



# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas



## Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

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### APPLICATION FOR ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE CHECK OF THE FOLLOWING:

Endowed Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Endowed Membership in Honor of Living Member\* \_\_\_\_\_

Endowed Membership in Honor of Deceased Member\* \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone may purchase an Endowed Membership in Honor of a Member of a Texas Chapter and Council or as a memorial of a deceased member of a Texas Chapter and Council in this Grand Jurisdiction who was in good standing at the time of his death.

\*Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_

#### COST PER ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER \$300.00

COUNCIL \$200.00

Checks in the Amount of \$300.00 and \$200.00 must accompany the application for Endowed Membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(As it is to be shown on the certificate)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. Box or Street Number – City – State – Zip Code

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Member Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please see Section (C) of Grand Chapter and Council By-Laws on Reverse side)

ARTICLE 248A of the Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

1. Any member in good standing in a Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date, may purchase and Endowed Membership and be thereby relieved from the further payment of dues, subject to the provisions herein set out below.

2. The purchase price for an Endowed Membership shall be three hundred (\$300.00) dollars.

3. In the event of plural membership, a Companion may purchase an Endowed Membership in each Chapter.

4. The administration of the Endowed Membership Fund shall be under the supervision of the Committee on Investments which shall perform the following: (Amended 1997)

(a) Receive all Endowed memberships collected from the Grand Secretary who shall send the Companion purchasing such membership an appropriate certificate signed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and attested to by the Grand Secretary, and likewise that a pocket card be furnished to the Companion purchasing the Endowed Membership to indicate his membership in the Endowed program; said card to be signed by the Grand Secretary, and the Secretary of his Chapter.

(b) Invest monies received into the Endowed Membership Fund in a prudent manner consistent with standard investment practices and policies as established by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. (Amended 1997)

(c) Send, through the Grand Secretary, to the subordinate Chapter the amount of earned interest; provided that no interest shall be distributed on any Endowed Membership until after one full year of interest has accrued. The Endowed Membership must be received by the Grand Secretary before August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for an Endowed Membership to earn a full one year's interest the following August 1<sup>st</sup>. The interest earnings, less one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per membership for the cost of administration, shall be distributed perpetually thereafter. Funds received by a Chapter for the purchase of an Endowed Membership after August 1<sup>st</sup> may be placed in an insured interest bearing account at a reputable financial institution, and such funds shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary no later than the next preceding August 1<sup>st</sup>. (Amended 1999)

(d) Make an annual audit and report on the status of the Endowed Membership Program to the Grand Chapter each year.

(e) Subordinate Chapters would continue to receive the interest income after death, except if a holder of Endowed Membership affiliated with another Texas Chapter, he may transfer said membership to his new Chapter.

(f) The subordinate Chapter would continue to send the Grand Chapter the per capita dues as is currently done with the Annual Returns. Holders of Endowed Memberships are subject to all the Laws, Rules, and Regulations as provided in the Masonic Code of the Grand Chapter.

(g) Any Endowed Membership purchased by the Chapter or any person to honor a member or the Chapter shall be considered as property belonging to the Chapter and not subject to transfer.

(h) Chapters may develop and implement a monthly payment plan, whereby a member may purchase an Endowed Membership, simply by written agreement between the member and the Chapter. (Amended 1987)

ARTICLE 276A of the Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

(1) Any member in good standing in a Council of this Grand Jurisdiction whose dues are paid to date, may purchase an Endowed Membership and be thereby relieved from the further payment of dues, subject to the provisions herein set out below.

(2) The purchase price for an Endowed Membership shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(3) In the event of dual membership, a Companion may purchase an Endowed Membership in both Councils.

(4) The administration of the Endowed Membership Fund shall be under the supervision of the Committee on Investments which shall perform the following: (Amended 1997)

(a) Receive all Endowed Memberships collected from the Grand Recorder who shall send the Companion purchasing such membership an appropriate certificate signed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and attested to by the Grand Recorder, and likewise that a pocket card be furnished to the Companion purchasing the Endowed Membership to indicate his membership in the Endowed program; said card to be signed by the Grand Recorder and the Recorder of his Council.

(b) Invest monies received into the Endowed Membership Fund in a prudent manner consistent with standard practices and policies as established by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. (Amended 1997)

(c) Send, through the Grand Recorder, to the subordinate Council the amount of earned interest; provided, that no interest shall be distributed on any Endowed Membership until after one full year of interest has accrued. The Endowed Membership must be received by the Grand Recorder before August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for an Endowed Membership to earn a full one year's interest the following August 1<sup>st</sup>. The interest earnings, less one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per membership for the cost of administration, shall be distributed perpetually thereafter. Funds received by a Council for the purchase of an Endowed Membership after August 1<sup>st</sup> may be placed in an insured interest bearing account at a reputable financial institution, and such funds shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder no later than the next preceding August 1<sup>st</sup>. (Amended 1999)

(d) Make an annual audit and report on the status of the Endowed Membership Program to the Grand Council each year

(e) Subordinate Councils would continue to receive the interest income after death, except if a holder of Endowed Membership affiliated with another Texas Council, he may transfer said membership to his new Council.

(f) The subordinate Council would continue to send the Grand Council the per capita dues as is currently done with the Annual Returns. Holders of Endowed Memberships are subject to all the Laws, Rules, and Regulations as provided in the Masonic Code of the Grand Council.

(g) All Endowed Memberships purchased by the Council or any person to honor a member or the Council shall be considered as property belonging to the Council, and not subject to transfer.

(h) Councils may develop and implement a monthly payment plan, whereby a member may purchase an Endowed Membership, simply by written agreement between the member and the Council.