

Tarrant County York Rite The Keystone



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**Welcome to the November 2021 Edition
Tarrant County York Rite Association Newsletter**

News and Upcoming Schedule

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Grand Chapter Convocation / Grand Council Assembly Page 4-20 (Updated)

Announcement, Banquet Reservation Form, Resolutions, Published Statements of Availability

Remaining Commandery Inspection Dates

Date	Day	Time	Commandery	Location	Meal
11/13/2021	Saturday	8:00 am	Arlington #107	1415 West Abram, Arlington	
11/13/2021	Saturday	1:00 pm	Weatherford #51	1009 Palo Pinto, Weatherford	12:00 pm
11/13/2021	Saturday	7:00 pm	Stephenville #107	1009 Palo Pinto, Weatherford	6:00 pm
11/20/2021	Saturday	8:00 am	Worth #19	Fort Worth Temple	

Degree

Dad Pender Chapter in Denton – PM and MEM degrees. November 9 Eat 6:30, Degrees 7:15

Tarrant Chapter/Council will be dark in November and December.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS – November and December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Nov 1	Nov 2 Southside and Texas Chapter and Council	Nov 3 Weatherford Commandery eat 6:30 pm	Nov 4 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Nov 5	Nov 6 TMRC Pecan Grove 9:00 am
Nov 7	Nov 8 Riverside York Rite 7 PM Arlington York Rite 6:45 PM	Nov 9 Dad Pender Chapter PM and MEM degrees Eat 6:30pm degrees 7:15 pm	Nov 10 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm	Nov 11	Nov 12 Grand Prairie Chapter and Council 7 pm	Nov 13 Three separate Commandery Inspections
Nov 14	Nov 15 N.E. Tarrant York Rite 7:00PM Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Nov 16 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Nov 18 York Rite Ridglea 7:30 PM	Nov 18 Cleburne Commandery 7pm	Nov 19	Nov 20 Worth Commandery Inspection 8 am
Nov 21	Nov 22 Stephenville York Rite 7 pm	Nov 23 Grandview York Rite 6:30 pm	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27
Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30 Tarrant County York Rite Association and York Rite College – 6:45pm	Dec 1 Weatherford Commandery eat 6:30 pm	Dec 2 Southside and Worth Commanderies	Dec 3	Dec 4 TMRC Pecan Grove 9:00 am
Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7 Southside and Texas Chapter and Council	Dec 8 Goodnight-Loving 7 pm	Dec 9-10-11 Grand Chapter Convocation Grand Council Assembly In Waco – Pages 4 through 20		
Dec 12	Dec 13 Riverside York Rite 7 PM Arlington York Rite 6:45 PM	Dec 14	Dec 15 York Rite Ridglea 7:30 PM	Dec 16 Cleburne Commandery 7pm	Dec 17	Dec 18
Dec 19	Dec 20 N.E. Tarrant York Rite 7:00PM Arlington and Stephenville Commanderies	Dec 21 7:30 pm Denton Commandery Dinner 6:30 pm	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26	Dec 27 Stephenville York Rite 7 pm	Dec 28 Grandview York Rite 6:30 pm	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1 New Years Day

Tarrant County York Rite Association

October 31, 2021

Companions,

Our 2021 Tarrant County York Rite Association Festival is now a part of North Texas York Rite history, and I'm please to say it was a huge success. Because of your zeal and fidelity to the craft there are now 34 new Companions and/or Sir Knights in the fraternity of Texas York Rite Masonry.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the following teams for their outstanding work in the quarries. The North Texas area is truly blessed to have such a fine group of ritualists.

- Goodnight-Loving Chapter No. 75 – Mark Master
- Southside Chapter No. 378 – Past Master
- Arlington Chapter No. 376 – Most Excellent Master
- Ridglea Chapter No. 485 – Royal Arch
- Tarrant Council No. 349 – Royal Master
- Texas Council No. 321 – Select Master
- Worth Commandery No. 19 – Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
- Southside Commander No. 83 – Order of Malta and the Mediterranean Pass
- Arlington Commandery No. 107 – Order of the Temple

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the following for their hard work behind the scenes to make the festival a success:

- **Hobie Henderson** and **Robert Cagley** for providing us with delicious meals.
- **Gabriel Jagush** and **Keith Arterburn** for their stellar work at the registration desk.
- V.:I.: **Don Paul Payton** and **Gabriel Jagush** for serving as Masters of Ceremony.
- Texas Chapter No. 362 and Texas Council No. 321 for hosting the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, and Worth Commandery No. 19 for hosting the Chivalric Orders.

And a special thank you to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, **Mark Myer**, for working with us in the quarries and sharing his Masonic light and knowledge.

But most importantly, a heart-felt thank you to the 34 Companions who attended the festival and received more light in Masonry. You are the reason we were there.

May our Supreme Grand Master bless and keep each of you.

Neal Addy,

President, Tarrant County York Rite Association

Grand Convocation and Assembly Announcement

October 8, 2021

Dear Companion:

We hope that you are making plans to attend the Annual Grand Sessions this year and **Most Excellent Grand High Priest Mark D. Myer** and **Most Illustrious Grand Master Jackie W. Matthews** would like to remind you of the upcoming important dates:

1. **The Grand Chapter Convocation and the Grand Council Assembly will be held Friday and Saturday December 10th and 11th, 2021.**

All meetings will take place in the Main Auditorium, Masonic Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, 715 Columbus, Ave., Waco, TX, unless otherwise designated.

2. A meeting of the **York Rite Colleges of Texas** will be held on Thursday morning, December 9th at 8:30 A.M. by the Grand Governor, Nick R. Ramos. The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar, the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council will bring messages for the coming year.
3. **Texas York Rite College #14** will meet on Thursday, December 9th at 10:00 A.M.
4. **Texas Priory No. 23, K.Y.C.H.**, Conferral, Business Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, December 9th, at 11:00 A.M.
5. **Memorial Services** will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 9th, at 2:00 P.M.
6. The **Annual Banquet** will be held Thursday evening, December 9th, at 6:30 P.M., at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive.
7. The **Order of the Silver Trowel** and **Order of High Priesthood** will be conferred on Friday evening, December 10th beginning at 4:30 P.M. (**All PHPs & PTIMs are eligible to receive these degrees.**) Degree Fee is payable at registration table.
8. **Banquet tickets will be \$25.00.** A form is enclosed for you to reserve these tickets and you are requested to please do so by **November 29th**. You may pick up the tickets and pay for them in the Grand Secretary office upon your arrival. However, if you don't expect to arrive before Thursday, December 9th, it is suggested that you please note the same on the form, enclose your remittance, and we will mail the tickets to you. Please make your checks payable to the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas". **There will be no un-reserved tickets sold on Thursday, December 9th.**
9. **Please call the hotels directly for reservations. A block of rooms is reserved at the Sleep Inn & Suites Hewitt, 254-420-3200 (\$85.41+tax) and the Ramada Hewitt 254-732-9823 (\$95.00+tax). Mention "Grand Chapter". These hotels are both at the Sun Valley Exit 328 on IH-35 South in Hewitt, TX.**
10. Remember to bring your **Current Dues Cards**, and your **Proxy Forms** if your Secretary-Recorder has not previously mailed them in to the Gr. Sec-Rec.'s Office.
11. There is a **Registration Fee** of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per Texas member attending. This is to help offset the cost of the extra Security. Make checks payable to "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas".
12. PLEASE DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth E. Cooley, Grand Secretary-Recorder

BANQUET TICKET RESERVATION FORM

To: Kenneth E. Cooley, Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand Chapter & Grand Council of Texas P O Box 296,
Waco, TX 76703-0296 Phone 254-753-6721 Fax 254-753-3432 E-mail: gractx@aol.com

(Please print or type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

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**TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE & MUST BE RESERVED BY 11-29-2021**

**Registration Fee (Texas Members only)    X    \$10.00 =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Quantity

**Banquet on Thursday Night    \_\_\_\_\_ X    \$ 25.00 =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please mail tickets to me, my check is enclosed.\*    Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Hold my tickets for pick-up at the office in Waco. (only check\*, M.O.\* or cash accepted)

\* **Make Checks for Tickets and Registration Payable to: “Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas”**

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FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

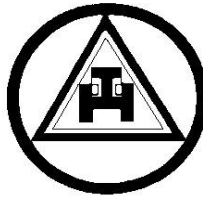
Please call the hotels directly and mention “Grand Chapter”

Two blocks of rooms have been reserved:

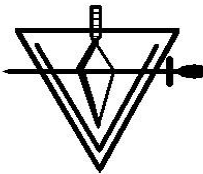
Sleep Inn & Suites Hewitt, 254-420-3200 -- \$85.41 +taxes

Ramada Hewitt, 254-732-9823 -- \$95.00 +taxes

Both Hotels are located at IH-35 South exit 328



**PROPOSED
RESOLUTIONS
AND
STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY
TO BE CONSIDERED
AT OUR
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
AND
ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
TO BE HELD
DECEMBER 9-11, 2021**



**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
GRAND CONVOCATION HELD DECEMBER 9-11, 2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to the Committee on Purposes and Policies

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS our Chapter cannot meet the financial constraints and maintenance needs of our current location at 109 East Wetherbee St., Stamford, TX 79553; and

WHEREAS the Officers and Brethren of Abilene Lodge 559 have offered our Chapter the use of a lodge room, dining space and storage at the Masonic Temple at 1265 ½ North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX 79604; and

WHEREAS the Companions of Big Country Chapter 310 by lawful vote have affirmed their desire to move to this new location;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Big Country Chapter 310 be moved to 1265 ½ North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX 79604 and that all by-laws, articles, rules, and regulations be so amended.

Fraternally submitted,
Jonathan Carroll, High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to the Committee on Purposes and Policies

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS the members of Terrell Chapter No. 146 voted at two consecutive meetings to move from Artesia Lodge located in Terrell Texas to Bloomfield Lodge located in Kaufman Texas: and

WHEREAS the M: E: Grand High Priest has issued a Dispensation allowing such move:
and

WHEREAS all Masonic meetings have been moved from Artesia Lodge to Bloomfield Lodge due to black mold in the building: and

WHEREAS Artesia Lodge has voted to merge with Bloomfield Lodge

WHEREAS the Chapter submits a resolution to make permanent the relocation.

NOW, THEREFORE Terrell Chapter No. 146 request adoption of this resolution at the Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Terrell Chapter No. 146 to Bloomfield Lodge No. 112, 109 W Cherry St, Kaufman TX 75142.

Submitted
Terrell Chapter No. 146, R.A.M
James Robert Sutton, Past High Priest
Jason Brumfield, Past High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes and Policies

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1 on May 20, 2020, a motion was presented in writing to request permission of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to move the charter of San Felipe de Austin No. 1, RAM from La Marque Lodge No.

1325, 358 DeMolay, La Marque, TX, to Texas City Lodge No. 1118, 702 14th Street North, Texas City, TX,

And WHEREAS, the membership of San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, RAM was notified that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on July 16, 2020,

And WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, RAM on September 16, 2020 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote,

And WHEREAS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest David M. Baskin on February 12, 2020, granted dispensation to San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, RAM to assemble for labor at 702 14th Street North, Texas City, TX, until the 2020 Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and dispensation was re-issued by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Mark D. Myer on February 27, 2021 until the 2021 Annual Convocation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas grants permission to San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, RAM to make permanent the move to Texas City Lodge No.1118, 702 14th Street North, Texas City, Texas.

Submitted

San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 1, R.A.M.

Theodore Armstrong, Past High Priest

James Agrella, Past High Priest

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to the Committee on Purposes and Policies

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS Article B-076 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas establishes a Committee on Investments with the requirement to “prepare for presentation to each joint session with the Grand Chapter Trustees, as herein required, its recommendation as to how monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in all funds of this Grand Chapter shall be prudently invested for the maximum benefit of this Grand Chapter; consistent with those objectives established by the Grand Trustees”; and

WHEREAS Article B-076 further states “The Committee on Investments and the Grand Chapter Trustees shall meet each calendar quarter in joint session, exchange information pertinent to the investments of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter on a quarterly basis, to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Investments as to the appropriate investment of monies in the General Fund, Endowed Member Fund, and in each special fund of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter”; and

WHEREAS Article B-076 implies but does not explicitly state a requirement that the Committee on Investments and the Grand Chapter Trustees write and formally adopt an Investment Policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article B-076 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended to read:

Art. B-076 (72-A) Committee on Investments. In addition to those Permanent Committees listed in B070, the Committee on Investments herein referenced shall be a Permanent Committee of this Grand Chapter; it shall satisfy all criteria set forth in these Laws except each member may succeed himself after serving a full five year term. Each member shall have the qualification set forth herein. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee on Investments 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 of a Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Chairman shall at all times be a member of this Grand Chapter. (Adopted 1997)

Each member of the committee shall be experienced in financial investments as a result of substantial time (not less than five years) spent as a professional in the field of financial management and investments. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee shall prepare for presentation to each joint session with the Grand Chapter Trustees, as herein required; its recommendation as to how monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in all funds of this Grand Chapter shall be prudently invested for the maximum benefit to this Grand Chapter; consistent with those objectives established by the Grand Trustees. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee on Investments and the Grand Chapter Trustees shall meet each calendar quarter in joint session, exchange information pertinent to the investments of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter on a quarterly basis, to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Investments as to the appropriate investment of the monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in each special fund of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee on Investments and the Grand Chapter Trustees shall annually jointly prepare and adopt a formal Investment Policy for the investment and disbursement of the funds in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in each special fund of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The Investment Policy shall address both the prudent investment of funds and the manner and amount of any disbursement of funds, including retainage of a portion of earned income to become a part of the principle of each fund. In making such decisions, Committee members and Trustees shall consider such economic factors as inflation, Consumer Price Index (CPI), Federal Reserve interest rates, and other economic factors, indicators and trends. The Investment Policy shall include a percentage of earned income to be retained and added to the principle. The Investment Policy shall be included in the Report of the Committee on Investments and be published in the annual Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. (2021)

Investment policies and procedures shall require a combined majority approval of the Trustees and members of the Committee. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee shall make its annual report to this Grand Chapter at each of its Annual Convocations. (Adopted 1997)

Fraternally submitted,
Joe F. Schriever, Past High Priest, San Angelo Chapter No. 170

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR
GRAND ASSEMBLY HELD DECEMBER 9-11, 2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence*

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

WHEREAS our Council cannot meet the financial constraints and maintenance needs of our current location at 109 East Wetherbee St., Stamford, TX 79553; and

WHEREAS the Officers and Brethren of Abilene Lodge 559 have offered our Council the use of a lodge room, dining space and storage at the Masonic Temple at 1265 ½ North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX 79604; and

WHEREAS the Companions of Big Country Council 192 by lawful vote have affirmed their desire to move to this new location;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Big Country Council 192 be moved to 1265 ½ North 2nd Street, Abilene, TX 79604 and that all by-laws, articles, rules, and regulations be so amended.

Fraternally submitted,
Jonathan Carroll, Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence*

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

WHEREAS the members of Terrell Council No. 90 voted at two consecutive meetings to move from Artesia Lodge located in Terrell Texas to Bloomfield Lodge located in Kaufman Texas: and

WHEREAS the M: I: Grand Master has issued a Dispensation allowing such move: and

WHEREAS all Masonic meetings have been moved from Artesia Lodge to Bloomfield Lodge due to black mold in the building: and

WHEREAS Artesia Lodge has voted to merge with Bloomfield Lodge

WHEREAS the Chapter submits a resolution to make permanent the relocation.

NOW, THEREFORE Terrell Council No. 90 request adoption of this resolution at the Grand Annual Convocation to make permanent the move of Terrell Council No. 90 to Bloomfield Lodge No. 112, 109 W Cherry St, Kaufman TX 75142.

Submitted
Terrell Council No. 90, R. & S.M.
James Robert Sutton, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
Jason Brumfield, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies, Jurisprudence*

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

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM on June 17, 2020, a motion was presented in writing to request permission of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas to move the charter of La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM from La Marque Lodge No. 1325, 358 DeMolay, La Marque, TX, to Texas City Lodge No. 1118, 702 14th Street North, Texas City, TX,

And WHEREAS, the membership of La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM was notified that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on August 17, 2020,

And WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM on August 19, 2020, the motion was made and approved by a majority vote,

And WHEREAS, Most Illustrious Grand Master Don Paul Payton on February 4, 2020, granted dispensation to La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM to assemble for labor at 702 14th Street North, Texas City, TX, until the 2019 Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, and dispensation was re-issued by Most Excellent Illustrious Grand Master Jackie W. Matthews on February 27, 2021 until the 2021 Annual Grand Assembly.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas grants permission to La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM to make permanent the move to Texas City Lodge No. 1118, 702 14th Street North, Texas City, TX.

Submitted by La Marque Council No. 406, R&SM
Theodore Armstrong, PTIM
James Agrella, PTIM

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS, Lloyd L. Gibson Council No. 394 meets at C.A. Fortner Masonic Lodge located in Channelview TX and this Lodge, Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter and this Council has lost our beloved Brother and Companion Robert J. Reeves who was the heart and soul of our fraternity in Channelview.

And WHEREAS, Robert J. Reeves was well known for his service to our Lodge, Chapter and Council for many years as our Treasurer and Secretary always going over and above his call to duty for our fraternity.

And WHEREAS, Robert J. Reeves was always taking care of the repairs of the building and appliances where the Lodge, Chapter and Council meet saving us an untold amount of funds that better allowed us to serve the children and community of Channelview, TX.

And WHEREAS, the members of Lloyd L. Gibson Council No. 394 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 Robert J. Reeves Council No. 394 in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Lloyd L. Gibson Council No. 394 hereby requests our name formally be changed and from this date forward be known as Robert J. Reeves Council No. 394.

Respectfully Submitted:
Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., Past Thrice Illustrious Master/Chaplin
John W. Martin, Thrice Illustrious Master 2020-2021
Raymond L. Ridgeway, Past Thrice Illustrious Master/Secretary
William McWilliams, Past Thrice Illustrious Master/Treasurer
Lloyd L. Gibson Council No. 394, R.&S.M. of Texas

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of La Marque Council 406 on April 22, 2021 a motion was presented in writing to change our name from La Marque Council 406 to San Felipe de Austin Council No. 406 to match the name of the chapter since we are no longer meeting in La Marque, TX,

and WHEREAS, the membership of La Marque Council was notified by mail and that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on June 16, 2021,

and WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of La Marque Council on June 16, 2021 this motion was seconded and then passed by a majority vote by our members,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that La Marque Council No. 406 hereby requests our name formally be changed to San Felipe de Austin Council No. 406.

Submitted La Marque Council No. 406, R. & S.M.
Theodore Armstrong, Recorder, Past Thrice Illustrious Master
James Agrella, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Referred to the Committees on Jurisprudence, Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS Article B-071 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas establishes a Committee on Investments with the requirement to “prepare for presentation to each joint session with the Grand Council Trustees, as herein required, its recommendation as to how monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in all funds of this Grand Council shall be prudently invested for the maximum benefit to this Grand Council; consistent with those objectives established by the Grand Trustees”; and

WHEREAS Article B-071 further states “The Committee on Investments and the Grand Council Trustees shall meet each calendar quarter in joint session, exchange information pertinent to the investments of this Grand Council on a quarterly basis, to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Investments as to the appropriate investment of the monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in each special fund of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas”; and

WHEREAS Article B-071 implies but does not explicitly state a requirement that the Committee on Investments and the Grand Council Trustees write and formally adopt an Investment Policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article B-071 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas be amended to read:

Art. B-071 (67). Committee on Investments. In addition to those Permanent Committees listed in Article No. B-063 (61), the Committee on Investments herein referenced shall be a Permanent Committee of this Grand Council; it shall satisfy all criteria set forth in these Laws except each member may succeed himself after serving a full five year term. Each member shall have the qualification set forth herein. (Amended 1997)

The Committee on Investments shall consist of five Royal and Select Masters; each of whom shall be a member and a Past Thrice Illustrious Master in this Grand Jurisdiction; however, if such is not available, then the Committee may include no more than three Royal and Select Masters who are otherwise qualified to serve, and who are members in good standing in a Council of Royal and Select Masters in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Chairman shall at all times be a member of this Grand Council. (Adopted 1997)

Each member of the Committee shall be experienced in financial investments as a result of substantial time (not less than five years) spent as a professional in the field of financial management and investments. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee shall prepare for presentation to each joint session with the Grand Council Trustees, as herein required; its recommendation as to how monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in all funds of this Grand Council shall be prudently invested for the maximum benefit to this Grand Council; consistent with those objectives established by the Grand Trustees. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee on Investments and the Grand Council Trustees shall annually jointly prepare and adopt a formal Investment Policy for the investment and disbursement of the funds in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in each special fund of this Grand Council. The Investment Policy shall address both the prudent investment of funds and the manner and amount of any disbursement of funds, including retainage of a portion of earned income to become a part of the principle of each fund. In making such decisions, Committee members and Trustees shall consider such economic factors as inflation, Consumer Price Index (CPI), Federal Reserve interest rates, and other economic factors, indicators and trends. The Investment Policy shall include a percentage of earned income to be retained and added to the principle. The Investment Policy shall be included in the Report of the Committee on Investments and be published in the annual Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. (2021)

The Committee on Investments and the Grand Council Trustees shall meet each calendar quarter in joint session, exchange information pertinent to the investments of this Grand Council on a quarterly basis, to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Investments as to the appropriate investment of the monies in the General Fund, Endowed Membership Fund, and in each special fund of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. (Adopted 1997)

Investment policies and procedures shall require a combined majority approval of the Trustees and members of the Committee. (Adopted 1997)

The Committee shall make its annual report to this Grand Council at each of its Annual Assemblies. (Adopted 1997 & Amended 1998)

Fraternally submitted

Joe F. Schriever, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, San Angelo Council No. 110

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE



DON PAUL PAYTON

Lubbock Chapter No. 248, R.A.M. Exalted – May 22, 2003

Goodnight – Loving Chapter No. 75 R.A.M Affiliated Charter Member - 2011

Excellent High Priest – 2014

Cornerstone Award - 2015

Treasurer – 2017 - 2021

Endowed Member – 2018

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

Affiliated Plural Member - 2018

Trinity York Rite College No. 154 – 2018

Governor – 2021

Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH - 2015

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of High Priesthood – 2017

Esoteric Certificate 2017 – Present

Two Year Certificate (Expiring 2021)

R:E: District Deputy Grand High Priest, District 18 – 2017

Committee on Purposes & Policies – 2016 – 2021, Chairman – 2021

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR TX MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS



LOYD O'NEAL ADDY, JR

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

Exalted – May 16, 2011
High Priest – 2014
Endowed Member – 2015
Cornerstone Award – 2019
Secretary – 2016 to Present

Texas Council No. 321, R.A.M.

Greeted – June 13, 2011
Thrice Illustrious Master – 2014
Endowed Member – 2015
Recorder – 2016 to Present

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Order of the High Priesthood – 2015
Grand Representative to Queensland Australia – 2015
Grand Representative to Greece – 2016
District Deputy Grand High Priest, Dist. 26 – 2019
Excellent Grand Photographer – 2020
Right Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil – 2021
Right Excellent Committee on Work - 2021

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2015
Sr. Warden, Order of the Silver Trowel – 2019-2020
Grand Representative to Western Canada – 2019
Illustrious Grand Photographer – 2020
Grand Council Grading Program State Coordinator - 2020
Right Illustrious Committee on Work – 2021

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR TX MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CLARENCE J. LANEY

Z.E. Coombes Chapter No. 421, R.A.M. Exalted – October 22, 1974

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

Most Excellent High Priest – 1991 Endowed – September 12, 1992

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

Plural Affiliated Member – 1994

Most Excellent High Priest – 2018, 2019

Dad Pender Chapter No. 80, R.A.M.

Plural Affiliated Member – 1997

Excellent King – 1998

Most Excellent High Priest – 1999-2000

Endowed – October 7, 1999

Whitesboro Chapter No. 377, R.A.M.

Plural Affiliated member – 2008-2018

Most Excellent High Priest – 2002, 2009, 2010

Endowed – October 18, 2015

Sherman Chapter No. 62, R.A.M.

Consolidated Member since 2018

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Committee on New Chapters – 1998-2002

Committee on Purposes & Policies – 2010-2014, Chair 2011

Committee on By-Laws – 2015 -2019

Grand Representative to Iowa – 1998 to 2008

Grand Representative to New Jersey – 2008 to present

Excellent Grand Junior Stewart – 1995

Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil – 1999

R:E: District Deputy Grand High Priest Dist. 14-2004, Dist. 12 -2011

Most Excellent Grand High Priest – 2008

Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Director 2010 – 2014, Secretary 2012, Vice-President 2013, 2014

Director 2016 – 2020, Secretary 2016, 2019, 2020, Vice-Pres. 2017, 2018

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TX MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



JOE F. SCHRIEVER

San Angelo Chapter No. 170, R.A.M.

Exalted – October 18, 1975

High Priest – 1978

Endowed Member – May 9, 2014

Lone Star Chapter No. 6, R.A.M.

Affiliated Plural – April 12, 1984

Endowed Member – December 14, 2006

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular Dist. 34 – 1980 & 1983

E: Grand Marshal – 1981

Grand Representative Gr. Chapter of Victoria – 1988 to present

Committee on By-Laws – 1988 to 1993,

Chairman 1991

Committee on Finance – 1994 - 1998, 2000 - 2004, 2007 -2011

Chairman 1998, 2003, 2010

Most Excellent Grand High Priest – 2019

Committee on Masonic Outreach – 2020 present

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R: I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



BILLY J. HAMILTON, JR.

Texas Council No. 321, R. & S.M. Thrice Illustrious Master – 2019
Endowed Member – 2021

Goodnight-Loving Council No. 47, R. & S.M.
Affiliated Plural – 2019

Robert Morriss Elgin Council No. 415, R. & S.M.
Affiliated Charter Member – 2021
Recorder – 2020 to Present

Trinity York Rite Sovereign College No. 154 Eminent Secretary – 2020 to Present

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas
Esoteric Certificate Holder – 2017 to Present (Two Year)
Internet Committee – 2018 to Present, Chairman 2019-2020
Super Excellent Master – 2019
Order of the Silver Trowel – 2019
Gr. Master's Planning Committee – 2019 (Vice Chair)
Grand Representative to District of Columbia – 2020 to Present
Gr. Master's Planning Committee – 2020 (Chairman)
Gr. Master's Planning Committee – 2021 (Chairman)
I: Grand Chaplain – 2021

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R: I: GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**



AARON WAYNE TYKSINSKI

Richmond Council No. 383, Royal & Select Masters

Greeted – February 9, 2012

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2016

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2020

Houston Council, No. 1, Royal & Select Masters Affiliated Plural – September 14, 2020

Thomas H. Ridout Priory No. 75, K.Y.C.H. – 2019

Gulf Coast York Rite Association No. 106 – 2020

Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 2017

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 9 – 2018

Super Excellent Masters Degree – 2019

Illustrious Grand Sentinel – 2020

Grand Master Planning Team for 2021

Illustrious Grand Marshal: 2021

Recognitions, Honors, & Awards Committee – 2019-present Chairman – 2020, 2021

Credentials Committee – 2021

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YORK RITE DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



JIM RUMSEY

Longview Council No. 116, Royal and Select Masters:

Greeted – 2010

Thrice Illustrious Master – 2010

Endowed Member – 2015

Cryptic Triangle Award – 2016 Super Excellent Master Degree – 2013

Robert Morriss Elgin Council No. 415, Royal and Select Masters:

Affiliated Charter Member – 2020

Charter Thrice Illustrious Master – 2021

Texas York Rite Esoteric Association – 2011-Present

President – 2021

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas Order of the Silver Trowel – 2010

Esoteric Certificate – 2011-2018

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 2 – 2012

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District No. 1 – 2018

Committee on Purposes and Policies – 2019-Present

Chairman – 2020-2021

Illustrious Grand Chaplain – 2020

Grand Representative to Florida – 2020-Present

Illustrious Grand Sentinel – 2021

James Kirkpatrick, Editor

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