. #276, OES	\$100.00	Charles, Nell & Charlie Fulton	\$30.00
Jasper Ch. #291, OES	\$400.00	Bill Gale	\$100.00
Uvalde Ch. #297, OES	\$35.00	Paul Goebel	\$50.00
Marshall Ch. #356, OES	\$100.00	Linda B. Haggard	\$100.00
Jacksonville Ch. #377, OES	\$15.00	William Head	\$300.00
Gonzales Ch. #403, O.E.S	\$65.00	Matt Howard	\$25.00
Henderson Ch. #597, OES	\$50.00	Jerry Jackson	\$10.00
League City Ch. #621	\$30.00	Howard V. Kennedy	\$50.00
Brownfield Ch. #785, OES	\$56.54	Jane Key	\$100.00

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 (continued)

Kenny Kimbrough	\$50.00	Billy J. & Kerlene Ross	\$100.00
Clarence J. & Pam Laney	\$116.00	Max Paul & Gretchen Ruhnke	\$15.00
Jerry M. Leach	\$100.00	Roben & Kim Ruhnke	\$15.00
Clarence Ledoux	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. R. Saunders	\$50.00
Edwin M. Lindke	\$105.00	George & Kay Skinner	\$35.00
Lockheed Martin Tech Pblsh	\$158.00	G. Clay Smith	\$25.00
Jan Lofland	\$25.00	Charleene Smith	\$25.00
Steven & Kay Maize	\$50.00	Thomas W. & Linda Snyder	\$100.00
Marine Square Club Houston	\$150.00	J. P. Steger	\$100.00
Ben L. Matheson	\$25.00	Charles E. Stewart, Jr.	\$200.00
Larry McCaslin	\$10.00	M. D. & V. J. Stringer	\$20.00
D.M. & B.E. Messner Trusts	\$500.00	Col. & Mrs. Ray Stroup	\$100.00
L. V. [Pete] Mhoon	\$25.00	Tarrant Antique Dealers Assn	\$100.00
Dick, Madge & Marty Moore	\$40.00	Patsy & Randy Thompson	\$500.00
James H. Moser	\$800.00	John & Joyce Waldie	\$410.00
E. Murphy & Jean Dye	\$20.00	Walmart Distrib. Ctr #6068	\$35.00
Michael & Elaine Newton	\$25.00	James D. Ward	\$40.00
Jack M. & Lois Odell	\$460.00	Norman E. Ward	\$75.00
Orville O'Neill	\$880.00	George L. Watkins	\$200.00
Joe & Kathy Paschal	\$50.00	Roger H. White	\$45.00
Phillips & Associates, CPA's	\$100.00	Debra Wilmore	\$20.00
Paul Piat	\$20.00	Nannie Wolcott, Nancy & Robert McCreary	\$500.00
Bill & Ann Price	\$25.00	Charles S. Wolfe	\$251.00
Gladys Riley	\$15.00	Dean & Cheryl Zweifel	\$10.00
Myra B. Robinson	\$50.00		
David G. Rogers	\$100.00	END OF YEAR TOTAL	\$24,836.54

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, I am about to call off to go to lunch and get ready for the Grand Council Session this afternoon, but before doing so, I want to recognize the Grand King for an announcement he needs to make.

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52.

I would like to make the announcement for the incoming District Deputy Grand High Priests and appointed Grand Officers, you will be able to pick up your packet this afternoon after the First Session of the Grand Council, and also we will have it set up where you can get your individual photographs. We will start that this afternoon, too, here over in the back hall over here. So that will be whenever the Grand Council Session finishes, I will be in the Grand High Priest's Office and you can pick up your packets there. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, will you dismiss us for lunch.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: Let us pray.
 Heavenly Father, once again we thank You for Thy presence, for the wisdom that is given to us when we are in tune with Thee. For all that we have done we pray that it has been in accordance with Thy will and for the benefit of the Fraternity. Now as we go forth to refreshment, let the provisions which we eat be for the nourishment of our bodies and continued service to Thee. Lead us back in peace and harmony. In Thy Holy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companion Royal Arch Captain, I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment. You will inform the Guard.

Companions, we will pick up in the morning right at eight o'clock with the Report of Purposes and Policies Committee and get to work. So I hope all of you come back to the Grand Council Session this afternoon.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I now declare the Grand Chapter duly called from labor to refreshment.

(11:30 a.m.)

FIRST SESSION CONCLUDED AND GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNED
UNTIL OCTOBER 20TH, 2009 AT 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2009 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 COLLINS: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) In the name of God and our Ancient and Worthy Patron Zerubbabel I now declare the One Hundred and Sixtieth Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor. Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Guard.

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

PRAYER

R:E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: Let us pray.
O Thou Supreme Grand Artificer of the Universe, we reverently acknowledge Thy presence among us. We beseech Thee to open our minds to receive Thy wisdom, our hearts to reflect Thy love. Guide our souls in the ways of justice and peace and harmony that by Thy grace we may be better men, effective leaders and fruitful laborers in the building of brotherhood. It is in Thy Holy Name we pray and let us all say amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Amen!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Right Excellent Grand King, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

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

THE COMPANIONS 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 COLLINS: Right Excellent Grand Scribe, will you lead us in the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Good morning, Companions, we are going to get started right off. I believe we will start with the Report of Purposes and Policies Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURPOSES AND POLICIES

COMPANION LAWRENCE E. TUCKER: I am Larry Tucker, Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter No. 458, and it is my pleasure to offer the Report of the Committee on Purposes and Policies for your consideration.

This Report is addressed to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past High Grand Priests, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers and my Companions.

There have been referred to this Committee the following Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations for consideration at this Annual Grand Chapter Convocation:

Resolution No. 1 jointly referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence;

Resolution No. 2 jointly referred to Finance, Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence;

Resolution No. 3;

Recommendation No. 1 jointly referred to Finance and Purposes and Policies;

Recommendation No. 2 jointly referred to Purposes and Policies and jurisprudence; and

Recommendation No. 3 jointly referred to Purposes Policies and Jurisprudence.

Your Purposes and Policies will report on Resolutions Nos. 1 and 3 and Recommendations Nos. 2 and 3.

As is our usual custom, the Purposes and Policies Committee met with the Committee on Jurisprudence on Sunday morning, October 18, to discuss the above referenced items.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Resolution No. 1, appearing on pages 1-2 of this book (pages 31-32 of this book), submitted by Companion Leonard P. Harvey and jointly referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence, deals with the manner of receiving and balloting on petitions and proper attestation for conferral of Degrees at York Rite Festivals. We agree with Companion Harvey's observation in the manner in which many Royal Arch Chapters operate when selecting and electing candidates for membership in Texas Chapters. The proposed legislation provides sufficient accommodation to those Chapters that meet on a bimonthly or quarterly basis allowing them to request and receive dispensation from the Grand High Priest to hold a Special Convocation to ballot on petitioners in a timely manner.

Your Committee on Purposes and Policies recommends the approval of Resolution No. 1, Most Excellent.

In the absence of Companion Harvey, I move - I am Larry Tucker, Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter, and I move the adoption of Resolution No. 1.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, it has been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION TUCKER: Thank you, Most Excellent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Resolution No. 2 appearing on pages 2-3 (pages 32-33), submitted by R:E: Companion Timothy M. La Vergne and jointly referred to the Finance Committee, Purposes and Policies Committee and Jurisprudence Committee will be reported by the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Resolution No. 3 was submitted by you. Do you want to move it for consideration?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Please.

COMPANION TUCKER: Companions, Resolution No. 3 appearing on page 3 (page 33), submitted by M:E: Companion Douglas Collins proposes changing the date of submission of Chapter by-laws to the Grand Secretary's office from September 1st to July 15th. This proposed change makes sense with the change of meeting dates of this Grand Chapter that was approved in 2005 and became effective in 2007; however, we would recommend Resolution No. 3 be amended by changing the specified submission date to July 1st rather than the proposed July 15th dating. This allows the Grand Chapter Committee on By-laws additional time to review the Chapter's by-laws prior to the Grand Chapter Convocation.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the proposed amendment to Resolution No. 3 changing "July 15th to "July 1st."

(R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: You have heard the motion regarding the amendment to Resolution No. 3. All those in favor of the amendment will raise your right hand. All opposed, same. Motion carries.

COMPANION TUCKER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the proposed amendment to Resolution No. 3 and would now move the approval of Resolution No. 3

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Doug Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422 and I move the adoption of this Resolution.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion on the Resolution as amended. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor will vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Those opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION TUCKER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Recommendation No. 1, appearing on pages 3-4 (or 33-34) was jointly referred to the Finance Committee and the Committee on Purposes and Policies and will be reported by the Finance Committee.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Douglas Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422 and I move the approval of Recommendation No. 2 requiring the Chapter Secretaries to notify all members of their Chapter anytime that there is a motion that has to be held over by Law from one meeting to the next so that all members of the Chapter will have an opportunity to attend that meeting and vote upon that measure.

COMPANION TUCKER: Recommendation No. 2, appearing on pages 4-5 (pages 34-35), proposes to amend Art. 199 which deals with proposed changes in Chapter by-laws and proper notice to the members of the Chapter and is jointly referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. (Note: The current Article 199 uses "lay" instead of "lie" as printed.)

We agree with the sentiments expressed by the Grand High Priest in Recommendation No. 2; however, we recommend that the proposed Recommendation No. 2 be amended with the following changes: (1) inserting a period following "action" (2) deleting "and" and (3) insertion "of submission" following "days." With this proposed amendment, the Grand High Priest in Recommendation No. 2 would read: "Amendments to by-laws must be submitted in writing at a Stated Convocation and must lay over until the next or subsequent Stated Convocation for final action. Within seven (7) days of submission, the Secretary shall ..."

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the proposed amendment to Recommendation No. 2 as just read.

COMPANION TUCKER: With the concurrence of the Jurisprudence Committee, we recommend the

approval of Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 2 as amended.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Doug Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422 and I move the adoption of this Recommendation.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt Recommendation No. 2 as amended. All those in favor will vote by the sign of a Mason. Down hands. All opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

COMPANION TUCKER: And Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 3.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Douglas Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422 and I move the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 which requires Chapter to have - to get the proper regalia - the officers to wear their proper regalia while the chapter is open and provides - and provides for a time for them to obtain the Chapter regalia should it have been destroyed by fire or stolen or something like that, and also provides that should the Grand Secretary have some extra regalia that they can borrow that they have six months from the time that they borrow it until they have to replace their regalia so that the Officers can be properly clothed at the meetings.

I move the adoption of this Recommendation.

COMPANION TUCKER: Recommendation No. 3, appearing on page 5 (page 35), proposes to amend Art. 247 which deals with the wearing of Officers' Jewels and is jointly referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence.

The ritualistic opening of a Royal Arch Chapter calls for High Priest to drop a gavel and say: "Companions, we are about to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the dispatch of business, and will thank you for your attention and assistance. The Officers and Companions will clothe themselves in their appropriate regalia, Officers assume their jewels and take their respective stations." With the concurrence of the Jurisprudence Committee, your Committee on Purposes and Policies recommends approval of Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 3.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Douglas Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington No. 422.

In several cases over the last couple of years I have been to Chapters, one that did not have and had not had their regalia for over 44 years. They went without regalia because it had been lost in a fire back in the 1960s and they just never replaced it and had been operating that way for 44 years. And another Chapter where the Companions - the Officers were about to open a Chapter. In fact, they started the opening ceremony and I turned to a Past High Priest on the sidelines and mentioned that the Officers weren't wearing the proper regalia and he turned to me and said, "Oh, we don't use it. I guess we better put it on, shouldn't we?" I said, "Yes."

It took him about four or five minutes with doors slamming to find the appropriate regalia back in another room to bring it out to the Officers.

So for these reasons I believe we need to stop being lazy and make sure that we have our appropriate regalia and I move the adoption of this Recommendation.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

Every year I get up here and tell you Companions, I have lots of stuff down here in these rooms that you all can have. I do not want you to borrow it and bring it back. (LAUGHTER)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: I want you to keep it. So, please, you don't have to buy stuff. If I have got it, you can have it. So just come down and ask me about it and we'll go down there and look and

see what you need. You can take it and, please, don't bring it back.

(LAUGHTER)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Okay? And I move to strike the word "borrow" or whatever.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 3. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor vote by the sign of a Mason. Down hands. All opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION TUCKER: 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 and amended be approved in accordance with the action taken by the Grand Chapter and that all amendments to the Laws of the Grand Chapter herein are referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for its approval and final recommendations to this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. TUCKER, CHAIRMAN

JACK L. WRIGHT, W. DAVID COUNTS, JR., F. E. (SKIP) SMITH, JR., JACK M. HARPER, II

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: All in favor of accepting the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. All those opposed, the same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Is the By-Laws Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

COMPANION PAUL WUNSCH: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions all: To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers, past and present:

My name is Paul Wunsch, a Past High Priest of North Houston Chapter No. 472 and Chairman of the Grand Chapter By-Laws Committee. We offer the following report:

We received requests for changes in By-laws from the following Chapters:

Dennison Chapter No. 138

George Washington Chapter No. 422

Haltom City-Riverside Chapter No. 368

We find them to be in proper form, and recommend approval of these requested changes. Therefore, this Committee moves the approval of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion and second to adopt the Report of the By-Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL E. WUNSCH, CHAIRMAN

SAM ALLSBROOKS, HERB GARON, JR., JEFF BENNETT, CLINTON M. M. MCKENZIE

COMPANION WUNSCH: Thank you very much, Most Excellent, for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir.

Now how about the Report of the Committee on Work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

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

I am Eldon Brooks, Past High Priest of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58. On behalf of the Committee on Work, 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 15, 2009, and have registered 31 Representatives of subordinate Chapters and 45 visitors for a total of 76 registrants, including 23 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:

John Vernon	Lone Star No. 6
Kenneth W. Sides	Dallas No 47
Merlin Howe	Gonzales No. 51
Tim Zoltowski	Haggai No. 53
Steve Ploof	Mt. Horeb No. 57
Rex S. Lewis	R. C. Buckner No. 108
Jack D. Davidson	Bosque No. 153
Ricardo D. Gonzalez	El Paso No. 157
Jerry D. Norton	Keystone No. 172
Jackie Matthews	Keystone No. 172
Robert W. Streeper	Beaumont No. 188
Ronnie A. Kinney	Lubbock No. 248
Robert L. Cagley	Arlington No. 376
David Levy	Goose Creek No. 408
Mark Schlieper	Hildago No. 434
Gary Dixon	Kilgore No. 449
Raymond Tomlinson	Burnet No. 453
Thomas Oughton	Burnet No. 453
Robert D. Perkins	Blue Bonnet No. 470
H. Nelson Dunn	Blue Bonnet No. 470
Samuel W. Green, Jr.	Blue Bonnet No. 470
Jerry Eller	Killeen No. 484
Ben Lewark	Ridglea No. 485

Companions, thank you for coming and participating in the School. Give them a hand. (APPLAUSE)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: Attendance was up this year over last year, and participation in the classrooms was excellent. We were able to hold four 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, 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:

Stephenville No. 140	Texas No. 362 - 2 Schools
Alpha No. 243 (Del Rio)	R. C. Buckner No. 108 (Dallas)
Temple No. 199	Seagoville No. 419
Love Field No. 478 (Dallas)	

We have approved this year the following Certificates:

One Year (First Year)	5
One Year (Renewals)	63
Three Year (First Year)	0
Three Year (Renewals)	21
Life (25 Years)	0
Total	89

We want to have the opportunity to recognize those Companions for whom we have approved First Year Certificates. Those who are present please stand as I call your names:

Mike Pledger	Tyler No. 24
Brad Nickels	Bosque No. 153
Douglas Dees	Southeast Texas No. 465
Russell Trest	Southeast Texas No. 465
Clint Stevens	North Houston No. 472

Let's give these fellows a hand.

(APPLAUSE)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: 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, Bennie L. T. Cox at benniecox@att.net or 214-604-3241 so that we may make the necessary correction.

If you know of someone in your Chapter and Council who does not have a Certificate and should be considered for one, please advise any Member of the Committee on Work and we will make arrangements to review the Companion's proficiency.

Companions, the Committee on Work has undergone changes in that our School Secretary, R. E. (Bob) Black, is retiring this year. Bob Black, please rise so that the Companions may thank you for your years of service to this Committee and to this Grand Chapter.

(APPLAUSE)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: The Committee on Work has retained the services of (Bennie) L. T. Cox as our new School Secretary. Bennie Cox, please rise so the Companions may see you. There you are.

(APPLAUSE)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: The Committee on Work has been changing in that Companion Dale Secor has resigned from this Committee in January of this year. He was replaced by Onnie Weaver from Southeast Texas Chapter No. 465 by the Grand High Priest. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Dale Secor for the many, many years he has served on this Committee.

Companions, this Committee on Work was shocked and saddened by the death of Companion Allan W. (Skip) Dees in May of this year. We miss Companion Dees and we know that the Companions of Texas miss him. Companion Dees was the glue that this Committee needed to function more efficiently and effectively. How can you replace such a natural leader and worker? The Grand High Priest appointed Companion Al Machts of Helotes Chapter No. 444 to replace Companion Dees.

The Committee on Work met in Arlington, Texas, at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for its annual mid-year meeting on July 2, 3 and 4 of this year to discuss and run the work as well as getting to know each other. They also met to plan for the Annual School at the Grand Conclave Session.

We, the Committee, wish to thank the Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter Office in allowing the Committee to serve you, the Companions of Texas.

I would like to make a side remark here as Chairman of the Committee. This Committee cannot function without the help and cooperation of the Grand Chapter Office. I want you to know that that staff in that office from the Grand Secretary to the girls that work in there we owe a debt of gratitude. Companions, isn't it nice to have two ladies that smile when you come and even the Grand Secretary will smile, too.
(LAUGHTER)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Report, which has been signed by the committee:

ELDON L. BROOKS, CHAIRMAN

TIMOTHY F. E. TOWSON, ALFRED MACHTS, JR., ONNIE WEAVER, JR., DAVID G. ROGERS

Most Excellent, I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Committee on Work. All those in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

COMPANION HARVEY: To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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

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

At the 2008 Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, our Committee gave a rather comprehensive report of the activities and recommendations of the Law Review Committee. The text of that report is reflected on pages 74 through 76 of the Proceedings of the referenced Annual Convocation.

Since the 2008 Report, your Committee has pretty well tied up any loose ends that were left hanging at the time of the Report.

One major accomplishment has been the revision of the page numbering sequence which now reflects the section in which the page is located. An example of benefits to be realized by the final numbering system would be as follows:

For instance, Section "B" pertains to the Laws of the Grand Chapter as were contained in pages 45-71 of the previous system. Those pages are now identified as B-1 through B-26. The "B" denotes the Section, and the numbers denote the page numbers in that Section. The principal advantage to the page numbering system is that future changes made to the laws in any section can be made in the affected section only and does not impact the overall numbering sequence of other sections of the entire law book. This feature alone can be significantly cost effective when printing future additional law changes.

The final labors of the Law Review Committee also reflect all law changes approved by the Grand Chapter through the 2008 Annual Grand Convocation. Final electronic versions of our labors have been passed to the Grand Secretary, and we now leave final disposition of the project to the care of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Secretary and to this Grand Chapter. We have finished the course. We are tired and worn out. We can see no reason to go further.

Therefore, we move that the Law Review Committee be dissolved as of the closing of the 2009 Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
LEONARD P. HARVEY, CHAIRMAN
JACK L. WRIGHT, RONALD D. PARK, HERB GARON

And I so move, Most Excellent.

(R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor vote by the sign of a Mason. Down hands. Opposed, the same. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HARVEY: Thank you very much.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companion Harvey, we appreciate your continued hard work in getting this done.

COMPANION HARVEY: Thank you.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: The next one we would have would be the Report of the Committee on New Chapters.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHAPTERS

COMPANION DAVID G. MATHER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am David Mather, Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter 458.

There are no new Chapters so, therefore, we have no report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir. You're going to move the adoption? (LAUGHTER)

COMPANION MATHER: I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion that there is actually no report. So if you approve that, all in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I believe the next one we've got - Right Excellent Grand Secretary, would you like to give that award or give that plaque now?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Would Gene Brookshire, Floyd Hall, Roy Elliott and Steve Wolfe - are they all in here? Would you all come up to the podium, please?
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions all:

My name is Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47 and I am the President of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

Each year we have a Member who rotates off the Board and, Steve Wolfe, Floyd Hall, James Roy Elliott and my hero - this man is my hero. I love him to death, but he is going off the Board this year and we are going to miss him very, very much, my friend.

We would like to present this plaque to you for your time of service. Now, this is just for one term. Twenty

years you have been on that Board or somewhere like that? He's just my hero for your years of service to that institution.

COMPANION W. E. (GENE) BROOKSHIRE: It's been a wonderful trip. The TMRC is a special place. You have an awesome team now taking care of your business and representing the affairs of your Retirement Center. I just hope that I have added something because it has a special place in my heart. Because I'm going off the Board doesn't lessen my wishes, prayers or concerns about that institution. I'm still concerned and I will be until I die.

The Companions who haven't taken the time to go see what you are supporting, you are doing yourself and injustice and this institution an injustice.

But I will always remember the way you all have supported me in my efforts to take care and be on the Board for the several terms that I have been. I thank you very much and a special thanks to all the Grand High Priests who have supported me and they have always served and had a great interest in the TMRC.

They have attended the meetings and supported us and it is just one big happy family. You have a wonderful Administrator and, you know, you have a wonderful place and I thank you for letting me be a part of it. Thank you very much. (RISING APPLAUSE)

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, we will now have a report by Companion Tom Keithly on the Memorials Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN PRO TEMPORE KEITHLY: I am Tom Keithly, a Past High Priest of Brownwood Chapter and affiliated with Dallas No. 47.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Officers and Companions all:

The Memorials Committee was pleased to serve this One Hundred and Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

In cooperation with the Memorials Committee of the Grand Council, the Grand Chapter carried out the Memorial and Divine Services in the Lower Auditorium of the Grand Lodge on Sunday, October 18th, at 1:30 p.m.

A copy of the Program and Tributes will be attached to the Proceedings of this Convocation.

The traditional Tributes were given to our Companions who laid down the working tools and passed on to their Heavenly reward since we last met in Grand Convocation. In addition, individual Tributes were expressed for Right Excellent Robert Melear, Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Allan Dees, Committees on Work, Right Excellent Richard L. Vaughn, District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District No. 21 and Right Illustrious Donald Sargent, District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 3.

We make note with regret that our Grand Chaplain and Chairman of this Committee, Billy H. Combest, was unable to participate in this Grand Convocation. We ask that our appreciation for his services to Capitular Masonry and this Convocation be expressed along with our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Most Excellent Sir, we thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Convocation and Capitular Masonry.

Fraternal submitted for the Committee by:

THOMAS KEITHLY, PRO-TEM

BILLY H. COMBEST, CHAIRMAN

THOMAS A. LITTLE, GARY ADAMS, ROBERT FOREMAN, JERRAL B. JONES

Most Excellent Sir, I move the acceptance of this report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept the Report of the Memorials Committee. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, by my Timex I've got 8:58 a.m. If I could have the Report of the Credentials Committee. Anybody from the Credentials Committee in here just yet?

While we are waiting on the Credentials Report, I asked - let me just have a Roll Call here of these Deputies for the Tellers Committee:

LIST OF TELLERS

ROBERT D. COLLIER, CHAIRMAN
JACK T. PEEBLES, JOE R. GILMORE, WILLIAM J. GILES, JR.
STEVEN R. HEALD, JOE RODRIQUEZ, ARLISS C. WEBER

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We will have the Credentials Report.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

COMPANION REX LEWIS: I have the final Report of the Committee on Credentials. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am Rex Lewis, Past High Priest of R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108. I am here to give the final Report of the Credentials Committee as of 8:30 a.m. this morning.
Present:

- 16 Grand Chapter Officers
- 16 Past Grand High Priests
- 287 Past High Priests (Registered and picked up 285 Ballots)
- 38 High Priests
- 19 Kings
- 11 Scribes
- 7 Chapter Representatives
- 21 District Deputy Grand High Priests
- 66 Grand Representatives from Texas Near other Jurisdictions
- 12 Visitors
- 96 Chapters
- 13 Out-of-State Visitors

We have a total of 70 Chapter ballots representing 96 votes for Companions holding the ballots of three votes and we have 285 votes for Companions holding a ballot for one vote for a total of 495 votes.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID ROGERS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM
GARY DIXON, MIKE KUHLMANN, REX LEWIS, JEFFREY MILLER

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Okay. Companions, you have heard the Report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion or any corrections? All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Grand Secretary.

COMPANION LEWIS: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for the opportunity for Credentials to serve.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir. The Guard will seal the doors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST	TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.
RIGHT EXCELLENT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST	G. CLAY SMITH
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING	THOMAS W. SNYDER
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE	TOMMY F. CHAPMAN
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER	KENNETH E. COOLEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
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(DURING THE ELECTION PROCEEDINGS M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS
(CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

Let's go ahead and continue on with business, Companions.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordinating Committee. And the
Chairman is not here. Jerral, can you give us any type of report ?

I'm sure I know what you're going to say, but we need to say it anyway.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE FESTIVAL, LIAISON AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE

COMPANION JERRAL KNOX: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee has no report to make.
(LAUGHTER)

COMPANION KNOX: So I move we adopt that Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Yes, sir. Okay.

Companions, the Committee does not have a report to make. All those in favor of adopting the no report,
usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Grand
Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Order of High Priesthood.

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

COMPANION TOM SNEDECOR: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Tom Snedecor, Past High Priest
of Park Place 458, and the Secretary of the Order of High Priesthood.

We had our meeting last night and we had an outstanding number of candidates. Thirty-six in the Chapter
for the Order of High Priesthood, just about the limit of our physical capabilities to get them around this
Altar.

We are still solvent. We have elected new Officers. Our new presiding Officer will be Larry Canada. He
will be here this morning to present Tim La Vergne with his apron and his jewel and carrying case which is
one of the primary purposes for which we use the funds of this organization.

In addition to that, we have a list of all the candidates who took the degree on Monday night:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Ch. No.</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Ch. No.</u>
Attaway	Bobby G.	490	Jung	Larry B.	10
Blair	Michael	467	Lee	George H.	305
Bontempo	Steven	467	McKinney	Charles R.	152
Burris	Robert L.	362	McMinn	Monty R.	470
Carpenter	Lloyd G.	138	Oughton, Sr.	Thomas L.	453
Coats	Larry D.H.	310	Parr	Walter	1
Collum, Jr.	William H.	478	Peters	L.A. "Pete"	24
Cox	Robert L.	444	Phillips	Nicholas	436
Cox, Sr.	Ross J.	197	Potthoff	Kenneth R.	458
Craver	Garrett	436	Sample	John M.	484
Dove	Henry F.	338	Schappaugh	Hunter	2
Eller	Jerry F.	484	Schlieper	Mark	434
Freedman	Gary H.	196	Templeton	Randall K.	472
Glass	Tommy	448	Thralls	Jon A.	157
Griffith	John T.	424	Trogon	William F.	159
Henderson	Hobie	378	Tucker	Dennis R.	211
Huffman	John W.	468	Vernon	John H.	6
James	Scott	448	Walker	Richard E.	58

I submit the - I recommend the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the recommendation to adopt the Report of the Order of High Priesthood. All in favor will signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We have the Membership Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52.

The Membership Committee has been busy this year. We are getting the information from Grand Lodge as to who the new Master Masons are that are being raised. The letters are going out from TMRC with information and that is being followed up by the various Regional Coordinators with the local Chapters and Councils. We are studying some other things to try to make it a more effective impact for the coming year and we have talked to the Regional Coordinators and we will be redoubling our efforts.

We are looking forward to a good year coming up and we have had a good year so far this year.

With that, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I recommend the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the Report from the Membership Committee. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed? The same sign. So ordered, Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Is there any other Committee before we get to Finance? Do we have a Supplemental Report on Recognitions, Honors and Awards? Glen McCandless.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

COMPANION GLEN McCANDLESS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Glen McCandless, Past High Priest of Hamlin Chapter No. 310.

The Report of the Honors Committee has already been printed and circulated. But I offer this only as a supplement to that Report that the names of Thomas Keithly of Dallas Chapter 47 and Doye Sudduth of Tyler Chapter 24 be added as a supplement to the Report. They are recipients of the Golden Keystone Award which was awarded Sunday night at the York Rite Banquet.

COMPANION McCANDLESS: I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Okay. Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Supplemental Report of the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Companion Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Investments Committee. Tim Towson.

A COMPANION: He's on his way.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I'll tell you what. While we are waiting on the ballots to be counted, I would like to extend the floor to the Companion from the General Grand Chapter from New York, I believe.

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Distinguished Companions - I hope that covers everybody:

I am Edmund D. Harrison, Past High Priest of Ancient Chapter No. 1, instituted in 1763, of the Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons.

I am also here in the very happy capacity as General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons. I want to thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the warm and cordial welcome that you and your Companions have extended to me. It is always a pleasure to be here and it is a wonderful chance for me to learn. That is the main purpose of traveling around.

I bring you the greetings of Most Excellent Smokey Ferguson, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and hundreds of thousands of Royal Arch Masons around the world who comprise our Grand Body.

General Grand Chapter dates back to 1797 and has been involved in Royal Arch Masonry and today is the largest international organization - Masonic organization in the world.

It is a great time to be a Royal Arch Mason! I heard some comments from the Grand Master at the banquet. I heard some comments from the Membership Committee. You folks have 95,000 Masons in Texas and twelve thousand or so Royal Arch Masons, which is good. Twelve thousand in 95,000, that's better than the ten percent average. You guys are doing well. But what a great time to be involved.

Masonry today is seeing a resurgence of interest, the likes of which we haven't seen in probably thirty or forty years.

I was privileged to be at a meeting where Brent Morris from the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite was previewing the Dan Brown book. This was about a week before it came out. He predicted that this was likely to be the greatest thing that has happened to Masonry in the past hundred years. That's a pretty bold statement to make.

How many here have read the book? How many of you are reading it?

Okay. Those who have read the book, you have got to be amazed at three things. Well, the first thing is not amazing. It's a pretty good story. It keeps your interest up as you read through it. The second thing is how positive it is about Freemasonry. It is openly, blatantly positive. Nothing is shrouded and those of you

who have completed the book, you have got to, I'm sure, agree with me the last fifty pages are one of the most optimistic, inspiring statements about the Craft, about good living, about faith and all of the things that we hold dear as Masons.

My Companions, as I travel around, I'm finding the same thing is happening everywhere. Young people today are coming into the Craft. They are seeking what we have. What we have is that great brotherhood and companionship. Most of them have studied more about Masonry than we have and probably know more about it than we do, as embarrassing as that may be, and I've been embarrassed a few times with questions from young men who knew the answers and were just trying to see if I knew what I was talking about. They caught me, they caught me. It happens.

The fast transmission of information today is the way of life. Everything is on a fast track. Everybody wants to know everything immediately and they find it.

We, too, my Companions, have to move fast. We bring them into the Lodges and, thank goodness, the Grand Master isn't here, because I have to say that unfortunately most Lodges are not capable of handling those new Brothers after they have made them Masons. There is no problem bringing them in. There is no problem taking them through the Degrees. Everybody holds their hand and walks them through the Degrees. They are very, very precious people.

I remember being in there when a couple of candidates I had proposed to my Lodge in New York and it was the night of the Third Degree and they were in the preparation room. I went in to wish them well. One of them turns around to me and he says, "Ted, what happens after the Third Degree?" And I leave that as a question for you, my Companions, because that's where you lose them. There is no good bringing them in if we are not going to make use of them.

So if your Lodges can put them to work, God bless them, but I'm telling you, my Companions, some Grand Jurisdictions are recognizing that you have got to offer them more and we have the more. The more is that greater light in Masonry that we offer in the Chapters, Councils and Commanderys. These fellows are seeking it, they want it and they are not going to hang around in the Lodge waiting for some senior members of the Lodge to recommend that they advance. They are just not going to do it.

So some Grand Lodges are proposing a change in their ritual. I was impressed at how quickly you passed all these changes and proposals and things through here this morning. But some Lodges are proposing a change in the ritual where there will be a piece inserted: "Behold the Worshipful Master approaching from the East with a petition for the Royal Arch."
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

R:E: GENERAL GRAND KING HARRISON: Well, obviously, that is said in jest; however, there is a bit of truth behind it, too, and we need to move quickly and get them into the Royal Arch to keep their interest up so that they can receive that further light in Masonry and advance through the York Rite and then go back to their Lodges and help the Lodges move forward. And that is the great concentric circle that is going to keep rolling for all of us.

My Companions, I had some conversations with your incoming Grand High Priest and several other Past Grand High Priests and Officers here. General Grand Chapter is doing well, but we could do better and we would all be happier if we had the Grand Chapter of Texas to consider becoming a part of General Grand Chapter again. I say again because you were so many years ago.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois just voted to rejoin, the Grand Chapter of Quebec has voted to rejoin, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick is in the process of considering and other Grand Chapters. We have dialogue going with the Grand Chapter of Ohio. I'm looking forward to an opportunity to follow through on what I hope will be a committee that your incoming Grand High Priest will establish to explore this, just to explore it. We can sit down and talk about the benefits to you and the benefits to us.

I look forward to any opportunity to come back and be amongst the Companions of Texas. It is a real joy to be with you. I thank you again for all the courtesies extended and I would just like to close, if I may, with a piece from the Ritual of the Commandery. In the Order of Malta it says, "We look forward 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, and, beyond the power of change, to live forever."

Thank you, my Companions.

(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We will now hear from the Committee on Investments, Companion Tim Towson. Thank you, sir, for your patience.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

COMPANION TIM TOWSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions:

I am Tim Towson, Past High Priest of Mabank Chapter No. 435. While I am not the Chairman of the Committee, I'm reporting, I guess, on his behalf.

To say the least from an investment standpoint this last year it has been very interesting and I hope I never live through such a place again. But all in all, everything considered, the investment policy adopted by the Trustees has served this Grand Chapter very well. Of course, we got adverse numbers all through the year until the end of March or mid-March the numbers began to turn around and the accounts are all responding very nicely. We have not suffered any impairment except in one case. We had a small amount of Lehman Brothers bonds - Orville, I think it was four or five thousand dollars, a very, very small amount of that diversified portfolio which, of course, we did lose when Lehman went under. I doubt that there will ever be a significant recovery of that at all.

The other thing is that probably if you were looking at the statements you would see we do own some mortgage obligations and the price on those has suffered as the mortgage markets have moved around. These are all pre-1993 pools. There are no junk or phantom loans in them. There are no defaults in the pool. They continue to pay the interest on time and without a hitch. We expect that they will continue to do so and as the market regulates and stabilizes we expect those values to return.

All in all, I would just say that the Trustees have adopted a policy that they knew they were never going to be the top performer in any year, but they knew that or felt like that they would be able to weather the storms that might come about and that certainly proved to be the case in this last year. No one in this room has ever seen it get any worse. All in all, everything considered, we had a good year.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report.
All of you who understood it - (LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: No. All in favor of adopting the Report, please signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Companion Towson.
Is the Finance Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Officers and Companions all:

I am James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance has been assigned Resolution No. 2 and Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 1.

Resolution No. 2

Resolution No. 2 was referred to the Finance Committee along with the Purposes and Policies Committee and Jurisprudence Committees for review. The Finance Committee met on Saturday and jointly with the Council Finance Committee and again on Sunday with the Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence Committee.

We are here to present to you at this time our Report on Resolution No. 2. This Resolution has to do with audit and at this time, I guess, we need to have the Proposer of the Resolution to move the Resolution and then we will make a report.

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52.

I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 2.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, we have reviewed this Resolution and it is our recommendation the Resolution be amended in this manner:

First, that "That" be changed to "A"; that "September 1st" be changed to "September 15th" and that the phrase be added to the end of the sentence "by the Grand Chapter Committee on Finance." It will now read, Therefore be it resolved, that the third paragraph of Article 196, Audit of Books, be amended as follows: "Each audit after being read in the Chapter shall be recorded in the minutes in full. A properly completed and signed copy of the Minimum Audit Form No. 24 shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary no later than September 15th of each year for review by the Grand Chapter Committee on Finance. The District Deputy Grand High Priest shall inspect the audit of the Chapter books on his regular visitation." These changes are agreeable with the Proposer and with these changes the committee is in favor of this amendment.

I therefore move to adopt the amendment to the Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the amendment to Resolution No. 2. All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So carried.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I left one part out. These changes were discussed with the Proposer and he is in agreement of them.

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of Resolution No. 2 as amended.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2 as amended. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the usual voting sign among Masons. Opposed - down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 1

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: This brings us to Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 1. Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 1 was also referred to the Finance, Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence Committees jointly and we are in agreement with the intent of the recommendation and recommend that it be adopted.

(R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Douglas Collins, Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422.

The purpose of this, of this Recommendation, is to help the Chapters and Councils and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council to come more or less into the Twenty-First Century on Degree fees. The minimum Degree fees were last set by this - by these Grand Bodies - by the Grand Chapter and that's all I'm talking about right now - the Grand Chapter sometime prior to 1925. Okay? They have not been raised in 84 years and the fact is I made a - I made a schedule here that - for anybody to look at of what if we had kept up with the normal cost of doing business what the Degree fees would probably be running over the last several years. Starting - starting in 1960, if you had been exalted and greeted in 1960, your Degree fees should have been \$126.73 instead of \$75.00. And going all the way up to 2008, had we kept up with the

cost of living and so forth, the Degree fees would be \$921.15.

So we're not asking a whole lot to increase these fees one hundred percent, doubling it.

So for this reason, the reason that we need to keep ourselves financially secure and that this will not affect any of the current membership, only the candidates, I move the adoption of this Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 1.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1. Is there any discussion?

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: I'm Leonard Pierce, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd No. 424. Looks like our regular fees was - it's \$100.00. Is that correct?

SEVERAL COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Fifty.

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: Fifty and twenty-five. Okay. Fifty.

Years ago we had a system where on - you would have these special programs and we dropped the fees down for festivals and so forth to kind of match some of the other organizations for the candidates. It seemed to work very well there for a while. I don't know. We haven't been doing it very much like that in the Houston area for some while, but you're taking the option of being able to drop it for a special festival and so forth. Seems like maybe a bad idea. That's just my opinion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Yes, that portion was taken out simply because the purpose of raising the initiation fee was to ensure that Chapters across the State, not just the Chapters in the larger areas that have many candidates and probably can withstand the fees as they are now, but to help the Chapters in the rural areas, outlying Chapters to have sufficient money to work with.

Personally, I think that reducing the fees from a minimum established 84 years ago cheapens the work - or cheapens what you're paying for and cheapens it in the eyes of the man who's petitioning. We can go out and sell York Rite Masonry and we can sell it for \$150.00 Degree fees. Thank you. I move the adoption of this Recommendation.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Is there any further discussion?

COMPANION TOM TURNER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Tom Turner, Past High Priest of Columbia Chapter No. 34.

We've got a lot of work in our area in putting on festivals. I know we have a great product in York Rite Masonry. Unfortunately, we have a problem delivering that product and when you bring candidates in to receive the York Rite Degrees, we need to do those with a lot of pride and we need to do it with a lot of enthusiasm and love for the Fraternity. Sometimes I feel that we have trouble delivering \$100.00 worth of York Rite Masonry when we do the Degree work. I don't like to sound negative. I'm just observing.

We've had two festivals and if it wasn't for the Committee on Work and some other dedicated Masons who came down to help us, we wouldn't have been able to do that. We have exalted in a rural area almost thirty candidates this year, but we had to come in and we had to bring in other people to do it.

This is only to raise the minimum. I feel that if the local Chapter has the need to raise the Degree fee, they can do that, but to make it mandatory I think is the wrong thing to do at this time.

One of our sister organizations has made mass changes in some of their financial stuff and are suffering for it. I hope we don't get ourselves in the same situation by doing the same thing that they have. True, we have a great product. We can sell it for a lot, as our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has said, but can we deliver it for a good product. Thank you.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Any further discussion?

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, My name is Leonard Harvey, Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478. I served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1989 and I did a lot of

investigation about what Lodges were doing on fees and dues and that sort of thing. I recommended that year that we double the minimum dues of Lodge and you would have thought that I was proposing we castrate the Pope. (LAUGHTER)

COMPANION HARVEY: But, Companions, I want to tell you something. The young men, the young professional men that we are being blessed with coming into the York Rite of Freemasonry, they don't quibble about things like this.

I agree that we as Companions of both the Rites and the Commandery have a very strong obligation and indeed a duty that we devote ourselves to Degree work that will reflect the value of our Degrees, but I think that it might be an impetus for us to learn to do better Degree work if we realize that a candidate has paid more for the Degrees than has been the case in the past.

So I'm totally in favor of the Recommendation because I think it says to a candidate that we have something that is valuable to them and then I think a double-barrel of that is that we Companions need to recognize - we need to give the candidates value for what they pay. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Any further discussion?

If not, Companions, you have heard the recommendation to adopt Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1. All those in favor vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. All those opposed, same. I declare that the Recommendation No. 1 has passed.

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

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm still James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 and at this time we will continue with the Report of the Committee on Finance.

You will remember that last year we told you that we were changing our fiscal year to end August 31st, so that it will end in time to make a correct financial report for this Grand Annual Convocation. Because of this, some of the expenses of this past fiscal year would be carried over into the next fiscal year and the upcoming budget reflects those figures.

The Grand Treasurer gave his report yesterday of where we are and copies of the upcoming budget were available at the Registration Desk.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Will you take over here?

(R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companion Elliott, if you will resume your Report.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm still James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211. And I'll try to figure out where I left off.

Due to the reporting time change and the loss of some investment income, things are still tight, but we hope that at some point in the future things will improve. For now we have done the best that we can with what we have.

On another matter, and after discussion with your Trustees, we, the Finance Committee, recommend that a registration fee be considered for next year's Grand Session. This will help pay some of the expense of the Grand Session and possibly prevent another per capita increase in the near future. We know of no other York Rite Grand Session that doesn't charge a fee, besides Texas, and it makes good fiscal sense. And I think it needs to be considered and adopted, but that's our recommendation.

This Committee has many dedicated members that are always looking out for this Grand Chapter and we try to make the best decisions for the welfare of this Grand Body.

On a personal note, this is my last year on this Committee. I have enjoyed my time on this Committee and

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you, Most Excellent Sir, for allowing me to serve as Chairman this past year.

If there are any questions, I will attempt to answer them or the Committee is available. Most of us are here. If not, I move the adoption of this Report.

JAMES ROY ELLIOT, CHAIRMAN
FARRIS BENHAM, JOE F. SCHRIEVER, JERREL JONES, DILLON VANDERFORD

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report of the Finance Committee. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered and thank you for your service, Very Excellent Sir.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, Most Excellent.

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

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2010

INCOME:

Dues (9,700 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	\$107,185.00
Degree Fees (296 X \$25.00)	9,000.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	40,000.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	24,000.00
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,900.00
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$189,085.00

EXPENSES:

Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	\$20,000.00
*Office Staff.....	47,000.00
*Payroll Taxes.....	6,500.00
Grand High Priest:	
Reimbursement 2009	4,500.00
Reimbursement 2010	4,500.00
Photo	300.00
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).....	12,500.00
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	9,000.00
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	8,000.00
*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
Contingency Fund.....	500.00
Fifty Year Awards Expenses	500.00
Contribution Southwestern York Rt Conference	50.00
District Deputy Training Expense	1,500.00
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	1,000.00
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	4,000.00
TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 10,000 + degree fees)	5,000.00
Audit.....	4,500.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security	5,000.00
*Internet Expense \$36/Month	500.00
Youth Awards.....	300.00
Tax Report Preparation	1,000.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses 2009	1,500.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses 2010	1,500.00
York Rite Festival Fund	300.00
Furniture & Fixtures Exp.....	1,000.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	800.00
Through the Veils Newsletter	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$188,375.00

*Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Okay. I will now call for the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

COMPANION JAMES N. HIGDON, CHAIRMAN, JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Visiting Dignitaries and my Companions all:

I am James N. Higdon, Past High Priest of Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and, on behalf of your Committee, we submit the following Report:

First of all, I appreciate the Most Excellent Grand High Priest having this little confab on my 65th birthday.
(LAUGHTER)

COMPANION HIGDON: I'm officially now an old man.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered the matters requested by the Grand Chapter and/or the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during the past Capitular year, and made appropriate reports and recommendations to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence had the following items referred to it for consideration:

Consolidation of Chapters
 Summoned Meetings of Chapters;
 Removal of District Deputy Grand High Priest;
 Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Committees;
 Dispensation to Appear in Public;
 Dispensations to Meet Temporarily in Another Location in the Same Town;
 Dispensations for the Temporary Removal of a Chapter to Another Town;
 Dispensations to Elect and Install Officers Out of Time;
 Dispensations to Hold a York Rite Festival with More or Less than Three Candidates;
 Official Decisions;
 Charter Arrested;
 Legal Documents Executed;
 Personal Representatives Appointed;

Texas Masonic Retirement Center;
Resolutions Nos. 1 through 3 to determine whether they were in proper form; and,
Grand High Priest's Recommendation Nos. 1 through 3 to determine whether they were in proper form.

This Committee also had referred to it the Report of the Law Review Committee, which Committee was charged to make its final report at this Grand Convocation.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, because this report concerns a review of your actions, we recommend that the Right Excellent Grand King preside during the discussion, if any, and then during the vote on this report.

(R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

COMPANION HIGDON: Consolidation of Chapters.

Consolidation of Chapters

The Grand High Priest's actions as to the Consolidation of Chapters were referred to this Committee, and, upon review, his action in approving these consolidations were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 16 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

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

ACTING R:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Jurisprudence Committee's Report. All those in favor, usual sign of a Masons. Down hands. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: All right.

Summoned Meetings of Chapters

The Grand High Priest's calling of Summoned Meetings of Chapters were referred to this Committee, and, upon review, we believe that his actions in these several instances were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 12 and 25 of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

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

ACTING R:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Report. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign of a Mason. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Continuing on.

Removal of District Deputy Grand High Priest

The Grand High Priest's Removal of a District Deputy Grand High Priest was referred to this Committee, and, upon review, his action was in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 8, 18 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Report. All those in favor will vote by the usual voting sign of a Mason. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: All right.

Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Committees and Personal Representatives Appointed

The Grand High Priest's Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Committees and Personal Representatives Appointed were referred to this Committee, and, upon review, his making these appointments were all in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 8 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Report. All in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Dispensations.

Dispensations

With respect to the Dispensations to Appear in Public, Dispensations to Meet Temporarily in Another Location, Dispensations for Removal of a Chapter to Another Location in the Same Town, Dispensations for the Temporary Removal of a Chapter to Another Town, which were referred to this Committee, the actions of our Grand High Priest in each of these instances were all in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 9 and/or 10 and Articles 7 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

Dispensation to Elect and Install Officers Out-of-Time, and Dispensations to Elect Officers Out-of-Time, were referred to this Committee. The actions of our Grand High Priest in these instances were all in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 9, 25 and 227 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Report. All those in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Dispensations.

Dispensations to hold a York Rite Festival with More or Less than Three Candidates

The Dispensation to Hold a York Rite Festival with More or Less than Three Candidates was also referred to this Committee. The action of our Grand High Priest was in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 9 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them. It should be noted that, subsequent to his granting this dispensation, and following his further review, he issued an official decision dispositive of the issue.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Official Decisions.

Official Decisions

The Official Decisions made by our Grand High Priest as delineated in his report were all in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 14 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Charter arrested.

Charter Arrested

The Grand High Priest arrested the Charter of Santa Anna Chapter No. 346 as reflected in his report. This action was in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7, 12, 15 and 25 of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with it.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Legal Documents Executed.

Legal Documents Executed

Since none of the documents that were signed by the Grand High Priest for and on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas were referred to this Committee for review, we cannot, therefore, make any assessment of whether or not his actions in this regard were appropriate. However, the Grand High Priest's Report reflects that such legal documents were only signed after review by the attorney for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The actions taken, however, were within the authority granted by Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 7 and 25 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Although the comments of the Grand High Priest regarding his interaction with and service on the Board of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center were referred to this Committee, the Committee did not see any actions of our Grand High Priest that required our review. We, therefore, do not make any comment on this referral.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Resolution No. 1.

Resolution No. 1

Resolution No. 1 seeks to amend Articles 290, 298, 205 and 328a of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was jointly referred to the Committees on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendments, as well as the changes to the proposed amendments recommended by the Committee on Purposes and Policies and find them to be in proper form.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Resolution No. 2

Resolution No. 2

Resolution No. 2 seeks to amend Article 196 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was jointly referred to the Committees on Finance, Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendment, as well as the changes to the proposed amendment recommended by the Committee on Finance and find them to be in proper form. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this portion of the Committee Report.

ACTING R:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to accept this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Resolution No. 3

Resolution No. 3

Resolution No. 3 seeks to amend Article 197 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was jointly referred to the Committees on Finance, Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendment and the recommendation of the Committee on Finance on this Resolution and find them to be in proper form.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1.

Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1

The Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1 seeks to amend Article 261 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was jointly referred to the Committees on Finance, Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendment and the recommendation of the Committee on Finance on this Recommendation. Your Committee on Jurisprudence finds them to be in proper form and concur with the recommended changes.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 2.

Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 2

The Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 2 seeks to amend Article 199 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was jointly referred to the Committees on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendment and the recommended changes proposed by the Committee on Purposes and Policies to this Recommendation, find them to be in proper form and concur with the recommended changes to Recommendation No. 2.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 3

Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 3

The Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 3 seeks to amend Article 247 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and was jointly referred to the Committees on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendment and the recommendations of the Committee on Purposes and Policies on this Recommendation, find the Recommendation to be in proper form.

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

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: Report of the Law Committee.

Report of the Law Committee

The Report of the Law Committee was referred to your Committee on Jurisprudence as a result of action by this Grand Chapter at its 2008 Annual Grand Communication. The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the Report of the Law Committee, find its report to be in proper form and recommend the approval of its report and the adoption of the result of the work of the Law Committee, that is, the adoption of the recodification of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as proposed and recommended by the Law Committee and its Report. The recodification of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas does not alter or change a single law, but is merely a "restatement" or "recodification" of the existing laws, except to the extent you have amended them in this Grand Convocation. We believe that the recodification will make the work of your Committee on Jurisprudence easier, while, at the same time, make it, in our opinion, easier for the Companions of this Grand Chapter to locate and use the Laws of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this final portion of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Companions, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this final portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, like sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION HIGDON: You may wonder why we did each one of those. That was just to keep you alert the full time we were giving our Report.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, with the adoption of this last portion of our Report, the entire Report has been adopted and/or approved. On behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, I wish to thank you and this Grand Chapter for the opportunity afforded this Committee to serve in its capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES N. HIGDON, CHAIRMAN
DAVID E. HOUSTON, RUSSELL C. BROWN, ELMER MURPHEY, III, STEPHEN F. CROSS

Thank you, Most Excellent.

ACTING M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you. We appreciate your service to the Order. Thank you very much.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Excellent Sir, and thank you, Right Excellent Sir. Companion Grand Secretary, do you have a report to make on the Officers in your election?

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

Steve Wolfe, Vice President; Roy Elliott, Secretary; Floyd Hall, Director; Clarence Laney, Director; and Larry G. Canada, Treasurer.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Does that need to be approved?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: No.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Companion Brooks.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee on Work met, elected a Chairman, Eldon Brooks, and we voted on who we wanted for Secretary and the Secretary is Bennie Cox from Seagoville Chapter. Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, sir. Right Excellent Grand Secretary, is there any other business to come before the Grand Chapter at this time?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Just an announcement for Installation time, and other than that, I have nothing else on my desk, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Tim, go ahead and make your announcement.

R:E: GRAND KING LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter 52. The Installation time will be at 11:15. That will give you a chance to stretch and give us time to set up for Installation. I request that the current Officers in your stations, if you will leave your jewel and apron so that the incoming Officers can get those.

Also, if I have any Grand Officers and Deputies who have not gotten their packets, I have a representative in the Grand High Priest's Office where you can pick up your packet in preparation for Installation. Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: Thank you, Tim.
Companions, one more time, I'd like to thank you for the last four years. It's been an exhilarating experience. I shall never forget it. I will never forget the confidence you reposed in me and the trust. I hope that you are satisfied and I hope you're going to support the Officers coming through the Line as well as you supported me and previous Grand High Priests. With that, thank you, Companions.
(RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: We're in refreshment.

11:00 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
INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL CLARENCE
INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN ROBERT H. (B

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Grand Marshal, you will present the Officers to be installed.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL LANEY: Officers, arise.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present the Officers elected to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas for the ensuing Capitular Year. They have accepted and what is the next word?

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: The Elected Officers will please take one step forward.

Companions, you have been elected to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the ensuing Capitular Year. If you are willing to assume the duties of the Office to which you have been elected, you will each place your right 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 my Office to the best of my skill and ability and will obey and observe, support and maintain the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. So help me God!"
Please be seated.

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2010

TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
G. CLAY SMITH	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
THOMAS W. SNYDER	R:E: GRAND KING
TOMMY F. CHAPMAN	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH E. COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2010

JOE R. GILMORE	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
ELMER MURPHEY, III	E: GRAND ORATOR
E. JASON RABE	E: GRAND MARSHAL
JOE O. ESTLACK	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
ROBERT FOREMAN, JR.	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
A. GLEN McCANDLESS	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
E. E. CHAPMAN, SR.	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
RICHARD F. IZATT	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
DANIEL M. BOWDEN	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
ROBERT CLEMMONS	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
RALPH McLEOD	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
RANDALL R. KIMBROUGH	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
MARTIN L. SALDUA	E: GRAND GUARD

PRAYER AT INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN WATERS: Most Holy and Glorious God, the great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessing upon the Companion elected to preside over the Grand Chapter of Texas. Fill his heart with Thy fear that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy will. Make him steadfast in Thy service. Grant him firmness of mind and kindness of disposition. Teach him to rule his Companions with justice and equality. Animate his heart and strengthen his indifference to do good. May he do all that his high office requires with an eye single to Thy glory and the good of the Royal Craft. Bless him and bless this Grand Chapter and grant that when we shall finish the work on this earthly temple of our bodies, we may be admitted into that second temple of the spirit, eternal in the Heavens. Amen.
THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Will everyone please rise. Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL LANEY: In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I declare the Grand Officers of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas duly and constitutionally installed in due and ample form.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER O'NEILL: Please be seated.

Most Excellent, would you please. I know, sir, that having been through the office that you are fixing to travel down that you are going to have to make some tough decisions sometimes, my Friend, whether you want to or not. It always happens. With this old book that we are going to present to you from the Installation Team, you can carry it with you, use it as a guide, go through it and it will help you, my Friend. I want to thank you again for letting me be part of your Installation. It's my pleasure.

COMPANION LARRY G. CANADA: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Companions are not satisfied as to your attire while trying to run this most auspicious group of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. So, therefore, on behalf of the Most Excellent Grand Council of Anointed High Priesthood we have for you something very nice. We have for you your jewel and Grand High Priest apron.

The Anointed High Priests of Texas put on a program once a year, and as part of that we bring into our group the new High Priest and one of our duties, our main responsibility is to help the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas by buying and providing our new incoming Grand High Priest his own personal apron, jewel and his apron case.

Tim, on behalf of that group it is my pleasure to say congratulations. Look forward to serving with you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: My pleasure. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

(PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Very Excellent Laney, if you will please come to the podium, please.

It is my pleasure to have you two gentlemen and Very Excellent Bob Waters to participate as my Installation Team. All three of these gentlemen have and continue to have a very important part of my life and influence on how I handle myself in the Fraternity. And as a small token of my appreciation I would like to present you with this as an appreciation gift.

(PRESENTING GIFTS) & (PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: What it is, it is a pen set that is engraved. It has their name on it and the part that they played in the Installation Team for 2010 for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. It has mine and Companion Canada's emblem on it and inside there is a pen which has been personalized to each of the Installing Officers and their part in the Installation. (APPLAUSE)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: I have a presentation to make. Tim, you are going to be doing a lot of traveling this next year, but you won't always be in your red jacket and you won't be in your regalia. You won't always have your name tag on when you're doing the traveling. But people will ask you a lot of times and not know that you're a Mason when you don't have these articles of clothing and regalia on, they will ask you about it. When you don't, they may not have anything else to look at but what kind of jewelry you have and for that you need to have this - this has gotten a lot of questions. It is the ring of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. It was put on me last year at this time and it hasn't been off since and I hope that it's the same way with you, sir. If you will put that on right there, well, I'm going to let you get it the rest of the way. But there you go. Congratulations.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Very Excellent Sir, it is my pleasure to present to you your name badge which officially proclaims you as a Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for 2009. And also I would like to give you a tie bar and pin for this current year.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST COLLINS: All right. Thank you very much, sir. I appreciate it and good luck. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I would like a couple of minutes to make a few comments then we will have the other Grand Officers introduce any of their guests or family that are here and/or friends. First off, I want to say I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Companions of Texas for giving me the opportunity and the honor of representing and serving the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I know it is not something that is done lightly and I hope that at the completion of this year, the ensuing year, that the report card will be very favorable.

We have a busy year planned ahead and if you talk to the Grand Officers, Elected and Appointed, and to the District Deputies that have been appointed and the various Committee Members, I have taxed them this year that we are going to work in the quarries. We will be in and among you throughout the year.

I kind of liken my position as a ship captain. It is my duty to steer the ship in safe waters as well as rough waters, but I am only one person and so I need help in that and that is where you gentlemen come in to support me, to help me, to be there along side by side working in the quarries and that is exactly what we are going to do this coming year.

As I told you, I have taxed my and your Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the Deputies, that we are going to work. I have challenged them and I extend that challenge down to you because it takes all of us working as a team to accomplish our goals and to improve and benefit the Order. Our Order has a lot of good things going for it, but like anything else, there is always need for improvement and that is why it is going to take us as a team to do that.

With that, my saying to you and you will probably hear it many times this year: Are you willing to take up the challenge? That is my theme: take up the challenge. I will be asking each and every one of you throughout the year: are you willing to take up that challenge? I hope you are.

I'm looking forward to working with everybody and I want to make sure that everybody understands we are a phone call away. We are an email away. Some of us are a Twitter and Facebook away. Or U. S. mail away. Let us know and your Grand Chapter here will be here to serve you in any way possible and communicate anything that you need and we will do everything in our power to help you out.

I would like to introduce my family. I have my oldest son, Timothy; my youngest son, Tyler and his fiancé India. I appreciate you being here. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: I would like to introduce my extended family, the members of Bonham Chapter No. 52. If you would please stand for us. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: It is with the help of these gentlemen and many more that have gotten me to this position and I appreciate it very much.

COMPANION B. J. YOUNG: Most Excellent Grand High Priest -

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Yes, sir.

COMPANION YOUNG: I have one more presentation to make. Just wanted to be sure that you were going to get it.

On behalf of the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour it is my esteemed honor to present you a certificate, along with a quadrant, your first quadrant. We hope that there will be many more. I won't mess up your hair. (LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Can't do a thing with it.

COMPANION YOUNG: Congratulations, sir, and we hope to see more out of you in the future.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN AFFORDED THE GRAND OFFICERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THEIR WIVES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Is there any further business to come before the Grand Chapter?

COMPANION LEONARD PIERCE: I hate to interrupt, but you need to announce that you want pictures of your Officers and Deputies, announce it before you close because they'll disappear on you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Yes, as soon as we close we will be taking some pictures here. We will be taking a group picture of the Grand Officers. Then we will take a group picture of the Deputies and myself and then for the Officers and Deputies who have not already had their portrait taken, you need to go to this back hall to the office over here where we will have a camera set up and get your individual portraits. Any family members or anybody who would like to take pictures, you may take them at this time when we're doing the group pictures. And once we get done with pictures we will be done for this year as far as Grand Session goes.

If you will all please rise. (GAVELING THE AUDIENCE TO RISE)

Excellent Grand Chaplain, will you lead us in prayer.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN GILMORE: Heavenly Father, we come to You at the close of this Grand Session thanking You for Your presence and Your continued guidance over us. May Your wisdom be evident in the decisions that have been made here and may Your All Seeing Eye be with these new Officers as they go about their duties in their new Offices. Give them the strength and wisdom to accomplish their goals and ideas that these goals and ideas with Your assistance work for the betterment of this Fraternity. Be with us when we stumble, pick us up when we fall and take us by the hand when the path gets narrow. As we depart we ask for safe passage to our various homes and Your watchful care in all our travels during this year. Watch over us in our activities. May everything we say and do be pleasing to You and may we never forget to give You the praise. All these things we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: By the authority and power vested in me by the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, I now declare the One Hundred and Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas closed in due and ample form. (GAVELING)

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS DULY CLOSED IN ITS ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2009, AT 12:30 P.M.

ATTEST:
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
R.:E.: GRAND SECRETARY

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

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In Loving Memory  
of  
The Beloved  
Companions  
of this Grand Jurisdictions  
who died during  
the past  
Masonic Year

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This  
Memorial Tablet  
is  
fraternally and affectionately  
dedicated  
to the memory of those  
Distinguished Companions  
of other Grand Jurisdictions who  
have labored in the quarries  
and have gone to present  
their works for final inspection

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APPENDIX

LIFE CERTIFICATES

NAME	Ch No	YEAR	NAME	Ch No	YEAR
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	McFarland, H. M.	24	1983
Brooks, Eldon L.	479	2002	Melanson, J. R., Jr.	2	1990
Burton, Jack E.	470	2007	Mitchell, F. Douglas	492	2007
Clary, A.R.	485	1999	Modesitt, Charles W.	58	2006
Clemons, Ronald R.	393	2000	Myer, Mark D.	436	2008
Collier, Robert D.	376	2006	Noble, Thomas W	248	1998
Coone, Leslie L.	376	1990	Nowotny, Gerald F.	381	1998
Cossey, Clarence L.	6	2002	Parker, Gerald E.	485	2007
Cox, Raymond R.	492	2001	Parsley, Cody	465	1986
Duke, John W.	240	2006	Powell, E. M.	455	1993
Durham, James G.	436	1998	Purkaple, Howard M. Jr.	1	2001
Elkinton, John C.	458	2008	Reid, E.D. Jr.	455	2004
Etheridge, Obie L.	91	1994	Richmond, B. J.	454	2005
Fallas, David	2	2005	Rogers, David G.	419	2007
Faulkner, Leonard A.	138	2008	Scott, James A.	170	1997
Fischer, Kenneth B.	458	1999	Secor, Dale D.	455	1997
Graham, W. F.	416	1975	Secor, Dale D.	445	2006
Hargrave, Richard L. III	472	2006	Shepelwich, John B.	416	1970
Harrison, Reese L. Jr.	381	1989	Smith, E. Frank	481	1882
Haverkorn, Thomas W.	10	1999	Snedecor, Thomas C.	458	2005
Haverkorn, Thomas W.	10	2000	Stone, Harvey	115	1985
Hearn, Lawrence D. Sr.	444	2000	Stone, Harvey	115	1998
Henley, Jimmy M.	416	2007	Threadgill, James A	284	1996
Hilburn, Sam E.	172	2003	Thomson, John E. Jack	34	2006
Higdon, James N.	470	2007	Toney, E. Dixon	45	2008
Huse, Billy W.	478	1998	Trost, W. A.	455	1985
Jackson, J. D	284	1997	Wall, Eugene D.	193	2001
Jameson, Harry F. Sr.	393	2006	Ward, James D.	376	1996
Jeter, J. H., Jr.	468	1994	Waters, Robert H.	451	2003
Johnson, F. G.	455	1988	Watkins, Greg	6	2001
Johnson, Thomas B.	2	2007	Welch, R. Glenn	6	1996
Johnson, Wilbur E.	2	2000	Werchan, Wilmer	488	2005
Johnston, Gordon D.	378	1992	Williams, Riley C.	47	1993
Jones, Mithcell Ray	448	2002	Windle, Danny W.	468	2004
Keltz, Shannon J.	248	1997	Wright, Jack L.	424	2004
Keltz, Shannon J.	248	1998			
Kirby, Jerry N.	211	1995			
Long, Gerald H.	416	2001			

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, K. Paul	416	Orona, Joe	416
Brookshire, W. Eugene	240	Ray, John D.	47
Cassity, Aaron B.	47	Schwartau, George F.	202
Christos, Andrew A.	338	Shelton, Joseph W.	416
Clark, James R.	114	Shively, Michael H.	472
Cooper, Tom	135	Smith, Johnnie C.	453
Day, Keith D.	373	Summersgill, Paul	172
Dillard, Frank	211	Thalmann, Eugene A.	434
Dorsey, Stephen D.	492	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.	58
Hash, Henry	362	Wilson, Gerald F.	448
Hogan, Jesse 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
Adaszczyk, 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, Earlton	115
Hobbs, Sherman W.	193	Watkins, Marshall C.	484
Hopkins, C. Louis	53	Wilson, M.V.	34
Hunter, Kenneth D.	453		

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**COUNTIES COMPOSING DISTRICTS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

(District Numbers as revised by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on December 6, 1994, effective December 1995)

FIRST DISTRICT:

Counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Franklin, Morris, and Titus.
Chapters: Ogilvie No. 115, B. T. Estes No. 263.

SECOND DISTRICT:

Counties: Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk, and Upshur.
Chapters: Marshall No. 19, Carthage No. 28, Longview No. 177, Henderson No. 361,
Kilgore No. 449.

THIRD DISTRICT:

Counties: Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Trinity.
Chapters: Rising Star No. 9, Nacogdoches No. 13, Center No. 125, Lufkin No. 240.

FOURTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Smith, and Wood.
Chapters: Palestine No. 10, Cherokee No. 11, Tyler No. 24, Dale E. Miller No. 55.

FIFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, and Tyler.
Chapters: Orange No. 78, Beaumont No. 188, Port Neches No. 436, Southeast Texas No. 465.

SIXTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 1995 with Seventh District

SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, San Jacinto,
Walker, Waller, and Washington.
Chapters: Jerusalem No. 3, Brenham No. 5, San Jacinto No. 7, Zerubbabel No. 30,
W. T. Austin No. 87.

EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Chambers, Part of Harris, and Liberty.
Chapters: Goose Creek No. 408, Will N. Kidd No. 424, Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481, North Houston
No. 472, Cleveland No. 490.

NINTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Galveston, Part of Harris.
Chapters: San Felipe de Austin No. 1, Washington No. 2, Pasadena No. 455, Park Place
No. 458

TENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton.
Chapters: Columbia No. 34, Richmond No. 467

ELEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Delta, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, and Red River.
Chapters: Lafayette No. 48, Sulphur Springs No. 63, Greenville No. 114

TWELFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Fannin, and Grayson.
Chapters: Bonham No. 52, Sherman No. 62, Denison No. 138, Whitesboro No. 377.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Kaufman, Rains, Rockwall, and Van Zandt.
Chapters: Terrell No. 146, Mabank No. 435.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Part of Dallas.
Chapters: Dallas No. 47, R.C.Buckner No. 108, Seagoville No. 419, George Washington No. 422,
Garland No. 451, Love Field No. 478.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Part of Dallas, Part of Ellis.
Chapters: Midlothian No. 211, Grand Prairie No. 489.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Part of Ellis, Freestone, Limestone, and Navarro
Chapters: Corsicana No. 41, Ennis No. 135, Teague No. 320

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Hill, and Johnson
Chapters: Grandview No. 93, Cleburne No. 100, Hillsboro No. 152

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bell, Coryell, Falls, McLennan, Milam, Robertson, and part of Williamson
Chapters: Waco No. 45, Temple No. 199, Killeen No. 484.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bosque, Brown, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Mills and Somervell
Chapters: Stephenville No. 140, Bosque No. 153, Granbury No. 454

TWENTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bastrop, Hays, Lee, and Travis and part of Williamson
Chapters: Lone Star No. 6, San Marcos No. 129, Brownwood No. 141

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT:

Counties: Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Lampasas, Llano, and Part of Williamson
Chapters: Mt. Horeb No. 57, Llano No. 197, Florence No. 275, Burnet No. 453

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT:

Counties: Caldwell, Colorado, Comal, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, and Lavaca
Chapters: Gonzales No. 51, Seguin No. 344

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT:

Counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Frio, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson
Chapters: Cooper No. 101, Kerrville No. 305, San Antonio No. 381, Army No. 393,
Helotes No. 444, Blue Bonnet No. 470

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Jim Wells, Kleberg,
Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Victoria
Chapters: Corpus Christi No. 91, Port Lavaca No. 338

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, , Starr, Willacy, and Zapata
Chapters: Hidalgo No. 434, Brownsville No. 495

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Clay, Collin, Cooke, Denton, Jack, Montague, Wise, and Young
Chapters: Haggai No. 53, Dad Pender No. 80, Alvord No. 193

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Palo Pinto, Parker, and Tarrant

Chapters: Fort Worth No. 58, Texas No. 362, Arlington No. 376, Southside-Polytechnic No. 378, Tarrant No. 416, Hemphill Heights No. 448, Riverside No. 468, Ridglea No. 485, Hurst No. 492

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2007

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Archer, Childress, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Wichita, and Wilbarger

Chapters: Wichita Falls No. 202, Childress No. 262, Quanah No. 450

THIRTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Baylor, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton

Chapters: Abilene No. 159, Hamlin No. 310, Roby No. 380

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT: Consolidated 2009

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT:

Counties: Crockett, Concho, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, and Tom Green

Chapters: San Angelo No. 170, Brady No. 264

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT:

Counties: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Upton, Ward, and Winkler

Chapters: Keystone No. 172, Big Spring No. 178, Sam J. Helm no. 445

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2008

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Culberson, El Paso, and Hudspeth

Chapters: El Paso No. 157

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Swischer, Terry, Yoakum

Chapters: Floydada No. 227, Plainview No. 228, Hugh J. McClellan No. 248

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Armstrong, Carson, Castro, Collinsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler

Chapters: Amarillo No. 196, Clarendon No. 216, Borger No. 437

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Dimmitt, Duval, LaSalle, McMullen, and Webb

Chapters: Laredo No. 185

FORTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala

Chapters: Alpha No. 243

**LIST OF DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS**

NAME	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Gillespie, Barry	1841-43	05-07-1851
Butler, Anthony	1843-44	04-19-1849
Burleson, Edward	1844-45	12-26-1851
McFarlane, Dugald	1845-46	03-??-1861
Darnell, N. H	1846-47	07-??-1885
Johnson, Moses	1847-48	??-??-1853
Patrick, George M.	1848-49	06-29-1889

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NAME	CHAPTER NO.	DATE SERVED	DATE OF DEATH
Williams, S. M.	1	1850-51	09-15-1858
Nichols, E. B.	2	1851-52	11-30-1872
Patrick, George M.	3	1852-53	06-29-1889
Taylor, W. M.	4	1853-54	09-23-1877
Cartmell, H. R.	8	1854-55	03-03-1869
Harrison, J. C.*	13	1855-56	02-27-1856
Greene, J. L	3	1856-57	04-??-1867
Ruthven, A. S.	1	1857-58	07-18-1865
Taylor, J. F.	19	1858-59	03-06-1889
Austin, W. T	1	1860-61	02-25-1874
Clark, Ed.	6	1861-62	05-04-1880
Gentry, A. M.	2	1862-63	02-20-1883
Taylor, E. W.	2	1863-64	11-05-1886
Tucker, P. C.	1	1864-66	07-09-1894
Gillette, H. F	38	1866-67	04-25-1896
Sexton, F. B.	9	1867-68	05-15-1900
Giddings, J. D.	5	1868-69	06-26-1878
Munger, S. S.	2	1870-71	03-26-1901
Jones, J. B.	41	1871-72	07-19-1881
Moses, Norton	94	1872-73	05-21-1908
McBride, H. J.	24	1873-74	06-13-1910
McAlpine, W. K.	1	1874-75	06-05-1901
Swain, W. F.	1	1875-77	01-07-1902
Bramlette, William	48	1877-78	07-21-1908
McWhirter, G. M.	76	1878-79	02-26-1887
Coombes, Z. E.	47	1879-80	03-25-1896
McMahon, J. B.	133	1880-81	12-03-1892
Nowlin, Peyton	73	1881-82	09-10-1905
Williams, S. M.	2	1882-83	07-13-1918
Foster, G. W.	90	1883-84	11-28-1921
Twomey, Haston	28	1884-85	06-14-1899
Frymier, B. F.	4	1885-86	12-03-1915
Sartwell, W. L.	147	1886-87	11-07-1897
Adrian, John	34	1887-88	12-07-1903
Harkness, R. M.	133	1888-89	03-30-1904
Price, Rufus	9	1889-90	05-19-1919
Bell, John P.	151	1890-91	04-03-1918
McDonald, John	6	1891-92	09-03-1913
Morriss, S. J.	163	1892-93	05-18-1902
Nusom, Frank	54	1893-94	03-11-1922

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OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS (Continued)**

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
Gallagher, 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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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

*Died in Office

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Organized December 14, 1841, and on January 16, 1849, adopted a resolution to dissolve March 1, 1849.

Years	M:E:G:H: Priest	R:E:D:G:H: Priest	R:E: Grand King	R:E: Grand Scribe	R:E: Grand Trea.	R:E: Grand Secy.
1841-1843	Barry Gillespie*	Dugald McFarlane*	John H. Holland*	Anthony B. Shelby*	Moses Johnson*	Henry W. Raglin*
1843-1844	Anthony Butler*	N. H. Darnell*	G. W. Terrell*	Edward Burleson*	Charles Mason*	George K. Teulon*
1844-1845	Edward Burleson*	N. H. Darnell*	William L. Cazneau*	Moses Johnson*	Charles Mason*	Henry W. Raglin*
1845-1846	Dugald McFarlane* ..	Moses Johnson*	Anthony B. Shelby*	J. A. Greer*	Charles Mason*	Walter Winn*
1846-1847	N. H. Darnell*	T. J. Hardiman*	W. H. Bourland*	D. C. Dickson*	Charles Mason*	Moses Johnson*
1847-1848	Moses Johnson*	George M. Patrick*	William W. Swain*	L. D. Barry*	Charles Mason*	A. S. Ruthven*
1848-1849	George M. Patrick*	T. J. Heard*	L. D. Barry*	E. H. Tarrant*	E. W. Taylor*	A. S. Ruthven*

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1850-1851	S. M. Williams*	J. A. Greer*	James Webb*	T. J. Head*	C. G. Keenan*	A. S. Ruthven*
1851-1852	E. B. Nichols*	W. M. Taylor*	H. R. Cartmell*	S. McCarty*	C. G. Keenan*	A. S. Ruthven*
1852-1853	George M. Patrick*	J. C. Harrison*	H. R. Cartmell*	W. H. Cushney*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1853-1854	W. M. Taylor*	H. R. Cartmell*	J. L. Greene*	J. F. Williams*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1854-1855	H. R. Cartmell*	J. C. Harrison* .....	.....	J. W. Davenport*	C. G. Keenan*	J. M. Hall*
1855-1856	J. C. 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. Brahan*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1878-1879	G. M. McWhirter* ..	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahan*	W. B. Wilson*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1879-1880	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahan*	W. B. Wilson*	S. M. Williams*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1880-1881	J. B. McMahan*	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1881-1882	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	Haston Twomey*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1882-1883	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	Haston Twomey*	B. F. Frymier*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1883-1884	G. W. Foster*	Haston Twomey*	B. F. Frymier*	W. L. Sartwell*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1884-1885	Haston Twomey* ..	B. F. Frymier*	W. L. Sartwell*	John Adriance*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1885-1886	B. F. Frymier*	W. L. Sartwell*	John Adriance*	John C. McCoy*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1886-1887	W. L. Sartwell*	John Adriance*	John C. McCoy*	R. M. Harkness*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1887-1888	John Adriance*	R. M. Harkness*	Rufus Price*	John P. Bell*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1888-1889	R. M. Harkness*	Rufus Price*	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1889-1890	Rufus Price*	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	S. J. Morriss*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1890-1891	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	S. J. Morriss*	Frank Nusom*	J. C. Kidd*	Robert Brewster*
1891-1892	John McDonald*	S. J. Morriss*	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	J. C. Kidd*	Robert Brewster*
1892-1893	S. J. Morriss*	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	A. S. Bunting*	S. D. Moore*	Robert Brewster*
1893-1894	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	A. S. Bunting*	R. O. Rounsavall*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1894-1895	J. K. Stone*	A. S. Bunting*	R. O. Rounsavall*	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1895-1896	A. S. Bunting*	R. O. Rounsavall*	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1896-1897	R. O. Rounsavall* ..	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1897-1898	Thomas H. Haynie* ..	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw* ..	S. D. Moore*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1898-1899	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw* ..	C. R. Phillips*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1899-1900	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw* ..	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1900-1901	James D. Crenshaw*	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	Friench Simpson*	George Lopas, Jr,*

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1901-1902	C. R. Phillips*	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr,*
1902-1903	J. M. Strayhorn*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	Sam P. Cochran*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1903-1904	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	E. T. Murchison*	Sam P. Cochran*	P. M. Riley*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1904-1905	E. T. Murchison*	Sam P. Cochran*	P. M. Riley*	Charles F. Smith*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1905-1906	Sam P. Cochran*	P. M. Riley*	Charles F. Smith*	E. R. Bryan*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1906-1907	P. M. Riley*	Charles F. Smith*	E. R. Bryan*	J. J. Gallaher*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1907-1908	Charles F. Smith*	E. R. Bryan*	J. J. Gallaher*	Joe Adams*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1908-1909	E. R. Bryan*	J. J. Gallaher*	Joe Adams*	C. L. Alderman*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1909-1910	J. J. Gallaher*	Joe Adams*	C. L. Alderman*	John L. Terrell*	B. F. Frymier*	John A. Bryan*
1910-1911	Joe Adams*	C. L. Alderman*	John L. Terrell*	D. W. Glasscock*	B. F. Frymier*	C. R. Phillips*
1911-1912	C. L. Alderman*	John L. Terrell*	D. W. Glasscock*	W. A. Scott*	B. F. Frymier*	C. R. Phillips*
1912-1913	John L. Terrell*	D. W. Glasscock*	W. A. Scott*	W. M. Fly*	B. F. Frymier*	J. F. Brinkerhoff*
1913-1914	D. W. Glasscock*	W. A. Scott*	W. M. Fly*	J. E. Hooper*	B. F. Frymier*	T. M. Bartley*
1914-1915	W. A. Scott*	W. M. Fly*	Ben F. Dwiggin*	O. M. Longnecker*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1915-1916	Wm. Madden Fly*	Ben F. Dwiggin*	O. M. Longnecker*	B. K. Hawkins*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1916-1917	Ben F. Dwiggin*	O. M. Longnecker*	B. K. Hawkins*	F. P. Marshall*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1917-1918	O. M. Longnecker*	B. K. Hawkins*	F. P. Marshall*	O. O. Chrisman*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1918-1919	B. K. Hawkins*	F. P. Marshall*	O. O. Chrisman*	John A. Atchison*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1919-1920	F. P. Marshall*	O. O. Chrisman*	John A. Atchison*	James A. Gartland*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1920-1921	O. O. Chrisman*	John A. Atchison*	James A. Gartland*	Sam J. Helm*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1921-1922	John A. Atchison*	James A. Gartland*	Sam J. Helm*	Holt, Frank*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1922-1923	James A. Gartland*	Sam J. Helm*	Holt, Frank*	John M. Weekley*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1923-1924	Sam J. Helm*	Holt, Frank*	John M. Weekley*	Dan N. Cushing*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1924-1925	Holt, Frank*	John M. Weekley*	Dan N. Cushing*	George W. Emery*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1925-1926	John M. Weekley*	Dan N. Cushing*	George W. Emery*	Ben F. Brown*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1926-1927	Dan N. Cushing*	George W. Emery*	Ben F. Brown*	George G. White*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1927-1928	George W. Emery*	Ben F. Brown*	George G. White*	E. C. Couch*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1928-1929	Ben F. Brown*	George G. White*	E. C. Couch*	Hardy Petty*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1929-1930	George G. White*	E. C. Couch*	Hardy Petty*	E. M. Wood*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1930-1931	E. C. Couch*	Hardy Petty*	E. M. Wood*	J. Lee Zumwalt*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1931-1932	Hardy Petty*	E. M. Wood*	J. Lee Zumwalt*	Geo. W. Clampitt*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1932-1933	E. M. Wood*	J. Lee Zumwalt*	Geo. W. Clampitt*	J. H. Moore*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1933-1934	J. Lee Zumwalt*	Geo. W. Clampitt*	J. H. Moore*	O. B. Atkinson*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*

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1934-1935	Geo. W. Clappitt* ...	J. H. Moore*	O. B. Atkinson*	Joe X. Newcomb*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1935-1936	J. H. Moore*	O. B. Atkinson*	Joe X. Newcomb*	J. W. Pender*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1936-1937	O. B. Atkinson*	Joe X. Newcomb*	J. W. Pender*	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1937-1938	Joe X. Newcomb*	J. W. Pender*	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	W. R. Worley*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1938-1939	J. W. Pender*	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	W. R. Worley*	W. J. Chesney*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1939-1940	Jewel P. Lightfoot*	W. R. Worley*	W. J. Chesney*	John T. Rice*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1940-1941	W. R. Worley*	W. J. Chesney*	John T. Rice*	E. F. James*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1941-1942	W. J. Chesney*	John T. Rice*	E. F. James*	Frank Oldham*	C. A. Young*	T. M. Bartley*
1942-1943	John T. Rice*	E. F. James*	Frank Oldham*	Geo. R. Kimbrough*	C. A. Young*	T. M. Bartley*
1943-1944	E. F. James*	Frank Oldham*	Geo. R. Kimbrough*	W. H. Telfair*	C. A. Young*	T. M. Bartley*
1944-1945	Frank Oldham*	Geo. R. Kimbrough*	W. H. Telfair*	Jesse D. Cox*	C. A. Young*	T. M. Bartley*
1945-1946	W. H. Telfair*	Jesse D. Cox*	Curtis B. Hay*	C. S. Woodward*	C. A. Young*	Frank Oldham*
1946-1947	Jesse D. Cox*	Curtis B. Hay*	C. S. Woodward*	Herbert Wheeler* ..	C. A. Young*	Frank Oldham*
1947-1948	Curtis B. Hay*	C. S. Woodward*	Herbert Wheeler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young*	Frank Oldham*
1948-1949	C. S. Woodward*	Herbert Wheeler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1949-1950	Herbert Wheeler* ..	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young*	A. A. McSweeney*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1950-1951	Kurtz E. Gaugler* ..	C. A. Young*	A. A. McSweeney*	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1951-1952	Clarence A. Young* .	A. A. McSweeney*	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt* .	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1952-1953	A. A. McSweeney*	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt* .	John O. Caruthers* .	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1953-1954	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*	Warren F. Merritt* .	John O. Caruthers* .	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1954-1955	Warren F. Merritt* .	John O. Caruthers* .	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood* .	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1955-1956	John O. Caruthers* .	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood* .	Wallace McKenzie* ..	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1956-1957	Allen J. O'Brien* ..	Roy B. Underwood*	Wallace McKenzie* ..	.....	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	Frank Oldham*
1957-1958	Roy B. Underwood*	Wallace McKenzie* .	Don K. Glass*	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1958-1959	Wallace McKenzie* .	Don K. Glass*	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Edward Sweeden*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1959-1960	Don K. Glass*	Don K. Glass* ...	Edward Sweeden*	George E. Poulter* .	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1960-1961	Sid A. Verinder* ...	Edward Sweeden*	George E. Poulter* .	Frank G. McDonald* .	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1961-1962	Edward Sweeden*	George E. Poulter* .	Frank G. McDonald* .	Tom Cheatham*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	.....
1962-1963	Frank G. McDonald* .	Tom Cheatham*	J. L. Kincannon* ...	C. C. Sherrod*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1963-1964	Tom Cheatham*	J. L. Kincannon* ...	C. C. Sherrod*	C. A. Hays*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1964-1965	C. C. Sherrod*	C. A. Hays*	Dean W. Turner*	Irvin Johnsey*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1965-1966	C. A. Hays*	Dean W. Turner*	Irvin Johnsey*	Clyde V. May*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1966-1967	Dean W. Turner*	Irvin Johnsey*	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*	Samuel Rizzotto* ..	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*

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1967-1968	Irvin Johnsey*	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*	N. B. Gafford*	Samuel Rizzotto* ...	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1968-1969	Clyde V. May*	D. D. Tidwell*	D. D. Tidwell*	A. S. Noble*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1969-1970	D. D. Tidwell*	N. B. Gafford*	A. S. Noble*	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1970-1971	N. B. Gafford*	A. S. Noble*	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	John H. Waddell* ...	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. S. Winfree, Jr.*
1971-1972	A. S. Noble*	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	James A. Scott, Jr.	James R. Davenport* .	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1972-1973	R. Bruce Brannon* ..	James A. Scott, Jr.	James R. Davenport* .	H. C. Thomas*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1973-1974	James A. Scott, Jr.	James R. Davenport* .	H. C. Thomas*	A. R. Casebolt*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1974-1975	James R. Davenport* .	H. C. Thomas*	A. R. Casebolt*	J. M. Willson, Jr. .	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1975-1976	H. C. Thomas*	A. R. Casebolt*	J. M. Willson, Jr. .	Robert H. Waters ...	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1976-1977	A. R. Casebolt*	J. M. Willson, Jr. .	Robert H. Waters ...	E. Frank Smith	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1977-1978	J. M. Willson, Jr. .	Robert H. Waters ...	E. Frank Smith	J. B. Bynum*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1978-1979	Robert H. Waters ...	E. Frank Smith	J. B. Bynum*	Fritz A. White*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1979-1980	E. Frank Smith	J. B. Bynum*	Fritz A. White*	Leslie L. Coone	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1980-1981	J. B. Bynum*	Leslie L. Coone	J. T. Mabry*	C. H. Ransdell*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1981-1982	Leslie L. Coone	J. T. Mabry*	C. H. Ransdell*	James W. Carter* ...	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1982-1983	J. T. Mabry*	C. H. Ransdell*	James W. Carter* ...	C. W. Aleshire*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1983-1984	C. H. Ransdell*	James W. Carter* ...	C. W. Aleshire*	Charles L Smith* ...	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1984-1985	James W. Carter* ...	C. W. Aleshire*	Charles L Smith* ...	Willie Joe Wright* .	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1985-1986	C. W. Aleshire*	Charles L Smith* ...	Willie Joe Wright* .	Jay C. Gosdin*	C. W. Hughes, Jr.* .	E. T. Bloomquist*
1986-1987	Charles L Smith* ...	Willie Joe Wright* .	Jay C. Gosdin*	Farris L. Benham ...	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1987-1988	Willie Joe Wright* .	Farris L. Benham ...	J. D. Baccus*	Jerry N. Kirby	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1988-1989	Farris L. Benham ...	J. D. Baccus*	Jerry N. Kirby	Eldon L. Brooks	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1989-1990	J. D. Baccus*	Jerry N. Kirby	Eldon L. Brooks	Edward B. Anderson*	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1990-1991	Jerry N. Kirby	Eldon L. Brooks	Edward B. Anderson*	Jack L. Wright	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1991-1992	Eldon L. Brooks	Edward B. Anderson*	Jack L. Wright	William E. Schroeter	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	H. C. Thomas*
1992-1993	Edward B. Anderson*	Jack L. Wright	William E. Schroeter	Obie L. Etheridge...	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	Eldon L. Brooks
1993-1994	Jack L. Wright	William E. Schroeter	Obie L. Etheridge...	Richard H. Coates*...	Lonnie L. Norris* ..	Eldon L. Brooks
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FRANCE.....	John D. Newman (02)	X	X	E	X	E	A	A
GEORGIA.....	Carl H. Garrison (08)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
GERMANY.....	Dillon Vanderford, Jr. (09)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
HAWAII.....	William A. Bilsing, II (03)	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
IDAHO.....	William E. Bill Schroeter (05)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
ILLINOIS.....	Lawrence E. Tucker (90)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
INDIA.....	Alfred E. Bell (94)	X	X	X	X	E	X	A
INDIANA.....	Raymond M. White (05)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
IOWA.....	Arliss Weber (08)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
IRELAND.....	Ronald D. Park (91)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ISRAEL.....	David Fallas (94)	X	X	X	X	X	E	A
ITALY.....	Thomas N. Turner (94)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
KANSAS.....	Mitchell R. Jones (87)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
KENTUCKY.....	William D. Snipes (83)	A	A	E	A	X	E	E
LOUISIANA.....	James Roy Elliott (07)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
MAINE.....	A. Glen McCandless (00)	X	A	X	X	X	X	X
MANITOBA.....	Ronald J. Price (03)	X	X	X	E	X	X	X
MARYLAND.....	Jack M. Harper, II (09)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Brian R. Dodson (05)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
MEXICO.....	Arnold R. Langston (07)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MICHIGAN.....	Donald R. Donnenwerth (94)	X	X	X	X	X	A	A
MINNESOTA.....	H. Bart Henderson (05)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
MISSISSIPPI.....	David L. Anderson (03)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MISSOURI.....	Wayne D. Groce (04)	-	X	X	X	X	A	X
MONTANA.....	Edwin M. Lindke (03)	X	X	X	X	X	E	E
NEBRASKA.....	Larry G. Canada (02)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NETHERLANDS.....	R. L. Harrison, Jr. (73)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEVADA.....	Farris L. Benham (89)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	Fred E. Allen (90)	X	A	A	A	X	X	X
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	John J. MacGregor, II (03)	X	X	A	X	X	E	A
NEW JERSEY.....	Clarence J. Laney (08)	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
NEW MEXICO.....	David James "Jim" Davis (07)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
NEW SOUTH WALES....	James D. Berry (95)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
NEW YORK.....	Michael H. Shively (94)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEW ZEALAND.....	Robert A. Foreman(03)	X	X	X	A	A	E	X
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Paul D. Warren (99)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NORTH DAKOTA.....	W. David. Melear (09)	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
NOVA SCOTIA.....	Patrick Hammers (03)	A	X	X	X	A	A	A
OHIO.....	Joe O. Estlack (96)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OKLAHOMA.....	J.M. Jimmy Willson , Jr. (00)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OREGON.....	J. Weldon Clampitte (05)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X

GRAND JURISDICTION	NAME & YEAR APPOINTED	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
PENNSYLVANIA.....	C. Louis Hopkins (03)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PHILIPPINES.....	N.W. Butch Hanna, Jr. (06)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
PORTUGAL.....	Dwight W. Phillips (05)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
QUEBEC.....	A.F. Frank Berkley (05)	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
QUEENSLAND.....	Charles Steve Wolfe (00)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RHODE ISLAND.....	James D. Ward (82)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SASKATCHEWAN.....	Paul E. Wunsche (07)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
SCOTLAND.....	Charles E. McKay (03)	X	X	X	X	E	X	X
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....	B. J. Young (02)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Robert D. Collier (08)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Joe R. Gilmore (03)	X	X	X	X	A	X	X
SWITZERLAND.....	Jack E. Beeler (96)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
TENNESSEE.....	Jack L. Wright (88)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UTAH.....	Jerry Pingle (96)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VENEZUELA.....	John W. Duke (85)	X	X	A	X	E	X	E
VERMONT.....	B. J. Richmond (88)	E	X	X	X	E	E	E
VICTORIA.....	Joe E. Schriever (88)	X	X	X	E	X	X	X
VIRGINIA.....	F.E. Skip Smith, Jr. (07)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
WASHINGTON.....	Jack T. Peebles (06)	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Kirby Rudisill (97)	X	X	E	E	X	X	X
WESTERN AUSTRALIA..	E. Frank Smith (78)	X	X	X	E	E	E	E
WISCONSIN.....	Timothy M. La Vergne (03)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WYOMING.....	Wm. P. Irving, Jr., (98)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

(X) Present

(E) Excused

(A) Absent

GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS

* AMOS CROUCH, Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 57	1984
* H. CARLTON NORRIS, Lufkin Chapter No. 240	1984
* GEORGE HANKS, Tarrant Chapter No. 416	1985
* WILLIE T. LONGNECKER, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	1985
* THOMAS C. FERGUSON, Burnet Chapter No. 453	1986
* W. H. JACK LOWRY, Arlington Chapter No. 376	1986
* REGINAL L. JONES, Washington Chapter No. 1	1987
* ERNEST E. HUNTER, Conroe Chapter No. 452	1987
* O. A. BUTTRELL, Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445	1988
* A. P. O'DANIEL, Dallas Chapter No. 47	1988
* A. E. BUDDY KILLION, SR., Hamlin Chapter No. 310	1989
* IRA LEE EDWARDS, Keystone Chapter No. 172	1989
* H. C. ROBASON, Abilene Chapter No. 159	1990
EUGENE A. THALMANN, Hidalgo Chapter No. 434	1990
JACK E. BEELER, Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338	1991
* DONALD F. SMITH, Dallas Chapter No. 47	1991
* JAMES HUBERT BUSBEE, Rising Star Chapter No. 9	1992
* CARL E. SMITH, Teague Chapter No. 320	1992
* J. LAWSON GIBBS, Burnet Chapter No. 453.	1993
LEONARD O. PIERCE, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	1993
* ARTHUR A. STUPL, Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424	1994
* DALE E. MILLER, A. C. Garrett Chapter No. 420	1994
CODY PARSELEY, Silsbee Chapter No. 465	1995
DAVID N. WHITEHEAD, Port Arthur Chapter No. 250	1995
GERALD H. LONG, Tarrant Chapter No. 416	1996
LAWRENCE D. HEARNE, Helotes Chapter No. 444	1996
* HUBERT L. KOKER, El Paso No. 157	1997
* LEROY A. ROUSSEAU, Grandview No. 93	1997
MITCHELL RAY JONES, Dallas No. 47	1998
* JACK E. WYLIE, Love Field No. 478	1998
ALFRED E. BELL, Oak Cliff No. 373	1999
* WILLIAM G. KORTMANN, JR., Tyler No. 24	1999
SHERMAN W. HOBBS, Alvord No. 193	2000
COY McDOUGALD, Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	2000
* WILLIAM D. SNIPEs, San Felipe de Austin No. 1	2001
E. DON WITTIE, Snyder No. 494	2001
W.E. GENE BROOKSHIRE, Lufkin No. 240	2002
JAMES D. MANLEY, Tarrant No. 416	2002
H. DAVID MOORE, Haggai No. 53	2003
* EDWARD M. SCHLIETER, Kerrville No. 305	2003
A.F. FRANK BERKLEY, Sam J. Helm No. 445	2004
DALE D. DICKMAN, San Jacinto No. 7	2004
H. BART HENDERSON, Will N. Kidd No. 424	2005
* ALLAN W. "SKIP" DEES, Sam J. Helm No. 445	2005
ROBERT L. SIECKMANN, San Jacinto No. 7	2006
ROBERT E. BLACK, Keystone No. 172	2006
EARL E. TWEED, Dallas No. 47	2007
REESE L. HARRISON, JR., San Antonio No. 381	2007
JOSEPH P. COLLIER, JR., Port Neches No. 436	2008
RONALD D. PARK, Dallas No. 47	2008
THOMAS KEITHLY, JR., Dallas No. 47	2009
D. DOYE SUDDUTH, Tyler No. 24	2009

(* Deceased)

2009

Capitular Review

by
Dwight W. Phillips, Chairman
Grand Chapter Fraternal Review Committee

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

The 2008 Annual Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons have been examined and reviewed by the 2009 Fraternal Correspondence Committee:

Connecticut	Minnesota	West Virginia	Georgia
Missouri	Oregon	Indiana	North Carolina
Ohio	Illinois	Washington	Oklahoma
Iowa	Vermont	Washington D.C.	Maine

As well As:

Ireland	Nova Scotia	Scotland	Ontario
France (in French)			

We did not find anything unusual, extraordinary or really exciting changes in these proceedings.

All of the Chapters, R.A.M. are experiencing the same problems that Texas is confronted with; financial reductions and restrictions, membership decline and lack of young members to take the place of the senior members as they become less active with age.

It appears that the current economy of the world is now making an impact on our revenue from dues; more suspensions from non payment of dues (NPDs) are appearing.

Also like Texas, there are more demised and consolidated Chapters being reported and the membership per Chapter seems to indicate that we will see more of this in the coming years.

Most jurisdictions have recognized the membership problem, its possible disastrous outcome and have implemented a corrective course of action. To compensate for the declining membership, Oklahoma has instituted "Youth Ambassadors" for the young men of the state. Some jurisdictions, as well as Texas have formed "Membership Committees," and are getting a good response. Other jurisdictions are contributing to the support of DeMolay chapters and state level DeMolay associations and Masonic Youth Foundations in support of the younger possible candidates, as they come of age.

To reduce expenses, the Chapters are turning more and more to producing the annual proceedings on Compact Disc and we even received three via e-mail. This does not reduce the cost of compiling and editing the information but once the proceedings are complete, the cost of printing is dramatically reduced. While electronically mailing the proceedings will even further reduce the cost by not having to make the CD, package it and pay postage to forward it.

The "History Committees" are picking up steam and are recognizing the need for the history of Royal Arch Masonry to be made public. The committees are raising funds for and placing visible markers throughout the state for Past Grand High Priest and other York Rite Masons that have extended extraordinary service and need to be recognized in the state's history.

Acceptance of nominations of Grand Representatives:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Douglas Collins has accepted the nomination of Companion Craig Haggas to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Douglas Collins has accepted the nomination of Companion Sam E. Harmer, Jr. to serve as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

The mission of this Committee is to bringing some changes to light, that may generate new interest; might implant a spark among the Companions in this state to make confident changes and take definite avenues that might correct our course to a positive recovery of membership.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter, Fraternal Correspondence Committee, we thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Douglas Collins, for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter for this 2009 year.

FRATERNALLY SUBMITTED,
DWIGHT PHILLIPS, CHAIRMAN
JEFFREY J. MILLER
THOMAS B. BALL
ELMER "PETE" MITCHELL
JEWEL T. PROCTOR

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**The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas will hold
the next Annual Convocation in the City
of Waco on Monday and Tuesday
October 18th and 19th
A.D. 2010, A.I. 2540
8:00 o'clock A.M.**