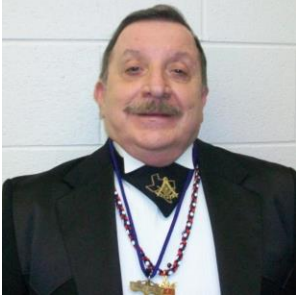


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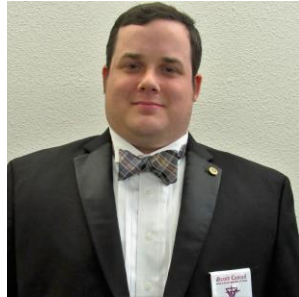


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**Welcome to the November 2017 edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

Pray for Companion **Ed Hjorth** as he had a bad car accident.
Pray for Companion **Ray McKown**. He needs our continued prayers.
Also remember to continue to keep **Steve Maxwell** in our prayers.
Pray for those other brethren and families who are hurting or suffering.

Grand Chapter/Council Convocation and Assembly --- Thursday, Dec 7 – Saturday, Dec 9

Several Commandery Inspections coming up. Check the calendar.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Nov, Dec 2017 also <http://64th.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Nov 1 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 2 Worth and Southside Commanderies Eat 6:00 PM	Nov 3	Nov 4 Cleburne Commandery Inspection 8 am
Nov 5 Daylight Savings	Nov 6	Nov 7 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Nov 8 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 9 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Nov 10	Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 12	Nov 13 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30	Nov 14	Nov 15 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Nov 16 7pm Cleburne Commandery	Nov 17 Southside Commandery Inspection Eat at 6:00 PM	Nov 18 Acon-Thomas Becket Chapel #XXXI – 8am Arlington Lodge
	Arlington Eat 6			6:30 pm Fort Worth Scottish Rite		Worth Commandery Inspection 8am
	Arlington Commandery also					Arlington Commandery Inspection 6pm
Nov 19	Nov 20 York Rite Hurst Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Nov 21 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Nov 22	Nov 23 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury –6 pm	Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day 	Nov 25
Nov 26	Nov 27 York Rite Stephenville Eat 6 pm	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5 York Rite Southside – Eat 6 Texas – Eat 6	Dec 6 Weatherford Commandery Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 7 – Dec 8 – Dec 9 Annual Grand Convocation and Assembly Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas Grand Council of R&SM of Texas In Waco, Texas – Grand Lodge Building.		
Dec 10	Dec 11 York Rite Riverside Eat 6:30 Arlington Eat 6 Arlington Commandery also	Dec 12	Dec 13 York Rite Springtown Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 14 York Rite Tarrant Eat 6PM	Dec 15	Dec 16
Dec 17	Dec 18 York Rite Hurst Eat 6 6 pm Stephenville Commandery	Dec 19 Denton Commandery Eat 6:00 PM	Dec 20 York Rite Ridglea Eat 6:30 PM	Dec 21 7pm Cleburne Commandery	Dec 22	Dec 23
Dec 24	Dec 25  Christmas Day	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28 York Rite Ennis – 6:30 Granbury –6 pm	Dec 29	Dec 30

**Annual Grand Convocation
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
and Annual Grand Assembly
Grand Council R&SM of Texas
December 7, 8, & 9, 2017**

Held in the Grand Lodge Temple, lower level
715 Columbus Ave., Waco, Texas

Registration Thursday, December 7th from 8:30 to 1:00 AM, Friday December 8th & Saturday December 9th at 7:00 AM

Thursday December 7th, 2017

9:00AM - Texas York Rite Colleges
10:00AM - Texas York Rite College #14
11:00AM - KYCH
2:00 PM - Memorial Service
6:30 PM - York Rite Banquet at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite

Friday, December 8th, 2017

8:00AM - Grand Chapter Opening & Business
11:30AM - Ladies Luncheon
1:00 PM - Grand Council Opening & Business
4:30PM - Order of High Priesthood
6:00PM - Order of Silver Trowel

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

8:00AM - Grand Chapter Business and elections
11:00AM - Grand Chapter Installation
1:00 PM - Grand Council Business & elections
4:00PM - Grand Council Installation

GRAND CHAPTER

RESOLUTION NO. 1

That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas grants permission to Cleveland Chapter No. 490 to make permanent the move to Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton Street, Conroe, Texas.

Submitted by Cleveland No. 490, RAM **Michael DeFrance**, Secretary, Past High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 2

That the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, under Article C-051 Removal of Chapter, permanently grant Hillsboro Chapter No. 152 approval to Remove its Chapter to New Hope Lodge No. 652 located in Covington, Texas.

Fraternally Submitted, **E. Dixon Toney**, Past High Priest Hillsboro Chapter No. 152

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Establish a Committee on Masonic Outreach ... Details of the entire resolution is listed in this newsletter on the next page (page 5)

GRAND COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 1

That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grants permission to Cleveland Council No. 405 to make permanent the move to Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton St., Conroe, Texas.

Submitted by Cleveland Council No. 405, R. & S.M. **Michael DeFrance**, Recorder, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 2

That the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, under Article C-039 Removal of a Council (From One Town to Another), permanently grant Hillsboro Council No. 94 approval to Remove its Council to New Hope Lodge No. 652 located in Covington, Texas.

Fraternally Submitted, **Jack M. Harper, II**, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Hillsboro Council No. 94, R.&S.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

That Article V of the Code of By-Laws be amended (regarding the York Rite Development Fund).

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY: No change.

TREASURER: 1,2,3,4,6,7 - No change.

Number 5. AS ADOPTED Dec., 2012– [DELETE – File 990 Form and] such [DELETE – other] forms as may be required before due date and forward copy to the Grand Recorder's office within 7 days [DELETE – after filing].

AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

TREASURER:

5. To prepare such forms as may be required for the operation of the York Rite Development Fund and forward copies of the same to the Grand Recorder's office within 7 days.

Fraternally submitted, **Charles S. Wolfe**, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Texas Council No. 321

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Add Vice President as an elected office, and change paragraphs appropriately to address the Vice President.

Fraternally submitted, **Charles S. Wolfe**, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Texas Council No. 321

Resolution number 3 for Grand Chapter in its entirety.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies* and Jurisprudence

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS there is a need for Royal Arch Masonry to reach beyond the walls of Chapter Tabernacles to demonstrate Masonic values to those who have no knowledge of those values by drawing back the 3 “veil of secrecy” covering Masonic values and to share those values in ways that exemplify Masonry in a positive way; and

And WHEREAS such outreach must be a long term and continuing effort requiring planning, coordination and leadership from a dedicated group; and And WHEREAS such an outreach effort may provide opportunities for collaboration between this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and other Masonic and affiliated bodies in an effort to form and foster positive relationships with non-Masonic organizations in a way that would require a permanent and continuing point of contact and coordination; and

And WHEREAS the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is uniquely positioned to lead this outreach effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Committee on Masonic Outreach be created with the following duties:

1. Create and foster positive relationships with non-Masonic organizations, including jointly sponsored activities, visitations, and communications to demonstrate Masonic values to the non-Masonic world;
2. Enhance the image of York Rite Masonry, in particular, and Masonry in general, beyond Masonic and affiliated organizations and members through such activities as may be appropriate means to demonstrate Masonic values;
3. Coordinate joint activities with non-Masonic organizations within this Grand Jurisdiction, as may be appropriate;
4. Lead collaborative efforts of Masonic and affiliated organizations in outreach initiatives through joint planning and execution of activities, visitations, and communications as may be appropriate;
5. Seek opportunities to enhance relationships with non-Masonic organizations and individuals through sharing of Masonic values; and
6. With the elected Grand Officers of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, annually create and update a multi-year program to encompass these activities, publish that plan for use with Masonic and affiliated bodies, and coordinate the execution of that plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee on Masonic Outreach be made up of five members, each serving for a term of five years; the first five of which shall be assigned terms of five, four, three, two, and one year each, one of whom will be designated a Chairman of the Committee, to be appointed by the Grand High Priest; with one new member and the Chairman of the Committee being appointed by the Grand High Priest each year thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee on Masonic Outreach report annually to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and semiannually to the Grand Trustees.

Fraternally submitted, **Joe F. Schriever**, Past High Priest
San Angelo Chapter 170, R.A.M.

STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE



THOMAS E. "GENE" CARNES

San Antonio Chapter No. 381, R.A.M.
Exalted – April 6, 1966
Demitted – November 1, 1995

Waco Chapter No. 45, R.A.M.
Affiliated –September 13, 1996
Demitted –June 4, 1999

Helotes Chapter No. 444, R.A.M.
Affiliated –July 14, 1999
Endowed– September 8, 1999

Kerrville Chapter No. 305, R. A. M.
Affiliated (Plural) – June 25, 2012
King –2012
High Priest – 2013
Endowed– September 11, 2015
Cornerstone Award Recipient – 2016

Cooper Chapter No. 101, R.A.M.
Affiliated (Plural) – March 28, 2016

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of High Priesthood – October 21, 2013
Esoteric Proficiency Certificate – 2015, 2016
Purposes and Policies Committee –2017

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



S. LANE PIERCE

Haggai Chapter No. 53, R.A.M.
Exalted – August 14, 1999
High Priest – 2011
Endowed Member – August 16, 2011

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Member, Credentials Committee – 2010
Order of High Priesthood – 2011
E: Grand Orator – 2012
Member, Grievances and Appeals Committee – 2013
Grand Representative to Nevada – 2013 to present
Member, Fraternal Correspondence Committee – 2014 to present
York Rite Conference Leadership Training Instructor – 2015
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 25 –2016

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



NICK R. RAMOS

Sawassett Chapter No. 195, R.A.M., New York
Exalted – November 19, 1980

Lebanon Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Tennessee
Transfer from New York – December 19, 1986
High Priest – 1989
Secretary – 1991-2002
Life Member – September 19, 2005

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee
Grand Chapter Finance Committee – 1993-1997
Order of High Priesthood – March 20, 1989
District Deputy Grand High Priest – 1996

Seguin Chapter No. 344, R.A.M., Texas
Dual Membership – March 28, 2005
Endowed Membership – August 12, 2005
High Priest – 2009-2010

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 21 –2014
Grand High Priest Conference Program – 2014

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
GRAND TREASURER**



ORVILLE L. O'NEILL

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| Dallas Chapter No. 47, R.A.M.
Exalted – 1980
Endowed Member – 1986
High Priest – 1987 | Dallas Council No. 18, R&SM
Greeted – 1980
Endowed Mbr – 1986
T.I.M. – 1986 |
| Love Field Chapter No. 478, R.A.M.
Plural Affiliation – 1988
Endowed Member – 1998 | Love Field Council No. 396, R&SM
Plural Affiliation – 1988
Endowed Member – 2004 |
- Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Order of High Priesthood – 1987
E: Grand Captain of the Host – 1991, R:E: Grand Scribe – 1995
R:E: Grand King – 1996, R:E: Deputy Grand High Priest – 1997
M:E: Grand High Priest – 1998
Grand Representative to Arkansas – 1998 to present
T.M.R.C. Board of Directors – 1998-2003
T.M.R.C. Board of Directors (Appointed) – 2005-2008
T.M.R.C. Board of Directors – 2008-2013, President
R:E: Grand Secretary – 2001-2017
- Grand Council R&SM of Texas
Order of Silver Trowel – 1986
R:I: District Deputy Grand Master – 1988
I: Grand Conductor of the Council – 1993
Grand Representative to Oklahoma – 2005 to present
R:I: Grand Recorder – 2001-2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
GRAND SECRETARY**



KENNETH E. COOLEY

Midlothian Chapter No. 211, R.A.M.

Exalted – March 18, 1989
High Priest – 1994
Royal Arch Captain – 1996 to present
Cornerstone Award – 2002

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 1996
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 15 – 1998
Credentials Committee – 2003-2004
Grand Representative to Colorado 2007 - Present
R:E: Grand Treasurer – 2007-2017
Treasurer – Texas Masonic Retirement Center – 2015 – Present

Midlothian Council No. 148, R.&S.M.

Greeted – March 18, 1989
Thrice Illustrious Master – 1999
Captain of the Guards – 1996 – Present
Cryptic Triangle Award – 2003

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas

Super Excellent Masters Degree – 1989
Order of the Silver Trowel – 1999
District Deputy Grand Master, District 15 – 2000
R:I: Grand Treasurer – 2007-2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
TEXAS 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
E: Grand Senior Steward – 2015
E: Grand Orator – 2017

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PRINCIPAL
CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



CHRISTOPHER LEE LITTLE

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

Greeted – 2008

Super Excellent Master's Degree – September 19, 2009

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2013

Member of Gulf Coast York Rite Association No. 106 – 2014 – Present

Member of Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75 K.Y.C.H. – November 2016

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – October 21, 2013

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 8 – 2016

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guards - 2017

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CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



DON PAUL "D.P." PAYTON

Lubbock Council No. 183, R.&S.M.
Greeted – 2004
Demitted – 2010
Affiliated Plural – 2017

Ridglea Council No. 400, R.&S.M.
Affiliated – 2010
Demitted – 2011

Springtown Council No. 47, R.&S.M.
Affiliated – 2011 as Charter Member
Thrice Illustrious Master – 2012
Cryptic Triangle Award – 2013

Member of Texas Priory 23, K.Y.C H. – October 2015

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas
District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 18 – 2013
Committee on Grievances and Appeals –2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

TMRC HAPPENINGS!!!!

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS 2017

AND THE WINNER IS Each year, the TMRC booth includes raffles for items made by the TMRC Residents for Family Day. This year, all 3 raffles were also won by a TMRC Resident. Congratulations to each of you!



Resident **Chuck Kinton** won the handstitched Quilt made by **Patsy Kucker**.



Resident **Alice Moore** won the quilted wall hanging made by Janet **Megason**.



Resident **Ace Wise** won the embroidered table runner made by **Marian Von Heeder**.

TMRC FAMILY DAY 2017.

The 2017 Family Day was a wonderful success. The weather was beautiful, the sale items in the vendor booths – fabulous! There were approximately 4,800 attendees on the facility grounds! A Groundbreaking ceremony was held for The Keystone, a new apartment building under construction on-site. Pictured is an aerial view of the fun-filled day and pictures of activities of the day.



BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Members of Trinity United Methodist Church faithfully visit TMRC for a Quarterly Birthday Party. Each quarter, the Trinity members come and bring homemade cakes and host a bingo party for the TMRC Residents. Thank you for your continuous support of TMRC.



FRIENDSHIP VISIT.

TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145 OES was honored to host a Friendship Visit from South Fort Worth Chapter #835 OES at the October meeting. Pictured below are visiting members of South Fort Worth Chapter #835 along with the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145.



OES HALLOWEEN PARTY.

District 4 Time and Talent Committee hosted a Halloween Party for TMRC Residents on October 29, 2017.

The Residents were thrilled that Worthy Grand Matron **Melissa Hudman** and Worthy Grand Patron **Rick Skidd**, along with some of the Grand Officers took time out of their busy schedules to attend the party.

They arrived in full costume to the delight of the Residents. Special thanks to the Time and Talent Committee Member Hosts, including **Sandy Trimble** General Chairman; **Marita Lewis**, District 4 Chairman, and other Members from District 4.



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May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

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