



The Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas
STATEWIDE CLOTHES DRIVE APPLICATION

Use this checklist to satisfy all the requirements for the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark will be presented to the Council that raises the most amount of clothes and meets all the requirements at The Grand Annual Assembly on 13-14 December 2024.

The Council may obtain clothes by any legal means, including purchasing them, soliciting and receiving donations of clothes, and working with public entities to get items. Prohibited items include underwear, bras, cloth diapers, etc.

This completed application MUST be submitted to your District Deputy Grand Master between 16 September and 31 October 2024. The DDGM must submit this completed application to the Community Outreach Committee no later than 10 November 2024. All answers listed below must be “yes” to satisfy all the requirements. Failure to submit the document by the deadline will result in disqualification.

Name of Council: _____, Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Thrice Illustrious Master: _____ Phone: _____

District: _____ DDGM: _____

Name of Charitable Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____, City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Date Dropped Off / Picked Up: _____

Name of Charitable Organization #2: _____

Mailing Address: _____, City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Date Dropped Off / Picked Up: _____

Name of Charitable Organization #3: _____

Mailing Address: _____, City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

QUALIFIER	REQUIREMENT	T.I.M. INITIALS
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Must discuss and approve the participation of the Statewide Clothes Drive in a Stated Meeting and have the same recorded in the minutes. There must be an “affirmative” vote by the Companions listed in the minutes.</p> <p>Stated Meeting Date: _____</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>To promote that intricate connection between York Rite Masonry, and Cryptic Masonry in particular, the Council must solicit the assistance of at least one Craft (“Blue”) lodge to assist with obtaining clothes. The name(s) of the lodge(s) asked to contribute should be named in a Stated Meeting and listed in the minutes of the same.</p> <p>Name of Craft Lodge(s) Assisting:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date of Stated Meeting minutes:</p> <p>_____</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>All clothes and related items must be collected by the Council between 1 March and 31 October 2024. Collections before or after that date are not valid.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>All donated clothes must be washed either prior to obtaining the clothes from various sources or washed by the Council after receiving them. Only items mentioned in the attached paperwork is acceptable.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Clothes must be given to one or more charitable organizations, which can be a 501(c)3, 501(c)10, or other entity that serves the public, such as a church, community outreach center, etc.</p> <p>These organizations should be listed on this application on the previous pages.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The Council must appear in public with Council regalia, take pictures, and notify the media (local newspaper, radio, and/or social media outlets) of the date and time of clothes donation to the entity(ies) aforementioned above.</p> <p>NOTE: The Council will need to apply for dispensation under §B-009 “<i>Appear in Pubic</i>” of the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas</p>	

	Date Dispensation Requested: _____ Date Dispensation Received: _____ Date Appeared in Public: _____ Date Media Notified: _____ Name of Media Outlet(s): _____ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	At least three (3) Companions from the Council must appear in public when donating the clothes to the entity(ies) listed above. Names of Companions: _____ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Pictures taken at the date and time of clothes donation to charitable organizations need to be submitted to the Social Media Committee (Chairman Dean Bryant) no later than five (5) days after the donation date. Date Sent to Chairman Bryant: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The attached Donation Worksheet must be completed, calculated, and signed by all parties before submitting to the District Deputy Grand Master. Missing information may result in disqualification. Date DDGM Notified: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The Minimum Audit Report described in Article C-041 of the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters must be sent to and received by the Grand Recorder no later than 15 September 2024 . The Council must have submitted their report on or prior to this date. Date Sent to Grand Recorder: _____	

CERTIFICATIONS

I hereby certify that _____ Council _____ R&SM has met all the aforementioned requirements. I swear on my honor as a Royal & Select Master the information submitted is true and correct. I understand untruthfulness with this application will result in disqualification.

Thrice Illustrious Master:

Date:

THIS MUST BE DATED BETWEEN 16 SEPTEMBER AND 31 OCTOBER 2024

I have reviewed this Ark of the Covenant Application and have found it to be truthful and accurate. I respectfully request this Council be considered for the Ark by the Community Outreach Committee.

District Deputy Grand Master

Date:

THIS MUST BE DATED NO LATER THAN 10 NOVEMBER 2024

I have received the completed and approved application and the Community Outreach Committee hereby recommends this Council be considered for the Ark.

R.:I.: Jimmy Don Emmons, Chairman

Date:

Table 1: Donated Clothes Inventory

Please indicate the number of each item in the corresponding box below. The values listed below are “high” averages of national charities’ recommendations. Use these figures when calculating the donations. Provide an estimate for those items not specifically listed below.

#	ITEM	VALUE	TOTAL	#	ITEM	VALUE	TOTAL
Men’s Shoes				Women’s Shoes			
	Boots	\$30			Boots	\$20	
	Shoes	\$30			Shoes	\$15	
Men’s Clothes				Women’s Clothes			
	Coats	\$30			Blouses / Smocks	\$10	
	Coveralls	\$12			Vests	\$8	
	Jackets	\$30			Coats	\$50	
	Jeans	\$15			Coveralls	\$12	
	Pants/Slacks	\$15			Dresses	\$15	
	Dress Shirts	\$15			Jackets	\$30	
	Shorts	\$8			Pants / Slacks	\$10	
	Suit Jacket	\$30			Jeans	\$15	
	Suit Pants	\$20			Knit Tops	\$10	
	Sweaters	\$10			Shirts	\$10	
	T-Shirts	\$5			Shorts	\$5	
	Vests	\$10			Sweaters	\$10	
	Other				Suit Jackets	\$25	
	Other				Suit Pants	\$25	
	Other				Wedding Dresses	\$100	
Children’s Clothes					Skirts	\$12	
	Blazers	\$15			Other		
	Jackets/Coats	\$15			Other		
	Dresses	\$8			Other		
	Jeans	\$10			Other		
	Shorts	\$5			Others / Misc. Clothes		
	T-Shirts	\$5					
	Shirts	\$10					
	Sweaters	\$8					
	Suit Jackets	\$15					
	Suit Pants	\$15					
	Shoes / Boots	\$8					
	Pants	\$6					
	Other	\$8					

Table 2: Totals

Please calculate the totals for the # Column and Total Columns in Table 1.

Total Number of Clothing Items in Table 1: _____

Total Value of Clothing Items in Table 1: \$_____