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G. CLAY SMITH
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G. CLAY SMITH

G. Clay Smith was born on October 2, 1961, in Duncan, Oklahoma. Following his graduation from Waurika High School in Waurika, Oklahoma, he attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and majored in biochemistry and chemistry, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree.

Clay moved to Dallas in 1983. He was employed as a sales representative with ADSCO Inc. in Addison. He became Sales Manager and subsequently in 1986, he became Southwest Regional Sales Manager of that firm.

On July 31, 1995, Clay Smith and Teresa Gilmore were married in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1993, Clay realized his dream to become a Freemason when Keystone Lodge No. 1143 favorably received his petition. He was Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 30, 1993, and has purchased an Endowed Membership in the Lodge. Clay served as Worshipful Master of Keystone Lodge No. 1143 in the 1998-1999, Masonic Year. He served the Grand Lodge of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 14-F in 2002, for Grand Master Michael D. Nanny. He is an Endowed Member of Waurika Masonic Lodge No 531 in Waurika, Oklahoma.

Clay became active at the Grand Lodge level in 1996, when Right Worshipful W. M. "Mike" Gower asked him to serve as a member of the planning team for the 1999 Grand Lodge Year. Also, Right Worshipful David Dibrell asked him to serve on the planning team for the year 2001. And Right Worshipful Thomas E. "Gene" Carnes asked him to serve on the planning team for the year 2011. He has served on the Credentials Committee from 2005 to 2009, for the Grand Lodge and served as Chairman 2009.

Clay was Exalted in the George Washington Chapter No 422, Royal Arch Masons and served as Excellent High Priest in the 1999-2000 year. He is a dual member of Love Field Chapter No. 478, and San Angelo Chapter 170. Clay is also an Endowed member in both George Washington Chapter No 408 and Love Field Chapter No 478. He has served as Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut since 2007. He served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as Excellent Grand Guard in 2008. And he was elected As Right Excellent Grand Scribe of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 2009. Elected Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest in 2010. In 2011 was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Clay was Greeted in George Washington (now John C. Callahan) Council No. 408, Royal and Select Masters. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of John C Callahan Council No. 408 in the 1996-1997 year. He is a duel member of Love Field Council No. 396 and San Angelo Council No. 110. He is also an Endowed member in John C Callahan No. 408 and Love Field Council No. 396. Clay served as Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District No. 14, of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Texas in 1999. He serves as the Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Rhode Island since 2003. He served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Illustrious Grand Sentinel in 2003, and was elected to the office of Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in 2004. In 2005, he was elected to Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. In 2006 he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Master's of Texas. He is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas and is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of that Order.

Clay was Knighted as a Knight Templar in Dallas Commandery No. 6. He became a duel member of Alexander C. Garret Commandery No. 103 and Denton Commandery No. 45.

He has served as Commander at Denton Commandery in 2007, 2008, 2009. He is a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Clay received the Order of Knight Preceptor in 2008. In 2008 he was Knighted in Texas Priory No. 23 of the Knights York Cross of Honour.

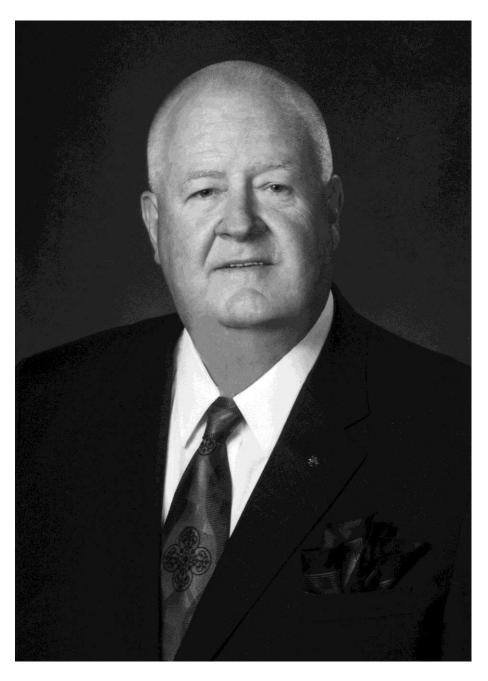
His quest for more Masonic light led him to petition for the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, which he received in the Valley of Dallas in the fall of 1994. Clay was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 27, 2007. He presently serves as degree Master of the 23rd Degree team and is a member of the 27th Degree team. He also serves as a member of the North Dallas Membership Committee of the Scottish Rite of Dallas.

He is Past Excellent Chief of Rose of Sharon Knights Masons Council No. 49, a Charter Member and Past Sovereign Master of Col. William Barrett Travis Council No. 344, Allied Masonic Degrees and received the Red Branch of Eri in July 2003.

In 2009 Clay become a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri. Clay is a Past Governor of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147 and received the "Order of the Purple Cross" on July 31, 2004. He is a member of Crusader Conclave Knights of Red Cross of Constantine. Clay is also a member of the Texas College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana Cibitatibus Foederatis.

Other Masonic related activities include Charter Membership in Tranquility Lodge No. 2000, Texas Lodge of Research, The Royal Order of Scotland, The Order of High Priesthood, The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, a Charter member of Tejas Chapel No. 47, High Twelve Club No. 760, Masonic Order of the Bath, Hella Shrine, Suez Shrine, Hella's Gun Club and the 100 Million Dollar Club.

An avid hunter, shooter and aviation enthusiast, Clay holds memberships in Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, National Rifle Association, National Sporting Clays Association and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.



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THOMAS W. SNYDER

Thomas William Snyder was born in Dallas, Texas. Tom is the son of Lois and Bill Snyder, and is the middle of three children. He was educated in the Dallas Independent School District and graduated from Sunset High School in 1966, where he lettered twice in baseball and was voted "MVP" in the City his senior year. After graduation he attended Christian College of the Southwest on an athletic scholarship, then Texas Technological University and Pan American College. In February of 1969 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was trained as an Interior Communications Electrician. After serving nearly four years, three of which were at various duty stations in the western pacific, he honorably separated from active duty as a Petty Officer Second Class. In December of 1972 he returned to Dallas and found work as a truck driver.

In the fall of 1975, he enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington and began his studies in the field of engineering. While on Spring Break in 1977, he met his wife Linda Sorrells and his soon to be daughter Jame Ann. Tom and Linda were married in November 1979. While enrolled at UTA, he became a member of Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon national scholastic honor fraternities and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Immediately following graduation, he went to work for Dallas Water Utilities. He gained experience in utility design and construction and became a Registered Professional Engineer in 1985. He ended his fourteen-year career at Dallas Water Utilities as Manager of the one hundred fifty million gallon per day Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. In 1993 he accepted the challenge of becoming the first Chief Engineer for the recently established Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and since that time has been responsible for the engineering design and construction of regional water, wastewater, and reuse water systems serving the Denton County area.

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Tom was Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on July 14, 1983, in Hutchins Lodge No. 1154, A.F. & A.M., and served as Master in 1987-1988. He became a plural member of Nash Lodge No. 638, and served as Master in 1992-1993. He served the Grand Lodge of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 14-H in 1994 and is currently a member of Committee on Mediation No. 2.

He was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M. on January 18, 1986, became a plural member of Love Field Chapter No. 478, and served as High Priest in 1989-1990. He is also, a member and Past High Priest of Dad Pender Chapter No. 80. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1989. Tom served the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District 51-A in 1991, Grand Principle Sojourner in 1992 and Grand Guard in 2004. In 2009 he was elected Grand King. Tom progressed through the line and was installed Grand High Priest on October 18, 2011.

He was Greeted a Select Master in Midlothian Council No. 148, R. & S.M. on February 1, 1986, became a plural member of Love Field Council No. 396, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1990-1991. He is also, a member and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Dad Pender Council No. 50. He received the Degree of Super Excellent Master in 1988 and the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1990. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas in 1994. He served the Grand Council of Texas as District Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic District 51-B in 1993, Grand Conductor of the Council in 1992, and Grand Master in 1997.

He was Knighted in Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No. 103, K.T. on March 28, 1986; served as Commander in 1992; and, he has served as Prelate since 1993. He is also, a

plural member and Past Commander of Denton Commandery No. 45. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Nevada near Texas. In 2006, He was created a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. He served as Grand Commander in 2007-08.

He is a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies, and has been invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He currently serves on the 23rd Degree Team and previously served on the KCCH Investiture Team, on the 4th Degree Team, and as Captain of the 27th Degree Team.

Other memberships, orders and honors include the following. Member of Hella Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Member of Texas Priory, Knight York Cross of Honour. Member of Ascension Tabernacle XX Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Currently serving as Senior General of Saint Austin Conclave Red Cross of Constantine. Past Governor and Charter member of Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147. Recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross and Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Charter member of Alla Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. Charter member and Past Sovereign Master of Robert Bruce Brannon Council No. 270, Allied Masonic Degrees and has received the Red Branch of Eri. Charter Member and Past Excellent Chief of Rose of Sharon Council No. 49, Knight Masons. Member of Royal Order of Scotland. Member of Texas Chapter of Knights Preceptor. Member in Perpetuity of General William J. Worth Chapter No. 463, National Sojourners and Cowpens Camp Heroes of '76. Past Patron of Cockrell Hill Chapter No. 971 and Nash Chapter No. 320 Order of the Eastern Star. He holds the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of DeMolay.

MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE

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AND

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
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GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS OF TEXAS

GROUND FLOOR AUDITORIUM
MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEMPLE
WACO, TEXAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011 - 1:00 P.M.

SERVICES CONDUCTED
BY

LARRY BLANCHARD
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

AND

MICHAEL H. SHIVELY CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

| Prelude Becky Wunsche |
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E: O. L. CLARK, EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Holy and Merciful God who answers prayers, we come to You this beautiful day to offer thanks for the many blessings of life. We are thankful, Dear Lord, that we still live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with those who have departed this earth to that Celestial Lodge Above. We would ask, Dear Lord, that you be with the family and friends. Help them in the time of grief and sorrow. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with us in the things that we stand for. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with those that

are sick and unable to be here; be with those who are traveling. Give them safe journey to their destination. And, Dear Lord, we would hope and pray that everything works for the better. Guide us in the things that we stand for. Forgive us, Dear Lord, where we have failed and we will give Thee the praise. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

COMPANION LARRY BLANCHARD, CHAIRMAN, MEMORIALS COMMITTEE, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: We would like to welcome you to our Memorial and Divine Service. We are glad that you are here on this beautiful Sunday afternoon. Our Memorial Service is a time that we have set aside to pay our respect, love and esteem to the memory of our departed beloved. On behalf of the Memorials Team, both Grand Chapter and Grand Council, let me express our gratitude. It has indeed been our pleasure and privilege to serve these Grand Bodies. For this we thank you.

We would call upon Very Excellent and Very Illustrious John C. Elkinton for the Tribute to the Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Very Illustrious Past Grand Master, E. Frank Smith.

TRIBUTE V:E: AND V:I: E. FRANK SMITH PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS AND PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

V:E: AND V:I: JOHN C. ELKINTON, PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS AND PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: Companions and Ladies, it is my honor and privilege to pay this tribute of love and esteem to an outstanding man and Mason, Earl Frank Smith.

E. Frank, as he preferred to be called, was born on October 27, 1910, in Ferris, Texas. He was educated in the Ferris Public Schools, graduating in 1929 and then attended Texas A. & M.

After marrying Catherine in 1930, they settled in Channelview and raised their family. Frank was a loving husband, father and grandfather and was active in the Old River Terrace United Methodist Church.

Frank began his Masonic career in C. A. Fortner Lodge No. 1304 in 1952 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1958-59. He became a Charter member of Huffman Lodge No. 1428. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and held a Life Certificate in the esoteric work.

But it was in the York Rite that E. Frank found the place he loved to work the best. He was Exalted and Greeted in Goose Creek Chapter and Council in Baytown in 1954. In 1957 he became a Charter Member of Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter and Council in Channelview, where he was a driving force for the success of the new Chapter and Council. It was here that he served as High Priest and Thrice Illustrious Master that began his illustrious career with the Grand Chapter and Council of Texas.

Having served in various offices in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, he was elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1976. He served through the line to be Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1980. In 1984 he served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Frank was a member of many other Masonic and civic organizations and was always among the most active of their members. One of Frank's favorite causes was the Texas Masonic Retirement Center of which he was one of its greatest advocates. When Frank and Catherine realized that they could no longer care for themselves without outside assistance, they decided it was time to move to the TMRC.

As a resident of the TMRC, E. Frank was able to promote the home with even greater knowledge and zeal. After the death of his beloved Catherine, Frank married Mary who was his beloved companion for his last years.

In October 2010, Frank celebrated his 100th birthday with many family and friends during a celebration that seemed to last almost the entire month. Only three short months later we lost E. Frank when he was called home to the Supreme Grand Chapter above on January 29, 2011. As was only appropriate, his funeral service was held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center on February 2nd, and he was laid to rest at Ferris Cemetery.

He may have been short in physical height but he more than made up for it in his attitude and ability. Those who knew him could not help but love him. In his heart and in our lives he was a giant of a man and the epitome of a Royal Arch Mason.

He has lived, the fruits of his labor live after him. May the memory of E. Frank Smith energize each of us to be even greater advocates for York Rite Masonry.

It is my honor to place this flower on our Altar in memory of Very Excellent E. Frank Smith, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and Very Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE V:E: AND V:I: LESLIE L. COONE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS AND PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

COMPANION ROBERT COLLIER: Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Leslie L. Coone was born on a farm at Riesel, Texas, southeast of Waco on April 15, 1924. He passed from this life on January 18, 2011, at the age of 86. To some of us he was cantankerous, caustic and argumentative. To others, he was wise, well-informed and hard working. Whatever your opinion was of Les, one thing is certain: he was the same before your face as behind your back. You would never hear Les say anything behind your back that he couldn't say to your face. You always knew exactly where he stood in his opinion. It was my good fortune to have known Les and to have worked with him for most of my 32 years as a Mason.

Les was a Past Master of Arlington Lodge No. 438; Past High Priest of Arlington Chapter No. 376; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Arlington Council No. 314; and a Past Commander of Arlington Commandery No. 107.

He served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1982 and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas as Grand Master in 1995. He was a member of the Knight York Cross of Honour and served as Registrar of Texas Priory No. 23 for a number of years. He was the holder of two quadrants as a Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

In 1994 at Grand Commandery in Arlington Les was presented with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. This was one of a few times that he was taken completely by surprise. He didn't see it coming. Usually he knew everything that was happening or that was about to happen.

Les was General Chairman of the Grand Commandery Conclave that year. He and I spent a lot of time working together. And as we were walking through the hotel the day after the Awards Banquet, we met the hotel events manager that we had worked with for several months. We stopped to chat and I told her that Les had just received a high honor the night before and mentioned that this made him one in ten thousand. To which Les replied, "If truth be told, more like one in a million." (Laughter) That is true. Les was truly one in a million.

Les was active in practically every affiliated Masonic Body that he was affiliated with. He was the Charter Governor of Trinity York Rite College, the Charter Sovereign Master of Robert Bruce Brannon Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees. He was a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel and Past Secretary and Treasurer of the Order of High Priesthood and the Order of the

Silver Trowel.

He served on numerous committees of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council and served as Committee Chairman on many occasions. He also served as District Deputy in each of the Grand Bodies. Les was a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in the Fort Worth Scottish Rite, a Past Monarch of El Texa Grotto and a recipient of the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor. There is simply not sufficient time to list all of his Masonic affiliations and accomplishments.

It was my special privilege to have known Les and worked with him for more than thirty years. I will miss him. We all will.

I place this flower upon the Altar in memory of Very Excellent and Very Illustrious Leslie L. Coone.

(PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE R:E: AND R:I: L. A. (PETE) PETERS DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST, CAPITULAR DISTRICT NO. 4 GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER CRYPTIC DISTRICT NO. 4 GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

COMPANION RICHARD GAISER: It is indeed my honor today to pay tribute and respect to Right Excellent and Right Illustrious L. A. (Pete) Peters, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Texas, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

L. A. (Pete) Peters, most of you knew him as Pete, was born on September 22, 1930, in Antigo, Wisconsin. He finished high school there in that area of Wisconsin. After high school, he married his wife Ann. They were married for 56 years. Of that marriage there were two sons born, Tony and Joe. Pete worked for General Electric or Trane there in Tyler 36 years before retiring. During his 36 years there he started in the ranks and worked up to when he retired he was a manufacturing engineer in the tooling and equipment department. One thing he was proud of in his private life was that he was a donor to the blood bank there in Tyler and gave more than thirty and a half gallons of blood, or 244 pints, as of March of this past year.

Pete started his Masonic career at Tyler Lodge No. 1233 in 1976; served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1981-1982. The Lodge awarded him the Golden Trowel on February 22, 2001.

Pete served the Grand Lodge of Texas in a couple of different capacities. He was Grand Pursuivant one year in 1998. He served as District Deputy on two different occasions, 1990 and again in 2000. The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Pete was active in the Waco Consistory here. He came in in 1976 and worked in several bodies over the years and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General in 1999. He was also a dual member in Dallas Consistory in 2003.

One of the things that Pete was really proud of and worked hard in was the Sharon Shrine in Tyler, Texas. He was initiated there in 1976. He served as the President of the Clown Unit in that year, 1976, when he joined the clowns and served as President in 1981. He was awarded the Sam Carr Jewel which they give out in that temple. He got that in 1977. And he received many other jewels and awards. He was Treasurer in his unit in 1992 at the temple and also elected again in 1993; and Recorder in 2002. Pete served two different times as Potentate, 1987 and again in 2010 at the death of our then Potentate.

He had many awards through all of his years in Shrine, but none more so than what he had with his York Rite. He received all his Degrees in Tyler at Tyler Chapter No. 24, George M. Patrick Council No. 13 and Ascension Commandery No. 25 and he served proudly in all three Bodies. He got his KYCH in Sherman in 1999. He was also the Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine in 2006. He served on the Ascension Commandery Drill Team for many years. He also received the Excalibur Award for all of his services there. Over in the Council he got the Cryptic Triangle Award in 2006.

The last thing on his resume was that he was our seated District Deputy Grand High Priest and District

Deputy Grand Master. With that, I will close his resume.

I now place this flower upon our Altar in memory of Right Excellent and Right Illustrious L. A. (Pete) Peters. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE DECEASED PAST HIGH PRIESTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TEXAS AND PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

COMPANION E. E. CHAPMAN, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: We in Texas have been blessed to be led by many great men and leaders who held the office of High Priest and Thrice Illustrious Master. These men have provided guidance for these bodies through exemplary conduct and leadership, allowing us to follow the teachings of the Royal Arch and the Royal and Select Degrees, thereby making us better men and better Masons.

COMPANION LEONARD P. HARVEY, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: We place flowers on the Altar in memory of our Past High Priests and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters whose passing we mourn and whose memory will remain with us to guide us in our future conduct as an example for us to emulate. May they rest in eternal peace. (PLACES FLOWERS UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE DECEASED COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF TEXAS AND THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS

COMPANION C. A. TRENT, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: We pay tribute to the deceased Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. As we come to this time we remember a special Companion who encouraged, inspired and supported us. We remember especially their devotion to our Fraternity. They were Companions who believed in our education and betterment of our fraternity.

We place these flowers upon the Altar in memory of the Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters who have gone to that house not made with hands. Today we take time to remember those special Companions who took time to support our fraternity. May they rest in peace. (PLACES FLOWERS UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE DECEASED ROYAL ARCH AND ROYAL AND SELECT COMPANIONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

COMPANION JOE R. GILMORE, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: We pay tribute to the deceased Companions of Grand Chapters and Grand Councils of other Jurisdictions. From its beginning Masonry has been a vehicle whereby men of many nationalities have been able to meet on a level of respect and brotherhood, forgetting those things that made men different and acknowledging those attributes that each man as a Mason must possess. Through this universality we have made friends and have enriched our lives and increased our knowledge while we shared with them our own love and the teachings of our beloved fraternity.

I: EDWIN S. MALONE, III, I: GRAND CHAPLAIN, GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS: We place these flowers on the Altar in memory of the deceased Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who have carried the mantle of our Freemasonry to the four corners of the

earth. They have prepared a path that allows each of us to travel in foreign places with a secure knowledge that we have but to find a Mason to establish friendship and mutual respect that provides us with a secure knowledge of brotherly love and respect. May they rest in peace that passeth all understanding.

(PLACES FLOWERS UPON THE ALTAR.

TRIBUTE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMPANION SHIVELY: As we pause to pay tribute to the memories of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, in my search I found that my words were quite inadequate, but I found the words of A. Lawrence Vaincourt.

Just a Simple Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, and he sat around the Lodge Room telling stories of the past. Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, everyone. And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke, all his companions listened, for they knew whereof he spoke. But we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol' Bob has passed away. and the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today. He will be mourned by his Masonic brothers, his children and his wife. But others will not know because he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life. He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way: And the world won't note his passing; 'tho a Soldier died today. When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state. While thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great. Papers tell of their life stories, from the time that they were young, but the passing of a soldier, goes unnoticed, and unsung. Is the greatest contribution, to the welfare of our land. Some jerk who breaks his promise, and cons his fellow man? Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife, goes off to serve his country and offers up his life? The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives. Are sometimes disproportionate, to the service he gives. While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension, small. It's so easy to forget them, for it is so long ago. that our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's, went to battle, but we know it was not the politicians, with their compromises and ploys, Who won for us the freedom, that our country now enjoys. Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand, would you really want some cop-out, with his ever waffling stand? Or would you want a Soldier, who has sworn to defend, his home, his kin and country, and would fight until the end? He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin. But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again. For when countries are in conflict, then we find the Soldier's part, is to clean up all the troubles, that the politicians start. If we cannot do him honor, while he's here to hear the praise, then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days. Perhaps just a simple headline, in the paper that might say: "Our Country is in mourning, for a Soldier and a Mason Died Today."

I place this flower on the Altar in memory of those brave men and women who gave so much and asked so little for our country. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION SHIVELY: As a final tribute, I also place a flower in memory of Mrs. Paul D. Warren, Marilyn, a great lady, who will be missed by all. (PLACES FLOWER UPON THE ALTAR.

COMPANION SHIVELY: Would you please rise.

I realize I don't look anything like David Foster and I'm sure not as good a preacher as he is. Would you please join me in prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER

COMPANION SHIVELY: Our Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of this Memorial Service, we give thanks for those that we have mentioned and those that You alone know who have come to Your house, that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens, who look down upon us today, who provided love, who we all miss so much. We ask that You be with those of us who stay here and keep in our memories those lessons that they taught us so that we may be better men, better Masons and better people. All these things we ask in Your Precious Name. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be!

COMPANION SHIVELY: Please be seated.

DIVINE SERVICE

A CALL TO WORSHIP

COMPANION SHIVELY: As we come to the Divine Service and I might make just a little slight explanation first. Reverend David Foster is a Methodist minister. At this time of the year they are having their church conferences and it is usually not good to be away from your church when the District Superintendent comes to visit. (Laughter)

As we come to our Divine Service today, we come knowing that we as Masons always revere the Supreme Architect of the Universe. It gives us the inspiration that guides us to the Holy Light. Now if you will please stand now and join Betty Carole as she leads you in "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand."

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND"

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN MALONE: Will you please remain standing for the Responsive Reading.

RESPONSIVE READING

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE.

RESPONSE: Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

THE HOUR COMETH, AND NOW IS, WHERE THE TRUE WORSHIPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH; FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM.

RESPONSE: God is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN; LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER.

RESPONSE: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

RESPONSE: I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND. CALL YE UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR.

RESPONSE: As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul, after Thee, O God.

GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED IN THE CITY OF OUR GOD, IN THE MOUNTAIN OF HIS HOLINESS.

RESPONSE: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts: The whole earth is full of His glory.

I WILL PRAISE THEE, O LORD, WITH MY WHOLE HEART.

RESPONSE: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

I: GRAND CHAPLAIN MALONE: You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Betty Carole Shively, Becky Wunsche.

MESSAGE: SHAMGAR

COMPANION LARRY BLANCHARD, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS: Thank you, Ladies. That was a message in song and you did it beautifully well and for that we thank you.

If you have your Bible with you, open it to the 3rd Chapter of Judges, Judges 3:31.

Please rise for the reading of God's Word.

"And after him came Shamgar, the son of Anath, who slew 600 Philistines with an oxgoad, and he also saved Israel." And then over on the next page is Chapters 5:6. "In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, in the days of Jael the highways were deserted. And the travelers went by roundabout ways." Please be seated.

I have read to you everything the Bible says about Shamgar.

An old professor once said, "Preachers don't preach the Bible much anymore." And to prove his point he asked the question, "How long has it been since you've heard a sermon on Shamgar?"

Why, I had never heard a sermon on Shamgar. I didn't know what a Shamgar was. I didn't know if a Shamgar was a person or a place. I'll assure you I didn't know who Shamgar was. But I want to talk to you today about this man Shamgar.

Shamgar was one of the Judges in the Old Testament. There were several whom God called to be Judges. Some of the Judges were very famous. Samson, everybody's heard of him. Gideon, everybody's heard of him. And some have even heard of Jeptha, Judge of Israel, and maybe some have heard of Deborah. But hardly anybody has ever heard of Shamgar.

Let me tell you just a little bit about him before I share with you what I really want to share. The Bible tells us his name was Shamgar. Historians tell us Shamgar was not a Jewish name. It was a pagan name. And so many believe Shamgar was not a Jew but was a Gentile who had come out of paganism to embrace the God of Israel as his God.

And the Bible not only tells us that his name was Shamgar, a Gentile name, but it also tells us that he was the son of Anath. Now casual reading of the book of Judges would make us think that Anath was his Father, but there are some problems with that. Anath is not a masculine name, it is a feminine name. Anath was really a pagan goddess, a goddess of sex and war.

So this would reference us to the fact that Shamgar was not only a Gentile before becoming a proselytized Jew, he was not only a Gentile but he worshiped a pagan goddess by the name of Anath, even to the point that he was identified as her son.

So here we find a pagan man who at some point in his life the Holy Spirit of God had gotten a hold of him, transformed his life. He forsook the way of paganism, he forsook the worship of Anath and he came to embrace the God of Israel as the God of his life. God not only saved him, he called him to be one of the Judges in the Old Testament.

Now I want to share with you four things about his life that I think are an encouragement to you and to me as the kind of people that God would have us to be.

First of all, I want to share with you that Shamgar was a man who did what he could. The Bible says in verse 31, "And after him was Shamgar, the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines 600 men." He did what he could.

Did you know that's all that God ever asks of any of us? God never asks us to be super giants. God never asks us to be some kind of spiritual hero. God never asks us to be somebody we're not. All God ever asks of us is to do what we can. Shamgar was a man who did what he could.

You say, well, what did he do? Well, the Bible says he slew 600 Philistines. Now, you say that sounds like an awful lot, and it was. But you have to understand when you read the Book of Judges that some of those Judges slew 10,000 and one Judge slew 40,000, and Gideon, with his little band of 300, slew 135,000. And when you see numbers like 10,000 and 40,000 and 135,000, then 600 looks like a pitiful little amount. And you may wonder why he didn't kill any more than that? Because there weren't any more around. (Laughter) You see, he did what he could. He killed all of the Philistines that were around.

Now that's all God asks of any of us; not to kill 600 folks, but God simply says, would you do what you can?

You know, Jesus never did receive flattery very well. The Bible says in the Gospel of John that there was a man by the name of Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night and began to flatter Jesus. He said, "Now, we know you are a teacher come from God. For no man can do the things that you are doing except God be with him." And Jesus interrupted him right in the middle of his flattery and said, "But you must be born again."

And so Jesus never received much flattery and he never dispensed much flattery. But in the Gospel of Mark we find Jesus actually flattering someone. In Mark 12:41 the Bible says, "And Jesus sat over against the treasury."

And in a part of the Temple was the Treasury, which was nothing but a great big box where people deposited their offering. As people came by, they would drop their offering in the box and the Bible says Jesus was seated there by the box. And the Bible says, look at it in verse 41, "And He beheld or He watched how the people put money into the treasury." Jesus was sitting there watching people put money in the box. Now, you know, it must have been tough being a disciple. His disciples were standing over there on the side and I have an idea some of them began to say, "Why doesn't He come away from there? Has he not ever heard that what people give is their own business. Doesn't He understand that giving is a private matter? Why doesn't he come away from there?" But Jesus just sits there watching people give money and look at what else it says.

It says there in verse 41, "They that were rich cast in much." Well, I suspect so. They may not have been planning to give much, but when they walked in and saw Jesus sitting there watching the box, they began to shell it out. (Laughter)

You know, I have an idea He still watches what people give.

I tell you if I was trying to raise a few million dollars for the Retirement Center, I'd want everybody to know that Jesus watches what they give. The Bible says then in verse 42, "And there came a certain poor widow and she threw in two mites which makes a farthing."

Now a mite is nothing and a farthing is a double nothing. (Laughter) You couldn't have bought a third of a piece of used chewing gum with what she put in the box. It was almost virtually nothing. And Jesus called unto Him His disciples. Now, here are these disciples standing over here and they're embarrassed that he's been sitting there all day watching these people put vast sums of money in. And here comes this poor little widow woman and she throws in two mites. And Jesus says, "Come here fellows." And some of them probably thought, oh, my soul, He's going to embarrass her. But that's not what He did. He says unto them, "Verily I say unto you that this poor widow has cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury." How could Jesus say that?

Boy, it must have been tough being a disciple!

Then look what Jesus said, "For all of them cast in out of their abundance, but she out of her want did cast in all that she had, even her living." What did she do? She did what she could. She did what she could.

We find another example over in the Book of Mark. In Mark 14:3 the Bible says, "and being in Bethany in the house of Simon, the leper."

Boy, it must of been tough being a disciple. They followed Jesus around. "Where we going today, Lord?" "We're going to Simon's house." "Now Lord, he's a leper." "I know it." "Lord nobody goes to see lepers."

You have visitation in your church? You ever go visit the lepers? I didn't think so. (Laughter) Nobody goes to see lepers. "Where are we going, Fellows" "Well, we're going to." "What are we gonna to do when we get there?" "We're gonna eat supper."

It must have been tough being a disciple. You can just hear them. "I'll tell you one thing, if they're having beef stew, I ain't touching it." (Laughter) "You see anything in the pot that looks like a finger, it probably is." (Laughter) Must have been tough being a disciple.

While they were at Simon's house the Bible says, "There came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment and she poured the costly perfume on His head." Some asked with indignation, why was the perfume wasted. It could have been sold for 300 denari and the money given to the poor. Let me tell you that nothing is ever wasted that you give to Jesus. You don't waste the money you give to Jesus, you don't waste the time that you give to Jesus and you don't waste a life that's given to Jesus. It's never a waste if you give it to Him.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to me." And there it is in verse 8. "She has done what she could." "She has done what she could."

Let me tell you a second thing about Shamgar. He did what he could with what he had. Well, what did he have?

Go back to Judges again. The Bible says, "He killed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad." Well, what is an oxgoad? An oxgoad is a stick. It is about six feet long. One end they whittled off to make it sharp. And on the other end they whittled out a little slot and crammed a metal wedge in it to make it like a chisel. So it was pointed on one end and had a chisel on the other. That was an oxgoad.

When an ox was pulling a cart, sometimes he would stop. Oxen are dumb, they're stupid, that's what they are. You never heard it said, "You're as dumb as a giraffe." No, I didn't think so. (Laughter) But I'll bet you've heard it said, "You're as dumb as an ox." Because they will just stop right in the middle of the road, right in the middle of a path. There's not a wolf coming, there's not a snake in the path. They're just like some old folks at a red light: they just stop and look around. (Laughter) And when they stop you could go around on the hindside of that ox and with the pointed end of that oxgoad you'd just go whoop and the ox would begin to move along. (Laughter) Or if the cart wheels bogged down in the mud, you could take the chisel end and clean off the wheels and the cart could move along.

And the Bible says, "Shamgar killed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad."

Now, these were Philistine soldiers. Now, you read the Old Testament and you will find that the Israelites had a number of enemies. They had the Amorites and the Hitites and Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Jebusites. But in all the Philistines were the most severe and ruthless enemy that Israel ever faced. The Philistines had the most well organized, well trained army in existence.

And here were 600 well trained soldiers. They had their helmets on their heads, they had shields, they had swords and they had spears. They had been trained in warfare and they were ready. And here came 600 Philistine soldiers and there stood Shamgar with his stick. (Laughter) And he looked at them and he said, "You boys want some of me? Well, bring it on." (Laughter)

And he waded into those 600 Philistines soldiers. And when the dust settled, helmets were laying all over the ground, shields, swords, spears and 600 dead Philistine soldiers lying there and Shamgar still standing there with his stick. He did what he could with what he had. He did what he could with what he had.

Samson used the jawbone of a donkey and killed a thousand. David killed a giant with a slingshot. They did what they could with what they had.

You say, but I don't have much. But I tell you, little is much when God is in it. All God asks of any of us is to do what we can with what we've got.

Notice the third thing about Shamgar. He did what he could with what he had where he was. You say, "Well, where was he?" I haven't the faintest idea. (Laughter) But I know this, I know that wherever he was, it was a hard place. How'd you know that?

Well, back over there in Chapter 5 in the Book of Judges it says, "In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, in the days of Jaen..." notice this now, "... the highways were deserted and the travelers went by round about ways." What does that mean?

It means that the Israelites were terrified of the Philistine soldiers. Anytime a Philistine soldier caught a Jew walking on the highways or major thoroughfares, they would harass them, they would torment them, beat them and many times kill them.

So the Jews never got out on the main thoroughfares. They slipped around by round about ways so the Philistine soldiers could not catch them.

It was a time of terror. It was a time of fear. It was a time of confusion and frustration. That's where Shamgar was.

He did what he could with what he had where he was.

You know, there are a lot of us who would say, "I could be a better person if I were somewhere else." Or "I could be a better Christian if I were somewhere else." Or "if I went to a bigger church," or "if I had a different wife," or "if I had a different husband," or "if my kids were just different, if I had a different job or if my circumstances were just different, I could really live for the Lord."

Listen, if you can't serve God where you are, how you are, right now, you can't serve Him anywhere. There is no easy place. Shamgar did what he could with what he had where he was.

And one last thing. He did what he could, with what he had, where he was for the glory of God.

Chapters 3:31 says, "And He also delivered Israel." Why did he do that? Because that's what God called him to do. You see a lot of folks who have their own personal agenda. There are a lot of folks trying to build their own personal castles and their own little empires. We get all wrapped up in pleasing men rather than God. Jesus warned about those who did what they did to gain the attention of men. God never blessed that. As a matter of fact, Jesus said if that's your motive for service, then you better get all the reward you can here, you won't have any over there.

But if you're doing what you do for the glory of God, then I believe you will hear Him one day say, well done thy good and faithful servant.

All God ever asks of any of us is, "Will you do what you can, with what you have, where you are for My Glory."

That's the kind of man Shamgar was and I believe that's the kind of man or woman that will be pleasing to God.

Thank you.

COMPANION SHIVELY: And the congregation said?

RESPONSE: Amen!

COMPANION SHIVELY: Will you please stand to join in our closing hymn, "Hymn of Promise." After which, we will remain standing for the Benediction.

Before we start the hymn and because I would like to be able to go home, I would like to thank our musicians, Becky Wunsche and Betty Carole Shively, for providing the music for us today. We thank Betty Carole for the solo and for leading our singing because if you all tried to follow me singing, we would be in a lot of trouble.

MRS. BETTY CAROLE SHIVELY: You're still buying me a dress. (Laughter)

COMPANION SHIVELY: We're still buying the dress.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "HYMN OF PROMISE"

COMPANION SHIVELY: As Companion Carr comes up, let me please acknowledge the Memorials Committees of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. Larry Blanchard is the Chairman of the Grand Chapter Memorials Committee, Eddie Chapman, Sr., O. L. Clark, C. A. Trent and Joe Gilmore. The Memorials Committee for the Grand Council: I am the chairman, Reverend David Foster, Reverend Tom Keithly - I would report to you all that Reverend Keithly called and said that his health would not allow him to be here and come and walk up and down the stairs because of his back - Leonard P. Harvey and Edward Chapman, Sr.

We appreciate so much the contributions of these Companions and the Companions that I asked to give Tributes. As always Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Master Masons always come when you ask them to help.

I think that's what you just got through telling us, Larry.

BENEDICTION

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we want to pause and give You thanks for the many blessings of life. We are thankful, Dear Lord, for this Memorial and Divine Service. We are thankful for those who participated. We ask, Dear Lord, that You be with us in the things that we stand for. Help, guide and direct us, Lord, and forgive us where we have failed and we will give Thee the praise. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be!

MEMORIAL AND DIVINE SERVICE CONCLUDED 2:10 P.M.

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2011

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THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS will hold its next Annual Convocation in the city of Waco on Monday and Tuesday, October 15TH & 16TH A.D. 2012, A.I. 2542

THE COMMITTEE ON WORK will meet Thursday through Saturday October 11th through 13th

G. CLAY SMITH
M∴E∴ GRAND HIGH PRIEST
CARROLLTON, TEXAS

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

FIRST SESSION ON OCTOBER 17TH, 2011 AT 8:00 A.M.

MUSICAL PRELUDE E: GRAND ORGANIST MICHIE M. BROUS

V:E: JAMES ROY ELLIOTT, PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST: Companions, take your seats.

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the One Hundred and Sixty-Second Grand Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. We are glad you are here.

At this time if you will please stand (GAVELING) for the Procession of the Grand Officers.

PROCESSIONAL OF GRAND OFFICERS

G. CLAY SMITH M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL
W. RAY BENTON
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL
DAVID H. GARDNER
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL

L. E. (LEE) NODWELL E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
E. ANDY HENTSCHEL E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD

MICHIE M. BROUS E: GRAND ORGANIST

LEONARD O. PIERCE E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER

SHERMAN W. HOBBS E: GRAND GUARD

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST ELLIOTT: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, thank you for the privilege and honor of allowing me to open this Grand Session and I know that you will have a great Session. I would also like to say that you have had a good year. You have done a great job. You are a credit to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and this fraternity as a whole.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Roy. I appreciate that. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE).

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, I am 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 SMITH: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will introduce the Grand Guard.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, are you satisfied that all present are Royal Arch Masons?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, you will remain standing until vouched for by the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers and the Members

of the Committee on Work. As you are vouched for, you may vouch for others and be seated.

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E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ANTHONY: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Are you satisfied that there is a constitutional number present to open the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas?

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Would the Representatives of the Chartered Chapters 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 ANTHONY: I am now satisfied, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Companions. Be seated.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: You will perform that duty and inform the Excellent 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 SMITH: We are guarded, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: In the name of God and our Ancient and Worthy Patron Zerubbabel, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas opened in its One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Grand Convocation in due and ample form.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Excellent Grand Guard. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment to be able to receive our guests today. Companion O. L., will you please give the prayer.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we come before You this beautiful October day giving thanks for the many blessings of life. We are thankful, Dear Lord, for this opportunity that we have to meet here together in friendship and brotherly love. We would ask, Dear

Lord, that You be with us during this Grand Chapter Session. Help, guide and direct us, Dear Lord, in the things that all of Masonry teaches us. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with those who are sick and unable to be here. Be with those, Dear Lord, who are traveling. Give them a safe journey to their destinations. Dear Lord, we ask all this in Thy Holy Name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO BE SEATED) Would the Grand Guard invite all the Guests outside in, all of our Guests.

Companions, Ladies and Guests, at this time if everybody will please rise. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be by given the Right Excellent Grand King.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Ladies, Distinguished Guests and my Companions all:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, to me the greatest tribute that we could give to the Flag of our country is the Pledge of Allegiance, but one of the best tributes to the American Flag that I have ever heard was done by Brother and Companion Red Skelton. On the Red Skelton Hour television program on January the 14th, 1969, he said that he remembered a teacher of his named Mr. Laswell when he was in school one day say, "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I, me, an individual, a committee of one, pledge, dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity, allegiance, my love and devotion, to the flag, our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!

United, that means that we have all come together. States of America, individual communities that united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And to the republic for which it stands. Republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands, one nation - one nation meaning so blessed by God. Indivisible, incapable of being divided. With liberty, which is freedom - the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation. And justice, the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others. For all, which means, boys girls, it is as much your country as it is mine.

And, now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brother and Companion Skelton went on to say that since the time he was a small boy, two states were added to our country and two words were added to the Pledge of Allegiance. Under God. Further he said, wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that was a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools, too?

Companions, Ladies and Guests, would you please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country.

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

THE COMPANIONS AND GUESTS 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 CHAPMAN: Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Right Excellent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas will be given by our Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Reese L. Harrison, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE HARRISON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellents, Very Excellents, Excellents, particularly our Guests and all Companions:

I am reminded on this occasion, solemn as it is, of a Pace Picante Sauce commercial on television. (LAUGHTER) Maybe it's because I represented before it was sold to somebody up in Paris, Texas, the Pace Picante Sauce people in San Antonio, Texas, where Pace Picante Sauce was made before they started making it in Paris and lying about that it was made in San Antonio. (LAUGHTER)

I was in New York City and I was there with a client whose name spells money and that kind of client doesn't want to be sued in Hidalgo County, Texas, because they were. And I was trying to get across a point about what our prospects were in the upcoming litigation, which a retired judge, by the way, who had sat as a mediator that we were forced into mediation, he had recommended that the case be settled for a mere 125 million dollars. He thought that would be fair and equitable.

There were two big New York companies that their names just spelled money and I'll let you figure out who they were. So I'm meeting with the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the big Wall Street corporation that I'm representing that people are out in the streets protesting as we speak. I was trying to get my point across as to how some big New York corporation was going to go over in Hidalgo County, Texas, which is on the Border for those of you who don't know your geography, across from Reynosa.

So my best way of trying to get that point across as to where we stood in this case with the local community was to take along a videotape of the Pace Picante Sauce commercial. I'm sure some of you remember it. Bunch of cowboys sitting around a campfire having dinner and somebody is eating something that has picante sauce on it and he stands up and asks about the picante sauce and the cook tells where he got it from and shows him this bottle. The cowboy looks at the bottle and he says, "This here is made in New York City." And in the background you hear a voice say, "Get a rope." (LAUGHTER) Okay. It wasn't made in Texas and they were in Texas.

Then the other thing that I did for the client - by the way, the CEO and Chairman of the Board of this company was a lawyer who had been the general counsel of the company and was a graduate of the New York University School of Law down in Lower Manhattan in Foley Square. An NYU lawyer.

The other commercial I had came from the Texas Department of Tourism. If any of you ever watch the super stations like TBS, WTBS out of Atlanta on television or WOR out of New York, WGN out of Chicago or KTLA out of Los Angeles which was owned by Gene Autry, a Companion in the Royal Arch, you have seen this commercial because that's the only place that the Texas Department of Tourism pays to have that commercial on television. And it ends up saying, "Texas, it's a whole 'nother country." And I say for the benefit for our out-of-State Guests, you're not just in another state. You're in the state of mind that you're in a whole 'nother country.

Now, all of us who were born in Texas and all of you who got - if you weren't born in Texas, got here as soon as you could and are glad to be here because you are in a state in which the Constitution of the State of Texas says, "There shall never be a state income tax," and that's probably why a lot of you retired here. (LAUGHTER)

I would ask you if you would now please rise and join me in a salute to the Flag that flew over the Republic of Texas and now flies over the State of Texas and be proud that you are a Texan by birth or by adoption.

Join with me.

PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

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

R:E: GRAND SCRIBE HARRISON: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for this privilege.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Right Excellent Sir.

Jimmy, are we ready to receive our Youth Groups?

COMPANION BART HENDERSON: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to present to you and through you to the Companions and Guests here assembled Mrs. Joann Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Miss Melanie Seymour, the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Supreme Assembly of Texas of the Order of Rainbow for Girls; Dad J. Weldon Clampitte, the Executive Officer in Texas and the Grand Master of DeMolay International; and Companion Carl Wesley Wunsche, Jr., the State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Man, it's great to see all of you guys and youth out here with us today. You are truly the future of our sorority, the Eastern Star, and our future Masons of Texas. Each and every one of you is a great leader or you wouldn't be in the position where you are today. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for you all to come and represent the Rainbows and the DeMolays. It is great to see all of you out here and thanks for taking time out of school and your busy day to come and participate with us today.

M:I: GRAND MASTER MANLEY: I want to welcome you to the Grand Council today. It is a pleasure to have you here. Like he said, you are our future. So we are pleased to have you here today representing your groups. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: We would invite you to the podium.

MRS. JOANN WEAVER, SUPREME DEPUTY IN TEXAS, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS: Thank you.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished East and Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity and the honor to bring greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and all of the Assemblies and the young ladies in the State of Texas. To each of you present this morning we greet you in friendship and in appreciation for the service that you give to our Order. All of you who help our Assemblies, who love our girls support them in all that they do, but, most importantly, you have confidence in the youth of today and believe in the promise that they hold for our future. Our young ladies are blessed and honored to be a part of the fraternal family.

We wish for you a most successful Session and thank you for honoring Rainbow by the invitation to be here today and to bring fraternal greetings.

Now, it is with great pride that I introduce to you our Grand Worthy Advisor of 2011-2012 Miss Melanie Seymour who will bring the greetings on behalf of our Texas Rainbow team.

GREETINGS FROM RAINBOW

MISS MELANIE SEYMOUR, GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR OF RAINBOW IN TEXAS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished East and Friends:

Good morning everyone.

RESPONSE: Good morning.

GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR SEYMOUR: On behalf of each member of the Texas Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, it gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings this morning. What a wonderful year it has been with two great men, Mr. Smith and Mr. Manley, who have led two successful branches of the Masonic family tree. Texas Rainbow is grateful to the Grand Chapter and Council for the continued love and support.

This year in Texas Rainbow we are showing the love of our Order with the theme "Bees and Bugs." It is to celebrate God's most unique and creative people. Bees and Bugs is an acronym standing for be extraordinary examples of service bringing unique gifts.

The State Charity Project this year is the Ronald McDonald House charity. This allows families of children receiving long-term medical treatment to stay at the houses for no cost. There are many ways to support this organization, but one of the best is by purchasing an adorable stuffed bee. I will be traveling back to Waco in December for Grand Lodge and I'll have a swarm of bees with me and I'm sure one would like to join your hive.

I invite everyone to visit the Rainbow Assembly in their area. We are constantly looking for new members. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Weaver or your local Grand Deputy.

Congratulations to Mr. Smith and Mr. Manley for a successful year. You both truly share the love of your order.

I want to wish Mr. Gary Dixon and Mr. Thomas Snyder the best of luck as they begin their new terms. I hope to see everyone in the future. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Melanie.

Now, we'll hear the greetings from DeMolay.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN TEXAS AND GRAND MASTER OF DEMOLAY INTERNATIONAL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished East and Guests:

It has been a little over ten years since I assumed the role of Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas. Never did I ever realize or think about becoming the Grand Master of DeMolay. It was the furthest thing from my mind. But the most rewarding thing I have to say to you is that working with these young men as they come up through the ranks to see how many are, as we see this young man behind me, a Mason, a Companion and a Sir Knight. Many of those who have come up through the ranks have become Masons and Companions.

Those of you who sit out there in our audience and think about our young men coming up, think about what you could do, what you are missing in your life and have memories of these young men being helped or helping them. It's a very rewarding experience.

I'm sure many of you out there today are former DeMolays. I congratulate you. You probably remember the dad that worked with you.

Today I want to introduce to you Carl Wesley Wunsche, Jr. I hate to tell you who his uncle is. (LAUGHTER) You probably have already guessed. But our Grand Commander is the uncle of this young man. If you think there is not Masonic blood in this family, you're wrong. Like some others I've had before like Chance Chapman, Randall Seymour, who was a State Master Councilor and his sister is now the Grand Worthy Advisor. It is my pleasure to introduce to you Carl Wesley Wunsche, Jr.

GREETINGS FROM DEMOLAY

COMPANION CARL WUNSCHE, JR., STATE MASTER COUNCILOR, TEXAS DEMOLAY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Excellents and Excellents, Right Illustrious and Illustrious Grand Officers, past and present, Guests, Members and Visitors, my Companions all:

It is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today as the State Master Councilor of Texas DeMolay and as a Brother, a Companion and a Sir Knight.

Also, it is an extreme honor to have with us our Executive Officer and the Grand Master of DeMolay International, and more especially he is a Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Very Illustrious Past Grand Master of our great State.

At this time I would also like to introduce Brother Kenneth Colby Spicer who is our Illustrious Knight Commander. He is also a Companion and as of last Saturday he is a Sir Knight as well. (APPLAUSE)

Texas DeMolay is alive and well, but we could use your help. We are currently sitting around eight hundred members. While we are currently one of the largest jurisdictions and bringing in one of the largest amount of new members, we are staying around the same membership as we have been for the past few years. We need the adults to make new Chapters, to hold meetings and simply exist. It takes ten adults, not all of them having to be Masons, and a few young men to start a new Chapter. We currently have 27 Chapters in the State of Texas, but we could use more.

If you have the slightest interest in starting and/or helping a Chapter, please talk to me or Dad Clampitte.

The York Rite Masonry has really been leading the way for us. Our Grand Commander has made every state event for DeMolay and Rainbow since his installation. Dad Chapman, Dad Henderson, Dad Tucker and Dad Wunsche and numerous others have, too. I urge each and every one of you to really make an effort to start supporting our youth groups. They are our future.

I congratulate the Grand Officers on a very successful year. I wish the Officers to be installed tomorrow even more success.

If there is anything we can do, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your time, thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our State Conclave in Austin in July. I wish you a peaceful and harmonious Session. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, Ladies and Guests, at this time we will hear the Address and Greetings from the Grand Orator.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND ORATOR

E: GRAND ORATOR PARK: Good Morning.

RESPONSE: Good morning.

E: GRAND ORATOR PARK: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, Companions, my Brethren all, and Ladies and Gentlemen:

When I was first asked, "What office would you like to hold," I told the present Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith that it would be a great honor to be the Grand Orator and he said to me "Go for it"

After I was installed, it suddenly sank in what I had gotten myself into. First, having to follow a great orator in the person of Elmer Murphy, being a lawyer by trade and is an excellent speaker. Secondly, what subject was I going to pick to speak about?

The Grand High Priest's theme this year is "Fun, Fellowship, Fraternal Work, Friendship and Fun." Yes, I did say "Fun" twice. Many of the Companions and Brethren I have met as I traveled across this state have told me that if there comes a time that we can't enjoy ourselves and enjoy the fellowship of the Brethren, it is time to find something else to spend our time doing.

Next there is the Fellowship and Friendship. Suppose you had an "Honored Guest" to come to your home, one whom you loved dearly, tried your best to emulate, honored and respected. You gave him the best room in your home. You saw to it that he was comfortable beyond all question. You gave him everything he could possibly need and then walked out and closed the door.

Soon some friends came to your home and you visited with them, had fun with them and enjoyed them immensely, but you left your honored guest in his room. After a while your children and their families came in and you took them to the family room and you laughed and had fun with them. Later the children took their families home, but you left your honored guest in his room. You did not share your honored guest with any of your friends or with your family. How do you think your honored guest would feel?

We want to make sure that we include our new and visiting Companions with everyone and not leave them to stand alone. This is how we create a lasting friendship. If we had not had fellowship with these Companions and broken bread with them in our fraternal organizations, we may have never met them. Companions come from all walks of life. They work and live in all different types of homes, work in places that we might never have been. By having fellowship with them, we gain the insight of how other Companions see things.

And now we come to the biggie: Fraternal Work. We sometimes take what we do or say in a degree or order for granted and don't really think that the people around us are paying attention to what we say or do. But if we do and say what we are supposed to, it should make a proper impression on the candidates to try and make them want to come back to participate in the work.

I am reminded of the story of the old man that had just crossed a deep crevice or ravine and looked back to see what he completed. He went back and started to build a bridge across the divide. When asked "Why did you come back when you already crossed the ravine?" He smiled and replied "This is not for me, but it is for the ones that might follow behind me."

Albert Pike once said, "It is not what you bring into this world, but what you leave behind." Just as we come into this world, we start with nothing and as we grow, we make our mark on our travels through life by what we see and hear.

As we start through our travels in this fraternity we act and do by what we see and hear. So if we don't do our part and do the work in the proper manner, we see the Brethren who come behind us doing it in the same manner. And as time goes by, it becomes more and more unlike the work we first saw when we took our degrees.

I have heard many times that it is the internal and not the external that makes a man a Mason. But if we do not show the external so the new Companions can see how we act, then what do we expect from them but what they saw others do? We are creatures of habit and what we see we do.

Masonry is a teaching and living organization. I don't believe the floor work, however beautifully done, is all there is to Masonry, nor, do I believe that perfectly worded esoteric work is all there is to it. Hearing is not the only way to learn. Memory is not an education, but understanding a few principles can be. If one's memory bank were large enough to hold every fact in the world, he would be almost as interesting as a dictionary and nearly as valuable.

Let me illustrate this point. Suppose all of you in this room compose a class. The assignment for the next class meeting is to learn everything you can about everyone in this class. Then I give you a printed sheet of paper listing everyone's name for you to take home and study. You go home and learn how to spell every name. You decide upon a pronunciation for every name. You can see the chronological order of the names and you have literally memorized the whole paper. Now you are really prepared for class. The next day you come back to class.

I then tell you, "Stand over there by the door and introduce every person as they come in."

You can't do it, for you did not see the face or the personality or whatever makes them unique. Yet the face or personality is what is important in the social exchange between us. Your great memory work did not do the job for you.

When a candidate returns, after he has received the degrees or orders, you must associate his face or trait with his name to remember who he is and what he experienced.

Now, let us add one more word to the list: "Future." While we cannot be sure or know what the future may hold for us, it is certain that we are going to have a much harder time than was in the years past. Every generation has to solve their particular problems. For instance, in the line of material things, all that you now see about you, will, within the next thirty to forty years, have to be replaced; from the largest Lodge buildings to the pavement in the parking lots. Theoretically, all will be worn out and/or replaced. There will, of course, be much that will remain undisturbed. Many of the things will be replaced or offset by new ideas to put into a real tangible form. That is life, civilization on the march.

More and more we see many of our old ways being slowly changed and much of the beauty of the craft is being changed. Some of the changes are not necessarily for the better. Lectures are given without slides, robes are not used and abbreviations of the ritual for "festival sake." Many believe that we need to get back to the basics, only one form, Long Form Degrees and Lectures.

Not long ago, or I should say over thirty years ago (which is maybe a long time ago), I received my degrees and orders with lights, sound and robes in full form. This was the thing that made me want more. This was the "old" way of doing the degrees and orders.

Although things change as we travel through time, they are not necessarily bad. It is all in how they are interpreted and understood.

In closing, I would like to read you the 23rd Psalm as the Indians interpreted it. "The Great Father is a Shepherd Chief. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love. He draws me to where the grass is green and the water is not dangerous. I lay down satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but he lifts it up again and draws me again to the good road. His name is wonderful. Sometimes and it may be soon, it may be longer, it may be a long, long time he will draw me to a place between the mountains. It is dark there and I will not draw back. I will not be afraid for it is between those mountains that the Great Shepherd Chief will meet me. And the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes he makes me to work hard, but afterwards he gives me a staff to lean on. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts His hand upon my head and all the tired is gone. My cup He fills until it runs over. What I tell is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Tepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief Above forever." (Author unknown)

This is not to say that this is the right way or this is the only way to do anything, but it is a way. What we hear and what we see is often repeated. We should be very careful on how we present Masonry to the world. The symbols of Masonry have more than one meaning. It is for each individual Mason to discover the secret of Masonry upon reflection upon those symbols and consideration and analysis of what is said and done in the work, "Seek, and ye shall find," knowledge and truth.

Masonry teaches a belief in no particular creed, as it teaches unbelief in none. No one Mason has the right to measure for another the degree of his merits or demerits. If all men were all Masons and obeyed with all their heart her mild and gentle teachings, the world would be a paradise. But within tolerance and persecution it becomes a hell. If we are too busy to do the work of Masonry, and if we are apathetic toward the grave problems of our day, we may lose a great deal more than that which commands our attention in the world of today.

While careful watches over our own conduct may be the first consideration, it is by no means the final one. It is necessary, because there is so much in America today which is diametrically opposed and contrary to the Masonic teachings, that we exert our efforts to project Masonry into the life of our communities. We need to show the world that Masonry is not a theoretical way of life, but is a substantial character of life. We need to stand up and be counted. The bottom line is we need to go to W-O-R-K, work.

Thank you very much. (RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Excellent Companion Ron. I appreciate it so much. You did a very good job.

Companions, Ladies and Guests, at this time this closes the open portion of the Grand Chapter. If the Ladies and non-York Rite Masons will please exit at this time, we will purge the Grand Chapter and call it back to labor.

Duane, would you make a pass through and see if there are any Ladies or anybody else in here before we call back to labor. Are we safe?

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, when about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from refreshment to labor, your duty?

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN SMITH: To see that the outer avenues leading to the tabernacle are duly guarded, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: You will perform that duty and inform the Excellent Grand Guard that we are to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from refreshment to labor and direct him to guard accordingly.

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN SMITH: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we are duly guarded. M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor. (GAVELING)

(THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS THEN CALLED FROM REFRESHMENT (TO LABOR.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, with our business to do, would you please carry on. Seat all Companions.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, Sir. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

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 SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Resolution to Seat all the Companions. Are there any discussions? All in favor of accepting this Resolution, vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION (Honorary Members)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: 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 SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Resolution to make all of our Out-of-State Companions Members of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this Resolution let it be known by the usual sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, the same sign. So carried.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, the Out-of-State ones, if you will go up to the Grand Secretary's Office and leave the girls your name, we will get your cards printed up and get them to you before you leave. Okay?

RESOLUTION (To Accept the Pre-Printed Committee Reports)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL:To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

BE IT RESOLVED that all of the Pre-Printed Reports be accepted.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Resolution that we accept all the Pre-Printed Committee Reports. Is there any discussion? All in favor will let it be known by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried.

(*Pre-printed reports begin on page 73)

RESOLUTION (Setting the time of Election)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time for Election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter be set at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 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 SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Resolution to set the time for the Election for tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. All in favor of accepting this Resolution vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign.

So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Roll Call of the Grand Officers.

ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

G. CLAY SMITH M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

THOMAS W. SNYDER R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

TOMMY F. CHAPMAN
REESE L. HARRISON, JR.
KENNETH E. COOLEY
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
O'L. CLARK
RONALD D. PARK
FRED R. SMITH

R:E: GRAND KING
R:E: GRAND TREASURER
R:E: GRAND SECRETARY
E: GRAND CHAPLAIN
E: GRAND ORATOR
E: GRAND MARSHAL

G. DUANE ANTHONY
DAN W. TURNER
HUBERT E. SMITH
E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
N. W. (BUTCH) HANNA
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL
W. RAY BENTON
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL
DAVID H. GARDNER
E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL

L. E. (LEE) NODWELL E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD E: ANDY HENTSCHEL E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD

MICHIE M. BROUS E: GRAND ORGANIST LEONARD O. PIERCE E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER

SHERMAN W. HOBBS E: GRAND GUARD

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: All of the Officers are present, sir.

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

Companions, we have had Michie Brous over here in this corner playing music for us for some twenty years and he has done a great job for this Grand Chapter and Grand Council both. He informed us this year that this was his last year to do that. Companions, we are deeply indebted to him. He always has a great joke for us and he always likes to have fun. So let's show our appreciation to Michie for twenty years of service. (RISING APPLAUSE)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Roll Call of the Living Past Grand High Priests.

ROLL CALL OF THE LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

| James A. (Red) Scott* | San Angelo | 1974 |
|--------------------------|----------------|------|
| James M. Willson, Jr. | Floydada | 1978 |
| Robert H. (Bob) Waters* | Arlington | 1979 |
| Farris L. Benham* | Amarillo | 1989 |
| Jerry N. Kirby | Red Oak | 1991 |
| Jack L. Wright | Arlington | 1994 |
| W. E. (Bill) Schroeter | Nederland | 1995 |
| Obie L. Etheridge* | Corpus Christi | 1996 |
| Orville L. O'Neill | Hewitt | 1998 |
| Paul D. Warren | Abilene | 2000 |
| Robert P. Walker* | Richmond | 2001 |
| Charles Louis Hopkins | Famersville | 2003 |
| J. Weldon Clampitte | Houston | 2005 |
| John C. Elkinton | Houston | 2006 |
| James Roy Elliott | Midlothian | 2007 |
| Clarence J. Laney | Whitesboro | 2008 |
| Douglas Collins | Spring Branch | 2009 |
| Timothy M. LaVergne, Sr. | Bonham | 2010 |

(* DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT AND EXCUSED

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: You know, it's great to see each and every one of you out and coming back to your Grand Chapter. I want to thank each and every one of you for the advice you all

have given me over this past year and the continued effort and support that you all have provided back to this Grand Chapter. Companions, let's give these guys a round of applause and thank them for coming back.

(APPLAUSE)

Would Very Excellent Companion Weldon Clampitte please give a response for the group.

RESPONSE FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Thank you, Most Excellent. On behalf of all of my Companions here assembled around the Altar, these Very Excellents, we appreciate all that you have done this past year. You have done an excellent job. I'm sure that you will continue and be glad to join our ranks next year. Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing your successor step up and take charge. I know he'll do a fine job, too. We thank you very much for allowing us to work with you and this Grand Chapter.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Companions. (APPLAUSE)

As the Right Excellent Grand Secretary calls up the District Deputies for the Roll Call, if the District Deputies will do the exact same thing and form a horseshoe on the west side of the Altar as the Roll is called.

| | ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRIC | T DEPUTY GRAND HIGH P | RIESTS |
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| DIST. | <u>NAME</u> | <u>CHAPTER</u> | <u>NO.</u> |
| 1 | Marshall J. Harris* | B. T. Estes | 263 |
| 2 | Michael W. Welch | Carthage | 28 |
| 3 | Ralph Rose | Lufkin | 240 |
| 4 | L. A. (Pete) Peters** | Tyler | 24 |
| 5 | Wade G. Richards | Port Neches | 436 |
| 7 | Ronald A. Sharp* | Goose Creek | 408 |
| 8 | Darryl R. Burt | North Houston | 472 |
| 9 | Kenneth R. Potthoff* | Park Place | 458 |
| 10 | John F. Woolsey, Jr.* | Columbia | 34 |
| 11 | Charles L. Mize | Greenville | 114 |
| 12 | Clarence J. Laney | Whitesboro | 377 |
| 13 | James R. Lewis* | Mabank | 435 |
| 14 | David L. Anderson | Seagoville | 419 |
| 15 | Roy D. Shipley | Midlothian | 211 |
| 16 | Joe V. Pool | Ennis | 135 |
| 17 | F. E. (Skip) Smith | Hillsboro | 152 |
| 18 | Guadalupe (Sonny) Juarez* | Waco | 45 |
| 19 | J. Bradley Nickels | Bosque | 153 |
| 20 | John H. Vernon* | Lone Star | 6 |
| 21 | E. E. (Buster) Williams | Llano | 197 |
| 22 | William J. Viner | Seguin | 344 |
| 23 | Raymond E. Brietzke | San Antonio | 381 |
| 24 | Henry E. Dove | Port Lavaca | 338 |
| 25 | Michael J. Kuhlmann | Brownsville | 495 |
| 26 | Jason L. Pierce* | Dad Pender | 80 |
| 27 | Benjamin E. Lewark | Ridglea | 485 |
| 29 | Gary W. Pearce* | Wichita Falls | 202 |
| 30 | A. Glen McCandless | Hamlin | 310 |
| 32 | W. F. (Rusty) Culp | San Angelo | 170 |
| 33 | Terry F. Stogner* | Big Spring | 178 |
| 35 | Frank C. Rockabrand* | El Paso | 157 |
| 36 | Bobby M. Gilliland* | Floydada | 227 |
| 38 | Terry L. Flippo* | Borger | 437 |
| 39 | J. Clayton Baum* | Laredo | 185 |
| 40 | Frank R. Torres* | Alpha | 243 |

^{* -} DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT ** - DECEASED

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Right Excellent Sirs, it is an honor and a privilege to have you before your Grand Chapter today. I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for your service that you have provided this year to this Grand Chapter.

Every one of you have been my eyes and ears and my personal representative across the State of Texas and you all have, as Clarence says, done a great yeoman's job. I thank you very much for the service.

Guys, just because you are fixing to become Past Deputies, don't forget to continue to serve and give back to this Grand Chapter. We very much need you so very much.

Companions, let's give these District Deputies a round of applause. (APPLAUSE)

And we will have the Response from Right Excellent Brad Nickels.

RESPONSE FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

R:E: DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST J. BRADLEY NICKELS, CAPITULAR DISTRICT NO. 19: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, from each and every one of us. We want to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the confidence that you have expressed in us in the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Body. Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you for all your service. (APPLAUSE) You all can be seated now. Thank you all.

Are you ready, sir?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Roll Call of the Grand Representatives. Do you want them to come down here?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Yes, sir. As before, we'll probably have to make a double horseshoe around the Altar. As your name is called, come down and make a horseshoe around the west side of the Altar.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| GRAND JURISDICTION | <u>NAME</u> |
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| Alabama | Earl E. Tweed |
| Alaska | Jack W. Lester, Jr. |
| Alberta | David G. Mather |
| Argentina | Jeffrey S. Bennett* |
| Arizona | Richard C. Sharp |
| Arkansas | Orville L. O'Neill |
| Belgium | John A. Tuttle, Jr |
| British Columbia | H. David Moore |
| California | Douglas Collins |
| Canada | A. D. (Lonnie) Boggs |
| Colorado | Kenneth E. Cooley |
| Connecticut | Dan W. Turner |
| Delaware | Virgil Sam Allsbrooks |
| District of Columbia | Mark D. Myer |
| Finland | Justin L. Van Kleeck* |
| Florida | John C. Elkinton |
| France | David B. Dibrell* |
| Georgia | Carl H. Garrison |
| Germany | David H. Gardner |
| Hawaii | William A. Bilsing, II* |
| Idaho | William E. (Bill) Schroeter |
| Illinois | Lawrence E. Tucker |
| India | Alfred E. Bell* |
| Indiana | Raymond M. White |
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Arliss Weber Iowa Ireland Ronald D. Park Israel David Fallas Thomas N. Turner Italy Mitchell R. Jones* Kansas Kentucky Paul D. Warren James Rov Elliott Louisiana Maine A. Glen McCandless Manitoba Ronald J. Price* Maryland Jack M. Harper, II Massachusetts Brian R. Dodson Mexico Arnold R. Langston Michael H. Shively Michigan Minnesota H. Bart Henderson Mississippi David L. Anderson Wayne D. Groce* Missouri Montana Tommy F. Chapman Nebraska G. Clay Smith Netherlands R. L. Harrison, Jr. Farris L. Benham* Nevada New Brunswick Fred E. Allen* New Hampshire James D. Manley New Jersey Clarence J. Laney David James(Jim) Davis New Mexico **New South Wales** Donald H. Swango New York Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. New Zealand Robert A. Foreman North Carolina Lloyd G. Carpenter W. David Melear North Dakota Nova Scotia L. E. Nodwell 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 Kenneth B. Fischer Rhode Island Saskatchewan Paul E. Wunsche

Charles E. McKay Scotland South Australia B. J. Young South Carolina Robert D. Collier South Dakota Joe R. Gilmore Switzerland Jack E. Beeler Tennessee Jack L. Wright Utah Jerry Pingle Dillon Vanderford Venezuela B. J. Richmond* Vermont Victoria Joe E. Schriever F. E. (Skip) Smith, Jr. Virginia Jack T. Peebles Washington West Virginia Kirby Rudisill* Western Australia Gary D. Dixon Wisconsin Thomas W. Snyder 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 SMITH: Thank you, sir.

Companions, I want to thank you for serving this Grand Chapter. You all have been the communication between our visiting and neighboring Grand Chapters across the United States and the world. Either where you have made a personal visit or you made written contact or however you made your contact, we very much appreciate each and every one of you for your service. It's great to see this big crowd out here today.

And I want to call for a Response from Charles McKay. Charles has had his wife in the hospital. They just got back from Italy and she had been in the hospital over there for four weeks. And I'm glad - is Linda doing better?

COMPANION CHARLES McKAY: She's doing great.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Great. We are glad to have you back here in the good old United States.

RESPONSE TO ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

COMPANION McKAY: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

I think I speak for all of the Representatives around here today when I say it's been a great pleasure to represent this Grand Chapter around the world and throughout this great country of ours. You don't realize what a great country you have until you're not here. It's been a great pleasure and a great honor to serve you guys. I was in Scotland for three and a half weeks before we went to Italy and I can assure you, Laddies, Scotland is alive and well.

It's a great pleasure and it's been a great pleasure to serve you. I speak for all of us. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Companions, for your service. Let's give them a hand. (APPLAUSE)

Right Excellent Grand Secretary, are you ready for the Roll Call of the Recipients of the Golden Keystone Award?

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| NAME | <u>CHAPTER</u> | YEAR |
| Jack E. Beeler | Port Lavaca 338 | 1991 |
| Leonard O. Pierce | Will N. Kidd 424 | 1993 |
| Cody Parsley** | Southeast Texas 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** | Midlothian 211 | 1999 |
| Sherman W. Hobbs** | Alvord 193 | 2000 |
| E. Don Wittie** | Snyder 494 | 2001 |
| W. E. (Gene) Brookshire** | Lufkin 240 | 2002 |
| James D. Manley | Tarrant 416 | 2002 |
| H. David Moore | Haggai 53 | 2003 |
| A.F. Frank Berkley | Sam J. Helm 445 | 2004 |
| Dale D. Dickman** | San Jacinto 7 | 2004 |
| H. Bart Henderson | Will N. Kidd 424 | 2005 |
| Robert L. Sieckmann, Jr.** | San Jacinto 7 | 2006 |
| Robert E. Black | Keystone 172 | 2006 |
| Earl E. Tweed | Dallas 47 | 2007 |
| Reese L. Harrison, Jr. | San Antonio 381 | 2007 |
| Ronald D. Park | Dallas 47 | 2008 |
| J.P. Pat Collier, Jr.** | Southeast Texas 465 | 2008 |
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| D. Doye Sudduth | Tyler 24 | 2009 |
|----------------------|--------------------|------|
| Thomas G. Keithly** | Dallas 47 | 2009 |
| A. R. Clary** | Ridglea 485 | 2010 |
| E. Deacon Wall** | Kerrville 305 | 2010 |
| Wm. E. Bill Blanks** | Southside-Poly 378 | 2011 |
| E.E. Chapman, Sr. | Port Neches 436 | 2011 |

(** - DID NOT ANSWER PRESENT AND EXCUSED)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Those were the two new ones added to the list.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you. Here comes Pawpaw. (LAUGHTER) Companions, the Golden Keystone is the highest honor that this Grand Chapter can bestow upon you all. Each and every one of you all certainly received this award because we knew that each one of you had been laboring in the quarries and faithful to the Craft. The person who nominated you and the Grand High Priest such as myself and each of the Past Grands had the opportunity to give two of these a year.

Now, I got called a new title last night. We caught Bill Blanks totally and completely off guard. He was completely speechless. And my buddy, Pawpaw, got up there and he says, "You rat you." (LAUGHTER) And the Grand Master rephrased him and says, "It's Brother Rat to you." (LAUGHTER)

But we thank you for your service and your continued service in the quarries and the local Chapters and Councils for all the hard work that you do.

Now, I'm going to call for the Response from Companion H. Bart Henderson.

RESPONSE FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARD

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

To be quite honest with you, I'm still wondering why I'm standing with this august group to be honest with you. It is a huge honor to be chosen as one of the Golden Keystone honorees. As you look at this group, they're not very good looking, (LAUGHTER) but they are some of the hardest working people I have ever met and I am extremely honored to be counted as one of them.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: I agree. Thank you so much, Companions. (APPLAUSE) At this time it is time to receive our dignitaries, Out-of-State and from other Grand Jurisdictions and the leaders of Masonry in Texas.

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

NAME & TITLE: PRESENTED BY:

WILLIAM (BILL) POWELL

PAUL WUNSCHE

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Louisiana.

WILLIAM KEITH POWELL

PAUL WUNSCHE

Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Louisiana.

RICHARD L. JAMES

PAUL D. WARREN

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana and Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Louisiana

TIMOTHY J. RILEY, JR.

PAUL D. WARREN

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana.

TIMOTHY RILEY, SR.

PAUL D. WARREN

Right Excellent Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana and Right Illustrious Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana.

VERNON ATKINSON

PAUL D. WARREN

Past Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons from the State of Louisiana.

HOWARD F. ENTWISTLE

PAUL D. WARREN

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Past Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Louisiana, Past Grand Commander of Louisiana and now the Right Eminent Department Commander for the Grand Encampment.

JOHN E. KING KENNETH E. COOLEY

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma, District Deputy Grand Master At Large of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma.

EDMUND D. HARRISON

TIMOTHY LA VERGNE, SR.

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International.

STEPHEN G. TINER

C. LOUIS HOPKINS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas

DARRELL DEAN

C. LOUIS HOPKINS

Excellent Grand Chaplain of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas

NICK RAMOS

J. WELDON CLAMPITTE

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee

IN STATE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

NAME:

GARY H. FREEDMAN

PRESENTED BY:

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

CLARENCE J. LANEY

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

RICHARD DOSS

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JACK M. HARPER, II

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JERRY NELSON KIRBY

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

THOMAS W. SNYDER

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JOHN KLEINFELDER

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JOHN ELKINTON

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

JERRY PINGLE THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

H. BART HENDERSON THOMAS W. SNYDER

Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

THOMAS W. SNYDER H. DAVID MOORE

Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas

PAUL E. WUNSCHE THOMAS W. SNYDER

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

D. DOYE SUDDUTH JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

Grand Governor in Texas of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America

KENNETH B. FISCHER W. DAVID MELEAR

Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

JAMES M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, JR.

W. DAVID MELEAR

Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and the Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America

LAWRENCE E. TUCKER

W. DAVID MELEAR

Right Eminent Grand Recorder and also the Eminent Grand Marshal of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

JERRY NELSON KIRBY

CHARLES STEVE WOLFE

Grand Chaplain of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

WALTER W. (WALT) ROGERS

CHARLES STEVE WOLFE

Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

CHARLES STEVE WOLFE TOMMY D. GUEST

Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: On your feet, fellows, on your feet.

T. E. (GENE) CARNES

THOMAS W. SNYDER

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: How are you, sir? Grand Master, it is an honor and a privilege to have you come before us today. We want to welcome you to your Grand Chapter. I so much appreciate your dedicated service to the Craft this year. I very much enjoyed our companionship as being one of my counterparts this year and was fortunate in being asked to be on your Planning Team. I am very grateful that you took time out of your busy schedule to be with us today.

M:I: GRAND MASTER MANLEY: Most Worshipful, it is a pleasure to have you here and welcome you to our Grand Council. It has been a pleasure to serve with you as a counter-officer this year in the State Bodies and I hope that we keep working together in the Masonic family. Thank you so much for (APPLAUSE) your continued service.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, let's welcome our Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Grand Chapter of Texas by bringing him the Grand Honors from the Grand Bodies.

(PRIVATE GRAND HONORS EXTENDED TO M:W: GRAND MASTER CARNES.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST WILLSON: You may be seated. To the best of my knowledge and ability, Fellows, those are all of the visiting dignitaries we were to introduce.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Jimmy, thank you and Paul so much for lining up our Grand Dignitaries today and introducing them and bringing them before this Grand Chapter. Thank you all for your service today.

(APPLAUSE)

M:W: GRAND MASTER CARNES: My Brethren, it is quite an honor and a pleasure for me to appear before you here during the Grand Chapter, Grand Council Session. What an honor it is that York Rite has bestowed upon me personally this year. I appreciate the support and the encouragement that I have received all year along with the other Grand Lodge Officers. This is a great Masonic family that we all belong to and the York Rite is a huge portion of that, and without your support and your prayers and the things that you do in Masonry the task of the Grand Lodge Trustees would be beyond our scope. So we really appreciate everything that you do.

This year we have tried to embark on getting back to the basics of Freemasonry. We've got some problems in the Fraternity today and we have kind of been neglecting some of those things for quite some time and we have instilled some programs this year to try to remedy those shortcomings and to do a little bit of improvement on guarding our West Gate and many of you have been involved with that as much as the Grand Lodge Trustees and we really appreciate your support in that area.

Our Grand Lodge Session is going to start the 1st and 2nd of December and culminate on the 3rd when we will get a new Grand Master whom you heard from last night. I am looking forward to supporting him and his programs in the future along with the other Grand Lodge Trustees.

Your Grand Lodge Trustees have worked very hard to do as much as possible to carry out our responsibilities as Grand Lodge Officers and to take care of the business of Grand Lodge in a proper manner and we hope that we have done that, but we could not do it without your total support and your prayers, and we really appreciate that so much.

I'm not going to take up any more time here. I know you've got a lot of business to do. Again, I really appreciate the hospitality and all the things that you have done for me personally, but also for the Grand Lodge of Texas. Thank you so much. (RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Is that new honeymooner in the room?

COMPANION JEFFREY MILLER: Here, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Let me tell you a little bit about this guy. He got married on Saturday night right before our Grand Chapter Sessions and is here on his honeymoon. (LAUGHTER)

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

COMPANION MILLER: 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:

I am Jeffrey Miller, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47. I am here to give the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee as of 8:30 a.m. today:

Present are:

- 20 Grand Chapter Officers
- 13 Past Grand High Priests
- 239 Past High Priests
- 21 High Priests
- 11 Kings
- 4 Scribes
- 59 Chapter Representatives or proxies
- 12 District Deputy Grand High Priests
- 62 Grand Representatives of Texas Near other Grand Jurisdictions
- 13 Visitors
- 59 Chapters
- 11 Out of State Visitors

We have a total of 59 Chapters, 177 votes for Companions holding a ballot of three (3) votes, and 243 votes for Companions holding a ballot of one (1) vote, for a total of 420 votes.

Respectfully submitted,
JEFFREY MILLER, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM J. GILES, LLOYD CARPENTER, GENE TERRELL, REX LEWIS

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this Report, vote by the regular sign among Masons. All opposed, same sign. So ordered.

(R:E: DEPUTY GR. HIGH PRIEST SNYDER PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, each and every one of you received the pre-print of my Grand High Priest Address. I'm not going to sit here and read every word to you. You all can peruse this at your leisure. I know that you all will take some time and read it.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of the Grand High Priest's Preliminary Report.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: Companions, you have heard the motion. Is there discussion? If you will accept it, indicate by the usual voting sign among Masons. I believe that part of it is good. Motion carries.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Grand Officers, Members and Guests of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 162nd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I would like to give a special welcome to anyone making their first visit to our Grand Convocation, as this is your Grand Chapter.

A very special Texas welcome to our Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, we offer a warm hardy welcome. If we can make your stay more enjoyable, please let us know. To our Distinguished Guests from Texas, welcome and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our Fraternity.

To the Past Grand High Priests, Grand Officers, Regional Coordinators, Committee Chairmen and Members, District Deputy Grand High Priests, thank you for all you do for Masonry.

I want to thank the Companions across the state for the opportunity, honor and privilege to serve as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter during 2010-2011. It is an honor that comes to but a few men. When you elected me as Grand High Priest, you conferred on me the highest honor in your power, and for that I am Eternally Thankful.

STATE OF THE ORDER

What a great time in Texas history for the opportunity to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as Grand High Priest. 162 years of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, 175 years of the Alamo, San Jacinto, and Goliad. 175 Years of Statehood and the Grand Lodge of Texas. And 100 Years of our best philanthropy, The Home for Aged Masons, now known as The Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

The theme for this Capitular year was "BACK TO BASICS", and the Five F's. Fun, Fellowship, Friendship, Fraternal Work, and did I say, Fun. Doing what we do best as York Rite Family, having FUN enjoying our FELLOWSHIP, FREINDSHIP, and never forgetting duty to our FRATERNAL WORK, and having FUN while performing the work.

One new program was added this year. I asked each Chapter to appoint a Prompter. By doing this we and the Committee on Work felt that in time the Prompter will be qualified to become a local chapter instructor and thereby eliminating the need to have more than one book open during the opening and closing.

We are happy to announce that the Grand Officers have approved a Sixty-Year Service Pin. This was a project that Larry Canada initiated and I am glad we were able to complete it this year.

Most of the Chapters are working very hard and showing growth, while others are learning the work and the degrees. To these Companions I take my hat off and say thank you.

On July 30, 2011, Weatherford, Texas went back to work as Springtown Chapter No. 75 in Phoenix Lodge No. 275. It gives me great pride and honor to restore this Charter to the Companions in Weatherford. I know the new slate of Officers will work hard to keep it going for many years to come.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

We are deeply saddened by the passing of many of our beloved companions during the past year. On Sunday afternoon, we held a Divine and Memorial Service in Honor of our Companions who we have lost this year. The following are but a few whom we mourn.

Very Excellent Leslie L. Coone, Past Grand High Priest, called from labor on January 18, 2011. Very Excellent E. Frank Smith, Past Grand High Priest, called from labor on January 29, 2011. Companion Loyd L. Chance, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, called from labor on May 27, 2011.

Right Excellent L. A. "Pete" Peters, DDGHP of District No. 4, called from labor on July 20, 2011.

They were leaders of our beloved York Rite. They, as many other companions, were still working in the quarries producing good and square work when the good Lord told them it was time to lay down their working tools.

"They will all be greatly missed."

FIFTY-YEAR AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A special thanks to all who took part in the presentations of the Fifty Year Awards. Congratulations to all of the worthy companions who received this award, thank you for all your years of service to the craft.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Ch. #</u> | Date Presented |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Abshere, Norman C. | Port Neches | 436 | 5/9/2011 |
| Andrus, John W. | Park Place | 458 | mailed direct 1/28/2011 |
| Bailey, Herman | Seagoville | 419 | |
| Barnett, John W. | B.T. Estes | 263 | |
| Beard, Nathaniel G. | Corpus Christi | 91 | |
| Berryman, Billy H. | Tyler | 24 | |
| Bethune, Howell L. | North Houston | 472 | 7/6/2011 |
| Bollinger, Charles D. | Amarillo | 196 | 2/10/2011 |
| Brown, Claude H. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Brown, James R. | Abilene | 159 | |
| Bruns, Richard H. | Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 3/10/2011 |
| Burnett, James V. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Byars, Edwin D. | Amarillo | 196 | 2/15/2011 |
| Byers, Billy L. | Hurst | 492 | |
| Carpenter, Billy M. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Carroll, Ronald B. | Abilene | 159 | |
| Carter, George H. | Grandview | 93 | |
| Caudle, Edward B. | Tyler | 24 | |
| Chase, Donald | Corpus Christi | 91 | |
| Clapp, Jr., Norval F. | Port Lavaca | 338 | 4/5/2011 |
| Clayton, Jack C. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Clements, Gene P. | Waco | 45 | 3/29/2011 |
| Cleveland, Jr., J. Grover | Abilene | 159 | |
| Cobb, James V. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/17/2011 |
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| Cocanougher, Allen H. | Riverside | 468 | 3/26/2011 |
| Cole, Jr., Wesley E. | Port Lavaca | 338 | 5/24/2011 |
| Crawford, William H. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/10/2011 |
| Dennis, Raymond O. | Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 3/25/2011 |
| Dominy, Jerry S. | Park Place | 458 | |
| Dorman, Jr., Ira C. | Port Neches | 436 | |
| Drotts, Billy H. | Hemphill Heights | 448 | mailed direct 6/2/2011 |
| Easter, John H. | Abilene | 159 | maned direct 0/2/2011 |
| • | | | 4/0/0044 |
| Edwards, Thomas L. | Southside-Polytechnic | 378 | 4/9/2011 |
| England, Marion J. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/6/2011 |
| Etheridge, Obie L. | Corpus Christi | 91 | |
| Etheridge, Whitson B. | North Houston | 472 | |
| Farmer, Earnest D. | Corsicana | 41 | 3/14/2011 |
| Farrar, Jr., Sidney C. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Fletcher, Harvey F. | San Antonio | 381 | |
| Flippo, Jr., Norman | Tyler | 24 | |
| Fox, Ongie V. | Lafayette | 48 | 2/18/2011 |
| • | Plainview | 228 | 2/10/2011 |
| Freeman, Ray W. | | _ | 2/25/2011 |
| French, Gene W. | Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 3/25/2011 |
| Futrell, Jack | Fort Worth | 58 | 5/23/2011 |
| Gilbert, James C. | Hemphill Heights | 448 | |
| Gracia, Valentin | Fort Worth | 58 | 7/20/2011 |
| Harlow, Tilmon L. | Llano | 197 | |
| Hawkins, Philip E. | Seagoville | 419 | 3/10/2011 |
| Heard, Jr., Marnice D. | Fort Worth | 58 | mailed direct 4/15/2011 |
| Helm, Bobby R. | Hurst | 492 | |
| Henry, Tommy J. | Wichita Falls | 202 | 2/16/2011 |
| Hollingsworth, Billy J. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/10/2011 |
| Hulsey, Fay A. | Lone Star | 6 | 5, 15, 25 1 1 |
| Jackson, Allen L. | Corpus Christi | 91 | deceased |
| Johnson, Frederick G. | Pasadena | 455 | acceasea |
| Jordan, Norris H. | Waco | 45 | |
| | Wichita Falls | 202 | 3/14/2011 |
| Keesee Sr., Joe T. | | - | |
| Kerr, Kenneth W. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/10/2011 |
| Langham, Sr., Ross B. | Corpus Christi | 91 | 2/12/22/1 |
| Larsen, Jerry C. | Washington | 2 | 6/13/2011 |
| Leissner, Vernon A. | Columbia | 34 | 4/23/2011 |
| Luther, Thomas E. | Port Neches | 436 | 6/7/2011 |
| Martin, Jr., Holloway J. | Teague | 320 | 2/24/2011 |
| Martin, Roger C. | Fort Worth | 58 | 7/20/2011 |
| Marvin, Clinton S. | Keystone | 172 | mailed direct 6/2/2011 |
| McCord, Jerry E. | Corpus Christi | 91 | |
| McCorvey, Allan F. | Cleveland | 490 | |
| McDonough, Bartley K. | Fort Worth | 58 | mailed direct 4/15/2011 |
| McLure, Joe C. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/10/2011 |
| Middleton, Lemuel D. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/6/2011 |
| Moore, Thomas W. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/10/2011 |
| , | Fort Worth | | |
| Morris, Robert A. | | 58 | 6/10/2011 |
| Myers, Jr., George L. | Corpus Christi | 91 | 0/00/0044 |
| Nail, Robert L. | Riverside | 468 | 3/26/2011 |
| Overstreet, Dwayne V. | Southeast Texas | 465 | 4/6/2011 |
| Penrod, William E. | Wichita Falls | 202 | 6/23/2011 |
| Petty, Jimmie R. | Fort Worth | 58 | 7/20/2011 |
| Phelps, Joseph F. | Texas | 362 | mailed 4/6/2011 |
| Phillips, Eddy W. | Waco | 45 | 3/29/2011 |
| Pradt, Charels A. | Pasadena | 455 | |
| Ramirez, Valente S. | Abilene | 159 | |
| Ray, Charles E. | Beaumont | 188 | |
| Reavis, Don H. | Borger | 437 | |
| Rushing, Randall J. | Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 3/25/2011 |
| Russell, Gordon H. | Plainview | 228 | 5, 25, 25 1 1 |
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| Scalf, Jr., Taylor B. | Dallas | 47 | 5/6/2011 |
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| Schmidt, William A. | Fort Worth | 58 | 5/14/2011 |
| Seaman, Raymond A. | Corpus Christi | 91 | mailed direct 6/2/2011 |
| Sharpley, William C. | Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 1/31/2011 |
| Sipes, Harold L. | Cleveland | 490 | |
| Skaggs, Dudley S. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Smith, Darrell E. | Corpus Christi | 91 | |
| Smith, Phillip G. | Washington | 2 | 6/13/2011 |
| Smith, Roy C. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Stamper, Verne N. | El Paso | 157 | mailed direct 6/2/2011 |
| Stripling, Thomas J. | Beaumont | 188 | 6/14/2011 |
| Tucker, Herman D. | Burnet | 453 | 2/17/2011 |
| Tucker, Walton R. | Dallas | 47 | 5/18/2011 |
| Tyler, Milton C. | Army | 393 | |
| Vann, James D. | Fort Worth | 58 | 6/11/2011 |
| Wagner, George R. | Tyler | 24 | |
| Waldon, Bobby G. | Fort Worth | 58 | 4/26/2011 |
| Ward, Jim B. | Denison | 138 | 4/11/2011 |
| Watson, Donald B. | Waco | 45 | mailed direct 2/25/2011 |
| West, Guy | Southside-Polytechnic | 378 | mailed 4/9/2011 |
| Wilson, Jerry L. | Hurst | 492 | 4/18/2011 |
| Wood, Glenn W. | Floydada | 227 | |
| Wood, Sr., William A. | Killeen | 484 | |
| Wright, James R. | North Houston | 472 | |
| Wright, Jr., Geroge B. | Abilene | 159 | |

VISITATIONS

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attended</u> | Location |
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| <u>2010</u> | | |
| October 19 | Grand Chapter & Grand Council | Waco |
| October 23 | M∴W∴Grand Master's Planning Meeting | Waco |
| October 28 | TMRC Board Meeting | Arlington |
| October 30 | Scottish Rite Reunion 23 rd Degree | Dallas |
| November 6 | York Rite Festival | Arlington |
| November 8 | Keystone Lodge #1143 | Dallas |
| November 13 | Denton Commandery Inspection | Denton |
| November 14 | Meet the Masters of the Lodges | San Antonio |
| November 15 | Dallas Scottish Rite Stated Meeting | Dallas |
| November 16 | Denton Commandery No. 45 Stated Meeting | Denton |
| November 18 | TMRC Board Meeting | Arlington |
| December 2-4 | Grand Lodge of Texas | Waco |
| December 13 | Keystone Lodge Christmas Party | Dallas |
| December 16 | TMRC Board Meeting | Arlington |
| December 21 | Denton Commandery No. 45 Stated Meeting | Denton |
| <u>2011</u> | | |
| January 22 | Dallas York Rite Festival | Dallas |
| January 22 | Grand Ch-Co Trustee Meeting | Dallas |
| January 27 | TMRC Board Meeting | Arlington |
| January 31 | Rose of Sharon Knight Masons Stated Meeting | Addison |
| February 7 | V∴E∴E. Frank Smith Family Visitation | Arlington |
| March 5 | 175 th Alamo Observance | San Antonio |
| March 5 | Grand Master's Conference, Grand Lodge | San Antonio |
| March 5 | Texas College Rosicruciana Dinner | San Antonio |
| March 6 | Texas College Rosicruciana Stated Meeting | San Antonio |
| March 8 | The Colony Lodge Stated Mtg, gave York Rite Talk | The Colony |
| March 12 | Dallas York Rite Conference | Dallas |
| March 12 | Fort Worth York Rite Conference | Fort Worth |
| March 13-14 | Grand Chapter of Louisiana | Alexandria, LA |
| March 15 | Phil Head Lodge Stated Meeting | Carlsbad, TX |

| March 19 March 21 March 22 March 24 March 24 March 26 March 31 April 1 April 1 April 9 April 15-18 April 16 | Helotes York Rite Conference Suez Shrine Stated Meeting San Angelo Chapter & Council Stated Meeting TMRC Board Meeting Concho Lodge Stated Meeting Nederland York Rite Conference St. Thomas of Acon Stated Meeting Grand Ch-Co Trustee Meeting York Rite Banquet honoring M:W:Grand Master Floydada York Rite Conference Grand Commandery of Texas Grand Session KYCH Conferral | Helotes San Angelo San Angelo Arlington San Angelo Nederland Dallas Waco Waco Floydada Amarillo Amarillo |
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| April 23 May 6 May 7 May 7 May 14 May 15 May 21 May 26 June 13 June 18 June 20 June 21 June 23 June 23 June 24 July 8 July 9 July 9 July 16 July 17 | Houston York Rite Conference Dallas Chapter 50 Year Awards Grand Master's Conference, Grand Lodge Lyle L. Cross York Rite College Stated Meeting Footstone Dedication Ceremony Masonic Oak York Rite Festival TMRC Board Meeting Keystone Lodge Stated Meeting 150 Year Anniversary Orange Chapter Keystone Lodge E A Degree Denton Commandery Stated Meeting TMRC Board Meeting IORG State Assembly George Washington Chapter Installation Grand Ch-Co Trustee Meeting Footstone Dedication Ceremony York Rite Festival in my honor Denton Commandery Stated Meeting | Houston Dallas Fort Worth Addison Galveston Brazoria Greenville Arlington Dallas Orange Dallas Denton Arlington Waco Richardson Arlington Richardson Denton |
| July 22 July 23 July 23 July 30 July 30 | R∴E∴ Pete Peters, DDGHP, Family Visitation Installed San Angelo Chapter Officers Concho Shrine Club Picnic Reconstituted Springtown Chapter # 75 Installed Chapter Officers for District 19 | Tyler San Angelo San Angelo Weatherford Granbury |

YORK RITE CONFERENCES

We held six conferences this year throughout the state, and I believe they were well received and beneficial to those who were in attendance. There were a total of 280 participants at the conferences. I want to thank each of you who supported the conferences.

| <u>Date</u> | Place - Chapter Host | <u>Coordinator</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| March 12, 2011 | Dallas – R.C. Buckner | Justin Bauer |
| March 12, 2011 | Fort Worth – Southside-Polytechnic | Larry Whitfield |
| March 19, 2011 | Helotes – Helotes | Joe O. Estlack |
| March 26, 2011 | Nederland – Port Neches | Tommy F. Chapman |
| April 9, 2011 | Floydada – Floydada | J. M. Jimmy Willson, Jr. |
| April 23, 2011 | Houston – North Houston | Paul F. Wunsche |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

It has been my privilege to nominate Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near Texas as follows:

December 17, 2010 – Kenneth B. Fischer to be the Grand Representative of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation.

May 16, 2011 - Gary D. Dixon to be the Grand Representative of Western Australia

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

It has also been my honor to accept the appointments of several Companions to serve the Grand Representatives to Texas near the other Grand Jurisdictions.

March 9, 2011 – Charles P. Beeber as Grand Representative for North Dakota April 18, 2011 – Alan P. Truesdale as Grand Representative for Massachusetts April 26, 2011 – Jerry W. Kopp as Grand Representative for Alberta, Canada

TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council met jointly on the following dates: January 22, 2011-Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Dallas Masonic Temple, Dallas, Texas.

The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council Trustees. There were discussions regarding Plainview Chapter and Council consolidating with Floydada Chapter and Council. The \$10.00 registration fee was discussed and the Trustees felt that since 90% of the Companions voluntarily paid the fee, therefore fee would be left on a voluntary basis. The Sixty Year Service Pin was discussed and the Trustees felt there was need for separate pins for Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The Council Trustees talked about the Grand Council having a Charity. There were several announcements on upcoming events throughout the state after which the meeting was adjourned.

April 1, 2011- Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn-Bellmead prior to the Stag Banquet. The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Trustees. The following items were discussed: The Sixty Year Service Pin art work was approved. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council selling seats in the lower auditorium for \$100.00 per seat was discussed and approved. The restoration of Springtown Chapter in Weatherford on July 30th, and the banquet for the TMRC 100th Anniversary being held on Oct 7, 2011 at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple. The TMRC 100th Anniversary Coin are being sold for \$20.00 per coin. Discussion on the state of affairs for Fort Worth Chapter and Council, and San Marcos Chapter and Council not meeting as required by Grand Chapter and Grand Council Law. Also discussed that Goose Creek Chapter and Council being put on probation for not meeting in the lodge room and not wearing aprons and jewels. There were several announcements on upcoming events throughout the state after which the meeting was adjourned.

July 9, 2011- Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington. The Meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Trustees, Grand Chapter and Grand Council Finance Committees, Grand Chapter and Grand Council Investment Committees and representatives of UBS Financial Services. UBS gave a report on the Grand Chapter and Grand Council accounts and the Endowment accounts which earned 9% on its money last year. There was also discussion on the state of affairs of Fort Worth Chapter and Council and there was a meeting scheduled at the TMRC on August 6, 2011 with the members to talk about the options. Childress Chapter and Council not meeting as required by Grand Chapter and Grand Council Law was discussed. There were several announcements on upcoming events throughout the state after which the meeting was adjourned.

REPRESENTATIONS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

On May 14, 2011, the Footstones of three Past Grand High Priests, Samuel May Williams, 1851; Ebenezer Bacon Nichols, 1852; and Philip Crosby Tucker, Jr., 1865-1866 were duly leveled by the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Masons of Texas. A Representation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas being properly opened for that purpose in San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, La Marque, Galveston County, Texas, at the Scottish Rite Temple in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas with the following participating:

G. Clay Smith Arnold Langston, as Ronald D. Park, as Travis Campbell, as Ronald D. Park, as Ronald D. Park C. Louis Hopkins, as

M:E: Grand High Priest R:E: Grand King R:E: Grand Scribe R:E: Grand Treasurer R:E: Grand Secretary E: Grand Orator

E: Grand Captain of the Host

Ronald Sharp, as James Aqrella, as J.C. Dorman, as Leonard O. Pierce, as Kenneth R. Potthoff, as Leonard O. Pierce Ted Armstrong, as E: Grand Principal Sojourner
E: Grand Royal Arch Captain
E: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
E: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
E: Grand Master of the 1st Veil
E: Grand Photographer

E: Grand Guard

On June 18, 2011 a Grand Representation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was opened at 1:30 PM for the purpose of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Orange Chapter No. 78, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas with the following participating:

G. Clav Smith Mark E. Burch as Tommy F. Chapman William D. Rucks, as James W. Fouts. as Orville L. O'Neill E. E. Chapman, Sr., as Mark Wimberley, as Mance Neelv. as Andrew Arnold, as Chance Chapman, as W. Terrell Burch, as N. W. "Butch" Hanna Kenneth R. Potthoff, as Wade G. Richards, as Maied Joarah, as Will Willford, as Dennis Bishop, as Tom Winger, as Glvn N. Halev. as

M:E: Grand High Priest R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest R:E: Grand King R:E: Grand Scribe R:E: Grand Treasurer R:E: Grand Secretary E: Grand Chaplain E: Grand Orator E: Grand Marshal E: Grand Captain of the Host E: Grand Principal Sojourner E: Grand Royal Arch Captain E: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil E: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil E: Grand Master of the 1st Veil E: Grand Senior Steward E: Grand Junior Steward E: Grand Organist E: Grand Photographer E: Grand Guard

On July 9, 2011, the footstone of the Past Grand High Priest, Phillip Melancthon Riley, 1907, was duly leveled by the M: E: Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of TX, a Representation of The Grand Chapter being properly opened for the purpose in Arlington Chapter No. 376, Arlington, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas with the following participating:

G. Clay Smith
Thomas W. Snyder
Tommy F. Chapman
Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
Kenneth E. Cooley
Orville L. O'Neill
Jimmy Willson, Jr., as
Ronald D. Park
Fred E. Smith
James D. "Jim" Manley, as

James Roy Elliott, as Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr. as Robert Collier, as

Clarence J. Laney, as David H. Gardner L. E. "Lee" Nodwell Paul Warren, as M:E: Grand High Priest

R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest

R:E: Grand King
R:E: Grand Scribe
R:E: Grand Treasurer
R:E: Grand Secretary
E: Grand Chaplain
E: Grand Orator
E: Grand Marshal

E: Grand Captain of the Host
E: Grand Principal Sojourner
E: Grand Royal Arch Captain
E: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
E: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
E: Grand Master of the 1st Veil
E: Grand Senior Steward
E: Grand Junior Steward

James Kirkpatrick, as E: Grand Organist
Doug Collins, as E: Grand Photographer
Ray Brietzke, as E: Grand Guard

Due to 103° heat, the ceremony was held in Arlington Chapter Room and the footstone was to be placed on the grave at Keystone Cemetery at a later date, at 1000 Cedarland Plaza, Arlington, TX, 76011

On July 30, 2011, a Representation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of TX being properly opened for the purpose in Weatherford, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of TX for the purpose of reconstituting, electing and installing the Officers of Springtown Chapter No. 75, Royal Arch Masons, in Weatherford, Texas with the following participating:

G. Clav Smith M:E: Grand High Priest R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas W. Snyder Tommy F. Chapman R:E: Grand King J. Y. Chadick, as R:E: Grand Scribe Kenneth E. Coolev R:F: Grand Treasurer Orville L. O'Neill R:E: Grand Secretary John Kleinfelder, as E: Grand Chaplain Ronald D. Park E: Grand Orator Fred F. Smith F: Grand Marshal G. Duane Anthony E: Grand Captain of the Host James Roy Elliott, as E: Grand Principal Sojourner E: Grand Royal Arch Captain **Hubert Smith** N. W. "Butch" Hanna E: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil E: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil Ben Lewark, as E: Grand Master of the 1st Veil David H. Gardner Paul Warren, as E: Grand Senior Steward Paul E. Wunsche, as F: Grand Junior Steward Steve McCoy, as E: Grand Organist Doug Collins, as E: Grand Photographer Darryl R. Burt. as E: Grand Guard

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

DISPENSATION TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC

November 15, 2010 – Dispensation granted to Terrell Chapter No. 146 to appear in public at a Christmas Parade.

DISPENSATION TO HOLD SPECIAL CONVOCATION TO ELECT CANDIDATES

I granted Dispensation under Article C-141 (290) to the following Chapters during the year to hold called special convocation for the purpose of electing Candidates to receive the Capitular degrees:

| Date Granted | <u>Chapter</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| October 30, 2010 | Arlington Chapter No. 376 |
| December 30, 2010 | Burnet Chapter No. 453 |
| January 10, 2011 | Haggai Chapter No. 53 |
| January 10, 2011 | Dallas Chapter No. 47 |
| January 30, 2011 | C. O. Jones Chapter No. 141 |
| February 20, 2011 | Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470 |
| March 5, 2011 | Washington Chapter No. 2 |
| April 23, 2011 | Lone Star Chapter No. 6 |
| May 5, 2011 | Greenville Chapter No. 114 |
| | |

May 9, 2011 Texas Chapter No. 362
July 11, 2011 George Washington Chapter No. 422
July 28, 2011 Terrell Chapter No. 146
July 28, 2011 Haggai Chapter No. 53

DISPENSATION TO MEET TEMPROARILY IN ANOTHER LOCATION -ANOTHER TOWN

December 3, 2010- Granted Dispensation to Terrell Chapter No. 146 to move their Charter to Kaufman Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Virtual Past Master's Degree.

January 20, 2011 – To Cherokee Chapter No. 11 to temporarily relocate the Charter from Alto, TX to Dixie Masonic Lodge No. 272 at 106 N. Virginia St., Troup, TX. Cherokee Chapter No. 11 will remain in Capitular District No. 4

January 26, 2011- To Texas Chapter No. 362 to move their Charter to TMRC for the purpose of holding the May Stated Meeting.

March 20, 2011- To Hurst Chapter No. 492 to move their Charter to TMRC for the purpose of holding the April Stated Meeting.

May 2, 2011 – To Southeast Texas Chapter No. 465 to temporarily move their Charter to DeWitt Clinton Lodge No. 29 to hold Installation and a special appreciation dinner to honor their ladies.

May 6, 2011- To Dallas Chapter No. 47 to temporarily move their Charter to TMRC for the purpose presenting a Fifty-Year Award.

May 12, 2011- To San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1 to temporarily move their Charter to Galveston Scottish Rite for a Called Meeting for a Footstone Dedication Ceremony.

June 20, 2011- To Seagoville Chapter No. 419 to temporarily move their Charter to Trinity Valley Lodge No. 1048 for the purpose of conferring the Virtual Past Master's Degree.

July 6, 2011- To Stephenville Chapter No. 140 to temporarily move their Charter to Granbury Lodge No. 392 for the purpose of a having a joint Installation of the 19th Capitular District on July 30th.

July 6, 2011- To Bosque Chapter No. 153 to temporarily move their Charter to Granbury Lodge for the purpose of having a joint Installation of the 19th Capitular District on July 30th.

July 10, 2011- To Seagoville Chapter No. 419 to temporarily move their Charter to White Rock Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Virtual Past Master's Degree.

TO ELECT OFFICERS OUT OF TIME

June 9, 2011- To Whitesboro Chapter No. 377 to hold election of officers. June 24, 2011- To Sherman Chapter No. 62 to hold election of officers. July 31, 2011- To Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 to hold election of officers.

REPRIMAND OF A CHAPTER

March 21, 2011 – The following letter was sent to Goose Creek Chapter No. 408:

Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, R.A.M. Hon. Robert G. Starkey, High Priest 1723 Manor Drive, Baytown, TX 77521

Dear Companions:

I have been informed that the March 10, 2011, Stated Meeting of Goose Creek Chapter No. 408, was not held in due and proper form. You are in violation of Articles C-065 (206) and C-107 (247) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Companions, meeting at the dining table without opening in proper form, and not wearing aprons and jewels, does not constitute a legal stated meeting. Therefore, all of the business that was held on March 10, 2011, is now null and void.

All the business that was conducted at the dining table meeting must be repeated and voted on legally at your next Stated Meeting. Companions, you will wear aprons and jewels, and open in proper form at your next meeting.

I know that several Companions are trying to hold together Goose Creek Chapter No. 408. Some of the Companions are allowing you to meet without Chapter pride when you call a meeting in the dining hall. When you make the effort to come together for a Stated Meeting you are expected to wear the apron and jewels, and open in proper form. When you do not you are in violation of Articles C-065 (206) and C-107(247).

Companions, Goose Creek Chapter No. 408 is now on probation. If these disrespectful actions continue. I will suspend your Charter.

Fraternally, G. Clay Smith Most Excellent Grand High Priest

CC: Orville L. O'Neill, R: E: Grand Secretary
Jim Barton, Secretary, Goose Creek Chapter 408
Darryl R. Burt, District Deputy Grand High Priest District 8

CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

April 4, 2011 – In accordance with Article B-015 (16) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I approved the consolidation of Plainview Chapter No. 228 with Floydada Chapter No. 227, with Floydada Chapter No. 227 to be the surviving Chapter.

RECONSTITUTED CHARTER

July 30, 2011 – In accordance with Article C-33 (179) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I approved the Restoration of Springtown Chapter No. 75 in Weatherford meeting at Phoenix Lodge No. 275. Springtown Chapter No. 75 will be in District No. 19.

APPRECIATIONS

I want to especially thank my soul mate, my wife, Teresa, for allowing me to travel for my normal job, and all of the Masonic travel across the state this year. She always tells me before I leave the house, "to have fun with the Boys".

To Excellent Ron Park, Grand Orator – thank you for your unwavering support. I have been extremely fortunate to have you as a travel companion and am very grateful for all your help the past year. There are no words of gratitude to explain what your friendship means to me.

To Right Excellent Orville O'Neill, Grand Secretary – thank you for your help and advice as I could not have been able to fulfill the duties of this office without it. You have always been my mentor and friend. I appreciate your love for the York Rite and dedication to the Masons of this Great State.

A special thanks to Dawn and Stephanie, both of these ladies have always been at hand to help me, in whatever I needed. They both are a great asset to all the York Rite Masons of Texas.

To the Grand Officers, Elected and Appointed – thank you for all ya'll's hard work and dedication to this Grand Chapter.

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests – you all have been my eyes and ears throughout the state. Thank you for representing this Grand Chapter and me this Capitular Year.

To Most Worshipful T. E. "Gene" Carnes – Grand Master of Masons of Texas- It has been my Honor and Privilege to serve the Fraternity with you as my counterpart. You have been my close friend for many years, and it has been an honor to be on your 2011 Grand Master's Planning Team.

To Most Illustrious Jim Manley – Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas- It has been a great pleasure to be able to work with you this year. We were able to work together as a team and I enjoyed the fun we have had while traveling across this state.

To Right Eminent W. David Melear and Right Eminent Paul E. Wunsche – Both of you have been my friends for a very long time. It has been a privilege and honor serving with you for the York Rite Masons of Texas. Thank you for working as a Masonic Family during my term of office.

In closing, I want to express my thanks to all the Companions of this Grand Chapter for allowing me to serve as your Grand High Priest. It has truly been an honor and privilege.

Fraternally submitted,

G. Clay Smith

M.E. Grand High Priest

SUPPLEMENTAL ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Grand Officers Past and Present, Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and my Companions:

It is an honor to welcome you to the 162nd Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and I thank you for your attendance.

This has been a fun and busy year with six Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas opened this year. Four for the purpose of Dedicating Five Footstones to our deceased Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests and two Representations for the purpose of restoring two Charters to Weatherford, now Springtown, and Dayton, now Rio Vista.

GOLDEN KEYSTONE AWARDS

I have had the pleasure of receiving and reviewing a number of award applications on some very qualified Companions for the Golden Keystone Award. A Grand High Priest can only award two recipients for this high honor each Capitular year. It was my privilege to select as this year's recipients Companion Bill Blanks and Companion E. E. "Eddie" Chapman, Sr.

Again, I would like congratulate Companion Bill Blanks and Companion E.E. "Eddie" Chapman on being this year's recipients. You have become a member of a very special group of Companions.

ZERUBBABEL AWARDS

I am encouraged by the Chapters who are participating in this program in an effort to improve themselves and show their pride in Capitular Masonry. This year's award winners are as follows:

Overall winners:

1st Place: Texas Chapter No. 362, Score – 887 2nd Place: Ridglea Chapter No. 485, Score- 790 3rd Place: Washington Chapter No. 2, Score-789 Runner Up: Riverside Chapter No. 468, Score-784

These Chapters were recognized for their accomplishment at the Awards Banquet on October 16th. I encourage all Chapters to participate in this program.

TRUSTEES MEETING

<u>September 10, 2011</u>- Joint Trustees Meeting was held at the Grand Lodge Building, Waco. The meeting was attended by the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Trustees and the Grand Chapter-Grand Council Finance Committee for the purpose of reviewing the Grand Chapter –Grand Council budgets for the fiscal year of 2011-2012. The budgets were set and voted on for the next fiscal year. The Grand High Priest discussed the problems of Childress Chapter and Council not holding stated meetings. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATED FROM TEXAS NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It has been my privilege to nominate for appointments the following Companions to serve as Grand Representatives from Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions.

August 17, 2011 – Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr. to serve as our Grand Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Venezuela.

August 17, 2011-David H. Gardner to serve as our Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Germany.

August 17, 2011- Dan W. Turner to serve as our Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut.

August 17, 2011-G. Clay Smith to serve as our Representative Near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska.

<u>VISITATIONS</u>

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attended</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| August 6 | Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board Meeting | Arlington |
| August 8 | Attended Keystone Lodge | Dallas |
| August 8 | Denton Festival | Denton |
| August 13 | McKinney Festival | McKinney |
| August 13 | Denton Festival | Denton |
| August 15 | Keystone Lodge | Dallas |
| August 25 | Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board Meeting | Arlington |
| August 27 | York Rite Festival | Houston |
| August 27 | Reconstituted Rio Vista Chapter 270 | Dayton |
| August 29 | Knight Masons | Addison |
| September 3 | Footstone Ceremony for Sam P. Cochran | Dallas |
| September10 | Trustees Meeting | Waco |
| Sept 16-17 | Southwest York Rite Regional Conference | Kansas City, MO |
| September 22 | Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board Meeting | Arlington |
| October 7 | Texas Masonic Retirement Ct. Centennial Banquet | Fort Worth |
| October 8 | Masonic Family Day at the T.M.R.C. | Arlington |
| October 9 | Texas College Rosicruciana Dinner | Dallas |
| October 10 | Keystone Lodge Stated Meeting | Dallas |
| October 15-18 | Grand Chapter and Grand Council | Waco |
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REPRESENTATIONS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

On August 27, 2011, a Representation for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas being properly opened in Dayton, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the purpose of constituting, electing and installing the officers of Rio Vista Chapter No. 270, in Dayton, Texas with the following participating:

G. Clay Smith M:E: Grand High Priest

Randy Laza as R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest

Tommy F. Chapman

Mitch Hammack as

Mike Pledger as

Orville L. O'Neill

E.E. Eddie Chapman as

Steve Arnold as

R:E: Grand King

R:E: Grand Scribe

R:E: Grand Treasurer

R:E: Grand Secretary

E: Grand Chaplain

E: Grand Marshal

E: Grand Captain of the Host Jim Manley as Chance Chapman as E: Grand Principal Sojourner Darryl Burt as E: Grand Royal Arch Captain E: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil N. W. "Butch" Hanna F: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil Rav McKown as F: Grand Master of the 1st Veil David H. Gardner E: Grand Senior Steward Mike Hammack as Ronnie Sharp as E: Grand Junior Steward

Gary Dixon as E: Grand Guard

On September 3, 2011, the Footstone of the Past Grand High Priest, Samuel Poyntz Cochran, 1906, was duly leveled by the M:E: Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas, a Representation of the Grand Chapter being properly opened for the purpose in Dallas Chapter No. 47, Dallas, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas with the following participating:

G. Clay Smith M:E: Grand High Priest

Thomas W. Snyder R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest

Kenneth Sides as
S. Lane Pierce as
Kenneth E. Cooley
Earl E. Tweed as
Lloyd G. Carpenter as
Ronald D. Park
David L. Anderson as
R:E: Grand King
R:E: Grand Scribe
R:E: Grand Treasurer
R:E: Grand Secretary
E: Grand Chaplain
E: Grand Orator
E: Grand Marshal

James D. Manley as E: Grand Captain of the Host Dan W. Turner E: Grand Principal Sojourner E: Grand Royal Arch Captain Timothy M. LaVergne as E: Grand Master of the 3rd Veil Jerral B. Jones as E: Grand Master of the 2nd Veil Ray McKown as E: Grand Master of the 1st Veil David H. Gardner L. E. "Lee" Nodwell E: Grand Senior Steward Rex L. Lewis as E: Grand Junior Steward E: Grand Photographer Jeffrey Miller as

C. J. Laney as E: Grand Guard

The officers then went to Grove Hill Cemetery, 4118 Samuell Blvd, Dallas, Texas where with proper ceremony; they placed the footstone on the grave of Samuel Poyntz Cochran.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

DISPENSATION TO HOLD SPECIAL CONVOCATION TO ELECT CANDIDATES

I granted Dispensation under Article C-141 (290) to the following Chapters during the year to hold called special convocation for the purpose of electing Candidates to receive the Capitular degrees:

Date Granted August 5, 2011 August 17, 2011 <u>Chapter</u>
Washington Chapter No. 2
Amarillo Chapter No. 196

TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS OUT OF TIME

On September 9, 2011 – Granted Dispensation under Article C-085 for Cleveland Chapter No. 490 to Elect and Install a Treasurer out of time.

September 19, 2011 – Granted Dispensation for Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to Elect and Install Officers on October 22, 2011.

TO MEET TEMPORARILY AT ANOTHER LOCATION IN ANOTHER TOWN

On September 15, 2011 – Granted Dispensation under Article C-039 (155) for Alvord Chapter No. 193, RAM to move their Charter and meet temporarily from Alvord Lodge to Chico Lodge No. 508, 112 W. Jacksboro, Chico, TX 76431 due to the structural damage at Alvord Lodge.

On September 19, 2011 – Granted Dispensation under Article C-052 (194A) for Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 to meet at Handley Lodge in Fort Worth. This was consistent with the wishes of the membership of Fort Worth Chapter.

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER CENTENNIAL BANQUET

On October 7, 2011 the Texas Masonic Retirement Center held its Centennial Banquet in Fort Worth Masonic Temple with 280 people in attendance. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith welcomed everyone to the Centennial Banquet. The Invocation was given by Texas Masonic Retirement Center resident Companion Charles Hanes and the Pledge of Allegiance by T.M.R.C. resident Companion Bill Davis. After the Pledges, a great dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Following dinner Excellent Companion Ron Park, the Grand Orator, and Right Excellent Tom Snyder, Deputy Grand High Priest, presented a power point on the history of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Masonic Introductions were done by Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith.

Our Superintendent Kirby Rudisill presented awards to all of the long term employees. Greetings were brought by Most Worshipful T. E. "Gene" Carnes, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. Following the Grand Master, Most Excellent G. Clay Smith brought greetings and talked about how life was in 1911.

Benediction was given by T.M.R.C. resident Companion Chuck Seets.

APPRECIATIONS

I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Superintendent, and the Staff of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for all their hard work and dedication to the TMRC. I had the opportunity to sit in on the Board's meeting this year. The Grand Chapter is fortunate to have these Board Members that dedicate their time and skill in keeping the day to day operations of this facility successful. I can say that the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is in great hands.

To Gene Brookshire: A very special thanks to Companion Gene Brookshire for sponsoring the CPR kits at the Ladies Luncheon. You have provided a gift that keeps on giving.

To Arnold Langston: Thank you for making the three Footstones available at the dedication in Galveston, TX. Arnold paid for the three footstones out of his own pocket. Arnold, thank you so much for your service to this Grand Chapter.

To Melba Jean and Butch Hanna: I cannot thank you enough for the great job and hard work that you did in hosting and running of the Hospitality Rooms for this Grand Session. You have been a great help to Teresa and I, and it is wonderful to have good friends like you.

To Ron Park: Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this Grand Chapter. Anything I have needed, you have been there to help, and more especially you have been my traveling Companion and my friend. I am grateful for all you have done.

Finally, I want to thank all the Companions for the opportunity to serve this Grand Royal Arch Chapter as your Grand High Priest this Capitular Year. This year has been fun and a great joy for me. Thank you again for this opportunity.

Fraternally Submitted

G. Clay Smith

M∴E∴ Grand High Priest

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move for the adoption of this Report in its entirety.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: Companions, you have heard the motion. Is there any discussion? If you will approve the Grand High Priest's Report, let's give him a standing ovation. (RISING APPLAUSE.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Companions. I'm very grateful to you.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: We thank you, Clay. You've had a great year.

(M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Tom.

At this time we'll have the Report of the Grand Officers' Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and to the Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I am Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., Past High Priest of Bonham Chapter No. 52, and I am pleased to report that we, your Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, have reviewed the Address and Supplemental Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; and submit the following report for your consideration.

We concur with Most Excellent Grand High Priest that the State of Texas has had a great and proud history, which has encompassed 175 years. During which time Texas Masonry has had the opportunity to be an integral part of that great history.

We concur with this year's theme "Back to Basics and the Five F's" all of which strives to encourage our membership to strive to improve themselves in the work, and encourages a sense of "family" amongst our members. With the implementation of the local Chapter Instructor we see this as an effort to bolster and reinforce the chapter's efforts in preserving our work.

We find the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Expressions of Appreciation to be sincere and heartfelt, and concur wholeheartedly.

The following portions of the Address and Supplemental Address of the Most Excellent High Priest have been referred to the following Grand Chapter Committees:

Committee on Grand Officers' Reports: Welcome, State of the Order and Appreciations

Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards: State of the Order, Fifty Year Award Presentations, Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Golden Keystone Awards and Zerubbabel Awards

Committee on New Chapters: State of the Order, Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and Reconstituted Charter

Committee on Memorials: Our Fraternal Dead

Committee on Fraternal Correspondence: Visitations, Grand Representatives Nominated, Grand Representatives Appointed, Grand Representatives Nominated from Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions

Committee on York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordinating: York Rite Conferences and Dispensation to Appear in Public

Committee on Jurisprudence: Grand Representatives Nominated, Grand Representatives Appointed, Trustees Meetings, Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Dispensation to Appear in Public, Dispensations to Hold Special Convocation to Elect Candidates, Dispensation to Meet Temporarily in Another Location/Another Town, to Elect Officers Out-of-time, Reprimand of a Chapter, Consolidation of Chapters, Reconstituted Charter, Grand Representative Nominated From Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions and To Elect and Install Officers out-of-time

Committee on Purposes and Policies: Trustees Meetings

Committee on History and Preservation: Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and Texas Masonic Retirement Center Centennial Banquet.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the members of your Committee on Grand Officers' Reports thank you for the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter during this Capitular Year, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to do so.

Fraternally submitted,
TIMOTHY M. LA VERGNE, SR.
JERRY N. KIRBY, DAVID H. GARDNER, JOHN A. TUTTLE, JR., B. J. YOUNG

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Grand Officers' Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Tim, for all your hard work that each and every one of you on the Committee did this year and thank you for your dedication.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LA VERGNE: We appreciate it very much, sir.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION – OCTOBER 17-18, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 4

(held over from 2010 due to procedural error)

Referred to the Committees on Purposes & Policies* and Jurisprudence

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas-

WHEREAS, paragraph No. 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas originally created the Committee on History and Preservation, and

WHEREAS, the structure and rules for appointment to serve on the committee are rather ambiguous and restrictive to say the very least, and

WHEREAS, the language defining the structure of the History and Preservation Committee of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas are more definitive of structure and qualifications for appointment to serve on the committee, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that paragraph 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas which provides for the Committee on History and Preservation and reads as follows:-

Art. B-091.1. (84-F) Duties. There shall be appointed a Committee on History and Preservation consisting of five members to serve 5,4,3,2 and 1 year terms respectively. Thereafter, one member shall be appointed annually for a term of five years.

be rescinded, and the following language substituted there for:

Art. B-091.1 (84-F) Duties. <u>The Committee on History and Preservation shall consist of five Royal Arch Masons; each of whom shall be a member and a Past High Priest in this Grand Jurisdiction; however, if such is not available, then the committee may include no more than three Royal Arch Masons who are otherwise qualified to serve, and who are members in good standing in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. Each member of the committee may succeed himself after serving a full five year term. The Chairman shall at all times be a member of this Grand Chapter.</u>

Paragraph No. 2 (No Change)

Fraternally submitted,

G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest, George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTION AT THE 162ND ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence Adopted by Grand Chapter

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you. Well, now, Companions, it is now time to hear the wonderful words of our fearless leader, our Right Excellent Grand Secretary for his Report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, you are the leader of this Grand Chapter.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas: My name is Orville O'Neill, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47.

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's Office for the year ending August 31, 2011, is submitted for your consideration.

On June 24, 2010, there were 114 Chartered Chapters. As of this date we have had one (1) Chapter to consolidate which was Plainview Chapter No. 228, with Floydada Chapter No. 227. Which leaves 113 Chartered Chapters. Of the 113 Chapters 22 showed a gain in membership, 70 showed a loss, while 21 reported no change.

During the year there were Exalted 323 Companions, Affiliated 39, Affiliated Plural 22, Reinstated 63, Demitted 138, Suspended 434 and Expelled 1. We had 379 deaths for a total loss of 505. Our membership now stands at 10,530, of which there are 286 exempt for financial reasons and 1,250 Fifty Year Members which leaves 8,994 dues paying members.

We have 9 Chapters that have not sent in their Annual Returns for the year 2010-2011. Now, some of them brought them with them up here to Grand Chapter, but they should have gotten them here by August the 1st. They are Nacogdoches Chapter No. 13, Zerubbabel Chapter No. 30, Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 - theirs is in - Corpus Christi Chapter No. 91 - we have a very sick Secretary there -Bosque Chapter No. 153, and they have turned theirs in, El Paso Chapter No. 157 - we have another very, very sick Secretary - Temple Chapter No. 199, Henderson Chapter No. 361 and Garland Chapter No. 451. These nine Chapters will not have their Chapter votes. We had thirty-two chapters that were a month or more late. Some of these chapters have new secretaries, and we understand what the problem is. If any of you are in here, please - and I repeat this every year - please do not hesitate to call this office if you need any help whatsoever. With the Returns, it doesn't take but just five minutes on the telephone to walk you through that and show you how to do it. We do not mind helping you at all. Please call us if you need the help. I called and spoke to each one of you about the Returns. This office needs the Returns to extract the information so we can get the Returns Book printed in a timely manner, plus the membership numbers. Now if we don't get the Returns in, we have to use your last year's numbers, so we don't know if that nine had an increase or decrease. You that read the Returns Books may notice that those nine Chapters don't have their officers listed and we had to use their old information as far as times to meet.

Also on September 15, 2011, this office disbursed the interest from the Endowed Membership Fund. The interest from the fund totaled \$29,185.98 which figured out to \$10.78 per member after the \$1.75 for each endowment of which there are 2,328 members. The remaining \$16.14 was returned to the Endowment Fund. 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 SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Grand Secretary. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Grand Secretary's Report will vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same hand. So carried.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Thank you, Most Excellent Sir.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

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                          Cliff C. Cameron
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C.A. Trent
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Posey
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| Southeast Texas | | | | | X | Χ | | | | X | | \ |
| Richmond | 467 | X | X | X X X | X | | X X X | X | X X X | X | X X X | X |
| Riverside | 468 | X | X | <u>X</u> | X | X | <u> X</u> | X | ļ <u>X</u> | X | <u> </u> | X |
| Blue Bonnet | 470 | | X | Χ | Х | | | Χ | X | X | Χ | |
| North Houston | 472 | Χ | X | Χ | Χ | Х | X | Χ | Х | Χ | X X | Х |
| Love Field Lloyd L. Gibson | 478 | Χ | X | X X | X | X X X X | Χ | X X | X | X | Χ | X X X |
| Lloyd L. Gibson | 481 | X | Χ | Χ | Χ | X | | Χ | X | | | |
| Killeen | 484 | Χ | Х | Х | Χ | | | X | Х | Х | Χ | Χ |
| Ridglea | 485 | X X X X X X | Х | Χ | Χ | Χ | Χ | X | X X | Х | X X X | X X |
| Grand Prairie | 489 | Х | X | X X | Χ | X | X | X | X | Х | Х | Х |
| Cleveland | 490 | Х | Х | Х | Х | X X X X | | X | X | Х | Х | Х |
| Hurst | 492 | Χ | X | X X X | Χ | Х | X | Х | X X X | X | X X X | X X X |
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TABULATED STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 23, 2011

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| Can Falina da Avetia | 4 | 140 | 0 | 2 | _ | _ | _ | 4 | 2 | _ | 2 | 4 | _ | 445 |
| San Felipe de Austin Washington | 2 | 149 398 | 0 | 3 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 17 | 0 | 3 21 | 32 | 0 | 145 366 |
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| Jerusalem | 3 | 51 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 42 |
| Brenham | 5 | 35 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 24 |
| Lone Star | 6 | 309 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 30 | 0 | 13 | 33 | 0 | 276 |
| San Jacinto | 7 | 31 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 38 |
| Rising Star | 9 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Palestine | 10 | 62 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 58 |
| Cherokee | 11 | 34 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 36 |
| Nacogdoches | 13 | 52 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 54 |
| Marshall | 19 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 28 |
| Tyler | 24 | 309 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 20 | 0 | 289 |
| Carthage | 28 | 55 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 58 |
| Zerubbabel | 30 | 30 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 33 |
| Columbia | 34 | 149 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 135 |
| Corsicana | 41 | 35 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| Waco | 45 | 215 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 203 |
| Dallas | 47 | 500 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 17 | 0 | 20 | 38 | 0 | 462 |
| Lafayette | 48 | 59 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 55 |
| Gonzales | 51 | 49 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Bonham | 52 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 27 |
| Haggai | 53 | 117 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 118 |
| Dale E. Miller | 55 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 34 |
| Mount Horeb | 57 | 73 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 72 |
| Fort Worth | 58 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 179 |
| Sherman | 62 | 47 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 45 |
| Sulphur Springs | 63 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 93 |
| Orange | 78 | 51 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 45 |
| Dad Pender | 80 | 72 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 62 |
| W. T. Austin | 87 | 86 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 85 |
| Corpus Christi | 91 | 257 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 247 |
| Grandview | 93 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| Cleburne | 100 | 52 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 51 |
| Cooper | 101 | 73 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 74 |
| R. C. Buckner | 108 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | | 11 | 0 | 28 |
| Greenville | 114 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 67 |
| | | | | _ | | - | | | | | - | | | |
| Ogilvie | 115 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 55 |
| Center | 125 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 40 |
| San Marcos | 129 | 46 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 46 |
| Ennis | 135 | 48 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 43 |
| Denison | 138 | 74 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 61 |
| Stephenville | 140 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 45 |
| C. O. Jones | 141 | 67 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 67 |

| Chapter Name & No. | | P R E V M B R S P | C O N S L | E X A L T E D | A F I L I A T E | A 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 0 8 8 | G A I N | M E M B E R S H I P |
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| Terrell | 146 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Hillsboro | 152 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 50 |
| Bosque | 153 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| El Paso | 157 | 111 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 103 |
| Abilene | 159 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 90 |
| San Angelo | 170 | 81 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 80 |
| Keystone | 172 | 71 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 62 |
| Longview | 177 | 49 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Big Spring | 178 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 76 |
| Laredo | 185 | 29 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 27 |
| Beaumont | 188 | 112 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 101 |
| Alvord | | | | | | - | | | | _ | | | 0 | |
| | 193 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 5 | | 31 |
| Amarillo | 196 | 211 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 199 |
| Llano | 197 | 28 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 35 |
| Temple | 199 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Wichita Falls | 202 | 150 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 143 |
| Midlothian | 211 | 127 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 121 |
| Clarendon | 216 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Floydada | 227 | 68 | 42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 105 |
| Lufkin | 240 | 124 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 117 |
| Alpha | 243 | 64 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 69 |
| Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 202 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 189 |
| Childress | 262 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| B. T. Estes | 263 | 83 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 80 |
| Brady | 264 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 29 |
| Florence | 275 | 32 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Kerrville | 305 | 55 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| Hamlin | 310 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 77 |
| Teague | 320 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 48 |
| Port Lavaca | 338 | 95 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 87 |
| Seguin | 344 | 78 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 79 |
| Henderson | 361 | 37 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Texas | 362 | 161 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 164 |
| Arlington | 376 | 155 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 148 |
| Whitesboro | 377 | 30 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 28 |
| Southside-Poly | 378 | 128 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 122 |
| San Antonio | 381 | 217 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 0 | 13 | 40 | 0 | 177 |
| | 393 | 74 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 75 |
| Army Goose Creek | 408 | 113 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 106 |
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| Tarrant | 416 | 145 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 132 |
| Seagoville | 419 | 77 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 72 |
| George Washington | 422 | 93 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 95 |
| Will N. Kidd | 424 | 254 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 255 |
| Hidalgo | 434 | 63 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 60 |
| Mabank | 435 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| Port Neches | 436 | 144 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 132 |

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| Borger 437 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 94 |
| Helotes 444 | | 0 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 133 |
| Sam J. Helm 445 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 146 |
| Hemphill Heights 448 | 99 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 103 |
| Kilgore 449 | 48 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| Quanah 450 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 40 |
| Garland 451 | 114 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 115 |
| Burnet 453 | | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 75 |
| Granbury 454 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 53 |
| Pasadena 455 | 93 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 88 |
| Park Place 458 | 246 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 242 |
| Southeast Texas 465 | 166 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 157 |
| Richmond 467 | 93 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 96 |
| Riverside 468 | 120 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 125 |
| Blue Bonnet 470 | 65 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 68 |
| North Houston 472 | 180 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 172 |
| Love Field 478 | 211 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 203 |
| Lloyd L. Gibson 481 | 103 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 89 |
| Killeen 484 | 80 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 74 |
| Ridglea 485 | 138 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 147 |
| Grand Prairie 489 | 87 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 77 |
| Cleveland 490 | 73 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 74 |
| Hurst 492 | 117 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 110 |
| Brownsville 495 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 30 |
| TOTALS | 10,993 | 42 | 340 | 47 | 22 | 63 | 144 | 450 | 1 | 411 | 616 | 82 | 10,501 |

GRAND CHAPTER INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011

GRAND CHAPTER INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011

| INCOME: | |
|---|------------|
| Past Masters Fee (00 x \$15.00) | 360.00 |
| Dues (9,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05) | 102,124.55 |
| Degree Fees (296 X \$50.00) | 15,990.00 |
| *Contract Items - Grand Council | 36,583.08 |
| General Fund Interest Income | 20,265.13 |
| Endowed Membership Administration Fee | 4,074.00 |
| Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies | 6,181.65 |
| Charter Fee | 200.00 |
| Registration Fee | 2,311.00 |
| TOTAL | 188,089.41 |

| EXPENSES: | |
|--|---------------|
| Salaries: | |
| *Grand Secretary | 20,000.00 |
| *Office Staff | 48,491.90 |
| *Payroll Taxes | 5,620.23 |
| Grand High Priest: | 0 |
| Reimbursement 2010 | 4,500.00 |
| Photo | 500.00 |
| Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement | 2,250.00 |
| Grand King Reimbursement | 1,125.00 |
| Grand Scribe Reimbursement | 589.40 |
| Golden Keystone Award | 18.95 |
| Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery) | 4,791.06 |
| Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report | 9,024.75 |
| Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage) | 7,286.43 |
| *Computer Expense | 325.00 |
| Contribution to Grand Lodge | 12,000.00 |
| School of Instruction Printing | 72.50 |
| School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem | 300.54 |
| Committee on Work Supplies | 105.64 |
| Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem | 810.72 |
| *Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses | 12,323.05 |
| Grand Treasurer's Allowance | 600.00 |
| *Grand Secretary's Expense | 4,254.83 |
| *Office Furniture Insurance | 919.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 500.31 |
| Sixty Year Awards Expenses | 70.00 |
| Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference | 50.00 |
| Banquet Honoring Grand Master | 1006.37 |
| Ritualistic Competition | 300.00 |
| *Grand Chapter Retirement Fund | 2,247.00 |
| TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 9,000 + degree fees) | 4,126.20 |
| Audit | 3,700.00 |
| *Grand Lodge Building Security | 4,587.50 |
| *Internet Expense \$36/Month | 465.14 |
| Youth Awards | 300.00 |
| Tax Report Preparation | 945.00 |
| York Rite Conferences Expenses | 1,371.76 |
| York Rite Festival Fund | 84.75 |
| Furniture & Fixtures Expense | 282.39 |
| Through the Veils Newsletter | 2,000.00 |
| Scholarship Fund Expenses | <u>250.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 158,195.42 |

^{*}Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40%

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: At this time we will hear the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

R:E: GRAND TREASURER COOLEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and Companions:

I am Kenneth Cooley. I am Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211. This is the audit as of August 31st, 2011.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas Balance Sheet August 31, 2011

| Community Bank Gene | eral Fund | \$109,835.06 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| UBS Financial Service | \$693,610.10 | |
| BBVA Compass Gene | ral Excess Fund | \$15,706.36 |
| UBS Endowed Member | ership Fund | \$614,792.47 |
| BBVA Compass Endo | wed Members | \$29,053.80 |
| UBS Bonding Fund | | \$49,709.05 |
| Petty Cash | | \$200.00 |
| Inventory | | \$44,189.17 |
| Texas Masonic Retirer | ment Center | \$98,532,824.00 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | \$62,339.15 | |
| Depreciation | \$ <u>40,816.00</u> | <u>\$21,523.15</u> |
| Total Assets | | \$100,111,443.16 |
| | | |

| Endowed Membership Reserve | \$674,100.00 |
|--|---------------------|
| Investment Texas Masonic Retirement Center | \$98,532,824.00 |
| Bonding Account Reserve | \$49,709.05 |
| Unrestricted Assets | <u>\$854,810.11</u> |
| | \$100,111,443.16 |

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Grand Treasurer in its entirety. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Grand Treasurer's Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried, sir.

PRE-PRINTED REPORTS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS (Pre-Printed)

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests and my Companions all:

The following is the Report of the Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards:

What a great year our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has had, presenting 110 Fifty Year Awards to Companions who have remained faithful members of this fraternity for half a century. Our most sincere congratulations to all of you!

Most Excellent Companion Smith has also granted Cornerstone Awards to 40 Companions whom their Chapters deemed worthy. Congratulations to those recipients!

Most Excellent Companion Smith also led the Grand Officers in the approval of the new Sixty Year Service Award, completing a project initiated by Companion Larry G. Canada.

Twice this year, our Most Excellent Grand High Priest opened a Representation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, for the purpose of leveling foot stones in memory of four of our Past Grand High Priests; the first, in La Marque, Texas, for Very Excellent Companions Samuel Mar Williams, Ebenezer Bacon Nichols and Phillip Crosby Tucker, Jr.; the second, in Arlington, Texas, for Very Excellent Companion Phillip Melancthon Riley. We commend Most Excellent Smith for continuing this honorable gesture of respect.

A Representation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was also opened, in Weatherford, Texas, for the purpose of reconstituting, electing and installing officers of Springtown Chapter No. 75. Our hearty congratulations to these Companions for their desire for production of "Good and Square Work"!

The Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards wish to thank Most Excellent G. Clay Smith for allowing us to serve this Grand Chapter and wish him only the best for a successful Grand Chapter Convocation.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
H. BART HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN
MITCHELL R. JONES, L.R. FAUGHTENBERRY, GEORGE H. CHENEY, PATRICK H. WADDLE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE FESTIVALS, LIAISON AND COORDINATING (Pre-Printed)

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith:

This is the Report of the York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordinating Committee for the Capitular Year 2011.

Our committee agrees with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith in his written report.

He held six conferences and each was a success. Your committee was not asked by any of the Conference Chairman for any help. Each of these Chairmen needs to be thanked for a job well done.

Our committee was honored to have served our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this past Capitular Year. Most Excellent Sir, we wish you continued success as you travel down life's road.

Our committee was saddened by the death of one of our committee members, Loyd Chance. He was a great Mason and we would like to express our condolences to his family and ask that our Lord and Savior keep them in the palm of His hand.

Respectfully submitted, TED D. HENNIS, CHAIRMAN JAMES D. KIRKPATRICK, ROBERT A. FOREMAN, JR., RICHARD W. GAISER

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS (Pre-Printed)

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

I am Tim Towson, a Past High Priest of Mabank Chapter No. 435, and I make the following report on behalf of the Investment Committee.

The Committee met with the Trustees at various times during the year to review the investment performance of this Grand Chapter. While the results were not as strong as we would have liked, the asset classes have performed at least as well, and in some cases, slightly better than their respective benchmarks. Feeling that the current positions afforded the best opportunity in the face of continued market volatility, no changes were made to the portfolio allocations during the year. Additionally, no changes were made to the Investment Policy of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND PRESERVATION (Pre-Printed)

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

I am Ronald D. Park, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47, Chairman of the History and Preservation Committee.

We, your Committee on History and Preservation have had a full year of trying to place foot stones on some of the Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Jurisdiction. We placed the foot stones on five (5) Past High Priest's graves:

Samuel May Williams, Grand High Priest, A:D: 1851, A:I: 2381 Ebenezer Bacon Nichols, Grand High Priest, A:D: 1852, A:I: 2382 Philip Crosby Tucker, Jr., Grand High Priest, A:D: 1866, A:I: 2396 Samuel Poyntz Cochran, Grand High Priest, A:D: 1906, A:I: 2436 Phillip Melancthon Riley, Grand High Priest, A:D: 1907, A:I: 2437

- 1. On May 14, 2011, the foot stones of Past Grand High Priests, Samuel May Williams, 1851; Ebenezer Bacon Nichols, 1852 and Phillip Crosby Tucker, Jr., 1856, were duly leveled by the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas, a representation of the Grand Chapter being properly opened for the purpose in San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, Galveston, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas. The officers then went to Episcopal Cemetery Between 40th and 43rd St. at Avenue K Galveston, Texas, where with proper ceremony, they placed the foot stones on the graves of these three (3) Past Grand High Priests.
- 2. On July 17, 2011, the foot stone of the Past Grand High Priest, Phillip Melancthon Riley, 1907, was duly leveled by the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas, a representation of the Grand Chapter being properly opened for the purpose in Arlington Chapter No. 376, Arlington, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas. Due to the temperature being over 103 degrees, the ceremony was held in Arlington Chapter Room and was to be placed on the grave at Keystone Cemetery at a later date, at 1000 Cedarland Plaza, Arlington, Texas, 76011.
- 3. On August 3, 2011, the foot stone of the Past Grand High Priest, Samuel Poyntz Cochran, 1906, was duly leveled by the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas, a representation of the Grand Chapter being properly opened for the purpose in Dallas Chapter No. 47, Dallas, Texas, in accordance with the ancient usages and customs in full compliance with the Laws of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas. The officers then went to Grove Hill Cemetery, 4118 Samuel Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, where with proper ceremony, they placed the foot stone on the grave of Samuel Poyntz Cochran.

The Companions who fill these Grand Chapter positions are listed in the Grand High Priest's Report.

A special thanks to Companions Arnold Langston and C. Louis Hopkins for their efforts in obtaining the foot stones.

RONALD D. PARK, CHAIRMAN ARNOLD R. LANGSTON, GARY W. ADAMS, GARY D. SMITH, C. LOUIS HOPKINS

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE (Pre-Printed)

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Companions all:

The 2010-2011 Annual Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions of Chapters of the Royal Arch Masons have been examined and reviewed by your 2011 Fraternal Correspondence Committee:

We have reviewed the proceedings of eight (8) foreign and sister jurisdictions; there were five (5) received from sister jurisdictions in the U.S., the balance three (3) were from foreign jurisdictions. All five (5) received from our sister jurisdictions were on discs. This is considerably fewer than in past years. We, your committee, believe that we have not received as much information in the form of proceedings as in past years because of the cut backs as a result of the economy or the financial situation of our country.

Annual proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions review and examined: Indiana, Vermont, Oregon, Iowa, North Carolina

Annual Proceedings of the following Foreign Grand Jurisdictions review and examined: Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Most of the jurisdictions seem to be experiencing many of the same problems as Texas. These problems consist of financial reductions and restrictions causing increases in per-capita, a decline in membership, an aging membership and a lack of new younger members. I am sorry to say that the solutions to these problems were not found in these proceedings, however most were addressed. It is worthy of note that many jurisdictions are reporting increases in attendance and participation due to better planned meetings and programs.

The following are highlights from our Sister Jurisdictions:

Grand Chapter of Indiana: Continue to support the youth financially as well as "Outdoor" degrees in their efforts to increase participation. Although a net loss in membership was reported, awards were presented to chapters that had a 10% gain or better. We noted that only one chapter received the award. It is worthy of note that the Grand Chapter of Indiana also gives a "High Priest of the Year" award.

Grand Chapter of Vermont: Reported that there were to be no chapter festivals, promoting the ideal of keeping the ritual work in the local chapters. A membership committee was formed with representatives or members from all three grand bodies.

Grand Chapter of Oregon: Is promoting positive thinking and encouraging all Companions to support or to continue to support their local chapters. Instructions were distributed that no degrees were to be conferred unless in full form, including festivals.

Grand Chapter of Iowa: Two Companions were recognized and presented with an award (pin and certificate) for obtaining at least 5 new members. All High Priests present were assembled in the East and were greeted personally by the Grand High Priest. Iowa was the only Grand Chapter that reported an increase in membership. The Grand High Priest instructed the companions to continue focusing more on retaining membership then getting new members on a "wholesale" basis and then losing them to suspension.

Grand Chapter of Oregon: Continue to support and recognize our youth, acknowledging that they are our future.

Our Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith represented the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at the following grand events:

Grand Lodge of Texas
Grand Master's Conference (San Antonio)

The Alamo Observance
Masonic Oak Observance

Other State Events:

Grand Commandery; IORG State Assembly; Scottish Rite Reunion (Dallas) York Rite Festivals (Dallas, Houston, Greenville and Richardson - Honoring him)

As well as several out of state Grand Chapter Sessions including Louisiana.

Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, G. Clay Smith, placed in nomination the following companions:

G. Clay Smith to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska to replace Larry G. Canada.

Dan W. Turner to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut to replace G. Clay Smith.

Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr. to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Venezuela to replace John W. Duke.

David H. Gardner to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Germany to replace Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr.

Gary D. Dixon to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia to replace E. Frank Smith.

Kenneth B. Fischer to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to replace James D. Ward.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith has accepted the nominations of the following companions:

Jerry W. Koff to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alberta.

Alan P. Truesdale to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Charles P. Beeber to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Dakota.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter, Fraternal Correspondence Committee, we thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith for the opportunity to serve this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas this 2011 Capitular Year. It has been an interesting and educational experience.

Fraternally submitted,
CARL W. WUNSCHE, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM P. IRVING, JR., JERREL B. JONES, JACK DAVIDSON, KENNETH COTTER

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING (Pre-Printed)

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

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

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. 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. If the new secretaries will call this office, we will give them the password. This office will continue to look for other ways to save.

Fraternally submitted,
ORVILLE L. O'NEILL
CECIL R. CURRY, ROY D. SHIPLEY, SAM WORBINGTON, RAYMOND RENFROE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHAPTERS (Pre-Printed)

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and my Companions all:

I am H. David Moore, a Past High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 53, McKinney, Texas.

Your Committee on New Chapters is pleased to report that two chapters have petitioned to be reconstituted and put to work by this Grand Chapter.

On July 9, 2011, a Petition for Restoration of a Demised Chapter was received to empower Springtown Chapter No. 75 to open and hold a regular Chapter at Phoenix Lodge No. 275, Weatherford, Texas. Springtown Chapter No. 75 demised in 1929.

On July 30, 2011, in accordance with Article C-33 (179) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, G. Clay Smith, opened a Representation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas for the purpose of reconstituting, electing and installing officers of Springtown Chapter No. 75, Royal Arch Masons, in Weatherford, Texas.

The following officers were elected and installed:

James Y. Chadick, Excellent High Priest Howard Hubbard, Excellent King Delma E. Davis. Excellent Scribe

In August, 2011, a Petition for Restoration of a Demised Chapter was received to empower Rio Vista Chapter No. 270 demised in 1913.

On August 20, 2011, in accordance with Article C-33 (179) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, G. Clay Smith, opened a Representation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas for the purpose of reconstituting, electing and installing the officers of Rio Vista Chapter No. 270, Royal Arch Masons, in Dayton, Texas.

The following officers were elected and installed:

Randy Laza, Excellent High Priest Mitch Lee Hammack, Excellent King Delbert Richardson, Excellent Scribe

The committee thanks the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter on this committee this year.

Respectfully submitted, H. DAVID MOORE, CHAIRMAN DWIGHT W. PHILLIPS, N. W. (BUTCH) HANNA, JR., JAMES D. MANLEY, RICHARD IZATT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS (Pre-Printed)

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and my Companions all:

I am happy to report that your 2010-2011 Committee on Grievances and Appeals received no grievances or appeals during the Capitular Year.

The Members of this Committee wish to express our thanks to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted, W. DAVID MELEAR, CHAIRMAN JOHN C. ELKINTON, L. E. (LEE) NODWELL, JESSE GARZA, JOHN ANDREWS

104TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER ARLINGTON, TEXAS (Pre-Printed)

At the organizational meeting of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors, held during the Grand Chapter Session in October, 2010, the following Companions were selected and presented to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Orville L. O'Neill, President Steve Wolfe, Vice President James Roy Elliott, Secretary Clarence J. Laney, Director Kenneth Fischer, Director James Hurt, Treasurer John R. Thompson, Jr., Assistant Secretary & Attorney

This year, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's Board of Directors have held the regularly scheduled business meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with two (2) exceptions; the November Meeting was held on November 18, 2010 and the December Meeting was held on December 16, 2010, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank M:E: Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith for his unflagging support of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, during his term as Grand High Priest. We would also like to acknowledge the Grand Officers: R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest, Thomas W. Snyder, R:E: Grand King, Tommy F. Chapman, and R:E: Grand Scribe, Reese L. Harrison, Jr.. These worthy Companions deserve recognition for their continued efforts throughout the year on behalf of this noble organization.

RETIREMENT PLAN

The members of the Retirement Committee appointed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, are as follows: Chairman and Companion Orville L. O'Neill, Companion Steve Wolfe, Companion James Roy Elliott, Companion Clarence J. Laney, and Companion Kenneth Fischer. The employees of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center would like to extend special recognition to the Retirement Committee for their ongoing efforts to reduce the Retirement Plan's actuarial and maintenance costs, while maintaining the financial stability of the Plan.

The Retirement Plan meets the funding levels required by the Pension Protection Act and maintains its fully-funded status. The Market Value of the Retirement Trust Fund as of June 30, 2011 was \$2,960,942.00. The Market Value as of June 30, 2010 was \$2,657,518.00, resulting in an increase of \$303,424.00. As of September 30, 2011 our thirty-two (32) retirees and/or beneficiaries received a

total of \$10,300.00 per month in retirement benefits. A contribution to the Retirement Plan was required again this year, and a payment in the amount of \$118,000.00 was made in June, 2011.

As of Plan Year Ending September 30, 2011, the Retirement Plan had one hundred four (104) participants; seventy-one (71) were active participants, thirty-two (32) of the participants were retirees and/or beneficiaries, and one (1) vested participant terminated during the Plan Year.

INDEPENDENT LIVING - CLINIC/NURSING CENTER CENSUS

As of June 30, 2011, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's membership consisted of one hundred nineteen (119) Grand Chapter residents, seventeen (17) Grand Lodge widows, and fifteen (15) Eastern Star residents, giving the Retirement Center a total census of one hundred fifty-one (151) members. This figure represents a gain of three (3) residents since the last Grand Chapter Report.

FINANCES AND COST

The Board Members met with representatives of JP Morgan Private Bank to discuss the investment performance of the Retirement Center's Trust Fund and after much consideration, determined to retain the services of UBS Financial Investment Company to oversee the portfolio. Representatives from UBS have met with the Board Members on a monthly basis to review our financial position in the best interest of our organization.

The operating, payroll, and investment fund accounts have all been moved from JP Morgan Chase to other banking institutions. Payroll processes have been upgraded to include direct deposit options on behalf of the employees of TMRC.

The Auditor's Report of Examination revealed the Unit Cost Per Resident Day as of June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$201.28 per Clinic Resident and \$49.48 per Independent Living Resident. The Auditor's Report of Examination, for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center's fiscal period ending June 30, 2011, is in the process of being prepared by Judd Thomas Smith Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. Upon completion, the Report will be on file in the Grand Secretary's Office in Waco. The changes in Unit Cost Per Resident Day and the number of days spent in each section of the facility will be included in the 2011 Annual Grand Chapter Report.

The gas well on the property of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center began production on December 31, 2010. A total of \$89,854.01 in royalties has been received to date from Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

Like the rest of the nation, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has been affected by the tumultuous performance of the stock market, and the decline in our nation's economy. However, we remain vigilant in regards to our investments and our financial position remains sound. We look forward to the new year with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The amount received in contributions was disappointing, and reflects the continuing decline in membership. From January 2011 through September 30, 2011, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center received a total of \$26,117.48 in charitable donations. This figure does not, however, reflect the many generous bequests that we have received throughout the year. A letter was mailed in July, 2011 to all 86,000 plus Texas Masons announcing our Family Day event and requesting contributions. The result of this effort during the 90 day period since the mailing has been \$9,000.06 in charitable donations to date. By comparison, this figure indicates a decrease from last year and a sharp decline from the same effort in 1988. Subsequently, we realize the importance of "keeping our name out there," and continue our fund-raising efforts. We realize that the Retirement Center is just one of many charitable organizations asking for financial assistance, pitting us against some fierce competition in a challenging economy. We remain grateful to our generous benefactors, whose continued patronage help support this worthy charity.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

After many challenges, construction of our new multi-story, independent living apartment complex was completed and we received our Certificate of Occupancy on October 1, 2010 with twenty-four (24) available units. We have been encouraged with the high level of interest and are happy to report that currently twelve (12) units are occupied. We continue to respond to numerous requests with packets of information on available floor plans and unit costs.

Significant renovation efforts during the year have resulted in aesthetical and functional improvements to the main lobby, main dining room and other common areas throughout the Home. Other renovations include the addition of three (3) new whirlpool tubs in the Clinic at a cost of \$35,685.00 and upgrades to the bathing centers to improve the safety and comfort of the Residents. Additional projects currently in process include a new apartment numbering system throughout the independent living portion of the main building.

Security concerns have been addressed through upgrades in identification and authorized access to the internal areas of the Home. New keyless equipment has been installed to provide limited entry to authorized staff and residents except through the main entrance. Employees of TMRC are now easily identified through the use of employee badges.

FAMILY DAY 2011

The 100-year anniversary of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center was celebrated by a Centennial Banquet held on Friday, October 7, 2011 at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas. The Banquet was an elegant affair with approximately two hundred eighty-two (282) in attendance. Highlights of the evening included the presentation of a Proclamation from the City of Arlington, a video presentation on the historical highlights of the last 100 years of the TMRC, and recognition of the employees with 15 or more years of service.

Family Day, held October 8, 2011 at Texas Masonic Retirement Center, was a huge success. We were pleased with the participation of ninety (90) vendors, thirty-two (32) participants in the BBQ Cook-off, approximately thirty (30) entries in the Antique Car Show, Petting Zoo, Pony Ride, Children's Jump Houses, Dunking Booth, and Hayride. Carter Blood Care was on-site and received twenty-eight (28) pints of blood due to the generosity of those in attendance. Tours of the main building and new apartment complex were conducted throughout the day by our residents.

CONCLUSION

Since opening in 1911, the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has faced many unique challenges. The one constant throughout the years, however, has been our resolve to provide quality care to our Masonic brethren and their families. While the last year has been tumultuous, we emerge triumphant, and continue our quest to "Build on the Past for the Future."

Respectfully submitted by: Orville L. O'Neill, President Steve Wolfe, Vice President James Roy Elliott, Secretary Clarence J. Laney, Director Kenneth Fischer, Director

(end of the Pre-Printed Reports)

<u>Home for Aged Masons</u> <u>Donations received as of December 31, 2011</u>

| Terrell Lodge #83 | \$75.00 | Pleasanton Chapter #133, OES | \$10.00 |
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| Mount Horeb Lodge #137 | \$50.00 | Ransford Chapter #135, O.E.S. | \$50.00 |
| Ford Lodge #270 | \$100.00 | Uvalde Chapter #297, O.E.S. | \$35.00 |
| Hill City Lodge #456 | \$1,000.00 | Hughes Springs Chap #349, O.E.S. | \$25.00 |
| Bowie Lodge #578 | \$325.79 | Grapevine Chapter #326, OES | \$25.00 |
| San Saba Lodge #612 | \$20.00 | Jourdanton Chapter #581, OES | \$50.00 |
| Plano Lodge #768 | \$55.00 | Gonzales Chapter #403, O.E.S. | \$51.30 |
| | : | | \$100.00 |
| Burke Lodge #833 | \$35.00 | Liberty-Dayton Chapter #634, OES | * |
| Kingsbury Lodge #887 | \$130.00 | Everman Chapter #624, O.E.S. | \$50.00 |
| Aransas Lodge #1018 | \$50.00 | Bluebell Chapter #856, O.E.S. | \$200.00 |
| Sam R. Hamilton #1031 | \$116.00 | Mesquite Chapter #887, O.E.S. | \$25.00 |
| Reagan Lodge #1037 | \$50.00 | Caldwell Chapter #976, O.E.S. | \$100.00 |
| Keller Lodge #1084 | \$50.00 | Haltom City Chapter #982, O.E.S. | \$25.00 |
| Texas City Lodge #1118 | \$225.00 | Medina Chapter #988, O.E.S | \$105.00 |
| Somerset Lodge #1205 | \$100.00 | Lake Jackson Chapter #1009, OES | \$30.00 |
| Richardson Lodge #1214 | \$25.00 | Waelder Chapter #1023, O.E.S | \$41.00 |
| Roy Stanley Lodge #1367 | \$100.00 | Lake Worth Chapter #1109, OES | \$160.00 |
| John Mitchell Lodge #1401 | \$50.00 | The Colony Chapter #1136, OES | \$25.00 |
| Cypress Lodge #1423 | \$200.00 | Tejas Allied Masonic Degree | \$50.00 |
| Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas | \$50.00 | Lyle L. Cross York Rite College 147 | 1,000.00 |
| Lone Star Chapter #6 | \$215.00 | Trinity York Rite College #154 | \$500.00 |
| | 1 | El Texa Grotto | |
| Marshall Chapter #19 | \$100.00 | | \$50.00 |
| Columbia Chapter and Council | \$200.00 | El Texa Grotto Ladies | \$400.00 |
| Dallas Chapter #47 | \$1,300.00 | El Texa Grotto Hobo Unit | \$50.00 |
| Bonham Chapter #52 | \$50.00 | Rose of Sharon Council #49 | 1,100.00 |
| Stephenville Chapter #140 | \$1,000.00 | Natl. Camping Travelers/Tejas #207 | \$50.00 |
| Midlothian Chapter #211 | \$500.00 | The Marine Square Club of Houston | \$150.00 |
| Hugh J. McClellan Chapter #248 | \$250.00 | Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Acola | \$100.00 |
| Kerrville Chapter #305 | \$150.00 | B. L. Adams | \$30.00 |
| Texas Chapter #362 | \$600.00 | Thurman L. Allred | \$1,000.00 |
| Granbury Chapter #454 | \$100.00 | Don C. or Donna Amerson | \$25.00 |
| Southeast Texas Chapter & Council | \$25.00 | David L. Anderson | \$50.00 |
| Richmond Chapter #467 | \$75.00 | Mr. & Mrs. Oscar C. Andrews, Jr. | \$25.00 |
| Haltom-Riverside Chapter & Council | \$400.00 | Anonymous | \$90.00 |
| Brownsville Chapter #495 | \$50.00 | Larry Armstrong | \$20.00 |
| Love Field Chapter & Council | \$75.00 | Dan & Lavonia Bailey | \$50.00 |
| Hurst Chapter #492 | \$100.00 | Dan & Shirley Baley | \$25.00 |
| Grand Council of R & S M of Texas | \$75.00 | Gordon E. Bangs | \$25.00 |
| Houston Council #1 | \$100.00 | James P. Beggs | \$20.00 |
| Dallas Council #18 | \$1,200.00 | Bobby L. Bell | \$25.00 |
| | | Cal Birdsall | |
| Austin Council #2 | \$125.00 | | \$200.00 |
| Bonham Council #37 | \$50.00 | John C. Blanchett | \$100.00 |
| Ennis Council #81 | \$100.00 | Sarkis Boghossian | \$25.00 |
| Midlothian Council #148 | \$500.00 | Kenneth Lee Bossie | \$15.00 |
| Hugh J. McClellan Council #183 | \$250.00 | Charles H. Brenham, Jr. | \$25.00 |
| Kerrville Council #240 | \$50.00 | Eldon L. & Janice G. Brooks | \$25.00 |
| Quanah Council #367 | \$50.00 | R. T. Bruce | \$600.00 |
| Granbury Council #369 | \$100.00 | Marla S. Brummett | \$15.00 |
| Richmond Council #383 | \$75.00 | Roy & Isabelle Bunch | \$25.00 |
| Hurst Council #407 | \$100.00 | John R. & Sharon Burg | \$2.00 |
| Brownsville Council #414 | \$25.00 | Ernest E. Burns | \$20.00 |
| Dallas Commandery #6 | \$100.00 | Damon & Kassi Burns | \$25.00 |
| Denton Commandery No. 45 | \$100.00 | Doug & Judy Caldwell | \$250.00 |
| Lubbock Commandery #60 | \$250.00 | John A. Campbell | \$25.00 |
| Tarrant York Rite Association | \$75.00 | H. Dan & A. Carolyn Carey | \$100.00 |
| J. E. Carroll | \$100.00 | Wayne C. & Ava Hundley | \$25.00 |
| Kathy Chamberlain | ψ | rragino o. a riva i lundioy | Ψ20.00 |
| | \$500 00 | Clifford B. Hunter | \$50 00 |
| Eugene A. Chambers, Sr. | \$500.00 \$500.00 | Clifford B. Hunter B. & Kay Hutchens | \$50.00 \$50.00 |

| Joe & Patti Christian | \$25.00 | James G. Hutchinson | \$25.00 |
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| Joe Clark | \$50.00 | Richard F. Hutton | \$20.00 |
| Maj. Robert Cline | \$25.00 | Richard Robert & Sharon Jernigan | \$100.00 |
| Donald T. Coen | \$20.00 | Jerry and Vanessa Johnson | \$30.00 |
| A. H. Collard | \$25.00 \$25.00 | Jerry O. & Julia Jones | \$100.00 |
| Dave & Dorothy Conder | 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kaftan | \$25.00 |
| • | \$50.00 | | \$50.00 |
| Ross J. Cox, Sr. | \$20.00 | L. W. Kartous, PM Lafayette Lodge | |
| Bill J. Crabb | \$50.00 | Howard V. Kennedy | \$50.00 |
| Betty Lynn Crawford | \$200.00 | Kenny Kimbrough | \$50.00 |
| Robert M. Davenport, Jr. | \$25.00 | John W. Kirkley | \$100.00 |
| Billie E. & Sally Davis | \$100.00 | Colin L. Kiser | \$100.00 |
| Guy L. Davis | \$50.00 | Steven D. Klein | \$4.00 |
| Dewey D. Davis | \$25.00 | Levi W. Kramer | \$100.00 |
| Leonard B. DeBaun | \$25.00 | Frank L. Krotzer | \$25.00 |
| Billy R. & Peggy Dickey | \$25.00 | Clarence J. & Pam Laney | \$322.00 |
| B. G. Dickerson | \$100.00 | Kenneth Lawson | \$20.00 |
| Frank Dillard | \$25.00 | Raymond M. Lewis | \$10.00 |
| Jimmy C. Dunigan | \$10.00 | Benjamin E. Liebe, Jr. | \$50.00 |
| James R. Elliott | \$216.00 | J. P. Littlejohn | \$50.00 |
| Joe & Wanda Falls | \$25.00 | Eugene H. Lovering | \$35.00 |
| Leslie O. & Dorothy Farthing | \$15.00 | James Lovely | \$10.00 |
| Benjamin G. & Phyllis S. Fay | \$1,000.00 | John M. Martin | \$25.00 |
| Forrest R. or Brigitte Fenn | \$25.00 | Gene Mason | \$25.00 |
| Anna M. Ferguson | \$50.00 | Ben L. Matheson | \$25.00 |
| C. Brett Finley | \$500.00 | Mr. & Mrs. George Matuskey | \$25.00 |
| Kenneth C. Fischer | \$166.80 | John T. (Tom) & Leona McCoy | \$10.00 |
| Roy S. Fisher | \$25.00 | John B. or Gina McMaster | \$25.00 |
| Z. R. Ray Gamage | \$5.00 | Cindy Melton | \$75.00 |
| Stanley G. Genzel | \$25.00 | L. V. [Pete] Mhoon | \$25.00 |
| Michael D. Gilbert | \$25.00 | D. L. Miller | \$50.00 |
| Lionel E. Gilly | \$25.00 | William E. Miller | \$30.00 |
| Mr. Everett F. Gould | \$20.00 | Herschel Moody | \$100.00 |
| Robert R. Green | \$25.00 | J. R. Morgan | \$10.00 |
| Floyd & Wanda Hall | \$178.00 | James H. Moser | \$200.00 |
| Robert L. Hall | \$25.00 | Billy D. Munson | \$20.00 |
| Paula & Ronald C Hansen | \$400.00 | Robert L. Murry Jr, DVM | \$500.00 |
| James Dowden Harris, Jr. | \$50.00 | Joe E. Musick | \$50.00 |
| H. Harris Hatfield | \$25.00 | Frank C. Nance II | \$30.00 |
| Charles Thomas & Iris Hayes | \$25.00 | Douglas Don Narrell | \$25.00 |
| William Head | \$300.00 | O.T. New | \$25.00 |
| Johnnie B. Heck | \$100.00 | Edgar W. & Isabella D. Nichols | \$20.00 |
| E. Andy Hentschel | \$100.00 | Malery Nunn | \$25.00 |
| H. Kay Herbert | \$500.00 | Orville L. O'Neill | \$600.00 |
| Chester E. Herron | \$100.00 | William W. OBrien | \$25.00 |
| H & H Plumbing & Mechanical | \$50.00 | Jack M. & Lois Odell | \$480.00 |
| David C. Hibner | \$200.00 | Jodelle H. Owens | \$30.00 |
| High Noon Club | \$200.00 | Martin Padilla | \$100.00 |
| B. H. (Bill) Hill | \$50.00 | Dr. Charles R. Peck | \$50.00 |
| Ralph Hix | \$25.00 | James W. Peoples | \$100.00 |
| Chester & Karen Hodges | \$10.00 | Past Matrons&Patrons, Dist 5, Sec 6 | \$100.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jerry D. Holmes | \$100.00 | James E. Pollock | \$50.00 |
| Matt Howard | \$25.00 | Tommy & Marian Poole | \$100.00 |
| Darrell L. Hudson | \$20.00 | Dr. David E. Preston | \$100.00 |
| Don Huffman | \$1,000.00 | Joe S. Price | \$20.00 |
| L. Leon & Jean Pulliam | \$50.00 | Bobby L. or Donna Sutton | \$50.00 |
| Oliver David Pursley | \$25.00 | D. C. Taylor | \$200.00 |
| P. W. Randall | \$10.00 | Weldon D. & Mary E. Terry | \$100.00 |
| John & Kathy Rasor | \$100.00 | Patsy and Randy Thompson | \$500.00 |
| Bobby L. Raspberry | \$25.00 | Joe G. Thornblom | \$50.00 |
| Bob Reddin | \$1,000.00 | TMRC Daylight Chapter | \$125.00 |
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| Charles B. Renfro, Jr. | \$200.00 | Ivan O. Toler | \$25.00 |
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| Mr. & Mrs. John Ritter | \$20.00 | B. R. or Evelyn Toney | \$20.00 |
| Chris B. Roberts | \$200.00 | Mr. Jon D. Totz | \$100.00 |
| I. E. Robinson | \$25.00 | William F. Trogdon | \$100.00 |
| S. C. Ross | \$25.00 | Ann Tucker | \$492.50 |
| Charles D. Rudd | \$20.00 | Russell L. Turner, MD | \$50.00 |
| Kirby & Glenda Rudisill | \$4,128.24 | D. W. Volkmer | \$100.00 |
| A. B. Ruff, Jr. | \$100.00 | Mack & Kelly Walker | \$200.00 |
| Earnest Runyon | \$100.00 | Harold & Betty Ware | \$25.00 |
| Stephen C. & Norma L. Runyon | \$25.00 | George L. Watkins | \$100.00 |
| Leroy & Shirley Schneider | \$50.00 | George L. Watkins | \$100.00 |
| R. E. Scholl | \$100.00 | Frank B. Weber | \$10.00 |
| Donald L. Schurman | \$100.00 | Larry Whitfield | \$200.00 |
| Gorden G. Simmons | \$25.00 | Jack W. Wilkinson | \$25.00 |
| Thomas C. Singer | \$100.00 | C. Edwin Wilson | \$20.00 |
| G. Clay Smith | \$168.00 | John C. & Tonya Wilson | \$10.00 |
| H. J. Smith | \$10.00 | N. Wolcott, Nancy & Robert McCrea | ry \$50.00 |
| Dale M. Smith Sr. | \$100.00 | Charles S. Wolfe | \$700.00 |
| Thomas W. & Linda Snyder | \$300.00 | Steve Wolfe | \$147.00 |
| Dan & Judi Solley | \$25.00 | Bill J. Wright | \$10.00 |
| Leah Jo Sparks | \$150.00 | Mrs. James D. Yeats | \$20.00 |
| Charles E. Stewart, Jr. | \$200.00 | Louise S. Young | \$25.00 |
| Past Matrons& Patrons/Dist 3-Sec 7 | \$50.00 | Glenn & June Zauber | <u>\$50.00</u> |
| James R. Stultz, Jr. | \$25.00 | | |
| | | TOTAL | \$41,833.63 |

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Clarence, we are ready for Purposes and Policies.

REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

I am C. J. Laney, Past High Priest of Whitesboro Chapter No. 377, and I am here to make the Report of the Committee on Purposes and Policies for this Grand Chapter year.

The following proposed Resolution has been referred to this Committee for consideration at this Grand Chapter Convocation of 2010. However, due to procedural errors it was postponed and is being presented today.

Resolution No. 4
(held over from 2010 due to procedural error)
Referred to the Committees on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas;

WHEREAS, paragraph No. 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas originally created the Committee on History and Preservation, and

WHEREAS, the structure and rules for appointment to serve on the committee are rather ambiguous and restrictive to say the very least, and

WHEREAS, the language defining the structure of the History and Preservation Committee of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas are more definitive of structure and qualifications for appointment to serve on the committee, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that paragraph 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas which provides for the Committee on History and Preservation and reads as follows:

Article B-091.1 (84-F) Duties. Be rescinded, and the following language substituted there for:

Article B-091.1 (84-F) Duties. The Committee on History and Preservation shall consist of five Royal Arch Masons; each of whom shall be a member and a Past High Priest in this Grand Jurisdiction; however, if such is not available, then the committee may include no more than three Royal Arch Masons who are otherwise qualified to serve, and who are members in good standing in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. Each member of the committee may succeed himself after serving a full five year term. The Chairman shall at all times be a member of this Grand Chapter.

Paragraph No. 2 (No Change)

Fraternally submitted, G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

Your committee finds that Resolution No. 4 complementary with the purposes and policies of this Grand Chapter and needs to be reported on in detail by the Jurisprudence Committee and to be formally considered and then to be voted on by the Grand Chapter.

Also, referred to the Purposes and Policies Committee were parts of the Grand High Priest's Address. We find these parts in order and in proper form and refer them to the Jurisprudence Committee for further consideration.

Finally, we, your Purposes and Policies Committee wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter and would like to say that you have led this Grand Chapter admirably.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE J. LANEY, CHAIRMAN
W. DAVID COUNTS, JR., F. E. (SKIP) SMITH, JR., JACK HARPER, II, LAWRENCE E. TUCKER

I would like to make a motion that this Report be received in its entirety.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of Purposes and Policies. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So ordered.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: That was about the shortest P&P I've ever heard in my life.

Clarence, thank you and your team for your hard work and diligence this year. I know there wasn't much to be brought before you all, but we do appreciate you being on hand to serve this Grand Chapter.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Thank you, sir.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: We will now hear Report on the By-Laws Committee.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

COMPANION PAUL WUNSCHE: Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, past and present:

My name is Paul Wunsche, a Past High Priest of North Houston Chapter No. 472 and so that Brother Cline can get it into the Proceedings, it is the best Chapter in the world (LAUGHTER) and I am also Chairman of the Grand Chapter By-laws Committee. We offer the following Report:

We received requests for changes in By-laws from eight (8) chapters listed as follows:

Rising Star No. 9 Carthage No. 28
Corsicana No. 41 Gonzales No. 51
Springtown No. 75 (reconstituted) Abilene No. 159
Amarillo No. 196 North Houston No. 472

We found the following to be in legal form; however, each Chapter had neglected to add the Grand Chapter article numbers as it is listed in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. It should be noted that these Chapters downloaded the "Code of By-Laws" from the website, which does not make reference to the article numbers. The Committee therefore recommends that the By-laws for the following Chapters be automatically approved upon receiving a corrected copy of their By-laws containing the missing article numbers:

Rising Star No. 9 Carthage No. 28
Corsicana No. 41 Gonzales No. 51
Springtown No. 75 (reconstituted) North Houston No. 472

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard part of the Report of the By-Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? Companions, all in favor of accepting this portion of the By-Laws Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried.

COMPANION WUNSCHE: Companions, please note, that the "Code of By-Laws" as found on the website has been corrected and now contains all the article references which had been left off the original form, and with your approval will replace the old form on the website.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, there is a motion to adopt this portion of the Report of the By-Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this portion of the Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So carried, Grand Secretary.

COMPANION WUNSCHE: Thank you, Most Excellent.

And. Companion Michael Blair will have those probably up on the website probably Wednesday.

We find the following not to be in proper form and recommend that they download the corrected copy of the Code of By-Laws from the Grand Chapter Website, adhere to this format and resubmit them for approval at next year's Grand Convocation:

Abilene No. 159 Amarillo No. 196

By using this format, you will ensure that your Chapter is uniform and in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the motion to adopt this part of the By-Laws Committee's Report. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this By-Laws let it be known by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So carried.

COMPANION WUNSCHE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to serve the best Grand Chapter in the world. And it is respectfully submitted,

PAUL WUNSCHE, CHAIRMAN HERB GARON, JR., DUANE ANTHONY, JACK L. WRIGHT, CHARLES MCKAY

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report in its entirety of the Committee on By-Laws. Is there any discussion? If you will accept the By-Laws Committee's Report in its entirety, vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: We have several Grand High Priests today from other States. Is there any Grand High Priest here today that will not be with us tomorrow? Will you please rise.

Our buddy from Louisiana. Right Excellent Sir, would you like to come down and bring greetings to this Grand Chapter?

M:E: RICHARD JAMES, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA: Greetings from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana and all the Royal Arch Masons from Louisiana.

I'm enjoying my time in Texas and I appreciate your hospitality and wish for you a continued most successful Session. It's been very great.

We in Louisiana continue with the same sorts of problems on our membership and those sorts of things. Our program this year has been Care, Communicate and Perform with No Negativity. This seems to be a successful program. The parts of Louisiana that are gaining membership are taking it from their Blue Lodge to Care, Communicate and Perform in their Blue Lodges and they are growing.

Thank you and God bless you all.

(APPLAUSE)

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

Is there any other Grand High Priest from our visiting States who is not going to be with us tomorrow? All right. Companion King, Right Excellent Sir, come on up. We'd love to hear from you today.

M:E: JOHN E. KING, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and most important, if there are any Companions out here, you are the most important part of us all:

I bring greetings from both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Oklahoma.

As my Companion from Louisiana said, we all suffer from the same problems. I have been traveling around the State of Oklahoma visiting my Chapters. Some are able to open, others are not and I don't know what we're going to do about that. I do know of one solution. I've watched programs come and go, come and go down through the years and nothing has helped us. One thing I do know is there are a lot of good young men out there and they need to be Masons. If we go out there and I admonish my Chapters to go out there and find Masons; not to worry too much about the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, but to find Masons because if we have Masons, we're not going to have to worry about the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. They come to us.

So the only thing I can do for Texas and Oklahoma is to say Masons, Masons, get those good young men out there. A lot of Masons say, "Well, they're not good enough to be Masons." They're dying in Iraq, they're dying in Afghanistan and they're good enough to be made Masons.

The two Lodges I come from are both Lodges that were Chartered in Texas, Greer County, Texas. So I am a Past Master of those two Lodges and I look at it as being a partial Past Master in Texas.

(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

Thank you, Companions.

(APPLAUSE)

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

My little buddy, are you still in the room? Jim. I thought you said you wanted to talk about something. You're on, big boy.

M:I: GRAND MASTER MANLEY: Thank you, Most Excellent. I'm Jim Manley. I'm a Past High Priest of Tarrant Chapter.

What I wanted to remind everyone is that we still have some of our Hundred Year Anniversary Coins for sale. They're here in the basement. I would like for you all to go by and pick those up. Remember that all of the proceeds from the sale of those coins go to TMRC.

Also, we have the stickers out there, "Support York Rite," and all the proceeds from those stickers will go to our Youth Organizations. Both of these are good causes and we'd like to see you all contribute to those causes. They're right over here in the corner. Please come by and get them.

We also have tickets for the - used to be the J. W. Carter Breakfast. They changed it to the York Rite Association Breakfast; I think is what it is called now. It's going to be held at the Holiday Inn tomorrow morning at six o'clock and the tickets are \$15.00 apiece. We do have the tickets out there at the table for sale. So please come by and do that.

And if I might, I had one other cause as Grand Master that I was working on and that was to get a new van for the TMRC. We're having to use our big bus because that was the only thing we had a wheelchair lift on to get our residents to and from the doctor's office and sometimes we'd have to park that bus a couple of blocks away because the parking lots are not big enough to do that. We have got a van. We've got nearly all the money but we're still about fifteen hundred dollars short. So if any of your Chapters and Councils would like to make a donation, please send that to TMRC and just say "For the Van Fund." We would sure like to get that van paid off. Thank you so much. I appreciate you all. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you. We'll hear the Report on the York Rite Esoteric Association.

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ESOTERIC ASSOCIATION

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST LANEY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I would like to present the Report of the York Rite Esoteric Association and just say that we met on Saturday morning at seven o'clock over at George's and had fellowship and had breakfast.

Clarence Laney was elected as President; Robert Cagley as Vice President; David Rogers as the Chaplain; and as Secretary – Charles Louis Hopkins.

We want to remind this august body that we do have an esoteric association and any of you that have the Certificates in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, you are eligible to become a member of that.

We also have some dues that have not been paid from members, so please get that taken care of. Thank you for letting me make this Report, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you. It's really an announcement. Is H. Bart Henderson in the room? Are you ready to give the Report on Honors, Recognitions and Awards?

COMPANION HENDERSON: Yes, Most Excellent.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

COMPANION HENDERSON: To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Chapter Officers, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priests and my Companions all:

I am Bart Henderson, Past High Priest of Will N. Kidd Chapter No. 424.

The Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards submits the following Supplemental Report to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas:

We commend the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion G. Clay Smith, on his insightful choices as recipients of the 2011 Golden Keystone Awards. Companions Bill Blanks and E. E. (Eddie) Chapman are perfect examples of hard workers for our Fraternity, many times working in total anonymity, never asking for any recognition. It is this type of Companion, diligently working for the "Good of the Order," asking for nothing, that is the true beauty of what we do. Our sincere and hearty congratulations to these two great Companions!

Our Grand High Priest also acknowledged Texas Chapter No. 362, Ridglea Chapter No. 485 and Washington Chapter No. 2 as the top three winners of the Zerubbabel Award. These three received the highest marks from their District Deputy reports.

And from the Supplemental Address. Again, our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion G. Clay Smith, opened a Representation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for the purpose of leveling "Footstone" in memory of one of our Past Grand High Priests; this time in Dallas for Very Excellent Companion Samuel Poyntz Cochran. This continued gesture of respect by our Grand Officers and this Grand Chapter, is most appreciated by its membership.

Our Grand High Priest also opened a Representation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for the purpose of Constituting, Electing and Installing Officers of Rio Vista Chapter No. 270, in Dayton, Texas; another effort for the production of "Good and Square Work"! The best of luck to these Companions in their new endeavor.

The Committee on Recognitions, Honors and Awards again, wish to thank Most Excellent G. Clay Smith, for allowing us to serve this Grand Chapter, and congratulate him on a successful Grand Chapter Convocation.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

H. BART HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN MITCHELL R. JONES, L. R. FAUGHTENBERRY, GEORGE H. CHENEY, PATRICK H. WADDLE

Most Excellent Sir, I move the adoption of this Supplemental Report to the original Report that has already been approved.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Honors, Recognitions and Awards Committee, the Supplement, in its entirety. You have already voted on the pre-print. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this Committee's Report will vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Bart, thank you so much for your service to this Grand Chapter and please thank the Committee Members for their hard work and dedication. We appreciate it.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Excellent Companion Royal Arch Captain, when about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment, your duty?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, we will have a closing prayer from our Excellent Grand Chaplain, O. L. Clark. Now, O. L. is probably closer to God than anyone in this room. He's 90 years old. He's fixing to have his 91st birthday, which is coming up pretty quick. I think he and his son are going to Wendover for his birthday. He's got more energy for a person his age than anybody I've ever seen. So, Big Daddy, would you please lead us in a closing prayer for today. (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE)

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Thank you, Clay.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we want to pause at this time and give You thanks for the many blessings of life. We are thankful, Dear Lord, for what we stand for. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with all of us as we go our separate ways. Help us to remember our obligations to each other and to Thee. And, again, please, Dear Lord, be with those who are sick and unable to be here. Forgive us where we have failed and we will give Thee the praise. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Accordingly, Companions, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter called from labor to refreshment.

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

(11:25 A.M.)

FIRST SESSION CONCLUDED AND GRAND CHAPTER ADJOURNED UNTIL OCTOBER 18TH, 2011 AT 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2011 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 SMITH: Good morning, Companions!

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: Good morning!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Boy, that's a good answer. Glad to see everybody out here this morning nice and chipper.

Excellent Companion Grand Royal Arch Captain, when about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from refreshment to labor, your duty?

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN SMITH: To see that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas is properly tiled, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: You will perform that duty and inform the Grand Guard that I am about to call the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter from refreshment to labor and direct him to quard accordingly.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) In the Name of God and our most ancient worthy patron Zerrubabel I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from refreshment to labor.

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, you will so inform the Grand Guard (GAVELING).

(GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) Excellent Companion Grand Chaplain, would you lead us in our devotions this morning.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Let us pray.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we come to You offering thanks again for the many blessings of life. We are thankful, Dear Lord, that we still live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. We ask, Dear Lord, that You be with our troops throughout the world. Bring them home safely. Help our leaders, Dear Lord, to make the right decisions. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with those that are sick and unable to be here. Dear Lord, forgive us where we have failed. Help us, Dear Lord, to make the right decisions as we go on through this Chapter meeting. Help, guide and direct us and give us a safe journey home. Forgive us where we have failed and we will give Thee the praise. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: (GAVELING) Companions, how many who are still in the room attended the School of Instruction this trip? Did you all like those new chairs there in the schoolrooms? (APPLAUSE)

Well, I want to tell you who is basically responsible for us having them. It's our Grand Secretary. He spent many an afternoon trying to assemble and learn how to assemble all of those purple chairs. He assembled them, built bases for them, got them back together and anchored back down. That's what he was doing most afternoons in the summertime this year.

I would like to give him the honorary title of Keeper of the Chairs. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Companions, I will tell you how those chairs came about. We have a Brother that is the maintenance supervisor at TCU. He called me one day and he said he had some chairs that he wanted to give out to different institutions. If not, he was just going to throw them in the dumpster because that's what the big guys do when they have got lots of money. They just throw the old ones away and get some new ones.

We went up - I had some help from some Companions. We went up and took the chairs out of their auditorium up there and brought them down here. I want to tell you, those boys from Weatherford bit off more than they probably wanted to chew at that time. They did not know how hot it was going to be, if you remember the heat this summer. (LAUGHTER)

But those chairs didn't cost us a single penny to get them. I have thanked that man immensely for letting us have those chairs. That is how we came about getting them and I hope you all enjoy them. Just be gentle with them. Don't get excited and lean back and go to sleep and break them. I hope you all like them and I hope they last a long time. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: How many Companions whose first time it is to come to Grand Chapter? Please rise. Wow! Would you look at that. Give these guys a hand. (APPLAUSE)

Is the Memorials Committee ready to give their Report? Thank you, Joe.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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

My name is Joe Gilmore, Past High Priest of Greenville Chapter No. 114, Greenville, Texas.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, our Chairman, Larry Blanchard, took ill and had to leave so I am going to give his report.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is my honor to report on the Memorials Committee of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2011, your Memorials Committee in cooperation with the Memorials Committee of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, conducted a joint Memorial and Divine Service.

This service offered tribute to our Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council: E. Frank Smith and Leslie L. Coone. Tribute was also offered to Right Excellent and Right Illustrious District Deputy Companion L. A. (Pete) Peters.

We offered tributes to our deceased Past High Priests and Thrice Illustrious Masters, our deceased Companions of constituent Chapters and Councils, the Companions from Other Jurisdictions and those members of our Armed Forces who passed away during the past year.

Companion Larry Blanchard, Chairman of the Grand Chapter Memorials Committee inspired us during the Divine Service with a sermon about "Doing what you can with what you have." Music was provided by Betty Carole Shively and Becky Wunsche.

Members of both Memorial Committees assisted in conducting the service and we were honored to have Companions O. L. Clark and Edwin S. Malone, III, Grand Chaplains, participate.

We also wish to thank Companions Very Excellent and Very Illustrious John Elkinton, Robert Collier and Richard Gaiser for their tributes.

On behalf of your Committee, we want to thank you for allowing us to serve.

LARRY BLANCHARD, CHAIRMAN EDWARD E. CHAPMAN, SR., O. L. CLARK, C. A. TRENT, JOE GILMORE

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Memorials Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Report, vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Jerry Kirby, are you ready this morning for the Report on Redistricting?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am Jerry Nelson Kirby, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, we, your Committee on Redistricting, present the following Report:

Companions, you have three proposals and I hope you all picked one up when you got here at Grand Chapter. We have Version No. 1 proposed by the Committee on Redistricting, 2010; Version No. 2, proposed by Very Excellent Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr.; and a version proposed by Very Excellent Orville Lee O'Neill, the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Basically, the version proposed by Companion O'Neill eliminates the empty Districts and renumbers and does not combine any of the Districts. This eliminates a lot of miles in driving and it is the opinion of the Committee on Redistricting that this is the best version.

And I would move that we accept the version by Companion Orville Lee O'Neill as the new redistricting proposal and I so move.

As proposed by R:E: Orville O'Neill

DISTRICT ONE: Ogilvie 115/69, B T Estes 263/198

DISTRICT TWO: Marshall 19/3, Carthage 28/25, Longview 177/116, Henderson 361/298, Kilgore 449/366

DISTRICT THREE: Rising Star 9/17, Nacogdoches 13/23, Center 125/73, Lufkin 240/176,

DISTRICT FOUR: Palestine 10/20, Cherokee 11/4, Tyler 24/13, Dale E. Miller 55/40

DISTRICT FIVE: Orange 78/49, Beaumont 188/126, Port Neches 436/413, Southeast Texas 465/380 DISTRICT SIX: Jerusalem 3/7, Brenham 5/22, San Jacinto 7/12, Zerubabbel 30/26, W T Austin 87/52 DISTRICT SEVEN: Rio Vista 270/205, Goose Creek 408/339, Will N. Kidd 424/347, North Houston

472/387, Lloyd L Gibson 481/394, Cleveland 490/405

DISTRICT EIGHT: San Felipe de Austin 1/406, Washington 2/1, Pasadena 455/374, Park Place 458/373

DISTRICT NINE: Columbia 34/29, Richmond 467/383

DISTRICT TEN: Lafayette 48/34, Sulphur Springs 63/44, Greenville 114/68

DISTRICT ELEVEN: Bonham 52/37, Sherman 62/43, Denison 138/83, Whitesboro 377/313

DISTRICT TWELVE: Terrell 146/90, Mabank 435/355

DISTRICT THIRTEEN: Dallas 47/18, RC Buckner 108/67, Seagoville 419/397, Geo Washington 422/408, Garland 451/118, Love Field 478/396

DISTRICT FOURTEEN: Midlothian 211/148, Grand Prairie 489/404

DISTRICT FIFTEEN: Corsicana 41/32, Ennis 135/81, Teague 320/256

DISTRICT SIXTEEN: Grandview 93/56, Cleburne 100/61, Hillsboro 152/94,

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN: Waco 45/33, Temple 199/137, Killeen 484/399

DISTRICT EIGHTEEN: Springtown 75/47, Stephenville 140/85, Bosque 153/95, Granbury 454/369

DISTRICT NINETEEN: Lone Star 6/2, San Marcos 129/215, C.O. Jones 141/86

DISTRICT TWENTY: Mt Horeb 57/41, Llano 197/135, Florence 275/208, Burnet 453/368

DISTRICT TWENTY ONE: Gonzalez 51/6, Seguin 344/281
DISTRICT TWENTY TWO: Cooper 101/62, Kerrville 305/240, San Antonio 381/14, Army 393/411, Helotes 444/362. Blue Bonnet 470/409

DISTRICT TWENTY THREE: Corpus Christi 91/55, Port Lavaca 338/275

DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR: Hidalgo 434/353, Brownsville 495/414

DISTRICT TWENTY FIVE: Haggai 53/38, Dad Pender 80/50, Alvord 193/131

DISTRICT TWENTY SIX: Fort Worth 52/42, Texas 362/321, Arlington 376/314, Southside-Poly 378/315, Tarrant 416/349, Hemphill Heights 448/365, Riverside 468/384, Ridglea 485/400, Hurst 492/407

DISTRICT TWENTY SEVEN: Wichita Falls 202/140, Childress 262/197, Quanah 450/367

DISTRICT TWENTY EIGHT: Abilene 159/100, Hamlin 310/192

DISTRICT TWENTY NINE: San Angelo 170/110, Brady 264/199

DISTRICT THIRTY: Keystone 172/112, Big Spring 178/117, Sam J Helm 445/363

DISTRICT THIRTY ONE: El Paso 157/98

DISTRICT THIRTY TWO: Floydada 227/163, Hugh J McClellan 248/183

DISTRICT THIRTY THREE: Amarillo 196/134, Clarendon 216/152, Borger 437/354

DISTRICT THIRTY FOUR: Laredo 185/123

DISTRICT THIRTY FIVE: Alpha 243/178

A COMPANION: Second.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion?

COMPANION WILLIS BOEDEKER: Yes.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Would you please come down to the mike, sir.

(DISCUSSION AWAY FROM MICROPHONE BETWEEN V:E: COMPANION KIRBY (AND COMPANION BOEDEKER.

COMPANION BOEDEKER: I'm Willis Boedeker, Past High Priest of Palestine No. 10. I got excited when the man said it was in the proposal and it wasn't in my pamphlet and I found out how you all had it set up. So I have no complaints and I will buy anything Orville is selling. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Best answer I've heard today. (LAUGHTER)

A COMPANION: You've got one supporter, Orville. (LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Is there any other discussion?

Companions, this is what was posted. It was mailed out to all the Chapters and Councils and we also spoke about it on the Conference trail this year at every location.

All in favor of accepting Orville's proposal by making no changes with the exception of renumbering the Districts as proposed by Jerry Kirby for Orville's recommendation, vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed? So carried.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you, Jerry. (APPLAUSE)

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST KIRBY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm still Jerry Kirby, Past High Priest of Midlothian Chapter No. 211.

We should state that the redistricting will not go into effect until this next year. Okay? The Districts will remain as they are for this next Capitular Year for 2011-2012. It will go into effect next year - 2012-2013. Thank you very much.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Tom sure hopes so. He doesn't want to have to buy new name badges for those Districts. (LAUGHTER)

Ed, would you please come up. Companions, this is Ed Harrison. He is the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter. We'd love to hear from you this morning, sir. Thank you for coming all the way down from New York.

M:E: EDMUND D. HARRISON, MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER: I was hoping you wouldn't say that. (LAUGHTER)

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Edmund D. Harrison, Past High Priest of Ancient Chapter No. 1 of the Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons. That's it for the Record. Thank you.

Most Excellent, you do me great honor by calling me up here and giving me the opportunity to speak and express to you the thanks of General Grand Chapter for all the courtesies you have extended to me. This is not the first time. It's getting to be repetitive and that's a wonderful sign.

It is a great honor for me to be in this venue to be here in the great Grand Chapter of Texas. After some of the comments that were made yesterday regarding New York - and I don't refute any of them. (LAUGHTER) I wanted to perhaps give you an opportunity to be a little more comfortable with me because I was actually born and raised in Canada. So if you feel easier about it, you can call me a Canadian and that will eliminate some of this New York business. (LAUGHTER)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Sir, as long as you all are not making picante sauce in New York, we'll let that go. (LAUGHTER)

M:E: GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST HARRISON: I'm afraid I don't have any control over that either, but we do what we can.

We have great appreciation for the Grand Chapter of Texas. You set examples for us. Your unity, your fierce pride in what you are and who you are is a great sign to all of us and I want you to know how much we recognize and respect that.

I would like to recognize the Grand High Priest for his courtesies, to your Grand Secretary, Orville O'Neill, many times he has assisted me, for the work that he and the other members of the Grand Chapter of Texas are doing for the South Central Conference which you will be hosting next year. To Very Excellent Jerry Kirby who has agreed to serve as Ambassador for the General Grand Chapter of Texas, I want to thank you for that, sir.

Jimmy Willson who has been a big, warm, friendly guy to me on my several visits down here. And, of course, to Larry Tucker who has assisted me substantially.

Just an aside for a moment, the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master in their several comments noted a decline in membership and several, as they stated, problems we are all facing and I want to submit to you: we don't have any problems. No reflection on the authority of the Grand Master. We only have a few challenges and issues to be dealt with.

I would like to cite an email I got last night. It was a copy of an edict or message issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the third oldest Grand Lodge in the world. They just reported their third year of an increase in membership after deaths and demits. Three years in a row. And an interesting challenge that the Grand Master is putting before that Grand Lodge is to raise the per capita from \$15.00 to \$60.00 a member; a minimum initiation fee for any Lodge to charge would be \$300.00. Give it some thought. You get what you pay for and they believe they have a great product to sell so they want to charge accordingly.

At the Banquet a couple of nights ago I was privileged to sit with some fine Companions. At the end of the Banquet we were getting up and saying our farewells. One of them said to me, "Gee, it's great to have you here and we'll keep you welcome as long as you don't talk about General Grand Chapter."

(LAUGHTER)

So based on that recommendation, I will not talk about our mission statement, (LAUGHTER) our vision statement, our new under forties group, the new emerging leaders program that is meeting with tremendous success, our new electronic newsletter, the improved version of the Royal Arch Magazine which will be going on line, our new Royal Arch Research Assistance Program where we are not only supporting central auditory processing disorder research in the University of Connecticut, but also with the Hearing Health Foundation and Autism Speech.

So now that I have not spoken about those things (LAUGHTER) we'll move forward.

I had a great privilege a few weeks ago when I was in Charlotte, North Carolina, to sit down for some time with your Grand Scribe, Right Excellent Reese L. Harrison, Jr. who we will both admit we are not related. He comes from the right side of the British Colonies and I come from across the water in Ireland and never the twain shall meet, but that doesn't mean we can't be friends. (LAUGHTER)

We sat down for a scheduled breakfast which went on five hours, thank goodness, because I was given a course in Texas 101. (LAUGHTER) And it was extraordinarily enlightening to me. And, sir, I will forever be grateful for that time you spent with me. Thank you very, very much. We learned that we can assist one another and work together.

I would like to tell you a brief story of something that I think reflects the universality of Royal Arch Masonry, how we transcend political borders. It doesn't mean to say we can't be Companions no matter where we come from.

I mentioned I was born and brought up in Canada. My father served in the Canadian Military Forces in the Second World War and he was killed in Italy and my mother decided that it was a lot warmer in Italy than it was in Quebec so it would be a better place for him to be buried, so that's where he's buried.

About three or four years ago I was at a banquet in Paris and seated at the table was the Grand Master of Italy. We had a chance to chat with some difficulty because his English wasn't very good and my Italian was worse. But somewhere along the line I managed to ask him where he lived in Italy. He said he lived in Rimini, Italy. I said, "Well, I've been to Rimini." "Wow," he says. "Why would anybody go to Rimini?" I said, "Well, because my father is buried in a little village near there." He said, "That must be the Commonwealth Military Cemetery." I said, "Yes, it is."

He takes a piece of paper out of his pocket and says, "Write your father's name down." So I wrote McGee Harrison." That was the end of the conversation. Never heard another word from him until six months later I got an email from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Italy with a photo attached. In that photo were the ten officers of the Grand Chapter of Italy standing at my father's grave with flowers that they had placed there.

My Companions, I leave that with you as the thought of the universality of Freemasonry and close with my great thanks to you, Most Excellent Sir, and to this Grand Chapter for making me so welcome. Thank you very much. (RISING APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Will you please come up, David, and give your Report.

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

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

I am David Gardner, Past High Priest of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58.

This is the Report of the Order of High Priesthood for the October 17th meeting which was opened in ritualistic form at 4:20 p.m. in the Waco Lower Auditorium, with seven (7) officers, twenty-eight (28) members and thirty-seven (37) candidates for a total of seventy-two (72) present.

After the conferral of the Order, the new members were provided a certificate. Membership cards and lapel pins will be mailed when our new supply arrives.

The Order remains in very sound financial order.

The New officers for 2012 were elected, appointed and installed as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Right Excellent Master of Ceremonies Right Excellent Conductor

Excellent Treasurer Excellent Secretary Excellent Chaplain

Excellent Marshal
Excellent Steward
Excellent Sentinel

David H. Gardner Lawrence E. Tucker H. Bart Henderson Reese L. Harrison, Jr. Thomas C. Snedecor

B. J. Young

James A. Rodriguez G. Clay Smith Hobie D. Henderson

This completes our report, Most Excellent, and I move for its adoption.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Order of High Priesthood. Is there any discussion?

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Yes, Most Excellent, there is. If all of the Officers just named off are in this room, I would like to say something to you all and if the Silver Trowel is in here, I would like to say something to you all, too.

For several years, but the last three years especially, you all have come down and used this auditorium and that is not a problem. The only problem is that the last three years I have had to come back down here on Tuesday and put everything back in order because you move all this stuff around. Learn to put

it back where you found it. That's all I ask.

But on this occasion I'm glad you didn't because that microphone stand was broken and if it had been put back, I would not have known it and would not have had time to fix it.

So, please, Brethren, Companions, my friends, I hope, (LAUGHTER) please put the stuff back like you found it. No problem at all. Okay? And please tell that to the ones who are not in here that you called off on that list.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Is there any other discussion? All in favor of accepting the Report of the Order of High Priesthood, vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried, sir.

| | CANDIDATES FOR THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD 2011 | | | | |
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| Last Name | First Name | Ch. | Last Name | First Name | <u>Ch.</u> |
| Anthony | Duane | 188 | Huckabay | Jimmy D. | 470 |
| Avalos | Joseph A. | 91 | lerien | Robert B. | 344 |
| Barber | R.W. | 34 | Lantz | Max E. | 453 |
| Bates | Keith | 138 | Matthews | Bart W. | 146 |
| Blaser, Jr. | Eads B. | 10 | McClure, Jr. | Edward Lee | 101 |
| Boyd | William H. | 444 | Patton | Mark | 52 |
| Branson | Alan | 57 | Pearson | Steven G. | 152 |
| Bushong | Ken | 57 | Perkins | Robert D. | 470 |
| Covington | Randal | 344 | Pierce | S. Lane | 53 |
| Curry | Kenneth C. | 362 | Pool | Joe V. | 135 |
| Dickey | Billy R. | 135 | Posey | George F. | 45 |
| Dunn | John | 381 | Ramshur, Jr. | Jimmy L. | 63 |
| Feldman | Scott | 472 | Rodriguez | Fred | 100 |
| Followell | Joel R. | 138 | Sachtleben | Glen A. | 51 |
| Gilfillan | John David | 458 | Smith | T. Martin | 146 |
| Gilmore | Chad A. | 419 | Voss | Melvin B. | 243 |
| Greene | David Wesley | 211 | Winger | Thomas C. | 188 |
| Hass | Marvin Conrad | 2 | Wolfe, III | Ernest C. | 10 |
| Hemphill | Wesley W. | 34 | | | |

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL GARDNER: And while I'm up here, Most Excellent, if you would step forward, please. Most Excellent, on behalf of your appointed Officers we thank you, sir, for this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas. This is a very small token of our appreciation.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Am I supposed to unwrap it now?

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL GARDNER: If you want to do that, that's up to you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Ok, wow, it's a shadowbox. It has the Triple Tau on it and it says, "G. Clay Smith, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Sincere appreciation for the appointment of Officers in 2011." Thank you, Guys, so very much. (APPLAUSE) I appreciate it. Companion Jimmie, are you ready for Finance?

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

I am Jimmy Willson, Past High Priest of Floydada Chapter No. 227 and Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

The Finance Committee has met on several occasions this past year and reviewed the finances and

accounts of the Grand Chapter on a continuing basis. In those meetings the Elected Grand Officers have been invited, the Investment Committee has been invited and each and every man had a say about what we're doing and what's happening to your money, how it was audited last year. It was given to you when we gave the Budget Report and where we stand. So I think it's been looked after by a group of real fine, dedicated people who are interested in the finances of this organization. We find them to be in order. We also reviewed the budget which you and the Companions were provided with at registration.

The Law was changed in 2010 that the Chapters need to send in a copy of the audit to the Grand Secretary's office by September 15th each year for review by the Finance Committee. This year approximately half of the Chapters are in compliance on that new law. The only way we can force you to do that, I guess, is tell you we are going to get your Charter or something. We don't want to do that. So cooperate. All you got to do - and all of you have an audit, I feel sure, of some kind, and when you do, copy it and put it in an envelope. All of you have got a copy machine or access to one. Send it down here so it will be a matter of record and we will appreciate it.

Also, I believe that most of the Chapters are now in compliance with the filing of the electronic form 990-N, which is a very simple matter to do. I'm not smart enough to do it, but I've got a man in my Chapter that is and he does it every year. We need to make sure that the IRS regulations are followed because if they come back on you as an individual organization, they come back on this organization and make it rough on everybody. So that's not necessary. All you have got to do is fulfill that obligation. Each one of you who is a member of a Chapter is responsible to see that that Chapter does that

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter this year. We try to answer all the questions that are sent in to the Grand Secretary's Office each year and have an answer for them, which this Session we have it. The other Committees that review things and present their information to you like the Purposes and Policies and so forth, we have always shared with them what the Finance Committee feels like and they have reported in compliance with what we are required to do.

I don't think there is anything else to do but give you the Budget for this coming year. Listen carefully. We've got a budget of income estimated at \$185,250.00. If there are any questions about it, see me and I'll share this with you, let you look at it and you can see what we have estimated, where it's coming from and how it's coming from and all I think makes common sense.

Then we have got the expense Budget which takes in all the items that we have concerning the Grand Chapter and then cooperation with the Grand Council. Of course, they also share part of these and these are marked on this Budget when it is printed. It will be in your Proceedings in your local Chapter and you can go down and look at it item by item and I think all of it is in compliance with what you have voted on at this meeting each time. We don't do anything that you don't vote for. So remember that.

I had a fellow jump me out yesterday about something. I said, "Well, did you attend Grand Chapter last year?" He said, "Yes, I did." I said, "Did you listen to what was presented?" He said, "Oh, yes, I did." Then I said, "You voted for it. That's the reason we did it." So if you disagree with something, tell us at the time that we do it. Like what happened this morning, after the man found out what it was all about, he was very happy. So if you're not happy, well, say so. That's the only way you can straighten it out. All of us, whether we are in the Finance or any other organization, want to do what you want to do in the best interest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. So share how you feel.

Now, that we have explained all these items which are listed here is \$180,900.00. We have a little bit left over. As I say, this is available for anybody that is interested in the item by item. I'll be here until noon. Be glad to share it with you and let you look at this and see what we are doing.

If there are any questions, I will attempt to answer them. If not, I move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. (JIMMY) WILLSON, CHAIRMAN

JOE F. SCHRIEVER, JERREL B. JONES, DILLON E. VANDERFORD, JR., DONNIE H. SWANGO

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Finance Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Report of the Committee on Finance, vote by the regular sign of a Mason. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. So carried.

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET 2011-2012

| INCOME: | |
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| Dues (9,000 dues paying Mbrs X \$11.05) | 99,450.00 |
| Degree Fees (296 X \$50.00) | 14,800.00 |
| *Contract Items - Grand Council | 40,000.00 |
| General Fund Interest Income | 20,000.00 |
| Endowed Membership Administration Fee | 4,000.00 |
| Accounts Receivable-Sale of Supplies | 5,000.00 |
| Registration Fee | 2,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 185,250.00 |
| EXPENSES: | |
| Salaries: | |
| *Grand Secretary | 20,000.00 |
| *Office Staff | 51,000.00 |
| *Payroll Taxes | 6,500.00 |
| Grand High Priest: | |
| Reimbursement 2010 | 4,500.00 |
| Photo | 700.00 |
| Grand High Priest Service Award | 700.00 |
| Deputy Grand High Priest Reimbursement | 2,250.00 |
| Grand King Reimbursement | 1,125.00 |
| Grand Scribe Reimbursement | 1,125.00 |
| Golden Keystone Award | 700.00 |
| Office Supplies (Printing & Stationery) | 8,000.00 |
| Proceedings, Returns, Preliminary Report | 8,000.00 |
| Office Expenses (Telephone, Postage) | 9,000.00 |
| *Computer Expense Contribution to Grand Lodge | 1,000.00 12,000.00 |
| School of Instruction Printing | 200.00 |
| School of Instruction Mileage & Per Diem | 1,000.00 |
| Committee on Work Supplies | 150.00 |
| Committee on Work Mileage & Per Diem | 1,500.00 |
| *Annual Sessions Incidental Expenses | 18,000.00 |
| Membership Development | 300.00 |
| Capitular Review | 100.00 |
| Grand Treasurer's Allowance | 600.00 |
| Grand Photographer's Expense | 200.00 |
| *Grand Secretary's Expense | 4,000.00 |
| *Office Furniture Insurance | 1,000.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 700.00 |
| Fifty Year Awards Expenses | 500.00 |
| Sixty Year Awards Expenses | 0 |
| Contribution Southwestern York Rite Conference | 50.00 |
| District Deputy Training Expense | 1,000.00 |
| Banquet Honoring Grand Master | 1,000.00 |
| Ritualistic Competition | 0 |
| *Grand Chapter Retirement Fund | 3,500.00 |
| TMRC (\$1.05 Per Capita x 9,000 + degree fees) | 6,000.00 |
| Audit | 5,000.00 |
| *Grand Lodge Building Security | 5,500.00 |
| *Internet Expense \$36/Month | 500.00 |
| Youth Awards | 300.00 |
| Tax Report Preparation | 1,500.00 |
| York Rite Conferences Expenses | 1,000.00 |

| York Rite Festival Fund | 500.00 |
|---|------------|
| Furniture & Fixtures Exp | 1,000.00 |
| History and Preservation Committee Expenses | 800.00 |
| Through the Veils Newsletter | 2,000.00 |
| Scholarship Fund Expenses | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL | 184,500.00 |
| *Contract Items = Chapter 60% & Council 40% | |

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M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Steve McCoy, you said you would like an opportunity to speak real guick.

COMPANION McCOY: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I'm Steve McCoy, Past High Priest of Bosque Chapter No. 153 on the outskirts of beautiful Iredell, Texas.

I asked the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to give me a couple of moments. I'd like to talk to you about the Texas Masonic Family Day. We had it last Saturday over at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Again, the good Lord blessed us with a beautiful day. We had a great crowd and a great banquet Friday night before celebrating a hundred years of that wonderful facility.

A couple of points I want to let everybody know about. Number one, next year it's going to be on October 20th and the reason being, we have been advertising for the last three or four years the second Saturday in October. Well, the By-Laws of this great organization requires you to meet on the third Monday in October and in 2012 the third Monday comes right after the second Saturday which means competition and Floor School will be going on while we would have that.

So please mark your calendars for October 20th, Texas Masonic Family Day.

The other thing I'm going to plead to you about, I would like you to bring this up throughout the year. We have a web page. TMRC has a beautiful new web page. If you have not visited that, go to it. The Texas Masonic Family Day web page will be back up sometime next month. All the forms, all the applications are available. We have a hundred booths out there. Seventy-six booths, I believe, for vendors, just arts, crafts, information, things you want to sell to raise money.

This year we had great participation. We had 24 food booths. Doesn't cost you a dime. You can come up there and sell and advertise York Rite Masonry at the Texas Masonic Family Day. We didn't have very many Chapters and Councils getting booths this year. We would like to see that go up.

We had 32 teams cooking in the barbecue cook-off. We had one Commandery with representatives of a couple of Chapters and Councils. We didn't have a York Rite team except for Granbury Commandery cooking in the cook-off. Here's an opportunity. As I told some Companions this morning, if you want to get dormant York Rite Masons back active in your Chapters and Councils, enter the cook-off, get them out there on Friday night, sit around the campfire. Every one of you have gone up to a guy and said, "Boy, I haven't seen you in Chapter and Council in a long time. Where you been?" "I can't get in. I don't remember all those signs." Have you heard that? Get them out there to the barbecue cook-off. They'll get to liking you again. Then when you get them to Chapter and Council, they're going to know that you are not going to ask them for anything to put them on the spot.

It's a great tool for us to use, Companions, and I'd encourage you to please, please represent York Rite Masonry stronger at next year's Masonic Family Day.

Grand Chapter and Grand Council sponsored the barbecue cook-off this year. Grand Commandery, together with the Order of the Eastern Star, passed out the \$50.00 that we gave to the vendors, free money. We had the car show. It's going to continue to grow. So, please, mark that calendar date down. We are going to inundate you with material this year. Please come out and make York Rite Masonry stand out at the Retirement Center.

Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Steve, do you still remember who won first, second and third at the cook-off?

COMPANION McCOY: Iredell didn't. (LAUGHTER) John DeGrazier Lodge won first place. They won the first cook-off three years ago and they were a repeat winner. Grandview Lodge won second place. And I believe Chalk Mountain won third place.

We paid money for five places in that barbecue cook-off and we gave trophies for three places.

And our judges, several of whom are sitting here very content, our elected officials from the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and Grand Lodge were judges and you can look around and tell they're excellent, excellent (LAUGHTER) judges of good food.

It's a great time, and we'd appreciate you coming back out there and helping us. Thank you for the opportunity. Thank you for the support that you have given us this year and we look forward to continuing this great tradition at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Thank you so much. (APPLAUSE) Is Jurisprudence ready?

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: My name is J. Weldon Clampitte. I'm a Past High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 2. And I'm going to read this as it was given to me.

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

I am James A. Rodriguez, Past High Priest of San Antonio Chapter No. 381 and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and, on behalf of your committee, we submit the following report:

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

The members of the Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the matters referred to the Committee by the Grand Chapter and/or the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during the past Capitular year, and have made 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 this year:

Grand Representatives Nominated
Grand Representatives Appointed
Trustee Meetings
Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Dispensation to Appear in Public
Dispensations to Hold Special Convocations to Elect Candidates
Dispensations to Meet Temporarily in Another Location - Another Town
Dispensations to Elect and Install Officers Out-of-Time
Reprimand of a Chapter
Consolidation of Chapters
Reconstituted Charter
Resolution No. 4 (held over from 2010)

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, because this report constitutes a review of your actions during this past year, we recommend that the Right Excellent Grand King preside during the discussion, if any, and then during the vote on this report.

(R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

Companions, in the interest of time, I will present the various sections of the Committee's report in uninterrupted succession, asking for votes on matters where necessary, then asking for approval of the full report at the close.

Grand Representatives Nominated

The Grand High Priest's nominations of Grand Representatives to other Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons Near Texas were referred to this committee, and, upon review, his actions in nominating these Past High Priests as Grand Representatives were in accordance with Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and with Article B-016 (17) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

Grand Representatives Appointed

The Grand High Priest's reception and accreditation of Grand Representatives of Other Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons Near Texas were referred to this committee, and, upon review, his actions in nominating these Past High Priests to be received as Grand Representatives were in accordance with Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and with Article B-016 (17) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

Trustees Meetings

The Grand High Priest's report of the meetings of the Trustees of this Grand Chapter and the subjects of those meetings was referred to this committee, and, upon review, his actions in attending and conducting these meetings were in accordance with Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and with Article B-024 (25) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

Representations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

The Grand High Priest's report of the opening of Representations of this Grand Chapter and the business conducted at those meetings was referred to this committee, and, upon review, his actions in opening and conducting these Representations were in accordance with Article 3, Section 2 and Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution and with Articles B-011 (12) and B-024 (25) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

Dispensation Granted

The Grand High Priest's report of Dispensations to Appear in Public, Dispensations to Hold Special Convocations to Elect Candidates, and Dispensations to Elect and Install Officers Out-of-Time was referred to this committee, and, upon review, his actions in granting these Dispensations were in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and with Articles B-006 (7), B-008 (9), B-009 (10) and B-024 (25) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

With regard to the Grand High Priest's report of Dispensations to Meet Temporarily in Another Location and in Another Town, it is not clear from the report which Chapters may have been removed from the corporate limits of one town or city to another, or which removals may have been for emergency situations and which were for the convenience of the Chapter. Article C-051 (194) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas states that a Chapter may be removed from one town to another only by authority of this Grand Chapter. However, Article C-052 (194-A) of the Laws provides that, in case of emergency, the Grand High Priest may issue a dispensation for a Chapter to meet temporarily at some other place, even though it be another town, but only until this Grand Chapter meets in Annual Convocation. In order to remove any doubt, this Grand Chapter should ratify the decisions of the Grand High Priest in this regard.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move that the Grand Chapter ratify the decisions of the Grand High Priest to issue Dispensations to Meet Temporarily in Another Location and in Another Town as contained in the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN: Companions, you have heard the motion and a second.

Is there any discussion? All in favor of the motion will let it be known by the usual voting sign known among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Carried and so ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: It should be noted that the same section of the Supplemental Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest erroneously reports that the Charter of Fort Worth Chapter No. 58 was suspended on September 19, 2011. However, the Grand High Priest reports to the Committee that this statement is incorrect and that the Charter was not suspended. The Committee therefore recommends the amendment of the Supplemental Address of the Most Excellent

Grand High Priest to exclude the statement regarding the suspension of the Charter and concurs with the remainder of the Grand High Priest's actions in the portion of the Supplemental Address. (Reference removed from MEGHP Supplemental Address)

Reprimand of a Chapter

The Grand High Priest's reprimand of a Chapter was referred to this committee. Upon review, the use of the word "probation" with regard to the Chapter's status was called into question. While the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter are silent as to the specific ability of the Grand High Priest to place a Chapter on "probation," it is the opinion of your committee that this action constituted a notice to the Chapter that their actions were being evaluated by the Grand High Priest in contemplation of his specifically enumerated powers to suspend the labors of a Chapter or arrest its Charter under Article B-014 (15) of the Laws of this Grand Chapter. This authority is also inherent in Article 1, Section 2 and Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution and Article B-006 (7) of the Laws of this Grand Chapter. We therefore concur with the actions of the Grand High Priest in this regard.

Consolidation of Chapters

The Grand High Priest's report of his approval of the "merger" of two chapters was referred to this committee. Upon review, your committee recommends the amendment of this report to replace the word "merger" with the word "consolidation" in order to be consistent with the Laws of this Grand Chapter. As amended, his actions in approving the consolidation of these two chapters were in accordance with Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution and with Articles B-015 (16) and C-075 (215) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them.

Reconstituted Charter

The Grand High Priest's report of the restoration of the Charter of Springtown Chapter No. 75 was referred to this committee, and, upon review, his actions in this regard were in accordance with Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution and with Article C-033 (179) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and we concur with them. However, it is necessary under Article C-033 (179) of the Laws that the Grand Chapter now order the restoration of this Charter.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I therefore move that the Grand Chapter order the restoration of the Charter to Springtown Chapter No. 75.

R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN: Companions, you have heard a motion and a second.

Is there any discussion on this motion? All in favor will let it be known by the usual voting sign known among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Carried and so ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Resolution No. 4.

Resolution No. 4

Resolution No. 4, which was held over from the 2010 Annual Convocation, seeks to amend Article B-091.1 (84F), and was jointly referred to the Committees on Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence. Your Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the proposed amendment and finds it to be in proper form.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN: Motion has been made and seconded to adopt the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Is there any discussion? All in favor of this motion let it be known by the usual voting sign known among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Carried and so ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I want to thank you and thank this Grand Chapter for the privilege of serving as the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and thank the members of the committee, Elmer Murphey, III; Stephen F. Cross; Russell C. Brown and J. Weldon Clampitte, for their service.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES A. RODRIGUEZ, CHAIRMAN
ELMER MURPHEY, III, STEPHEN F. CROSS, RUSSELL C. BROWN, J. WELDON CLAMPITTE

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CLAMPITTE: I'll wing it.

I don't remember what Resolution No. 4 is. I'm reporting it is in proper form and the Grand High Priest asks that I make a motion that we approve Resolution No. 4 which was held over from 2010.

R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN: Companions, a motion has been made that we approve Resolution No. 4 held over from 2010. Is there any discussion?

SEVERAL COMPANIONS IN UNISON: What is it?

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, this Resolution was held over from last year. I wanted to make sure it got cleared up on the books. Simply stating in this Resolution is that we take the History Committee and give the exact same language that is in the Council. So all we are doing is making a carbon copy or a mirror image for the Chapter and the Council to have the exact same wording in the description of what constitutes and how may be on the History Committee. And I move for the adoption of this report.

R:E: GRAND KING CHAPMAN: The motion has already been made and seconded, Most Excellent. Is there any more discussion, Companions? All in favor let it be known by the usual voting sign known among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. Carried and so ordered, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

(M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH PRESIDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Will the honeymooner and newlywed come up here and give the Report of the Credentials Committee.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

COMPANION MILLER: 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:

I am Jeffrey J. Miller, Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 47. I am here to give the Final Report of the Credentials Committee as of 8:30 a.m. today:

Present are:

- 20 Grand Chapter Officers
- 13 Past Grand High Priests
- 282 Past High Priests
 - 27 High Priests
 - 3 Kings
 - 5 Scribes
 - 72 Chapter Representatives or Proxies
 - 13 District Deputy Grand High Priests
- 67 Grand Representatives of Texas Near Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 14 Visitors
- 97 Chapters
- 13 Out-of-State Visitors

We have a total of seventy-two (72) Chapters, two hundred sixteen (216) votes for Companions holding a ballot of three (3) votes, and two hundred eighty-two (282) votes for Companions holding a ballot of one (1) vote, for a total of four hundred ninety-eight (498) votes.

Respectfully submitted,
JEFFREY MILLER, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM GILES, JR., LLOYD CARPENTER, REX LEWIS, GENE TERRELL

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I move the adoption of this Final Report of the Credentials Committee.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Final Report of the Credentials Committee. Any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign. Thank you.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Jeff, thank your new bride for coming down and helping. You still need to go honeymoon some more because you've still got too much energy. (LAUGHTER)

COMPANION MILLER: Most Excellent, it's been a privilege and pleasure and for the Committee, thank you very much for allowing us to work.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: I appreciate all you all's hard work sitting out there. I've been there on that path. It amounts to four hours of terror with about twenty hours of sure boredom. Let's give these guys a hand. (APPLAUSE)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

| OFFICE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST | CANDIDATE THOMAS W. SNYDER |
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| RIGHT EXCELLENT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST | TOMMY F. CHAPMAN |
| RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING | REESE L. HARRISON, JR. |
| RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE | CHARLES STEVEN WOLFE |
| 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 | FLOYD HALL |
| MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON WORK FIVE YEAR TERM | AL MACHTS |
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

COMPANION MACHTS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent and Excellent Grand Officers and my Companions all:

My name is Al Machts, Past High Priest of South San Antonio/Helotes Chapter No. 444 and I'm here to make the 2011 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 report:

Schools of Instruction in the Capitular Work:

We have been in session since Thursday, October 13, 2011, and have registered 26 Representatives of subordinate Chapters and 46 visitors for a total of 72 registrants, including 16 Companions who have not participated in the School in prior years. Those Companions who attended the Annual School of Instruction this year for the first time are as follows (and we invite any of them who are here to stand and be recognized):

Edward M. Brown Billy Ray Dickey Joel R. Followell Billy Purifov Michael J. Dver David Mather Randall Edmondson Melvin B. Voss Matt Cast Charles R. McKinnev Thomas C. Winger Gerald W. Smith G. Gayle Corbett William Bill Sherman Todd Smith Tim Zoltowski

Attendance was up this year less than last year but participation in the classrooms was excellent. We were able to hold four classes for each of the morning and afternoon sessions and two classes for the evening sessions. If you had the opportunity to come to the school this year and chose not to do so, you missed a great combination of fellowship and instruction. Like previous years, the Companions who came to the school this year came to work. We ask all of the Companions here at this Grand Chapter Convocation to consider attending and participating next year. The opportunity for instruction in the ritual is unsurpassed, and the fellowship is outstanding.

In addition to the Annual Schools of Instruction at Waco, Local Schools were hosted by the following Chapters this year:

Washington No. 2 Dallas Area (A. C. Garret Lodge)

Greenville No. 114 Ennis No. 135
Stephenville No. 140 Terrell No. 146
Alpha No. 243 (Del Rio) Mabank No. 435

Seagoville No. 419 - 2 Schools George Washington No. 422 (Richardson)

Helotes No. 444 Garland No. 451

R. C. Buckner No. 419 Blue Bonnet No. 470 (San Antonio)

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. 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.

We have approved this year the following certificates:

 One Year (First Year)
 14

 One Year (Renewals)
 92

 Three Year (Renewals)
 38

 Life (25 Years)
 3

 Total
 147

We take this opportunity to applaud those Companions for whom we have approved First Year Certificates:

| Name | Ch.# | Name | Ch.# |
|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| David Baskin | 422 | William Honderd | 444 |
| Edward M. Brown | 45 | Jimmy Huckabay | 470 |
| Robert Cagley | 465 | Rex Lewis | 108 |
| Matt Cast | 47 | Wayne Morvent | 465 |
| G. Gayle Corbett | 424 | Steven Ploof | 57 |
| Gary Dixon | 449 | Lindel W. Smith | 465 |
| Gary Freedman | 196 | Melvin Voss | 243 |

We also recognize those Companions who have earned 25-Year "Life Certificates" this year. Those who are present please stand as I call your names:

Karl Krayer George Washington Ch. 422, Tim Towson, Mabank Ch. 435, Joe Orona, Tarrant Ch. 416

Certificate Listing on the Grand Chapter Website:

An updated listing of those people currently holding certificates will be posted on the Grand Chapter/Grand Council Website following the Grand Chapter Convocation. The listing is by District, then by Chapters within the District, and then by members within the Chapter that hold a certificate.

Certificates are no longer mailed to the individual companions, but are mailed to the Chapter and Council shown by their names in the listing on the website. If you have earned a Certificate and have not received it, please check with your Secretary/Recorder.

The Committee on Work would appreciate your helping us to make sure that the information in this listing is correct. We are aware that some Companions may have moved their memberships or may be members of multiple Chapters and Councils and would prefer that their Certificate be sent to a different Chapter/Council. We try to identify all Companions who are no longer with us when we review the Certificates annually for renewal, but we will probably miss some. If you are aware of any errors in our listing, please notify the Secretary for the School, Bennie Cox, benniecox@att.net; home phone, (972)287-2658; cell phone, (214)604-3241, so that we may make the necessary correction.

If you know of someone in your Chapter and Council who does not have a Certificate and should be considered for one, please advise any member of the Committee on Work and we will make arrangements to review the Companion's proficiency.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard this portion of the Report of the Committee on Work. Is there any discussion? If you are in favor of accepting this portion of the Report, show by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed? So carried, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

COMPANION MACHTS: Thank you.

Updating and Republication of Chapter Monitor:

The Committee on Work was charged by Grand Chapter to develop and report on an orderly plan (including a proposed timetable) and any necessary changes to the Laws of this Grand Chapter to phase out publication of the Plain Language Ritual and to replace it with an updated Code Book and to update the Monitor. Upon further consultation with Companions around the state, it has become apparent to the Committee that it is not the will of the Companions that the Plain Language Ritual be replaced with a Code Book. In response to our charge, we have focused on updating the Chapter Monitor, which may be used during Chapter meetings, to make it a more useful tool to the Companions in the conduct of their meetings and conferral of the Degrees. Following is a progress report with regard to that charge.

The Committee is planning to update and reformat, in larger type for easier reading, the information now contained in the Monitor. In addition, the Committee would like to add pictures of the Chapter Jewels; procedures for balloting for the degrees and for affiliation, procedures for the introduction and reception of Grand Chapter Officers, ceremonies for presentation of the Grand Chapter 50-Year Service Award (both by itself and jointly in conjunction with the presentation of the Grand Council 50-Year Service Award); all of the monitorial parts (including the Principle Sojourners' Lecture and the Sacred History, making the current "Lecture Book" unnecessary); and a pronouncing glossary of hard-to-pronounce names and terms used in the Capitular Degrees. Finally, we would like to add instruction relative to the tactics used in the Chapter Ritual for opening and closing, both for nine (9) officers and for five (5) officers, and conferral of the degrees.

We have begun working on a draft of the Monitor update, but the work has been slowed considerably by the loss of Committee Members during the past few years and the fact that there is no electronic version of the Monitor available, so the Committee is having to scan and re-type the information in the current Monitor.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard this portion of the Report of the Committee on Work. Any discussion? All in favor of accepting this portion of the Report vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. All opposed, same sign.

COMPANION MACHTS: Thank you.

Personal Remarks of the Chairman:

We 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 and are extremely pleased with the new chairs in the instruction rooms he worked so hard to set up.

Companions, if you have sat in those chairs, you know the difference in what we have had in the past years and what do you think you need to say to Orville about that? (APPLAUSE)

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 for the last two years and as its Chairman this year. I look forward to continuing to be of service to the Craft in whatever manner you choose to let me serve.

Fraternally submitted,
AL MACHTS, CHAIRMAN
ONNIE H. WEAVER, JOE ORONA, TIMOTHY F.E. TOWSON, DAVID G. ROGERS

Most Excellent, I move the approval of this portion of the Report.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, you have heard the Report of the Committee on Work. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the Report, vote by the regular sign among Masons. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. So carried, Grand Secretary.

COMPANION MACHTS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I have to apologize for getting this Report in a little late because we still have been identifying people for Certificate renewal or new Certificates as well as the grading of the Ritual Competition over the weekend at the School. So we have been quite busy over there trying to get everything together.

Thank you, my Companions.

Thank you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Orville, do you have a report on your meeting that you all have had for the TMRC Board.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: Orville O'Neill, President; Roy Elliott, Vice President; Clarence Laney, Secretary; Ken Fischer, Director; and Floyd Hall, Director.

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

Guys, let's give these Board Members a round of applause. (APPLAUSE)

Companions, I think we are almost done. You know, it's been nice this year not having to use the ballot this year. I hope that we made this year fun as we intended. I hope everybody has had fun while we were here. It's been a great opportunity and I enjoyed every moment of it. (APPLAUSE)

COMPANION MACHTS: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Committee on Work has just held an election. We have elected Dave Rogers as our Chairman for the following year, the upcoming year, and we have re-elected Bennie Cox as our Secretary for the School. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: When we get ready to call from labor to refreshment today for the purpose of the Installation of Officers, would all the Grand Officers please leave their jewels and apron case by their station so the next Line Officers can come in and take care of everything. It will be right there for them.

Tom, do you want to talk about your Installation just for a moment, sir?

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: Clay, I can't think of anything that's left to do. Can you? Other than Installation, of course.

R:E: GRAND SECRETARY O'NEILL: I have nothing on my desk.

R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: I like that. (LAUGHTER) That's good.

All right. Let me start. One, let's try to be back in here and start the Installation promptly at 10:15. That gives us just about a half an hour break to get ready. Is that good?

Two, to the incoming Officers, if you will meet me over in this first office, I'll give you your packet of stuff that you haven't picked up yet. Those who have already got your packet, go on about your business. Officers, your jewels and aprons and all will be at your chair where you're going to sit and, Deputies, wear your aprons, please, and sit over here, those of you that aren't in that section, for Installation. So I'm good, Clay, I think.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Okay, Tom.

I was just informed by my Grand King over here, he pulled out his watch over here, his phone, and he says, "Do you realize we finished at 9:40? I think we've set a record."

So, Guys, I very much enjoyed being with you. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

I want to thank my Officers and the District Deputies again and having said that, Right Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, when about to call the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment, your duty?

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN SMITH: To see that we are properly tiled, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: You will inform the Grand Guard that we are about to call this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas from labor to refreshment and direct him to guard accordingly.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: Companions, one other quick announcement. I have been informed and I know we still have the Centennial Coins for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and we still have them. They're on sale for \$20.00. If you don't have one, please get one. If you have one, please take two for your collection. You need one for the top side and one for the bottom side. So if you would pick up an extra one, all of it is going to the Retirement Center.

Most Excellent Grand Chaplain, sir, (GAVELING THE COMPANIONS TO RISE) will you please give us a closing prayer.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN CLARK: Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we want to pause again and give You thanks for the opportunity that we have to meet here together in friendship and brotherly love. We would ask, Dear Lord, that You be with those new Officers that have been elected. Help, guide and direct them, Dear Lord, in the things that we stand for. We would ask again that You be with those that are sick. Be with us, Dear Lord, as we go to our respective places. Help, guide and direct us. Forgive us, Dear Lord, where we have failed and we will give Thee the praise. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas called from labor to refreshment.

(9:45 A.M.)

(THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS WAS THEN CALLED FROM LABOR (TO REFRESHMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Grand Marshal, Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest Orville Lee O'Neill will be our Grand Marshal today. Very Excellent Past Grand High Priest Clarence Joy Laney, Jr., will be our Installing Grand Chaplain. And I am privileged to be your Installing Officer.

Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Officers to be installed.

THOMAS W. SNYDER

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: The Officers will please rise.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present the Officers who have been elected and appointed to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the ensuing Capitular Year. They have accepted the trust confided to them and I ask that they be installed with the usual - unusual - ceremonies. (LAUGHTER)

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: The Elected Officers will advance two paces.

Companions, you have been elected to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the ensuing Capitular Year. If you are willing to assume the duties of the office to which you have been elected, you will each place your right hand upon your heart and repeat after me the Oath of Office.

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, ______, do promise and swear that I will serve as ______ for the term of 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 skill and 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!"

ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2012

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

TOMMY F. CHAPMAN R:E: DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST REESE L. HARRISON, JR. R:E: GRAND KING CHARLES STEVEN WOLFE R:E: GRAND SCRIBE KENNETH E. COOLEY R:E: GRAND TREASURER ORVILLE L. O'NEILL R:E: GRAND SECRETARY E: GRAND CHAPLAIN JERRY N. KIRBY S. LANE PIERCE **E: GRAND ORATOR** BARRY D. BRUNK E: GRAND MARSHAL

MARK D. MYER

EDWARD L. HAMRICK

G. DUANE HOSICK

N. W. (BUTCH) HANNA, JR.

CORTNEY M. HARVEY

JERREL B. JONES

E: GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

E: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL

E: GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL

EARL E. TWEED E: GRAND SENIOR STEWARD ALAN M. ROWE E: GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD

JAMES W. HOLLOWAY LEONARD O. PIERCE RAYMOND M. WHITE E: GRAND ORGANIST

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER

E: GRAND GUARD

PRAYER AT INSTALLATION

E: INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN LANEY: Let us pray.

Most Holy and Glorious God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessing upon the Companion elected to preside over the Grand Chapter of Texas. Fill his heart with Thy fear that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy will. Make him steadfast in Thy service. Grant him firmness of mind and kindness of disposition. Teach him to rule his Companions with justice and equality. Animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors to do good. May he do all that his high office requires with an eye single to Thy glory and the good of the Royal Craft. Bless him and bless this Grand Chapter and grant that when we shall finish the work on this earthly temple of our bodies, we may be admitted into that second temple of the spirit, eternal in the Heavens. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: Would everybody please rise.

Very Excellent Grand Marshal, if you will make the Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL O'NEILL: By virtue of the power installed in me by the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas I proclaim the Officers, Elected and Appointed, of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly and constitutionally installed in ample form.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER KIRBY: I'm glad you said ample.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, would you come over here just for a second.

On behalf of your Installing Officers, Very Excellent Clarence Laney and Very Excellent Orville O'Neill and myself, we have procured a Bible for you. We signed it. It says, "We realize that throughout this year you will make important decisions. We know of no better guide to help you. Capitular Masonry will surely benefit from your reflections and may this book guide you on your way."

"Isn't it funny that princes and kings And clowns caper in sawdust rings And common people like you and me Are builders for eternity? We've each been given a bag of tools, A formless mass, a book of rules And each must make your life as flown A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

Thomas, we know that if you will take this Holy Bible in front of you and read and study it that within this Sacred Volume those excellent precepts will enable you to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks of life as you travel the road that leads to happiness, success, harmony, joy, peace and love towards eternity in paradise.

This is a gift from us and we love you. (APPLAUSE)

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIES SNYDER: Thank you, Orville, thank you, Clarence. Thank all three of you.

COMPANION DAVID GARDNER: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, you are not properly attired. (LAUGHTER) If you would kindly step into my office, temporary as it may be.

COMPANION GARDNER: Now, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, you are properly attired and on behalf of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas we wish you all the best this year.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: Let's get out here so Leonard can get our picture.

V:E: PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST SMITH: That's why I said thank God a while ago. (LAUGHTER) Tom, you and I have worked together for several years and I have always appreciated your words of wisdom and your thoughts. It gives me great pleasure at this time to present to you your Grand High Priest ring which is a gift from the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Now, Tom, when you are out and having to get up at three o'clock in the morning and make a visit someplace or take care of business and you are wondering why I'm doing this, I want you to look down at that ring and it will definitely put a smile on your face. Good luck. Congratulations and I know you will do us a great job.

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

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: Is that all for presentations and such as that?

Okay. I didn't bring my ream of computer paper that expressed my gratitude to this Grand Chapter for allowing me to serve, but I will simply say that I do appreciate it very much. It's humbling. It's a little daunting on occasion. I appreciate your support and your belief in me and I will do the very best I can do. (APPLAUSE)

But as at most Masonic meetings it's time to introduce family. So I would like to introduce my wife Linda and my daughter Jamie. Please stand. (APPLAUSE)

(THE M:E; GRAND HIGH PRIEST THEN AFFORDED THE GRAND OFFICERS AN OPPORTUNITY (TO INTRODUCE THEIR WIVES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: Now, if everyone would please stand, I would ask our Grand Chaplain to dismiss us.

Grand Officers, you want our pictures here first and then over in the other room?

E: GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER PIERCE: Take the group here. Everybody in here as a group. The deputies as a group and then we'll take the individual pictures of the Officers over here.

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: In the other room. The Officers and Deputies will have an individual - a group picture of the Officers and a group picture of the Deputies in here. Then the Officers will go across to the other room and get shot individually. Okay. Now, Jerry.

PRAYER

E: GRAND CHAPLAIN KIRBY: Our Most Gracious and Glorious God, we thank You for the blessings that You have given us. We ask You to watch over the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as we go forth this next year. Send forth the Officers with dedication, with devotion, with perseverance, with love and with commitment and we know that these men will give their very best to promote Capitular Masonry in the greatest State of all. We ask You to bless this Grand Body and be with us as we go forth to become better servants for Thee. These things we ask in Your Most Holy Name. Amen.

THE COMPANIONS IN UNISON: So mote it be!

M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST SNYDER: I now declare the One Hundred and Sixty-Second, I believe, Grand Chapter closed. Thank you for being here.

ATTEST:

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL THOMAS W. SNYDER R:E: GRAND SECRETARY M:E: GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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In Loving Memory

of

The Beloved

Companions

of this Grand Jurisdictions

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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

COUNTIES COMPOSING DISTRICTS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

(District Numbers 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: 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, Shebly, Trinity. Chapters: Rising Star No. 9, Nacogdoches No. 13, Center No. 125, Lufkin No. 240.

FOURTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, 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 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.

EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Chambers, Part of Harris, and Liberty.

Chapters: Rio Vista No. 270, Goose Creek No. 408, Will N. Kidd No. 424, Lloyd L. Gibson No. 481,

North Houston No. 472, Cleveland 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

TENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton.

Chapters: Columbia No. 34, Richmond No. 467

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 Gravson.

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, 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, Brown, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Mills and Somervell Chapters: Springtown No. 75, Stephenville No. 140, Bosque No. 153, Granbury No. 454

TWENTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Bastrop, Hays, Lee, Travis and part of Williamson

Chapters: Lone Star No. 6, San Marcos No. 129, C.O. Jones No. 141

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, 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, Jack, Montague, Wise, and Young

Chapters: Haggai No. 53, Dad Pender No. 80, Alvord No. 193

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Palo Pinto, Parker, and Tarrant

Chapters: Fort Worth No. 58, Texas No. 362, Arlington No. 376, Southside-Polytechnic No. 378,

Tarrant No. 416, Hemphill Heights No. 448, Riverside No. 468, Ridglea No. 485, Hurst

No. 492

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2007

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Counties: Archer, Childress, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Wichita, and Wilbarger Chapters: Wichita Falls No. 202, Childress No. 262, Quanah No. 450

THIRTIETH DISTRICT:

Counties: Baylor, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell,

Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor, and

Throckmorton

Chapters: Abilene No. 159, Hamlin No. 310, Roby No. 380

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT: Consolidated 2009

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, Brewster, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving,

Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Upton, Ward, and Winkler

Chapters: Keystone No. 172, Big Spring No. 178, Sam J. Helm no. 445

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT: Consolidated 2008

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, 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, Terrell, 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 | 03-23-1861 |
| Darnell, N. H | 1846-47 | 07-16-1885 |
| Johnson, Moses | 1847-48 | 10-02-1853 |
| Patrick, George M. | 1848-49 | 06-29-1889 |

LIST OF DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

| 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 | 04-07-1867 |
| 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 |

LIST OF DECEASED PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS

| NAME | CHAPTER NO. | DATE SERVED | DATE OF DEATH |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 | 02-02-1922 |
| | | | |
| 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, F. 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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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| NAME | CHAPTER NO. | DATE SERVED | DATE OF DEATH |
| 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 |
| Winfree, 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 |
| Smith, Earl Frank | 481 | 1979-80 | 01-29-2011 |
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| Bynum, J. B. | 445 376 | 1980-81 | 12-13-1986 |
| Coone, Leslie L. | | 1981-82 | 01-18-2011 |
| 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 |
| Baccus, J.D. "Buddy" | 458 | 1989-90 | 06-01-2008 |
| Brooks, Eldon Lee | 479 | 1991-92 | 04-12-2010 |
| 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 |
| Smith, Donald L. Sr. | 248 | 2003-04 | 05-13-2007 |
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^{*}Died in Office

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Organized December 14, 1841, and on January 16, 1849, adopted a resolution to dissolve March 1, 1849.

| Years | M:E:G:H: Priest | R:E:D:G:H: Priest | R:E: Grand King | R:E: Grand Scribe | R:E: Grand Trea. | R:E: Grand Secy. |
|-----------|---|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1843-1844 | Barry Gillespie* Anthony Butler* Edward Burleson* | N. H. Darnell* | John H. Holland* G. W. Terrell* William L. Cazneau* | Edward Burleson* | Charles Mason* | Henry W. Raglin* George K. Teulon* Henry W. Raglin* |
| 1845-1846 | Dugald McFarlane* N. H. Darnell* | Moses Johnson* | Anthony B. Shelby* | J. A. Greer* | Charles Mason* | Walter Winn* Moses Johnson* |
| | Moses Johnson* George M. Patrick* | | William W. Swain* L. D. Barry* | L. D. Barry* E. H. Tarrant* | | A. S. Ruthven* A. S. Ruthven* |

| Years | M:E:G:H: Priest | R:E:D:G:H: Priest | R:E: Grand King | R:E: Grand Scribe | R:E: Grand Trea. | R:E: Grand Secy. |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 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. Harrison* | 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* |

| Years | M:E:G:H: Priest | R:E:D:G:H: Priest | R:E: Grand King | R:E: Grand Scribe | R:E: Grand Trea. | R:E: Grand Secy. |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1868-1869 | J. D. Giddings* | | S. S. Munger* | James Wrigley* | B. A. Botts* | Robert Brewster* |
| 1869-1870 | | S. S. Munger* | James Wrigley* | J. B. Jones* | B. A. Botts* | Robert Brewster* |
| 1870-1871 | S. S. Munger* | James Wrigley* | 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* | W. K. McAlpine* | 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* | G. W. Foster* | 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* | R. M. Harkness* | 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. Morriss* | Henry Scherffius* | Robert Brewster* |
| 1890-1891 | John P. Bell* | John McDonald* | S. J. Morriss* | Frank Nusom* | J. C. Kidd* | Robert Brewster* |
| 1891-1892 | John McDonald* | S. J. Morriss* | Frank Nusom* | J. K. Stone* | J. C. Kidd* | Robert Brewster* |
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| VERMONT | B. J. Richmond (88) | Х | Χ | Е | Е | Е | ш | Е |
| VICTORIA | Joe E. Schriever (88) | Х | ш | Χ | Χ | Χ | ш | X |
| VIRGINIA | F.E. Skip Smith, Jr. (07) | - | ı | Χ | Χ | Χ | Χ | X |
| WASHINGTON | Jack T. Peebles (06) | - | Χ | Χ | Χ | Χ | Χ | X |
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| * | AMOS CROUCH | Mt. Horeb | 57 | 1984 | | | | |
| * | H. CARLTON NORRIS | Lufkin | 240 | 1984 | | | | |
| * | GEORGE HANKS | Tarrant | 416 | 1985 | | | | |
| * | WILLIE T. LONGNECKER | Will N. Kidd | 424 | 1985 | | | | |
| * | THOMAS C. FERGUSON | Burnet | 453 | 1986 | | | | |
| * | W. H. JACK LOWRY | Arlington | 376 | 1986 | | | | |
| * | REGINAL L. JONES | Washington | 1 | 1987 | | | | |
| * | ERNEST E. HUNTER | Conroe | 452 | 1987 | | | | |
| * | O. A. BUTTRELL | Sam J. Helm | 445 | 1988 | | | | |
| * | A. P. O'DANIEL | Dallas | 47 | 1988 | | | | |
| * | A. E. BUDDY KILLION, SR. | Hamlin | 310 | 1989 | | | | |
| * | IRA LEE EDWARDS | Keystone | 172 | 1989 | | | | |
| * | H. C. ROBASON | Abilene | 159 | 1990 | | | | |
| * | EUGENE A. THALMANN | Hidalgo | 434 | 1990 | | | | |
| | JACK E. BEELER | Port Lavaca | 338 | 1991 | | | | |
| * | DONALD F. SMITH | Dallas | 47 | 1991 | | | | |
| * | JAMES HUBERT BUSBEE | Rising Star | 9 | 1992 | | | | |
| * | CARL E. SMITH | Teague | 320 | 1992 | | | | |
| * | J. LAWSON GIBBS | Burnet | 453 | 1993 | | | | |
| | LEONARD O. PIERCE | Will N. Kidd | 424 | 1993 | | | | |
| * | ARTHUR A. STUPL | Will N. Kidd | 424 | 1994 | | | | |
| * | DALE E. MILLER | A. C. Garrett | 420 | 1994 | | | | |
| | CODY PARSLEY | Silsbee | 465 | 1995 | | | | |
| | DAVID N. WHITEHEAD | Port Arthur | 250 | 1995 | | | | |
| | GERALD H. LONG | Tarrant | 416 | 1996 | | | | |
| | LAWRENCE D. HEARN, SR. | Helotes | 444 | 1996 | | | | |
| * | HUBERT L. KOKER | El Paso | 157 | 1997 | | | | |
| * | LEROY A. ROUSSEAU | Grandview | 93 | 1997 | | | | |
| | MITCHELL RAY JONES | Dallas | 47 | 1998 | | | | |
| * | JACK E. WYLIE | Love Field | 478 | 1998 | | | | |
| | ALFRED E. BELL | Oak Cliff | 373 | 1999 | | | | |
| * | WILLIAM G. KORTMANN, JR. | Tyler | 24 | 1999 | | | | |
| | SHERMAN W. HOBBS | Alvord | 193 | 2000 | | | | |
| | COY McDOUGALD | Hugh J. McClellan | 248 | 2000 | | | | |
| * | WILLIAM D. SNIPES | San Felipe de Austin | 1 | 2001 | | | | |
| | E. DON WITTIE | Snyder | 494 | 2001 | | | | |
| | W.E. GENE BROOKSHIRE | Lufkin | 240 | 2002 | | | | |
| | JAMES D. MANLEY | Tarrant | 416 | 2002 | | | | |
| | H. DAVID MOORE | Haggai | 53 | 2003 | | | | |
| * | EDWARD M. SCHLIETER | Kerrville | 305 | 2003 | | | | |
| | A.F. FRANK 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 | Sam J. Helm | 445 | 2005 | | | | |
| | ROBERT L. SIECKMANN | San Jacinto | 7 | 2006 | | | | |
| | ROBERT E. BLACK | Keystone | 172 | 2006 | | | | |
| | EARL E. TWEED | Dallas | 47 | 2007 | | | | |
| | REESE L. HARRISON, JR. | San Antonio | 381 | 2007 | | | | |
| | JOSEPH P. COLLIER, JR. | Port Neches | 436 | 2008 | | | | |
| | RONALD D. PARK | Dallas | 47 | 2008 | | | | |
| | THOMAS KEITHLY, JR. | Dallas | 47 | 2009 | | | | |
| | D. DOYE SUDDUTH | Tyler | 24 | 2009 | | | | |
| | A. R. CLARY | Ridglea | 485 | 2010 | | | | |
| | E. DEACON WALL | Kerrville | 305 | 2010 | | | | |
| | WILLIAM L. BLANKS | Southside-Polytechnic | 378 | 2011 | | | | |
| | EDWARD E. CHAPMAN, SR. | Port Neches | 436 | 2011 | | | | |
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Capitular Review

Carl W. Wunsche, Sr., Chairman Grand Chapter Fraternal Review Committee

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Companions all:

The 2010-2011 Annual Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions of Chapters of the Royal Arch Masons have been examined and reviewed by your 2011 Fraternal Correspondence Committee:

We have reviewed the proceedings of eight (8) foreign and sister jurisdictions; there were five (5) received from sister jurisdictions in the U.S., the balance (3) were from foreign jurisdictions. All five (5) received from our sister jurisdictions were on disks. This is considerably fewer than in past years. We your Committee, believe that we have not received as much information in the form of proceedings as in past years because of the cut backs as a result of the economy or the financial situation of our country. Annual Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions review and examined:

Indiana Vermont Oregon Iowa North Carolina

Annual Proceedings of the following Foreign Jurisdictions were reviewed and examined:

Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Most of the jurisdictions seem to be experiencing many of the same problems as Texas. These problems consist of financial reductions and restrictions causing increases in per-capita, a decline in membership, an aging membership and a lack of new younger members. I am sorry to say that the solutions to these problems were not found in these proceedings, however most were addressed. It is worthy of note that many jurisdictions are reporting increases in attendance and participation due to better planned meetings and programs.

The following are highlights from our Sister Jurisdictions:

Grand Chapter of Indiana: continue to support the youth financially as well as "Outdoor" degrees in their efforts to increase participation. Although a net loss in membership was reported, awards were presented to chapters that had a 10% gain or better. We noted that only one Chapter received the award. It is worthy of note that the Grand Chapter of Indiana also gives a "High Priest of the Year" award.

Grand Chapter of Vermont: reported that there were to be no Chapter festivals, promoting the ideal of keeping the ritual work in the local Chapters. A membership committee was formed with representatives or members from all three Grand Bodies.

Grand Chapter of Oregon: is promoting positive thinking and encouraging all Companions to support or to continue to support their local Chapters. Instructions were distributed that no degrees were to be conferred unless in full form, including festivals.

Grand Chapter of Iowa: Companions (2) were recognized and presented with an award (pin and certificate) for obtaining at least 5 new members. All High Priests present were assembled in the East and were greeted personally by the Grand High Priest. Iowa was the only Grand Chapter that reported an increase in membership. The Grand High Priest instructed the Companions to continue focusing more on retaining membership then getting new members on a "wholesale" basis and then losing them to suspension.

Grand Chapter of Oregon: continue to support and recognize our youth, acknowledging that they are our future.

Our Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith represented the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at the Following Grand Events:

Grand Lodge of Texas
Grand Master's Conference (San Antonio)

The Alamo Observance Masonic Oak Observance Other State Events:

Grand Commandery, IORG State Assembly, Scottish Rite Reunion (Dallas)
York Rite Festivals (Dallas, Houston, Greenville and Richardson – Honoring him)

As well as several out of state Grand Chapter Sessions including Louisiana.

Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith placed in Nomination the following Companions:

- **G. Clay Smith** to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Nebraska** to replace Larry G. Canada.
- **Dan W. Turner** to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Connecticut** to replace G. Clay Smith.
- **Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr.** to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Venezuela** to replace John W. Duke.
- **David H. Gardner** to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Germany** to replace Dillon E. Vanderford, Jr.
- **Gary D. Dixon** to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Western Australia** to replace E. Frank Smith.
- Kenneth B. Fischer to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations to replace James D. Ward.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith has accepted the Nominations of the following Companions:

- Jerry W. Koff to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alberta.
- Alan P. Truesdale to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Charles P. Beeber to serve as Grand Representative near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Dakota.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter, Fraternal Correspondence Committee, we thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest G. Clay Smith, for the opportunity to serve this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas this 2011 Capitular Year. It has been an interesting and educational experience.

Fraternally Submitted,

CARL W. WUNSCHE, CHAIRMAN WILLIAM P. IRVING, JR. JERREL B. JONES JACK DAVIDSON KENNETH COTTER

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