

Form of Petition for a Dispensation for a New Council

_____, Texas, _____ 20____

To the M:I: Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

We, the undersigned Select Masters in good standing, having the prosperity of the Select Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the principles of Cryptic Masonry; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings, and other good reasons thereunto moving us, are desirous of forming a new Council at _____, in the County of _____, to be named _____ Council No. _____.

We, therefore, pray for a Dispensation empowering us to open and hold a regular Council at _____ aforesaid and therein to discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of Cryptic Masonry according to the landmarks and usages of the Order and the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

We do hereby nominate and recommend Companion _____ to be the first Thrice Illustrious Master, and Companion _____ to be the first Right Illustrious Deputy Master, and Companion _____ to be the first Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work.

We would further state that we have at this place a Chapter, viz: _____ Chapter No. _____, R. A. M., with a membership of _____ Royal Arch Masons, and that we are _____ miles in direct line from _____ Council No. _____, R. & S. M., at _____, which is the nearest Council to our home.

For the foregoing reasons we hope and pray that you will grant this, our petition, and should the prayer of your petitioners be granted, we do hereby promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Texas, so far as the same may come to our knowledge.

Name	Member of Chapter No.	Member of Lodge No.	Member of Council No.

(This must be signed by at least fifteen Royal and Select Masters.)

If addressed to the Grand Council, and for a Charter, change the wording to suit. Demits or Certificates of Membership must accompany the petition.