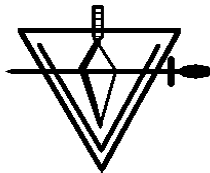


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**PROPOSED  
RESOLUTIONS  
AND  
STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY  
TO BE CONSIDERED  
AT OUR  
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION  
AND  
ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
TO BE HELD  
DECEMBER 8-9, 2023**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR**  
**GRAND CONVOCAION HELD DECEMBER 8-9, 2023**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS the members of Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M. requested a Dispensation on October 20, 2022, to move their Charter to Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas, for the Stated Convocation on Monday, November 7, 2022, and any meetings thereafter as may be necessary due to the sale of Longview Lodge No. 404 located at 436 N. Center St., Longview, Texas.

WHEREAS M: E: Grand High Priest F.E. Skip Smith, Jr. granted the Dispensation request for the purpose of temporarily holding Stated and Called Convocations to be in effect until December 10, 2022, or until the installation of the next M: E: Grand High Priest.

WHEREAS the members of Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M. after the Stated Convocation on November 7, 2022, voted to make a request to the brethren and Officers of Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 to grant a permanent move to their location at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas beginning with the Stated Convocation on January 2, 2023.

WHEREAS the brethren and Officers of Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 at their Stated meeting on December 1, 2022, after a unanimous vote, did grant Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M. permission to move their Charter on a permanent basis to 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas.

WHEREAS the Dispensation granted by M: E: Grand High Priest F. E. Skip Smith, Jr., did elapse, another Dispensation request was made to newly elected M: E: Grand High Priest Robert M. Loflin for Longview Chapter No. 177 R.A.M. to meet at Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas.

WHEREAS M: E: Grand High Priest Robert M. Loflin did grant Dispensation to Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M. to move their Charter from Longview Masonic Lodge No. 404, located at 436 N. Center St., Longview, Texas to Pine Tree Masonic Lodge No. 1396, located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas for the purpose of temporarily holding their Stated and Called Convocations until December 9, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M. requests adoption of this Resolution at this Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M. to Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas.

Submitted,

William Farmer, High Priest, Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M.

Mack LaGrone, Secretary, Longview Chapter No. 177, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS Jerusalem Chapter No. 3 has under dispensation been meeting in the Masonic Hall at Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17, located at 184 FM 149 Road East, Anderson, Texas for the last 18 months due to the difficulty of the Companions climbing the stairs; and

WHEREAS the members of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, RAM voted at two consecutive meetings to move from Navasota Lodge No. 299 located at 300 E. Washington, Navasota, Texas to Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17 located at 184 FM 149 Road East, Anderson, Texas; and

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

NOW, Therefore Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, RAM request adoption of this Resolution at the Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, RAM to Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17 in Anderson, Texas

Submitted,

Stephan L. Blackman, Past High Priest, Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.

David M. Rice, Past High Priest, Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

*Referred to the Committees on Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS Dale E. Miller Chapter No. 55 and Terrell Chapter No. 146, having agreed to consolidate their respective Chapters on July 14, 2023, do jointly petition to redesignate their Chapter as Dale E. Miller-Terrell Chapter No. 55. This allows each to retain some of their respective Chapters for posterity.

WHEREAS this consolidation has been approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

THEREFORE, we move that Dale E. Miller Chapter No. 55 will change its name to Dale E Miller-Terrell Chapter No. 55, R.A.M.

Submitted,

John Irvin, Past High Priest, Dale E. Miller No. 55, R.A.M.

Jack Bolowskie, Past High Priest, Terrell Chapter No. 146, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies\**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS: In 1993, the Home for Aged Masons justifiably changed its name to the more pleasant-sounding name of The Masonic Retirement Center for the purposes of doing business, and

WHEREAS: The actual ownership of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and needs to be advertised as such, therefore, all material relating to the TMRC name needs to be changed again so that it properly and correctly reflects the true ownership of our home, including written material, signs and so forth. That Chapter 16 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was changed in 2005 to rename the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to, **The Texas Masonic Retirement Center of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.**

WHEREAS: Times have changed and for the same reasons stated above the TMRC name needs to be changed again so that it properly and correctly reflects the Community it represents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Chapter 16 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be changed to rename the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to, **The Texas Masonic Retirement Community of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.**

Fraternally submitted,

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

Charles S. Wolfe, P.H.P., Texas Chapter No. 362, R.A.M.

Richard W. Gaiser, P.H.P., Tyler Chapter No. 24, R.A.M.

L.O. Neal Addy, Jr., P.H.P., Texas Chapter No. 362, R.A.M.

James D. Kirkpatrick, P.H.P., Arlington Chapter No. 376, R.A.M.

Floyd E. Hall, P.H.P., Arlington Chapter No. 376, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5**

*Referred to the Committees on Purposes & Policies*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, the conferral of the Past Master's Degree for Masters and Wardens is receiving renewed interest among our Brethren within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas and imparts important lessons regarding the duties owed to a Lodge over which a Master is elected to preside,

WHEREAS, the Authorized Ritual of the Past Master's Degree for Masters and Wardens is maintained by the Committee on Work of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas,

WHEREAS, all references to the Mark Master Degree and Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas have been intentionally omitted from the Authorized Ritual of the Past Master's Degree for Masters and Wardens,

WHEREAS, a portion of the said omitted section includes the only reference made by the Worshipful Master informing the candidate that the Worshipful Master will soon retire from the room and leave the candidate in charge of the Lodge,

WHEREAS, the inclusion of this proposed change to the ritual provides a clearer context to the candidate earlier in the Degree and does not negatively alter the dignity or theme of the Degree,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the second section of the Authorized Ritual of the Past Master's Degree for Masters and Wardens be amended to include the sentence *"It therefore becomes necessary that I should retire from the room for a time and leave you in charge of the Lodge."* This sentence should immediately follow *"and to teach them the respect and obedience the Brethren were due them as presiding officers"* and precede *"The Brethren knew you would be required to act as Master of this Lodge..."*

Submitted by:

Loyd O'Neal Addy, Jr., Past High Priest  
Texas Chapter No. 362, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6**

*Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies\**

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter has no standing committee focused on Capitular education for the enlightenment of the Companions.

WHEREAS, in 2022 an ad hoc Committee on Education was appointed by V:E: PGHP Skip Smith for purposes of teaching symbolism and supporting the Ritual Instruction of the Committee on Work.

WHEREAS, there is a need for the continued work of such a committee to Companions, constitute chapters, and the Grand Chapter of Texas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Grand Royal Arch Chapter add a standing committee to be named Committee on Education to oversee the esoteric education and leadership / officer training to enhance to the Masonic experience, general knowledge, and proficiency among Companions.

Submitted,

Jeff Bennett, Past High Priest, Arlington Royal Arch Chapter No. 376, RAM

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR**  
**GRAND ASSEMBLY HELD DECEMBER 8-9, 2023**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS the members of Longview Council No. 116, R. & S. M. requested a Dispensation on October 20, 2022, to move their Charter to Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas, for the Stated Assembly on Monday, November 7, 2022, and any meetings thereafter as may be necessary due to the sale of Longview Lodge No. 404 located at 436 N. Center St., Longview, Texas.

WHEREAS M: I: Grand Master Robert C. Brunk granted the Dispensation request for the purpose of temporarily holding Stated and Called Assemblies to be in effect until December 10, 2022, or until the installation of the next M: I: Grand Master.

WHEREAS the members of Longview Council No. 116, R. & S. M. after the Stated Assembly on November 7, 2022, voted to make a request to the brethren and Officers of Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 to grant a permanent move to their location at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas beginning with the Stated Assembly on January 2, 2023.

WHEREAS the brethren and Officers of Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 at their Stated meeting on December 1, 2022, after a unanimous vote, did grant Longview Council No. 116, R. & S.M. permission to move their Charter on a permanent basis to 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas.

WHEREAS the Dispensation granted by M: I: Grand Master Robert C. Brunk, did elapse, another Dispensation request was made to newly elected M: I: Grand Master W. David Melear for Longview Council No. 116, R. & S.M. to meet at Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas.

WHEREAS M: I: Grand Master W. David Melear did grant Dispensation to Longview Council No. 116, R. & S.M. to move their Charter from Longview Masonic Lodge No. 404, located at 436 N. Center St., Longview, Texas to Pine Tree Masonic Lodge No. 1396, located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas for the purpose of temporarily holding their Stated and Called Assemblies.

NOW, THEREFORE Longview Council No. 116, R. & S. M. requests adoption of this Resolution at this Grand Annual Assembly to make permanent the move of Longview Council No. 116, R. & S.M. to Pine Lodge No.1396 located at 2709 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas.

Submitted,

William Farmer, Thrice Illustrious Master, Longview Council No. 116, R. & S. M.  
Mack LaGrone, Recorder, Longview Council No. 116, R. & S. M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS Jerusalem Council No. 7, R&SM has under dispensation been meeting in the Masonic Hall at Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17, located at 184 FM 149 Road East, Anderson Texas for the last 18 months due to the difficulty of the Companions climbing the stairs; and

WHEREAS the members of Jerusalem Council No. 7, R&SM voted at two consecutive meetings to move from Navasota Lodge No. 299, located at 300 E. Washington, Navasota Texas to Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17 located in 184 FM 1449 Road East, Anderson Texas; and

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

NOW, Therefore Jerusalem Council No. 7, R&SM request adoption of this resolution at the Grand Annual Assembly to make permanent the move of Jerusalem Council No. 7, R&SM to Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17 in Anderson, Texas.

Submitted

Stephan L. Blackman, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Jerusalem Co. No. 7, R.&S.M.  
David M. Rice, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Jerusalem Co. No. 7, R.&S.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS Dale E. Miller Council No. 40 and Terrell Council No. 90, having agreed to consolidate their respective Councils on July 14, 2023, do jointly petition to redesignate their Council as Dale E. Miller-Terrell Council No. 40. This allows each to retain some of their respective Councils for posterity.

WHEREAS this consolidation has been approved by the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

THEREFORE, we move that Dale E. Miller Council No. 40 will change its name to Dale E. Miller-Terrell Council No. 40, R.&S.M.

Submitted,

John Irvin, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Dale E. Miller No. 40, R.&S.M.  
Jack Bolowskie, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Terrell No. 90, R.&S.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

*Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Purposes & Policies\**

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

WHEREAS, the Grand Council has no standing committee focused on Cryptic education for the enlightenment of the Companions.

WHEREAS, in 2022 an ad hoc Committee on Education was appointed by V.I. PGM Robert C. Brunk for purposes of teaching symbolism, the creation of 27 lessons for the Cryptic Education program and supporting the Ritual Instruction of the Committee on Work.

WHEREAS, in 2023 an ad hoc Committee on Education was appointed by M.I.G.M W. David Melear to continue the completion of the 2022 Cryptic Education program by providing a study guide with questions and practical learning.

WHEREAS, there is a need for the continued work of such a committee to Companions, constitute councils, and the Grand Council of Texas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters add a standing committee to be named Committee on Education to oversee the esoteric education and leadership / officer training to enhance the Masonic experience, general knowledge, and proficiency among Companions.

Submitted,  
Jeff Bennett, Past Thrice Illustrious Master  
Arlington Royal & Select Masters Council No. 314, R&SM



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



**ROBERT C. BRUNK**

Ennis Chapter No. 135, R.A.M.

Exalted – 2010

High Priest – 2015

Endowed Member – 2012

Goodnight – Loving Chapter No. 75, R.A.M.

Affiliated Plural – 2018

Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil – 2019, 2020

Trinity York Rite College No. 154 – 2014

Treasurer – 2021 – Present

Endowed Member – 2022

Member of Texas Priory No. 23

K.Y.C.H. – April 2018

K.Y.G.C.H. – December 2022

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

R:E: District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular District No. 15 – 2019

Membership Coordinator Region 6 – 2015 to 2020

Order of High Priesthood – 2016

E: Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil – 2017

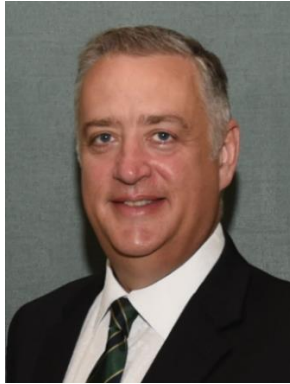
E: Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil – 2018

Finance Committee - 2018-2019

Esoteric Certificate 2012 – Present

Three Year Certificate (Expiring 2025)

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY  
FOR  
COMMITTEE ON WORK, MEMBER**



**SCOTT DAVID STANTON**

Garland Chapter No. 451, R.A.M.

Exalted – 2016

High Priest – 2019

Cornerstone Award - 2022

Garland Council No. 118, R.&S.M.

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2018

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Finance Committee 2020 to Present

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Finance Committee – 2022 to Present

Super Excellent Master Degree Team – 2022

North Texas York Rite College No. 118 – 2018 to Present

Allied Masonic Degrees – Grand Arcanum Council No. 447 – 2017 to Present

St. Thomas of Acon – 2018 to Present

Red Cross of Constantine – 2020 to Present

Knight Masons – 2020 to Present

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



**FLOYD E. HALL**

Arlington Chapter No. 376, R.A.M.

Exalted – October 1, 1994

High Priest – 1997

Endowed Member – 1994

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Esoteric 3-Year Certificate Holder

Order of High Priesthood

E.∴ Grand Captain of the Host – 2002

Committee on Grievance and Appeals 2002, 2003, 2004

Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Director – Appointed July 2002 for unexpired term ending 2004

Director – 2006 to 2010; 2012 to 2016; 2018-2022

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



**CHRISTOPHER L. BATES**

Lubbock Council No. 183, R.&S.M.

Greeted: April 25, 2013

Endowed: November 3, 2014

Thrice Illustrious Master: 2019

Super Excellent Master: 2022

Floydada Council No. 163, R.&S.M.

Affiliated Plural Member: 2021

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master District No. 27: 2021

District Deputy Grand Master District No. 27: 2023

District Instructor District No. 27: 2022-2023

District Instructor District No. 21: 2022-2023

Esoteric Certificate: 2022

Committee on By-Laws: 2021-Present

Order of the Silver Trowel: December 13, 2019

Texas Priory No.23, Knight York Cross of Honour: 2022

West Texas York Rite College No. 36: 2019

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



**R. BRIAN COOK**

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

Greeted – September 22, 2012

Endowed Member – 2015

Super Excellent Master Degree – 2016

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2016

Recorder – 2022

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2019

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

Affiliated Plural – 2018

Endowed Member – 2019

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2017; Thrice Illustrious Steward, 2023

Internet Committee – 2020 to present

Grand Representative to Utah – 2019 to present

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 25 – 2020

Illustrious Grand Steward – 2023

Credentials Committee – 2021 to present

Tellers Committee – 2020, 2021, 2022; Chairman, 2021

Royal Purple Service Award – 2021

District Instructor, Cryptic District 7 – 2022, 2023

Special Committee on Digital Outreach – 2022; Chairman, 2022

York Rite Conference Coordinator (Dallas Area) – 2022, 2023

Grand Master's 2024 Planning Team

York Rite Development Fund Board – 2019 to present; Treasurer, 2019, 2020;

Vice-President, 2021, 2022; President, 2023

Texas York Rite Esoteric Association – 2016 to present; President, 2020

North Texas York Rite College No. 118 – 2016; Governor, 2023;

Order of the Purple Cross of York – 2021

North Texas Priory No. 73, K.Y.C.H. – 2019; Prelate, 2023

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



**JUSTIN W. SCHULZ**

Hillsboro Council No. 94, R.&S.M.

Greeted – 2017

Illustrious Principal Conductor of Work – 2017

Right Illustrious Deputy Master – 2018

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2019

Recorder – 2020 – Present

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2021

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2022