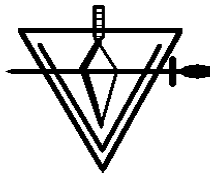




**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**  
**AND**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**TO BE CONSIDERED**  
**AT OUR**  
**ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**  
**AND**  
**ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**  
**TO BE HELD**  
**OCTOBER 18-19, 2010**



**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE  
CONSIDERED AT OUR  
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION -- OCTOBER 18- 19, 2010**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

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

**WHEREAS**, at the 2009 Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, Article C-123 was amended to raise the fees charged for the several Chapter Degrees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grand High Priest's Recommendation No. 1, as passed, inadvertently attempted to raise the fees for the Council Degrees and this Grand Body does not have the authority to do so, and,

**WHEREAS**, the last paragraph of Article C-123 (formerly paragraph 7. of Article 261) had for many years ostensibly required or dictated that the Council fees be set at "a minimum fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)" even though this was a reflection of the then existing minimum fee for the Council Degrees set by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas did not increase its minimum fee for the Council Degrees at its 2009 Grand Assembly, and,

**WHEREAS**, Article C-123 should be amended to delete a reference to "the amount of the minimum fees" set by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, but should only refer to "the minimum fee" set by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas;

**THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the seventh and final paragraph of Article C-123, which, as a result of the action of this Grand Chapter at its 2009 Grand Convocation, presently reads:

A minimum fee of Twenty-Five (\$25.00), or the fees fixed by the by-laws of the Council for the Council Degrees shall accompany the petition for the Chapter Degrees, and shall immediately be paid over to the Council petitioned.

be amended to read as follows:

The fee fixed for the Council Degrees by the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas shall accompany the petition for the Chapter Degrees, and shall immediately be paid over to the Council petitioned.

Fraternally submitted,  
James N. Higdon, Past High Priest  
Blue Bonnet Chapter No. 470

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

*Referred to the Committees on By-Laws\* and Jurisprudence*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Whereas Brownwood Chapter No. 141 was moved to Norton Moses Lodge in Leander, Texas on July of 2009.

Whereas the members of Brownwood Chapter meeting in Leander wanted a name that would be relevant to them. A proposed name change was presented at the March Stated Convocation to change the name from Brownwood Chapter to C.O. Jones Chapter.

Whereas the Secretary sent out notices of the proposed name change to the members of the Chapter.

Whereas the Proposed name change was voted on and adopted at the April Stated Convocation by the members present.

Therefore be it resolved that Brownwood Chapter No. 141 be changed to C.O. Jones Chapter No. 141, R.A.M.

Submitted by,  
Michael Plemons, Past High Priest  
Brownwood Chapter No. 141, R.A.M.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

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

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas-

WHEREAS, it is our duty as Masons to cheerfully conform to the laws of our country, and

WHEREAS, those laws are subject to change from time to time and we as citizens and organizations are responsible for conformity to those laws, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters to ensure compliance with such laws, rules and regulations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Article C-101 (241) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be amended as follows:

sub-paragraphs 1-7 (No Change)

Add sub-paragraph 8 as follows: **To ensure compliance with all existing laws, rules and regulations of Internal Revenue Service by filing of**

**all required Internal Revenue Service forms no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of each Capitular Year.**

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 8 as sub-paragraph No. 9  
Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 9 as sub-paragraph No. 10

Fraternally submitted,  
G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest  
George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4**

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

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas-

WHEREAS, paragraph No. 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas originally created the Committee on History and Preservation, and

WHEREAS, the structure and rules for appointment to serve on the committee are rather ambiguous and restrictive to say the very least, and

WHEREAS, the language defining the structure of the History and Preservation Committee of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas are more definitive of structure and qualifications for appointment to serve on the committee, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that paragraph 1 of existing Article B-091.1 (84-F) of the laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas which provides for the Committee on History and Preservation and reads as follows:-

~~Art. B-091.1. (84-F) Duties. There shall be appointed a Committee on History and Preservation consisting of five members to serve 5,4,3,2 and 1 year terms respectively. Thereafter, one member shall be appointed annually for a term of five years.~~

be rescinded, and the following language substituted there for:

Art. B-091.1 (84-F) Duties. **The Committee on History and Preservation 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 in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. Each member of the committee may succeed himself after serving a full five year term. The Chairman shall at all times be a member of this Grand Chapter.**

Paragraph No. 2 (No Change)

Fraternally submitted,  
G. Clay Smith, Past High Priest  
George Washington Chapter No. 422, R.A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, in Art. C-187 (339-A) (2)-Plural Membership: In Two Jurisdictions, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, permits a Royal Arch Mason who is a member of a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal accord with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and permits its members to hold Plural Membership in another Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible for, if elected, to hold a Plural Membership in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction by Affiliation without regard to residency;

WHEREAS, in Art. C-187 (339-A) (12)-Plural Membership: In Another Grand Jurisdiction, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, permits a Texas Royal Arch Mason holding his Parent membership in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction, with which we are in fraternal accord, is privileged to petition a Chapter in such Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership if such is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, a Texas Royal Arch Mason whose Parent membership is in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and who is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction does not have the same privilege, as a Texas Royal Arch Mason domiciled out of state, to affiliate with a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction, with which we are in fraternal accord, for Plural Membership when such is permitted by the laws of said other Grand Jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, there are a number of Texas Royal Arch Masons who are domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction and whose Parent membership is in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction would like the same privilege, as provided to Texas Royal Arch Masons who are domiciled out of state, to petition a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership with which we are in fraternal accord and whose laws permit such in said other Grand Jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Art. C-187 (339-A) (12) be amended to read as follows:

**12) Plural Membership: In Another Grand Jurisdiction:**

- a) *Any Companion holding his Parent membership in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal accord, is privileged to petition a Chapter in*

*such Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership therein if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.*

- b) *Any Companion holding his Parent membership in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction is privileged to petition a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal accord, for Plural Membership therein if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.*

Fraternally submitted,  
Timothy M. La Vergne Sr., Past High Priest  
Bonham Chapter No. 52, RAM

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE  
CONSIDERED AT OUR  
ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY -- OCTOBER 18-19, 2010**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

*Referred to the Committees on By-Laws\* and Jurisprudence*

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

Whereas Brownwood Council No. 86 was moved to Norton Moses Lodge in Leander, Texas on July of 2009.

Whereas the members of Brownwood Council meeting in Leander wanted a name that would be relevant to them. A proposed name change was presented at the March Stated Assembly to change the name from Brownwood Council to C.O. Jones Council.

Whereas the Recorder sent out notices of the proposed name change to the members of the Council.

Whereas the Proposed name change was voted on and adopted at the April Stated Assembly by the members present.

Therefore be it resolved that Brownwood Council No. 86 be changed to C.O. Jones Council No. 86, R.&S.M.

Submitted by,  
Michael Plemons, Past Thrice Illustrious Master  
Brownwood Council No. 86, R.&S.M.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

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

Whereas, the minimum fee for the Council degrees in Article C-142 (274) is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and

Whereas, this amount was set in 1924, according to the proceedings of the Grand Royal Chapter of Texas 1924 (Appendix, Article 166, p. 170) reflecting that this amount has been in effect for eighty-six (86) years or more, and

Whereas, the great majority of Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Texas are suffering from insufficient funds to maintain and operate their Councils, and

Whereas, the future financial health of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas and the constituent Councils requires that we operate in terms of 2010 and not 1924, and

Whereas, in the 2009 Grand Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, an increase of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the Council fees was approved but because of a misunderstanding in the structure of the then Grand Chapter law that portion of the Grand High Priest Recommendation No. 1 was ruled out of order, therefore,

Be it resolved

That Article C-142 (274) be amended to read as follows:

Article C-142 (274) Fees: For Degrees. Each Council may fix the fee for the first two Council Degrees, provided that the minimum fee shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~except for periodic and special festival occasions when the minimum fee may be reduced, but in no event to an amount lower than twenty dollars (\$20.00), and any reduction shall be preceded by favorable vote for such reduction, and provided that no such reduction shall take place more often than twice per year.~~ The Council shall receive a ten dollar (\$10.00) donation to the York Rite Development Fund for each petition received beginning June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999, and forward the same to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Texas. This ten dollar donation will be deposited in the York Rite Development Fund as defined in Article D-008 (359) of the laws of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. (Amended – 1998)

Fraternally submitted,  
Douglas Collins, Past Thrice Illustrious Master  
John C. Callahan Council No. 408, R&SM

**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

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

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas-

WHEREAS, it is our duty as Masons to cheerfully conform to the laws of our country, and

WHEREAS, those laws are subject to change from time to time, and we as citizens and organizations are responsible for conformity to those laws and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Recorders of subordinate Councils to ensure compliance with such laws, rules and regulations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Article C-096 (212) of the Laws of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas be amended as follows:

sub-paragraphs 1-7 (No Change)

Add sub-paragraph No. 8 as follows: **To ensure compliance with all existing laws, rules and regulations of Internal Revenue Service by filing of all required Internal Revenue Service forms no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of each Cryptic Year.**

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 8 as sub-paragraph No. 9

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 9 as sub-paragraph No. 10

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 10 as sub-paragraph No. 11

Renumber existing sub-paragraph No. 11 as sub-paragraph No. 12

Fraternally submitted,

G. Clay Smith, Past Thrice Illustrious Master

John C. Callahan Council No. 408, R&SM

**RESOLUTION NO. 4**

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

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

WHEREAS, in Art. C-164 (294-A) (2)-Plural Membership: In Two Grand Jurisdictions, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas, permits a Cryptic Mason who is a member of a Council in another Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal accord with the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas, and permits its members to hold Plural Membership in another Grand Jurisdiction shall be eligible for, if elected, to hold a Plural Membership in a Council in this Grand Jurisdiction by Affiliation without regard to residency;

WHEREAS, in Art. C-164 (294-A) (12)-Plural Membership: In Another Grand Jurisdiction, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas, permits a Texas Cryptic Mason holding his Parent membership in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction, with which we are in fraternal accord, is privileged to petition a Council in such Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership if such is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, a Texas Cryptic Mason whose Parent membership is in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction and who is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction does not have the same privilege, as a Texas Cryptic Mason domiciled out of state, to affiliate with a Council in another Grand Jurisdiction, with which we are in fraternal accord, for Plural Membership when such is permitted by the laws of said other Grand Jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, there are a number of Texas Cryptic Masons who are domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction and whose Parent membership is in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction would like the same privilege, as provided to Texas Cryptic Masons who are domiciled out of state, to petition a Council in another Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership with which we are in fraternal accord and whose laws permit such in said other Grand Jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Art. C-164 (294-A) (12) be amended to read as follows:

**12) Plural Membership: In Another Grand Jurisdiction:**

- a) *Any Companion holding his Parent membership in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal accord, is privileged to petition a Council in such Grand Jurisdiction for Plural Membership therein if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.*
- b) *Any Companion holding his Parent membership in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction and is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction is privileged to petition a Council in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal accord, for Plural Membership therein if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.*

Fraternally submitted,  
Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., Past Thrice Illustrious Master  
Bonham Council No. 37, R&SM

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY  
FOR  
R.:E.: GRAND SCRIBE**



**REESE L. HARRISON, JR.**

San Antonio Chapter No. 381, R.A.M.

Exalted – December 19, 1959

Awarded Life Membership July 22, 1970

Most Excellent High Priest – 1969-1970

Treasurer 1970 to present

Received Fifty-Year Service Award – December 2009

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Consecrated in the Order of High Priesthood on December 1, 1969

District Deputy Grand High Priest 1971

Excellent Grand Orator 1972, 1997

Excellent Grand Captain of the Host 1973

Grand Representative to the Netherlands 1973 to present

Grand High Priest of the Order of High Priesthood 1987, Treasurer since 2009

Recipient of the Golden Keystone Award 2007

Committee on Jurisprudence 1986-1990, 2004-2008, Chairman 1988, 89, 90, 08

Life Certificate of Proficiency in the Esoteric Work awarded 1989

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY  
FOR  
R.:E.: GRAND SCRIBE



RICHARD C. SHARP

Pasadena Chapter No. 455, RAM

Exalted – May 16, 1970

Scribe -- 1993, 2003, 2004

King -- 1994

Excellent High Priest – 1995-1996

Endowed Member since 1996

Treasurer – 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010

Cornerstone Award 2007

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

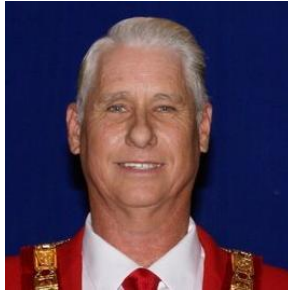
Order of High Priesthood – 1995

District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular District 9 – 2005

Grand Representative of Arizona – 2005 to present

Chairman of Credentials Committee – 2006

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



**GARY W. HOREJSI**

Army Council No. 411, R&SM

Greeted – September 28, 1985  
Thrice Illustrious Master – 1989  
Endowed Member since 1986

Seguin Council No. 281, R&SM

Affiliated Plural – May 30, 2005  
Recorder – 2007 to 2009

Grand Council R.&S.M. of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 22 – 2009  
Esoteric Certificate holder since 1988

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

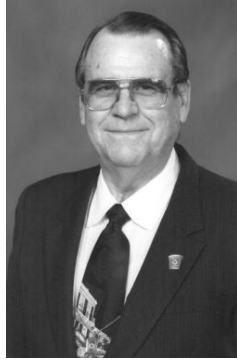


**JACK THOMAS PEBBLES**

Park Place Council No. 373, R&SM  
Greeted November 19, 1994  
Thrice Illustrious Master – 2000  
Endowed Member since 2003

Grand Council R.&S.M. of Texas  
Order of the Silver Trowel – 2000  
Super Excellent Masters Degree – 2000  
Committee on New Councils – 2009

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



**PAUL D. WARREN**

Abilene Council No. 100, R.&S.M.

Greeted April 10, 1971

Thrice Illustrious Master 1976-1977 and 2004-2005

Treasurer 2000-2002

Endowed Member since 1986

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Super Excellent Masters Degree September 1975

Order of the Silver Trowel December 1977

District Deputy Grand Master District No. 30 1987, 1991

Grand Representative to California 1987 to 2001

Grand Representative to Kentucky 2002 to present

Member Finance Committee 1997 to 2002

Member Recognitions, Honors and Awards Committee 2005 -2009

Member By-Laws Committee 2010 to present

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



**KENNETH B. FISCHER**

Cleveland Chapter No. 490, RAM

Exalted on September 1, 1971

High Priest – 1974-75

Secretary 1975-1977

Demitted – 2009

Park Place Chapter No. 458, RAM

Affiliated Plural – September 26, 1980

Secretary 1991-1993

Endowed Member since 1991

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular District 5A – 1976-77

Committee on Grand Officers Reports – 1992-1997, Chairman 1996 & 1997

Committee on Grievances & Appeals – 1988-1989

Committee on York Rite Festivals – 1986-1991, Chairman 1991

Committee on Jurisprudence – 1998-2002, Chairman 1998-2002

E: Grand Orator – 2006

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



**H. DAVID MOORE**

Haggai Council No. 38, R&SM

Greeted – May 14, 1988

Super Excellent Master Degree – 1988

Thrice Illustrious Master – 1995-96

Endowed Member since 2005

Grand Council R&SM of Texas

Order of the Silver Trowel – 1995

District Deputy Grand Master Cryptic Dist. 26 – 2001

Credentials Committee – 2003, 2004, 2005

New Councils Committee – 2006

Thrice Illustrious Master, Order of the Silver Trowel – 2006

Investments Committee – 2007 to present