



The Grand Council
Of Royal And Select Masters
Of Texas



2020 First Report of District Deputy Grand Master

Official visit on 02 / 07 /2020 to TEXAS Council № 321 , District № 26 , located at
1100 HENDERSON STREET in FORT WORTH, TX 76102 (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: _____
- 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 ☐ See notes
- 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.)?
The Council hosts meetings for awards, and has family dinners (alternating with the Chapter) once a quarter.

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

Texas Chapter and Texas Council meet back-to-back. Reports of Sickness/Distress/Deaths are handled strictly in Council. Education is presented significantly more often in Texas Council than in Texas Chapter. Texas Council has also instituted a meeting item of "Reports of Gratitude" for every stated assembly.



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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):

NOTE: This report is a re-issue of a previous report that was issued on an incorrect form. As such, while much of it is copied from the first report, much of it has been reconstructed from memory.

I'm obviously biased, but in my opinion, Texas Council is doing very well. This year, Thrice Illustrious Master Hamilton is focusing heavily on increasing the number of social events that are done by the Council and it seems very beneficial so far.

Our rate of degree conferral has slowed down somewhat which is a little concerning, but it is winter, and that's pretty typical for our council, as I remember it.

We are one of the only Councils that I know of that has grown including deaths, if I have it right. Neal made an announcement a couple of meetings ago that our most recent numbers reflect the first year that membership has actually grown in living memory.

Texas Council is a STRONG ritual Council and I'm very proud of the Companions here.

I have concerns about the Sentinel. While he has expressed interest in the esoteric side of education and symbolism of Cryptic Masonry, he struggles with ritual proficiency and attentiveness during meetings. I think that, going forwards, it would be best to help him find ways to participate as an active member outside of officership.

I'm very grateful for all the support and mentorship that the Companions of TX 321 have given me.

Recommendations for District Deputy Grand Master:

Billy Hamilton

Neal Addy

Signed,

Gabriel Allen Jagush

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District № 26