



# The Grand Council Of Royal And Select Masters Of Texas



## 2020 First Report of District Deputy Grand Master

Official visit on 02 / 11 /2020 to ARLINGTON Council № 314 , District № 26 , located at 1415 WEST ABRAM STREET in ARLINGTON, TX 76103 (PO Box: - ):

Installed Officers Present: TIM ☒ RIDM ☒ IPC ☒ TRS ☒ REC ☒ CHP ☒ CG ☒ COC ☐ ST ☐ SEN ☐  
PTIMs Serving as Officers: TIM ☐ RIDM ☐ IPC ☐ TRS ☐ REC ☒ CHP ☒ CG ☐ COC ☐ ST ☐ SEN ☒

*Important: Answer ALL questions. Discuss the report with the Council Officers. List additional comments on a separate form if necessary. Mail and distribute copies according to directions. File this report within five (5) days.*

- YES ☐ NO ☒ 1. Has your Council utilized the District Instructor this year?  
a. If not, state why: Early in the year; companions proficient & attend SOIs - see notes on next page.
- YES ☐ NO ☒ 2. Did the Council have more than one ritual book opened during the ritualistic opening and closing?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 3. Is your Council capable of conferring its own degrees with its own members?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 4. Has your Council had a gain in members over the last 5 years?  
a. Including Deaths ☐ Excluding Deaths ☒
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 5. Does your Council plan to participate in the Annual 2020 School of Instruction?  
a. If not, state why:
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 6. Does your Council plan to participate in a local, district, or area School of Instruction?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 7. Is your Council interested in holding a local School of Instruction?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 8. Does your Council contribute to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center?  
a. If not, state why:
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 9. Were all the minutes signed and up to date?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 10. Does your Council own or maintain a website, Facebook page, or other social media?  
a. If so, is it up to date? YES ☒ NO ☐
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 11. Would the Council be interested in a Cryptic statewide training program similar to the Grand Lodge of Texas Officer Leadership Training program?  
a. If not, does the Council do any type of formal planning YES ☐ NO ☐
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 12. Does your Council have a budget?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 13. Does your Council have sufficient funds to operate?
- YES ☒ NO ☐ 14. Does your Council have any special meetings (i.e. awards, family, or honor nights, etc.)?

TIM stated that they hold special (and open) meetings for Cryptic Triangle Awards, officer installations, and presentations of 50-Year Service Awards.

15. What does the Council do to give it a separate identity from the other York Rite Bodies?

TIM stated Arlington Council's strong ritualistic base distinguishes 314 from other Councils - he's not wrong, per se. However, when I clarified the question, he stated that there isn't anything Arlington Council does that gives it a separate identity as, specifically, a Council.

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*If the Council desires to make additional comments, please submit them on a separate page, make the necessary copies of the same, and submit them with this report.*

Please notate all remarks regarding the condition of this Council that Trustees of the Grand Council need to be made aware of at this time (If necessary, continue on a separate page and submit):

**OBSERVATIONS:**

Meeting was scheduled for 6:45 PM. DDGHP Queen was sick, so they decided to skip the Chapter meeting entirely. Illustrious Neal Addy provided instructions and advice regarding grading prior to opening. TIM Harris gave remarks prior to opening regarding his pride in Arlington Council and their ritualistic abilities. TIM asked me prior to opening as to whether or not I would like to be officially received (despite my letter to him explicitly stated that I would be officially received at this visit). Council was opened in full form at about 7:00 PM, requiring three (3) pro-tem officers. Standard order of business followed. Recorder announced that the esoteric certificates had arrived from GRAC TX/GCRSMTX. No presentation of certificates was made. Some discussion was had regarding the Grand Council's desire to start charging constituent bodies a usage fee for web service. COG made an announcement stating that the SW of Thomas B. Hunter Lodge has killed himself and that a suicide prevention program will be hosted at TBH Lodge on Feb 20 in conjunction with an informal group remembrance. I made my personal remarks, delivered TIM with the MIGM coin, and delivered the MIGM's message. TIM spoke for approximately one full minute or more AFTER I delivered the MIGM message. Meeting closed at approx 7:50 PM.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Overall, 314's opening/closing was solid, and you can tell that they are used to being graded for the TCYRA Parry Award. Their diction was clear, their volume was strong, and their error recovery was pretty impressive. Prior to the meeting, when I asked if Arlington had used the DI, they stated that they didn't see the need due to their existing proficiency and attendance/hosting of the Regional School of Instruction. I believe it - their work is very good. Their RIDM struggled a lot. TIM said that RIDM knows the work and got nervous, but it was concerning nonetheless. The introductions lasted far too long. During a discussion regarding web-hosting fees from the Grand Council, I spoke on behalf of the Internet Committee. One member directly contradicted something I said, without having context, and I found that rather rude.

I believe that the TIM needs better mentorship. His remarks before the meeting were not necessary, and his long-winded remarks AFTER I delivered the MIGM message were an obvious violation of protocol. I think he is very talented, and has a great grasp of people skills and management. He seems a little "unchurched" re: protocol but if he gets better mentorship on the matter, he would make a great DDGM or other appointed Grand Officer.

Overall, a very passionate group of Companions and a great group of friends to socialize with. They know how to make meetings very fun.

**Recommendations for District Deputy Grand Master:**

Corey Harris

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Signed,



Gabriel Allen Jagush

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District № 26