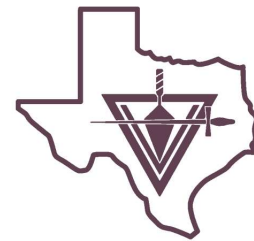




The Grand Council
Of Royal And Select Masters
Of Texas



2020 First Report of District Deputy Grand Master

Official visit on 02 / 17 /2020 to NORTHEAST TARRANT Council № 407 , District № 26 , located at
401 NORTH ECTOR DRIVE in EULESS, TX 76039 (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: Council stated that they have, but not within the Grand Cryptic Year (Dec +).
- 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: Total lack of availability.
- 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: TIM states that Council is focused on rehabilitating from building damage.
- 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.)?
They have been "homeless" for about a year due to severe building damage and have not had the opportunity to focus on special events.
15. What does the Council do to give it a separate identity from the other York Rite Bodies?
Nothing. Council is in critical recovery mode.



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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 FROM VISIT:

Northeast Tarrant Council (NET) is back to meeting at Estelle Lodge. Last year, a bad storm ripped off the entire roof of the lodge, caused a significant amount of water damage to the interior, etc. NET met in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC) for a substantial amount of time, then moved back into Estelle.

At the time of the visit, it was not clear as to how many officers were actually in attendance at the meeting, due to a confusing issue with their officer roster. TIM claimed that their installed IPCW was also their Treasurer. When I asked for clarification (several times), it became apparent that they had elected and installed the same Companion to both offices (or at least attempted to do so). The same issue has arisen with their Recorder / Chaplain.

FOLLOW-UP OBSERVATION:

Upon consultation with the Grand Recorder, I have received a digital copy of their 2019--2020 Council Returns, where they actually filled out their returns exactly as the TIM stated, attempting to "double-dip" on their officers. The GCRSMTX office had crossed out the entry for the IPCW and the Chaplain so that the Council has a Treasurer and a Recorder, but not an IPCW (mandatory required office), nor a Chaplain (not mandatory).

I followed up with the MIGM, and we discussed the legality of the situation - in short, NET is in violation of GCRSMTX law. I called the TIM to follow up with him, and he was polite, but defended his / NET's actions, stating that NET "had six empty seats and only five asses." Apparently, the Grand Recorder had informed him that NET could not legally have this officer configuration, but no action was taken. TIM stated to me, "well, we knew that we were going to get in trouble at some point, but we didn't know who was going to complain or when" (paraphrased). TIM has been informed that he explicitly needs to find and install a Companion as IPCW to serve for the remainder of the constituent Cryptic year.

Will follow up w/ TIM on March 4, 2020.

OPINION:

The Companions of NET have been working very hard to keep the doors open. However, their willingness to engage in Council procedure in a non-legal matter is extremely concerning, especially after they made a commitment to the previous MIGM to reform the Council and improve. I sincerely hope to work with NET and the TIM to help them back on their feet, but I am not optimistic of success at this time.

Recommendations for District Deputy Grand Master:

Signed,

Gabriel Allen Jagush

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District №

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