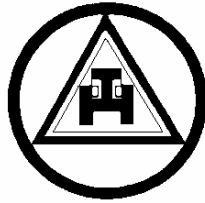


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Companion John Charles Elkinton was born on January 24, 1957, in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The son of Charles Harold Elkinton and Marie Frances (Trowbridge) Elkinton, he was educated in the Houston Independent School District and graduated from Charles H. Milby High School in 1975. He attended the University of Houston where he studied Architecture and Computer Science. He has been employed in the computer industry for the last 25 years as a programmer/analyst.

Masonic History

Companion Elkinton was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Park Place Lodge No. 1172, A.F. & A.M., in Houston, Texas on May 11, 1978. He served in several offices in Park Place Lodge before serving as Worshipful Master in 1985-86. The members of Park Place Lodge honored him with both a Life and Endowed Membership in 1986. He has been serving as Secretary since 1996.

He served the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 30th Masonic Districts of Texas as Vice President and President-Elect before serving as President in 1985-86.

He is a Charter and Endowed member of J.W. Chandler Daylight Lodge No. 1452 in Houston. A member of the Texas Lodge of Research where he served as Senior Steward, 1992-93; Senior Deacon, 1993-94 and 2000-2001; and Chaplain, 1994-95.

He has served the Grand Lodge of Texas on the Special Assignments Committee in 1989 & 1990; the Fraternal Relations Committee in 1992 and as Chairman of the Committee on Returns of Lodges UD No. 1 in 1993, and several years as a member of the Warden's Retreat Team. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 30-G in 1996 and is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Companion Elkinton was exalted in Park Place Chapter No. 458, R.A.M., September 23, 1978. He was appointed Royal Arch Captain in 1979 and served as High Priest in 1984-85, he served as Treasurer for 11 years, and also Secretary.

He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1984 and is currently serving as Marshal of the Order of the High Priesthood of Texas. He has served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas on the Credentials Committee for many years and was Chairman in 1994. He served as Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1990 and as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1995. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Texas. In December 2002 he was elected as Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. He progressed through the line and was installed as Grand High Priest on December 6, 2005.

Greeted in Park Place Council No. 373, R. & S.M., September 23, 1978, he is an Endowed Member. He was appointed Steward in 1979 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1984-85, served as Treasurer for 11 years, and also as Recorder.

He received the Super Excellent Masters Degree, September 30, 1978. He served as President of the Super Excellent Masters Association of the Fifth Cryptic Districts of Texas.

Companion Elkinton received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1984. He was appointed as Illustrious Grand Steward of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas in 1986 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1990.

He has served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Texas on the Credentials Committee for many years and was Chairman in 1994. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 5B in 1987. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of Washington near the Grand Council of Texas.

He was elected as Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Texas in December 1996, and was installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master in December 1998.

Knighted in Park Place Commandery No. 106, K.T., October 14, 1978. He served through the line becoming Eminent Commander in December 1986. He served as Treasurer for 10 years and has served as Prelate for many years. He is a dual member of Ruthven Commandery No. 2, and Houston Commandery No. 95. He is a Life Sponsor and Associate Patron of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

He has been a member of the Park Place Commandery Drill Team since 1979 where he served as Vice-President in 1983-84, President in 1984-85, and Right Guide since 1983. He has also participated at different times on drill teams with Ruthven, Houston and Melrose Commanderies.

Companion Elkinton has served the Grand Commandery of Texas as a member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee for District 3 in 1991-92. He has served on the Committee on Templar Instruction since 1990 and has been Chairman since April 1995.

He was appointed as Aide d'Camp to Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for the 2003-2006 triennium.

York Rite College

He received the Knight of York in Texas York Rite College No. 14. He became a Charter member of Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106 in Houston and served as the Charter Marshal in 1985-86. He served as the fifth Governor of 1989-90 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1996.

Knights of the York Cross of Honour

He was Knighted in Texas Priory No. 23, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. He became a Charter member of Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75 and served as Registrar in 1991 & 1992. He was elected Herald in 1993, served as Prior in 1998, and is again serving as Registrar.

Other Masonic Affiliations

Initiated in Chinar Grotto on September 28, 1979 where he has served as Secretary and Stage Director and was a Charter member of Allah Grotto in Dallas.

He received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Houston in March 1979. He was elected to the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1981 and was Coronetted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1991. He has served on the Wardrobe Committee, Secretary's Staff Committee, Lighting Booth Committee where he served as Chairman, as Assistant Stage Director and served for eight years as Stage Director. He has been a member of the 28° & 32° teams and served a number of years as a member of the Inspector General's Advisory Conference for the Valley of Houston. During his time as Stage Director he also served as the Grand Flight Leader of Canvas Back Flight No. 3 of the Royal Order of the Ducks. He is a Life member of the Royal Order of Scotland which he received on September 10, 1983.

He was initiated in San Jacinto Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine on April 22, 2000. He has served as Sentinel, Herald, Standard Bearer and is currently serving as Prelate.

After being initiated in Arabia Shrine Temple, March 24, 1979, he served as Ambassador to the Southeast Shrine Club in 1988 and as Assistant Stage Director in 1989 & 1990.

He was a Charter member of E.B. Nichols Council No. 269, Allied Masonic Degrees in Baytown, Texas. He served as the Charter Sovereign Master of Sam Houston Council No. 275, Allied Masonic Degrees in Houston, Texas, in 1992 and served as Secretary from 1993 to the present. He received the Red Branch of Eri, Ye Antient Order of Corks, the Masonic Order of the Bath, the Order of St. Patrick and the Order of the Garter and is also a member of the Grand College of Rites.

He was a Charter member of Nat Pace Council No. 46, Knight Masons in Baytown, Texas. He was the Charter Senior Knight of Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons in Houston where he served as Excellent Chief in 1994. He has served as Scribe from 1995 to the present.

He became a Founding Member of Lone Star Chapel No. 45, of the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon when it was consecrated in Austin, Texas, on September 11, 2005.

Companion Elkinton was initiated in South Houston Chapter No. 913, Order of the Eastern Star on July 2, 1981. He affiliated with Pearland Chapter No. 1065 as a dual member where he served as Worthy Patron in 1992-93, 1993-94, 1999-2000, 2002-2003 and 2005-2006. He also served South Houston Chapter as Worthy Patron in 1996-97 and 2001-2002.

He was initiated into the Order of the Amaranth in Lake Charles Court. He was a charter member of Houston Court No.2, Order of the Amaranth where he served as the charter Royal Patron in 1993-94. He has served the Supreme Council many years as a Deputy Supreme Royal Patron.

He was initiated into the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Tulsa Shrine No. 6, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a charter member of the Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem where he served as the charter Associate Watchmen of Shepherds in 1995-96. He served as Watchman of Shepherds in 1996-97, 2000-2001 and 2005-2006. He served the Supreme Shrine of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem as United States Flag Bearer in 1998-99, Supreme Instructor in 1999-2000 and 2002-2003. In 2003 he was elected as Supreme Associate Watchman of Shepherds and served as Supreme Watchman of Shepherds in 2004-2005.



JAMES ROY ELLIOTT
M.:E.: Grand High Priest 2007
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

Companion James Roy Elliott was born on December 15, 1943 in Coleman, Texas. His early education was received in Dallas, Duncanville and Fort Worth, Texas, Enid, Oklahoma and Glendale, California before graduation from Cooper High School in Abilene, Texas in 1962. He later attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville, and following three years service in the United States Navy, he was honorably discharged as an E-5 (Second Class Petty Officer, Dental Technician) and resumed his education at El Centro College in Dallas to earn his Associates Degree in Applied Science in 1972.

It was in February of 1970 that Roy and Claudia Palmer were married, and they have two daughters; Robyn Kaye and Candi Jo. They have two grandchildren, Cody and Lauren.

In 1967 Roy was employed by the Dallas Police Department where his duties included patrol, vice, intelligence and special operations investigator and as liaison to the Dallas County District Attorney's office. He organized and produced the first two Dallas Police Officers Rodeos to benefit the Shrine Hospitals. In 1987, Roy retired from the Police Department and opened ClearView Printing in Midlothian.

Roy's civic activities include service on the Board of Directors of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce from 1989 to 1996, and served as President in 1995. In addition, he has been on the Board of Directors of the Midlothian Civic Center since 1995; serving as Vice-President in 1996-1997, and as President from 1998 to the present.

His desire for Masonic knowledge led Roy to petition East Dallas Lodge No. 1200 for the degrees of Masonry. His climb of the fraternal ladder began with his initiation as an Entered Apprentice on July 9, 1974, and his entitlement to all available Masonic Light was realized with his raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 11, 1975. It was in 1989 that Roy affiliated as a dual member of Midlothian Lodge No. 584, and he served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in the 1992-1993 Masonic year. In 1995, he was selected to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 18 under Grand Master Farris L. Benham, and in 1998 his Lodge recognized his tremendous contributions to Masonry and to his Lodge by the presentation of the Golden Trowel Award, the highest honor a Lodge can bestow upon a Brother of the Lodge. Roy is an Endowed Member of Midlothian Lodge.

In 2001, Grand Master David B. Dibrell appointed Roy to the chairmanship of the Grand Lodge Gift of Life Program, and he later served as Vice-Chairman of that committee under Grand Masters Reese L. Harrison, Jr. in 2004, Elmer Murphey, III in 2005 and under Brian R. Dodson in 2006.

When Sunshine Lodge No. 341 was reconstituted in October of 2003, Roy was installed as Senior Warden of that Lodge, and served as Worshipful Master in the 2004-2005 Masonic year.

Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Midlothian Chapter No. 211 on August 30, 1990, Roy became an Endowed Member in 1994. He has served as Secretary of the Chapter since 1992 except in 1997 when he served as High Priest. He was appointed by Grand High Priest Orville L. O'Neill to serve as Grand Representative to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia in 1998, and in 2000 as District Deputy Grand High Priest in Capitular District No. 15 by Grand High Priest Paul D. Warren. In 1997 Roy received the Order of High Priesthood, and in 1998 was presented with the Cornerstone Award by Midlothian Chapter. In 2002 he served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as Grand Marshal; served as Grand Scribe in 2004, Grand King in 2005, Deputy Grand High Priest in 2006 and will be elected and installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at the close of the 2006 Annual Convocation.

Roy was greeted in Midlothian Council No. 148 on August 30, 1990, and became an Endowed Member of the Council in 1994. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1997, and with the exception of 1997 he has served as Recorder of the Council since 1992. It was in 1998 that Most Illustrious Ben A. O'Brien appointed Roy as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 15 of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1997, and Midlothian Council No. 138 presented to him the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2002.

It was on September of 1990 that Roy was Knighted in Tancred Commandery No. 92. He became an Endowed Member in 1997, and served as Commander in 2005. Received the Order of Knight Preceptor in 2005 and is a member of Texas Priory No. 23 K.Y.C.H.

Other related Masonic memberships include the Royal Order of Scotland; Allied Masonic Degrees where he has served as Sovereign Master of Robert Bruce Brannon Council No. 270 and at present is the Grand Superintendent of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA. He is a member of Rose of Sharon Council of Knight Masons No. 49 and has served as Excellent Chief and is presently the Treasurer of that Council. A member of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147, Roy is an Endowed Member and has been Governor of the College. It was in 2002 that he received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College. Roy was initiated into the Order of St. Thomas of Acon in Washington, D.C. and is currently designated as Worthy Master of Tejas Chapel No. 47 in Dallas.

A Scottish Rite Mason since 1975, Roy is an Endowed Member of the Dallas Valley and is a member of the Sound and Music Committee in the Thirtieth Degree, the Gift of Life Committee for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, and is Chairman of the Ellis County Membership Committee. Having been invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1999, he was a member of the K.C.C.H. Investiture team. It has been his commitment to the Scottish Rite, and his labors in the quarries that in 2005 brought about his recognition and coronation as a Thirty-Third Degree Honorary Inspector General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

A member of the Permian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Odessa and Hella Shrine in Dallas, Roy shares membership in Dallas Chapter No. 1 of the Order of the Eastern Star with Claudia where she has served as Worthy Matron.

An avid student of history, Roy holds membership in four Masonic research organizations: Texas Lodge of Research, Scottish Rite Research Society (Endowed Member), Quatur Coronati Lodge No. 2076 and Southern California Research Lodge.

Qualified by experience, and driven by commitment, James Roy Elliott will pass the test of the Master Overseer's square to bring up good and true work. Accomplishing such work as is required to leave his mark upon Capitular Masonry in Texas.

**DIVINE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
OF THE
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
(SINCE REHABILITATION)
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS OF TEXAS**

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

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**SERVICES CONDUCTED BY
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AND
GRAND ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**

DIVINE SERVICE

PRELUDEMrs. Joyce Gilbert
Associate Grand Matron, OES

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Could I have your attention. Everybody is not here that we were planning on, but they are coming in. So we will go ahead and start it because it is a heavy schedule for today. People have meetings all morning and this afternoon.

In your program, if you notice, that it says I will do the Welcome and Invocation. I would like to start off with a prayer because, I don't know why this morning, but I have stood in like places before and maybe even in hostile Baptist churches that I belong, but I haven't been as nervous as I am today. I don't know what that is saying for you all or for those churches. I don't know, but I'm glad to be here.

INVOCATION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Almighty God, Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the heavenly Father of each one of us, be with us during this time that we pause to remember You as the giver of all life and those that have passed during this last year. May everything that is said and done in this service be honoring to You and we realize that You are the only one who will be lifted up here in this place. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: I would like to welcome each one of you to this Divine and Memorial Service, conducted by the Memorials Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. For some of you this has been a very, very busy week. Some of you came in Wednesday or before and you have been here for Grand Lodge. This has already been a particularly busy week for you. For some of you even this day has already been a busy day. Those that attended the two meetings held in this very auditorium here during the day and those of you that may have attended your own church of your choice if you went this morning, we do welcome you here. We appreciate that you took the effort, the time to do this.

I have attended several of these meetings and I know by looking around this seems to be a pretty nice crowd we have. Thank you for being here.

I know each one of us has endured at least three days of introductions that have just passed and some of us have the next three days of introductions, especially starting tonight at the banquet and so I chose and didn't get challenged on it to not have formal introductions at this time. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: But there are certain people that I have to mention. It may be out of necessity, but I know that they need certain recognition.

John Charles Elkinton, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and G. Clay Smith, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Of course, probably someone who has spent more effort to be here than any of us today is Harry G. Cunningham, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. We appreciate him extending the special effort to be here at this time.

At this time I will introduce Sister Joyce Gilbert, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, who has shared her talents with us in this Prelude and now she shares her talents with us in a couple of solos. It makes it a little easier to have somebody of her sweetness that she can sing to us. Joyce.

SOLOMrs. Joyce Gilbert
(APPLAUSE.)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Now, will Companion Harry G. Cunningham please come forward and share with us some of God's holy words.

SCRIPTURE READING

COMPANION HARRY G. CUNNINGHAM, MEMBER, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS, AND PAST GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN TEXAS: God is so good to us, isn't he?

SEVERAL COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Amen!

COMPANION CUNNINGHAM: I refer as Scripture reading Psalms 116. "I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he has inclined His ear unto me. Therefore, will I call upon Him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me. The pangs of hell get hold upon me. I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the Name of the Lord, 'O, Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul!' Gladness and love and righteousness, yea. Our God is merciful. The Lord preserves the simple. I was brought forth and He helped me. May he return unto my rest, o my soul, for the Lord has dealt zealously with thee. For Thou has saved my soul from death, my eyes and ears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk before the Lord in a land of the living. I believe, therefore, have I spoken. I was greatly afflicted. I said in my consternation, 'All men are liars.' What shall I render unto the Lord for all of the benefits he bestowed on me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. Therefore, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, I am Thy servant and the son of thy housemaids. Thou has loosed my bonds. I will offer Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the courts of the Lord's house and in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!" Blessed be the word of our Lord.

SOLOMrs. Joyce Gilbert
(APPLAUSE)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Thank you, Sister Joyce.
I know that that helped us to worship God through songs as we participate in singing with her and as we sat there, we had a chance to worship God through songs.

Thank you, Brother Harry, because God always honors the reading of His Holy Word.

DIVINE SERVICE

GIVEN BY E: BILLY H. COMBEST, GRAND CHAPLAIN,
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

This Divine Service today, I'm not sure if I need to rephrase something that I said, but we realize that we don't want to exclude any of the faith from participating in this service today and that is what was done today and I'm sure without asking him, that is the reason Harry chose the Scripture from the Old Testament so that anybody that is here, any of our Companions that may be of other faiths feel that they haven't been left out at this time.

MESSAGE

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: For the message today I have chose a proverb, if you will, not from the Bible, but a proverb that many years ago I found and carried a copy of it around. There are

many lessons to be drawn from it and each one of you will probably draw just one. But it tells us what awaits us in glory.

It is the parable of the twins. Once upon a time twin boys were conceived in the same womb. Weeks passed and the twins developed. As their awareness grew, they laughed for joy: "How great it is that we were conceived! Isn't it great that we are even alive!"

Together the twins explored their world. When they found their mother's cord that gave them life, they sang for joy: "How great is our mother's love, that she offers her own life to us!"

As weeks stretched into months, the twins noticed that each were changing. "What does it mean?" one asked the other. "It means that our stay in this world is drawing to an end," said the other. "But I don't want to go," said the other, "I want to stay here forever. I want to be here always." "We have no choice," said the other, "but maybe there is life after birth." "But how can there be?" responded the other one. "We will shed our life cord, and how can life be possible without it? Besides, we have seen evidence that others have been here before. Have any of them ever come back to tell us what it is like? No, this is the end."

And so they fell into deep despair. One said, "If conception ends in birth, what is the purpose for being here? It is meaningless! Maybe there is no mother after all. Maybe we just made her up to make us feel good. It is a story that we wanted to feel good so we made it up." The other one said,

"No, this is real. I am certain of that."

"Have you ever seen our mother?" one said. "Maybe she really lives just in our minds. And so the last days were filled with deep questioning and fear. Finally, the moment of birth came. When the twins had passed from their world, they opened their eyes, they cried for what they saw exceeded the fondest expectations.

We find this in 1st Corinthians. It says, "The eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor the mind of man can even see what God has prepared for those that love Him."

Sisters, Brothers and Companions and family and members of this gentle Fraternity we belong to, we in all of our collective thinking cannot realize what is waiting for us as we step from this life into that next because our human finite minds can't realize the beauty that is waiting there and we haven't heard all the things that are in store for us yet. But I assure you we will when we step across.

So as we go from this place, we remember that the peace of God awaits us there forever and forever and the truth about this is that we didn't make up the one true God. He is our one true God. Amen!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF TEXAS

BY:
E: BILLY H. COMBEST, CHAIRMAN
MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
AND
COMPANION THOMAS G. KEITHLY, CHAIRMAN
MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: We will now have the Tribute to those who have passed away before and this year we do not have the Past Grands that have passed away. So we will do the Tribute to the others.

Thomas Keithly will come forward and do the one he has been directed to do.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED PAST HIGH PRIESTS
AND PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF TEXAS
AND
A TRIBUTE TO THE 502 DECEASED
COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

COMPANION KEITHLY: "O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home."

- So wrote a prolific hymnist of the 16th and early 17th Centuries, Isaac Watts -
We honor today the memory of our Companions who have passed on to "Our eternal home" since we last met in Grand Session.

A Jewish sage wrote in Ecclesiasticus (you will find that in the Apocryphal Books of the Old Testament. It is not Ecclesiastes.) And I quote, "Let us now praise famous men ..." This wise man went on to extol the virtues of those who had gone before for their many different virtues and contributions and talents for the benefit of their people in so many different ways because God gives us so many different talents.

In our Fraternity there were those who rose to the position of leadership. God was also their help in their ages past, their hope for years to come, their shelter from the stormy blast. These, too, have gone to their Eternal Home.

Now, on behalf of the Companions of the Royal Arch, I place this flower on the Altar of Freemasonry in tribute to the deceased High Priest of Texas Chapters. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION KEITHLY: And on behalf of all the Companions of Texas Councils of Royal and Select Masters, I place this flower on the Altar in tribute to the deceased Thrice Illustrious Masters of Texas. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION KEITHLY: As is the case in all human institutions it is necessary that some must lead and some must follow. Masonry teaches us that when our work is done, we step down and meet again on the level. There were those who faithfully and sincerely worked in the quarries, laboring behind the scenery for the benefit of the Fraternity and the improvement of all mankind. These were those who humbly served without expectation of reward, without calling attention to themselves.

Their only contention being that noble contention of who can best agree and who can best serve. God was also their help in ages past, their hope for years to come and their shelter from the stormy blast. He has now brought them into the eternal shelter from the stormy blasts of this world into the light of our eternal home.

And so on behalf of all the Royal Arch Masons of Texas I place this flower on the Altar of Freemasonry in tribute to the 502 Companions who have completed their labors on earth since we last met in Grand Session.

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Now we will have the Reverend Companion and Brother Don come forward and do the Tribute to the deceased Brothers of Royal and Select Masters.

TRIBUTE TO THE 495 DECEASED COMPANIONS OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MATERS OF TEXAS
AND
A TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED COMPANIONS OF THE
GRAND CHAPTERS AND GRAND COUNCILS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

COMPANION DON R. LONG, MEMBER COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: During this past Cryptic Year Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take out of this world the souls of 495 Companions who were members of Councils in this Jurisdiction of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

John wrote, "And I hear a voice from Heaven saying unto me, 'Write: Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.'"

We place this flower on the Altar in loving and fraternal memory of the Companions whose eternal spirits have departed this earthly scene and have entered the Eternal Land of Bliss.

(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED COMPANIONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

COMPANION LONG: Though most were not known to each of us personally, we do know, however, that we are bound to be Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions by the most solemn and binding obligation entered into at the Holy Altar of Freemasonry. The death of these Companions does not release us nor would we be absolved from the duties imposed upon us by those obligations to the families and to the memories of our deceased Companions from other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Psalmist wrote, "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me."

We place this flower upon the Altar in fraternal and loving memory of the deceased Companions of our Sister Jurisdictions. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Now we will ask Companion, O. L. Clark, Illustrious Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Texas, come and give us a benediction.

BENEDICTION

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN: O. L. CLARK, GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Let us pray. Most gracious Heavenly Father, Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we come to You giving thanks for the many blessings of life and, dear Lord, we would ask that You be with the families of those Companions that have gone on to that Celestial Lodge Above where the Supreme Grand Master forever presides, forever reigns. Dear Lord, we ask that You be with all of us where we have failed. Help, guide and direct us, dear Lord, in the things that we stand for and let us not forget that we still live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Be with our troops throughout the world. Bring them home safely and help our leaders to make the right decisions to get them home safely. Dear Lord, be with us as we go our separate ways and help us to remember our obligations to each other and to Thee and forgive us where we have failed and we will give you the praise. Amen.

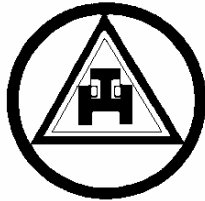
THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: For all those that came, I hope you received a blessings that I hope you hide it in your heart and when you go from this place, you can share it with others up and down the road.

Thank you again for being here. May God bless each and every one of you.

DIVINE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE CONCLUDED AT 1:40 P.M.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS



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MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE
IN THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS
MONDAY AND TUESDAY
DECEMBER 4TH AND 5TH, 2006**

**THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS
will hold its next Annual Convocation in the city of Waco on
Monday and Tuesday, October 8th & 9th
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**THE COMMITTEE ON WORK
will meet Thursday through Saturday
October 4th through 6th**

**JOHN C. ELKINTON
M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

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

FIRST SESSION DECEMBER 4, 2006 AT 8:00 A.M.

MUSICAL PRELUDE E: GRAND ORGANIST MICHIE M. BROUS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST J. D. (BUDDY) BACCUS: Brethren, will you please rise for the Processional of Grand Officers.

PROCESSIONAL OF GRAND OFFICERS

JOHN C. ELKINTON	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JAMES ROY ELLIOTT	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CLARENCE J. LANEY	R:E: GRAND KING
DOUG COLLINS	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
LARRY G. CANADA	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
BILLY H. COMBEST	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
KENNETH B. FISCHER	E: GRAND ORATOR
JIM REX	E: GRAND MARSHAL
JACK T. PEEBLES	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
DAVID FALLAS	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
N. W. HANNA, JR.	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
DAVID H. GARDNER	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
JAY BRYSON	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
CHARLES R. BEACH	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
JOHN A. KLEINFELDER	E: GRAND SENIOR DEACON
W. R. O'DELL	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
JOHN M. LAWSON	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
GARY D. DIXON	E: GRAND GUARD

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BACCUS: John Charles, I want to welcome you to your Grand Chapter. Thank you for the honor of getting the Officers in here.

It is time for you to put your hat on. We hope you have a wonderful Convocation Hey, it looks good. It matches all right.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Sir, I want to thank you for opening this Session of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and also for this hat.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BACCUS: Your welcome and congratulations, John, and have a good meeting.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir.
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 ELKINTON: Excellent Royal Arch Captain, you will introduce the Grand Guard.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, are you satisfied to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas with all present?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE.) Companions, you will remain standing until vouched for by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and 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
(PRESENTED WERE ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Are you satisfied that there are a constitutional number present to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Will the Representatives of the Chartered Chapters of Texas please rise. Companions, if you are the High Priest, King or Scribe with a proxy and you are carrying your Chapter's ballot, please stand.

(THE E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ASCERTAINED THAT THERE WERE A SUFFICIENT
(NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CHARTERED CHAPTERS PRESENT TO OPEN THE MOST
(EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companions. Be seated.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: 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 HANNA: We are guarded, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: 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 Fifty-Seventh Grand Annual Convocation in due and ample form.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Excellent Grand Guard.

Companions, if you will please remain standing.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we will now call on our Grand Chaplain, Billy Combest, for our invocation.

PRAYER
BY R:E: BILLY H. COMBEST, GRAND CHAPLAIN

Grand Master of the Universe, we come this morning before Thy great white throne of grace to ask Thy special blessings upon this meeting that we have. May this Session of the Grand Royal Arch

Chapter of Texas be conducted with peace and with harmony. Give wisdom to those who have to make the decisions and give wisdom to those who vote on the decisions. We ask Your guidance in everything we do this day and we will be careful to give the praise to You. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, so that we might invite the guests into the room for the public ceremonies, I now declare labor dispensed with in the Royal Arch Degrees.

E: Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Excellent Guard.

(GRAND CHAPTER WAS THEN CALLED FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Please invite the Ladies out there that they are invited to come in for the public ceremonies.

Companions, I have put my cell phone on silent and I ask that you will please do the same.

Companions, it is now my pleasure to call on our Right Excellent Grand King for the Tribute and the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States, Right Excellent Clarence J. Laney.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG
BY R:E: CLARENCE J. LANEY, R:E: GRAND KING

We, as Masons, are especially devoted to the flag of our country. In every Masonic Assembly across our nation the flag is accorded a position of highest honor at the right and on the level of the presiding officer. Also in every assembly, immediately after prayer, we pledge allegiance to our beloved flag.

The flag is a symbol of the American way of life. It represents the land in which we were born, reared, attended school, raised a family, enjoyed religious freedom and after a well spent life we were compensated for our service to mankind. Perhaps each of you own a portion of land over which it floats. Would you exchange it for ten times that amount to live in a foreign land? Could you honestly and sincerely pledge allegiance to any other flag in the world?

The "Star Spangled Banner" is the symbol of our ideals of freedom, justice, charity, equality, loyalty to the principles for which it stands. It represents the rich, the poor, the sick, the mentally ill, the homeless and even the traitor who betrays it for a few pieces of silver. No other emblem has served mankind so well and so faithfully. The future of our flag is impressive as it overcomes one obstacle after another. There will be new conquests over totalitarianism, despotism, sickness and disease, poverty and unemployment, and even greed. This flag is truly the symbol of the American people who sought a better way of life and found it.

Companions, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our nation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE COMPANIONS AND GUEST 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.

R:E: GRAND KING LANEY: Thank you, Companions.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: It is now my pleasure to call on our Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Doug Collins, for the Tribute and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG
BY R:E: DOUG COLLINS, R:E: GRAND SCRIBE

Companions, Ladies and Guests, I was asked to give a Tribute to the Texas Flag this morning and mine is going to be, oh, extemporaneous. About six or eight months ago I found a book in a bookstore. It is called "Texas Flags." You would actually think a book that size - a book that would contain the Texas Flag would be, you know, oh, a deal about that thick. It was over two hundred pages on an eight and a half by eleven format, horizontal.

And as I was looking through all the different flags, there was always one common stream among them and that was the Lone Star of the State of Texas. It was on the "Come and Take It" Flag where some of our earliest patriot Texans dared the Mexican Army to come and take the cannon that they had, and by golly, they kept the cannon.

The Lone Star is on the "Bonnie Blue for Texas" flag which was flown, made and flown for the day that Texas signed the Constitution at Washington-on-the-Brazos on May the 11th, I believe it is, of 1837.

Of course, we all know that the Texas Flag is what it is today, but it is a production of all the flags that have flown a Lone Star on it since the inception of Texas when the first colonists came here with Moses Austin and Stephen F. Austin.

It is the flag which flew once over the Republic of Texas. I know this is preaching to the choir, but we probably have some out-of-state guests in here and I don't mind letting them know that we are the only state that was once a sovereign republic and for that reason we can say that it flew as an international flag.

Today the flag is one of the most recognized, other than the American Flag. The Texas Flag is the most recognized flag anywhere in the world, or state flag anywhere in the world. People see it and they automatically think of John Wayne in "The Comancheros" and some of the other movies that were made.

(LAUGHTER.)

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE COLLINS: But, anyway, we proudly salute our flag. We proudly claim that flag to - because of our Texas heritage.

Several years ago there was a police officer, a Dallas police officer, killed in the line of duty and he was a Viet Nam vet and his family preferred that he be covered with the Texas Flag instead of the United States Flag, and that is always, you know, an option.

But what we are here for today is to give honor to it. So if you will rise, we will give honor to

the Texas Flag by saying:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion Doug.

Companion Weldon Clampitte, are you prepared to make your presentation? Companion Weldon Clampitte is now going to present the DeMolay Officers for the State of Texas.

Companion, Clay Smith, would you like to join me?

M:I: GRAND MASTER G. CLAY SMITH: Sure.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN TEXAS, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DEMOLAY: Most Excellent, Most Illustrious, Companions all:

My name is J. Weldon Clampitte. I am the Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas and it is my pleasure to present to you this short one here, Shorty as I call him sometimes, Randall Keith Seymour, State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Texas.

The other short one is Chance Chapman, the Deputy State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay.

While I am up here, I want to say that just Friday the Grand Lodge elected to allow 18 year olds to join Masonry and become a Mason and in three hours his petition was in my hands, signed by several, and his father who was also a DeMolay for me way back in the '70s. He is the first one to petition under the 18 year rule to be a Mason in Texas.

(APPLAUSE.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Before the day was out, I had about fifteen more calls and I am now the recommender on several others around the State. So you will see a lot of young men joining real quick here.

Now, it is my pleasure to present to you Randall Keith Seymour.

(APPLAUSE.

MR. RANDALL KEITH SEYMOUR, STATE MASTER COUNCILOR IN TEXAS, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DEMOLAY: Thank you very much for having me here today, Most Illustrious and Most Excellent.

It is a distinct pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of DeMolay. As Dad Clampitte just told you and I am sure you may all know, I just turned in my petition for Masonry. I am very excited about it, you can tell. It only took me a couple of hours to turn it in. But, as you know, it has been said over and over again that DeMolay really is the solution to Masonic membership and I can personally vouch for that. For those of you who may not have known, the first Chapters of DeMolay in Texas were sponsored by the York Rite Bodies. I am greatly appreciative of the support you continue to give us as DeMolays in Texas. I feel this is a major turning point for DeMolay and Masonry in Texas.

One of my favorite quotes is by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said, "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, keep moving."

I hope that each and every one of you continue to support us and I truly appreciate the term Companion you use to refer to each other because we really are all companions and families in Masonry. I thank you again for your support and for having me here. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you. We appreciate you staying over to be here for our Session this morning. We know that you are eager to get back home.

Our Deputy State Master Councilor is the son of Companion Tommy Chapman, and I am sure at

the appropriate time Weldon and Tommy will present you with a York Rite petition. I'm sure of that. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We will be glad to call you Brother and Companion. We thank you for representing the Order of DeMolay in Texas. It is the finest youth organization that has ever existed and we are proud as Masons to be associated with it. We thank you for your hard work.

And, Companion Weldon Clampitte, we thank you for everything you do for DeMolay in Texas. You do a fantastic job. Thank you, sir.
(APPLAUSE.

M:I: GRAND MASTER SMITH: Companions, with young men like this coming into our Fraternity, I'm quite proud that these young men have been doing such a great job. I think I can sleep at night knowing that the future of our Fraternity, both the Blue Lodge and all the Appendant Bodies, will be left in these young men's hands and that they will do us a great job.

Thank you, guys, for coming to our joint Session this morning and congratulations.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Okay. Companion Kenneth Hunter. Where is Ken seated? Ken Hunter, please stand.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, would you please present Ken Hunter at the west side of the Altar.

Companions, companion Kenneth D. Hunter has completed fifty years of service to Royal Arch Masonry and Cryptic Masonry and we are proud and honored to present you these certificates.

Some Masonic history, you were initiated in Seagoville 419, or is that R. C. Buckner?

COMPANION KENNETH D. HUNTER: It was R. C. Buckner at that time.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: It was R. C. Buckner 419, now Seagoville. He is a Dual Member with Burnet 453.

M:I: GRAND MASTER SMITH: And on Grand Council side he originally came through Dallas 18 and a member of Seagoville 397 and also Burnet 368.

Ken, fifty years ago you stood at an Altar like this receiving your Masonic edifice and your education. We are quite proud that you can join with us today on this occasion to come back to a similar Altar such as this in order to receive your Fifty Year Award and it is quite a noble honor that you are here today.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: "This is to certify that our well beloved Brother and Companion Kenneth D. Hunter has been a Royal Arch Mason for more than fifty years. As a visible token of their fraternal love and grateful appreciation, this certificate is presented to him by his Companions, the Royal Arch Masons of Texas, with the fervent hope that his years of service to the Craft will continue to increase.

"In testimony whereof, we have hereunto ascribed our names and affixed the Seals of the Grand Chapter of Texas in the City of Waco. John Elkinton, Grand High Priest; Orville L. O'Neill, Grand Secretary."

M:I: GRAND MASTER SMITH: Ken, this certificate is exactly the same with the exception it is coming from the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. It is signed by my name and personal signature and also Orville Lee O'Neill.

It is giving me great pleasure to give you your fifty year pin and card and reminding you right now that you no longer have to pay dues. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Give him a hand.

(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Clay.

Companions, it is now my privilege and pleasure to introduce a good friend and Companion who agreed to serve as our Grand Orator this year and I thank him. He has been very busy as we well know serving as our Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Well, he retired in August and so he has had time to work on his Oration since then.

So please welcome our Excellent Grand Orator, Companion Ken Fischer.

(APPLAUSE.

GRAND ORATION

Thank you, Most Excellent.

I would like to take just a moment of personal privilege, if I might, because I always forget several things when I get up to speak on occasions like this.

As John alluded, we did complete the Sixty-Third Triennial of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America this past August in Houston, Texas. The Conclave turned out wonderful because of your support, financial, moral, encouragement and your ladies and the support of all the wonderful folks in Houston, Texas, who really went all out to put on a great Grand Conclave.

We had a few gifts left over from the Grand Banquet and Buddy and I have decided that we are going to share those with the Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Texas. So if you are a member of a Commandery, I hope all of you are, whether you are the Commander or one of the Officers or not, if you are the only one present from your Commandery, there will be lamps out in the lobby and we would like for you to take one of those back to your Commandery. This was a gift that was given at the Grand Master's Banquet on Tuesday night and we are going to have a couple of other things for you. There will be some belt buckles for sale out there as well as some other items. But if you would, please go by. Sign your name so that we know that you took it and take it to your Commandery. There is a list of the Commanderies out there. We would like to do this because it costs about five to eight dollars a piece to ship those lamps. We really don't need to spend that money if possible.

Again, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I want to thank you for the opportunity to do this. Strangely enough, my Masonic career began so to speak in DeMolay in 1951. About 1952 or 1953, somewhere along that line, we came to Waco for a State Conclave. I don't recall the year. It has been too long ago. I've slept once or twice since then.

But I was asked by Pasadena Chapter to be their Orator. Well, I want to tell you, Companions, I was no good then and I am not any better now.

(LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: So if you are prepared for a serious Oration, you need to go on back to the motel and get a few minutes sleep.

(LAUGHTER.

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: What is the Grand Orator supposed to do in my words? In the duties of Officers it says that the Grand Orator is supposed to give a speech or talk appropriate to the occasion. If this Oration, and that is stretching the definition of the word considerably, would have a title, it must be: "The Rambling of an older Royal Arch Mason."

So, what is the occasion? The occasion is the One Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

What happens at this meeting of York Rite Masons and specifically the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas?

We can look at what it says in the Law and then we can look at what we perceive to be the events which take place during this occasion. And then we can look at what really happens.

Simply put, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas will meet in session and take care of its business; that is, any legislation which needs to be considered, a review of the activities and financial condition of the Grand Chapter, and the election of a new slate of Officers for the coming year and, of course, we take care of the affairs of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

All that is preceded by innumerable introductions and recognitions in accordance with Masonic tradition.

Before we get further in this dialog, did you ever wonder why we meet in Waco? To answer that, we would have to go back into the history of the Grand Chapter and I suspect, or think that I read somewhere that it is because it is in the center of the State and in a great facility: the Grand Lodge Building.

Obviously, someone planned ahead and was thinking of the poor folks from the far western side of the State so they didn't have to go to such places as Dallas or Houston or whatever. You know they could have been like the leaders of the State and moved it to Austin, that seat of liberal fanaticism.
(LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: But then again we would have to deal with politicians and wild women.
(LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: By the way, do you know why the University of Texas chose orange as its primary school color? Because you can wear it to the game on Saturday and wear it in the field when you are hunting on Sunday and the rest of the week you can wear it while you are picking up trash on the side of the highway.
(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: And if you don't know where I started my college career, I was very happy on Friday after Thanksgiving.
(LAUGHTER.)

AN UNIDENTIFIED COMPANION: One out of six.
(LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: But today people just don't want to make a second trip to Waco. Once a year is enough. Let's face it, Waco is not the most exciting city in the State of Texas. Where else can you go to a city with a major university and never see the young folks out raising cane? There's something wrong here.
(LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: Did you ever consider that up until a few years ago when the President of Baylor ceased to be a Mason, they did not allow dancing on the campus? Then they got a non-Masonic president and it all went to the devil. They now allow dancing on the campus.

I would tell you a joke about Southern Baptists and dancing, but I dare not because I heard it from a good friend of mine from Houston, Texas, that den of iniquity on Buffalo Bayou.
(LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: Our Founding Fathers were wise and had the vision to understand that we Masons would probably not pay attention to our duties if we were in a place where there was a lot to do. In truth they knew that our wives would not approve of us carousing around in a place like Austin or San Antonio or Dallas or Houston. But I am here to tell you, my wife, Arlene Mary Martin Fischer, and that is her introduction, loves to come to Waco. Can you believe that? You probably think that is some kind of fairy tale. You know about fairy tales. They start off with "Once upon a time." Masonic stories start off with "You ain't going to believe this stuff."
(LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: Anyway, she loves it because she gets to make her annual pilgrimage to the discount malls in Hillsboro and San Marcos. So, man, I'm home free when it comes time for Grand Chapter. I don't know what we are going to do when it moves to October. She even makes all of the arrangements. It is sure not like going to Winnemucca. If

you don't know about Winnemucca, Nevada, you need to ask Companion Ken Borkert because he is an expert. Arlene will be happy to tell you about it also.

Well, anyway, back to the story about why we are here. Our forefathers tried very hard, but, try as they might, the Masons as always fooled them. Masons are very resourceful and can find food, drink and a golf course wherever they go. Of course, when you are in Waco about all you can do is sit around and discuss, what else? Masonry.

Another question which might puzzle some: is why do we meet at this time of the year? Why meet just before (which we used to do) or just after Grand Lodge? In the beginning or the past, it saved making a second trip to Waco and was probably a vacation for most attendees. Why in December? Couldn't they pick a better time of year which would not get us in so much trouble with our wives? Or did they understand that it really does not matter too much? I get in trouble no matter when I make another Masonic trip. But, in truth they did not have air conditioning as we know it now in the upper auditorium and did not spend the money on the Main Auditorium. Obviously that is not really applicable to Grand Chapter. This beautiful room is air conditioned and they could have held it at any time of the year: January or February, whatever. But at this time of year, just after Thanksgiving and just before Christmas season? It is in the middle of deer season and right on top of the only two weeks of mule deer season and that hurts. Of course, you went and blew my speech and worse than that, you have got me in archery season come next October. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: But enough of that tomfoolery. I would suggest that we all have our own very special viewpoints and memories of Grand Chapter and Council. Of course, I can't speak for Grand Council and Clay is over there saying, "Thank God!" (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: The first time I came to attend the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was in 1973. I was just a kid with a lot of nice brown hair and less wrinkles and so forth. I'm sure that when I came here I was wide-eyed and very naive. I do remember being highly impressed with the Grand Officers and all of the protocol and ceremony of the meetings. I had never seen anything that was as well organized and planned as was the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Since we Masons don't engage in politics, I was somewhat amused at the non-politicking going on in and around the coffee shop and lobby. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: Of course, I do remember the friendly greetings which I received and being introduced to Masons from all over Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and other states by my Companions from Galena Park Chapter. I remember names of great men like Eddie Bloomquist, Red Scott, James "Stinky" Davenport, Tim Rideout and A. R. Casebolt, my Grand High Priest Deputy, 1977. A true story about Most Excellent Companion Davenport. The year that he was Most Excellent Grand High Priest I was High Priest of Galena Park Chapter. We had volunteered to host the York Rite Festival in Houston, Texas, in December of that year, 1974. We were just about to get started. We had everything set up, all the robes ready, all of the degree teams were present and accounted for. I was very proud of what we had done until he came up to me in a very confidential manner. Got right in my ear and said. "Brother Fischer, where is your Charter?" I had forgotten the Charter. I just about went into orbit. I quickly got in my car and drove from the old Scottish Rite Temple in downtown Houston out to Galena Park and brought them back. I supposed that got me out of the doghouse because he did not expel me. He was a great Ritualist along with many of the others.

The elegant aprons, the businesslike manner in which the affairs of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas were conducted and the ceremony certainly made a big impression on me and I was very proud of the organization which I had joined some three years previously. Actually, it was quite overwhelming.

We can all remember a lot of funny stories and things that were said in this room over the years. One year, I don't remember which, Tom Yantis was baiting Companion J. W. Carter from Dallas and asked him to give an Aggie yell. That's a cheer for you non-Aggies. You never got much on Companion Carter and he came out with the following: Chigamaritz, Chigamaritz, Rah, Rah, Rah, Yea Aggies. Now, you think that's funny and everybody got a good laugh and we went on. But I am here to remind you that for the next five years the Aggies won everything. So perhaps we need to adopt that yell. (LAUGHTER.)

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: Well, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas has not changed a lot in 33 years but my viewpoint probably has.

I am now one of those old timers that I used to respect, revere, almost fear and I hope you don't fear me. Truth is, I'm still the same guy with less hair, which is now a different color, a few more wrinkles, now wearing trifocals and having a little more trouble hearing. I am not quite senile yet.

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: I still have a great time and enjoy seeing all of you younger folks and to see that the affairs of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter are still in good hands.

Maybe this is best described by what we are doing and what we should do during this One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Grand Convocation by the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

"Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime and departing, leave behind us footprints in the sands of time. Footprints that perhaps another, a forlorn and shipwrecked brother, seeing may take heart again. Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate. Still achieving, still pursuing. Learn to labor and to wait."

I would encourage you to have a great time while you are here, meet everyone that you possibly can and go home glad that you were here.

I leave you with this thought and I can assure you that you may drop to sleep tonight with the sweet assurance that you will never have to suffer through another one of my orations. God Bless you all and have a Happy Holiday and I love you. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion Ken. I knew that would be enjoyable.

I did want to thank our Ladies and non-Companion Guests who were able to attend our open portion of our program. This completes our open portion and we thank you and hope that you will enjoy Waco. As Ken suggested, take your credit cards and visit around Waco.

(LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Excellent Captain of the Host, are you satisfied to resume labor in the Royal Arch Degree with all present?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, you will remain standing until vouched for by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and 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 PEEBLES: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion.

I now declare labor resumed in the Royal Arch Degree for the purpose of conducting business. Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Grand Guard.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Richard Sharp, are you prepared to give the

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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:

My name is Richard Sharp. I am a Past High Priest of Pasadena Chapter No. 455 in Pasadena, Texas.

It is my pleasure to deliver the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee for the 2006 Capitular Year, as of 8:30 a.m. today. Those present and who have registered are:

20	Grand Chapter Officers
12	Past Grand High Priests
246	Past High Priests
67	Delegates (Chapter Representatives)
11	District Deputy Grand High Priests
46	Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions near TX
0	Grand Representatives of Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions
28	High Priests
14	Kings
8	Scribes
14	Visitors from Texas
2	Visitors from out of state

There are 67 Delegates with three (3) votes each for 201 votes, and 246 Members with one (1) vote each for a total of 246 votes, making 447 votes in all.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD SHARP, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM J. GILES, ROBERT E. BLACK, JIMMY E. BARTON, KENT B. CRICKARD

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, you have heard the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee. All who would favor adopting this Report please vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate your work and the work of the Credentials Committee.

COMPANION SHARP: I will introduce my Committee people with my final Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, are you prepared to make three Resolutions?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, Most Excellent. Can I do it from here?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir.

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 of this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a Resolution to seat all Royal Arch Masons who are not Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

RESOLUTION
(Honorary Members)

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 Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a Resolution to make all Out-of-State Guests who are not already Honorary Members, Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter.

All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

RESOLUTION
(Setting time of Election)

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, December 5, 2006 and shall have priority over all other business.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a Resolution to set the time of Election for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5th. All who are in favor of this Resolution vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir.
Are you prepared to call the Roll of the Grand Officers for 2006?

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

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

JOHN C. ELKINTON	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JAMES ROY ELLIOTT	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CLARENCE J. LANEY	R:E: GRAND KING
DOUG COLLINS	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
LARRY G. CANADA	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
BILLY H. COMBEST	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
KENNETH B. FISCHER	E: GRAND ORATOR
JIM REX	E: GRAND MARSHAL
JACK T. PEEBLES	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

DAVID FALLAS	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
N. W. HANNA, JR.	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
DAVID H. GARDNER	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
JAY BRYSON	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
CHARLES R. BEACH	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
JOHN A. KLEINFELDER	E: GRAND SENIOR DEACON
W. R. O'DELL *	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
JOHN M. LAWSON	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
GARY D. DIXON	E: GRAND GUARD

*pro tem by J. Preston Haynes

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that is the Roll Call of the Grand Officers.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion Grand Secretary.

I would like to mention that Companion Bill O'Dell has had a lot of health problems this year and we will continue to pray for his recovery and we thank Preston Haynes for filling in for him today.

Companions, your Grand Officers have worked very hard this year to represent you and this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I thank them personally and I hope that you will now give them a big round of applause. (APPLAUSE.)

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

We will now have the Roll Call of the Past Grand High Priests. Now, you know that you are a Past Grand High Priest so if you will please just stand and make your way to the west side of the Altar while Orville calls this Roll.

ROLL CALL OF THE LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

JAMES A. (RED) SCOTT, JR.*	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
J. D. (BUDDY) BACCUS	HOUSTON, TEXAS	1990
JERRY N. KIRBY	RED OAK, TEXAS	1991
ELDON L. BROOKS	GRANBURY, TEXAS	1992
JACK L. WRIGHT	JERSEY VILLAGE, 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*	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	2001
CHARLES LOUIS HOPKINS	FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS	2003
DONALD L. SMITH, SR.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	2004
J. WELDON CLAMPITTE	HOUSTON, TEXAS	2005

*did not answer present

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

That is a fantastic group out there of outstanding Masons and Companions and we thank you, Companions, for all that you do for this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and York Rite Masonry and we thank you for your many years of service, but we expect many more.

We will now call on our Big Daddy, J. D. (Buddy) Baccus, to respond on behalf of this illustrious group.

R:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BACCUS: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

We appreciate you recognizing us. We are proud to have served this Grand Chapter and we are ready to welcome you into our little fraternity here. Again, we hope you have a very, very successful Convocation.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. Appreciate all of you. Give them a big hand. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Okay. It is time for the Roll Call of the District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Companions, you know you are serving as a District Deputy Grand High Priest. So come on down right now. As Orville calls your name, please respond.

ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

DIST.	NAME	CHAPTER NAME	NO.
1	Larry D. VanMeter*	B. T. Estes	283
2	Jesse M. Newton	Longview	177
3	Harold L. Osborne*	Center	125
4	Joe Barron	Tyler	24
5	Mark W. Wimberley*	Orange	78
7	Chris G. Dalrymple*	Brenham	5
8	Patrick W. Jordan	North Houston	472
9	J. Preston Haynes	Park Place	458
10	L. G. "Dusty" Martin*	Freeport	487
11	R. G. "Chuck" Pierce	Greenville	114
12	Phillip C. Coats*	Whitesboro	377
13	T. Don Ivy*	R. C. Buckner	108
14	Allen H. Tuell*	Seagoville	419
15	Robert G. Kirk	Grand Prairie	489
16	James B. Stewart*	Teague	320
17	Gary Brewer*	Hillsboro	152
18	Charles E. Campbell	Killeen	484
19	Kenneth G. Foreman*	Granbury	454
20	James E. Ray, II*	San Marcos	129
21	Mike Hazel	Llano	197
22	George Hext*	Seguin	344
23	W. Ray Benton	Kerrville	305
24	Larry D. Patterson*	Port Lavaca	338
25	Tommy C. Wimberly	Corpus Christi	91
26	Ken Cotter	Dad Pender	80
27	John E. Lutz, III*	Fort Worth	58
28	L. Jack Gammon*	Ridglea	485
29	Jerry O. Williams*	Wichita Falls	202
30	John Armistead	Abilene	159
31	Doug Roberts*	Santa Anna	346
32	Sheldon R. Johnson*	Brady	264
33	L. H. "Herb" Morgan	Sam J. Helm	445
34	C. T. "Butch" Ezell*	Fort Stockton	476
35	Jim Davis	El Paso	157
36	Alvin Alexander	Floydada	227
38	Kenneth R. Moss	Borger	437
39	Lazaro Medina*	Laredo	185
40	Richard F. Agee*	Alpha	243

(* DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: That concludes the Roll Call of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, I want to thank you for taking this great responsibility of serving your District and this Grand Royal Arch Chapter during 2006. It is a great responsibility and you have not taken it lightly and I thank you for your many efforts on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry.

I am going to surprise him and ask Preston to respond.

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST J. PRESTON HAYNES, DISTRICT NO. 9: That is a surprise all right.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it has been our honor and privilege to serve you this year and I trust that we have conducted your business in our Districts to the honor and glory of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We thank you again for that privilege.

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

Companions, give them a hand.

(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sirs.
We will now have the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

Again, Companions, you know you are a Grand Representative so come on down while Orville calls your name and please respond loudly so he can hear you.

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>GRAND JURISDICTION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Alabama	Earl E. Tweed
Alaska	Jack W. Lester, Jr. *
Alberta	David G. Mather
Argentina	Angelo P. Chiusano *
Arizona	Richard C. Sharp
Arkansas	Orville L. O'Neill
Belgium	William L. Blanks *
British Columbia	H. David Moore
California	Wilbur E. Johnson *
Canada	A. D. "Lonnie" Boggs *
Colorado	John L. Gibson *
Connecticut	Thomas E. Greenamyre *
Delaware	Leroy K. Crozier *
District of Columbia	Mark D. Myer *
Finland	Justin L. Van Kleeck
Florida	John C. Elkinton
France	John D. Newman *
Georgia	Thomas B. Johnson
Germany	J. D. "Buddy" Baccus
Hawaii	William A. Bilsing, II
Idaho	William E. "Bill" Schroeter
Illinois	Lawrence E. Tucker
India	Alfred E. Bell
Indiana	Raymond M. White
Iowa	Clarence J. Laney
Ireland	Ronald D. Park
Israel	David Fallas
Italy	Thomas N. Turner
Kansas	Mitchell R. Jones
Kentucky	William D. Snipes *
Louisiana	J. Pat Collier
Maine	A. Glen McCandless
Manitoba	Ronald J. Price *
Maryland	Robert P. Walker *
Massachusetts	Brian R. Dodson

Mexico	Douglas Collins
Michigan	Donald R. Donnenwerth
Minnesota	H. Bart Henderson
Mississippi	David L. Anderson
Missouri	Wayne D. Groce
Montana	Edwin M. Lindke
Nebraska	Larry G. Canada
Netherlands	Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
Nevada	Farris L. Benham
New Brunswick	Fred E. Allen*
New Hampshire	John J. MacGregor, II
New Jersey	James M. Stringer*
New Mexico	Donald L. Smith, Sr.
New South Wales	James D. Berry*
New York	Michael H. Shively
New Zealand	Robert A. Foreman*
North Carolina	Paul D. Warren
North Dakota	Robert E. Melear
Nova Scotia	Patrick Hammers
Ohio	Joe O. Estlack
Oklahoma	J. M. (Jimmy) Willson, Jr.
Oregon	J. Weldon Clampitte
Pennsylvania	C. Louis Hopkins
Philippines	N. W. "Butch" Hanna, Jr.
Portugal	Dwight W. Phillips
Quebec	A. F. "Frank" Berkley
Queensland	Charles Steve Wolfe*
Rhode Island	James D. Ward
Saskatchewan	Tommy R. Cantrell, Sr.
Scotland	Charles E. McKay
South Australia	B. J. Young
South Carolina	Leslie L. Coone
South Dakota	Joe R. Gilmore
Switzerland	Jack E. Beeler
Tennessee	Jack L. Wright
Utah	Jerry Pingle
Venezuela	John W. Duke*
Vermont	B. J. Richmond
Victoria	Joe E. Schriever*
Virginia	James Roy Elliot
Washington	Jack T. Peebles
West Virginia	Kirby Rudisill*
Western Australia	E. Frank Smith*
Wisconsin	Timothy M. La Vergne
Wyoming	William P. Irving, Jr.
(* DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)	

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Grand Secretary.

Companions, we are proud of what you do to represent your Grand Jurisdictions in this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. We hope you will continue the good work. Keep your Jurisdictions informed of what is taking place here in Texas and we thank you for your many years of service.

Now, while I have this opportunity, I want to thank our junior Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brian Dodson. It has been a privilege this year for Clay and I to serve with him and we thank him for all he has done this year to promote York Rite Masonry by

conferring the Past Master's Degree across this State. He has followed a tradition that Reese started and we hope that many Grand Masters will continue. We thank you, sir, and would you respond on behalf of this group.

COMPANION BRIAN R. DODSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is a pleasure to represent these Representatives from the several Grand Chapters Near the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is our responsibility to respond for them and to take your information back to them and it was a pleasure. I am going to have to learn how to spell the State of Massachusetts, I understand that. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION DODSON: But it is a pleasure for me and it was a pleasure to do the Past Master's Degree. There was only one small drawback. That is that I was called Little Reese a couple of times and that is not something that I wanted. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION DODSON: It was also a pleasure serving with you and Clay and I think you all enjoyed me being around because I was the oldest of the people and I understand you all made fun of that a lot. It is a pleasure to respond and it is a pleasure to be here in your Grand Chapter. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you. Companions, give him a big hand. (APPLAUSE.

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

Companion Jimmy Willson, as we complete the Roll Call of the Golden Keystone Recipients, we will begin the Reception of Visiting Dignitaries and Texas Dignitaries.

If you are prepared, Companion Grand Secretary, would you call the Roll of the Golden Keystone Recipients.

Companions, if you have received the Golden Keystone, please make your way to the Altar and respond loudly so that our Grand Secretary can hear you.

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 *	Silsbee 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	Oak Cliff 373	1999
Sherman W. Hobbs	Alvord 193	2000
William D. Snipes *	San Felipe de Austin 1	2001
E. Don Wittie	Snyder 494	2001
W. E. Brookshire	Lufkin 240	2002
James D. Manley	Tarrant 416	2002
H. David Moore	Haggai 53	2003
Edward M. Schlieter *	Kerrville 305	2003
A. F. Berkley	Sam J. Helm 445	2004
Dale D. Dickman *	San Jacinto 7	2004
H. Bart Henderson	Will N. Kidd 424	2005
Allan W. "Skip" Dees	Keystone 172	2005
Robert Seickmann, Jr.	San Jacinto 7	2006
Robert E. Black	Keystone 172	2006

*(DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, you represent many years of outstanding service to York Rite Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry in particular. We thank you for all your years of assistance and work for Royal Arch Masonry. We congratulate you on this

distinguished honor, especially our two new recipients.

Last night I mentioned we had a pair of Bobs. We had Bob Black and Bob Sieckmann and we thanked them for their hard work and we know that they will continue to serve. Bob Black is upstairs working right now. So we thank you, Companions.

As I mentioned last night, there were five outstanding Companions nominated for this Order this year. We hope that you will go back to your Chapters. It requires a vote of your Chapter to nominate someone for this high honor and then it makes it very difficult for the Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee and the Grand High Priest to make a decision. I will thank you, Companions. I think I will pick on Bart this time to respond.

COMPANION H. BART HENDERSON: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

I can tell you that I can probably speak for most of these guys back here that this is a huge honor to get the Golden Keystone no matter what year it was. There are so many, as you pointed out, whether nominated or not that qualify for this and the Chapters really need to get on the ball and submit more names. However, I am very pleased and on their behalf thank you very much, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you. Give them a hand. (APPLAUSE.

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

We will now have the Reception of the Out-of-State Guests and the Distinguished Texas Guests.

Will our Most Illustrious Grand Master please join me in the East.

This will be under the direction of Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Jimmy Willson and he has enlisted several to assist him in this duty.

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

NAME AND TITLE
JAMES R. ADAMSON

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the great State of Indiana

PRESENTED BY
LARRY G. CANADA

WILLIAM B. FAIRCHILD

Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan

JERRY N. KIRBY

IKE ISAACS

Past Grand High Priest of Oklahoma and Deputy General Grand High Priest, South Central Region of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International

GENE SCHNEIDER

TIMOTHY J. RILEY

Right Excellent Grand Secretary and Right Illustrious Grand Recorder of Louisiana

PAT COLLIER

CLAYTON A. WOLFE

Excellent Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana

PAT COLLIER

EDWARD A. REINE

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council R&SM of Louisiana

PAT COLLIER

(THE GRAND HONORS WERE EXTENDED TO EACH OF THE DISTINGUISHED OUT OF STATE GUEST.

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

NAME AND TITLE

PRESENTED BY

KENNETH B. FISCHER

The immediate Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States of America

GLEN MCCANDLESS

LAWRENCE E. TUCKER

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

GLEN MCCANDLESS

J.M. JIMMY WILLSON

Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America,.

GLEN MCCANDLESS

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Most Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

TOM SNYDER

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

PAUL D. WARREN

DOCK DIXON

E: Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

DAVID MELEAR

E: Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

PAUL WUNSCH

E: Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

LOYD CHANCE

E: Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

JERRY KIRBY

E: Grand Treasurer, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

H. DAVID MOORE

E: Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

H. BART HENDERSON

E: Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

ROBERT LOFLIN

E: Grand Warder, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

JERRY L. PINGLE

E: Grand Sentinel, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL D. WARREN

LOYD LEO CHANCE

Right Eminent Grand Governor of Texas for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America

ALLEN W. (SKIP) DEES

REESE L. HARRISON, JR.

M:I: Grand Sovereign of the United Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Bodies of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines

TED HENNIS

COMPANION HARRISON: Most Excellent and Most Illustrious, I would like to recognize Ted Hennis as the Intendant General for Constantine in the Division of West Texas and that in the Division of Texas Southern it is Ken Fischer, both of whom are here today, and Jimmy Willson served 30 years as the Intendant General, longer than anybody in the history of the Order and is now serving as Grand Marshal and we also have the Grand Chaplains from Texas who couldn't be with us today.

EUGENE A. (TONY) MEYER

Most Excellent High Priest of the Order of High Priesthood.

E.E. BUSTER WILLIAMS

H. DAVID MOORE

Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel

E.E. BUSTER WILLIAMS

W. DAVID COUNTS

R:W: Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

STEVE WOLFE

TOM D. GUEST

R:W: Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

STEVE WOLFE

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

R:W: Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

STEVE WOLFE

DONNY BROUGHTON

M:W: Grand Master of Masons in Texas, A.F. & A.M.

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BACCUS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am honored today to be able to represent our senior Past Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Jack Hightower who is the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. Companion Jack couldn't be here because of ill health and I am honored to represent him. He and I both have to retire on the 31st of this month because we got old. We turned 80. I turned 80 three months before he did, but we are both going at the same time. Brother Jack has done a tremendous job for us as he has served this State as Sovereign Grand Inspector General and I am honored to represent him.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate you being here and especially on behalf of Companion Hightower. We thought sure you would get your birth certificate changed so we could keep you around a few more years.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BACCUS: Well, I changed it once. They wouldn't let me change it again. (LAUGHTER.)

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

M:I: GRAND MASTER SMITH: Companion Baccus, give Brother Hightower our regards. I know with his illness he was unable to be with us today. We want to keep him in our thoughts and in our prayers and, for you on your behalf of turning 80 – (LAUGHTER.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. Give him a hand, Companions. (APPLAUSE.)

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

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

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(RIGHT EXCELLENT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT THEN ASSUMED THE GRAND (EAST AND PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

ADDRESS AND REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I want to welcome each of you to the 157th Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. To those who are attending for the first time, we hope you will enjoy this session and become an active part of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

To those of you who faithfully attend each year we thank you for your continued support of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. You are the backbone which keeps our fraternity strong. Without your efforts the Grand Royal Arch Chapter could not continue to exist.

To our Out-of-State Visitors and Distinguished Guests: I want to issue a special Texas welcome and we hope your visit to our State will be a pleasant one. Someone once said, "in Texas we will treat you so many ways you are bound to like one of them." We will do whatever we can to make your stay with us as enjoyable as possible. Please convey our greetings and fraternal best wishes to your respective Grand Jurisdictions.

STATE OF THE ORDER

The state of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas is in a constant state of change. We continue to have signs of improvement in membership and activities in our local Chapters. This year we have seen renewed interest in York Rite Masonry in areas of the state where the York Rite had lost its influence over the years. We have Chapters conferring the degrees, as well as York Rite Festivals, with large numbers of candidates. We have reconstituted a demised Chapter in central Texas. Unfortunately, we still have Chapters merging because of lack of interest or leadership. It only takes one or two companions in a Chapter to provide the special spark of leadership that can change your membership problems. Continue to look for new opportunities to promote York Rite Masonry in your area of the state.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

The Supreme Grand High Priest has seen fit to remove from our membership many of our faithful and dedicated companions. We will miss their friendships, their knowledge of our fraternity and their assistance in the work of York Rite Masonry which we must carry on with out them. We hope our efforts for the future will be added to their labors of the past and enable us to pass on to future generations a stronger fraternity. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Grand Chaplain, Companion Billy Combest, for conducting the Memorial Service in honor of our departed members on Sunday, December 3rd.

FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

One of the great privileges of being Grand High Priest is the presentation of 50 Year Service Awards. I have had the pleasure of presenting many of these awards this year. On those occasions when I could not be present, the District Deputy Grand High Priests have performed this duty on my behalf. I want to congratulate all those who have received their 50 Year Service Awards during this Grand Chapter year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Jack L. Blair	Sam J. Helm No. 445	mailed
T. G. Wendorf	Sam J. Helm No. 445	mailed
Joe Raymond Pogue	Sulphur Springs No. 63	03-04-2006
Harold Dean Harmon	Kilgore No. 449	
Walter I. Perry	Brownwood No. 141	02-01-2006
Virgil Wilton Zenker	Love Field No. 478	
Charles Russell Schwarz	Love Field No. 478	08-23-2006
William J. Lacy	Tyler No. 24	deceased
Jarvis E. Dickinson	Amarillo No. 196	
James D. Burchfield	Port Neches No. 436	
Roy Otto Ramke	Port Neches No. 436	
Felix Arnold Walters	Port Neches No. 436	
James B. Manford	Gonzales No. 51	05-13-2006
Cecil Durward Bettes	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	04-23-2006
Charles Edward Lyrock	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	04-23-2006
James Clifton O'Quin, Sr.	Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481	04-23-2006
Robert Byron Huddleston, Jr.	Haltom City-Riverside No. 468	02-23-2006
Julian O. Johnson, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	05-23-2006
Thomas Golden Gentry	Sherman No. 62	
William R. Zwerschke	Port Lavaca No. 338	
William Neff Patman	Port Lavaca No. 338	
Robert Henry Maier	George Washington No. 422	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Clifford A. Kinkade	Corpus Christi No. 91	deceased
Floyd Ray Holcomb	Corpus Christi No. 91	
John E. Pospahala	Corpus Christi No. 91	mailed
Joe F. Davis	Lone Star No. 6	04-10-2006
Raymond Earl Lucas	Lone Star No. 6	03-29-2006
Gilbert Duane Whitehead	Lone Star No. 6	03-29-2006
Claude Duffey Brown	Texas No. 362	06-09-2006
Woodrow Wilson Graham	Texas No. 362	mailed
C. F. Kelley	Texas No. 362	mailed
Arthur Charles Stroeck	Texas No. 362	mailed
C. Victor Thornton	Texas No. 362	
Robert Gene Leatherwood	Texas No. 362	
John Theadore Norwood	Corsicana No. 41	
Troy A. Wilson	Floydada No. 227	06-09-2006
A. D. Jackson	Fort Stockton No. 476	
Billy L. Moody	Fort Stockton No. 476	
Anthony Robert Fedele	Kerrville No. 305	05-22-2006
Johnnie William Haney	Wichita Falls No. 202	03-27-2006
Jim D. Bowmer	Temple No. 199	02-13-2006
Maxwell Anderson Clark	Temple No. 199	Family
Clarence R. Sodek	Temple No. 199	02-17-2006
Gale Elton Carpenter	Lafayette No. 48	
William Gordon Cunningham	Lafayette No. 48	04-11-2006
Joe David Julian	Lafayette No. 48	04-11-2006
Vance Warren Apple	Corpus Christi No. 91	04-15-2006
Ed A. Reed	Amarillo No. 196	
Paul H. McCament	Hemphill Heights No. 448	
Lindsey L. Pynes	B. T. Estes No. 263	06-22-2006
George J. Jennings, Jr.	Plainview No. 228	mailed
John J. Sloan	Plainview No. 228	03-27-2006
Milton David Hendrix, Jr.	Oak Cliff No. 373	
Emmet T. Bullard	Oak Cliff No. 373	
Robert L. Brooks	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	03-25-2006
Albert G. McDaniel	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	06-26-2006
Floyd Owens	Southside-Polytechnic No. 378	03-25-2006
James Bentley Huff	Texas No. 362	03-17-2006
Thomas E. Barber	W. T. Austin No. 87	03-07-2006
Scott T. Poage	W. T. Austin No. 87	03-10-2006
Robert L. Smith, Jr.	W. T. Austin No. 87	
Joe B. Finley, Jr.	Laredo No. 185	
Vernon Douglas Beavers	Haltom City-Riverside No. 468	03-25-2006
William E. Bilderback, Jr.	Haltom City-Riverside No. 468	07-18-2006
Edward B. Thomas	Washington No. 2	
John Phillip Kohler, Jr.	Palestine No. 10	04-16-2006
Murphy George	Palestine No. 10	03-14-2006
J. Alvin Coleman	Palestine No. 10	04-27-2006
Frank George	Palestine No. 10	
Frank T. Goodson	Palestine No. 10	
John Carroll Neely	Granbury No. 454	07-27-2006
Herbert Banister	Seagoville No. 419	04-05-2006
Dan Crecelius	Seagoville No. 419	04-05-2006
Myron E. Harkins	Longview No. 177	09-23-2006
Henry L. Ayers	Quanah No. 450	03-06-2006
Murray D. Pickens	Greenville No. 114	04-15-2006
Bobby G. Dawson	Borger No. 437	mailed
William T. Logan	Borger No. 437	mailed
Ira Hulon Barnes	San Felipe de Austin No. 1	09-23-2006
Henry Warren Mardis	San Felipe de Austin No. 1	
William David Snipes, Sr.	San Felipe de Austin No. 1	09-23-2006
Gerald Claybrook Bradshaw	Dallas No. 47	05-05-2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
James Harold Cheek	Dallas No. 47	08-17-2006
Richard Lee Farr	Dallas No. 47	05-05-2006
James Donald Monnett	Dallas No. 47	
John Dale Ray	Dallas No. 47	05-05-2006
Clint Thompson	Dallas No. 47	05-05-2006
R. Weldon Warren	Dallas No. 47	05-05-2006
Thomas Gerald Whitlock	Dallas No. 47	
Ralph Widman, Jr.	Dallas No. 47	
Ernest D. Keels	Cherokee No. 11	03-20-2006
Glenn M. Riggs	Cherokee No. 11	03-20-2006
Robert C. Goodman	Cherokee No. 11	
David Clifford Johnson	Carthage No. 28	03-28-2006
Howell Newburn Palmer	Carthage No. 28	03-28-2006
Harold Wescott Daily, Jr.	Will N. Kidd No. 424	mailed
Carroll Vern Wilson, Jr.	Will N. Kidd No. 424	To Family
Edward Milton Nelson	Will N. Kidd No. 424	07-20-2006
Harry Benson Grogan	Park Place No. 458	
Wayne Edwin Isham	Park Place No. 458	
James Henry Marsh, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	
Robert Gardner Maxwell	Park Place No. 458	
Paul Franklin Mayes	Park Place No. 458	
Joseph Calvin Holsomback, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	
Charles W. Livingston, Jr.	Alpine No. 398	
Fred C. Shely	Alpine No. 398	06-01-2006
Thomas M. Connor	Alpine No. 398	
Walton A. Bowman	Love Field No. 478	
Paul Eugene Haas	Love Field No. 478	
Neil Alex Harris	Love Field No. 478	
Charles E. English	Lufkin No. 240	06-27-2006
Dwight Alvah Thrash	Lufkin No. 240	06-27-2006
Isaac Carrell Wheeler	Lufkin No. 240	06-27-2006
Thomas Eugene Peoples	Love Field No. 478	
Richard Iva Hart	Beaumont No. 188	
Charles Sterling Myers	Garland No. 451	06-08-2006
James Edgar Chapman, Jr.	Park Place No. 458	07-12-2006
James Roland Thompson	Park Place No. 458	deceased
John E. Custer	Hemphill Heights No. 448	
Joe Bob McDonald	Marshall No. 19	04-12-2006
Bobby Joe Kidwell	San Angelo No. 170	08-22-2006
Edwin Zively Nimitz, Jr.	San Angelo No. 170	
Albert A. Owen	Arlington No. 376	05-02-2006
William Ross Armstrong	Stephenville No. 140	
Benjamin F. Harnish, III	Killeen No. 484	09-21-2006
Edward J. Sawberger, Jr.	Goose Creek No. 408	mailed
Maurice Guy Harmon, Jr.	Tyler No. 24	06-22-2006
Joseph H. Kehlbeck	Tyler No. 24	06-28-2006
Charles Oliver Ice, Jr.	Sam J. Helm No. 445	08-21-2006
Robert B. Rowlett	Waco No. 45	08-18-2006
Jack Otto Price	Waco No. 45	mailed
Joe Leo Wachsmann	Waco No. 45	mailed
Donald Orell Hall	Waco No. 45	mailed
Harvey Weldon Osment	Waco No. 45	mailed
Charles William Alcorn, Jr.	Tarrant No. 416	mailed
Orvil Lee Patterson	Tarrant No. 416	mailed
Tommy R. Woodward	Keystone No. 172	07-24-2006
Ernest Grady Arthur	Hillsboro No. 152	
Herbert E. Chapman	Hemphill Heights No. 448	10-05-2006
Alfred Truman Watts	Ridglea No. 485	09-28-2006
Thomas Edwin Geddie	Dale E. Miller No. 55	09-17-2006
Carl David Barton	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	10-18-2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date Presented</u>
Elzie O. Feagley	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
Melvin L. Seymore	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
James Brooks Speer	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	11-02-2006
Charles Kenneth Plotner	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	09-25-2006
Billy Jack Warren	Hugh J. McClellan No. 248	
William I. Rabe, Jr.	Ennis No. 135	
Richard Leon Shuman	Pasadena No. 455	11-03-2006
Giles Stolp Farmer	Dale E. Miller No. 55	
Leslie H. Coleman	Hemphill Heights No. 448	
Kenneth Dee Hunter	Seagoville No. 419	12-04-2006
Russell A. Matthes	Columbia No. 34	12-07-2006

LEGAL DOCUMENTS EXECUTED

I have executed numerous legal documents on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Texas Masonic Retirement Center as the Board of Directors and their Attorney have deemed proper.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

January 19, 2006 – I nominated Companion David G. Mather, to serve as the Grand Representative of Alberta, Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Texas, due to the resignation of Companion Gerald T. Cook.

January 19, 2006 – I nominated Companion Jack T. Peebles, to serve as the Grand Representative of Washington State, near the Grand Chapter of Texas, due to the resignation of Companion Donald Coit Smith.

May 11, 2006 - I nominated Companion N.W. "Butch" Hanna, Jr., to serve as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the Philippines, near the Grand Chapter of Texas, due to the death of Companion A.E. Buddy Killion, Sr.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

August 30, 2006 – I appointed Companion Stephen G. Libby to serve as the Grand Representative of Texas, near the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

July 3, 2006 - I appointed Companion Raymond L. Lutomski, Jr., to serve as the Grand Representative of Texas, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

CONSOLIDATIONS

January 18, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of Freeport Chapter No. 487, in Freeport, with Columbia Chapter No. 34, in West Columbia.

January 29, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of B.A. Botts Chapter No. 167, in Graham, with Weatherford Chapter No. 105, in Weatherford.

January 29, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of Lytle Chapter No. 329, in Lytle, with Cooper Chapter No. 101, in Pleasanton.

January 29, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of Haskell Chapter No. 181, in Haskell, with Hamlin Chapter No. 310, in Hamlin.

May 4, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of Handley Chapter No. 479, in Fort Worth, with Fort Worth Chapter No. 58, in Fort Worth.

September 1, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of William C. Young Chapter No. 96, in New Boston, with B.T. Estes Chapter No. 263, in Texarkana.

September 30, 2006 – Approved the consolidation of Irving Chapter No. 477, in Irving, with Grand Prairie Chapter No. 489, in Grand Prairie.

DISPENSATION TO INSTALL OFFICERS

June 16, 2006 – Issued dispensation to El Paso Chapter No. 157, to install an elected officer after the first day of August under Article 229 of the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter.

DISPENSATION TO MOVE CHARTER

December 7, 2005 – Issued dispensation to Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424, to move its Charter to Holland Lodge No. 1, 4911 Montrose Blvd., to hold a called convocation to elect candidates for the York Rite Festival on Saturday, December 10, 2005 under Article 193.

June 16, 2006 – Issued dispensation to Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424, to move its Charter to Holland Lodge No. 1, 4911 Montrose Blvd., to hold a called convocation to elect candidates for the York Rite Festival on Saturday, June 17, 2006 under Article 193.

September 30, 2006 – Issued dispensation to Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91 to move its Charter to al Amin Shrine Temple in Corpus Christi for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's Degree on Installed Lodge Officers under Articles 193 & 290A.

CHARTER RESTORED

June 21, 2006 – In accordance with the actions taken by the Companions of Texas at the 2005 Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas held in Waco, December 5-6, 2005, I approved the Restoration of the Charter of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30, at Normangee, Texas.

August 5, 2006 – It was my privilege to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in the Lodge room of Rogers Prairie Lodge No. 540, in Normangee, Texas, and reconstituted Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30.

150th CAPITULAR ANNIVERSARIES

June 24, 2006 – It was my privilege to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in the Lodge room of Constantine Lodge No. 13, in Bonham, Texas, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Bonham Chapter No. 52.

September 9, 2006 – It was my privilege to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in the Lodge room of Saint John's Lodge No. 51, in McKinney, Texas, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Haggai Chapter No. 53.

VISITATIONS

2005

December 1, 2 & 3- Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Waco
December 4, 5 & 6 - Grand Chapter & Grand Council Annual Communication – Waco
December 7 -- E.A. Degree – Park Place Lodge No. 1172 - Houston
December 8 -- Pearland Chapter No. 1065, OES – Stated Meeting - Pearland
December 9 -- Park Place Commandery No. 106 & SOOB No. 205 Installations – Houston
December 10 -- York Rite Festival – Houston
December 12 -- Stated Meeting – Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Houston
December 14 -- Fellowcraft Degree – Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Houston
December 16 -- Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1 – White Shrine of Jerusalem Christmas Party
December 18 -- Houston Area Commandery Christmas Observance
December 18 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Christmas Party
December 30 -- Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1 – White Shrine of Jerusalem – Stated Meeting

2006

January 2-- Park Place Commandery No. 106 – Stated Meeting – Houston
January 7 -- Grand Commandery Field Drill and Templar Instruction Meetings – Waco
January 8 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
January 9 -- Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston
January 10 -- Sam Houston Masonic Library & Museum meeting – Houston
January 12 -- Pearland Chapter No. 1065, OES – Stated Meeting – Pearland

January 15 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 January 20 -- East Gate Lodge No. 1153 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 January 21 -- Gulf Coast York Rite College Meeting and Conferral of Knight of York
 January 22 -- Gulf Coast York Rite College Reception in Honor of Worshipful Masters
 January 23 -- Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 January 25 -- Grand Master's Official Visit to the 30th Masonic Districts - Houston
 January 25 -- Conferral of Past Master's Degree by M:W: Brian R. Dodson
 January 26 -- Houston Scottish Rite Stated Meeting and Installation – Houston
 January 27 -- Park Place Chapter No. 458 & Council No. 373 - Stated Meeting – Houston
 January 28 -- Grand Lodge Town Hall Meeting – Houston Scottish Rite
 January 29 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 January 31 -- Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons – Stated Meeting - Houston
 February 1 -- Houston High Twelve Club No. 736 – Stated Meeting
 February 2 -- Jacques DeMolay Lodge No. 1390 – Master Mason's Degree – Houston
 February 3 -- Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Stated Meeting – Houston
 February 4 -- Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75, KYCH – Stated Meeting, Election & Installation of Officers – Baytown
 February 5 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 February 6 -- Park Place Commandery No. 106, K.T. – Stated Meeting & conferral of the Order of the Red Cross – Houston
 February 8 -- Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Fellowcraft Degree - Houston
 February 9 -- Pearland Chapter No. 1065, O.E.S. - Stated Meeting – Pearland
 February 12 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice - Pasadena
 February 13 -- Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting/Open Program - Houston
 February 15 -- Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Fellowcraft Degrees - Houston
 February 16 -- Albert J. DeLange Lodge No. 1403 – Stated Meeting – District Deputy Visit Houston
 February 19 -- Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 February 24 -- Park Place Chapter No. 458 & Council No. 373 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 February 25 -- Park Place Commandery – Conferral of Order of Malta and Order of the Temple – Houston
 February 26 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 February 27 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 March 1 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Fellowcraft Degrees - Houston
 March 3 - San Jacinto Conclave – Red Cross of Constantine – Houston
 March 3 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Stated Meeting and Election of Officers – Houston
 March 4 - York Rite Conference – Kirbyville
 March 5 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 March 6 - Park Place Commandery No. 106, K.T. – Stated Meeting – Houston
 March 9 - Pearland Chapter No. 1065, O.E.S. – Stated Meeting
 March 11 - Cowboy Lodge – Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – Houston
 March 11 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Installation of Officers
 March 12 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 March 13 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Open Program & Stated Meeting
 March 15 - Holland Lodge No. 1 – Golden Trowel Award to Mark J. Sandler – Houston
 March 15 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Ceremonial - Initiation of M:E: Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master, Grand Encampment
 March 17 - OES Banquet in Honor of Board of Directors and Superintendent of TMRC- Arlington
 March 18 - Board Meeting – Texas Masonic Retirement Center – Arlington
 March 19 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 March 22 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Master Mason's Degree – Houston
 March 25 - York Rite Conference – San Angelo
 March 26 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 March 27 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Open Program – 50 Year Award - Stated Meeting
 March 29 - Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons – St. Patrick's Day Banquet
 March 30 - DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture – Houston Scottish Rite
 April 1 - Houston Court No. 2, Order of the Amaranth – Installation of Officers
 April 1 - Banquet in honor of Most Worshipful Brian R. Dodson, Grand Master of the Most

Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas – Houston

April 2 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena

April 3 - Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar – Stated Meeting

April 7 - York Rite Banquet in honor of M:W: Brian R. Dodson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas – Waco

April 8 - Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75, Knight of the York Cross of Honour, Stated Meeting and Induction of Candidates – Baytown

April 9 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena

April 10 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Open program honoring Widows

April 11 - Meeting of the Sam Houston Masonic Library and Museum Association Board

April 12 - Houston Area Commanderies Easter Observance – Houston Scottish Rite

April 15 - Laying of Wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – Arlington Cemetery By the Grand Commandery of Indiana and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, M:E: Kenneth B. Fischer

April 16 - Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA - Easter Sunrise service George Washington Masonic National Memorial – Arlington, Virginia
Marched with Grand Master Kenneth Fisher, Grand Master Brian Dodson and Grand Commander Lawrence E. Tucker in the parade to the Memorial.

April 19 - San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, LaMarque, Texas

April 21-24 - 153rd Annual Conclave - Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas – Houston

April 24 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting

April 27 - Board Meeting – Texas Masonic Retirement Center – Arlington

April 28 - Park Place Chapter & Council Stated Meetings – Houston

April 29 - San Jacinto Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Conferral and Banquet

May 1 - Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar – Stated Conclave

May 6 – 12 - 112th Supreme Shrine Session – Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem – Springfield, Illinois

May 13 - Attended Ken Fischer’s Grand Encampment planning meeting – Houston

May 20 - York Rite Conference – Houston

May 20 - Gulf Coast York Rite College Installation of Officers - Houston

May 21 - Masonic Oak Picnic - Brazoria

May 22 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting, Back to Blue Lodge/Lambskin Apron Night, Speaker – R:W: Donnie Broughton, Deputy Grand Master

May 26 - Park Place Chapter & Council Stated Meetings – Houston

May 27 - Lone Star Chapel No. 45, St. Thomas of Acon – Houston

June 12 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting and Election of Officers

June 14 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Master Mason’s Degree

June 16 - East Gate Lodge No. 1153 – Stated Meeting and Election of Officers

June 17 - Gulf Coast York Rite Festival, Holland Lodge No. 1 – Houston

June 21 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Master Mason’s Degree

June 23 - Park Place Chapter & Council Stated Meetings - Houston

June 24 - 150th Anniversary Celebration of Bonham Chapter No. 52
Opened a special session of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

June 25 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice - Pasadena

June 26 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting

June 28 - Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 30th Masonic District

July 3 - Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar – Stated Meeting

July 7 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem - Houston

July 8 - Attended Installation of Officers of Billy W. Tinsley Daylight Lodge

July 8 - Installed the Officers of Galena Park Chapter No. 490, Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481 and Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 – Channelview

July 9- Planning meeting for the 63rd Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA - Pasadena

July 9 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena

July 10 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston

July 11 - Annual Meeting of the Sam Houston Masonic Library and Museum

July 12 - Installed the officers of Will N. Kidd Chapter and San Jacinto Council

July 14 - Installed the officers of Park Place Chapter and Park Place Council

July 15 - School of Instruction of Templar District 5 – Temple, Texas

July 15 - AMD Statewide meeting - Waco

July 15 - Grand Banquet for Texas State DeMolay Conclave – Waco
 July 16 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 July 22 - School of Instruction for Templar District 3 – Rosenberg
 July 23 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice – Pasadena
 July 24 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 July 27-30 - York Rite Sovereign College Annual Meeting – Little Rock, Arkansas
 July 31 - Sam Houston Council No. 275, Allied Masonic Degrees, Stated Meeting
 August 2 - Gray Lodge No. 329 – Stated Meeting – York Rite Program – Houston
 August 4 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Houston
 August 5 - Thomas H. Ridout, Jr. Priory No. 75, K.Y.C.Y., Stated Meeting – Baytown
 August 5 - Opened Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at Normangee to reconstitute Zerrubabel Chapter No. 30
 August 6 - Planning meeting for the 63rd Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA - Pasadena
 August 6 - Park Place Commandery Drill Team Practice - Pasadena
 August 7 - Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar – Stated Meeting
 August 8 - Board Meeting of the Sam Houston Masonic Library and Museum
 August 10-16 - 63rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA – Houston
 August 24 - Board Meeting – Texas Masonic Retirement Center - Arlington
 August 25 - Park Place Chapter No. 458 & Council No. 373 – Stated Meetings
 August 26 - Attended Luncheon for Park Place Commandery Drill Team - Pasadena
 August 26 - Attended Masonic Festive Board – Arabia Shrine Center - Houston
 August 28 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting - Houston
 August 30 - Attended Stated Meeting of Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons
 September 1 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Houston
 September 4 - Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar – Stated Meeting
 September 9 - Attended York Rite Festival in McKinney. Opened Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for 150th Anniversary of Haggai Chapter No. 53, in McKinney.
 September 11 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 September 14-16 - Southwest York Rite Conference in Dallas.
 September 22 - Park Place Chapter No. 458 & Council No. 373 – Stated Meetings
 September 23 - Attended Stated Meeting of Lone Star Chapel No. 45, St. Thomas of Acon
 September 25 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Stated Meeting – Houston
 September 27 - Park Place Lodge No. 1172 – Master Mason's Degree
 September 29 - Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1, White Shrine of Jerusalem – Houston
 September 30 - Opened the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at West Columbia for the dedication of markers at Past Grand High Priest's Graves

APPRECIATIONS

Grand Chapter Officers

Companions, it has been a pleasure to serve the Companions of Texas this year with you. You have been a vital part of our Grand Chapter Team in 2006. This year would not have been a success without you. I thank you for accepting your respective offices during this Grand Chapter year. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you better and will look forward to your friendships for many years to come. I wish you all the best as you find new ways to serve the York Rite and more especially Capitular Masonry.

District Deputy Grand High Priests

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests, I thank you for taking on the important responsibility of serving the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas during 2006. Your responsibilities are very important to the operations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. You have been the eyes, ears and hands of the Grand High Priest in your districts. I cannot thank you enough for representing me with dignity and pride on those occasions when I could not be present.

Past Grand High Priests

To the Past Grand High Priests of Texas, your assistance, your counsel and advice have been a great assistance to me this year. Your knowledge of our fraternity and your leadership skills will always be of great value and service to our craft. I thank you for all you have done to help me

and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas during this Grand Chapter year. I wish you all the best for your future endeavors.

M:W: Brian R. Dodson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the York Rite of Freemasonry, we want to thank you for your promotion of York Rite Masonry during your year in the Grand East. We thank you for conferring the Past Master's Degree as you traveled around the state of Texas this year, on those Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of the symbolic Lodges. We know that this has been great publicity for the York Rite and our degree work, by your excellent conferral of the Past Masters Degree.

M:I: G. Clay Smith, Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Most Illustrious Companion Clay Smith, it has been a great pleasure to be able to work with you this year as you served the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Grand Master. We have been able to work together as a team, I know with much pleasure to myself and I hope with great satisfaction to York Rite Masonry in Texas.

R:E: Lawrence E. Tucker and R:E: A. Glen McCandless, Grand Commanders

Right Eminent Lawrence E. Tucker and R:E: A. Glen McCandless. It was truly an honor to be able to serve York Rite Masonry in Texas with two outstanding leaders of Templar Masonry. I hope our friendships will continue to grow as we all find new ways to serve York Rite Masonry.

M:E: Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master and Arlene

To our Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knight Templar of the United States of America. It has been a pleasure to serve with you during part of your term as Grand Master. You and Arlene have been a great inspiration to all of us. We are proud of how you both have represented Texas as you served the Grand Encampment. We are now glad to welcome you back home and look forward to working with you as you continued to serve our fraternity.

Orville O'Neill, Grand Secretary

Companion Orville, I have known you for many years but it has been a great pleasure to have you serve this year as Grand Secretary. You have answered my questions on many occasions and gave me advice to keep me on the right track. It has also great to work with you at the President of the Board of Directors of the TMRC. Thank you for your continued support of our Retirement Center.

To Dawn and Darlene in our Grand Chapter Office

On behalf of all the Grand Chapter Officers and members I want to express our appreciation for all you do for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas. Your knowledge and hard work is a valuable assistance to the Grand Officers. We could not get everything accomplished without your help. Thank you for your patience with use when we tend to want things done yesterday. On many occasions you have already done it before we even ask. Thank you both.

Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center

I want to commend the Board of Directors, the Superintendent and Staff of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for the excellent skill and care they use to handle the operations of the TMRC and the Residents. We are fortunate to have one of the finest Masonic Charities in the country and it was a pleasure and a privilege to be able to work with each of you as Grand High Priest. I have had the opportunity on many occasions this year as I traveled across the State of Texas to tell the companions about our Retirement Center. If you have never visited the TMRC, you need to make a visit as soon as possible. You will be impressed and proud of what your money goes to support.

Park Place Chapter No. 458, R.A.M.

To the Officers and Members of Park Place Chapter No. 458, it would have been impossible for me to have served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the past four years without your support. Your friendships will always be important to me and I thank you for all the ways you have assisted. To the ladies of Park Place Chapter your assistance has been invaluable. To Melba Jean Hanna, Bessie Hanna, Mary Acton and all the ladies of Park Place Chapter your help

with the Ladies Luncheon and Hospitality room has been a great assistance to me and to Mother. Thank you for all you do for our fraternity.

And the most important thank you I save for last. To my Mother, Frances Elkinton, I thank you for all your support and assistance over the years and especially for the hard work you have done to make this year a great success.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John C. Elkinton
M:E:Grand High Priest

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions, it is a pleasure to present my Report as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for 2006. As you have the Report in printed form - you should have picked up a copy at Registration. If you did not, we hope that you will go by and get one before you leave.

I, therefore, would like to move that my Report be adopted as printed in the program. I so move, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion. All in favor will vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. The motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, there are a couple of items I would like to mention that are printed in the Report and they were very particular highlights during the year to me. Two of those, we went and opened the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and celebrated their One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary in Bonham and McKinney and we want to thank those Companions in Bonham and Haggai Chapters for the outstanding job they did on the celebration of their One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of their Chapters. We commend them on their efforts. We wish them all the best for the next one hundred and fifty years and I wanted to mention those two times.

We also opened the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in Normangee and reconstituted Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30. It was a privilege and pleasure to be able to reconstitute that Chapter. We wish them all the best as they continue to support York Rite Masonry in that part of the State.

We also on one other occasion opened the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in West Columbia. We then proceeded to the local cemetery and we dedicated markers on the graves of three Past Grand High Priests. It has been the desire of many to see this project get underway for several years. We finally got it going. We now have dedicated three and I understand we have some coming up soon, in the near future for Galveston, Austin and Port Arthur.

I want to recognize Companion Arnold Langston for assisting in this effort and getting this underway in West Columbia. And Companion Cliff Cameron.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Cliff. We want to thank both of you for your efforts on getting this program underway. Let's give them a hand, Companions. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: I would like to submit the following Supplemental Report of the Grand High Priest.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: After discussing the referral of Proposed Resolution with the Purposes and Policies and the Jurisprudence Committees, it was decided that the referral of Proposed Resolutions was not the duty of the Committee on Grand Officers Reports but the province of the Grand High Priest. I hereby refer Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the

Purposes and Policies Committee for action at the One Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation.

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

ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, the state of the order in Texas is varied from one end of the spectrum to the other. In parts of the State we are losing Chapters at an alarming rate. In other areas we find Chapters conferring Degrees on many candidates, participating in festivals and promoting York Rite Masonry in various ways. We hope your Chapter is in the latter and not the former.

I hope that our Membership Program would bring much success in the future as we adjust the program and work out the details. I want to thank those Companions for giving this extra effort by serving this year on our Membership Committee. Keep up your good work, Companions, and continue to promote York Rite Masonry in Texas in every way you possibly can and thank you for allowing me the privilege and opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter and I wish you all the best in the future.

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

ACTING GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this portion of the Report. All in favor, vote by the usual voting sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

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

(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 ELKINTON: We now call on Companion Bart Henderson. Are you prepared to do your Report of the Committee on Grand Officers Reports.

COMPANION HENDERSON: Yes, sir.

COMPANION HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Bart Henderson, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS REPORTS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers and my Companions:

I am H. Bart Henderson, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter #424 and it is my pleasure to deliver the Grand Officers Report to this August body for your consideration.

After careful review of the Grand High Priest's Report as well as seeing the complete travel report that he has done and the number of visitations that he has made as Grand High Priest, we can all be assured that the Grand Chapter of Texas, Royal Arch Masons, has been well represented in various parts of the state. It would also appear that Most Excellent Elkinton has been very busy this year.

The subsequent portions of the Grand High Priest's Report have been referred to the following

committees to be reported on at this Annual Grand Chapter Convocation.

And, Companions, as you heard – and I'll make that Report in just a moment. The Grand High Priest met with the Jurisprudence and Purposes and Policies Committees and decided that in the future that the Grand High Priest will be making all his referrals and this Committee will not be doing that.

The "State of the Order" and "Visitations" - Grand Officers Reports

"The Fraternal Dead" - Memorials

"Grand Chapter Presentations", "Appointments to Fill Vacancies" and "Dispensations" - Jurisprudence

"Grand Representatives Nominated and Appointed" - Fraternal Relations Committee

"Grand Chapter Fifty Year Award Presentations - Recognitions, Honors and Awards

Resolution No. 1 - Purposes and Policies Committee and Committee on Jurisprudence

Resolution No. 2 - Purposes and Policies Committee and Committee on Jurisprudence

Resolution No. 3 - Purposes and Policies and Recognitions, Honors and Awards

Resolution No. 4 - Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

Resolution No. 5 - Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

Resolution No. 6 - Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

"Consolidations" - Jurisprudence

"Charter Restorations" - Jurisprudence

"150th Capitular Anniversaries" - Recognitions, Honors and Awards

We are always pleased to see one of the Texas DeMolay's grow up and take a position of leadership and authority, especially when it is one within our Fraternity and John Charles Elkinton is no different.

Whether it is at this Annual Grand Convocation, the Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, or at an Eastern Star or White Shrine of Jerusalem Stated meeting or at a Blue Lodge Meeting, the chances are very good that you will see Most Excellent John Elkinton there, working hard and presiding well and we are very proud of his efforts.

Most Excellent Sir, on behalf of the Grand Officers Reports 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.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BART HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN

FRED ALLEN, ROBERT CLEMMONS, PAUL WARREN, C. LOUIS HOPKINS

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Grand Officers Report Committee. All in favor of adoption this Report vote by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Bart, we thank you for all the work that you do. Sir? You have got another Report?

COMPANION HENDERSON: I was writing quickly while you were giving your Supplemental, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Oh, thank you, sir.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS REPORTS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has met and discussed with the Purposes and Policies Committee as well as the Jurisprudence Committee and they have decided that the Grand High Priest should make all of the Referrals of Proposed Resolutions to the various and sundry Committees.

Therefore, this Committee has no further Report references.

Again, we acknowledge the efforts of the Grand High Priest that he has put forth in representing this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

I would like to also especially thank the newly elected Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Orville Lee O'Neill, for service to our Fraternity and as Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter and we look forward to seeing him around the State in many of the events of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Congratulations, sir.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the office staff of the Grand Chapter for the efforts to assist the Grand Secretary and me with this Report.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Grand Officers Reports Committee I again thank you for the opportunity to serve and move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Grand Officers Reports. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Bart. Thank you for everything you do in every Order that you work in. It has been outstanding and it has been a privilege to work with you this year. Thank you, sir.

Before we proceed with the Report of the Grand Secretary - yes, sir.

COMPANION JAMES HIGDON: Most Excellent, if I might.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: The Chair recognizes Companion Jim Higdon, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

COMPANION HIGDON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my name is Jim Higdon. I am a Past High Priest of Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

I just want to make one correction and perhaps I should have done that before the vote. We did not - Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence did not determine that the Committee on Grand Officers Reports - or that the Grand High Priest should make all referrals in contravention of what the Law provides. We found that, as our Grand High Priest said, that the Grand High Priest can make the referrals of Resolutions to the various Committees, but that the Grand Officers Reports Committee until the Law is changed still makes referrals of the various sections of the Grand High Priest and other Officers Reports.

Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We are glad you could make that clarification so everyone will know.

Companions, before we go on with the Report of the Grand Secretary, I know that our Most Worshipful Grand Master has a lot of business that he needs to take care of and before he sneaks out on us, I am going to ask that our Most Worshipful Grand Master please address this body.

(RISING APPLAUSE.

**REMARKS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF TEXAS**

M:W: GRAND MASTER BROUGHTON: Thank you very much, Most Excellent Sir, Distinguished Officers and Members and Companions:

It is again my pleasure to have the opportunity to speak. This is an auspicious group of Masons. I am fully aware of the dedication and commitment that York Rite Masons in particular seem to have for not only the Ritual, but for the tenets of our Fraternity. I know when I look out here, I am looking at some of the most dedicated Masons that we have in the State of Texas and it is my honor to be in your presence with you today.

I want to thank our Presiding Officer and also the Grand Master of the Council for the work that you have done this year. I won't probably have the opportunity to speak at the Grand Council Session, but I want to congratulate you on what you have done for York Rite Masonry.

I wish you the very best in your deliberations here this week. Also, I have taken the liberty to meet with Companions Louis and Roy a couple of times and we talked about what our plans are collectively for the year 007 and my commitment to them is to support all of their activities and at every opportunity that I have I will certainly do my best in my remarks to encourage our Brothers to become active in York Rite Masonry because it is a great, great organization.

I'm going to tell you the truth. I'm often asked, "Why do you like the York Rite Degree Work so well?" Obviously it is because it is so similar and it is a continuation of the Blue Lodge Degrees. But to be perfectly honest with you, I like it because I understand it. (APPLAUSE.)

M:W: GRAND MASTER BROUGHTON: I'm an active Scottish Rite Mason. I'll tell you, some of that gets over my head a little bit. But I definitely like the lessons that we learn in York Rite Masonry.

I have talked about our Program for 007 for next year and I do know we have some Companions here maybe that did not hear me talk about it.

It is all about mentorship next year and going that extra mile in our Lodges to make our new working – what I refer to as working Masons, our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts and newly raised Master Masons, to feel as though they are needed and they are important in our Fraternity. And even though technically our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are not true members, they don't have voting privileges and can't serve on committees, I look forward to the day in the near future were they can sit in one of our Stated Meetings without voting, but just simply be there as a member of our Fraternity.

One who has the opportunity to bond with everyone in that Lodge room and to meet visitors and to experience Masonry and the protocol and everything that it entails. And I think when we get to the point that we allow our Brothers to do that and simply attend a Stated Meeting, we are going to see them ignite and they are going to develop a great understanding and love for the Fraternity. They are going to get more out of it than simply teaching the catechism back and forth with an instructor which I understand is very important and very needed, but I want to see those Brothers have an opportunity to bond with all the members of the Lodge. I look forward to the day that we can do that and I'm hoping that you will help me with it.

We are going to spend the entire year talking about the merits of that program and we are going to discuss a couple of the little obstacles that we will have to overcome in order to make the process work. So I will talk to you about that next year and they are quite trivial when you can look and consider the value of having those men in our meetings and make them feel like they are members.

You know, we had a great, great Grand Lodge Communication. When you think about it, Texas is such a large Grand Jurisdiction. We are very diverse. We are diverse economically, socially, our religious beliefs can be quite different, but when you come up here and we meet collectively as a Grand Body, it is hard to pass aggressive legislation. But I want to tell you, I think we have done some wonderful things here at this Grand Lodge.

I know that not everyone agrees with what we did with the 18 year old vote. I'm going to tell you, word is coming back to us already. I've heard several people in the hallways say, "Guess what, Grand Master? I have a report that we got six new petitions on men who are less than 21 years old coming into our Lodges." And somebody else came up and told me he had heard

of 24 in his area. If you think that's going to be a trivial growth in our Fraternity, I think we are going to be surprised. So I think that was an opportunity for us to be progressive and I'm personally pleased that it is working out like this.

Of course, we passed the legislation on the quote, unquote qualified recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. We are already getting emails out there that people have opened their arms to us and said, "You've done the right thing." So that's another step that we have made in terms of being progressive and changing with the times and I hope that we will continue to do that.

I will mention two other little things that we did at Grand Lodge that I think you should know about. We thank you for allowing us to take that \$3.25 out of the per capita and that \$25.00 in the Master's Degree and diverting those funds back to our Texas Masonic Charities Foundation because that is going to enable us to build that Endowment Fund up to something that will be significant in years to come.

You also allowed us to set up that 501(c)(3) holding company, the investment company of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation. We had our first Trustees meeting yesterday and we are already selecting the governance, those three appointments that we had, and we are calling upon the Home and School Board now to make their three appointments and then we are going to jointly make the other selection and we are putting men on that Board of Directors, that holding company, who are skilled in not only civil law, investments and those who are the 501(c)(3) experts, but men who want to raise money for that purpose and then to understand how to delve that out to our charities. So I think we've been careful in what we've done and we are going to have those selections made and that company up and running in short order because we're going to be getting money in there and we thank you for the opportunity to allow us to put that into a fund that gives Grand Lodge the ability to better control that money and who it is that we offer assistance to.

I think I've probably talked long enough. I don't have anything that I would rather do than be with you here today. I do have a few other things that I have to step out and talk to our Grand Secretary about, but I hope that you have a great Communication here today.

I'm going to East Texas tonight. I'll be back in the morning to see the rest of the business and the Election and the Installation and then I get to lay over here a day to visit with our Grand Secretary and do some business and then we're heading to San Antonio for a couple of days and we'll see you at Houston at the Gulf Coast York Rite Festival.

Thank you, Brothers.

(RISING APPLAUSE.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION -- DECEMBER 4-5, 2006**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Whereas, at its 2005 Grand Annual Convocation the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas amended its laws to provide that beginning in 2007, its Annual Convocations be held on the **Second Monday in October** of each year, and

Whereas, Article 6-(a) of the Constitution provides for the "Statement of Availability" to be filed with the Grand Secretary "no later than the **fifteenth day of September** preceding each Annual Convocation, and

Whereas, time constraints placed upon the Grand Secretary's office by the change in the meeting date for Annual Convocations make the present deadline provision for filing Statements of Availability incompatible with present printing and distribution requirements, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Article 6-(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended to provide that "Statements of Availability" be filed with the Grand Secretary "on or before the fifteenth day of ~~September~~ **July** preceding each Annual Convocation."

Fraternally submitted:

James Roy Elliott, P.H.P., Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

WHEREAS, the meeting date for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was amended at its 2005 Annual Convocation to be held on the Second Monday of October each year, and

WHEREAS, Article 143 of the laws of the Grand Chapter require that resolutions proposing to amend the laws of the Grand Chapter "shall be sent in to the Grand Secretary on or before **September 1st** preceding the opening of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter," and

WHEREAS, the amended meeting schedule is incompatible with present requirements that the Grand Secretary distribute such proposals to appropriate committees, and to print and distribute such proposals to the constituent Chapters prior to Annual Convocations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Article 143 of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended to read; "..... which resolutions shall be sent in to the Grand Secretary on or before ~~September 1st~~ **July 15th** preceding the opening of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and by him distributed to the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, who shall refer the same to the proper committees....."

Fraternally submitted:

James Roy Elliott, P.H.P., Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

Whereas: The Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards, Article 77A, Grand Royal Arch Golden Keystone Award: Paragraph Four States that nominations are to be filed with the Grand Secretary no later than the 1st day of July preceded each Annual Convocation. Now, therefore be it.

Resolved, that Article 77A Paragraph Four of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended to provide that Nominations to be considered for the current year shall be mailed to the Grand Secretary no later than July 15th preceding each Annual Convocation, who in turn mail them to each member of the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

James Roy Elliott, P.H.P., Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Whereas, there is no specific Article in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas specifying assignment of Chapters to Districts, since the territorial jurisdiction requirements were repealed long ago. Nevertheless, the "Counties Composing Districts" pages in the Proceedings and Annual Returns of the Grand Chapter still set forth the following:

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Victoria.
Chapters: Port Lavaca No. 338

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Willacy, Zapata.
Chapters: Corpus Christi No. 91, Hidalgo No. 434, Brownsville No. 495

And whereas, in order to eliminate the burden of a very long travel distance and create a more generally equitable assignment of the District Deputies,

And whereas, the membership of Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91, RAM has voted on May 4, 2006 to submit this Resolution in favor of the desire to move from District 25 to District 24 and it is believed that Port Lavaca, Hidalgo and Brownsville Chapters are in agreement with the realignment we submit:

The new alignment to be as follows:

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria.
Chapters: Corpus Christi No. 91, Port Lavaca No. 338

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Starr, Willacy, Zapata.
Chapters: Hidalgo No. 434, Brownsville No. 495

Fraternally submitted,
The Members of Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Grand Royal Arch Chapter Law currently requires that the Annual School of Instruction begin one week before the commencement of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. The change in meeting date would require that the school begin on the Monday preceding the Grand Chapter meeting and would conceivably result in a six-day school. Experience over the last several years has shown that a three-day school appears to meet the needs of the school participants. That period has therefore been recommended by the Grand Chapter's Committee on Work at its 2006 mid-year meeting. Based on the current meeting date, the Committee on Work also believes that the optimum time for a three-day school during the week before Grand Chapter would be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, culminating (if current tradition continues) with a competition on Saturday afternoon.

Notwithstanding the Committee on Work recommendation that a three-day school appears adequate, it is recommended that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in consultation with the Committee on Work, be given authority to increase the length of the Annual School of Instruction as appropriate to up to six days (i.e., Monday through Saturday) without having to have another law change.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Article 89 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

Article 89: DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Members of the Committee on Work to thoroughly inform themselves in the work and ritual of this Grand Chapter, and to attend at the place where this Grand Chapter shall assemble in Annual Convocation, for at least three days (and not to exceed six days) during the one week before the commencement thereof, for the purpose of teaching and imparting instruction in the ritual, work, and lectures, adopted by this Grand Chapter, to such representatives from subordinate Chapters as shall attend for that purpose.

Submitted,
Allan W. "Skip" Dees, P.H.P.
Keystone Chapter No. 172, R.A.M.

RESOLUTON NO. 6

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Grand Royal Arch Chapter law currently prohibits a member of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work from soliciting or requesting a Chapter to accept his services to teach or exemplify the work. It appears that a request for payment for instruction in the Work is what Grand Chapter law is intended to prevent, but the current law goes far beyond that. The prohibition on asking Chapters to host a school of instruction or to accept instruction serves no useful purpose. On the contrary, it is a detriment to the members of the Committee on Work lawfully volunteering to conduct local or regional schools.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Article 107 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

Article 107. SOLICITING EMPLOYMENT TO TEACH WORK PROHIBITED. PENALTY. Any Companion holding a certificate from the Committee on Work, or any member of said Committee, who shall, in writing or otherwise, solicit or request payment from Chapters or Companions to employ him or to accept for his services to teach or exemplify the Work shall thereby forfeit his certificate or right to teach, and the Grand High Priest, upon obtaining evidence satisfactory to himself that this law has been violated, shall revoke the authority of

such Companion to teach.

Submitted,
Allan W. "Skip" Dees, P.H.P., Keystone Chapter No. 172, R.A.M.

RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS
OF THE 157TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF
TEXAS

Resolution No. 1	Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Adopted by Grand Chapter
Resolution No.2	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Adopted as Amended by Grand Chapter
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Resolution No. 6	Amended and Adopted by the Committee on Purposes & Policies Adopted as Amended by Grand Chapter

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, are you prepared to give your Report?

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's Office for the year ending October 31, 2006, is submitted for your consideration.

On June 24, 2005, there were 131 Charted Chapters. As of this date we have had eight (8) chapters to merge, which were Freeport Chapter No. 487 with Columbia Chapter No. 34, Irving Chapter No. 477 with Grand Prairie Chapter No. 489, B. A. Botts Chapter No. 167 with Weatherford Chapter No. 105, Port Arthur Chapter No. 250 with Port Neches Chapter No. 436. W. C. Young Chapter No. 96 with B. T. Estes Chapter No. 263, Lytle Chapter No. 329 with Cooper Chapter No. 101, Handley Chapter No. 479 with Ft. Worth Chapter No. 58 and Haskell Chapter No. 181 with Hamlin Chapter No. 310 which leaves 123 Charted Chapters. Of the 123 Chapters 33 showed a gain in membership, 81 showed a loss, while 7 reported no change, 2 of our Chapters have not sent in their Annual Returns.

While I was down here, Teague Chapter No. 320 brought theirs to the office with them. So that won't reflect in this information.

During the year there were Exalted 405 Companions, Affiliated 31, Affiliated Plural 20, Reinstated 85, Demitted 160, Suspended 418 and Expelled 2. We had 511 deaths for a total loss of 644. Our membership now stands at 12,992, of which there are 417 exempt for financial reasons and 1,539 Fifty Year Members which leaves 11,036 dues paying members.

We have two Chapters that have not sent in their Annual Returns for the year 2005-2006. They are Teague Chapter No. 320 and Alpine Chapter No. 398, and as I have said, Teague brought theirs in with them when they came in for the Grand Session. We had twenty Chapters that were a month or more behind. They were as follows; Haggai Chapter No. 53, Orange Chapter No. 78, Weatherford Chapter No. 105, Bosque Chapter No. 153, Alpha Chapter No. 243, Hugh J. McClellan Chapter No. 248, B. T. Estes Chapter No. 263, Teague Chapter No. 320, Henderson Chapter No. 361, Alpine Chapter No. 398, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, Hidalgo Chapter No. 434, Garland Chapter No. 451, Park Place Chapter No. 458, Southeast Texas Chapter No. 465, Richmond Chapter No. 467, North Houston Chapter No. 472, Fort Stockton Chapter No. 476 and Love Field Chapter No. 478.

Some of these Chapters have new secretaries. If any of you are in here, please do not hesitate to call us. We do not mind helping you at all. I will say for Southeast Chapter No. 465, Companion Nelson called any number of times and I am so proud of that man. I wish everybody would do that. He kept calling, asking questions and he kept getting answers. He is new at this. He is basically a brand new York Rite Mason, but the man picked up the phone and called that office and we got it all straightened out. I certainly appreciate all of the Secretaries and Recorders. Call us any time so we can help you and eliminate these late send ins. This office needs the returns to extract the information so we can get the Returns Book printed in a timely manner. Some of you were waiting for the High Priest to sign the returns. Next year you won't have to wait for him to sign the returns as that requirement will be removed from the Returns. You do not have to wait for the High Priest to sign that. (APPLAUSE)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Also this office will send out cards so that the Secretaries can mail back to this office, in a timely manner, the names of the new Chapter Officers after they are installed. This will really help this office with a lot of the printing.

Also, on September 15th, 2006, this office disbursed the interest from the Endowed Membership Fund, which now totals \$513,654.48. The interest from that fund totaled \$36,911.15, which figured out to \$21.16 per member of which there are 1,744 members. This office wishes to thank the subordinate Chapters for their cooperation and support.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Grand Secretary's Report. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, one other thing I would like to speak on. As many of you know, we had run out of room on the wall out there to hang up the pictures of the Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Masters. Some were in the closet in the office. This summer Roman Salazar and I spent some time working downstairs and now all the pictures have been cut down, moved over and all of our Past Grands are on the wall. Please go by and look at them to see what you think. It's been completed and we now have room for quite a few more year's worth.

I have also had some reports today on the new name badges we are using this year. The plastic ones went up to about thirty-five cents each. These little rascals are a lot cheaper and they are just as good and I hope that the Companions will like getting these.
Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Grand Secretary. We appreciate all that you do for this Grand Chapter and for the Grand Officers. We could not make it without you and please express our appreciation to Dawn and Darlene for keeping us out of trouble all year long.
Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE)

(Supplemental Information for the Grand Secretary's Report)

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS DECEMBER 2006

SAN FELIPE de AUSTIN NO. 1: Ted Armstrong, Marvin LaBohm, Lemuel B. Powell, James R. Rex, Bruce M. Sweatt
WASHINGTON NO. 2: J. Weldon Clampitte, Brian R. Dodson, David Fallas, Tom B. Johnson, John M. Lawson, Dwight Phillips
JERUSALEM NO. 3: Cliff Cameron, Fred McGilberry, George Patrick McHaney, Pierre G. "Pete" Normand, Jr.
LONE STAR NO. 6: Don R. Long, James R.W. Medina, C. Keith Orrison, Argel E. Roberts, John K. Whistler, Raymond M. White
SAN JACINTO NO. 7: Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr.
MARSHALL NO. 19: John E. Hurley, Jr.
TYLER NO. 24: John D. Andrews, Joseph R. Barron, Larry Blanchard, Gary D. Dixon, Richard Gaiser, Jerral F. Knox, James M. Pledger, James L. Sadler, Kenneth W. Sheats, Doye Sudduth, C. A. Trent, Bob Uzzell
CARTHAGE NO. 28: Walter M. Craft
ZERUBABEL NO. 30: Gary Adams
COLUMBIA NO. 34: Arnold R. Langston, Thomas N. Turner, Sr.
WACO NO. 45: Warren R. Cosby, Claude Ervin, J. Damon Fehler, Jerry Forest, Robert Kyle Forrest, Harold E. Jackson, Donald C. Jenkins, Guadalupe Juarez, Jr., William E. Matyastik, Clifford T. Teer, Tony Uzzell
DALLAS NO. 47: John E. Buzzell, Chief Greywolf, Loyd L. Chance, Leonard L. Fitzgerald, III, William L. Free, Herbert Garon Jr., James R. Hurt, Charles McKay, Jeffrey J. Miller, Ronald D. Park, John D. Ray, John R. Standley, Earl E. Tweed
GONZALES NO. 51: Daniel G. Pool
BONHAM NO. 52: Timothy M. LaVergne, Sr.
HAGGAI NO. 53: Gary Duane Hosick, H. David Moore, L.E. Nodwell, James Robert Sutton, M. Gene Terrell, Lloyd O. Warden
MT. HOREB NO. 57: Carl Keith Criss, Vernon B. Davis, Clinton G. Dubey, Richard L. Vaughn, G. W. Volland
FORT WORTH NO. 58: Eldon L. Brooks, Don R. Cowley, David H. Gardner, Richard Jernigan, Mike McCullough, Charles W. Modesitt, Ray Wiegand, B. J. Young
SHERMAN NO. 62: Billy H. Combest
SULPHUR SPRINGS NO. 63: Loys R. Faughtenberry, Eddy Jason Rabe
DAD PENDER NO. 80: Kenneth Cotter, Clarence Laney, Thomas W. Snyder
W. T. AUSTIN NO. 87: Jack W. Lester Jr.
CORPUS CHRISTI NO. 91: Justin Van Kleeck, Tommy C. Wimberly
GRANDVIEW NO. 93: Donald L. Anderson, Steven Hayes
CLEBURNE NO. 100: Clifford C. Condon, Raymond Luther, Sr.
COOPER NO. 101: Joe O. Estlack
WEATHERFORD NO. 105: Clarence Ray McKown
R.C. BUCKNER NO. 108: Rex S. Lewis, John J. Mac Gregor, II
GREENVILLE NO. 114: Donny W Broughton, James R. Clark, Joe R Gilmore, C. Louis Hopkins, Charles L. Mize, Robert C. Pierce
CENTER NO 125: Mark Randal Tidwell
ENNIS NO. 135: Cecil Curry, David E. Smith, Randall Scott Wall
STEPHENVILLE NO. 140: Tommy D. Guest
BROWNWOOD NO. 141: Thomas G. Keithly
TERRELL NO. 146: Herbert Fain, Floyd Leslie Pope
BELLVILLE NO. 151: Dennis E. Ziemer
HILLSBORO NO. 152: E. Dixon Toney
BOSQUE NO. 153: Stephen L. McCoy
EL PASO NO. 157: Raymond Alden, Jim Davis, Ricardo D. Gonzalez, Edwin M. Lindke, Delbert Kick McElroy, Frank C. Rockabrand, Richard L. Sandford,
ABILENE NO. 159: John W. Armistead, Floyd M. Harrison, Hubert E. Smith, Paul D. Warren
SAN ANGELO NO. 170: Oscar L. Clark, William F. Culp, Samuel A. Worthington
KEYSTONE NO. 172: Robert E. Black, Allan W. Dees, Wayne D. Groce, Paul R. Summersgill
LONGVIEW NO. 177: Jesse M. Newton
BIG SPRING NO. 178: Valcee Cox, Arliss C. Weber
LAREDO NO. 185: Thomas G. Moore
BEAUMONT NO. 188: Daniel Bowden, Randall Kimbrough, Lester C. Smith
ALVORD NO. 193: Sherman W. Hobbs
AMARILLO NO. 196: Ted D. Hennis, Charles Holt, Charles C. Holt, Charles F. Hood Jr., David Melear, Judge R. Risley, Elijah Eugene West
LLANO NO. 197: Michael L. Hazel, E.E. Buster Williams
WICHITA FALLS NO. 202: Matthew Kent Chapman, George F. Schwartau, John Yates
MIDLOTHIAN NO. 211: Virgil S. Allsbrooks, Kenneth Cooley, James Roy Elliott, G. Joe Hocker, Walter Jack Hott, Jerry N. Kirby, Roy D. Shipley, W. C. Southers
FLOYDADA NO. 227: James M. Willson, Jr.

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS DECEMBER 2006 (continued)

SWEETWATER NO. 236: Angus M. Crowder
LUFKIN NO. 240: Jimmy L. Allison, W. Eugene Brookshire, James W. Harkness
HUGH J. MCCLELLAN NO. 248: Robert L. Clemmons, Marvin Porr, Jr, Donald L. Smith, Sr.
PORT ARTHUR NO. 250: Charles C. Arrington, William E. Bill Schroeter
B. T. ESTES NO. 263: Robert D. Tyson, Larry D. Van Meter
BRADY NO. 264: Charles F. Miller
FLORENCE NO. 275: Charles E. Campbell, Gordon N. Decker, Sidney D. Hayes, C. O. Jones, Michael Bruce Jones, Larry G. Joslin, John E. Mabry
KERRVILLE NO. 305: Walter Ray Benton, Dock F. Dixon, Jr., Anthony R. Fedeale, Rowland Tessier
HAMLIN NO. 310: W. David Counts, A. Glen McCandless, Jerry Pingle
TEAGUE NO. 320: William A. Bilsing, II, William A. Bilsing, III
PORT LAVACA NO. 338: Jack E. Beeler, Paul J. Greenwood, Robert Loflin
SEGUIN NO. 344: Harry F. Jameson, K. D. Moore, Jimmy H. Pomroy, Joseph C. Valenzuela, Jr.
TEXAS NO. 362: Michie M. Brous, Melvin T. Hagood, Paul Mason, Charles Steven Wolfe
OAK CLIFF NO. 373: Alfred E. Bell, Gerald Roberts, F.E. Skip Smith, Jr.
ARLINGTON NO. 376: Jeff Bennett, Leslie L. Coone, Floyd E. Hall, James D. Kirkpatrick, Joseph Spencer, James D. Ward
WHITESBORO NO. 377: Henry A. Carrigan, Carl H. Garrison
SOUTHSIDE-POLYTECHNIC NO. 378: Herschel Larry Whitfield, B.J. Young
ROBY NO. 380: Tom D. Crowder, Jack M. Harper, II, Ben E. Neeper
SAN ANTONIO NO. 381: Kent B. Crickard, Harry G. Cunningham, Jesus A. Garza, Ronald Gilliland, Reese L. Harrison Jr., Gerald F. Nowotny, Larry Wallis
ARMY NO. 393: George H. Cheney, Elliott B. Samuels
GOOSE CREEK NO. 408: Jim Barton, William J. Giles, Jr., Kim Gregory, W.S. Sib Hewitt, Floyd R. Mills, Sr., John Tuttle
TARRANT NO. 416: Jim Manley, Joe Orona
SEAGOVILLE NO. 419: David L. Anderson, K.R. Ken Kruse, David G. Rogers, Allen H. Tuell
GEORGE WASHINGTON NO. 422: Douglas Collins, Daniel T. Hill, John C. Irving, W.P. Irving, Jr., Karl J. Krayner, G. Clay Smith
WILL N. KIDD NO. 424: Donald R. Donnenwerth, H. Bart Henderson, Everett Kerley, Leonard O. Pierce, Jack L. Wright
PORT NECHES NO. 436: E.E. Chapman, Jr., E.E. Chapman, Sr., Tommy F. Chapman, Preston Harper, Jared G. Richards, Wade G. Richards
BORGER NO. 437: Charles Beach, Kenneth R. Moss, Ray R. Renfroe
HELOTES NO. 444: John H. Y. Lorch, Alfred E. Machts, Jr.
SAM J. HELM NO. 445: Farris L. Benham, A.F. Berkley, Jay Bryson, Jerry L. Mann, L.H. Morgan, Gene Schneider, Neel A. Wright
HEMPHILL HEIGHTS NO. 448: Mitchell Ray Jones
KILGORE NO. 449: John W. Mahn, Jewel T. Proctor
QUANAH NO. 450: Richard Doss, Robert Melear
BURNET NO. 453: Kenneth D. Hunter, Russell F. Milliken
GRANBURY NO. 454: Vayden H. Horton, Jr., B.J. Richmond Jr., Jerry Wison
PASADENA NO. 455: James Acton, Garland M. DeLoach, Dozier Gossett, Richard C. Sharp
PARK PLACE NO. 458: J.D. "Buddy" Baccus, Charles H. Blacknall, Ken E. Borkert, John C. Elkinton, N.W. "Butch" Hanna, Jr., Charles M. Harvey, J. Preston Haynes, David Mather, Jack T. Peebles, Thomas C. Snedecor, Lawrence E. Tucker
SOUTHEAST TEXAS NO. 465: Joseph P. Collier Jr., Pat Hammers, Onnie Weaver
RICHMOND NO. 467: Doug Callaway
HALTOM CITY-RIVERSIDE NO. 468: Loyd O. Addy Sr., J.H. "Jack" Jeter, Robert P. Kight, Jr., Kirby Rudisill, Steve Runyon, Rand Toulouse
BLUE BONNET NO. 470: Sam W. Green, James N. Higdon
NORTH HOUSTON NO. 472: Darryl R. Burt, Patrick Jordan, John A. Kleinfelder, Michael H. Shively, Clint Stevens, Carl W. Wunsche, Paul E. Wunsche
LOVE FIELD NO. 478: Larry G. Canada, Leonard Harvey, Elmer Murphey, III, Orville O'Neill, Fred Smith
RIDGLEA NO. 485: Tommy R. Cantrell, Sr.
GRAND PRAIRIE NO. 489: Robert G. Kirk
GALENA PARK NO. 490: Kenneth B. Fischer, Jeffrey L. Wright
HURST NO. 492: David Wayne Antes, Bill Bright, Steve Jones, F. Douglas Mitchell, Ernest E. Parrish, William Pizzino
SNYDER NO. 494: Johnney Greenfield, E. Don Wittie
BROWNSVILLE NO. 495: W.M. Gower, Michael Kuhlmann, Joe N. Rodriguez, Dillon Vanderford

Subordinate Chapters Represented in Grand Chapter

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
San Felipe de Austin	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jerusalem	3		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
San Jacinto	7		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								
Marshall	19	X	X	X	X	X			X
Tyler	24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carthage	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zerubbabel	30								X
Columbia	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corsicana	41				X				
Waco	45	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dallas	47	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lafayette	48	X		X	X	X	X		
Gonzales	51	X	X	X				X	X
Bonham	52		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Haggai	53	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
Fort Worth	58	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sherman	62	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sulphur Springs	63	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Orange	78	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dad Pender	80	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W. T. Austin	87	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corpus Christi	91	X			X	X	X	X	X
Grandview	93	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
William C. Young	96	X					X		
Cleburne	100	X	X		X	X	X		X
Cooper	101	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Weatherford	105	X		X	X		X		X
R.C. Buckner	108	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Greenville	114	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ogilvie	115		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Center	125	X	X	X					X
San Marcos	129	X	X	X		X	X		
Ennis	135	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Denison	138	X	X			X			
Stephenville	140	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownwood	141	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Terrell	146								X
Bellville	151		X	X			X		X
Hillsboro	152	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bosque	153	X	X			X		X	X
El Paso	157	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Abilene	159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. A. Botts	167	X	X	X				X	
San Angelo	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keystone	172	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Longview	177	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Spring	178	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Haskell	181						X		
Laredo	185								X
Beaumont	188	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alvord	193	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Amarillo	196	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Llano	197		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Temple	199	X			X				
Wichita Falls	202	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Yoakum	209		X						
Midlothian	211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clarendon	216								
Floydada	227	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Plainview	228			X					
Sweetwater	236		X						X
Lufkin	240	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpha	243	X	X	X		X	X		
Hugh J. McClellan	248	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Port Arthur	250	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Childress	262								
B. T. Estes	263	X	X	X	X			X	X
Brady	264	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Florence	275	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kerrville	305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hamlin	310	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bay City	315				X				
Teague	320	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lytle	329								
Port Lavaca	338	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sequin	344	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Santa Anna	346								
Henderson	361	X			X	X	X		
Texas	362	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oak Cliff	373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arlington	376	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whitesboro	377	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southside-Polytechnic	378	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roby	380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Antonio	381	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Army	393	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alpine	398	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Goose Creek	408	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tarrant	416	X	X	X	X	X			X
Seagoville	419	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
George Washington	422	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Will N. Kidd	424	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hidalgo	434	X	X		X	X			
Mabank	435		X	X			X		
Port Neches	436	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Borger	437	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Helotes	444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sam J. Helm	445	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hemphill Heights	448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kilgore	449				X	X	X	X	X
Quanah	450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garland	451	X		X	X	X		X	
Burnet	453	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Granbury	454	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pasadena	455	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Park Place	458	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lamesa	463		X					X	
Southeast Texas	465	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richmond	467	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Haltom City-Riverside	468	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue Bonnet	470	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
North Houston	472	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fort Stockton	476	X	X	X		X	X		
Irving	477				X	X			

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER	NO.	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Love Field	478	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Handley	479	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lloyd L. Gibson	481	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Killeen	484	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ridglea	485	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Freeport	487	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Grand Prairie	489	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Galena Park	490	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hurst	492	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Snyder	494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brownsville	495	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, 2006**

Chapter Name & No.	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	0	11	0	0	3	2	1	0	8	0	3	181
Washington 2	0	16	0	0	0	6	8	0	12	10	0	433
Jerusalem 3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	45
Brenham 5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	37
Lone Star 6	0	18	1	0	3	4	38	0	8	28	0	383
San Jacinto 7	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	34
Rising Star 9	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	39
Palestine 10	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	63
Cherokee 11	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	10	0	48
Nacogdoches 13	0	6	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	65
Marshall 19	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	3	9	0	46
Tyler 24	0	8	3	0	6	0	15	0	18	16	0	370
Carthage 28	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	6	0	52
Columbia 34	102	10	0	0	0	2	8	0	1	1	0	199
Corsicana 41	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	43
Waco 45	0	11	1	0	1	5	0	0	12	4	0	340
Dallas 47	0	12	0	0	0	2	19	0	30	39	0	585
Lafayette 48	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	4	6	0	90
Gonzales 51	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	43
Bonham 52	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	34
Haggai 53	0	8	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	6	127
Dale E. Miller 55	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	40
Mount Horeb 57	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	71

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Fort Worth	58	70	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	15	16	0	236
Sherman	62	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	62
Sulphur Springs	63	0	7	2	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	4	122
Orange	78	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	63
Dad Pender	80	0	8	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	1	74
W. T. Austin	87	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	0	6	9	0	103
Corpus Christi	91	0	8	0	0	0	6	14	0	22	34	0	343
Grandview	93	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	44
William C. Young	96	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	27
Cleburne	100	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	5	0	55
Cooper	101	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	72
Weatherford	105	35	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	6	0	117
R. C. Buckner	108	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26
Greenville	114	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	71
Ogilvie	115	0	2	0	0	3	3	3	0	6	7	0	69
Center	125	0	2	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	6	54
San Marcos	129	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
Ennis	135	0	4	0	0	0	2	6	0	1	5	0	45
Denison	138	0	2	0	0	0	1	17	0	1	17	0	80
Stephenville	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	0	48
Brownwood	141	0	2	0	0	2	3	2	0	3	4	0	129
Terrell	146	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	21
Bellville	151	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	20
Hillsboro	152	0	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	1	54
Bosque	153	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	18
El Paso	157	0	6	1	0	0	3	2	0	6	4	0	153
Abilene	159	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	7	0	96
San Angelo	170	0	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	4	14	0	90
Keystone	172	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	92
Longview	177	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	4	0	60
Big Spring	178	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	76
Laredo	185	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	29
Beaumont	188	0	2	1	0	1	1	9	0	5	11	0	111
Alvord	193	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	42
Amarillo	196	0	11	1	0	1	3	9	0	15	14	0	228
Llano	197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	30
Temple	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	66
Wichita Falls	202	0	1	1	0	0	2	11	0	6	17	0	174
Midlothian	211	0	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	6	3	0	86
Clarendon	216	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	14
Floydada	227	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	86
Plainview	228	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	3	9	0	52
Sweetwater	236	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	42
Lufkin	240	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	3	140

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Alpha 243	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	0	73
Hugh J. McClellan 248	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	24	30	0	268
Port Arthur 250	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	9	12	0	58
Childress 262	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20
B. T. Estes 263	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	9	0	85
Brady 264	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	38
Florence 275	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	29
Kerrville 305	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	54
Hamlin 310	17	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	3	0	57
Teague 320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Port Lavaca 338	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	5	0	120
Seguin 344	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	7	0	130
Santa Anna 346	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	29
Henderson 361	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	41
Texas 362	0	4	1	0	2	2	7	0	5	7	0	183
Oak Cliff 373	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	3	14	0	92
Arlington 376	0	4	1	0	0	8	5	0	11	19	0	154
Whitesboro 377	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	33
Southside-Poly 378	0	5	1	3	0	0	3	1	2	0	3	180
Roby 380	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	15
San Antonio 381	0	9	0	0	1	3	40	0	2	35	0	230
Army 393	0	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	5	1	0	96
Alpine 398	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Goose Creek 408	0	7	0	0	3	2	10	0	8	10	0	153
Tarrant 416	0	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	12	10	0	180
Seagoville 419	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	8	0	89
George Washington 422	0	8	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	101
Will N. Kidd 424	0	10	1	0	4	0	4	0	12	1	0	283
Hidalgo 434	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	65
Mabank 435	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	38
Port Neches 436	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	105
Borger 437	0	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	9	7	0	101
Helotes 444	0	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	119
Sam J. Helm 445	0	5	1	0	1	3	4	0	9	9	0	150
Hemphill Heights 448	0	4	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	2	133
Kilgore 449	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	60
Quanah 450	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4	0	56
Garland 451	0	4	0	1	3	1	3	0	1	0	3	139
Burnet 453	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	71
Granbury 454	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	72
Pasadena 455	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	129
Park Place 458	0	7	0	0	1	2	5	0	9	8	0	255
Lamesa 463	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27
Southeast Texas 465	0	20	0	0	0	2	26	0	4	12	0	152

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Richmond 467	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	80
Haltom City-Riverside 468	0	3	0	1	0	0	5	0	2	3	0	151
Blue Bonnet 470	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	48
North Houston 472	0	9	1	0	1	0	12	0	8	9	0	212
Fort Stockton 476	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	21
Irving 477	0	1	0	0	1	1	11	0	3	13	0	42
Love Field 478	0	6	0	1	1	2	9	0	5	8	0	190
Lloyd L. Gibson 481	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	102
Killeen 484	0	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	64
Ridglea 485	0	4	0	0	2	2	1	0	4	1	0	152
Grand Prairie 489	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	63
Galena Park 490	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	42
Hurst 492	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	142
Snyder 494	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	20
Brownsville 495	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26
Totals	258	405	31	20	85	160	418	2	511	644	94	12,992

INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT 10-31-2006

INCOME:

Dues General Fund	125,442.05
Fees General Fund	9,910.85
*Contract Items from Grand Council	36,628.28
General Fund Interest Income	22,912.50
Endowed Membership Administration Fee	3,052.00
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies	7,774.12
Past Masters Fee	<u>1,595.00</u>
TOTAL	207,314.80

EXPENSES:

Salaries:

*Grand Secretary	18,000.00
*Office Staff	43,026.79
*Payroll Taxes	4,944.59
Grand High Priest:	
Travel Expense	3,411.50
Photo	200.00
Grand High Priest Service Award	600.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	2,000.00
Grand King Reimbursement	1,000.00
Grand Scribe Reimbursement	1,000.00
Golden Keystone Award	127.00
Office Supplies	5,820.21
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report	9,717.25
Office Expenses	7,442.17
*Computer Expense	123.20
Building Maintenance	12,000.00
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem	838.26
Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem	802.05
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses	15,212.04
Membership Development	59.16
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	175.00
Grand Photographer's Expense	101.62
*Grand Secretary's Expense	2,814.39
*Office Furniture Insurance	775.00
*Employee Insurance	6,436.00
Contingency Fund	477.50
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference	452.57
Banquet Honoring Grand Master	699.98
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund	1,845.86
TMRC (Per Capita and Degree Fees)	15,216.05
District Deputy Training Expense	1,000.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security	2,560.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$24/Month	300.80
Youth Awards	200.00
*Tax Report Preparation	835.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses	799.70
York Rite Festival Fund	79.10
Audit Expense	3,000.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses	300.00
TOTAL	164,392.79

*2007 Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

*2007 Estimated Contract Items = \$117,500.00 X 40% = \$ 47,000.00 from Grand Council

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Grand Treasurer may we please have your report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Very Excellent Right Excellent and Excellent Sirs, my Companions all:

My name is Larry Canada, a Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478. This will be my final Report as your Grand Treasurer on the condition of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as of October 31st, 2006.

I started off with giving the numbers. All these are available at the Registration Desk as are the budget and you can look at them.

This is the Balance Sheet for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as of 10-31-2006.

ASSETS	
Community Bank General Fund	\$107,364.35
UBS Financial Services General Excess Fund	\$608,284.69
Guaranty Bank General Excess Fund	\$97,417.41
UBS Financial Services Endowment Membership Fund	\$483,921.51
Guaranty Bank Endowed Membership Fund	\$61,209.21
UBS Financial Services Bonding Account	\$38,390.99
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$90,877,839.00
Furniture and Fixtures 61,841.15	
Accumulated Depreciation <u>(35,816.00)</u>	<u>\$26,025.15</u>
	\$92,300,643.31
 LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	
Accounts Payable Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$15,266.05
Endowed Membership Reserve	\$526,900.00
Endowed Membership Retained Income	\$9,919.83
Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center	\$90,877,839.00
Bonding Account Reserve	\$32,580.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$838,138.43</u>
	\$92,300,643.31

We are in much better shape than we have been in a long time.

When I was elected to the Grand Trustees, we were charged with three tasks. One, to invest our money in a more rounded portfolio; two, to improve the financial condition of the Grand Chapter; and, three, and probably the most important, return more money to the constituent Chapters on their Endowed Memberships. We have successfully met that challenge.

Companions, it has been my honor to serve this Grand Body, but it could not have been successful without the help and support of the Grand Trustees and especially the Grand Secretary, Orville O'Neill, and the ladies in his office. Thank you, Companions.
Most Excellent, I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions you have the motion for the adoption of the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

R:E: GRAND TREASURER CANADA: Thank you, Most Excellent. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, would you please thank our Grand Treasurer for his years of service to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We will now call for the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions:

I am Leonard P. Harvey, Past High Priest of Love Field Chapter No. 478, Chairman of your Purposes and Policies Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, reporting to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in its 2006 Annual Grand Convocation.

For the record: there have been referred to our Committee for our recommendations to you Resolutions Nos. 1 through 6, or to be more specific, all of them.

Our Committee met in joint session with members of the Jurisprudence Committee on Sunday morning, December 3rd for the purpose of coordinating the recommendations of our Committee with the applicable provisions of Grand Chapter Laws, and to ensure that our recommendations with regard to any proposed amendment to existing Law and the one Resolution proposing to amend the Constitution are in harmony with the opinions of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Now, Companions, for the record, you should note in your booklet that Resolution No. 1 proposes to amend Article 6(a) of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. Make a note in your material that it should read, "Article IV, Section 6(a)" of the Constitution. The final vote on that proposed amendment will be in the manner prescribed by Article X of the Constitution, and under the supervision of the Jurisprudence Committee. We will make the recommendation of our Committee, but passage of the proposed amendment requires 2/3 approval of Chapters and Past High Priests present.

So, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we are ready to proceed at your pleasure.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir.

Will the Proposer of Resolution No. 1 please move the adoption of Resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 and I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 1.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 1. We will now call for discussion on Resolution No. 1. No discussion.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 1 as submitted by Companion James Roy Elliott proposes to amend Article IV, Section 6(a) of the Constitution which presently provides for a September 15th deadline to submit "Statements of Availability" for various elective positions in the Grand Chapter. As is pointed out in the text of the Resolution, the change in meeting dates of the Grand Chapter as approved in 2005 necessitates various changes in our Constitution and Laws, and the change as proposed in Resolution No. 1 would afford the Grand Secretary ample time to process those Statements of Availability for distribution to the Companions in connection with our Annual Convocations.

Therefore, with the correction noted as to the Article of the Constitution proposed to be amended, your committee recommends approval of Resolution No. 1 as submitted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Jim Higdon, would you please explain the voting on this Resolution.

COMPANION HIGDON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Jim Higdon, Chairman of Jurisprudence, and before we can vote on this and before we get there, Article X of the Constitution, Section 1 requires that the proposed amendment, since this is an amendment to the Constitution, requires that it be read on three occasions, but not more than twice on the

same day. So I don't think we can vote or take a final vote on this until tomorrow and it has to have been read twice today or twice tomorrow and then when we vote.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Roy, would you please read it a second time for the Record then we will vote on it tomorrow

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions: To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, at its 2005 Grand Annual Convocation, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas has amended its Laws to provide that beginning in 2007 its Annual Convocation be held on the second Monday in October of each year, and

WHEREAS, Article 6(a) of the Constitution provides for the Statement of Availability to be filed with the Grand Secretary no later than the 15th day of September preceding each Annual Convocation, and

WHEREAS, time constraints placed upon the Grand Secretary's Office by the change in the meeting date for the Annual Convocation makes the present deadline for filing Statements of Availability incompatible with present printing and distribution requirements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Article 6(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended to provide that Statements of Availability be filed with the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of July preceding each Annual Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,
James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest
Midlothian Chapter No. 211

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Would you proceed with the second reading.

(DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT THEN RE-READ
(IN ITS ENTIRETY PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 1

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: That completes the second reading, Companions. It will be read a third time and voted on tomorrow.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, again, that is Article IV, Section 6(a).

COMPANION HARVEY: Roy, you should have stayed up here. You have to move for this one too.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Chair recognizes Companion Roy Elliott to move the adoption of Resolution No. 2.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am still James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211, and I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 2.

COMPANION HARVEY: Resolution No. 2 as submitted by Companion James Roy Elliot is similar in purpose to that of Resolution No. 1. The purpose of both Resolutions being to allow ample time with the new October meeting schedule for the Grand Secretary to process Resolutions and Recommendations in a timely manner.

With reference to the matter of "a timely manner" your Committee would at this time propose yet another amendment to paragraph 1 of Article 143. Therefore, we would offer the following explanation for the proposal to further amend.

You will note in the text before you (that is the "Resolved" portion at the end of the Resolution) that Article 143 provides for the Grand Secretary to distribute such Resolutions and Recommendations to the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, which Committee, under the present provisions of our Laws makes referrals to the various Committees of the Grand Chapter.

Now, Companions, what we are saying is the present provisions of that particular Article is kind of a veiled reference to the responsibility of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports to make the referrals on legislative matters coming before the Grand Chapter.

We are not picking on the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, but that provision in our Laws is yet another bureaucratic logjam in the legislative process of this Grand Chapter. It creates delays in the process of getting legislative matters to the proper Committees, and denies the Grand High Priest of a responsibility that we feel should rightfully be his responsibility. Our Grand Lodge, long ago, recognized that it is the Grand Master who must deal with the legislative matters brought before the Grand Lodge over which he presides, and in this Grand Body it logically should be the Grand High Priest who refers such matters to those Committees deemed by him to be the most appropriate. Such referrals should be both the privilege and the duty of the Grand High Priest.

Accordingly, and while dealing with a proposed amendment to Article 143 as listed in Resolution No. 2, we recommend an additional amendment that would delete the words "Committee on Grand Officers' Reports" and substitute therefore the words "Grand High Priest." In essence, what that does is remove the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports' responsibility to make such Committee referrals, and vest that authority and responsibility with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. We believe that such authority should be placed with him instead of with a committee appointed by him.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, exclusive of the proposed amendment shown in Resolution No. 2, the Committee on Purposes and Policies moves the adoption of the foregoing proposed amendment to Article 143 before dealing with the printed proposed amendment to Resolution No. 2.

To reiterate, we are proposing to substitute the words "Committee on Grand Officers' Reports" with the words "Grand High Priest."

If amended as we are recommending, that paragraph 1 of Article 143 would read:
Article 143. Amendment to code. How effected. This Code of Laws may be added to, changed, altered or amended by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the addition or change desired, which resolution shall be sent to the Grand Secretary on or before July 15th preceding the opening of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter and by him distributed to the Grand High Priest who shall refer same to the proper committees.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee on Purposes and Policies moves the adoption of the proposed amendment by us to Article 143 as just presented.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of this amendment to Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? Companions, all in favor please vote by the usual voting sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee on Purposes and Policies recommends the approval of Resolution No. 2 as amended. That includes the amendment originally proposed in the Resolution, and the amendment proposed by this Committee. And I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of Resolution 2 now as amended. Is there any discussion? All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Those opposed, same sign. Resolution No. 2 is adopted as amended, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We are prepared for Resolution No. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 and I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 3.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 3. Is there any discussion? Companion Leonard, do you have a recommendation from the Committee?

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions, here again, Companion Roy Elliott, our very busy and industrious Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest is making an effort to standardize the deadline of July 15th before each Annual Convocation for all such matters to be submitted to the Grand Secretary.

Therefore, your Committee on Purposes and Policies recommends that you approve Resolution No. 3 as submitted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a recommendation for the adoption of Resolution No. 3. Is there any discussion? Companions, if you will adopt Resolution No. 3, please vote by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Are you prepared for Resolution No. 4?
Do we have someone from Corpus Christi Chapter to move the adoption of Resolution No. 4?

RESOLUTION NO. 4

COMPANION JUSTIN VAN KLEECK: I am Justin Van Kleeck present High Priest of Corpus Christi Chapter.

Gentlemen, this is a move to cut down the size of our area from Brownsville to Port Lavaca area and submit the two Chapters in the south and two chapters in the north as part of the area and I move that we approve this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Leonard, do you have a recommendation from the Committee?

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Resolution No. 4 as submitted by the members of Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91 seeks the realignment of Capitular Districts No. 24 and 25. It provides that geographically, District No. 24 include those counties listed in the Resolution, and includes Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91 and Port Lavaca Chapter No. 338 as representative Chapters in District 24.

It also provides that District No. 25 include those counties listed in the Resolution, and includes Hidalgo Chapter No. 434 and Brownsville Chapter No. 495 as representative Chapters in District No. 25.

The logistical considerations which prompt the proposed changes are noted in the Resolution, and it is noted that a majority of those Chapters involved in the proposed realignment are in favor of the proposal.

It is clearly defined in Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter that it has the authority to determine geographically designated districts for its administrative benefit, and this Grand Chapter has historically governed such designations according to the will and

pleasure of its Chapters and members. Therefore, we recommend approval of Resolution No. 4 as submitted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a recommendation for the adoption of Resolution No. 4. Is there any discussion? Companions, if you would favor the adoption of Resolution No. 4, please vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Are you prepared to move the adoption of Resolution No. 5?

The Chair recognizes Companion Skip Dees.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Members: My name is Allan Dees. I am a Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172. I move the adoption of Resolution No. 5.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 5. Companion Leonard, are you prepared to present the Committee's recommendation?

COMPANION HARVEY: Yes, sir.

Resolution No. 5 as submitted by Companion Allan "Skip" Dees on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Work, proposes flexibility with regard to the schedule for conducting schools of instruction in connection with Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter, by amendment of existing Article No. 89 of our Laws to better accommodate flexibility of the schools.

We call your attention to the top of page 4, and the paragraph shown as Article 89. Duties. Now, look at the third line which begins: "Grand Chapter shall assemble in Annual Convocation," and note the proposed change being 'for at least three days (and not to exceed six days) during the one week before the commencement thereof..."

Your committee is not picking on Companion Dees, but there is a degree of uncertainty with "parenthetical law" because it seems to indicate afterthought.

Therefore, after consultation with Companion Dees in an effort to get it right before reporting our recommendation, we would propose that language to read, "not less than three nor more than six days during the week before the commencement thereof..."

To put matters in perspective, the affected part of Article 89 would read: "It shall be the duty of the Members of the Committee on Work to thoroughly inform themselves in the Work and Ritual of the Grand Chapter, and to attend at the place where this Grand Chapter shall assemble in Annual Convocation not less than three, nor more than six days during the week before the commencement thereof..."

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Purposes and Policies Committee, we have really made an amendment to Companion Skip's original so we are moving the amendment of the Resolution to read as I just now quoted.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, there is a motion for the adoption of a proposed amendment to Resolution No. 5. Is there any discussion on this amendment?

Companions, if you are in favor of amending Resolution No. 5 as presented by the Purposes and Policies Committee, please vote by the usual voting sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Purposes and Policies Committee recommends approval of Resolution No. 5 as amended.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Is there any discussion on the adoption of Resolution No. 5 as amended? Companions, if you are in favor of Resolution No. 5 as amended, please vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion, recognize you for Resolution No. 6.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent, Very Excellent and my Companions:

My name is Allan Dees. I am a Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172. I move the adoption of Resolution No. 6. I would mention that there are some wording problems here. I have gone over them with Companion Harvey and to the best of my knowledge the amendments that are about to be offered are friendly amendments, just so you will know me as not picking on him.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions, Resolution No. 6 as submitted by Companion Skip Dees on behalf of the members of the Committee on Work is an effort to clarify Article 107 in a manner that will not discourage Chapters and individual Companions from soliciting assistance with the work and ritual.

Please make sure you are on Page No. 4 of your booklet, and are looking at Resolution No. 6. The proposed amendment to Article 107 as shown in your booklet does not reflect the intent of Companion Dees. He and I now understand each other.

Rather than get into the complications of trying to amend what you see in the printed version as opposed to the original intent of Companion Dees, and with his agreement, let me read to you how our Committee recommends that Article 107 as amended is proposed to read.

Article 107. Soliciting employment to teach Work prohibited. Any Companion holding a certificate from the Committee on Work, or any member of said committee, who shall, in writing or otherwise, solicit or request payment from Chapters or Companions for his services to teach or exemplify the Work shall thereby forfeit his certificate or right to teach, and the Grand High Priest, upon obtaining evidence satisfactory to himself that this Law has been violated, shall revoke the authority of such Companion to teach.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we recommend that Resolution No. 6 be approved which would amend Article 107 to read as we have just presented to the Grand Chapter.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 6. Is there any discussion? Companions, if you are in favor of adoption Resolution No. 6, please vote by the usual voting sign.

COMPANION HIGDON: Grand High Priest, we are voting on the amendment.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Sorry. The amendment to Resolution No. 6. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Now, is there any discussion on the Resolution No. 6 as amended? Do you have anything further, Leonard?

Companions, if you would adopt Resolution No. 6 as amended, please vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

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COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, just kind of a personal aside, I would observe on behalf of the Committee on Purposes and Policies and I know the Committee on Jurisprudence that what we have just experienced is an indication of the peace and harmony that can be preserved in any organization if we make the effort to try to have an understanding before we get to these things and avoid possible arguments and maybe hurt feelings and things like that. I thoroughly enjoyed as Chairman of this Committee working with Skip and other Members with regard to their Resolution. I just wanted to say that.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Leonard. We appreciate your hard work and the Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence Committee for all they do.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, this completes the Report of the Purposes and Policies Committee to the 2006 Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. We wish to express our appreciation to you for your confidence reposed in us as a committee.

We greatly appreciate our Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Orville L. O'Neill and his ever helpful office staff who consistently render very kind and invaluable assistance in the preparation of our Report.

And, to the Companions in attendance, we trust that our efforts have served to benefit Capitular Masonry in Texas. Our Committee is a service committee, both to the Officers of the Grand Chapter and to the Companions who compose this Grand Body. We are always ready and willing to help; all you have to do is let us know your needs and desires.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the members of the Purposes and Policies Committee, I move the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee as recommended, as amended, and in all things be approved in accordance with the action taken thereon by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be, and is hereby approved; and that all amendments to either the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter herein adopted are hereby referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for final approval.

Submitted by the Committee,

LEONARD P. HARVEY, CHAIRMAN 2008

RUSSELL C. BROWN, F. DOUGLAS MITCHELL, LAWRENCE E. TUCKER, JACK L. WRIGHT

And I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Purposes and Policies. All in favor of adopting this Report please vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, did we have an agreement that we had a couple of other items while I was up here?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir, you are welcome to continue.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent Sir and Companions all:

We have a recommendation to bring before you on behalf of the Purposes and Policies Committee that I don't know that it will require any particular action on your part. This is just an effort on the part of our Committee to instigate some activity that we feel is time to instigate.

Today's social climate continues to increase demands on the time and finances of just about everyone and that includes business management. The objective is to realize the maximum benefits of the time and resources commonly alluded to as giving the most bang for the buck. Granted, the Schools of Instruction held in conjunction with the Annual Convocation and Assembly of these Grand Bodies is the time honored tradition, but perhaps we could wonder if the time, effort and money spent to continue that tradition really does add up to the most bang for the buck.

Let's look at it another way. How many Companions who attend the Schools of Instruction in Waco would just as soon or maybe even prefer to attend a school near where they live and attain the same objective as attending in Waco? If the objective in attending Schools of Instruction is review and improvement in the Rituals of the Work, we ask the question: Can that be accomplished just as effectively and with less expense in a location other than Waco?

The combined Grand Chapter and Grand Council budget for the year just past set aside \$2,000.00 for the expense of those who attend the school, but only \$1,800.00 is budgeted for those whom we elect to conduct the schools. Is there something wrong with that picture? We need to address some questions in that regard. Why should a Companion expect or accept monetary support to attend the school? Could money be more wisely spent to encourage Members of the Committee on Work to get out into the bushes and brambles to teach and instruct those who live in those area? Would our resources be more wisely spent if the Members of the Committee on Work were to recommend and the Grand Chapter and Council approve the division into Grand Jurisdictions into areas that would be manageable for them to accomplish the same purpose on a more local basis? Would it be more prudent use of available funds to adopt more realistic support of mileage and away-from-home housing expense of Members of the Committee on Work and eliminate the present support to elected representatives who attend the schools in Waco?

In a nutshell is the present tradition hampering the effectiveness of the Committee on Work? Is the tradition really beneficial to the extent that no consideration should be given to a change in the present practice?

And a final observation as a question, is there a possibility or even a probability that traditional local fall events, such as football, might be scheduled on the Friday or Saturday both before our Annual Convocations and Assemblies that will compete with suitable housing facilities for attendance of the schools in Waco?

Among other statutory duties, the Committee on Purposes and Policies of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council are charged to "report on all matters affecting or changing the established policies of this Grand Chapter or Council as it might be." We believe that the maximum benefit to Capitular and Cryptic Masonry is not being realized by continuing the present practice of holding Schools of Instruction in conjunction with the Annual Convocations and Assemblies and recommend that serious evaluation of possible alternatives be considered by the elected leadership of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council in full cooperation with the Members of the Committee on Work and other appropriate Committees. We believe that the present per diem allowance for attendees at the Schools should be redirected in a manner to assist and encourage the Members of the Committee on Work to be more proactive in the performance of their duties.

Most Excellent, this is recommended by four of the five Member of the Committee on Purposes and Policies and I just move, Most Excellent, for the reception of the recommendation by this Grand Chapter.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the reception of this recommendation by the Committee on Purposes and Policies. Is there any discussion? Companions, if you are in favor of this "*resolution*," please vote by the usual voting sign.

AN UNIDENTIFIED COMPANION: This is not a resolution.

COMPANION HARVEY: This is a recommendation of the Committee.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Recommendation. This is a proposed recommendation -

COMPANION HARVEY: It is just a recommendation of the Purposes and Policies Committee to this Grand Body.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, if you favor this recommendation by the Committee on Purposes and Policies, please vote by the usual voting sign.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir. Do you have discussion?

COMPANION DEES: I simply ask for a clarification. What I understand is that we are asking to receive this as information. We are not being asked to endorse it. Is that correct?

COMPANION HARVEY: Absolutely. It is to receive only, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: To receive this recommendation, Companions. If you will receive this recommendation, please vote by the usual voting sign. All opposed, same sign. Thank you, Companions. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Thank you, Most Excellent.

Then, also, if you Companions remember, there has been a committee that has been appointed to review and work on the existing Laws, not changing the Laws, but making the Laws a little bit more compatible for use of the Companions and we promised you last year upon the second appointment of the Committee that we would bring you a report this year on our activities. I might mention that some of the highlights of the activities of the Law Review Committee in both Grand Bodies are over on the Grand Secretary's desk. It is a green sheet and if you are interested in it, there might be some things in there that will not be included in what I am about to present to you.

So upon being installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in December 2004, Most Excellent J. Weldon Clampitte appointed a Committee composed of Companions Leonard P. Harvey, Chairman, Herb Garon, Jr., Ronald D. Park and Very Excellent Jack L. Wright, Past Grand High Priest, and charged the Committee to update and clarify the Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas. The appointment was then extended by our current Grand High Priest, Most Excellent John C. Elkinton, in December 2005.

At its first meeting held in Waco at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April the 7th, 2006, the Committee established several guidelines for use in the process of meeting the challenge given to us. Some of those guidelines are: one, no attempt will be made to modify any provisions of the Constitution. That document has well governed this Grand Chapter throughout the ages and is as appropriate today as when first adopted.

Two, we will recommend that eventual publication of the Constitution and Laws be in a different format than is presently the practice. The format that we will eventually recommend includes: one, being published on standard eight and a half by eleven paper contained in a standard three ring binder. Both paper and binder are standard items in any office supply vendor and are recommended binding to be of that style so that the content identity may be inserted, both in the front covers and in the spine of the binders.

We will recommend that the font or print style be in very readable Century 12 point. We will recommend that the Constitution and Laws of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council be incorporated into a single binder with suitable tabs to separate those Laws affecting each Grand Body. We will recommend that the entire book be identified by sections; for example, Section A to the Constitution, Section B those Laws affecting the Grand Chapter, Section C those Laws affecting the subordinate Chapters and so forth.

We will recommend that each section be divided into categories with each category identified by tabs and a table of contents to identify those Laws contained under each tab by Article number and by subject.

As of this Report there remains some additional study as to the additional sections and the content of both sections. In the final outcome it is our hope and intent that a complete reference index be created to greatly enhance the ability of Companions to locate applicable Laws by categories.

As of this Report we do not have a consensus among the Members of the Committee with regard to those decisions of Grand High Priests that have been published following those Laws affected by the decisions, the vast majority of which were made in the mid to late 1800s, with very few having been recorded in the 1900s. Many of the decisions apply to Laws that have long since been amended, others apply to Laws that have been deleted and would seem to add confusion rather than enlighten the seeker of more legal light in interpretation of the Law as they now stand. Those have been temporarily removed. I'm talking about the decisions. Have been temporarily removed from the current text and identified by each applicable Article of Law. The opinions for further use of the documents of those decisions would seem to be - the option would seem to be to continue to carry them as a part of the text under each Law, refer to the decisions under each Article and include them as a separate section of the book to be identified as Decisions Section or reference the decisions under the applicable Article, but publish the decision as separate to the document to be maintained by the Jurisprudence Committee and kept on file in the Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder's Office for reference. Our Grand Lodge now uses that most recent mentioned system.

In conjunction with the York Rite Conference held in Dallas our Committee met again at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15th in the Chairman's office and at that meeting progress was evaluated with the various areas assigned the Committee Members was reviewed and additional assignments were made and accepted and the matter of an interim report to the Grand Chapter was discussed and decided upon. We are making progress.

These are some of the highlights of our efforts and we have every reason to believe that a final report and recommendation will be available by the Annual Convocation in October.

Most Excellent, for our future guidance we need to know whether or not this Grand Chapter wishes that we continue our efforts. If you wish that we continue, for benefit of the Grand Chapter Committee to be eventually affected by this effort, we request that the Grand Chapter instruct us to continue and to also refer our labors jointly to the Jurisprudence Committee and to the Finance Committee.

So, Most Excellent, we wish to make the following motion: I move that the Grand Chapter give direction to the Special Committee and for our future guidance with regard to the Laws and to any financial concerns that Grand Chapter refer jointly - make a referral jointly to the Jurisprudence Committee and to the Finance Committee to work with the Special Committee and I so move.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of this Report of the Law Review Committee to refer their work to the Jurisprudence and Finance Committee and approve their continued work on this project. Is there any discussion?

All in favor of this motion by the Committee on Law Review, please vote by the usual voting sign. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HARVEY: Most Excellent, I'm done.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Leonard, we thank you for your efforts and this Committee for taking this project and running with it. It looks great. Thank you, sir.(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: I was informed by Brian R. Dodson that he did not have a Report on Grievances and Appeals. So it appears that the smartest thing I did all year was to appoint him as Chairman of Grievances and Appeals because he threatened anybody who wanted to file a grievance that he would pull their Blue Card. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: So we officially have no Report from Grievances and Appeals. Thank you, Right Worshipful Sir. Thank you. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Jerry Kirby, would you like to present a Report on the Committee on Festivals, Liaison and Coordinating?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FESTIVAL, LIAISON AND COORDINATING

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Nothing was presented to the Committee. We, therefore have nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,
JERRY N. KIRBY, CHAIRMAN
GEORGE F. SCHWARTAU, LOYD L. CHANCE, WILBUR E. JOHNSON, JERRAL F. KNOX

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

Since there is no Report, there is no motion to adopt.

Companion Cliff Cameron, Would you please present the Report on the History and Preservation Committee.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions:

I am Cliff Cameron, Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 and Chairman of the History and Preservation Committee.

This was an eventful year for Royal Arch Masonry.

On Saturday April 15th, 2006, the History Committee by majority decision met in Brenham, Texas to plan out activities. At this meeting it was brought up that a sample grave marker should be developed for those Very Excellent Companions who have served as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The sample text being: "Our Companion _____ served as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in the Year of: AD ____ AI ____."

The term Grand Royal Arch Chapter Republic of Texas would be inserted for those Companions who served that body, and both markers would include the official logo of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the triple Tau inside of a triangle inside of a circle. For those Very Excellent Companions who were also Most Illustrious Grand Masters a combined marker should be coordinated with the Grand Council.

It was estimated that a cost for such a marker, excluding the installation, would cost close to \$100.00 each.

Companion Arnold Langston offered to assist in a pilot program for this project, as there are three Most Excellent Grand High Priests buried in the West Columbia Cemetery, and agreed to privately cover the costs.

Companion Langston coordinated with this Committee and Most Excellent Companion Elkinton,

and on Saturday, September 30, 2006, a formal ceremony was held in West Columbia and the graves of John Adriance, Dugald McFarlane and William F. Swain were marked. Copies of the Markers are attached to this Report.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of this portion of the Committee on History and Preservation Report. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION CAMERON: On Saturday, August 5th, 2006, Zerubbabel Chapter was re-constituted in Normangee, Texas. This was the first Chapter to be brought back into service after the recent change in Grand Chapter Law.

Companion Arnold Langston and the Companions of Zerubbabel Chapter deserve special recognition for their hard work and dedication to Royal Arch Masonry.

On Friday, September 29th, 2006, as Chairman of this Committee, I participated in a meeting at Waco, Texas, with members of Baylor University, the University of Texas at San Antonio, the General Land Office of Texas Archives Department, the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Grand Lodge of Texas Library and Museum to discuss methods to improve the preservation of historical Masonic documents and artifacts.

Follow up workshops will be held to continue to improve preservation methods.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of this section of the report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for this portion of the Committee's Report. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION CAMERON: Thank you. It has been a pleasure for this Committee to serve the Grand Chapter.

Submitted,
CLIFF CAMERON, CHAIRMAN
RON D. PARK, GARY W. ADAMS, GEORGE P. MCHANAY, CHRIS DALRYMPLE

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of preserving our history and promoting York Rite Masonry. We thank you and your Committee and especially Arnold Langston for his work at West Columbia. Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, by Weldon Clampitt's watch, Micky Mouse's hand is on the 11:30 so we will proceed to call from labor (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE.)

Companions, we will now dispense with labor in the Royal Arch Degree until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, December the 5th.

Excellent Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Grand Guard.
Thank you, Companions.

(11:30 A.M.)

FIRST SESSION CONCLUDED AND GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNED
UNTIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2007 AT 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2007 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 ELKINTON: Companions, I now declare labor resumed in the Royal Arch Degree for the purpose of conducting the regular business.

Excellent Grand Chaplain, will you lead us in prayer. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE.)

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, Almighty God, Author of all our Existence, past, present and future, by whatever term we call You, we acknowledge You as the one true God. We thank You at this time for a successful meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and we ask Your special blessing upon the new Officers that will be elected and installed. May they have wisdom to continue to move us forward as we all hope to do. The ones who came so far to have fellowship one with another, bring them back next year to be within Thy will; otherwise to leave them within Thy holy hands that can do all things. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companions. Please be seated. We will have Reports coming up from the Committee on By-Laws by Paul Wunsche. Is he in the room?

If everyone will please make your way over here to the Grand East on the right and have a seat. We have the Committee on Investments, Tim Towson, Committee on Work, Skip Dees, Fraternal Correspondence, Pete Normand and if you will, please make your way over here and have a seat.
Thank you, sir.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions:

I am Paul Wunsche, Past High Priest of North Houston Chapter No. 472 and Tommy Griffin is our Chairman and he is unable to be with us. Down there in the Winnie-Stowell area one of his close friends passed away and the family had asked him to preside at the funeral service. So he wanted me to let you know why he was not able to be here and asked that you keep the family in your prayers.

We, your Committee on By-Laws, submit the following report:

Two Chapters submitted revisions to their By-Laws this year:

1. Dad Pender Chapter No. 80
2. Granbury Chapter No. 454

After careful review of the submissions of these Chapters, your Committee on By-Laws has determined the form and contents presented are in accordance with Article 198 adopted by this Grand Chapter as amended in the year 2000, and that the changes presented are in accordance with the Laws of this Grand Chapter and we approve the adoption of these by-laws as presented.

Most Excellent, I therefore move for the adoption of this portion of the report.

Most Excellent, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter in this capacity. It was an easy job this year with these two chapters as to form and the Code of By-Laws and it is always a pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. GRIFFIN, CHAIRMAN

PAUL E. WUNSCH, JAMES BERRY, DONALD L. SMITH, SR., BILLY G. IKER

Most Excellent, I move for the adoption of this report in its entirety.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the By-Laws Committee. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign.

So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Paul, we thank you and the Committee for all your work and we understand about Tommy. He told us he had to leave. It never fails when it is time to come to Waco for Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Council. We had three funerals hit last week just as we were trying to leave town.

COMPANION WUNSCH: See, Most Excellent, that is a problem on your part. You didn't extend your edict that no one can die three weeks prior to this Convocation. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION WUNSCH: Thanks, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you.

Companion Jack Wright, did you wish to address the Companions?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WRIGHT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Jack L. Wright, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424.

Companions, in early spring I submitted a Statement of Availability for the open position on the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. It has developed within the last three weeks that my child bride of 60 years is faced with surgery mainly on her feet. I cannot be a member of the Board of Directors and take care of her because I would be missing some Board meetings at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, which would penalize the residents of that home.

So, therefore, I am withdrawing my Statement of Availability for that position on the Board of Directors. Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate all that you do for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Jack, and we send our best to Deedee and we look forward to many years of service from you.

Companions Tim Towson, are you prepared to give the Report of the Committee on Investments?

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions:

I am Tim Towson, a Past High Priest of Garland Chapter No. 451 and I make the following report on behalf of the Investment Committee.

Meetings with both the Trustees and Fund Manager were held at various times during the year for the purpose of monitoring investment performance. Given the direction in the general economy, the performance of the capital markets and the conservative nature of this Grand Chapter's investment portfolio, the investment results were judged acceptable.

During this year the Trustees voted to amend the Investment Policy of this Grand Chapter in two areas. First, it was decided to permit limited investment in foreign equities. This global investing will serve to increase diversification as well as reduce investment risk and volatility over the long term. Secondly, as initially established, the funds in the Endowment Account were to be invested in the following percentages, 80% fixed and 20% equity. Over time pooled instruments have been included in the portfolio. These securities have characteristics of both debt and equity. In an effort to maintain a conservative investment approach the Trustees have

considered these pooled instruments as equities for the purposes of allocation. After a review of the investment objectives and historical returns, particularly those accruing to the pooled securities, the Trustees voted to modify the investment allocation in the Endowment Account to 70% fixed and 30% equity.

Respectfully submitted,
TIM TOWSON, CHAIRMAN
JEFFERY M. GEYER, K. PAUL BRADLEY, J. DAMON FEHLER, J. R. (BOB) HURT

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report on the Committee on Investments. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate the hard work of the Investment Committee.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: That puts up Pete Normand. Is Pete in the room for the Report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. Okay. The people didn't wake up this morning.
David.

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL GARDNER: Most Excellent, would you join me up here. I'm speaking with a collective voice from your appointed Officers.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Get a little bit closer to the mike, David.

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL GARDNER: I usually talk real loud and everybody can hear me.

We want to thank you for the many miles and companionship going up and down the highway and I can say from me, I have had a blast this year, John. I just wanted to give you this.

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GIFT TO THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST.)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Oh, that is beautiful. It is an etched glass emblem of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and it is framed. It is beautiful. That is nice. Thank you, Officers. I appreciate that. I will find a good place to hang that. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: I will give thanks to all the Officers for representing this Grand Chapter in their local areas and throughout the State. We hope that we have done a good job and have pleased you Companions this year. Thank you.
Okay. Pete Normand, are you in the room now?

COMPANION PETE NORMAND: Yes, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Please give us your Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am Pete Normand, Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3.

The full Preliminary Report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee will be filed with the office of the Grand Secretary, published in full and made available for the edification of the membership. Suffice to say that your Committee found many of the same challenges and

obstacles, as well as similar triumphs and milestones, recorded and chronicled within the proceedings of other Grand Chapters as have been found in previous years.

It is important that we frequently instruct and remind our members that Freemasonry in general, and Royal Arch Masonry in particular, is not merely a Texas institution, nor an American invention. Rather, it is, and has always been, an international fraternity, with its roots in Europe and the British Isles. The international character of the fraternity is never more clearly illustrated than in the annual proceedings of foreign jurisdictions.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it has been a privilege to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas this year, and the members of your Fraternal Correspondence Committee are grateful for this opportunity.

Fraternally submitted,
PIERRE G. "PETE" NORMAND, JR., CHAIRMAN
DONALD H. SWANGO, K. R. "KEN" KRUSE, DWIGHT W. PHILLIPS, RONALD A. SHARP

We have nothing else to report and I would move the adoption of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign.

Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Pete. We appreciate your hard work and your Committee.

Companion Billy Combest, our Grand Chaplain, are you prepared to give the Report of the Committee on Memorials?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Billy H. Combest, a Past High Priest of Sherman Chapter No. 62. We, your Committee on Memorials, offer the following Report.

We share with the families in the loss of those 502 Companions who passed away during this Capitular year. All of these were memorialized in our Divine and Memorial Service held Sunday, December 3, 2006. We know that you will continue to pray for the families of these Companions and for all that remain.

This Report is respectfully submitted by:

BILLY H. COMBEST, CHAIRMAN
HARRY G. CUNNINGHAM, DON LONG, THOMAS KEITHLY, GENE SCHNEIDER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we wish to give special thanks to Sister Joyce Gilbert, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star, for sharing her God given talent with us. Her music added to this time of remembering and drew us closer to the one true God. I might add she is my niece. (LAUGHTER.

R:E: GRAND CHAPLAIN COMBEST: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Memorials. All in favor vote by the usual sign.

Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion Billy. We appreciate your

Committee and your Memorial Program Sunday and we hope many of the Companions were here to enjoy that.

Is Companion William B. Fairchild in the room from Michigan? Companion Fairchild is the Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan. Would you like to address this body, sir?

COMPANION WILLIAM B. FAIRCHILD, E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter and Companions:

I bring you greetings from Most Excellent Companion, Harry Walbridge, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Michigan.

I must say that Michigan is doing very well up there. We have had about five classes this year and we are averaging around twenty-five candidates to a class. We just had a big class in Grand Rapids here last month where we had 29 members and new Companions.

I want to thank you, Most Excellent, for the wonderful treatment that you have given my wife and I here at your Grand Session and I wish you and your incoming Officers the very best in the coming year. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate you attending our Session and we hope that you will take back the Texas hospitality with you and as Buddy would tell you, we will treat you so many different ways you are bound to like one of them.

(LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Our Companions Bob Sieckmann, the Chairman of the Committee on New Chapters has reported to me that they have no Report. So that will go in the Proceedings as they have nothing to report.

We did reinstitute a Chapter this year, Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30 in Normangee and that was under the Law that you passed last December allowing a Chapter to be rehabilitated or reconstituted. So officially it was not a new Chapter. So it did not fall under their province, but we do want to congratulate the Companions in Normangee and wish them all the best as they continue now with Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30.

Okay. Companion Ken Fischer, did you want to go ahead and make your announcement right now?

E: GRAND ORATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

As you recall yesterday in the alleged Oration or before that alleged Oration, I mentioned that we had lamps outside for the Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Texas. The following Commanderies have not picked up their lamps: Ruthven, Palestine, Waco, Bertran Du Guesclin, Brenham, Godfrey, Pittsburg, Haskell, Nacogdoches, Fort Bend, Brady, Childress, Taylor, Alpine is gone, I believe, Houston and I believe that is all. Oh, Litt S. Perry. If you don't pick them up, we are going to put them on sale, the rest of them. We have about fifteen left, fourteen or fifteen left, and they are for sale at \$20.00 apiece. But you folks who have not picked those up, please pick them up. Otherwise, we will bring them to you in April in Abilene. Thank you, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. Weldon, I have got you farther down the list, but if you are ready, we will call on you.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Ready to rock and roll?

REPORT OF 2006 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Most Excellent, I am J. Weldon Clampitte. I am a Past High Priest of Washington Chapter No.

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapters Officers and my Companions all:

The Membership Committee consisting of myself as Chairman and what is supposed to be 38 Members of the various Capitular Districts have worked hard this past year to increase York Rite membership in Texas.

At the beginning of the year the lists from the Grand Lodge were not very regular, but due to the diligence of Past Grand Master Brian Dodson, with the help of the Grand Secretary, the new Grand Lodge computer system began to provide the information we needed on a regular basis.

I also want to thank Past Grand Master Dodson for his personal efforts in promoting York Rite Masonry throughout the State this past year. He conferred the Past Master's Degree in 17 different locations when making his Official Visits to those areas. This was the second time that a Grand Master traveled around the State conferring the Past Master's Degree and we feel that this is a great recruiting tool for the York Rite. It is suggested that if possible we convince the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge to perform this function on every other year basis to keep the program going.

I have mailed out to the District Members on six occasions the names and contact information on 1,043 newly raised Master Masons around the State. On November 26, 2006, I mailed out 35 new lists of new Master Masons to the Members of their Districts. District 28 has no Membership person at this time to mail to and Districts 32 and 34 have had no new Master Masons listed.

For those who do not remember how the procedure is carried out, it is a several step process to promote membership as follows:

First, a list is obtained from the Grand Lodge listing all newly raised Master Masons with their contact information.

Second, the list is provided to the Grand Royal Arch Masonic Retirement Center who has generously volunteered to send out letters from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to each person on the list along with York Rite material and information about the home.

Third, I also receive the same list and forward the names to the Membership person in the District.

Fourth, the District Membership person is supposed to make a personal contact with the new Mason and convince him to join the York Rite.

Fifth, the Grand Commander implemented an additional step. In 2005 Past Grand Commander Tucker also started mailing letters to the new Masons. Our current Grand Commander, Glen McCandless, also agreed to do the same and I furnish him with the same list. We are trying to saturate the new Masons with information about joining the York Rite.

Is it working? We have proof that York Rite is growing. According to the Returns from the local Chapters, more Masons have been Greeted and Exalted during the past year than in past years. In 2004 there were 330 Exaltations and 321 Greetings. In 2005 there were 315 Exaltations and 322 Greetings. According to the 2006 Returns with still two Chapters and Councils not reporting, we have 405 Exaltations and 411 Greetings reported.

Remembering that we had problems with obtaining the list in 2005 and early 2006, we are indeed getting something out of these aggressive membership programs. What it is going to take is more action and less apathy on our current membership to continue to grow. Only about ten percent of Texas Masons are York Rite Members.

As York Rite Masons I feel that we are poised upon the threshold of being able to make great strides at increasing our membership if we will just take advantage of this opportunity and apply

ourselves in the task at hand. Because Masons no longer need to have membership in either Rite to become a Shriner, York Rite has a distinct advantage over the Scottish Rite. Our advantage is because the York Rite's Degrees so closely explain the Degrees they began in the Blue Lodge, that Masons are able to receive the "More Light" which is indicated they could receive in the Third Degree.

No longer can we sit by and wait for candidates to approach us. We must become even more aggressive in our methods of soliciting new members. This new plan will work if we will only utilize the tools being provided to us and just go ask.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Weldon Clampitte, Membership Chairman.
I move the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of this Report of the Committee on Membership. All in favor will vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. Motion carried, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

Weldon, we thank you and all the Members of the Membership Committee for the hard work and we appreciate it. We hope this program will continue to grow and prosper and yield many fruits for this Grand Chapter and Grand Council. Thank you, sir.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Before I get any further, how many of the District Deputy Grand High Priests in 2006 are present? Will you please stand. How many do I have here. Preston, you are excused, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Companions, if you will come down here and sit on this front row, please, for me, I will use you as our Tellers. Just right there on that front row. You can sit in the chairs. Just have a seat. It is going to be a little while. I want to get ready.

Did Companion Jim Higdon come in? Okay. Companion Skip Dees, are you in the room now?
COMPANION DEES: Yes, sir.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Very Excellent and my Companions all: I am Allan Dees. I am a Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 172 and this year's Chairman for the Committee on Work.

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 Monday, November 27, 2006, and have registered 34 Representatives of subordinate Chapters and 24 visitors for a total of 58 participants, including 8 Companions who have not participated in the School in prior years. Next year, assuming we adopt Resolution No. 5, which we have, we currently expect to meet on Thursday through Saturday immediately preceding the new Grand Chapter scheduled meeting date in October, and we ask all of the Companions here at this Grand Chapter Convocation to consider attending and participating next year. With all five members of the Committee here in one place, the opportunity for instruction in the ritual is unsurpassed, and the fellowship is outstanding.

In this regard, the evening classes at the Annual School were made possible by the offers of Waco Chapter 45 and Waco Council 33 to host the classes in their meeting rooms at 724 Washington. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Waco York Rite Bodies for letting us use their facilities, and we especially thank Bill Matyastik for his time and efforts in making this part of our School a success.

In addition to the Annual Schools of Instruction at Waco, Local Schools were hosted by the

following Chapters this year:

Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 (Navasota, Texas)
 Dallas Chapter No. 47 (Dallas, Texas)
 Ft. Worth Chapter No. 58 and Texas Chapter No. 362 (Ft. Worth, Texas) - 2 Schools
 Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 63 (Sulphur Springs, Texas)
 R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108 (Dallas, Texas)
 Greenville Chapter No. 114 (Greenville, Texas)
 El Paso Chapter No. 157 (El Paso, Texas)
 Amarillo Chapter No. 157 (Amarillo, Texas)
 Roby Chapter No. 380 (Roby, Texas)
 George Washington Chapter No. 422 (Richardson, Texas)
 Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445 (Odessa, Texas)
 Garland Chapter No. 451 (Garland, Texas)
 Lamesa Chapter No. 463 (Lamesa, Texas)

We very much appreciate the work of these sponsors in setting up the Regional Schools of Instruction and that of the Companions who attended and participated in them. Regional or Local Schools of Instruction provide an opportunity for the Committee on Work to reach out to Companions who do not have ready access to a nearby Committee member and who are unable to attend the Annual School of Instruction in Waco. We have had a Committee on Work table set up during the School of Instruction and the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation to actively promote both the Regional School process and nominations from the Craft to the Committee for Companions who are proficient in the Work and have not yet been awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the Committee. These Schools are typically 4-6 hours in length and focus on those parts of the ritual for which instruction is requested by the attendees. If you have not yet talked to one of us about a School in your area, please do so. Resolution No. 6, if adopted, and it has been, will make it legal for us to come to you and ask you to consider hosting a school.

We have approved this year the following certificates:

One Year (First Year)	6
One Year (Renewals)	57
Three Year (Renewals)	38
Life (25 Years)	9
Total	110

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:

James R. Clark	Greenville	114
Leonard Fitzgerald	Dallas	47
Candido Gutierrez	Sam J. Helm	445
Homer Honea	Sam J. Helm	445
Jason Johnston	W. T. Austin	87
Dillon Vanderford	Brownsville	495

Let's give these Companions a hand.

(APPLAUSE.

COMPANION DEES: We also would like for you to recognize those Companions who have earned 25 Year "Life Certificates" this year. Those who are present please stand as I call your names:

A. F. Frank Berkley	Sam J. Helm	445
Robert D. Collier	Arlington	376
John W. Duke	Lufkin	240
Richard L. Hargrave, III	North Houston	472
Harry F. Jameson	Army	393
Charles W. Modesitt	Fort Worth	58
Martin Rothe	Helotes	444
John E. "Jack" Thomson	Columbia	34
Dale D. Secor	Pasadena	455

Let's give these Companions a hand.

(APPLAUSE.

Grand High Priest's Ritualistic Competition.

A Ritualistic Competition was held in conjunction with the December 2006 Annual School of Instruction in Waco. Most Excellent Grand High Priest John Elkinton directed that the competition be held in the Past Masters Degree. Teams competed following the close of Grand Lodge on December 2nd.

Two Chapter teams participated in the competition and won cash awards. Two additional Chapters sponsored composite teams which competed for recognition only. The results of the competition, which were also announced at the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Banquet on December 3rd, are as follows:

Dallas Chapter No. 47's composite team placed first with a score of 960 out of a possible 1000 points. The Degree team is David Rogers (Worshipful Master), Herb Garon (Senior Warden), Leonard Fitzgerald (Senior Deacon and Team Captain), John E. Buzzell (Junior Deacon) and Thomas Keithly (Master of Ceremonies).

Will those Companions please stand if they are here. Give them a hand. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION DEES: I would ask if the remaining team members for all the teams that competed in the competition please stand. I will call your names, but let me get you to all stand and let us recognize you. There you go. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION DEES: It takes a lot of work to prepare for these competitions and it takes a little bit of nerve to get up and do this, knowing that you are being graded. So these fellows have really done a good job.

Greenville Chapter No. 114's composite team placed second with a score of 949. The Degree Team is Al Machts (Worshipful Master), Louis Hopkins (Senior Warden), James Clark (Senior Deacon and Team Captain), Robert Sutton (Junior Deacon), Chuck Pierce (Master of Ceremonies) and Robert Melear (Candidate).

R. C. Buckner Chapter No. 108 won third place and a cash prize of \$150 with a score of 933. The Degree Team is David Rogers (Worshipful Master and Team Captain), David Anderson (Senior Warden), John MacGregor (Senior Deacon), Rex Lewis (Junior Deacon) and Jeff Fisher (Master of Ceremonies).

Haggai Chapter No. 53 won fourth place and a cash prize of \$100 with a score of 828. The Degree Team is Kevin Clark (Worshipful Master), Louis Hopkins (Senior Warden), Duane Hosick (Senior Deacon), Gene Terrell (Junior Deacon and Team Captain), Lee Nodwell (Master of Ceremonies) and Robert Sutton (Candidate).

Your Committee on Work thanks you for recognizing these Chapters and Companions. We really recognize their interest in working to improve their proficiency in the Ritual and their willingness to step up and demonstrate it.

Personal Remarks

Right Excellent Companion Dale Secor was unable to travel to Waco to assist with the instruction in the Annual School this year because of recent surgery to the rotator cuff in his right shoulder. His arm is still in a sling, but he hopes to be able to start rehabilitation in the next few days. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to having him back at work in the quarries.

Companion Ken Hunter has retired as Secretary of the School of Instruction. He had planned to be here for the School this year, but was unable to attend because of his wife's health problems. The Committee especially appreciates the long hours Companion Ken Hunter has put in as Secretary of the School of Instruction, his dedication to keeping an accurate record of the Certificate Awards, and his overall outstanding service to the School and the Craft. The work Companion Ken did, including having his records up-to-date and providing a detailed set of instructions for his successor, made it possible for Companion Bob Black, our newly elected Secretary of the School, to step in and pick up the reins without missing a beat. We also want to thank Companion Bob for his willingness, with no advanced warning, to assume these responsibilities. I can assure you that he has worked much harder this year than he had ever

expected to have to do down here.

We also are extremely appreciative of the support Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companion Orville Lee O'Neill and his wonderful staff in the Grand Secretary's Office have provided to the Committee.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve this Grand Chapter as a Member of the Committee on Work and as its Chairman. I look forward to continuing to be of service to the Craft in whatever manner you choose to let me serve.

I would ask that the Members of the Committee on Work stand so that you can recognize them for their hard work this year. (APPLAUSE.)

Fraternally submitted,
ALLAN W. "SKIP" DEES, CHAIRMAN
RUSSELL MILLIKEN, TIM TOWSON, DALE D. SECOR, ELDON L. BROOKS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Work. All who would favor this Report vote by the usual voting sign.

Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.)

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I do have a Supplemental Report.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

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

We, your Committee on Work submit herewith the following Supplemental Report:

VALUE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The Committee on Purposes and Policies for this Grand Chapter, in its Report submitted yesterday, recommended that consideration be given to replacing the Annual School of Instruction with Regional Schools as a way of making better use of Grand Chapter funds. Your Committee on Work is willing to cooperate fully with Grand Chapter leadership in evaluating the costs and benefits of the Annual School of Instruction. We have discussed this subject at some length at our mid-year meeting in June and during our deliberations this year. We want to share with this Grand Chapter our preliminary conclusions and recommendations.

Your Committee on Work is a strong proponent of Regional Schools. You've heard the listing of Schools we have conducted this year, and that was done without turning in any expenses to the Grand Chapter despite having traveled thousands of miles and having some overnight stays. There can be no doubt of our commitment to this form of instruction.

In this regard, we seriously question whether the Craft is as committed to getting instruction through Regional Schools as is this Committee. Much more often than not, we are turned down or put off when we suggest to Chapters that they should consider hosting local Schools of Instruction.

This includes many Chapters on a list we were furnished a couple of years ago who reportedly had told their District Deputies that local schools were one way the Grand Chapter could help them. The only explanation we have been able to come up with is that there might be some misunderstanding about what we do in these schools. For the record, our schools are not certificate examinations. The objective of the schools is not to determine proficiency, although we can take into account demonstrated proficiency in our decisions as to whether to issue or renew certificates. The objective of these schools is to instruct (and for everyone to have some fun in the process). If you have been reluctant to request a school because you didn't believe

you knew enough to have one, then put that thought aside and let's get a school scheduled in your area this year!

It has been a little disheartening this year to find so many Companions who still profess not to know how to schedule a local school. For the past three years we have had fliers at a Committee on Work table during the Annual School and during the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. The same flier is on the Grand Chapter website. In each of our Reports to the Grand Chapter for the last several years we have directed your attention to these materials and urged you to request a local school. Despite all of this, we are finding relatively few people who will admit to knowing what is required and who to contact. The bottom line is that if you will contact a member of the Committee on Work and request a local school we will work with you to make that happen.

With all of this emphasis we are placing on local schools, why should we, and why should you, bother with an Annual School of Instruction in Waco?

The Annual School offers, as we said earlier in our Report, a unique opportunity for you to get two and a half days of instruction from five different Members of the Committee on Work and in every session to pick and choose the particular parts of the Ritual you want to work on. If you want to work on one particular Degree, you can work in that Degree every session. If you want to cover all of the Work, you can do that also. Our sessions are designed to give you instruction for between two and two and a half hours and then give you a break before the next session. This makes it much easier for you to learn than if we have to try to crowd several degrees into four to six straight hours of instruction in a local school. We have a great facility here to work in and we provide the paraphernalia for the classes. All you have to do is show up and participate. If there are any questions, we can quickly resolve them with all of the Committee here. And to top it off, the fellowship is incomparable.

This is a school that every Chapter could benefit from. This Committee's recommendation to this Grand Chapter and its Officers is that our Grand Officers should actively and seriously promote the Annual School of Instruction as a service Grand Chapter provides to the Craft. We continually hear from Grand Chapter that it wants to be of service to all of us. One of the most effective things that Grand Chapter could do is to convince the Craft that this Annual School of Instruction is a great service that is being provided to us, and that it is incumbent on every Chapter to avail themselves of this service. The Grand Chapter leadership has not been doing this. They have been promoting the idea of regional schools, but there has been no promotion of the Annual School by our leadership. This is just too good an opportunity to pass up. This Committee challenges our Grand Officers to make Chapter representation at the Annual School one of the things that they actively promote this year.

There has been some talk about alternatives to having the Annual School here in the Grand Lodge building because of the need for (and the cost of) building security. We know of no other place that will allow us to offer the variety of instruction that we can offer here at the Grand Lodge. While we appreciate the Waco York Rite Bodies allowing us to use their building for evening sessions, that building is not appropriate for a full two and a half day school. This building is.

There has been some discussion of eliminating the mileage allowance paid to delegates to the School. That cost is a minuscule part of the Grand Chapter budget. The important point is not that this allowance is an incentive for delegates to attend. The point is that elimination of the allowance provides a disincentive. It sends a message that we no longer think those delegates and their participation in this school are important. A much more effective alternative would be to stop determining "attendance" of the delegates based on a roll call and start determining it based on actual attendance in the classes. This would eliminate payments to those few persons who show up for roll call and never darken the door of a classroom. It would encourage Chapters to elect delegates who will actually come to class and work in the stations. We are considering making this change at the October 2007 sessions of the Annual School.

In summary, while we are fully committed to providing local Schools of Instruction, that commitment is in addition to conducting the Annual School of Instruction here in Waco.

Your Committee on Work believes that there is considerable value to the Annual School of Instruction, and that the best way for that value to be maximized is for our leaders to communicate that information to the Craft. We are going to be adding pictures and a description of the Annual School to the Grand Chapter website. We ask that all of you become partners with us in spreading the word, so that next year we can realize the potential this school has for widespread instruction.

Fraternally submitted,
ALLAN W. (SKIP) DEES, CHAIRMAN
RUSSELL MILLIKEN, TIM TOWSON, DALE D. SECOR, ELDON L. BROOKS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move that this Supplemental Report and its recommendations be received for consideration by the Grand Chapter Officers and the Craft, and I believe there may be some discussion.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a motion to receive this recommendation of the Committee on Work. Is there any discussion?

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BROOKS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Eldon Brooks, Past High Priest of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58.

Companions, we hear so much of the story that the school costs us so much to hold. Those of you who had the opportunity to receive when you registered the Report on the Committee on Finance, there is a budget and actual cost for the year 2006 and the budget for 2007. If we take those sheets in both the Chapter and Council for the year 2006, find the cost of the school being: the School of Instruction printing, School of Instruction mileage and per diem, Committee on Work supplies, Committee on Work mileage and per diem, plus the cost of 25 hours for the security of this building at \$40.00, you come up with a total cost of \$4,280.62.

If you find the actual cost of running the Grand Chapter and Council, you would come up with a total of \$231,299.05, which says that the School of Instruction and the Committee on Work cost was only \$4,280.62 out of that \$231,299.05 budget.

The expense of the school then comes out to be the exact cost of 1.85 percent of the total money spent by this Grand Chapter and Grand Council. That is a piddling price, but another quick notice is that you have a surplus in the Grand Chapter of income versus expenses of \$58,933.39. In the Grand Council you have excess of \$53,219.45 and we are still going to talk about 1.8 percent of the actual cost is very insignificant.

This Grand Chapter and this Grand Council have in excess of funds that are not used of \$650,000.00 for the Chapter earning nine percent a year, which says that your return is better than \$58,000.00 and those funds go right back into the excess. They are not spent by this Grand Body. In the Grand Council your excess funds are \$500,000.00 roughly. You earn nine percent on those funds generally or \$45,000.00.

When I look at using just what is here and what the Investment Committee says we have investments, it seems that the school is a very, very, very minor part of your budget. This school has existed since 1861 and has met one week before the Grand Chapter since 1861. That included the War years, it included the years of the Depression and it served this Grand Chapter well.

When you hear somebody say that this School of Instruction is costly and you want to do away with it, just remember who is going to carry the Work? Who is going to carry the instruction to the local bodies on how to do the Work, what the Work is? We will soon decay and dry away. I took the Proceedings of the year 2005, ran the same total and ran the same costs and the School of Instruction cost just 1.7 percent for the total budget, but added in the security costs for that school and the school cost us 2.1 percent.

Companions, think about it when you say this school costs you too much money. We, the Committee on Work, receive mileage and per diem. The Companions that come here receive mileage and per diem. Neither any Committeeman nor the people who come receive anywhere

near as much money as it costs. In fact, the Companions that come and spend their time and days here spend far more money than they ever receive, which you get a great return on.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, thank you for letting me present this little part. Thank you, Most Excellent.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, I would like to mention, this is just to receive this recommendation by the Committee for consideration. We are not voting on whether to do away with the school or not. So, Companions, if you can make it very short. It's nine o'clock. We need to get on with the Election.

COMPANION HIGDON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a point of order. Discussion on this motion is not appropriate at this time because it was just a proposal to be considered by the Grand Officers and not to have discussion. I think it is out of order.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir. I know this is a very sensitive topic by many and hopefully it will come on the floor for future consideration at such time as it is considered to be - to do away with the school.

But, Companions, the motion on the floor is to receive this recommendation by the Committee on Work for consideration by the Grand Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter. That is what you are voting on. All in favor, the usual sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companions.
The hour has arrived for the Election of Officers and I will appoint Companion Lawrence Eugene Tucker as the Chairman of the Tellers Committee. Grand Secretary, do you have a list of the Tellers. I saw you working over there.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, we have Patrick W. Jordan, Robert G. Kirk, Charles E. Campbell, Mike Hazel, John Armistead and Jim Davis and, of course, Larry Tucker for the Chairman.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir.
Companion Richard Sharp, are you prepared to give the Final Report of the Credentials Committee?

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Companions, my name is Richard Sharp. I'm Past High Priest of Pasadena Chapter No. 455, Pasadena, Texas.

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:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, will you please keep the roar down to a minimum or I will send Brian Dodson out there to get you. (LAUGHTER

COMPANION SHARP: It is my pleasure to deliver the Final Report of the Credentials Committee for the 2006 Capitular Year, as of 8:30 a.m. today. Those present and who have registered are:

20	Grand Chapter Officers
12	Past Grand High Priests
279	Past High Priests
79	Delegates (Chapter Representatives)
13	District Deputy Grand High Priests
46	Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions near Texas
0	Grand Representatives of Texas near Other Grand Jurisdictions

33 High Priests
 17 Kings
 8 Scribes
 17 Visitors from Texas
 6 Visitors from Out of State

There are 79 Delegates with (3) votes each for 237 votes, and 279 Members with (1) vote each for a total of 279 votes. Making 516 votes in all.

Respectfully submitted,
 RICHARD C. SHARP, CHAIRMAN
 WILLIAM J. GILES, ROBERT E. BLACK, JIMMY E. BARTON, KENT B. CRICKARD

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, your Credentials Committee was pleased to serve you and this Grand Chapter for the Capitular Year 2006, and we thank you for the opportunity to do so. I would like to thank the rest of this Committee, William J. Giles, Jimmy E. Barton, Robert E. Black and Kent B. Crickard for their diligence and perseverance.

Companions, I would like for you to show your appreciation for the hard work these Companions put in. (APPLAUSE.

COMPANION SHARP: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Final Credentials Committee Report be accepted as read.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir.
 Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Credentials. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Committee, we thank you for all your hard work. We appreciate it.

Companions, if you are going to make a nomination this morning for a candidate, I invite you to please come up here to the Grand East on my right, your left, and have a seat to be ready to approach the podium at that time and I will invite the Grand King to preside.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST	JAMES ROY ELLIOTT
RIGHT EXCELLENT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST	CLARENCE J. LANEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING	DOUGLAS COLLINS
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE	ROBERT E. MELEAR* RICHARD C. SHARP
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND TREASURER	KENNETH E. COOLEY
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY	ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER, FIVE YEAR TERM	CHARLES STEVEN WOLFE* DWIGHT PHILLIPS
MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON WORK, FIVE YEAR TERM	ALLAN W. DEES (*ELECTED)

(DURING THE ELECTION PROCEEDINGS M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON
(CONDUCTED FURTHER BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, could I have a moment before you call on another Committee? I would like to make a couple of announcements before I actually forget it.

I would like for the Companions in this Grand Chapter to recognize the Sound Committee, Companions Charles McKay, Ron Park and Sam Allsbrooks for taking care of the sound in this building. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Secretary/Recorders and the Companions here from the different Chapters and Council, we have the Return Books up there in the office. If you would please go by and pick them up for your Chapter and Council, it would save us a lot of postage again this year.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Grand Secretary.

Companions, yesterday we had the presentation of Resolution No. 1. This will be under the direction of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is Jim still there? Thank you.

I will read you Article X, Companions of Section 1, Amendments or alterations. "This Constitution may be altered or amended by Resolution in writing stating distinctly the proposed alteration or amendment which shall be read on three occasions, but not more than twice on the same day. The final vote on the proposed alteration or amendment shall be by Chapters and Past High Priests. Two-thirds of the total votes cast shall be necessary for its adoption."

It was read twice yesterday. Companion Roy Elliott, are you prepared to read it for the third time?

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am James Roy Elliott, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211.

Would you like the long version or the short version?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Short version. Just the Resolution, sir.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: "BE IT RESOLVED that Article IV, Section 6a of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be provided that the Statement of Availability be filed with the Grand Secretary's Office on or before the 15th day of July preceding each Annual Convocation."

And I move for the adoption of this Resolution.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 1. It has been read three times. Yesterday the Committee on Purposes and Policies reported that the correction that should be made in your pamphlet should be Article IV, Section 6a and the Purposes and Policies Committee reported favorable on the adoption of Resolution No. 1.

Companion Higdon, do you have a report now from the Jurisprudence Committee?

COMPANION HIGDON: Yes, Most Excellent. My name is James N. Higdon. I'm a Past High Priest of Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 and for the benefit of our Court Reporter I am going to read from the part starting with "Resolutions" in my Report.

Your Committee finds that all of the Resolutions as submitted with the amendments proposed by the Committee on Purposes and Policies were and are in proper form for consideration by this Grand Chapter and are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter.

Consideration of Resolution No. 1. Resolution No. 1 seeks to amend Article IV, Section 6a of

the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. As such, your Committee was requested to confirm the voting procedure and the number of votes required to pass the Resolution. First, since the Resolution seeks to amend the Constitution pursuant to Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution, found at page 17, "the vote shall be taken by Chapters and Past High Priests." This is also provided in Article X, Section 1, which you have also found at page 19.

Pursuant to the following, Section 4 of Article IV, the ballot assigned to each Chapter who is present is recorded by registered High Priests, King and/or Scribe or by a Duly Authorized Representative is a collective three votes while each registered Past High Priest is entitled to cast one individual vote.

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article IV, if the High Priest, King or Scribe are all three present, these Officers shall confer - I know they do that - and cast the Chapter's three votes as the majority of the three agree. If there are only two of the three dais Officers present and they cannot agree, then the Senior Officer shall cast the vote of the Chapter and may cast it as he sees fit. If all three are not present, then the Representative of the Chapter, that is, the member possessing the Chapter's proxy may cast the Chapter's three votes.

Article V, Section 6 also mandates that "no Companion shall be entitled to cast more than four votes" and that "no Companion shall be a representative of more than one Chapter of which he is a member."

Secondly, pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution passage of Resolution No. 1 will require a two-thirds majority.

Thirdly, pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution a Resolution to change or amend the Constitution requires that the Resolution be read on three occasions, no more than two of which may be on the same day.

Since Resolution No. 1 has now been read three times, it is now ready for final consideration and vote.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Okay. We have a motion for the adoption of this portion of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. All in favor vote by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

COMPANION HIGDON: Now, just for your information, what you have just done in voting on our Officers is a vote by Chapters and Councils and we did it by secret ballot, which is discretionary with the Grand High Priest or the person conducting the election and in effect you also voted by Chapters and Councils when you voted on the other Officers, which is a requirement of our Constitution.

When we vote on anything else, every Chapter vote is only equal to one vote just like the Past High Priests. So unless it is - unless a vote by Chapters and Past High Priests is called for by at least nine Members present or the Grand High Priest. So the Grand High Priest is fixing to ask you to vote by Chapters and Councils, but it doesn't have to be a secret ballot or a written ballot and that is what he is fixing to do in this case.

Thank you, Most Excellent.

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

We have a motion on the floor for the adoption of Resolution No. 1. I do not believe that this Resolution is controversial enough that we need to take a written ballot, but if nine Companions or nine High Priests request it, that would be done.

Companions, is there any discussion at this time on Resolution No. 1 - on the adoption of Resolution No. 1?

Okay. Companions, if you have the Chapter, if you are the High Priest, King or Scribe or Proxy and you are carrying the tan book that says "Chapter Vote" on it, please stand up and hold up your vote so the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Officers can see exactly how many we have.

Okay. Thank you, Companions. That gives us a good idea. If you will please be seated. Now, all in favor of adoption of Resolution No. 1, this is vote by the Chapters, please hold up your tan book. Please hold up your tan book. Thank you, Companions.

Now, those opposed to the adoption of Resolution No. 1, please hold up your tan books.
I believe we have a two-thirds majority, Jim - (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: - on those. Two-thirds, that was the High Priest vote there.

Okay. Companions, now, if you have the individual ballot, the yellow one, and you are in favor of the adoption of Resolution No. 1, please hold up the yellow booklet, that is your Past High Priest ballot. Okay. All those down.

Those opposed to the adoption of Resolution No. 1, please hold up your yellow ballot books. I believe we have a two-thirds majority on that on the individual vote as well. Is that correct?

COMPANION HIGDON: I concur.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Higdon, the Chairman of Jurisprudence, concurs. Companions, you have adopted Resolution No. 1.

Thank you, Companions.

Companion Roy Elliott, would you like to make an announcement about our Grand Treasurer not being present this morning?

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions, Brethren:

As most of you have noticed, we have a pro tem sitting in the Grand Treasurer's position. Last night apparently after the High Priesthood our Grand Treasurer, Larry Canada, got a phone call. Some of you may not know, but his mother is suffering from terminal cancer. Apparently she has turned for the worst and he had to return home. So when I got back to the room, I found a note from him explaining the situation. I do not have an update this morning from him. I don't know how serious it is. It has been going on for some time and I would ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers and we will see him pretty quick. Anyway, I wanted everybody to understand and the Grand High Priest has asked Floyd Hall to pro tem his station today and that is the reason Floyd is sitting up here. I think everybody needs to know that. So think about Larry. He needs your prayers.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, James Roy.
Companions, please remember Companion Canada and his mother in your prayers.
I thank Floyd for filling in today. I believe we have a report from the Tellers Committee.

COMPANION TUCKER: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. My name is Larry Tucker. I am a Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter No. 458.

COMPANION TUCKER: There were 406 legal ballot cast. For Richard Sharp, 80; for Robert Melear, 326.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Robert Melear has been elected.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Melear, do you accept?

COMPANION MELEAR: I will, Most Excellent.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, past and present, and my Companions:
I accept with great pleasure. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. Congratulations.
I recognize Companion Richard Sharp.

COMPANION SHARP: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I would like to cast my votes over to
Robert Melear to show that the Companions have voted for him unanimously.

Thank you very much, Companions.

(APPLAUSE.

(ELECTION PROCEEDINGS.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, if I may, and, yes, I will accept with
pleasure, Companions. As most of you all know, I was elected into the Grand Lodge Line as
Grand Junior Warden. I talked to all the Grand Trustees before - John, you weren't there at that
particular time, but I got their vote of confidence that they wouldn't mind me staying.
So, Companions, I will stay as long as you let me and I will do the job that I have done in the
past and I will try my best to keep everything on an even keel.
Thank you very much for your confidence and I appreciate it. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Orville, we again thank you for all your hard work and
especially the girls in the office. You have got two good assistants there. We appreciate all you
do.

(ELECTION PROCEEDINGS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Okay. Companions, has every one balloted? Are there
any ballots out there? Okay. I declare the ballot closed. Re-open the doors, Companions.

Companions, if you would please hold it down to a dull roar, we will have next the Report of the
Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards by Glen McCandless.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Glen McCandless, Past High Priest of Hamlin Chapter No.
310 and I am pleased to give the Report on the Committee on Honor and Awards.

During the past several months this Committee has received many nominations for the Golden
Keystone Award. This Committee has reviewed these nominations and have found each
Companion nominated to be very deserving of the award. Each member of this Committee
evaluated these nominations and was asked to establish a priority. Each member returned a
different priority order of those nominations, and therefore, all nominations were sent to the
Most Excellent Grand High Priest without recommendation. We put the monkey on your back.
(LAUGHTER.

COMPANION McCANDLESS: On Sunday evening, December 3, 2006, at the York Rite
Banquet, Companions Robert E. Black and Robert L. Sieckmann were announced as the
recipients of that prestigious Golden Keystone Award.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, your Committee on Honors and Awards find your decision
most imminently wise and proper and most heartedly do concur.

Thank you for allowing this Committee to serve this Grand Chapter this year.

Respectfully submitted,
GLEN MCCANDLESS, CHAIRMAN
THOMAS C. SNEDECOR, THOMAS W. SNYDER, ROBERT L. SEARS, JACK E. BEELER

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the acceptance of this report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Right Eminent Grand Commander. We appreciate your help and assistance, even though you would not make a decision. (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Ken Crickard, would you find out if someone will give a Report on the Order of High Priesthood today for me.

Roy, do you have any other announcements on the Installation at this time? We still have a few more Reports.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we are going - when it is called from labor for that, why, we will take about a thirty minute break while they set up for Installation. We will try to get into the Installation as soon as possible. If all of the Appointed Grand Officers will find their appropriate regalia and follow the directions of Jimmy Willson as far as lining up.

Jerry Kirby is going to be the Installing Officer and our own Orville O'Neill will be the Installing Marshal and Thomas Keithly will be the Installing Chaplain.

Jimmy has always done such a great job of lining everybody up and making everybody get where they are supposed to be. So, Jimmy, if you will assist, I appreciate it. Thank you.

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

Companion O'Neill, are you prepared to give the Report of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board?

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

99TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47 and I would like to give the Report on the Retirement Center.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, at the organizational meeting of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, held during the Grand Chapter Session on December 6, 2005, the following Companions were selected and presented to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Orville L. O'Neill, President
John H. Jeter, Jr., Vice President
W. E. Brookshire, Secretary
Farris L. Benham, Treasurer
Floyd Hall, Director
John R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant Secretary and Attorney

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors held the regularly scheduled business meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with three (3) exceptions; the October Meeting was held on October 19, 2006, the November meeting was held on November 16, 2006, and the December Meeting was held during the Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The Board of Directors would like to praise the outstanding efforts of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John C. Elkinton, for his regular attendance at the Board Meetings. We would also like to acknowledge the remaining Grand Officers; Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, James Roy Elliott, Right Excellent Grand King, Clarence J. Laney and Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Douglas Collins. Gentlemen, we commend you for your strong show of support throughout the year.

RETIREMENT PLAN

The Board Members met with representatives of Wells Fargo Bank on February 23, 2006 to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

The Retirement Committee representing the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, appointed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas are as follows: Orville L. O'Neill, John H. Jeter, Jr., W. E. Brookshire, Farris L. Benham and Floyd Hall. The Retirement Committee convened on February 23, 2006, April 27, 2006, May 25, 2006 and October 19, 2006. The following Amendment was made to the Retirement Plan effective October 19, 2006: Participants who terminate employment with a vested account balance less than \$25,000.00 may be paid in a lump sum.

The Market Value of the Retirement Trust Fund as of October 1, 2005, was \$2,470,404.91. The Market Value as of September 30, 2006, was \$2,681,476.23, resulting in an increase of \$211,071.32. Our retirees and/or beneficiaries received a total of \$111,911.86 in retirement benefits during the Plan Year Ending September 30, 2006. A pension plan contribution in the amount of \$130,000.00, was required for this Plan Year, and was made on June 7, 2006. This was again due to the limited financial performance of the Plan, and the number of participants currently receiving benefits.

As of Plan Year Ending September 30, 2005, the Retirement Plan had one hundred fifteen (115) participants; seventy-seven (77) were active participants, twenty-nine (29) of the participants were retirees and/or beneficiaries, and nine (9) were vested participants who terminated during the Plan Year.

INDEPENDENT LIVING - CLINICS/NURSING CENTER CENSUS

As of June 30, 2006 the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's membership consisted of one hundred twenty-nine (129) Grand Chapter residents, twenty-three (23) Grand Lodge Widows and twenty (20) Eastern Star residents, giving the Retirement Center a total census of one hundred seventy-two (172) members. This figure represents a gain of five (5) residents since the last Grand Chapter Report.

FINANCES AND COST

The Board Members met with representatives of JP Morgan Private Bank on May 25, 2006 and again on October 19, 2006, to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Center's Trust Fund, which had a balance of \$90,877,839.00 as of June 30, 2006, as reported by the TMRC's Auditor, in the Annual Financial Statement. This figure comprises assets contained within the Corpus and Income's Restricted and Unrestricted Accounts.

The Auditor's Report of Examination for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's fiscal period ending June 30, 2006 was prepared by Malcom Wetsel, CPA and presented to the Board of Directors. Companion Wetsel's Report is on file in the Grand Secretary's Office in Waco, and is included as a part of this Report.

Companion Wetsel reported that the Unit Cost Per Resident Day for the Retirement Center is

\$46.40; the Unit Cost for the Clinic/Nursing Center is \$151.48; the Total Unit Cost per Ward Day is \$86.16. This represents an increase of \$7.34, compared to last year's Cost Per Resident Day.

The cost of keeping the widows for the Masonic Home and School of Texas during fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$1,002,432.85 compared to \$1,036,304.67 for the reporting period ending June 30, 2005. This represents a decrease of \$336,871.82. The Masonic Home and School of Texas made advance payments in the amount of \$1,140,000.00 for the year ending June 30, 2006, which leaves a balance due to the Masonic Home and School of \$137,567.15.

The cost of keeping the Eastern Star Residents during fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was \$724,417.80 compared to \$615,742.61 for the reporting period ending June 30, 2005. This represents an increase of \$108,675.19. The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star made advance payments of \$677,228.89, which leaves a balance due the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in the amount of \$47,188.91.

The total ward days reflected in the Audit Report are as follows:

Grand Lodge/Independent Living	3,648	
Grand Lodge/Clinic/Nursing Center	5,500	
Total		9,148
Grand Chapter/Independent Living	31,045	
Grand Chapter/Clinic/Nursing Center	14,918	
Total		45,963
Eastern Star/Independent Living	4,460	
Eastern Star/Clinic/Nursing Center	3,416	
Total		<u>7,876</u>
Grand Total		62,987

CONTRIBUTIONS

From January 2006 through November 2006 the Texas Masonic Retirement Center received a total of \$35,730.27 in charitable donations. Based upon the total membership in the State of Texas, this amount represents an average of \$.39 per members, per gift. This figure reflects an extremely disappointing decrease of \$.43 per contributor, per gift, over last year, which is in part due to the continuing decline in membership. This figure does not reflect, however, the gifts that we receive from bequests, trusts, et cetera throughout the year. As always, we remain extremely thankful to our generous contributors for their ongoing support.

CONCLUSION

The Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is honored to be of service to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and is proud to be the governing body for its outstanding humanitarian program. We look forward to continuing our longstanding tradition of providing quality healthcare to Texas Masons and their families.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL, PRESIDENT

JOHN H. JETER, JR., VICE PRESIDENT,

FARRIS L. BENHAM, TREASURER,

W. E. BROOKSHIRE, SECRETARY

FLOYD HALL, DIRECTOR

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. All who would favor this Report, vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, I would like to say it has been a fantastic year. I have enjoyed working with these fine, hard working men and they do a great job running our Texas Masonic Retirement Center, along with Kirby Rudisill.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Would Kirby stand and all the Board please stand.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: And would the Board work their way down here, please.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, give them a big hand. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have one of the finest Masonic Retirement Centers in the world and we should be justly proud of that fact, Companions. We hope you will promote the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in every way you possibly can.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, every year since I have been down here for the last six years, and they had probably done it before that, but Hill City Lodge No. 456 has always donated \$1,000.00 to the Retirement Center. We appreciate you all so very much. I don't know if any of the members are in here, but every year they do this. We appreciate them so very much.

Are any of the members of Hill City Lodge in here? I know some of you have got to be Royal Arch Masons. (LAUGHTER.

AN UNIDENTIFIED COMPANION: They are, sir, but they didn't make it today.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Okay. Thank you. Appreciate that. We have one more check from Port Arthur Chapter No. 250. As most of you all know, they just merged with Port Neches and had a little bit of money. I think what they did was endow all of their members when they merged and what they had left over was \$25,000.00 and they gave it to the Retirement Center. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Every year we have one of the Board Members who have to go off whether they want to or not. You have to stay off a year before you even think about coming back. This year Companion Farris L. Benham goes off and, my friend, you don't know how much - this is just my personal opinion - that I have appreciated you on that Board and I think I speak for the rest of the Board. This is my second term and I have used your guidance and experience on many occasions and I appreciate you so very much. Here is a plaque that we would like to present to you for recognition of the service that you have performed for that Retirement Center. Your help is invaluable and we appreciate you very much. (APPLAUSE.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BENHAM: Thank you, Orville.
Kirby, don't run off. I will need you to make this deposit for me when we get through.

My Companions, I first started on the Retirement Center Board in 1987 and I have been there most all of the time since as Director, Treasurer or Grand Officer someplace. Maybe the greatest reward - well, in fact, it is the greatest reward that I have had in Masonry is to know each of you and those like you and many of them throughout the world, but the most rewarding thing besides that has been my service to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. That is the finest atmosphere, the most noble service and we have to say right now the most successful of anything I have done including Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

There is a place in the museum in El Paso for me and the paraphernalia that I put down there and so forth. I don't know if we have one of these there. I'm going to find out. If we don't, this one goes down there because I already have one or two on my wall.

Thank you for your contributions to the Retirement Center and thank each of you Board Members for your great service and we will continue. Thank you, sir. (RISING APPLAUSE.

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER
DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

Holland Lodge #1	\$1,250.00	New Braunfels Lodge #1109	\$60.00
Oasis Lodge #79	\$50.00	Texas City Lodge #1118	\$100.00
Stephenville Lodge #267	\$200.00	East Gate Lodge #1153	\$5,000.00
Florence Lodge #338	\$25.00	University Lodge #1190	\$25.00
Knob Creek Lodge #401	\$32.00	Richardson Lodge #1214	\$75.00
Hill City Lodge #456	\$300.00	Tyler Lodge #1233	\$100.00
Hill City Lodge #456	\$1,000.00	T. Neal Porter Lodge #1354	\$50.00
Eastland Lodge #467	\$100.00	King Solomon Lodge #1427	\$350.00
Fort Griffin Lodge #489	\$100.00	Dallas Chapter #47	\$430.00
Camp San Saba Lodge #555	\$20.00	Dad Pender Chapter #80	\$12.50
Clarendon Lodge #700	\$50.00	Midlothian Chapter #211	\$500.00
Olney Lodge #790	\$25.00	Port Arthur Ch #250 & Co #185	\$25,000.00
Yellowhouse Lodge #841	\$500.00	Florence Chapter #275	\$25.00
Mercedes Lodge #1010	\$500.00	Will N. Kidd Chapter #424	\$53.20
San Antonio Lodge #1079	\$200.00	Haltom-Riverside Chapter #468	\$250.00
Fort Stockton Chapter #476	\$20.00	Dan R. Brazelton	\$500.00
Love Field Chapter #478	\$37.50	L. M. Braziel	\$50.00
Dallas Council #18	\$430.00	Samuel R. Breitbart	\$10.00
Dad Pender Council #50	\$12.50	W. Eugene Brookshire	\$1,500.00
Midlothian Council #148	\$500.00	Donny W. Broughton R:W: DGM	\$150.00
Florence Council #208	\$25.00	Michie M. and Nancy Brous	\$25.00
San Jacinto Council #347	\$46.80	David Brown	\$100.00
Haltom-Riverside Council #384	\$250.00	James Theo and Johnnie Brown	\$700.00
Fort Stockton Council #391	\$20.00	Phillip Brown	\$25.00
Love Field Council #396	\$37.50	Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bryan	\$50.00
Texas Chapter #35, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Burke/Marilyn Burkart/James/Marie Caskey	\$100.00
Big Spring Chapter #67, O.E.S.	\$180.00	Emile A. Bussemey	\$250.00
Ransford Chapter #135, O.E.S.	\$16.00	Gustavo E. Carmona	\$60.00
Grand Prairie Ch #219, O.E.S.	\$45.27	Paul and Juanita Carnes	\$14.00
Midland Chapter #253, O.E.S.	\$50.00	Larry and Jeanne Carr	\$14.00
Ozona Chapter #287, O.E.S.	\$50.00	W. J. Chambless	\$100.00
Uvalde Chapter #297, O.E.S.	\$70.00	James C. Chandler	\$10.00
Round Rock Ch #316, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Paul A. Clinkscates	\$50.00
Hico Chapter #419, O.E.S.	\$525.00	R. I. Collinsworth, Jr.	\$50.00
Henderson Ch #597, O.E.S.	\$50.00	C. Clay Cooper	\$100.00
La Porte Chapter #683, O.E.S.	\$60.00	Bob and Jeanette Corbell	\$50.00
Bluebell Chapter #856, O.E.S.	\$300.00	Marvin and Brenda Corry	\$50.00
John L Degraizer Ch #881, OES	\$66.00	Billy G. Cossey	\$100.00
Mesquite Chapter #887, O.E.S.	\$25.00	Atchley M. Cox	\$25.00
Melrose Chapter #920, O.E.S.	\$100.00	Bill and Peggy Cox	\$50.00
Lewisville Chapter #935, O.E.S.	\$35.00	Betty Lynn Crawford	\$100.00
Waelder Chapter #1023, O.E.S.	\$80.00	C. W. Crawley	\$40.00
Eastland Chapter #2800, O.E.S.	\$100.00	Harold W. Daily, Jr.	\$50.00
Bryan #222, O.E.S. Past	\$115.00	Jeff Darby	\$10.00
Matrons and Past Patrons Assn			
Corpus Christi York Rite Bodies	\$100.00	Ted E. and Elizabeth Davenport	\$1,000.00
High Noon Club	\$500.00	Joe Davidson	\$100.00
Marine Square Club of Houston	\$300.00	Richard B. Davidson	\$25.00
Masters, Wardens, Secy's Assn. Dist #46	\$100.00	Willie J. Davila	\$10.00
Midland York Rite Bodies	\$2,000.00	Billie E. Davis	\$1,650.00
Texas Masonic Retirement Center Residents	\$221.00	James D. Denton	\$15.00
Sarah Beth Abbott and Pamela West	\$150.00	Johnnie W. Dolen, Jr.	\$20.00

Carl R. Adams	\$10.00	Donald Donnenwerth	\$50.00
Loyd & Kay Addy	\$50.00	Gerald W. Duke	\$59.00
Robert E. Allen	\$100.00	J. Fred Duncan	\$25.00
Thurman L. Allred	\$100.00	Freeman B. Dunn	\$250.00
Anonymous	\$75.00	Harold H. Edwards	\$50.00
Mr. John W. Armistead	\$25.00	F. & Vera K. Eichhorn	\$20.00
Mr. Walter Banas	\$100.00	Albert Escobedo	\$25.00
Gordon E. Bangs	\$100.00	Cecil G. Ewing	\$100.00
Hazel L. Barfield & Jayne Kornick	\$50.00	David Fallas	\$50.00
Bobby L. Bell	\$20.00	Edward L. Favors	\$40.00
James R. Bickley	\$50.00	Donna Fester, WM	\$25.00
Walter C. Biddle, Jr.	\$50.00	Jim and Donna Fester	\$10.00
Clair M. Billington, Inc.	\$500.00	Frank E. Fields	\$300.00
J. C. "Cal" Birdsall	\$100.00	Wallace P. Finrock	\$100.00
Jan K. Bogard	\$10.00	First United Methodist Church of Crowley	\$50.00
Gregg P. Bonham	\$50.00	E. E. Flory	\$50.00
Bobby Boykin	\$20.00	Lee Foster	\$100.00
Jim L. and Judy Fox	\$100.00	Lawrence J. Legrande	\$50.00
Philip W. Frazier	\$100.00	Benjamin E. Leibe, Jr.	\$50.00
Ann Trice Freeman	\$50.00	Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Lindke	\$75.00
George J. Fuller	\$100.00	Billie R. Linscomb	\$100.00
W. T. Gale	\$75.00	James H. Loggins	\$50.00
Anna V. Galloway	\$25.00	Lone Star Chap. Red Rovers International	\$25.00
Luther J. Garner	\$50.00	Gerald H. Long	\$1,000.00
The Bettye and Murphy George Foundation	\$1,000.00	Albert D. and Ann Love	\$35.00
Michael D. Gilbert	\$25.00	Richard L. Lucas	\$35.00
Stephen E. Gooch	\$25.00	Thomas H. Luce	\$20.00
Glen Goodman	\$50.00	Edwin and Janet Lundke	\$25.00
J. Forrest Green	\$100.00	John T. Lynch, IV	\$100.00
William A. Greenwood	\$25.00	B. L. Matheson	\$25.00
I. Guerry, Jr.	\$20.00	Robert G. Maxwell	\$25.00
Larry V. and Kathy Hall	\$500.00	William L. McCalister, Jr.	\$25.00
Richard A. and Janis K. Hall	\$50.00	C. E. McCormick	\$5.00
Bobby W. Hargis	\$25.00	Alton Ray McCreary	\$20.00
Jason L. Harris	\$100.00	Oliver G. McDowell	\$60.00
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Hart	\$35.00	Linda A. McElroy	\$1,500.00
William Head	\$30.00	Col. Andrew J. McVeigh, III	\$25.00
Eunice D. Hendricks	\$20.00	S. Clive Mench	\$100.00
Margaret & J. B. Herrington	\$10.00	Delbert M. & Barbara E. Messner Trusts	\$500.00
Elaine and Gary Hickey	\$50.00	L. V. Mhoon	\$25.00
Manfred Hill	\$100.00	Charley Michalk	\$50.00
James Hodges	\$20.00	Herschel Moody	\$100.00
W. W. Holder, Jr.	\$25.00	James A. Moore	\$100.00
William T. Holland	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Kellis D. Moore	\$95.00
Joe E. Howell	\$50.00	Waylon S. Morgan	\$25.00
Glenn W. Huffman	\$25.00	Fred Moseley	\$50.00
Jack Todd Ivey	\$250.00	James H. Moser	\$600.00
Jerry Jackson	\$10.00	Ralph V. Moss	\$195.00
Lynwood James	\$250.00	Harold J. Nichols	\$50.00
E. Keese Jarrett	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Norman	\$75.00
John H. (Jack) Jeter	\$50.00	Jack M. and Lois Odell	\$420.00
Robert Earl Johnson	\$50.00	Orville O'Neill	\$288.00
Charles L. Jones, Jr.	\$10.00	Richard and Nancy Opperman	\$75.00
Dan B. Jordan, PGM	\$25.00	A. Bernard Ostby	\$100.00
O. B. Jordan	\$50.00	Joe D. Patrick	\$35.00
T. Keesee	\$10.00	Colvin J. Perdue	\$50.00

Charles F. Kellander	\$20.00	Eddie and Bonna Pernell	\$50.00
Lonnie L. Kelley	\$20.00	Willard J. Pevey	\$25.00
Daulton Kelly	\$25.00	Marcel A. Poulain	\$25.00
Howard V. Kennedy	\$50.00	Judge J. Albert Pruett, Jr.	\$22.00
Clifford Dale Kilgore	\$50.00	James F. Ramsey	\$25.00
Kenny Kimbrough	\$50.00	C. D. Rand	\$100.00
Thomas J. Kinard, Jr.	\$50.00	Gerald Reeves	\$50.00
John W. Kirkley	\$100.00	Robert Y. Rodriguez	\$10.00
Jack and Sue Knight	\$80.00	Thomas R. Rogers	\$10.00
David E. Koehler	\$100.00	Billy J. & Kerlene Ross	\$100.00
Joseph I. Koonce	\$25.00	Kirby & Glenda Rudisill	\$50.00
Frank L. Krotzer	\$10.00	Stephen C. & Norma L. Runyon	\$25.00
Terry and Gina LaGrone	\$20.00	Bert Sayers	\$130.00
Charles H. Lancaster	\$25.00	Gordie A. Smart	\$25.00
La Porte Literary Club	\$20.00	Jeraldeen Smith	\$1,000.00
Lemuel L. LaRue	\$50.00	Sam I. Smith	\$50.00
Jerry M. Leach	\$100.00	Mrs. T. A. Spangler	\$10.00
Jaime Leal	\$200.00	Leah Jo Sparks	\$1,000.00
Thomas A. Spencer	\$100.00	Brenda and Dennis Tucker	\$40.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Shurtleff	\$25.00	Dr. and Mrs. James Turman	\$50.00
W. E. Simms, Jr.	\$25.00	David Michael Upchurch	\$50.00
Richard R. [Dick] Scott	\$500.00	Virginia and Douglas Vick	\$14.00
Robert H. Scott	\$50.00	James M. Vincent	\$25.00
Gene P. Shamburger	\$100.00	John and Joyce Waldie	\$175.00
Kenneth & Joy Sheppard	\$25.00	Norman E. Ward	\$75.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sherman	\$35.00	Robert Warren	\$25.00
Susan Spoor	\$200.00	George L. Watkins Family	\$50.00
Paulette and Billy Sprinkle	\$14.00	Malcolm L. Weaver	\$25.00
Charles E. Stewart, Jr.	\$400.00	H. W. Wehunt	\$20.00
Stewart Enterprises, LTD	\$50.00	Adolph A. Weinberg	\$25.00
Roy Stewart	\$50.00	Paul E. Weinstein	\$100.00
Bobby L. Stokes	\$50.00	Billy Wells	\$100.00
Ray Stroup	\$100.00	Roger H. White	\$20.00
James B. Sullivan	\$5.00	Frank Wiggins	\$25.00
Ben E. Sutton	\$250.00	Thomas J. Wilkes	\$150.00
Juanita Swafford	\$500.00	Bruce E. and Nadine Wilson	\$50.00
Sarahjane & William D Swanson	\$50.00	Clarence A. Wilson	\$100.00
Robert P. & Ruth G. Taylor Trust	\$50.00	Donna Wilson	\$50.00
John R. Thompson, Jr.	\$300.00	David K. Winfield	\$20.00
Jerry M. Thornhill	\$25.00	Roy K. Womack	\$25.00
Raymond M. Tomlinson	\$50.00	David Wood	\$25.00
Lonnie Traxler	\$50.00	Billy D. and Norma Worley	\$25.00
		Mary Nell Wright	\$25.00

TOTAL DONATIONS FOR 2006 \$70,699.27

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 and I have the Printing Report.

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

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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. We had to re-order the new ritual books last month. 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. This office will continue to look for other ways to save.

Respectfully submitted,
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN
B. J. YOUNG, WALTER E. MATYASTIK, LOYD L. CHANCE, JON S. SPANN

Most Excellent, I move for the adoption of this Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: The motion is on the adoption of the Printing Committee Report. All who would adopt this Report vote by the usual sign. Opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We now have a Report of the Tellers Committee.

COMPANION TUCKER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Larry Tucker, Past High Priest of Park Place Chapter No. 458.

We had one indecisive member who gave us a blank ballot. There were 401 legal ballots cast. For Companion Phillips, 115; for Companion Wolfe, 286. That is 115 for Companion Phillips and 286 for Companion Wolfe.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a motion for the adoption of the Tellers Committee Report. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Steve Wolfe has been elected. Companion Steve, do you accept?

COMPANION WOLFE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I most humbly and proudly accept. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Steve. Congratulations. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: If the Retirement Center Board will please retire to the anteroom for their vote.

Companion Phillips.

COMPANION PHILLIPS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I would like to withdraw my nomination and make the Record show that Companion Steve Wolfe was elected to the Board unanimously.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate your - (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We appreciate your willingness to serve on this Board of Directors, sir.

(ELECTION PROCEEDINGS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Skip Dees, you have been elected. Do you accept?

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I thankfully accept. I appreciate it.
(APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I do need to ask the Members of the Committee on Work to meet with me so that we can elect a Chairman and report back to you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. Please do so.
Grand Secretary, does that complete the Election of Officers?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. I declare the Election closed.
We will have a Report in a moment. I believe Companion Doug Mitchell is going to make a Report on the Order of High Priesthood. Is that true? Very good

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Order of High Priesthood met yesterday afternoon. We had 28 candidates. I hope all you of Companions are members who are eligible to join. It is a great lesson. We do a great service for our Grand Chapter.

For those of you who may not know, we do buy the apron, the apron case and the jewel for the incoming Grand High Priest who keeps it for life. I am honored to be a part of this and we are still functioning well and look forward to serving with the Grand Officers this next year.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate you and congratulations on being installed as the new Grand High Priest of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas. We congratulate you.

Thanks again to the Order of High Priesthood for my Grand jewel. I appreciate it very much.
Thank you, sir.

COMPANION MITCHELL: It is an honor and pleasure, sir. I move the adoption.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a motion for the adoption of the Report of the Order of High Priesthood. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a report from the Committee on Work.

COMPANION DEES: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee on Work has met and we have elected Companion Russell F. Milliken as our Chairman for the ensuing Capitular Year, sir. I move the adoption of that report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of this portion of the report of the Committee on Work, which I believe completes their Report.

All who would favor adoption vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Do we have a report from the TMRC Board?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, Most Excellent. The Officers are Orville O'Neill, President; John J. (Jack) Jeter, Vice President; Gene Brookshire, Secretary; Floyd Hall and

Steve Wolfe as Directors.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. We appreciate that.
That brings us to the Report of the Committee on Finance by Jimmy Willson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I am Jimmy Willson, Past High Priest of Floydada Chapter No. 227, in Floydada, Texas.

We, your Finance Committee met on Sunday, November 19th in Waco to discuss the budget for the upcoming Capitular Year.

We also studied the actual expenditures and revenues for the past year and have developed a budget for the 2006-2007 year and have attached the same to this report.

We would like to thank the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for their assistance and support this year. We would also like to thank the ladies in the office upstairs for all their help. Let's give them a hand down here.

(APPLAUSE.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: We would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, CHAIRMAN

J. D. (BUDDY) BACCUS, FARRIS L. BENHAM, LESLIE L. COONE, DAVID L. ANDERSON

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: Let me say this. We have nothing to hide, never have had. If you are new and you have got questions, you find any Members of the Committee. If you want to know who they are - they have got one of these and they will explain it to you because we sit down and talk about it - Jimmy Willson, Buddy Baccus, Farris Benham, Les Coone and David Anderson. All of us will be glad to share with you any information you want to know about how we do this, what we did and why. Thank you.

If nobody objects, I would like to move that we accept the budget report for the coming year, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion to adopt the budget for the next year. All who would favor the adoption of the budget please vote by the usual voting sign.

Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2007

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>
Past Masters Fee (30 x \$15.00)	225.00
Dues (10,500 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05).....	116,025.00
Degree Fees (296 X \$25.00)	7,400.00
*Contract Items - Grand Council.....	47,000.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	24,000.00
Endowed Membership Administration Fee.....	3,000.00
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies.....	5,000.00
Grand Commandery Yk Rt Conference Contrib	500.00
TOTAL	203,150.00

EXPENSES:

Salaries:	
*Grand Secretary.....	18,000.00

*Office Staff.....	45,500.00
*Payroll Taxes.....	5,500.00
Grand High Priest:	
Travel Expense.....	4,000.00
Photo	200.00
Grand High Priest Service Award.....	700.00
Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement	2,000.00
Grand King Reimbursement.....	1,000.00
Grand Scribe Reimbursement.....	1,000.00
Golden Keystone Award.....	1,000.00
Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery).....	9,000.00
Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report.....	9,500.00
Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage).....	9,000.00
*Computer Expense	4,000.00
Building Maintenance	12,000.00
School of Instruction Printing	200.00
School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem	2,000.00
Committee on Work Supplies Printing	150.00
Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem	2,000.00
*Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses.....	30,000.00
Membership Development	300.00
Capitular Review.....	100.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance.....	175.00
Grand Photographer's Expense	200.00
*Grand Secretary's Expense	3,000.00
*Office Furniture Insurance.....	950.00
*Bond.....	200.00
*Employee Insurance.....	7,000.00
Contingency Fund.....	700.00
Fifty Year Awards Expenses	1,000.00
Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference...	50.00
District Deputy Training Expense.....	1,300.00
Banquet Honoring Grand Master.....	900.00
Ritualistic Competition.....	300.00
*Grand Chapter Retirement Fund.....	2,500.00
TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 10,500 + degree fees)	15,000.00
Audit.....	3,000.00
*Grand Lodge Building Security \$40/Hr X 75 Hrs..	6,000.00
*Grand Chapter & Council Internet \$24/Month	325.00
Youth Awards.....	300.00
*Tax Report Preparation	1,000.00
York Rite Conferences Expenses (10)	1,000.00
York Rite Festival Fund	300.00
History and Preservation Committee Expenses.....	800.00
TOTAL	203,150.00

*2007 Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

*2007 Estimated Contract Items = \$117,500.00 X 40% = \$ 47,000.00 from Grand Council

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Tim La Vergne, I didn't forget you. I have got you on my list. Would you like to come up now and do this?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: I think now that since some things have changed, we may be able to stay down here instead of going over to Washington Street.

COMPANION DEES: That is wonderful!

COMPANION TIM LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, if you will join me at the podium.

I'm Tim La Vergne, Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52.

This year we had the distinctive honor of being one of the three Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Texas to be 150 years old and as part of that process, we had the Special Session of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter opened to help celebrate that time. We had the assistance of several of the Grand Officers, Appointed and Elected, as well as the Grand High Priest.

As a token of our appreciation from Bonham Chapter 52 we would like to present to the Grand High Priest a token for being there and helping us with our celebration.

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

Companions, this is a beautiful coin that Bonham put out for their 150th. I hope you will get to see one of them or you have some for purchase, don't you?

COMPANION LA VERGNE: Yes, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: You can see them and purchase one of these. They are beautiful coins. Thank you, sir. I really enjoyed our trip to Bonham. We give you all the best. Thank you, sir.

COMPANION LAVERGNE: Thank you, sir. We have also given a like token to each of the Grand Officers and also we would like to say again on the Record that we receive an immense amount of help from Dawn and Darlene in the front office and they also have received a like token of appreciation. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

That brings us to the final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Companion Higdon, are you prepared?

COMPANION HIGDON: Never thought you'd ask. (LAUGHTER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Jim Higdon, a Past High Priest from Blue Bonnet No. 470 and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

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:

Legal Documents Executed
Grand Representatives Nominated
Grand Representatives Appointed Near Other Grand
Jurisdictions
Consolidations of Chapters
Dispensations to Install Officers out of time
Dispensations to Move Chapter
Charters Restored
Grand Chapter Representations
Resolution Nos. 1 thru 6 to determine whether they were in proper form

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 and we cannot, therefore, make any assessment of whether or not his actions in this regard were appropriate.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED AND
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

On January 19, 2006, and May 11, 2006, the Grand High Priest nominated three Texas Companions to serve as the Grand Representatives of three foreign jurisdictions near The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

On July 3, 2006, and August 20, 2006, the Grand High Priest confirmed the nominations of two Companions from other Grand Jurisdictions to serve as the Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions near The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.
These actions were in accordance with Article 17 and 25 of the Laws of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

On January 18th and 29th, May 4th and September 1st and 30th, 2006, the Grand High Priest approved the consolidation of seven Chapters into seven other Chapters, the specifics of which are in his report and not repeated here.
These actions were in accordance with Article 7 and 25 of the Laws of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

DISPENSATIONS TO INSTALL OFFICERS OUT OF TIME

On July 16, 2006, the Grand High Priest approved the request of El Paso Chapter No. 157 for dispensation to install an elected officer after August 1, 2006.
This action was in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 9, 25 and 227 of the Laws of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with it.

DISPENSATIONS TO MOVE CHARTER

On June 16th and August 7th, 2006, the Grand High Priest approved the request of William N. Kidd Chapter 424 for dispensation to move its charter to Holland Lodge No. 1 for the purpose of electing candidates to receive the Degrees at York Rite Festivals conducted on those dates, and on September 30, 2006, approved the request of Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91 for dispensation to move its charter to Al Amin Shrine Temple in Corpus Christi to confer the Past Master's Degree on Installed Lodge Officers of local Masonic Lodges.

These actions were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 9, 25, 193, 290A and/or 298 of the Laws of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

CHARTER RESTORED

On June 21, 2006, the Grand High Priest approved the restoration of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30 at Normangee.

This action was in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 9, 25 and 179 through 184 of the Laws of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with it.

GRAND CHAPTER REPRESENTATIONS

On June 24th, August 5th and September 9th, 2006, the Grand High Priest opened a Representation of The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Bonham Chapter No. 52, Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30 in Normangee, and in Haggai Chapter No. 53 in McKinney, respectively. In the case of Bonham Chapter No. 52 and Haggai Chapter No. 53, the Representation was for the purpose of celebrating the 150th anniversary of these Chapters, while in the case of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30, it was for the purpose of setting this newly restored Chapter to work.

These actions were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Articles 8, 25 and, in the case of the Restoration of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30, in accordance with Article 181 of the Laws of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee finds that all of the Resolutions, as submitted and with the amendments proposed by the Committee on Purposes and Policies, were and are in proper form for consideration by this Grand Chapter and are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1

Resolution No. 1 seeks to amend Article IV, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of The Grand Chapter. As such, your Committee was requested to confirm the voting procedure and the number of votes required to pass the Resolution

First, since the Resolution seeks to amend the Constitution, pursuant to Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution (found at page 17), "the vote shall be taken by Chapters, and Past High Priests." This also provided in Article X, Section 1 (found at page 19).

Pursuant to the following Section 4 of Article IV, the ballot assigned to each Chapter whose presence is recorded by a registered High Priest, King and/or Scribe or by a duly authorized representative is a collective three votes while each registered Past High Priest is entitled to cast one individual ballot.

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article IV, if the High Priest, King and Scribe are all three present, these officers shall confer and cast the Chapter's three votes as the majority of the three agree.

If there are only two of the three of these dias officers present and they cannot agree, then the senior officer present shall cast the vote of the Chapter and may cast it as he sees fit. If all three are not present, then the representative of the Chapter, that is, the member possessing the Chapter's proxy, may cast the Chapter's three votes.

Article V, Section 6 also mandates that "No Companion shall be entitled to cast more than four (4) votes" and that "no Companion shall be a representative of more than one Chapter of which he is a member."

Secondly, pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution, passage of Resolution No. 1 will require a two-thirds majority.

Thirdly, also pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution, a resolution to change or amend the Constitution requires that the resolution be read on three occasions, no more than two of which may be on the same day. Since Resolution No. 1 has now been read three times, it is now ready for final consideration and vote.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, I wish to thank you and The Grand Chapter for the opportunity afforded this Committee to serve in its capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES N. HIGDON, CHAIRMAN
ROBERT P. WALKER, F. E. "SKIP" SMITH, REESE L. HARRISON, JR., TOM B. JOHNSON, JR.

We move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companions, we have a motion for the adoption of the Report on Jurisprudence. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion Higdon. We appreciate your hard work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, have you anything further to bring before this Grand Chapter?

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Nothing, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Grand King, have you have anything?

R:E: GRAND KING LANEY: Nothing, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Grand Scribe, have you anything?

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE COLLINS: Nothing, Most Excellent.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, anything on your desk requiring attention?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Absolutely not, sir. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Has any Companion anything to bring before this Grand Chapter?

COMPANION CHARLES CAMPBELL: Right here.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Companion Charles.

COMPANION CAMPBELL: Real quick, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. In Florence Chapter 275 we are in need of some paraphernalia. With some of the Chapters consolidating, we need an Ark of the Covenant that has the cherubim on it with the wings. If anyone has an extra one of those that can let us know about it, we would make arrangements with you to try and get it. We need that kind of badly. So if anyone has an extra one, we'd appreciate you letting us know. See me at lunch or something and we'll make arrangements with you if you have an extra one.
Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Companion Charles.

Companion Grand Secretary, did you have something else?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Charles Campbell, or any other Chapter or Council, we have a little stuff that I have gathered up and put in one room down here on the bottom floor. Now, we don't have an Ark of the Covenant with the cherubims on it, but I have got several Arks of the Covenant down there that you might find somebody that could fix the wings for you. But anytime any Chapter or Council has – I have got stuff down here and if you need it, holler at me and we will see if we have got what you need.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Thank you, Grand Secretary.
Companion Jim.

COMPANION HIGDON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I had pointed out to me that I omitted something from our Report and although it wasn't specifically, as I recall, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, I was aware of it since I served or am a member of all four Jurisprudence Committees and was aware of it having participated in the drafting of it as a Member of the Grand Lodge Civil Law Committee.

This Grand Chapter signed a contract with - or a lease with the Grand Lodge Library and Museum during the course of the past Capitular year. The contract was signed by, I guess, the Grand High Priest on behalf of the Grand Chapter. I had reviewed it since I participated in the drafting of it in my conflict of interest position with the Civil Law Committee of the Grand Lodge and it was run by me by the Grand Secretary. But I wanted you to be aware of that, that we have a written lease agreement with the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. This was – it basically tracks the contract between the Library and Museum and the Grand Lodge of Texas. We have preference during our particular Convocation to the exclusion of any other activity that goes on within the Grand Lodge Building to the extent that it might conflict, just like the Grand Lodge has exclusivity with respect to any other activity such as us going on during the time period that the Grand Lodge Annual Communication is going on as well.

So I wanted you to be aware of that. I have forgotten. The amount is the same that we had been under a handshake agreement we had been doing, but the Trustees of the Library and Museum thought it important that there be something in writing. It can be canceled with thirty days notice to the other side. But I wanted you to be aware of that and I think it is like - do you remember the number, Orville, the amount of the lease?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Both Bodies, \$20,000.00

COMPANION HIGDON: Okay. And that is what we had been paying. We did not sign the original lease as originally proposed and it wasn't – I drew it up one way. The Trustees made a whole bunch of changes and we rejected those changes. So it was to some extent and arm's length transaction, arm's length as it could be under the circumstances. But the terms basically are the terms that we have been operating under for a long period of time.

I wanted to make you aware of that, that we now have a written lease through the Chapter and Council and I don't think that - I know that Reese on behalf of the Council didn't ever receive the agreement as far as I know, but, in any event, I wanted you to be aware of that, and to the extent that this is a Supplemental Report, Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this portion of the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: We have a motion for the adoption of this portion of the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Those opposed, same sign. So ordered, Grand Secretary.

(THE MOTION AS MADE WAS THEREUPON SECONDED, AND WAS DULY CARRIED.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Has any other Companion anything to bring before this Grand Chapter?

(GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, it is my order that labor be dispensed with in this Royal Arch Degree for the purpose of holding an Open Installation of Officers. Thank you, Companions.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Grand Guard.

10:00 A.M.

(THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS THEN CALLED FROM LABOR TO (REFRESHMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

11:00 A.M.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER JERRY N. KIRBY
INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN THOMAS KEITHLY

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Installing Marshal, you will please present the Officers to be installed.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: The Officers will please get up. (LAUGHTER.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: Most Excellent, I present the Officers, Elected and Appointed, for the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for Installation. I believe most of them to be well qualified - (LAUGHTER.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: - and I ask that they be duly and constitutionally installed.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: The Elected Officers will step forward two paces. The remaining Officers may be seated.
Companions, you have been elected to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the

ensuing Capitular Year. If you are willing to attend the duties of the office to which you have been elected, you will each place your right hand on your heart and repeat after me the 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 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."

All Officers except the Grand High Priest will be seated.

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2007

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT	M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CLARENCE J. LANEY	R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
DOUGLAS COLLINS	R:E: GRAND KING
ROBERT MELEAR	R:E: GRAND SCRIBE
KENNETH COOLEY	R:E: GRAND TREASURER
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL	R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2007

J. M (JIMMY) WILLSON	E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
THOMAS WILLIAM SNYDER	E: GRAND ORATOR
VIRGIL SAMUEL ALLSBROOKS	E: GRAND MARSHAL
MITCHELL RAY JONES	E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST
DAVID JAMES (JIM) JONES	E: GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
RONALD D. PARK	E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
TED DWIGHT HENNIS	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3 RD VEIL
NEWBURN W. HANNA, JR.	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2 ND VEIL
FRANCIS E. (SKIP) SMITH	E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1 ST VEIL
TIMOTHY M. LAVERGNE, SR.	E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
PAUL TODD MASON	E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
MICHIE M. BROUS	E: GRAND ORGANIST
LEONARD O. PIERCE	E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER
JOE M. ORONA	E: GRAND GUARD

PRAYER AT INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN KEITHLY: Let us pray. O Lord our God, whose glory is in all the world, send out a spirit of wisdom, charity and justice upon this Thy, James Roy "Possum" Elliott, who has been chosen to lead our Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Enlighten him and those who serve with him with the spirit of understanding that they may discern the truth and make wise decisions for the welfare and growth of the Chapters and Companions of Royal Arch Masonry. May they so exhibit Thy love in their lives that they inspire the Companions with that love among the brotherhood that is a true mark of fraternity. May peace and harmony prevail. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Installing Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation.
INSTALLING GRAND MARSHALL O'NEILL: By the authority of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, I do hereby proclaim the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter duly and constitutionally installed in ample form.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: I am going to give you the gavel back, Most Excellent and present it there. I'm going to take my hat off and let you put yours on and congratulations to the new Grand High Priest.

The first thing that happens in your tenure as Grand High Priest is I have a presentation from your Installing Officers. You know, we have been through this before and Orville and Brother Keithly and I have been in different positions, but we know that as you go down this road as Grand High Priest, there is going to come times when you have to make tough decisions. There are going to be times when you are going to need good advice.

I'm going to present you this book that you can go down and read and get good advice. This will provide you with sustenance. It will provide with those things that will filter your heart and enable you to understand to do the right things, whatever those things are that you are making as you go through your term. It says on it, "James Roy Elliott, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 2007."

On behalf of your Installing Team we would like to present you this Holy Bible. (APPLAUSE.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: You know, I have been privileged to serve in several different organizations and everywhere except for one of them, I believe, that I have been installed in, Jerry Kirby and Orville O'Neill were the ones who installed me. I hold a particular friendship with Father Tom Keithly and I appreciate him serving as the Installing Chaplain. I know that I will probably wear some pages out in this book and I certainly appreciate all that you and the rest of you have done. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Put your hat on. Where is your hat? You didn't bring a hat? (PUTTING A PAPER HAT ON GRAND SCRIBE MELEAR.) (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION MITCHELL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, would you join me at the podium, please.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Be my pleasure.

COMPANION MITCHELL: Roy, on behalf of the Order of High Priesthood, the pleasure is mine and laying all jokes aside, there is nothing sillier than looking at a half-dressed possum. (LAUGHTER.

COMPANION MITCHELL: I would like to present to you this beautiful jewel and your carrying case.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you very much, Doug. Appreciate it. The Order of High Priesthood always does this for the Grand High Priest. It is very appreciative.

COMPANION MITCHELL: It is an honor to do it.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, you are not completely dressed yet.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is an honor to present to you this ring of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. I know you will wear it with much pride and dignity to our Fraternity and much honor to yourself and I wish you all the best. It has been an honor to have served with you and this fantastic corps of Officers this year. We wish you all the best.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Very Excellent Sir, that is pretty close. It was my privilege and pleasure to serve with you last year and the years before and, boy, you know, now that you are one of the others -

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: One of the others? (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I don't want to hear that. Things you all keep saying all the time about, "We didn't do it that way." (LAUGHTER.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOT: But thank you very much for your help and support. Appreciate it.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELKINTON: Yes, sir. Congratulations. (APPLAUSE.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent, I have watched you progress through this Line and am very, very appreciative of what you have been doing in taking care of business.

We have a jewel here that is duplicated from another Past Grand High Priest. It is a beautiful jewel. I know that you will wear it and enjoy it and be proud of it because this thing is yours forever and ever. I would like to place that on you. We thank you very much, sir, and we look forward to being with you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: It has been my pleasure working with you and everything that you do for this Grand Chapter and I appreciate the girls in the office.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Oh, yes.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: They do an awful lot. We thank you for your service.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I'm assuming at this time that there is nothing else and we are going to take a little time. I want to introduce to you some people that are real special to me and recognize some others.

First, let me say to all the Companions and Brethren in the room, I appreciate all that you have done working with you over the years and I appreciate all of you being here. I would like for all the members of Midlothian Chapter No. 211 to please stand. They are a bunch of guys I work with all the time and know and they are a great bunch of people and I really enjoy the support they have given me. Thank you. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I guess it comes down to - I know I am going to miss some folks. Okay? I saw earlier the Grand Master. I know he is here. Most Worshipful, we are very proud to have you at the Installation and glad you could be here. Most Worshipful Donny Broughton, Grand Master of Masons in Texas. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: While I am on that subject, to all the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, he has requested that we attend his open Conferences this year in our regalia and aprons. So I would instruct you to please attend all that you can, wear your aprons and your collars and let everybody know about York Rite Masonry. He has extended that invitation and we gratefully accepted it and we appreciate him for all he does for the York Rite.

Now, I am going to break off and start with - trying to get through this. I am going to say, first, I would like everybody to meet my wife Claudia. She is right out here. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Before I go any further, my sister came in from Washington, D. C., to be here today.- (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I have two daughters, Robin Kay Elliot and Candy Jo Warren and her husband, James Warren. The ones that keep most of us busy, our two grandchildren, Cody Warren and Lauren Warren. We are proud they are here. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Like I say, I'm sure I'm going to miss some people, but I have got my family here and I have a few others and I know we have got some visiting

dignitaries from other Jurisdictions here. I appreciate you all staying.

I am going to quickly allow each of my Officers to introduce any family that they have. Before I sit down, though, the first order as Grand High Priest to my Officers and Deputies will be that as soon as we close, there will be a number of pictures of all Grand Officers here. Do not leave. Then a group pictures with the Deputies here. The Grand Officers need to proceed out this door across the hall to have your individual pictures taken. Don't leave without doing that. The Photographer has rooms set up over there. We need to get those pictures so we can get them on the website. If you ever get outside, we will never get you back. So please go out this door after the group picture is taken and get your pictures taken. I appreciate it.

(THE M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN AFFORDED THE GRAND OFFICERS THE OPPORTUNITY (TO INTRODUCE THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: I want to say there are two other fellows - well, several others, but two in particular I haven't mentioned. My State Coordinators are Ron Park and Larry Canada. They have both worked diligently for the last couple of years with me and a lot of others to help make this next year successful. Every time I ask for something Ron or Larry is right there to jump in and actually always Orville, too, looks after me, but I appreciate all they have done.

Also, at this time I want to call on Jerry Kirby to make any introductions of people that are here with him. Jerry, I appreciate so much what you have done and what you will do.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: I would like to introduce my wife Suzanne. Stand up, Suzanne. It is an honor for us and it is an honor for me to have a part in your Installation and to be able to do what I did. Anything you need, I'm there for you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Where did our Grand Secretary go? Well, I didn't see Roxie. If she is here, would she please stand. All right.

Okay. Well, I appreciate that. Gosh, I guess we are pretty much ready to do something. If everyone will please stand (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS AND AUDIENCE TO RISE.) and give your attention to the Grand Chaplain for the closing benediction.

PRAYER

BY V:E: J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, GRAND CHAPLAIN

May we pray. Our gracious Heavenly Father, as we enter into a new year, a new responsibility, a new opportunity, a challenge for each one of us, help each one of us realize, whether we are members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, a local Chapter or a member of a family, You gave us a certain amount of ability to use for Your cause. Our cause is Your cause. Guide us, direct us and help us do the best that each one of us can to make this a great year. Lord, we thank You. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: By the authority vested in me by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, I now declare this Grand Annual Convocation closed. Thank you all for coming. Appreciate it.

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS DULY CLOSED IN ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2006, AT 12:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
R:E: GRAND SECRETARY

JAMES ROY ELLIOTT
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
Baccus, J. D. Buddy	458	1992	Mayne, Robert F	248	1999
Bell, Alfred	373	1993	McCament, Paul	448	2001
Bell, Billy Ray	489	2003	McClendon, Jack K	310	1970
Benham, Farris L.	445	2003	McFarland, H. M	24	1983
Berkley, A. F.	445	2006	Melanson, J. R., Jr	2	1990
Black, Ralph F	420	1988	Melear, Robert E.	450	2003
Brooks, Eldon L.	479	2002	Modesitt, Charles W.	58	2006
Burton, William L.	448	2005	Morris, Joseph L.	393	1998
Clary, A.R	485	1999	Noble, Thomas W	248	1998
Clemons, Ronald R	393	2000	Nowotny, Gerald F	381	1998
Collier, Robert D.	376	2006	Parsley, Cody	465	1986
Coone, Leslie L	376	1990	Powell, E. M	455	1993
Cossey, Clarence L.	6	2002	Purkaple, Howard M. Jr.	491	2001
Cox, Raymond R.	492	2001	Reid, E.D. Jr.	455	2004
Dittert, Andrew	338	2004	Richmond, B. J.	454	2005
Duke, John W.	240	2006	Rothe, Martin	444	2006
Durham, James G.	436	1998	Scott, James A.	170	1997
Etheridge, Obie L	91	1994	Secor, Dale D.	455	1997
Fallas, David	2	2005	Secor, Dale D.	445	2006
Fischer, Kenneth B	458	1999	Shepelwich, John B	416	1970
Graham, W. F.	416	1975	Smith, Donald L Sr	248	1998
Gray, E. M.	320	1991	Smith, E. Frank	481	1982
Hargrave, Richard L. III	472	2006	Snedecor, Thomas C.	458	2005
Harrison, Reese L. Jr.	381	1989	Stone, Harvey	115	1985
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	1999	Stone, Harvey	115	1998
Haverkorn, Thomas W	10	2000	Threadgill, James A	284	1996
Hearn, Lawrence D. Sr	444	2000	Thomson, John E. Jack	34	2006
Hilburn, Sam E.	172	2003	Tircuit, A. C., Sr	1	1984
Holland, Edward H.	2	2003	Trost, W. A.	455	1985
Huse, Billy W.	478	1998	Valenzuela, J.C.	444	2003
Jackson, J. D	284	1997	Walker, J. B	416	1996
Jameson, Harry F. Sr.	393	2006	Wall, Eugene D.	193	2001
Jeter, J. H., Jr	468	1994	Ward, James D.	376	1996
Johnson, F. G	455	1988	Waters, Robert H.	451	2003
Johnson, Wilbur E	2	2000	Watkins, Greg	6	2001
Johnston, Gordon D	378	1992	Welch, R. Glenn	6	1996
Jones, Mithcell Ray	448	2002	Wells, William H. Jr.	485	2002
Keltz, Shannon J	248	1997	Werchan, Wilmer	458	2005
Keltz, Shannon J.	248	1998	Williams, Riley C	47	1993
Kirby, Jerry N	211	1995	Windle, Danny W.	468	2004
Latimer, A. B.	450	2001	Wright, Jack L.	424	2004
Long, Gerald H.	416	2001	Yarger, Leroy D	393	2000
Mason, Daniel	381	2002			

FIRST YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2007

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH. NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH.NO.</u>
Clark, James R.	114	Honea, Homer L.	445
Fitzgerald, III Leonard	47	Johnston, Jason	87
Gutierrez, Candido	445	Vanderford, Dillon E. Jr	495

ONE YEAR CERTIFICATES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2007

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH.NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CH.NO.</u>
Adaszczyk, Richard	393	Jones , Merle W.	492
Armistead, John	159	Kirk , Robert G.	489
Bennett, Jeff ,	376	Kirkpatrick, James D.	376
Bilsing , William A.	320	Koonce, Joseph I.	275
Black, Robert E.,	172	Lester , Jack W.	87
Blair , Weldon Joe	53	Martin , Collin W.	87
Blankenship, Tom	196	Melear, W. David	196
Bonner, Harold T	484	Milliken , Bruce	172
Burton, Lawrence James	53	Mize, Charles Lee	114
Cameron, Cliff C.,	3	Newman, Braxton	101
Campbell, Charles E.	275	Nodwell, L. E.	53
Clampitte, J. Weldon,	2	Oglesby , J. R.	34
Criss , Carl Keith	57	Pinkerton , Paul E.	376
Davis , Vernon B	57	Rodriguez , Robert Y.	378
Dorsey , Stephen D.	492	Roth, Richard M.	47
Drumm, Milton A. ,Jr	444	Schneider, Gene	445
Duke, J.T.	159	Shipley , Roy D.	211
Embry, James Gordon	453	Sieckmann, Robert L.	7
Fehler, J. Damon	45	Smith , Dale Melven	448
Fehrenbach , Nikolaus K.L.	47	Smith , Francis Edwin, Jr.	478
Flippo , Terry L	437	Smith , Haskell A.	376
Guevara, Gustavo,	444	Smith, Johnnie C.	453
Harkness , Jim W.	240	Summersgill, Paul	172
Harp, Donald M.	484	Teer, Clifford	45
Hocker, Gerald Joe	211	Thorn, A.O.	1
Jeffress, James W.	378	Torrens, Hugo L.	373
Johnson, Harlan "Skip"	445	Warren , Paul D.	
Jones , Jerrel B.	53	Whitefield , Herschal Larry	378

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2007

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Ball, Brian C	478	Machts, Alfred E. Jr.	444
Barkely, B. B.	468	Manley, James D.	416
Barton, Jim	408	McCoy, Stephen L.	153
Berry, James D.	6	Melot, George B.	248
Black, Horace D.	320	Milliken, Russell F.	453
Bowman, George	422	Neal, Douglas	468
Bradley, Paul K.	416	O'Neill, Orville L.	47
Brookshire, W. Eugene	240	Orona, Joe	416
Cassity, Aaron B.	47	Padon, Wililam T.	100
Christos, Andrew A.	338	Parsons, W. Gaston	344
Cooper, Tom	135	Ray, John D.	47
Crawford, Glenn F.	485	Schmidt, Robert J.	378
Day, Keith D.	373	Schwartau, George F.	202
Dees, Allan W.	172	Shelton, Joseph W.	416
Dillard, Frank	211	Shively, Michael H.	472
Fester, James A.	362	Thalmann, Eugene A.	434
Foreman, Robert A. Jr.	424	Toney, E. Dixon	152
Fries, Ed	422	Towson, Tim	451
Hall, W. L.	108	Weaver, Onnie	465
Hash, Henry	362	White, Raymond M.	6
Hogan, Jessie W.	320	Willard, James D.	472
Ivie, Dale	172	Wilson, Charles C.	48
James, Garth F.	47	Wilson, Gerald F.	448
Kaemmerling, Harold F.	240	Wunsche, Paul E.	472
Lucas, Robert	393		

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2008

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Acton, James A.	455	Johnson, Tom B.	2
Beeler, Jack E.	338	Keese, Glenn	451
Borkert, Kenneth E.	458	Krayer, Karl J.	422
Brasher, W.C.	108	Kuehlem, Charles F. Jr.	362
Burton, Jack E.	470	Land, Lewis A.	376
Cantrell, Tommy R.	485	Laney, Clarence J.	478
Carr, W. Eugene	416	Lile, T. A.	468
Chapman, Tommy F.	436	Litchfield, J.F	362
Clair, Donald	468	Mabry, Alvis	481
Clapp, Norval F.	338	Mabry, John E.	484
Collier, J. Pat, Jr.	436	Mann, Jerry L.	445
Collins, Douglas	495	Mitchell, F. Doug	492
Cook, Gerald T.	196	Moyer, Ray	492
Covey, D.R.	419	Mullinax Lewis C.	485
Cowley, Don R.	58	Myer, Mark D.	436
David, Herny E.	436	Nichols, William A	338
Elkinton, John C.	458	Parker, Gerald E.	485
Garza, Jesus A.	381	Polk, Todd W.	422
Godfrey, John T.	416	Pynes, Lindsey	263
Greenwood, Paul J.	338	Reeves, Robert J.	481
Grimes, Paul	193	Riley, James H.	34
Hagood, Melvin T.	362	Robinson, Jessie W.	199
Henley, Jimmy M.	416	Rutledge, Floyd L.	448
Higdon, James N	470	Smith, Johnny Ray	193
Hobbs, Sherman W.	193	Stark, Marvin A., Jr.	80
Hopkins, C. Louis	53	Sutton, D. Oliver	
Howard, Charles T.	468	Tuell, Allen	419
Hunter, Kenneth D.	453	Vaughn, Earltan	115
Irving, Wm. P. Jr.	422	Walker, Robert P	436
Jackson, Glenn C.	338	Wilson, M.V	34

THREE YEAR RENEWALS EXPIRING 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ChNo</u>
Anderson, David L.	419	Kruse, K.R.	419
Anthony, Maurice	393	McKibbin, Veryl L.	101
Beeler, George C.	338	Miller, J. Hershell	416
Blair, Charley A	416	Moore, H. David	53
Boggs, A.D. Lonnie	159	Myers, Tommie E.	338
Canada, Larry G.	478	Pingle, Jerry	310
Childress, Graham H.	398	Reddell, J. Fred	416
Donnenwerth, D.R.	424	Rogers, David	419
Ellis, Jess E.	416	Sauer, Ray	485
Estlack, Joe O.	101	Shaenfield, Sid	393
Faulkner, Leonard H.	138	Silva, Elias	481
Greenamyre, Thomas E.	275	Snyder, Thomas W.	478
Hall, Floyd	376	Stringer, James	188
Hood, Charles F. Jr.	196	Sturm, Fritz	338
Horejsi, Gary W.	393	Sutton, Lionel	53
Iker, Bill G.	47	Williams, Lewis B.	236
Johnson, Bob I.	34	Wolfe, Steve	362

HONORARY MEMBERS

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Brown, William Mosley	Virginia	1938	Bradley, Clifford A.	Louisiana	1976
Marquis, George Claud	Missouri	1940	Burrows, Carl W.	Oklahoma	1976
Cooper, Postelle	New Mexico	1951	Stewart, Charles B.	Louisiana	1977
Tyler, Warren R.	Utah	1952	Turner, H. Barnes	Louisiana	1977
Monroe, W. Irving, Jr.	Massachusetts	1955	Lewis, M. C.	Arkansas	1978
Misak, Fred P.	Arizona	1957	Alexius, Horace	Louisiana	1978
Lambert, William H.	Arkansas	1957	Robbins, William R.	Missouri	1978
Cook, Raymond C.	Nebraska	1957	Grimsley, Donald M.	Arkansas	1979
Goodloe, J. Carter	New Mexico	1958	Hollis, James D.	Arkansas	1979
Cowen, Chester M.	Oklahoma	1958	Bouma, Robert W.	New Mexico	1979
Covo, Mino	Mexico	1959	Nusinoff, Max S.	Wisconsin	1979
McGrath, James R.	Mexico	1959	Mize, Harvey I.	Arkansas	1980
Clark, Sam, W.	Mexico	1960	St. John, Wayne E.	Arkansas	1980
Hudson, Albert	New Mexico	1960	Russell, Melvin G.	Louisiana	1980
Barron, Benjamin F.	Louisiana	1962	Purciel, C. W.	Colorado	1981
Thompson, Charlie B.	New Mexico	1962	Wall, James B.	Kentucky	1981
Castle, John H.	New York	1962	Buckley, Kenneth D.	Oklahoma	1981
Mandlebaum, Ben F.	Oklahoma	1962	Rimmer, Don W.	Oklahoma	1981
Lewis, A. J.	Louisiana	1962	Rubly, Grant	Arkansas	1982
Freeman, Jack	Oklahoma	1962	Tubbs, Earl F.	Arkansas	1982
Spellman, Delno J.	Missouri	1965	Stanly, Finly S.	Louisiana	1982
Taylor, O. K.	Oklahoma	1965	Clark, L. D.	Oklahoma	1982
Beamer, Thaine O.	Kansas	1966	Mitchell, Robert B.	Arkansas	1983
Tipton, E. M.	Louisiana	1966	Cermak, Josef J.	Louisiana	1983
Clauss, C. G.	Louisiana	1967	McFarland, J. D.	Louisiana	1983
Jacobs, J. T.	Louisiana	1967	Boone, Charles S. G.	Louisiana	1984
Nixon, Edward E.	Missouri	1967	Fitch, Paul A.	Oklahoma	1984
Williams, Eugene	Wisconsin	1967	Cink, Donald J.	Oklahoma	1984
Sage, O. Willard	Kansas	1968	Mhoon, Arthur J.	Arkansas	1984
Longston, Gerald E.	Kansas	1968	Fergus, W. Lee	Arkansas	1985
Sharp, J. B.	Louisiana	1968	Caldwell, Howard R.	Colorado	1985
Hoover, Eldon	Missouri	1968	Barnum, Stewart A.	Colorado	1985
Bishop, Ralph W.	Colorado	1969	Smith, Maynard J.	Iowa	1985
Hunt, F. F.	New Mexico	1969	Denham, Bertram R.	Louisiana	1985
Heath, Paul W.	Colorado	1970	Hill, George A.	Oklahoma	1985
Klein, Peter N.	Kansas	1970	Petrik, John J.	Oklahoma	1985
Leonard, Bernard	Kansas	1970	Wesseler, Orville E.	Kansas	1985
Knight, Alvin P.	Louisiana	1970	Moore, James G.	Louisiana	1986
Cotton, W. G.	Mississippi	1970	Ford, C. Dean	Oklahoma	1986
Harrison, Aix B.	Oklahoma	1970	Nation, William A.	Oklahoma	1986
Leech, Neal D.	Oklahoma	1970	Engel, Robert L.	Pennsylvania	1986
Brann, Edward K.	Maine	1970	Roberts, James B.	Washington	1986
Campbell, Richard L.	Iowa	1971	Elliott, John T.	Arkansas	1987
Pitman, Thomas J., Jr.	Louisiana	1971	Clark, J. O.	Arkansas	1987
Deane, Richard G.	Michigan	1971	Miller, Donald R.	Colorado	1987
Phillips, Everett E.	Missouri	1971	Dye, Jack	Indiana	1987
Taylor, Robert L.	Oklahoma	1971	Carroll, Richard D.	Missouri	1987
Kilfoil, Robert W.	Iowa	1972	Musgrave, Eugene R.	Louisiana	1988
Curts, K. Maynard	Kansas	1972	Fell, W. F.	Louisiana	1988
Meyers, Al	New Mexico	1972	Lucas, William J.	New York	1988
Hudgeons, Lynn D.	New Mexico	1972	Sweitzer, Maurice E.	New York	1988
Witherspoon, Phil	New Mexico	1972	Cooley, Orval W.	Nebraska	1988
Campbell, Fred .	Louisiana	1973	Webster, Milburn	California	1988
Davis, James P.	Louisiana	1973	Choate, Edward L.	Illinois	1988
Schoenberger, W. A.	Louisiana	1973	Parker, James D.	Louisiana	1989
Fleming, Evan L., Jr.	Mississippi	1973	Carlisle, Harold	Louisiana	1989
Fristoe, Chris	Louisiana	1973	Loftin, Joseph A. D.	Louisiana	1989
Mayers, Marcus	Louisiana	1974	Probst, William R.	Missouri	1989
Westbrooks, Marlin J.	Louisiana	1974	Socha, George J.	Wisconsin	1989
Shanklin, John C.	Oklahoma	1974	Savage, Johnnie D.	Arkansas	1989
Stephenson, William J.	Arizona	1975	Morris, Carl D.	Louisiana	1990
Gustin, Lynas C.	Arkansas	1975	Perkins, Ray H.	Louisiana	1990
Jackson, Jimmy	Arkansas	1975	Mitchell, Robert B.	Arkansas	1990

Morris, W. A.	Louisiana	1975	Sealand, George E.	Michigan	1990
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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Egbert, William H.	Tennessee	1990	Perkins, Bill B.	Oklahoma	1996
Hazelrigg, Frank W.	Missouri	1990	Stirling, Gene	Arkansas	1997
Bowen, Rex L.	Oklahoma	1990	Keffer, Phillip W.	Kansas	1997
Hedge, Johnny	Arkansas	1991	Heckert, John L.	Kansas	1997
Graef, Warren D.	Louisiana	1991	Trax, Clifford L.	Kansas	1997
Young, Harold	Louisiana	1991	Nolte, James H.	Kansas	1997
Orr, Earl Wayne	Missouri	1991	Patterson, James H.	Louisiana	1997
VanEtten, Charles F.	New York	1991	Brabham, Jr., E. W.	Louisiana	1997
Hileman, Charles E.	Illinois	1991	Schroff, Calvin	Missouri	1997
Abernathy, Robert M.	New Mexico	1992	Garland, Roger C.	Tennessee	1997
Albritton, Earl M.	Louisiana	1992	McCleary, Paul E.	California	1998
Carlton, Donald	Oklahoma	1992	Boothe, Huston F.	Louisiana	1998
Duncan, Clifford L.	Arkansas	1992	Rodriguez, Heriberto	Mexico	1998
Gidel, Paul M.	Iowa	1992	Salinas, Oscar J.	Mexico	1998
Snyder, David F.	Kansas	1992	Ray, David A.	Oklahoma	1998
Yahola, Robert	Tennessee	1992	Thomas, Kish L.	Oklahoma	1998
Fuller, Edgar L.	Arkansas	1993	Carter, C. Richard	Missouri	1998
Bodine, Lawrence E.	Kansas	1993	Baker, James A.	Scotland	1998
Shelton, Jay M., Jr.	Kansas	1993	Lupien, Ronald P.	Florida	1999
Keeton, Harley E.	Kansas	1993	Moore, Robert I.	Florida	1999
Cockerham, James H.	Missouri	1993	Plaisance, Larry J.	Louisiana	1999
Haralson, Donald H.	Oklahoma	1993	Fulton, Donald L.	New Mexico	1999
Robertson, Larry P.	Oklahoma	1993	Howard, Harvey G.	New Mexico	1999
Carlton, Gilbert W.	Colorado	1994	Burns, Jesse H.	Oklahoma	1999
Capps, R. Glenn	N. Carolina	1994	Entwistle, Howard F.	Louisiana	2000
Dean, Keith W.	Florida	1994	Payne, Lillard E.	Louisiana	2000
Thomas, Herschel O.	Illinois	1994	Woodard, Rex	Louisiana	2000
Durand, Earl J.	Louisiana	1994	Monroe, Richard E.	Massachusetts	2000
Maenner, Harry O.	Missouri	1994	Adams, Charles	Ohio	2000
Bunnell, Ralph P.	Missouri	1994	Geeslin, George W.	Ohio	2000
Yaeger, Harold F.	Montana	1994	Vaughn, Beecher W.	Ohio	2000
Price, Charles S.	New Mexico	1994	Dooley, Jimmy R.	Oklahoma	2000
White, James A.	New Mexico	1994	Hendrix, Monte Gene	Oklahoma	2000
Weinheimer, L. G., Jr.	New York	1994	Himes, M. C.	Alabama	2001
Lusk, Joseph M.	Oklahoma	1994	James, Edman L.	Louisiana	2001
Watkins, Paul G.	Oklahoma	1994	Strout, Clyde.	Louisiana	2001
Russell, Robert	Oklahoma	1994	Theriot, Dudley J.	Louisiana	2001
Lowmiller, Kenneth L.	Oklahoma	1994	Owen, Thomas J.	Kansas	2002
Keiser, Donald	Oklahoma	1994	Barker, Newell	Oklahoma	2003
Hollaway, Dalvin	Oregon	1994	Carter, C. Richard	Missouri	2003
Gober, Jarvis A.	Tennessee	1994	Gentry, Delbert R.	Missouri	2003
Shafer, Max F.	Tennessee	1994	Clucas, William B.	Alaska	2003
Story, Kenneth E.	Arkansas	1995	Gray, Austin C. Jr.	Indiana	2003
Dent, C. Leslie	California	1995	Huffman, John D.	Indiana	2003
Tuck, Roy B. Jr.	Louisiana	1995	Reynolds, Larry A. Sr.	California	2004
Brenneman, William E.	Missouri	1995	Moore, James G.	Louisiana	2004
Grant, John	Missouri	1995	Ferguson, Emory J.	Alabama	2005
Isaacs, E. M.	Oklahoma	1995	Jackson, Jimmy M.	Kansas	2005
White, Arthur	England	1996	Ducote, Herrin	Louisiana	2005
Roberts, R. V.	Louisiana.	1996	Riley, Timothy J.	Louisiana	2005
May, Roy E.	Louisiana	1996	Crawford, Foster S.	Missouri	2005
Kittle, Paul W.	Missouri	1996	Adamson, James R.	Indiana	2006
Wieland, Clarence W.	Missouri	1996	William B. Fairchild	Michigan	2006
Taylor, James C.	Oklahoma	1996	Edward A. Reine	Louisiana	2006
			Clayton A. Wolfe	Louisiana	2006

COUNTIES COMPOSING DISTRICTS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

(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: William C. Young No. 96, 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, and 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 Arthur No. 250, 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, Bellville No. 151.

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, Galena Park 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, Houston No. 488.

TENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton.
Chapters: Columbia No. 34, Richmond No. 467, Freeport No. 487.

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, Oak Cliff No. 373, Irving No. 477, 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, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, and Somervell

Chapters: Stephenville No. 140, Bosque No. 153, Granbury No. 454

TWENTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bastrop, Hays, Lee, and Travis

Chapters: Lone Star No. 6, San Marcos No. 129

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, Lytle No. 329, 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, Montague, and Wise
Chapters: Haggai No. 53, Dad Pender No. 80, Alvord No. 193

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Tarrant
Chapters: Fort Worth No. 58, Texas No. 362, Arlington No. 376, Southside-Polytechnic
No. 378, Tarrant No. 416, Hemphill Heights No. 448, Haltom City-Riverside No.
468, Handley No. 479, Ridglea No. 485, Hurst No. 492

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Archer, Jack, Palo Pinto, Parker, and Young
Chapters: Weatherford No. 105, B. A. Botts No. 167

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Childress, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Wichita, and Wilbarger
Chapters: Wichita Falls No. 202, Childress No. 262, Quanah No. 450

THIRTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Baylor, Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan,
Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton
Chapters: Abilene No. 159, Haskell No. 181, Sweetwater No. 236, Hamlin No. 310, Roby
No. 380, Snyder No. 494

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT:

Counties: Brown, Coleman, Coke, Mills, Runnels, and Sterling
Chapters: Brownwood No. 141, Santa Anna No. 346

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT:

Counties: Crockett, Concho, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, San Saba,
Schliecher, Sutton, and Tom Green
Chapters: San Angelo No. 170, Brady No. 264

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT:

Counties: Andrews, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, Reagan,
and Upton
Chapters: Keystone No. 172, Big Spring No. 178, Sam J. Helm no. 445, Lamesa No. 463

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Brewster, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Ward, and Winkler
Chapters: Alpine No. 398, Fort Stockton No. 476

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, 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
Adriance, 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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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
Gallaher, 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, E. 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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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
McSweeny, A. A.	140	1952-53	02-07-1955
Winfrey, 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
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

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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. Herring*	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*	S. S. Munger*	James Wrigley*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1869-1870	.....	James Wrigley*	James Wrigley*	J. B. Jones*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1870-1871	S. S. Munger*	J. B. Jones*	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*	E. T. Rhodes*	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. McMahon*	W. B. Wilson*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1879-1880	Z. E. Coombes*	J. B. McMahon*	W. B. Wilson*	S. M. Williams*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1880-1881	J. B. McMahon*	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	G. W. Foster*	B. A. Botts*	Robert Brewster*
1881-1882	Peyton Nowlin*	S. M. Williams*	Haston Twomey*	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*	Rufus Price*	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. Morris*	Henry Scherffius*	Robert Brewster*
1890-1891	John P. Bell*	John McDonald*	S. J. Morris*	Frank Nusom*	J. C. Kidd*	Robert Brewster*
1891-1892	John McDonald*	S. J. Morris*	Frank Nusom*	J. K. Stone*	J. C. Kidd*	Robert Brewster*
1892-1893	S. J. Morris*	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*	Robert Brewster*
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*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw*	James D. Crenshaw*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr.*
1898-1899	J. C. Kidd*	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw*	J. M. Strayhorn*	B. F. Frymier*	George Lopas, Jr.*
1899-1900	W. L. Burdett*	James D. Crenshaw*	C. R. Phillips*	F. W. Fitzpatrick*	French 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. Dwiggs*	O. M. Longnecker*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1915-1916	Wm. Madden Fly*	Ben F. Dwiggs*	O. M. Longnecker*	B. K. Hawkins*	W. W. Peavy*	T. M. Bartley*
1916-1917	Ben F. Dwiggs*	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*	Holt, Frank*	John M. Weekley*	John M. Weekley*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1923-1924	Sam J. Helm*	John M. Weekley*	Dan N. Cushing*	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*	E. C. Couch*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1927-1928	George W. Emery*	Ben F. Brown*	George G. White*	Hardy Petty*	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*	J. Lee Zumwalt*	Geo. W. Clampitt*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1931-1932	Hardy Petty*	E. M. Wood*	Geo. W. Clampitt*	J. H. Moore*	L. R. Conro*	T. M. Bartley*
1932-1933	E. M. Wood*	J. Lee Zumwalt*	Geo. W. Clampitt*	O. B. Atkinson*	Frank Oldham*	T. M. Bartley*
1933-1934	J. Lee Zumwalt*	Geo. W. Clampitt*				

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ALBERTA.....	Gerald T Cook (85).....	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
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BELGIUM.....	William L. Blanks (82).....	A	X	X	X	X	E	E
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CALIFORNIA.....	Wilbur E. Johnson (86).....	X	X	A	X	X	X	E
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