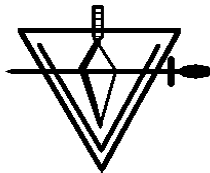




**PROPOSED
RESOLUTIONS
AND
STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY
TO BE CONSIDERED
AT OUR
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
AND
ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
TO BE HELD
DECEMBER 13-14, 2024**



**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
GRAND CONVOCAATION HELD DECEMBER 13-14, 2024**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

*Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS Beeville Chapter No. 191 has under dispensation been meeting in the Masonic Hall at Alamita Lodge No. 200 in Kenedy, Texas for the past 12 months due to the inability of having local members attend from the Beeville area; and

WHEREAS the members of Beeville Chapter No. 191 voted at two consecutive meetings to move From Beeville Lodge No. 261, located in Beeville, Texas to Alamita Lodge in Kenedy, Texas; and

WHEREAS the Chapter submits a Resolution to make the move permanent.

NOW, Therefore, Beeville Chapter No. 191 requests the adoption of this Resolution at the Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Beeville Chapter No. 191 to Alamita Lodge in Kenedy, Texas

Submitted,

Joseph A. Avalos, Past High Priest
Beeville Chapter No. 191, R.A.M.

David J. Carruthers, Past High Priest
Beeville Chapter No. 191, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

*Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS Beeville Chapter No. 191 has submitted a Resolution to the Grand Annual Convocation to permanently move the Chapter to Alamita Lodge No. 200 in Kenedy, Texas

WHEREAS the membership of Beeville Chapter No. 191 voted at two consecutive meetings to remain in the same Capitular District No. 16 if prior Resolution to permanently move said Chapter to Alamita Lodge in Kenedy is approved.

WHEREAS the Chapter submits a Resolution to remain in the same Capitular District No. 16.

NOW, Therefore, Beeville Chapter No. 191 requests the adoption of this Resolution at the Grand Annual Convocation to remain in the same District No. 16.

Submitted,

Joseph A. Avalos, Past High Priest
Beeville Chapter No. 191, R.A.M.

David J. Carruthers, Past High Priest
Beeville Chapter No. 191, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS the members of Greenville Chapter No. 114 have been meeting temporarily at Commerce Masonic Lodge No. 439, located at 1227 Washington St., Commerce, TX due to the sale of the Lodge building in Greenville, TX under dispensation issued by the M:E: Grand High Priest in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and

WHEREAS the new Lodge building is now complete and will allow Greenville Chapter No. 114 to hold our meetings there; and

WHEREAS the M:E: Grand High Priest James D. Manley granted dispensation allowing the Chapter to temporarily move to Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 335, located at 2603 Canton Avenue, Greenville, TX on June 1, 2024, and

NOW, THEREFORE Greenville Chapter No. 114 requests adoption of this Resolution at this Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Greenville Chapter No. 114 to Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 335, located at 2603 Canton Avenue, Greenville, TX

Submitted,
Greenville Chapter No. 114, R.A.M.
Charles L. Mize, P.H.P.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, Article B-063 (61) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas states, in part, that "At the commencement of his term of office the Grand High Priest shall appoint one District Deputy Grand High Priest for each Capitular District who shall be a regular Past High Priest of our obedience, and a member of a Chapter in the District for which he has been appointed or of a District contiguous thereto." And,

WHEREAS, Article B-142 (146) states, in pertinent part, that:

- (1) The appropriate clothing of a Royal Arch Mason is a white Lambskin apron 16 x 16 inches with a triangular flap with a drop 6 inches deep...
And,

WHEREAS, Article B-069 (66A) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter designate that the apron of a District Deputy Grand High Priest is to be 13 x 15, which is in conflict with Article B-142, and,

WHEREAS, it is possible to obtain District Deputy Grand High Priest's Aprons from several sources in the 16 x 16 size,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Art. B-069 relating to District Deputy Grand High Priest's Apron be amended as follows:

Art. B-069 (66A) District Deputy Grand High Priest's Aprons. The design for the apron which may be worn by the District Deputy Grand High Priests, adopted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1957, (See Page 171, paragraph No. 5 on Recommendation No. 2, Jurisprudence Committee Report) is:

Crown Satin or lambskin, plain poplin lining, ~~13 X 15~~ **16 x 16** inches, trimmed with No. 9 red grosgrain ribbon body with a No. 5 red grosgrain ribbon flap. The Chapter emblem is embroidered in red on the flap, with the Past High Priest emblem in the appropriate colors with gold machine embroidered wreath on the body. The flap, short enough not to cover any emblem, is lined with a regular print cloth with the special printing thereon.

A District Deputy may elect, optionally, to add the year of his service to his apron. This addition shall be in compatible red numerals approximately one and a half inches in height to be read by a facing observer. Two numerals in the lower left corner designate the century and two numerals in the lower right corner designate the decade and principal year. ~~of 1986).~~

Respectfully submitted,

Christian D. Moore, PHP
Lone Star Chapter No. 6, R.A.M.

Russell C. Brown, PHP
Henderson Chapter No. 361, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 meets at Stanfield Lodge located in Denton, TX and Dad Pender Council and this Chapter has lost our beloved Brother and Companion Clarence J. Laney who was the heart and soul of our fraternity in Denton.

And WHEREAS, Clarence J. Laney earned renown for his extensive service to our Lodge, Chapter, and Council over many years, filling various essential roles with steadfast dedication that consistently surpassed the call of duty within our fraternity.

And WHEREAS, Clarence J. Laney consistently dedicated himself to instructing and teaching the ritual to members at the Lodge, Chapter, and Council gatherings. As the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2008, his dedication extended to serving the Companions in the great state of Texas. By sharing his expertise, he not only upheld the traditions, but also enriched our community. His invaluable guidance not only

preserved our heritage, but also empowered us to better serve the community of Denton, TX.

And WHEREAS, the members of Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 met in two subsequent regular meetings where a motion was made, seconded, held over and then passed unanimously by the membership present to change the name to Pender-Laney Chapter No. 80 in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Dad Pender Chapter No. 80 hereby requests our name formally be changed and from this date forward be known as Pender-Laney Chapter No. 80, R.A.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Justin Winch, Past High Priest/Chaplin
Jimmie Black, High Priest 2023-2024
Kenneth Cotter, Past High Priest/Secretary
Dad Pender Chapter No. 80, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, at a Stated Convocation of San Marcos Chapter No. 129, R.A.M. held on August 24, 2023, a motion was made and approved to geographically move the Chapter and meeting place from San Marcos Lodge No. 342 in San Marcos to W.J. Nixon Lodge No. 421 in Smithville, and;

WHEREAS, M:E: Grand High Priest Robert M. Loflin granted dispensation to move the Charter on September 27, 2023.

WHEREAS, the same dispensation was granted by M:E: Grand High Priest James D. Manley on December 12, 2023,

WHEREAS, at a Stated Convocation of San Marcos Chapter 129, a motion was made and passed unanimously by the membership present to make the relocation to Smithville permanent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter and meeting place of San Marcos Chapter No. 129, R.A.M. be permanently relocated to W.J. Nixon Lodge No. 421 in Smithville.

Respectfully submitted,
Caleb M. Roach, MEHP
San Marcos Chapter No. 129, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

*Referred to the Committees on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas, Companion Kenneth E. Cooley has retired after eighteen plus years, first serving eleven years as Grand Treasurer and then seven and a half years as Grand Secretary; and

Whereas, his continued service and dedication, giving generously of his time and talents to Capitular Masonry and to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for these many years; and

Whereas, in order to compliment his Masonic career with honors richly deserved by his long and distinguished service in the cause of Capitular Masonry and Masonry in general;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas hereby elects and confers upon the said Companion, Kenneth E. Cooley, the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, together with all the rights and privileges of a Past Grand High Priest.

It is further directed that he be presented with the regalia of a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter and that his name shall be carried on the rolls of this Grand Chapter as Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

James Roy Elliott, PHP, Midlothian No. 211, R.A.M.
Jerry N. Kirby, PHP, Midlothian No. 211, R.A.M.
W.E. Bill Schroeter, PHP, Port Neches No. 436, R.A.M.
J. Weldon Clampitte, PHP, Washington No. 2, R.A.M.
John C. Elkinton, PHP, Park Place No. 458, R.A.M.
G. Clay Smith, PHP, George Washington No. 422, R.A.M.
Thomas W. Snyder, PHP, Love Field No. 478, R.A.M.
Tommy F. Chapman, PHP, Port Neches No. 436, R.A.M.
Reese L. Harrison, Jr., PHP, San Antonio No. 381, R.A.M.
Charles S. Wolfe, PHP, Texas No. 362, R.A.M.
W. David Melear, PHP, Quanah No. 450, R.A.M.
Jackie W. Matthews, PHP, Keystone No. 172, R.A.M.
E.E. Buster Williams, PHP, Llano No. No. 197, R.A.M.
Joe F. Schriever, PHP, San Angelo No. No. 170, R.A.M.
David M. Baskin, PHP, George Washington No. 422, R.A.M.
Mark D. Myer, PHP, Port Neches No. 436, R.A.M.
F.E. Skip Smith, PHP, Midlothian No. 211, R.A.M.
Robert M. Loflin, PHP, Port Lavaca No. 338, R.A.M.
James D. Manley, PHP, Tarrant No. 416, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Referred to the Committees on Committee on Work

1. Page 2 – Strike the words ‘high’ and ‘highly’ from the second sentence pertaining to the Charge to the High Priest.
2. Page 5 – Take out the italicized wording “*(The Marshal will present the remaining officers in words as in presenting the High Priest, that is, naming each one and the office to which he has been elected or appointed.)*” as these are now included in the ceremony.
3. Page 5 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been elected to serve this Chapter as Excellent King for the ensuing year.**

Brother Installing Marshal – you will invest the Excellent King with the jewel of his office.”

4. Page 6 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been elected to serve this Chapter as Excellent Scribe for the ensuing year.**

Brother Installing Marshal – you will invest the Excellent Scribe with the jewel of his office.”

5. Page 7 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been elected to serve this Chapter as Treasurer for the ensuing year.”**

6. Page 8 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been appointed to serve this Chapter as Chaplain for the ensuing year.”**

7. Page 8 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been appointed to serve this Chapter as Captain of the Host for the ensuing year.”**

8. Page 9 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been appointed to serve this Chapter as Principal Sojourner for the ensuing year.”**

9. Page 9 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been appointed to serve this Chapter as Royal Arch Captain for the ensuing year.”**

10. Page 10 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companions _____, _____, and _____ who have been appointed to serve this Chapter as the Masters of the Veils for the ensuing year.”**

11. Page 11 – add **“MARSHAL: Most Excellent High Priest: I present to you Companion _____, who has been appointed to serve this Chapter as Guard for the ensuing year.”**

12. Page 5 – change ‘assiduous’ to ‘careful’

13. Page 9 – change ‘assiduity’ to ‘conduct’

14. Page 9 – change ‘assiduity’ to ‘competency’

Fraternally submitted,
Brad S. Billings, Past High Priest
Love Field Chapter No. 478, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies, Investments**

WHEREAS, in Article C-109, Number 4, paragraph 1 of the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Endowment Interest Distribution earned on Companions from demised Chapters is currently legally to be deposited in the General Excess Fund, and

WHEREAS, it makes sense that Endowment Funds should be re-deposited in the accounts of the Endowed Membership Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article C-109, be amended to read as follows:

Numbers 1-3. No Change

Number 4 paragraph a-k. No Change

1) In the event that a subordinate Chapter demises, the Endowed Memberships purchased for the benefit of that Chapter shall be assigned to the Grand Secretary and the distributions for those Endowments shall be deposited into the ~~General Excess~~ *Endowment* Fund.

Fraternally submitted,
Jackie Matthews, Past High Priest
Keystone Chapter 172, RAM

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
GRAND ASSEMBLY HELD DECEMBER 13-14, 2024**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS Beeville Council No. 129 has under dispensation been meeting in the Masonic Hall at Alamita Lodge No. 200 in Kenedy, Texas for the past 12 months due to the inability of having local members attend from the Beeville area; and

WHEREAS the members of Beeville Council No. 129 voted at two consecutive meetings to move from Beeville Lodge No. 261, located in Beeville, Texas to Alamita Lodge in Kenedy, Texas; and

WHEREAS the Council submits a Resolution to make the move permanent.

NOW, Therefore, Beeville Council No. 129 requests the adoption of this Resolution at the Grand Annual Assembly to make permanent the move of Beeville Council No. 129 to Alamita Lodge in Kenedy, Texas

Submitted,
Beeville Council No. 129, R.&S.M.
Joseph A. Avalos, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
David J. Carruthers, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS Beeville Council No. 129 has submitted a Resolution to the Grand Annual Assembly to permanently move the Council to Alamita Lodge No. 200 in Kenedy, Texas

WHEREAS the membership of Beeville Council No. 129 voted at two consecutive meetings to remain in the same Cryptic District No. 16 if prior Resolution to permanently move said Council to Alamita Lodge in Kenedy is approved.

WHEREAS the Council submits a Resolution to remain in the same Cryptic District No. 16.

NOW, Therefore, Beeville Council No. 129 requests the adoption of this Resolution at the Grand Annual Assembly to remain in the same District No. 16.

Submitted,
Beeville Council No. 129, R.&S.M.
Joseph A. Avalos, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
David J. Carruthers, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS the members of Greenville Council No. 68 have been meeting temporarily at Commerce Masonic Lodge No. 439, located at 1227 Washington St., Commerce, TX due to the sale of the Lodge building in Greenville, TX under dispensation issued by the M:I: Grand Master in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and

WHEREAS the new Lodge building is now complete and will allow Greenville Council No. 68 to hold our meetings there; and

WHEREAS the M:I: Grand Master Aaron W. Tyksinski granted dispensation allowing the Council to temporarily move to Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 335, located at 2603 Canton Avenue, Greenville, TX on June 1, 2024, and

NOW, THEREFORE Greenville Council No. 68 requests adoption of this resolution at this Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Greenville Council No. 68 to the Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 335, located at 2603 Canton Avenue, Greenville, TX

Submitted,
Greenville Council No. 68, R.&S.M.
Charles L. Mize, P.T.I.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS, the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas require that the aprons of Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons, respectively, be 16 x 16 inches with a drop in the bib of 6 inches, and

WHEREAS, it is required to be both a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason to be a Royal and Select Master, and

WHEREAS, the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas are silent as to apron dimensions or designs for Companions, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, and Grand Officers other than the District Deputy Grand Masters, and

WHEREAS, the apron of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and other Grand Officers of this Grand Council conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in respect to size, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to maintain uniformity in the size of the distinctive Texas regalia, and

WHEREAS, it is possible to obtain District Deputy Grand Master's apron from several sources in the 16 x 16 size,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Art. B-061 (59A) relating to District Deputy Masters' aprons be amended as follows:

Art. B-061 (59A) Apron. The design for the apron which may be worn by the District Deputy Grand Masters, adopted by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1957 (Jurisprudence Committee Report see page 69) is:

Crown Satin or lambskin, plain poplin lining, ~~13 X 15~~ **16 x 16** inches, trimmed with No. 9 purple grosgrain ribbon body with a No. 5 purple grosgrain ribbon flap. The Council emblem is embroidered in gold on the flap, with the Past Thrice Illustrious Master emblem with gold machine embroidered wreath on the body. The flap, short enough not to cover any emblem, is lined with a regular print cloth with the special printing thereon.

A District Deputy Grand Master may elect, optionally, to add the year of his service to his apron. This addition shall be in compatible purple numerals approximately one and a half (1 1/2) inches in height to be read by a facing observer. Two numerals in the lower left corner designate the century and two numerals in the lower right corner designate the decade and principal year of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian D. Moore, PTIM
Austin Council No. 2, R&SM

Russell C. Brown, PTIM
Henderson Council No. 298, R&SM

RESOLUTION NO. 5

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS, Dad Pender Council No. 50 meets at Stanfield Lodge located in Denton TX and Dad Pender Chapter and this Council has lost our beloved Brother and Companion Clarence J. Laney who was the heart and soul of our fraternity in Denton.

And WHEREAS, Clarence J. Laney earned renown for his extensive service to our Lodge, Chapter, and Council over many years, filling various essential roles with steadfast dedication that consistently surpassed the call of duty within our fraternity.

And WHEREAS, Clarence J. Laney consistently dedicated himself to instructing and teaching the ritual to members at the Lodge, Chapter, and Council gatherings. As the Most Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 2003, his dedication extended to serving the Companions in the great state of Texas. By sharing his expertise, he not only upheld the traditions, but also enriched our

community. His invaluable guidance not only preserved our heritage, but also empowered us to better serve the community of Denton, TX.

And WHEREAS, the members of Dad Pender Council No. 50 met in two subsequent regular meetings where a motion was made, seconded, held over and then passed unanimously by the membership present to change the name to Pender-Laney Council No. 50 in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Dad Pender Council No. 50 hereby requests our name formally be changed and from this date forward be known as Pender-Laney Council No. 50.

Respectfully submitted:
Justin Winch, Past Thrice Illustrious Master/Chaplin
Tommy Barnes, Thrice Illustrious Master 2023-2024
Kenneth Cotter, Past Thrice Illustrious Master/Recorder
Dad Pender Council No. 50, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS, at a Stated Assembly of San Marcos Council No. 215, R.&S.M. held on August 24, 2023, a motion was made and approved to geographically move the Council and meeting place from San Marcos Lodge No. 342 in San Marcos to W.J. Nixon Lodge No. 421 in Smithville, and;

WHEREAS, M:I: Grand Master W. David Melear granted dispensation to move the Charter on September 26, 2023.

WHEREAS, the same dispensation was granted by M:I: Grand Master Aaron W. Tyksinski on December 13, 2023,

WHEREAS, at a Stated Assembly of San Marcos Council No. 215, a motion was made and passed unanimously by the membership present to make the relocation to Smithville permanent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter and meeting place of San Marcos Council No. 215, R.&S.M. be permanently relocated to W.J. Nixon Lodge No. 421 in Smithville.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Ray Johnson, T.I.M.
San Marcos Council No. 215, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas:

WHEREAS, Companion Kenneth E. Cooley has retired after eighteen plus years, serving eleven years as Grand Treasurer and seven and a half years as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas; and

WHEREAS, his continued service and dedication to Cryptic Masonry and to this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas for these many years, giving freely of his time and service; and

WHEREAS, in order to compliment his Masonic career with honors richly deserved by his long and distinguished service in the cause of Cryptic Masonry and Masonry in general;

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas hereby elects and confers upon the said Kenneth E. Cooley, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Council, together with all the rights and privileges of a Past Grand Master.

It is further directed that he be presented with the regalia of a Past Grand Master of this Grand Council and that his name shall be carried on the rolls of this Grand Council as Honorary Past Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

Jerry N. Kirby, PTIM, Midlothian No. 148, R.&S.M.
Joe F. Schriever, PTIM, San Angelo No. 110, R.&S.M.
Thomas W. Snyder, PTIM, Love Field No. 396, R.&S.M.
John C. Elkinton, PTIM, Park Place No. 373, R.&S.M.
Mark D. Myer, PTIM, Port Neches No. 413, R.&S.M.
Charles S. Wolfe, PTIM, Texas No. 321, R.&S.M.
W.E. Bill Schroeter, PTIM, Port Neches No. 413, R.&S.M.
G. Clay Smith, PTIM, John C. Callahan No. 408, R.&S.M.
Tommy F. Chapman, PTIM, Port Neches No. 413, R.&S.M.
J. Weldon Clampitte, PTIM, Houston No. 1, R.&S.M.
James D. Manley, PTIM, Tarrant No. 349, R.&S.M.
Gary D. Dixon, PTIM, George M. Patrick No. 13, R.&S.M.
Thomas N. Turner, Sr., PTIM, Columbia No. 29, R.&S.M.
Terry L. Flippo, PTIM, Borger No. 354, R.&S.M.
Jeffery J. Miller, PTIM, Dallas No. 18, R.&S.M.
Reese L. Harrison, Jr., PTIM, San Antonio No. 14, R.&S.M.
James D. Kirkpatrick, PTIM, Arlington No. 314, R.&S.M.
Don Paul Payton, PTIM, Goodnight-Loving No. 47, R.&S.M.
Jackie W. Matthews, PTIM, Keystone No. 112, R.&S.M.
Robert C. Brunk, PTIM, Ennis No. 81, R.&S.M.
W. David Melear, PTIM, Quanah No. 367, R.&S.M.
Aaron W. Tyksinski, P.T.I.M., Richmond No. 383, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence**

WHEREAS, in Article C-145, Number 4, paragraph 1 of the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, Endowment Interest Distribution earned on Companions from demised Councils is currently legally supposed to be deposited to the General Excess Fund, and

WHEREAS, it makes sense that the Endowment Funds should be re-deposited in the accounts for the Endowed Membership Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article C-145, be amended to read as follows:

Numbers 1-3. No Change

Number 4 paragraph a-k. No Change

1- In the event that a subordinate Council demises, the Endowed Memberships purchased for the benefit of that Council shall be assigned to the Grand Recorder and the distributions for those Endowments shall be deposited into the ~~General Excess~~ *Endowment* Fund.

Fraternally submitted,
Jackie Matthews, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
Keystone Council 112, R.&S.M.

GRAND MASTER RECOMMENDATION 1

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Committee on Work, and Jurisprudence**

WHEREAS, the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas was "rehabilitated" on 3 December 1907 by action of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas does not include the Office of Grand Orator,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 states *"The Grand Council of Texas is the highest source of authority in Cryptic Masonry within the State of Texas."* Further, Section 11 states *"it may consider and do all things whatsoever it may regard as necessary or appertaining to the well-being and perpetuity of Cryptic Masonry within its jurisdiction."*

WHEREAS, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas has the Office of Excellent Grand Orator, the duties of which are *"to attend all Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and at all proper installations, dedications, or other proper occasions, you are to deliver an address suitable to the event. To do this, it is absolutely*

necessary to be familiar with the laws, usages, and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in every country and clime throughout the habitable globe."

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas has the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Orator, the duties of which are *"to attend the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, and at public installations, dedications, or other public occasions, to deliver a suitable address. To do this, it is necessary that you should be familiar with the operations of Masonry, both home and abroad, and well versed in Masonic lore."*

WHEREAS, The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters is an independent Grand Body and is deserving of a Grand Officer whose duties are similar in nature to that of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas be amended to include and establish the Office of Illustrious Grand Orator.

FUTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this change would be effective 13 December 2025.

FUTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Committee on Work shall design the proper insignia of the Office of Grand Orator, which would be affixed to a collar-jewel and a properly-sized apron similar to that of the other Grand Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aaron Wayne Tyksinski
Most Illustrious Grand Master

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



RICHARD R. JERNIGAN

Handley Chapter No. 479, R.A.M.

Exalted: May 27, 1995

Most Excellent High Priest: 1999

Secretary: 2000

Treasurer: 2005-2006

Texas Chapter No. 362, R.A.M.

Affiliated: 2010

Grand Chapter of Texas

R.: E.: District Deputy Grand High Priest: 2005

E.: Grand Orator: 2015

E.: Grand Marshal: 2019

State Coordinator: 2015

Grand High Priest's DDGHP Training Team V.:E.:Wolfe: 2015

Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Maine: 2019-present

Order of High Priesthood

Trinity York Rite College No. 154

Texas Priory No. 23

K.Y.C.H.: 2005

K.Y.G.C.H.: 2022

Tarrant County York Rite Association

St. Timothy Conclave No. 65 Order of The Red Cross of Constantine

Puissant Sovereign: 2021

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



JEFFREY J. MILLER

Love Field Chapter No. 478, R.A.M.

Exalted – July 10th, 1999

Endowed: – 2015

Dallas Chapter No. 47, R.A.M.

Affiliated Plural – April 3, 2000

Excellent High Priest – 2005-2006

Endowed – 2006

Treasurer – 2012-2017

Secretary – 2018- Present

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 2005

Fraternal Relations Committee – 2007-2008

York Rite Festival, Liaison and Coordination Committee – 2012

Credentials Committee – 2007-09 & 2011-14, Chairman 2012-2014

R:E: District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 13 – 2019

Grand Officers Report Committee – 2022-2026

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE**



RAYMOND J. VINSON II

Haggai Chapter No. 53, R.A.M.

Exalted – August 13, 2011

High Priest – 2015-16

Endowed Member – 2017

Secretary – 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21

Cornerstone Award – 2019

George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

Affiliated Plural – 2021

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

District Deputy Grand High Priest for District 25 – 2020

Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil – 2021

Excellent Grand Guard – 2024

Grand Representative to Germany – 2020 to present

Committee on Purposes and Policies – 2020 to present

Tellers Committee – 2020

Special Committee on Electronic Membership Maintenance – 2021

Order of High Priesthood of Texas – October 17, 2016

North Texas York Rite College No.118

Member since May 10, 2014

Governor – 2024-25

Order of the Purple Cross of York – 2021

North Texas Priory No. 73, K.Y.C.H.

Member since April 7, 2018

Deputy Prior – 2024-25

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY
RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND RECORDER**



JACKIE WAYNE MATTHEWS

Keystone Chapter No. 172, R.A.M.

Exalted – May 21, 1998

Endowed Member – October 8, 2007

King – 2000, 2007, 2010, 2011

High Priest – 2001, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2016

Sam J. Helm Chapter No. 445, R.A.M.

Affiliated Plural – June 23, 2010

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of the High Priesthood – 2005

District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 33– 2010, Dist. 30 – 2013, 2018

M:E: Grand High Priest – 2017

Keystone Council No. 112, R.&S.M.

Greeted – June 29, 1998

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2001, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2016

Endowed Member – 2007

Sam J. Helm Council No. 363, R.&S.M.

Affiliated Plural – June 23, 2010

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2010, 2011, 2012

Treasurer – 2013, 2014, 2015

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master, District 33 – 2011, District 30 – 2013

Regional Membership Coordinator Region 9 – 2014 to 2018

Super Excellent Master Degree – 2016

I: Grand Sentinel – 2018

Most Illustrious Grand Master – 2021

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
TX MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



RICHARD W. GAISER

Tyler Chapter No. 24, R. A. M.
Exalted – October 15, 1994
High Priest – 2003
Treasurer – 2004 to present

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of the High Priesthood – 2004
District Deputy Grand High Priest Dist. 4 – 2005, 2012 (pro-tem)
York Rite Festival, Liaison & Coordinating Comm. – 2010-2014
E: Grand Master of the 1st Veil – 2016
Investments Committee –2016-2019, Co-Chairman 2015

Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board of Directors – 2013-2017
and 2019-2023

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
R: I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



DEAN R. BRYANT

Park Place Council No. 373, R.&S.M.

Greeted – February 17, 2018

Super Excellent Master Degree – March 12, 2022

Thrice Illustrious Master – July, 2021

San Felipe de Austin Council No. 406, R.&S.M.

Affiliated Plural Member – 2024

Captain of the Guards – 2024

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 6 – 2024

Committee on Social Media – 2024; Chairman, 2024

Special Committee on Digital Outreach – 2022

Tellers Committee – 2021

York Rite Conference Coordinator (Houston Area) – 2022

Grand Master's 2026 Planning Team

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2023

Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106 – 2021

Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75, K.Y.C.H. – 2024

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
R: I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



RICHARD D. DOSS

Quanah Council No. 367 R.&S.M.

Greeted – July 1, 1996

Endowed – 6-25-2003

Thrice Illustrious Master 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2010

Wichita Falls Council No. 140, R.&S.M.

Affiliated – August 8, 2022

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2002

Esoteric Certificate holder – 2011 to present

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 27 – 2013-2014

Illustrious Grand Organist – 2017

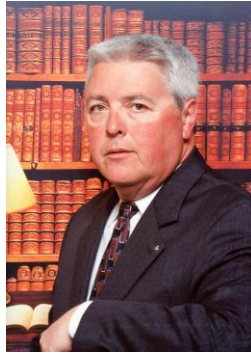
District Instructor Cryptic District 21 – 2022 to present

West Texas York Rite College No. 36 – 2005

Order of the Purple Cross of York – 2017

Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.V.H. – 2004: - Prior, 2019

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
R: I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



KEVIN KERR MORTON, SR.

Love Field Council No, 396, R.&S.M.

Greeted – September 6, 2013

Super Excellent Master – June 22, 2019

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2020

Treasurer: 2022 – Present

John C. Callahan Council No 408, R.&S.M.

Affiliated Plural Member – December 6, 2021

Haggai Council No. 38, R.&S.M.

Affiliated Plural Member – June 28, 2022

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Esoteric Certificate – 2019-Present

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2021

Grand Master (Bob Brunk) Planning Team – 2020-2021

Statewide Super Excellent Master Traveling Degree Team – 2022

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 7 – 2024

North Texas York Rite College No. 118

Accepted – 2017

Noble Herald – 2023-Present

Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147

Affiliated Plural Member – 2019

North Texas Priory No. 73 Knight York Cross of Honor: 2022

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
YORK RITE DEVELOPMENT FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



MATTHEW A. BURKE

Columbia Council No. 29, R.&S.M.

Greeted – August 29, 2015

Super Excellent Master's Degree – November 16, 2019

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2020

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel - 2021

Thrice Illustrious Sentinel – 2023

Thrice Illustrious Steward – 2024

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 6 – 2022

Special Education Committee – 2022

Grand Officers' Reports Committee – 2023 to Present

Grand Master's Planning Team – 2024

Grand Marshal – 2024

Thomas H. Ridout No. 75, K.Y.C.H. – 2021

Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106 – 2021

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FOR
YORK RITE DEVELOPMENT FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



JEFFREY K. SHRUM

Haggai Council No. 38, R. &S.M.

Greeted – January 14, 2017

Super Excellent Master Degree – June 22, 2019

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2021

John C. Callahan Council No. 408, R. &S.M.

Affiliated Plural Member – July 6, 2021

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2021

Council of Royal and Select Masters Esoteric certificate holder

Texas York Rite Esoteric Association – 2016 to present

Lyle L. Cross York Rite College No. 147 – 2017 to present