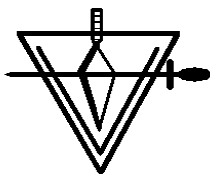


**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS  
AND  
RECOMENDATIONS  
TO BE CONSIDERED  
AT OUR  
ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION  
AND  
ANNUAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
TO BE HELD  
DECEMBER 8-9, 2017**



**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR  
GRAND CONVOCATION HELD DECEMBER 8-9, 2017**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

*Referred to the Committee on By-Laws*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of Cleveland Chapter No. 490 on August 25, 2016 a motion was presented in writing to request permission of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas to move the charter of Cleveland Chapter No. 490, RAM from Tarkington Prairie Lodge No. 498, 1209 Southline Street, Cleveland, Texas to Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton Street, Conroe, Texas,

and WHEREAS, the membership of Cleveland Chapter No. 490 was notified by mail and that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on October 28, 2016,

and WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of Cleveland Chapter No. 490 on October 28, 2016 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote,

and WHEREAS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jackie W. Matthews on November 3, 2016 granted dispensation to Cleveland Chapter No. 490 to assemble for labor at Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton Street, Conroe, Texas, until the 2017 Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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**

*Referred to the Committee on By-Laws*

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

WHEREAS, Hillsboro Chapter No. 152 has been facing declining revenues; and

WHEREAS, Hillsboro Lodge No. 196 has continued to increase rent on appendant bodies; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Lodge No. 652, located in Covington, Texas, has invited Hillsboro Chapter No. 152 to permanently remove its Chapter to New Hope Lodge No. 652; and

WHEREAS, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jackie Matthews has issued Hillsboro Chapter No. 152 Dispensation under Article C-052 Emergency Removal of a Chapter to temporarily meet in New Hope Lodge No. 652 located in Covington, Texas; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, 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**

*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

“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 semi-annually to the Grand Trustees.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OUR  
GRAND ASSEMBLY HELD DECEMBER 8-9, 2017**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS, at a stated meeting of Cleveland Council No. 405 on November 1, 2016 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 Cleveland Council No. 405, R. & S.M. from Tarkington Prairie Lodge No. 498, 1209 Southline Street, Cleveland, Texas to Conroe Lodge No. 748, 311 Simonton St., Conroe, Texas.

and WHEREAS, the membership of Cleveland Council No. 405 was notified by mail and that this motion would be voted on at the stated meeting on October 28, 2016,

and WHEREAS, at the stated meeting of Cleveland Council No. 405 on October 28, 2016 the motion was made and approved by a majority vote,

and WHEREAS, Most Illustrious Grand Master Jeffrey J. Miller on November 28, 2016 granted dispensation to Cleveland Council No. 405 to assemble for labor at 311 Simonton St., Conroe, Texas, until the 2017 Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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**

*Referred to the Committee on Purposes & Policies*

WHEREAS, Hillsboro Council No. 94 has been facing declining revenues; and

WHEREAS, Hillsboro Lodge No. 196 has continued to increase rent on appendant bodies; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Lodge No. 652, located in Covington, Texas, has invited Hillsboro Council No. 94 to permanently remove its Council to New Hope Lodge No. 652; and

WHEREAS, the Most Excellent Grand Master has issued Hillsboro Council No. 94 Dispensation under Article C-039 Removal of a Council (From One Town to Another) to temporarily meet in New Hope Lodge No. 652 located in Covington, Texas; Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, 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**

*Referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Purposes & Policies*

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

WHEREAS, This resolution is to Amend Article V of the Code of By-Laws adopted at its Grand Assembly in 2012. There has been confusion with the Internal Revenue Service. When the York Rite Development Fund was established in 1989, the fund had to accrue a balance of \$25,000.00 before the interest on that balance would be available for expenditure. As the York Rite Development Fund was started and no expenditures could be made until the Fund reached \$25,000.00 there was not a need to obtain an Entity Identity Number (EIN) from the IRS or was overlooked. The transactions, income and expenses were made apart of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas annual returns and included its filing of the Form 990.

WHEREAS, The confusion with the IRS was caused by the Treasurer of the York Rite Development Fund by obeying the originally adopted By-Laws and performing the duties as were assigned to him. He attempted to file a Form 990 with the IRS not knowing that the York Rite Development Fund was not set up with the IRS and that the Office of the Grand Council performed that duty since the inception of the Fund. The income and expenses of the York Rite Development Fund shall become a part of the Grand Council annual audit as per Article IX of the York Rite Development Fund By-Laws adopted in 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Article V, Item 5. be amended as follows:

#### ARTICLE V Duties of Officers

PRESIDENT: No change.

VICE PRESIDENT: No change.

TREASURER:

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. No change.
4. No change.



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].
6. No change.
7. No change.

SECRETARY: No change.

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**

*Referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Purposes & Policies*

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

This Resolution is respectfully submitted upon adoption of the approval of “The Code of By-Laws” for The York Rite Development Fund. Should the adoption of “The Code of By-Laws” be not adopted this resolution may be withdrawn.

This Resolution is to amend Article D-001 (352), **York Rite Development Fund, paragraph 3** and Article D-003 (354), by **changing paragraphs 5 and 6 and adding paragraph 7** to read as follows:

**Whereas:** The Code of By-Laws defines a Vice-President and his duty and adds or deletes duties of the Treasurer and Secretary.

**Therefore**, amend the last sentence of paragraph 3 of Article D-001 (352) which in part now reads: “.....and shall elect one of their number as President, one as Secretary and one as Treasurer.” Be changed so that the sentence shall read: “....and shall elect one of their number as President, **one as Vice-President, one as Treasurer and one as Secretary.**”

**Therefore**, amend Article D-003 (354) which in part now reads:

Paragraph 1. – No change.

Paragraph 2. – No change.

Paragraph 3. – No change.

Paragraph 4. – No change.

Paragraph 5. – Change Secretary and duties No. 1. through No. 4, so that the paragraph shall read:

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**1. To preside in absence of the President**

Paragraph 6. – Amend Treasurer’s Duty No. 5 which now in part reads: “ 5. To preside in the absence of the President and Secretary. “ Be changed so that the sentence shall read: “ 5. To preside in the absence of the President and **Vice-President.**”

Paragraph 7. – Add this paragraph to read as follows:

**SECRETARY:**

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. No change.
4. **Delete.**

This was originally Paragraph 5. and was added to accommodate the Office and duties of the Vice-President. The only change to this Paragraph was the deletion of Duty No. 4, which now reads: “4. **To preside in absence of the President.**”

Fraternally submitted,  
Charles Steven Wolfe, Past Thrice Illustrious Master  
Texas Council No. 321, R&SM

**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

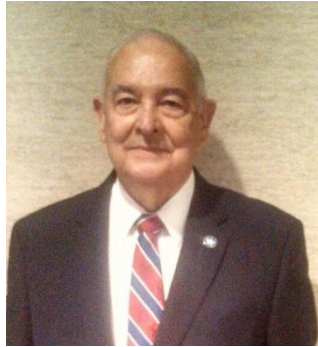
Grand Representative to Nevada – 2013 to present

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**

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

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY  
FOR  
RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PRINCIPAL  
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