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SUCH CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS ARE HEREBY SUBMITTED AND ARE INDICATED BY ADDING AND DELETING CERTAIN LANGUAGE, WITH NEW LANGUAGE ITALICIZED AND DELETED LANGUAGE BRACKETED.

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HOLD OVER RESOLUTION NO 4.

This resolution concerns an amendment to the Constitution. It was approved at the Grand Communication in January, 2024. No changes were made to the Holdover Resolution No. 4, and it remains in proper and legal form for consideration at the Grand Communication in 2025.

RESOLUTION NO 4 (Held Over) - Referred to Purposes and Policies

WHEREAS, there is no provision for a special session of the Grand Lodge of Texas other than being called by the Grand Master.

WHEREAS our laws require fifty (50) constituent lodges to be present to constitute a quorum to transact any business of the Grand Lodge of Texas when in session, and the Trustees transact the business of Grand Lodge when not in session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI Division II Constitution of The Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows;
Section 1. – Quorum No Change
Section 2. – Presiding Officers No Change
Section 3 Communication No Change

Special Communications of the Grand Lodge may shall be convened within ninety (90) days whenever the Grand Master, or presiding officer for the time, majority vote of the trustees, or upon the written request of 50 constituent lodges to the Grand Secretary, shall deem that the interest of the Craft require, but in such case at least one month's notice shall be given to each Lodge by the Grand Secretary, specifying in such notice the time, place and the purpose or purposes of such special Communication; and at such Communication no business shall be transacted other than that mentioned in such notice.

Submitted by: Bradley W. Corley, PM Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Referred to Purposes and Policies, and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Article 276a of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas requires a Brother, before being installed as a Warden or Master, to attend a course approved by the Grand Lodge in the administration of his duties, formerly known as the Wardens Retreat and currently known as the Officer Leadership Training (O.L.T.) or complete the L.I.F.E. program; and

WHEREAS, some Lodges struggle with finding willing, able, and qualified Brethren to serve as Lodge Counselor to administer the L.I.F.E. program, leaving the Lodge with no recourse but to send their officers to Officer Leadership Training to meet the required qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Texas should set fees for such required courses as accessible as possible to assist Lodges in preparing the Masons of Texas to serve as officers of their respective Lodges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Article 276a of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows:

Art. 276a. Additional Qualifications.

Prior to his installation as Worshipful Master or Warden, a Brother shall in all circumstances first be qualified as follows:

1. To the satisfaction of the members of his Lodge, he shall be proficient to properly open and close an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason's Lodge, and a Master Mason's Lodge of Sorrow in the manner prescribed by the Committee on Work and approved by this Grand Lodge, and
2. To the satisfaction of the members of his Lodge, he shall have completed the Lodge Instruction for Effectiveness program (L.I.F.E.) under the supervision of the Masonic Education Committee. The L.I.F.E. Program is to be administered by a Lodge Counselor appointed by the Worshipful Master, whose term expires upon the appointment of his successor in office or a Grand Lodge approved course in the administration of his duties. The fee for

required courses shall be set so that net profit does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total per person

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3. In all cases, unless otherwise exempt as hereafter provided, by attending at least one forum conducted under the auspices of the Committee on Work during the twelve months prior to his installation as Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden. Brothers who hold a Class A, B or C certificate, or are certified as proficient by the District Instructor for the Masonic District in which the lodge is located, a District Instructor at Large, or a member of the Committee on Work, are exempt from the requirement imposed by this paragraph. If an officer is being installed as a Worshipful Master or a Warden in multiple lodges located in different districts, the officer is only required to be certified as proficient by only one District Instructor, District Instructor at Large, or a member of the Committee on Work for exemption.

Submitted by: Rhit Moore, PM Fort Worth No. 148

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, when the charter of a constituent lodge was arrested on August 10, 2023 no reasons were provided to the lodge or its members; and

WHEREAS, no such reasons were provided until the announcement by the Grand Master at the following Grand Annual Communications; and

WHEREAS, the suspension or arrest of a charter is a matter of the utmost importance to both the affected lodge and the Grand West; and

WHEREAS, principles of fair notice and due process mandate that the affected lodge should be given an explanation of the reasons for the suspension or arrest sufficient to enable a response to the charges prior to the matter being called for consideration at Grand Annual Communication;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 649 be amended as follows:

Art. 649. Grand Master May Arrest or Suspend Charter of Lodge.

The Grand Master may immediately suspend or arrest the charter of any Lodge when, after careful investigation or upon receipt of satisfactory proof, it is shown that such Lodge has willfully violated the territorial jurisdiction of another Lodge, or the laws, edicts or resolutions of the Grand Lodge, or has been guilty of un-Masonic conduct. *At the time that any subordinate Lodge has its charter suspended or arrested, the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge will be provided with a written copy of the following: (1) an enumeration of each Grand Lodge law, edict, or resolution that the lodge is alleged to have willfully violated; and (2) a description of how the lodge is alleged to have willfully violated the law, edict or resolution, including but not limited to the dates, location, and involved members, if known.*

Submitted by: Marc Siemes, WM Austin Lodge No. 12
R. Carlton Newberry, Jr., PM San Felipe Lodge No. 239

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Referred to Purposes and Policies, Finance, and Investments

WHEREAS, Lodge Endowments are a vehicle to help Brothers invest in the future of their Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Many endowments were purchased at the \$500 level, which is now the minimum per Grand Lodge law; and

WHEREAS, Those who purchase an endowment at \$500 and make no other contributions may end up costing their Lodge a small amount of money each year; and

WHEREAS, Adding increments to an endowment was subsequently adopted by this Grand Lodge as a mechanism for Brothers to further cement their legacy for their Lodge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Art. 14 be amended as follows:

Art. 14. **Masonic Service Awards.**

Art. 14, **14 a-f no change**

Art.14g. – *(New) Legacy Builder Award*

*The Grand Lodge shall establish the **Legacy Builder Award** to recognize any Mason that adds an additional \$500 (five units) on top of his initial endowment purchase. The award shall be presented each year at our annual Grand Communication. Grand Lodge shall bear the costs associated with producing the jewel or lapel pin and corresponding certificate of recognition. This award shall not be available retroactively to those who have previously made this purchase.*

Submitted by Brad Billings PM Trinity Valley Lodge No. 1048

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, the Grand West adopted 2023 Resolution No. 5 which facilitated the issuing of durable plastic dues cards to members and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary's office issued durable plastic dues cards to each Master Mason in 2023 and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Texas and the constituent Lodges of Texas can save \$30,000 annually by removing the requirement to print the expiration date on dues cards and,

WHEREAS, the Grandview Database can instantaneously verify a Masons status by scanning his dues card or calling or texting the telephone number printed on the back of the card.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 60 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows:
Art. 60. Uniform Dues Receipt: Certificates to E.A.s and F.C.s.

The Grand Secretary is authorized to prepare a standard uniform receipt for Lodge dues, which Lodges must use. There shall be printed on the back of such receipt a certificate of the standing of the Lodge to which it is issued with the imprint of the seal of this Grand Lodge and of the signature of the Grand Secretary.

Expiration date to which dues are paid by dues paying Master Masons shall be filled in by the Grand Secretary when the dues cards are prepared. Local Lodges are authorized to issue certificates to Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts as such, which certificates shall be upon standard uniform cards prepared by the Grand Secretary, and the expiration date to which dues are paid shall be filled in by the Lodge Secretary. The Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas may by majority vote

authorize the use of an electronic virtual dues card in addition to the standard uniform dues receipt.

Justin B. Duty, PM - M Denton Stanford #594

Brad Billings, PM Trinity Valley #104

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Article 23 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas does not define “incapacitated” and,

WHEREAS, this lack of clarity has caused confusion in the past and,

WHEREAS, the orderly and efficient operation of the Grand Lodge of Texas is essential.

Now therefore be it resolved that Article 23 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows:

Article 23. When the Grand Treasurer or Secretary Incapacitated. In the event of any vacancies in the office of Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary, the Grand Master shall appoint an Acting Grand Treasurer or Acting Grand Secretary to fill the unexpired term. In the event the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary shall become Incapacitated to perform the duties of his office *such officer may be suspended from office during the period of his incapacity by unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees*. The Grand Master shall appoint an Acting Grand Treasurer or Acting Grand Secretary to fill such office during the period of such incapacity.

Submitted by: Justin B. Duty, PM – M Denton Stanford #594

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State filed the Articles of Incorporation for the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation on December 16, 2004, per Filing Number 800427334. The purpose of the Corporation was to form a 501 (c) (3) to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real, personal, or other property, and to use the whole or any part of the net income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable purposes.

WHEREAS, Per Article 163 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas, each Lodge shall be required to remit \$3.75 per non-service exempt Master Mason and \$25 per Master Mason Degree to the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation. Since 2009 the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation has applied a portion of this value to participating Lodge's High School Scholarship and Community Grant Matching Programs totaling \$9,543,800 and \$622,664, respectively.

WHEREAS, In 2024, the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation expanded its charitable matching program to include the Teacher Honorarium to recognize the teachers in Texas who continue to serve our communities and the future leaders of our society.

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundations believes that accurate and timely reporting of the financial management of the Foundation on a fiscal year basis be transparent and made available to the Master Masons of Texas during each Grand Annual Communication.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 50 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows: Art. 50. Printing. The Grand Secretary shall be responsible for publishing and distributing on the morning of the first day of the annual communication, the address of the Grand Master, the

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

report of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Board of Directors and Executive Director of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, Board of Directors and President of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation, and reports of committees as appropriate. (Revised 2008). Art.165. Order of Business: First Day. On the first day of each Annual Communication, after this Grand Lodge is opened, the order shall be:

1. The roll of officers, Past Grand Officers, and members shall be called by the Grand Secretary, and if a quorum of the representatives of Lodges be present, then
 - 2. Distinguished Visitors and the Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions shall be received.
 - 3. The Grand Master shall report his official acts done during recess.
 - 4. The Grand Master shall appoint the committees.
 - 5. Reports of other Grand Officers shall be received.
6. Report of the Board of Directors and President of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation shall be received.
6. 7. Reports of Committees may be received.
7. 8. The Address of the Grand Orator may be heard.
8. 9. Unfinished business.

Submitted By: Cody Cockroft, PM Morton No. 72
Sam Gibbins, PM Harmony No. 592
Craig Enderli, PM Cedar Bayou No. 321
Ronald Wise, PM Roy Stanley No. 1367

WHEREAS, Title I, Chapter 10, Article 45. Duties expresses the duties of the Grand Treasurer as follows:

The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Secretary all monies, notes, bonds, and other securities belonging to the Grand Lodge, give his receipt therefore and immediately upon receipt of said monies, notes, bonds and other securities shall deposit the same to the credit of the Grand Lodge in a bank or other financial institution in the State of Texas as approved by the Grand Lodge Trustees. The depository account or accounts in said bank or financial institution shall be maintained by him on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and payment there from shall require receipt of satisfactory proof of obligation and shall be executed by those authorized by the Grand Lodge Trustees.

He shall attend each Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge and shall report the financial condition of the Grand Lodge of Texas with a detailed statement of all funds and any other assets of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Grand Treasurer and all others authorized to handle or disburse funds shall be each bonded in amount, not less than Fifty Thousand dollars, as determined from time to time by the Grand Lodge Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Texas is a Texas Non-profit, benevolent corporation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23, Subchapter C. Grand Lodges, Sections 23.101 through 23.110 of the Texas Business Organizations Code and at times under the provisions of Chapter 22 regarding Non-profit Corporations in the Texas Business Organizations Code to the extent that same is not inconsistent with Chapter 23, Subchapter C. See Section 23.102 of Subchapter C of the Texas Business Corporations Code; and

WHEREAS, to enhance accountability and transparency of resources (revenues) and expenditures (expenses) of this Grand Lodge including its Grand Elective Officers (Trustees), Finance Committee, Audit Committee, and any and all Freemasons contributing to the support of this Grand Lodge, its internal Audit Committee, internal Bookkeepers and Accountants, as the case may be, and its external Certified Public Accountants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That Art. 45 be amended as follows:

Art. 45. **Duties.** No Change

*Art. 45.a (new) **Line-Item Budget***

The Grand Treasurer shall provide a line-item budget for the ensuing Grand Lodge Masonic year. It shall be published, in writing and electronically by means of the digital platform in use by this Grand Lodge to any and all Freemasons contributing to the support of this Grand Lodge no later than the Thursday preceding the official opening of this Grand Lodge on the Friday next. He shall also provide a line-item budget assumptions document paired with the line-item budget. The line-item budget assumptions document shall identify every planned financial resource (revenues) and expenditure (expense).

*Art. 45.b (New) **Statement of Activities and Financial Condition Reports***

The Grand Treasurer shall provide to any and all Freemasons contributing to the support of this Grand Lodge a quarterly Statement of Activities Report (budget versus actual variance analysis) and Financial Condition Report and publish the same in writing and electronically on a digital platform utilized by this Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer shall publish, and present said Statement of Activities Report and Statement of Financial Condition Report at each Trustees meeting, analyzing and

comparing actual expenditures against planned expenditures since

the previous Trustees' meeting. In particular, the Grand Treasurer shall identify to the Trustees of this Grand Lodge the expenditures for any line item in the budget where the budget amount has been exceeded, the amount of said excess, and provide an explanation for the said excess. Actions and adjustments taken regarding such expenditures for line items that exceed the budgeted amount shall be published in writing and electronically on a digital platform utilized by this Grand Lodge to any and all Freemasons contributing to the support of this Grand Lodge.

*Art.45.c (New) **Expense Reimbursement***

All requests for authorized reimbursements from this Grand Lodge shall only be paid by the Grand Treasurer if the request is supported by a customer or consumer copy of an itemized invoice and/or receipt of the actual expenditure (expense) within 30-days of said expense.

*Art. 45.d. (New) **Monthly Report to Finance and Audit Committees***

The Grand Treasurer shall publish a quarterly report, in writing to the Finance and Audit Committees of this Grand Lodge, detailing all of the matters, actions and adjustments taken regarding the requirements referenced in Art. 45.a-c above.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

Submitted By:

Cody Cockroft, PM
Morton Lodge No. 72

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Stanley Cox, PM
Henry Thomas Lodge No. 278

William Weaver, PM
Valley Lodge No. 175

Jimmy Barho, PM
Valley Lodge No. 175

Derek Shell, PM
Valley Lodge No. 175

Don Angell, PM
Victoria Lodge No. 40

Albert Davis, PM
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Everett Williams, PM
Albert Pike Lodge No. 1169

Guy Niles, PM
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Harold Moreland, PM
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Gary Green, PM
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Winford Cash, PM
Boyd Lodge No. 479

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Boyd Lodge No. 479

Roy Marley, PM
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John Bloodgood, PM
Decatur Lodge No. 447

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Krum Lodge No. 1453

Gayland Fleming, PM
Krum Lodge No. 1453

Marshall Fortenberry, PM
Greenwood Lodge No. 779

Billy Enoch, PM
Greenwood Lodge No. 779

WHEREAS, Lodges hold their annual elections at their last stated meeting prior to midnight of July 23 of each year as governed by Articles 292(a),

WHEREAS, Article 22, Notes on Decisions (n) prohibits the Grand Master from ordering a new election out of time,

WHEREAS, current Grand Lodge Law makes no allowances for postponement of elections if local, state, national or world crisis exists, whether declared or undeclared by local officials, which prevents lodge members from meeting at the duly authorized time to conduct the election of officers,

WHEREAS, Article 293 compels elective and appointed officers to continue their service should the lodge fail to elect officers at the annual stated meeting as prescribed in Articles 290 and 292,

WHEREAS, prospective officers progressing through the line spend large amounts of time with good intent preparing for and in anticipation of election or appointment to an office at the annual elections,

WHEREAS, Grand Master's Decision 2020 – Number 4 further acknowledges that a local, state, national or world crisis may necessitate the Grand Master declaring duly elected and appointed officers of a Lodge duly installed, as an exception to Art. 298,

The following changes to Grand Lodge Law are proposed:

Art. 22. General Powers

Notes on Decisions:

(n) To elect an officer at any other time than as provided in Art. 292 (a) and (b); nor to order a new election out of time; nor hold a special meeting for the election of officers; nor install an

officer after July 31, *except in the event of crisis, when Art. 292 (c) shall apply.*

Art. 292. Time of Election

Sections a. and b. remain unchanged.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions set above, the Grand Master shall have discretion to postpone the annual election of officers only in the event of a local, state, national or world crisis when lodge members may be exposed to unsafe conditions. An election so postponed must be conducted within 15 calendar days of the end of said crisis. If said crisis ends after July 31, the installation of officers will proceed immediately after the election of officers at the same stated or called meeting.

Robin Winslett, PM Tucker Lodge No. 297

Marty Haley, PM Serenity Lodge No. 1436

Robert Ballard, PM Cade-Rothwell Lodge No. 1151

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Title V of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas governs Masonic Disciplinary Violations; and

WHEREAS, said Title V is complex and detailed with respect to how Masonic Disciplinary Violations are handled but there is room for doubt or argument in certain cases;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Title V, Chapter 1 be amended as follows:

TITLE V DISCIPLINE

CHAPTER 1 – TITLE V JURISDICTION OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Purpose

The procedures set forth in this Title are to be called Masonic Disciplinary Procedures, and they establish the procedures to be used by the Grand Lodge of Texas for Masonic Discipline. These procedures are to be broadly construed to ensure that a fair, just and legal hearing system is afforded to any Mason involved in Masonic Discipline. *In cases where any vagueness, doubt, or obvious disagreement arises in any provision, or between various provisions, the procedures set forth herein are to be governed by the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and/or the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable.*

Gregory R. Jacobs, PM Tannehill Lodge No. 52

Earl N. Jackson, PM Tannehill Lodge No. 52

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Title V of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas governs Masonic Disciplinary Violations; and

WHEREAS, while Title V is complex and detailed in many respects it is too broad and possibly unfair concerning the place of trials for Masonic Disciplinary Violations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 497 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows

Article 497. Jurisdiction.

Any Mason accused of a Masonic Disciplinary Violation *shall* be tried in a Lodge wherein he holds membership *regardless of where the alleged Masonic Disciplinary Violation occurred.*

The foregoing shall apply to Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts in the sole Lodge having jurisdiction over them.

Gregory R. Jacobs, PM Tannehill Lodge No. 52
Earl N. Jackson, PM Tannehill Lodge No. 52

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Title V of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas governs Masonic Disciplinary Violations; and

WHEREAS, said Title V is complex and detailed with respect to how Masonic Disciplinary Violations are handled with certain exceptions, one being the required burden of proof, which is presently unstated and, therefore, unclear;

WHEREAS, the burden of proof is a critical factor requiring the prosecution to produce evidence to establish the truth of facts needed to convince the trier of fact, such as a jury or judge, that the prosecution's position is correct;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 557 be amended as follows:

Art. 557. Burden on Prosecution.

The accused is presumed to be innocent, and the burden of establishing his guilt devolves upon the prosecution, *and such guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.*

Gregory R. Jacobs, PM Tannehill Lodge No. 52

Earl N. Jackson, PM Tannehill Lodge No. 52

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Art. 6a, STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY; sets out the date to provide the Grand Secretary a "Statement of Availability" and provides for the election of officers from the floor;

WHEREAS nominations from the floor do not provide the opportunity to thoroughly vet the candidate's masonic history, education, or his personal, professional, and civic record prior to voting, unless the candidate is already known to you;

WHEREAS, having the opportunity to know the qualifications of all the candidates standing for election is enshrined in any democratic process;

WHEREAS, with modern communication technology a "Statement of Availability" can be provided to the lodges by the Grand Secretary at any time prior to the opening of the Grand Annual Communication;

WHEREAS, nominations from the floor as per the 1995 Proceedings was put in place to avoid an office being vacated due to the death or withdrawal of a candidate(s) prior to voting. (1995 Proceedings, Resolution 23, "This has recently become more obvious due to the unfortunate and untimely death");

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Art. 6a. shall be amended as follows:

Art. 6a. Statement of Availability.

Any eligible member of this Grand Lodge desiring to serve in any elective office or position as provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge may, on or before the fifteenth day of July, preceding each Annual Communication, file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability for such office or position containing: (1) a resume of is service to his Lodge or Lodges in which he holds or has held membership; (2) a record of his service to this Grand Lodge; (3) a

recitation pertaining to family, education, business or profession, civic activity and military service, and: (4) a photograph if available.
(Revised 2017)

Such statement of availability shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by the Laws of this Grand Lodge and shall be published in the Fall issue of the Texas Mason Magazine. *A Statement of availability filed after the fifteenth day of July and up to and including the fifteenth day of November, shall be forwarded to the lodges by the Grand Secretary in the December Grand Secretary Communication. No statements of availability will be accepted after the fifteenth day of November.* This Grand Lodge, however, may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability *for any office that has no candidates, due to vacancy, death or withdrawal.*
(Revised 1995)

Charles J Summers PM Newton 136

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Article 557 states in regard to Masonic Disciplinary Violations, “The accused is presumed to be innocent, and the burden of establishing his guilt devolves on the prosecution.”

WHEREAS, personal or pecuniary differences between members shall not be a basis for masonic disciplinary violations, yet charges filed on such a basis just before elections may disrupt the officer line in constituent lodges, and waste the time of Grand Lodge officials.

Whereas, the rights of the accused should be zealously protected,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the language prohibiting masons laboring under masonic charges in Article

512 be amended to remove the prohibition on being elected or appointed to office or installed in office,

“When allegations of Masonic disciplinary violation have been referred to, accepted by the Grand Master, and referred to a Masonic Disciplinary Commission, his standing will be a “Mason laboring under Masonic disciplinary action” and, until such Masonic Disciplinary violations have been fully disposed of, he shall not be entitled to a Demit, a certificate of withdrawal, a certificate of good standing, ~~or be elected or appointed to office, installed in office,~~ or in the case of death, prior to final conclusion of the disciplinary action, a Masonic burial; otherwise, his rights and privileges shall be unaffected thereby until Masonic disciplinary violations have been found and his penalty assessed by the Grand Master, mediation, or Masonic Disciplinary Commission.”

Michael Giboney, past master of Liberty Hill Lodge No. 432

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Texas has authorized permanent dues cards to reduce yearly cost of issuing new cards annually.

WHEREAS one of the intents of moving to permanent dues cards is to reduce The Grand Lodge of Texas cost and subordinate lodges future expenses such as mailings.

WHEREAS these saving could be better utilized for the maintenance and operations of The Grand Lodge of Texas and subordinate lodges.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS The removal of the Grand Secretary's name from dues cards and use the seal of The Grand Lodge of Texas as the only authorization needed. This will decrease the cost incurred by the issuance of new cards now and in the future as the Grand Secretary's office is an elective office and subject to change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Art. 60 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows: Art. 60 Uniform Dues Receipt: Certificates to E.A.s and F.C.s. The Grand Secretary is authorized to prepare a standard uniform receipt for Lodge dues, which Lodges must use. There shall be printed on the back of such receipt a certificate of the standing of the Lodge to which it is issued with the imprint of the seal of this Grand Lodge and the signature of the Grand Secretary. Expiration date to which dues are paid by Master Masons shall be filled in by the Grand Secretary when the dues cards are prepared. Local Lodges are authorized to issue certificates to Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts as such, which certificates shall be upon standard uniform cards prepared by the Grand Secretary, and the expiration date to which due are paid shall be filled in by the Lodge Secretary. The Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas may by majority vote Authorize the use of an electronic virtual dues card in addition to the standard uniform dues receipt, (Revised 2024)

Submitted by: Jack G. Mooney, PM- C.F. Spencer No.1384

Thomas Merchant, PM Clear Lake No. 1417

Charlie Craig, PM- Pasadena No. 1155

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 Title II Article 273 sets forth the definition of Officers Regalia and Article 274 sets forth the definition of Members Aprons; and

WHEREAS, in certain Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, historical reenactments occur and other lodges look to honor our past Brethren by creating aprons similar to those worn at or near the time of the Chartering of that lodge. More period correct style aprons (rounded bottom, embroidered and or hand painted) may be desired to be worn to more accurately portray the style of dress of our Founding Brethren. The current regulation prevents the use of those types of aprons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Art. 273 amended as follows: Art. 273. (312). **Officers: Regalia.**

A Lodge may provide special collars and aprons to be worn by its officers, for the purpose of preserving their symbolic features; as a mark of distinction, and to enhance the dignity of the Lodge. Such regalia shall consist of a collar of blue velvet from which shall be suspended the jewel appropriate to the station of the officer. Said collar may have embroidered thereon any of the symbols of Freemasonry appropriate to be so displayed.

The regulation apron shall be of white lambskin, *synthetic lambskin, silk, satin or cotton* of the following dimensions: the apron shall be 16 inches ~~square~~ *in length and width with square or rounded corners* with a drop in the bib of 6 inches ~~to the triangular point~~. It will be permissible to have embroidered upon the bib *or body* of the apron the appropriate jewel of the office below the bib, the square and compasses circumscribing the

letter "G" or the "All Seeing Eye (aka Eye of Providence)" or any of the symbols of Freemasonry appropriate to be displayed. The outside edge of the apron shall be bordered with blue or white silk velvet or braid, one inch in width, and the bib with the same material one-half inch in width. The apron may be lined on the reverse side with blue satin or other material.

In addition to using the Past Master's aprons now being worn, it shall be permissible for Past Masters to wear aprons with the same design and insignia as provided for the Worshipful Master, but the addition of the Arc (or Quadrant) under the points of the Compasses would be optional.

In conferring degrees, officers may wear appropriate robes or costumes; and appropriate scenery may be used. The insignia or regalia of other orders or organizations may not be worn.

Art. 274. (313). **Members: Apron.**

The regulation apron for members of the Lodge shall be of the same dimensions provided for the aprons of officers of the Lodge and shall be made of white lambskin *synthetic lambskin, silk, satin or cotton* without border or decoration; provided, it shall not be mandatory upon any Lodge to provide regulation regalia and aprons until such time as it may be able to do so, and such aprons may be made of white cloth.

Submitted by: Jim Muller, PM Olive Branch No. 2

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Texas Masonry enjoys the privilege of being intimately related to the men and events that shaped the Republic of Texas, and

WHEREAS, we should celebrate this connection with the history of our great state, and

WHEREAS, the minutes of our historical lodge highlight our association with and fraternity's support by Sam Houston, Anson Jones, Mirabeau Lamar, and many other men of standing in Texas history, and

WHEREAS, our current Laws & Constitution prevent the open publication of lodge minutes according to Art. 338,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 338 be amended as follows: Art. 338. Inspection of Minutes: By Whom. The minutes of the Lodge are the private records of the Lodge and no copy of the same or any part thereof, shall be made or used for other than Masonic or historical research purposes. They shall be securely kept and preserved by the Secretary, and shall be open for inspection at reasonable times by the officers and other members of the Lodge, or by such other Masons as may have an appropriate reason therefor, but not under any circumstances by those who are not Masons unless for historical research purposes, and then only for Lodge minutes over 100 years in age. Minutes older than 100 years may be published for public distribution, but only by permission of the Lodge. Any proceeds from such publication after printing costs and preparation expenses must be distributed to the Lodge or Grand Lodge of Texas, or to a charity designated by the Lodge. In the case of publication of demised Lodges or military Lodges under dispensation, all permissions and decisions of the distribution of proceeds will be determined by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Submitted by: Billy J. Hamilton, Jr, PM Fort Worth Lodge No. 148

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Referred to Purposes and Policies, Committee on Work and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, It is evident that Music has been an integral part of Freemasonry since the inception of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, as demonstrated by the fact that there are numerous publications including Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, which includes within it songs for the Master, Wardens, and various Degrees of Masonry; and,

WHEREAS, our *Constitution and Laws* provides for the office of Musician, both at the Grand Lodge and Lodge level; and,

WHEREAS, the various Monitors and Manuals adopted and in use by this Grand Lodge prior to 1934 all contained music related to the degrees and ceremonies of Masonry in Texas.

Texas Monitors/Manuals

1844 – Jeremy L. Cross True Masonic Chart (Over 60 pages Music in Back)

1852 – Charles W. Moore New Masonic Trestle-Board (Music added to Circumambulation in all degrees)

1859 – William Taylor Manual of Freemasonry (Music for the various Degrees and Ceremonies)

1907 – Sam R. Hamilton Taylor Hamilton Monitor of the Lodge (Music for the various Degrees and Ceremonies)

1912 – C. P. Boon* Vest Pocket Trestle-Board (Music for the various Degrees and Ceremonies)

1921 – Grand Lodge of Texas Official Monitor (Music for the various Degrees and Ceremonies)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, who desire to do so, be granted the option to incorporate music into the various degrees and ceremonies of Masonry which has been previously authorized by the Grand Lodge of England or the Grand Lodge of Texas, provided that all vocals be sung by Masons with only the instrumental music having the option to be pre-recorded, and that music not be required for a graded degree other than the *Funeral Dirge* in the Master Mason Degree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to assist in standardization, the accompanying sheet music for the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason's degrees serve as an example of that which is deemed appropriate.

**Not officially adopted, but widely used in this Grand Jurisdiction as Brother Boon was Chairman of the Committee on Work and his monitor was convenient due to its size, and inexpensive compared to the Taylor-Hamilton.*

Presented by: Larry M. FitzPatrick, PM Lewisville No. 201
Lance C. Candler, PM Krum No. 1453

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, the current trend of the court systems leans towards charging citizens with a higher crime than the one that was committed. There by elevating charges to the level of a felony to be able to artificially inflate the numbers of felony arrests to gain more federal funding.

WHEREAS, Current laws have watered down the use of a felony charge, and often the same charges would not have been considered more than a misdemeanor in the past.

WHEREAS, The current pattern of District Attorneys of delaying closure or trial of a case for excessive amounts of time often months or years. Creating a financial burden on the defendants including lost wages, court and attorney fees for each appearance only to be delayed. Then offering the defendant a Deferred Adjudication under the guise of a deal "Probationary State and at the completion of the time the charges are removed" often not explain to the defendant they are accepting a guilty charge in the case.

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Texas views a Deferred Adjudication as a felony conviction even though it is a

Probationary State and at the completion of the time the charges are removed.

WHEREAS, Any Mason convicted of a felony is automatically expelled by the Grand Lodge of Texas. There is no explanation or exception to this to include a Deferred Adjudication.

WHEREAS, A Deferred Adjudication is a temporary monitoring or probationary period and is removed from the defendant's record at the completion of the terms.

WHEREAS, Each lodge should have sole control of who is and is not permitted to be a part of their membership. The Lodge members know the brother and will have a much better understanding of the details of the event than the members of Grand Lodge.

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of each brother to help another in his time of need and raise him up to be a better man not cast him aside as if he has become unworthy to be taken by the hand as a Brother. Each of us are our Brothers keepers.

WHEREAS, Art. 494 Powers, Jurisdiction and duty of Lodges of the grand lodge of Texas Law book clearly states that "Each lodge has to power, jurisdiction and duty to try and punish by reprimand, suspension or expulsion"

WHEREAS, Grand Masters decision 1954 - NO. 73 clearly states "Any chartered lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction can try one of its own members regardless of where he is, regardless of whether he is present and regardless of where the Masonic offense was committed."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 509 (4) of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows:

Art. 509. Automatic Suspension or Expulsion. (no change down to subparagraph 4)

4. In any instance where a Mason is alleged to have committed of a felony and there is a finding of guilty by a court or jury

or if a Mason enters a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to such offense of felony, and the court, after receiving evidence, finds that the defendant is guilty and places the defendant on probation or otherwise suspends the imposition of the sentence, or in the event a defendant is charged with the offense of a felony and enters a plea of guilty or enters a plea of nolo contendere and the court, after hearing evidence, finds that such evidence substantiates the defendant's guilt and defers further proceedings without entering an adjudication of guilt and places the defendant on probation, such proceedings shall be deemed a conviction of a felony for all purposes relative to this article, and said Mason shall be expelled to be effective as of the date defendant is placed on probation.

In the event a Mason is charged with the offense of a felony and enters a plea of guilty or enters a plea of nolo contendere and the court, after hearing evidence, finds that such evidence substantiates the defendant's guilt and defers further proceedings without entering an adjudication of guilt and places the defendant on probation, his local lodge shall decide whether to expel or suspend the Brother. If the Brother is a member of more than one lodge, his parent lodge shall have the jurisdiction to decide the issue.

If the lodge decides to suspend, rather than expel, then the Brother shall be suspended for the period of time until his probation has expired, or earlier if such probation is discharged by the court. During the period of his suspension the Brother shall not pay dues. After successful completion of the period of probation, then the Brother shall be reinstated to full membership after his suspension in the same manner as a Brother who was suspended for non-payment of dues.

If the Brother fails to successfully complete his probation and the court enters a final adjudication, then the Brother shall be expelled by the lodge.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to record all the above actions in the minutes of their stated meeting(s) and to thereafter notify the Grand Secretary of same, as well as any

other lodge or pendant body of which the Brother may be a member.

(no change to the remainder of Art. 509, commencing with subparagraph 5, and thereafter to the end of same.)

Submitted by: Michael Garrett, PM Northwest No. 1434
Terry L Heck, PM Billy W. Tinsley Daylight No. 1458
Maynard Fernando, PM Albert J DeLange No.1403
Max Charleswell, PM Alamo No. 44

RESOLUTION 19

Referred to Purposes and Policies, Investments and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS the Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) is owned by the subordinate lodges by whom contributions have been made, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Texas has authorized and directed the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas to create one or more trusts that resulted in the formation of the EMF Trust, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas will retain, on behalf of the subordinate lodges, all investment power over EMF assets, and

WHEREAS the subordinate lodges will for whom EMF contributions have been made will be the sole beneficiaries of the EMF Trust, and no other person or entity may benefit from the EMF Trust at any time, and

WHEREAS the EMF distribution is a major source of income for many subordinate lodges, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas have more investment control than investment firms, the

Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas responsibility to inform the subordinate lodges regarding the EMF Trust should exceed the responsibility investment firms have to the firms' clients, and

WHEREAS, acquiring information about the EMF Trust is discouraged and the unanswered questions create doubt and rumors regarding the management of the EMF Trust, and

WHEREAS total transparency regarding any issue that involves the financial well-being of the subordinate lodges should be the goal of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 163f be added as follows:

Article 1631f (**NEW**). Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Texas to Subordinate Lodges

All subordinate lodges that have contributed to the Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) or any Grand Lodge of Texas subordinate lodge endowment trusts shall receive prior to August 1st a comprehensive report of the endowment program. The report is not limited to but shall include the following information:

An historical chart (since the inception of the endowment program) that indicates for each Masonic year:

1. The annual amount per unit that was dispersed to the subordinate lodges,
2. The annual yield of the endowment's investments,
3. The value per unit prior to the annual dispensation,
4. The value per unit immediately after the annual dispensation.
5. The value and destination of any fees or disbursements to any source other than the subordinate lodges for each Masonic year.
6. The equation to calculate the dispensation of the endowment.

All information requests made by a participating subordinate lodge regarding any Grand Lodge of Texas endowment program that the subordinate lodge has participated in must be addressed to the Grand Secretary's office. The Grand Secretary's office will acquire the requested information and return the information to the subordinate lodge that made the request.

Michael J. Lansford WM Alvin No.762

RESOLUTION 20

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, the purpose of Title V of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. is to ensure that a “fair, just, and legal hearing system is afforded to any mason involved in Masonic discipline”; and

WHEREAS, the right to a speedy trial is an essential element of a fair, just and legal hearing system; and

WHEREAS, Title V currently fails to set any time limitation for the setting of a disciplinary procedure which has resulted in many Brethren waiting years for their “day in court”; and

WHEREAS, this extreme delay is unconscionable and unjust as Brethren laboring under Masonic disciplinary action have no rights to a Demit, a certificate of withdrawal, a certificate of good standing, or to be elected or appointed to office, installed in office, or a Masonic burial until their Masonic disciplinary violations have been fully disposed of; and

WHEREAS, the failure of Title V to set any time limitation for the setting of a disciplinary procedure also puts our disciplinary laws at risk of being used to disenfranchise Brethren of their Masonic rights without the opportunity for trial or a defense.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Articles 530, 551, 552 and 553 be amended as follows:

Art. 530. **Time and Place of Disciplinary Procedure.**

1. The disciplinary procedure for any Mason laboring under Masonic disciplinary action must be held within (i) one (1) year of the allegations against such Mason being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge pursuant to Art. 511; or (ii) such date as mutually agreed by the accused and the accuser. If the disciplinary procedure is not held on or before the date specified herein, the allegations against the accused will automatically be dismissed and the status of the accused shall be as if he was acquitted pursuant to Arts. 590 and 598.

2. The Disciplinary Procedure Commission shall conduct Masonic disciplinary procedures in a Lodge room or adjoining anteroom, or other room connected therewith, and may, when circumstances warrant, have one or more adjourned meetings during the progress of the disciplinary procedure.

Art. 551. **Grounds for Continuance.**

Application to continue a Lodge disciplinary procedure for failure to secure service within the time, or as required by Masonic law; for absence of accused, of counsel, or of an important witness; on account of sickness; or for any other just and equitable reason; may be granted by the Trial Master, in his discretion. Provided that such continuance shall not be granted for a longer period than one month and shall not violate Art. 530(1). Applications to continue such disciplinary procedures for a longer time than one month, or to await the action of the courts of the country on allegations against the accused, shall be decided by a majority vote of the Disciplinary Commission in compliance with Art. 530(1).

Art. 552. **Continuance Shall Be for Definite Time.**

The Disciplinary Procedure Commission, in granting a continuance to an accused, shall fix a

specific time for the disciplinary procedure which must be before the time specified in Art. 530(1).

No postponement for an indefinite period shall be granted. An indefinite postponement of a disciplinary procedure shall be construed as a failure to hold the disciplinary procedure within the time limits specified in Art. 530(1). dismissal of the allegations, and they cannot again be considered, but new allegations may be filed.

Art. 553. Postponements Limited.

On the first application of postponement of a disciplinary procedure, the purpose of which shall be to await the action of the courts of the country shall be granted for a period of time no longer than six months or the time limits specified in Art. 530(1), whichever is shorter. If the courts shall not have acted within that time, the Disciplinary Procedure Commission shall proceed to a disciplinary procedure of the allegations, unless in its sound discretion, upon application therefor, further postponement shall be granted and such postponement would not violate the time limits specified in Art. 530(1). Before a second postponement of more than one month shall be granted, the testimony of all important witnesses of the prosecution shall be taken before the Disciplinary Procedure Commission, or a subcommittee consisting of not less than three members thereof, and reduced to writing and signed by each of said witnesses. Said testimony shall be carefully preserved and shall be admissible on the subsequent disciplinary procedure of said accused if any such witness is not present thereat. When the important testimony of any case has been so reduced to writing and signed by the witness or witnesses, the Disciplinary Procedure Commission may grant additional continuances of the case, for reasonable periods, if there appears to be any just or valid reason therefor and such postponements would not violate the time limits specified in Art.

530(1). Such postponements should not be granted in any case of gross immorality, or of reprehensible conduct, of an accused, a postponement of whose Lodge disciplinary procedure would appear to condone such a crime or tend to reflect upon the institution of Masonry. In taking the testimony of witnesses as provided herein, they may be cross-examined by the accused or his counsel.

Submitted by: Christopher Ryland, PM Brookshire No. 1066

RESOLUTION 21

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas provides for the requirements for Eligibility to Office of the officers of The Grand Lodge of Texas; and

WHEREAS, making oneself available to occupy an elected officer position in The Grand Lodge of Texas is a solemn and serious endeavor; and

WHEREAS, our officer election process in the past has been drawn out each year due to repeat candidates seeking election of office; and

WHEREAS, to avoid said event, a candidate for election of office should not be permitted to run two or more years in a row;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article IV, Section 6 be amended as follows:

Art. IV, Section 6 - **Eligibility to Office.**

Subsection 1 - No Changes.

Subsection 1 (a) - No Changes.

(b) Upon an unsuccessful attempt at election to any office for The Grand Lodge of Texas, said nominee shall be ineligible for nomination or election to any elected office at the next regular session of The Grand Lodge of Texas following the unsuccessful attempt. Eligibility for nomination or election to an office of The Grand Lodge of Texas shall automatically be restored at the

completion of the first subsequent regular Grand Lodge session following said nominee's unsuccessful attempt at election.

Submitted by: Christopher Ryland, PM Brookshire No. 1066

RESOLUTION 22

Referred to Purposes and Policies, Bylaws, and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Pierce Lodge No. 144, AF & AM desires to adopt a new name to commemorate its relocation to Bremond, Texas after the sale of its old lodge building and prior to the consolidation with Bremond Lodge No. 350 AF & AM and is consistent with the desires of the membership of both Pierce Lodge No. 144 and Bremond Lodge No. 350; and,

WHEREAS, A preliminary vote and first reading to consolidate was held at Bremond Lodge No. 350 on May 2nd, 2024 and at Pierce Lodge No. 144 on May 9th, 2024, at which time it was agreed by both Lodges to maintain Pierce Lodge's Number of 144 while commemorating our shared quintessential 60-year Master Mason, Howard Lee Vann with Bremond Lodge No. 350 prior to our planned consolidation of June 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, this name change is approved in order to properly preserve the more than one-hundred-year history of each of these two consolidating Lodges; and

WHEREAS, this name change prior to the planned and unanimously approved at three readings at both Lodges will make this planned consolidation almost seamless with the documentation, printing, Bylaws and Charter already revised with the appropriate Lodge Name and Lodge Number; and

WHEREAS, a motion to change the name of Pierce Lodge was offered at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge on June

13th, 2024, said motion renewing the prior, similar motions that were unanimously approved on April 11th, 2024, and again on May 9th, 2024, thereby unanimously approving to amend the By-Laws of the Lodge in order to change the name; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the name of Pierce Lodge No. 144, AF & AM be changed to Howard Lee Vann No. 144, AF & AM, and, further, that the revised and amended By-Laws of Pierce Lodge be approved therewith.

Submitted by: Edward Murry Hamilton, Jr., WM Pierce No. 144
Randy Lee Willard, WM Bremond Lodge No. 350
Damon Kyle Gregory, PM Pierce No. 144
David Owens, PM Bremond No. 350
Walter Lee Qualls, PM Pierce Lodge No. 144
Stephen Flint Jones, PM Marlin No. 152
Steve Odom, PM Centerville No. 1291

RESOLUTION NO. 23

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, Title II, Chapter 11, Article 264. Officers Listed expresses the required elected, appointed, and optional Officers of the Lodge as follows:

The officers of the Lodge and their titles shall be as follows: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, and Tiler.

The Lodge may at its option provide in its Bylaws for either a Marshal, Master of Ceremonies or Musician or any or all, of the same. In line of seniority, the Marshal shall follow the Junior Steward, then the Master of Ceremonies, then the Musician, and finally the Tiler. (Revised 1996)

Such amendment to the Bylaws shall not require the approval of Grand Lodge. The Committee on Work shall

establish the place on the Lodge floor for such officers, prescribe the ritual of installation and define the jewel of such officers.

WHEREAS, Division IV, Chapter II, No. 23. By-Laws (Arts. 218–221) Revised 2006, Article III, Officers of the Lodge expresses the required elected, appointed, and optional Officers of this Lodge as follows:

The officers of this Lodge shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards, (Marshal and/or Master of Ceremonies and/or Musician optional), and Tiler.

WHEREAS, The Proceedings of the One Hundred Sixty-First Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas A. F. & A. M. held on December 6th and 7th, 1996 (*the year in which Article 264 was last revised*) reflect 144,884 as the Total Membership as of June 24, 1996, and reflect 907 as Active Working Lodges as of October 31, 1996, and further reflect 4557 as the Net Decrease of Membership for Masonic Year 1995-1996. This data reflects that the average membership of each Lodge was 159.74 Master Masons and that the average net decrease per Lodge was 5.02 Master Masons.

WHEREAS, Grand View for the Grand Lodge of Texas A. F. & A. M. on August 8, 2024 reflects 748 as Chartered Lodges, and reflects a current total of 54,794 Master Masons, and reflects that from June 24, 2023 to June 23, 2024 a total of 658 were Raised, 1798 Deceased, 1356 were Suspended Non-Payment of Dues, and 551 were Reinstated, resulting in 1945 as the Net Decrease of Membership for Masonic Year 2023-2024. This data reflects that the average membership for each Lodge is 73.25 Master Masons and that the average net decrease per Lodge is 2.60 Master Masons.

WHEREAS, the constituent Lodges are significantly impacted by the continued decrease in membership and by the resulting decrease in members attending Stated and Called meetings. Lodges cope with this issue in different manners,

including requesting a different Member each month to volunteer to be responsible for the meal at a Stated or Called meeting, thus performing the implied duties of the Stewards.

WHEREAS, simply stated, many of the constituent Lodges find it increasingly difficult within their active Membership to continue to fulfill the currently required number of appointed Officers to serve during a Masonic Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to amend Article 264 as follows:

The officers of the Lodge and their titles shall be as follows: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, ~~Senior Steward, Junior Steward,~~ and Tiler.

*The Lodge may at its option provide in its Bylaws for either **the Senior and Junior Stewards**, a Marshal, Master of Ceremonies or Musician or any or all, of the same. In line of seniority, **the Senior Steward shall follow the Junior Deacon, then the Junior Steward, then the Marshal shall follow the Junior Steward, then the Master of Ceremonies, then the Musician, and finally the Tiler.** (Revised ~~1996~~ 2025)*

Such amendment to the Bylaws shall not require the approval of Grand Lodge. The Committee on Work shall establish the place on the Lodge floor for such officers, prescribe the ritual of installation and define the jewel of such officers.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend Form 23, Article III as follows:

*The officers of this Lodge shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, ~~Senior and Junior Stewards,~~ **(Senior and Junior Stewards, and/or Marshal and/or Master of Ceremonies and/or Musician optional), and Tiler.***

Submitted By: Robert C. Coleman, PM Billy W. Tinsley
Daylight No. 1458
Stephen E. Orlando, PM Waller Lodge No. 808
Albert A. Pinto, PM George N. Denton No. 24

David R. Vest, PM Cypress No. 1423
William C. Craigmyle, PM Humble No. 979
Cody M. Cockroft, PM Morton No. 72

RESOLUTION NO. 24

Referred to Purposes and Policies and Jurisprudence

WHEREAS, the *Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas* provide that a Grand Master may be suspended from office by the Grand Lodge for sufficient cause; and

WHEREAS, the laws are ambiguous as to the method, manner, or procedure to execute the suspension of a Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, there may arise circumstances where it is advisable for the Grand Trustees (other than the Grand Master), upon unanimous decision, to suspend a Grand Master because of exigent and emergency conditions which, if not addressed immediately, may negatively affect the Craft; and

WHEREAS, any such suspension should be promptly submitted to the Grand West for review in order to both afford the suspended Grand Master a full hearing on the reasons for the suspension and for the Grand West to consider removal or reinstatement of the suspended Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, an amendment of Article 36 to set forth these procedures is in the best interest of the Grand Lodge of Texas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Division III, Title I, Chapter 7, Article 36 of the *Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas* be amended as follows:

Article 36. Suspension from Office

- (a) The Grand Master may be suspended from office for sufficient cause as determined by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees of the Grand Lodge after due notice and hearing.
- (b) In the event the Grand Master is suspended by unanimous vote of the Trustees, the Deputy Grand Master shall call a special communication of the Grand Lodge

to be held within 60 days of the Trustees' vote, unless the vote is taken within 60 days ahead of the annual communication.

1. At the special session, the suspension shall be taken up by resolution and evidence presented by the Trustees (or their representative) and, if applicable, by the Grand Master (or his representative). A two-thirds majority vote by the lodges and members present at the special session shall remove the Grand Master from office. If the two-thirds majority is not achieved, the Grand Master shall be immediately reinstated.
 2. Should the vote of the Trustees fall within 60 days ahead of the annual communication, the suspension of the Grand Master shall be taken up in the manner prescribed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section as the first order of business held on the first day after a quorum shall have been established, unless otherwise provided by resolution.
- (c) While a suspension of the Grand Master is effective, the suspended Grand Master shall not be counted for purposes of determining quorum or majority vote related to any provisions of Grand Lodge law.
 - (d) Should the Grand Master be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the lodges and members present, he shall not be afforded the title or prerogatives of Past Grand Master, but shall retain the title of Past Deputy Grand Master or Past Grand Warden as the case may be.
 - (e) The provisions of this article shall be independent of any of the provisions of Title V of the *Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas* addressing Masonic discipline.

Submitted by: Jim Rumsey, PM Pine Tree No. 1396

RESOLUTION NO. 25

WHEREAS, the order of business, as provided for in Article 165 of The Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas, for the Grand Annual Communication does not allow for any resolutions or new business to be addressed on the first day

of the Communication; and

WHEREAS, many of the formalities provided for in Article 165 as specified to be addressed on the first day of the Annual Communication have historically been addressed in the pre-opening ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Officer is afforded parliamentary authority over all matters relating to Order;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Division III, Title I, Chapter 20, Article 165 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas be amended as follows:

Article 165. Order of Business: First Day

On the first day of each Annual Communication, after this Grand Lodge is opened, the order shall be:

1. The roll of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and members shall may be called by the Grand Secretary if not called during the pre-opening ceremonies.
2. A and if a quorum of the representatives of Lodges be present shall be attested by the Grand Secretary then,
3. Distinguished Visitors and the Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions shall
may be received if not received during the pre-opening ceremonies.
4. The Grand Master shall report his official acts done during recess.
5. The Grand Master shall may appoint the committees not appointed during recess.
6. Reports of other Grand Officers shall may be received.
7. Reports of Committees may be received.
8. The address of the Grand Orator may be heard.
9. Unfinished business
10. New business.

Submitted by Jim Rumsey, PM Pine Tree No. 1396

Justin Duty, PM M. Denton Stanford No. 594

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Statements of Availability For Grand Junior Warden



H.N. "Chip" Green, Jr.

Tarkington Prairie Lodge No. 498
 Raised April 21, 2008 Endowed Member 2008 Junior Warden
 2010-2011 Senior Warden 2011-2012 Worshipful Master 2012-
 2013 Treasurer 2017-Present Golden Trowel 2018
 Bedias Lodge No. 651
 Endowed 2019
 Tranquility Lodge No. 2000
 Endowed Member 2018 Junior Warden, 2023 – 2024
 Humble Lodge No.979
 Endowed 2020 Texas Lodge of Research Endowed 2022
 Washington Lodge No. 18
 Endowed 2023
 Masters Wardens & Secretaries Association
 27th Masonic District, President 2015 30th Masonic District 2020
 Grand Lodge of Texas
 District Deputy Grand Master 2015 - District 27 District
 Education Officer, 2018 District Deputy Grand Master 2020 - At
 Large Grand Pursuivant 2021 Dime-A-Day 2008-Present Sam
 Houston Hall of Fame, 2015 Patron Grand Lodge Library and

Museum, 2018: Gold Seal 2020 Public Education Committee
 2020 Present—Chairman Grand Master Conference Regional
 Coordinator -2021 Texas Masonic Charities Foundation 2021-
 Present- Board Member Assistant State Coordinator 2023 Special
 Assignments Committee 2023-2024
 Education
 Tarkington High School Graduate 1979
 Personal / Professional / Civic
 Worked at Union Tank Car Co. Area Manager – 1980 - 2010
 Retired Roundhouse 2010-Present – Part Time Cleveland
 Livestock Show – 1991 President 1997
 Trinity Valley Exposition – 1991-2015: Vice President of
 Grounds and Logistics 2008-2015 Cleveland FFA Alumni –
 Charter Member Texas FFA Alumni Council - Area IX
 Representative 1997-2000 Liberty County Appraisal Review
 Board 2016-2022: Chairman 2017-2021 Houston Livestock Show
 Life Member Ducks Unlimited – Major Sponsor
 Family
 Wife - Sonda Children Brandon, Tiffany



Robert M. Park

Alamo Lodge No. 44 Merit No. 727

Worshipful Master 2018-2019

Secretary 2023-2024

Centennial No. 500

Reconstituting charter member

Secretary 2023-2024

Cibolo No. 151

Highland Hills No 1373

Grand Lodge of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master – Masonic District 39C –
2020

Civil Law Committee 2022 Chairman 2022-2023 Vice
Chairman 2023-Present

Education

Texas State University, BA Art History 2007

St. Mary's University School of Law, JD 2011, Summa
Cum Laude

Personal / Professional / Civic

Partner at Uhl Fitzsimons PLLC, 2011-Present

Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation

Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law 2016-Present

Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio – Member

Board Member Acorn School for Young Children

Board Member San Antonio Scottish Rite Learning Center

Chairman of San Antonio Scottish Rite Library & Museum

Corporation

Family

Wife - Carly

Daughters - Claire, Cora, Cate



Keith Reynolds

Davy Crockett Lodge NO. 1225

Raised - August 26, 1986

Endowed Member

Secretary – 1995-1998 and 2005-2010

Worshipful Master - 1994 and 2017

Golden Trowel Award - 2004 and 2024

Life Member - 2010

Plural and Endowed Memberships

Rising Star Ranger Lodge No. 429 (Endowed)

Secretary, 2022 – present

Point Isabel Lodge No. 33 – member

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 – member

Grand Lodge of Texas

District 39 Funeral Master

Class “A” Certificate - 1991-Present

Lifetime Esoteric Certificate Holder

District Instructor - 2010-2017

District Deputy Grand Master 2015-2017

District Deputy Grand Master 2019-2020

Sam Houston Hall of Fame (full member)

Committee on Work 2017-2024 (Chairman 2020 & 2022)

Education

Thomas Edison High School

Angelo State University, San Angelo

San Antonio College, San Antonio

Business / Professional

Washington National Insurance, Life and Disability

Insurance - 1982-1988

Reynolds Insurance Agency, Property and Casualty - 1988-

1992 - Sold

Texas Dept. of Licensing, AC License

Gillit's Duct Cleaning - General Manager - 1992-2008

Gillit's Duct Cleaning - Owner - 2009-2023 - Sold &

Retired

Family

Wife, Terri Gwen since - 1979

2 Children – (W. Burt, Wife Ana) & (Michael L., Wife

Jessica) 5 Grand Children

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Statements of Availability for Grand Secretary



Brad S. Billings

Trinity Valley Lodge No. 1048

Raised: February 21, 2007

Worshipful Master, 2012

Endowed Member

Texas Lodge of Research

Worshipful Master, 2015

Full Member

Endowed Member

Grapevine Lodge No. 288

Treasurer, 2023

Endowed Member

J.F. Brumit–Sunshine Lodge No. 341

Endowed Member

Life Member

Crawford Lodge No. 585

Endowed Member

Sweet Home Lodge No. 576

Endowed Member

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000

Endowed Member

Northern Star Lodge No. 377

Reconstituting Charter Member

Endowed Member

Claud L. Austin Lodge No. 1450

Endowed Member

Tyrian Lodge No. 187

Reconstituting Charter Member

Endowed Member

Huffman Lodge No. 1428

Endowed Member

Blanco Lodge No. 216

Endowed Member

Freedom Lodge No. 100

Endowed Member

Grand Lodge of Texas

Grand Secretary 2023 - Present

Grand Master 2022

Deputy Grand Master 2021

Grand Senior Warden 2020

Grand Junior Warden 2019

Grand Junior Steward 2015 District Deputy Grand Master, District 64-B 2017

District Education Officer District 14-E – 2018

Purposes & Policies Committee 2013-2018

Vice-Chairman 2018

Special Assignments Committee 2018

Grand Master's Planning Team 2018

Grand Master's DDGM Training Team 2018

Esoteric B Certificate 2008 - 2013

Esoteric A Certificate 2013 - Present Sam Houston Hall of Fame Member 2018

Briscoe Workshop Coordinator Districts 14 & 64, 2017, 2018

Masters', Wardens', & Secretaries' Associations

14th Masonic District of Texas

President, 2013

Vice President, 2012

Secretary / Treasurer, 2011

Dallas Masonic Service Bureau

President - 2019

Vice-President – 2018

Conference of Grand Masters of North America

Masonic Renewal Committee – Core Member (Grand Lodge of Texas)

Personal Profile/ Professional Profile/ Civic Involvement

Grand Secretary – Grand Lodge of Texas 2023-Present

Compass Christian Church – member Stephen F. Austin Chapter 6,

Sons of the Republic of Texas Honorary Member

Texas Navy – Admiral

Alcalde de San Antonio

Hidalgo de Bexar

Keys to the cities of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico and Seagraves, Texas

John B. Jones Masonic Rangering Company – Major

Education

Bachelor of Business Administration: Finance, Economics and International Business, Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas: 2006

Seagraves High School, Seagraves, Texas

Family

Brittany Billings – Wife

Grayson Bexar Billings – Son



Paul D. Underwood

Mesquite Lodge No. 928

Raised July 9, 1973

Johnson City Lodge No. 561

Affiliated May 21, 1996

Master 2000-2001

Secretary 2003-2005

Endowed 2000

Golden Trowel 2018

50 Year Service Award

Union Lodge No. 82

Charter Member 2020

Blanco Lodge No. 216

Endowed 2018

Ocean Lodge No. 230

Charter Member 2020

Phoenix Lodge No. 275

Live Oak Lodge No 304

Endowed 2014

San Marcos Lodge No. 342

Endowed 2011

Eureka Lodge No. 371

Rambo Lodge No. 426

Golden Trowel 2014

Endowed 2014

Sweet Home Lodge No. 576

Azle Lodge No. 601

Whitt Lodge No. 624

Buda Lodge No. 800

Mesquite Lodge No. 928

Emma Lodge No. 931

Park Place Lodge No. 1172

Endowed 2019

Oso Naval Lodge No. 1282

Endowed 2016

Secretary 2014

Richland Hills No. 1348

Endowed 2022

Sunset Lodge No. 1388

Endowed 2016

Wimberley Lodge No. 1445

Endowed 2019

Claud L. Austin Lodge No. 1450

Endowed 2020

Fort Worth Stock Show No. 1460

Texas Lodge of Research

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000

Grand Lodge of Texas

Grand Master 2020

Grand Lodge Library & Museum – Board of Directors, Treasurer 2023-2024

Masonic Home & School of Texas – Board of Directors 2011-2015, Vice President 2011-2013, Treasurer 2012-2015

District Deputy Grand Master, District 52 2008-2009

Masonic Home Graduates Advisory Committee – Member 2007-2014,

2015-2016, Chairman 2013-2014

Take Time to Read Committee – Member 2011-2014, Chairman 2013-2014

Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Connecticut 2018 - Present
Sam Houston Hall of Fame - \$5,000 Patron

Education

Masonic Home & School Graduate 1970

University of North Texas Graduate – BBA, Accounting – 1974

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor – Kambach Management Center 1982

Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC – 1983

Personal / Professional/ Civic

Masonic Home & School of Texas - Ward of Hillsboro Lodge No. 196

Resident Student 1962-1970

Masonic Home & School Graduate 1970

Masonic Home Ex-Students Association, President 2009, Vice-President 2008, Treasurer 2007

McCaulay Memorial Masonic Scholarship Fund

President – 2009, Vice-President 2008, Treasurer 2007

Shriners Hospital for Children/Houston - Board of Governors, 2011-2020, Emeritus Status

Bob Bullock – Comptroller of Public Accounts – Auditor/Director 1974-2005

Multistate Tax Commission – Director of Audit and Administration 1988-1991

Underwood Consulting/Auditing - Owner – 2005-2018

Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification - 2005

Family

Widowed – married to Rebecca Cumbie Underwood 50 years

Three adult children, ten grandchildren

Statements of Availability for Committee on Work



Douglas A. Brown

Reagan Lodge No.1037

Raised September 20, 2005

Worshipful Master 2010 - 2011

Secretary 2012 - 2015

Endowed Membership 2012

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000

Endowed Membership 2013

Gunsight Lodge No. 838

Charter Membership 2022

Grand Lodge of Texas

Class A Certificate 2009 - Present

District Deputy Grand Master District 30E 2016

District Instructor District 30E 2017 - Present

Retired in 2022

Chemical Plant and Refinery Piping Design Bechtel Corp, KBR, Dow Chemical and Jacobs Engineering

Family

Wife - Leonidas

Children – James, Alexandra

2 Grandsons

**Cody M. Cockroft****Morton Lodge No. 72**

Raised October 22, 2014

Worshipful Master 2017 – 2018

Secretary 2018 – Present

Endowed 2021

Golden Trowel 2022

Valley Lodge No. 175

Plural Member: May 11, 2019

Rosenberg Lodge No. 881

Plural Member July 19, 2016

Worshipful Master 2019-2020

Chaplain 2018-2019; 2021-Present

Endowed 2019

Sugar Land Lodge No. 1141

Plural Member: July 18, 2022

Senior Deacon: 2024 - Present

Texas Lodge of Research

Member

Editor of Occasional Bulletin 2023 - Present

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas

Class A Certificate in the Work: 2015 - Present

District Education Officer 2018

District Deputy Grand Master 2019

District Instructor 2020 – Present

District Deputy Grand Master at Large 2023

District Communications Officer 2024

Masonic Education & Service (Volunteer) 2019 - 2020 (Member)
2021 (Chairman) 2022, 2023

Special Assignments Committee 2022, 2023

Grand Master's Planning Team 2023

DDGM Training Team 2023

Grand Master Planning Team 2024

Virtual Treasurer's School (2022 – Present)

William M. Beck Award 2024

Master Wardens and Secretaries Association

District No. 108 Vice President 2018, President 2019

Education

High School Diploma: Burnet High School, Burnet, Texas 1994

Bachelor of Science Degree, Civil Engineering: Texas A&M
University 2000Master of Engineering, Engineering Management: University of
Texas at Austin 2006**Personal / Professional / Civic**Texas Masonic Charities Foundation Director 2021, 2nd Vice
President 2022, President: 2023 - PresentDeMolay International Imperial Chapter DAD – 2021 – Present
(charter advisor)Principal and Vice President of Freese & Nichols, Inc. – Houston,
Texas 2007 to Present

Professional Engineer licensed in Texas and Louisiana.

Morton Hall Preservation Society Charter Member 2017, Secretary
2017 – 2023, President 2023 – Present

City of Burnet Historical Commission 2005 – 2007

Kingsland Baptist Church Sunday School Teacher for 1st – 6th
grade children 2009 – Present Life Group Leader/mentor for 10th –

12th grade young men 2021 – Present

Youth Mission Leader (domestic and international)

Family

Wife - Kina

Children – Brendan, Quinlan, Kullen, Tristan, Ethan



David W. Matzas

C.F. Spencer Lodge No. 1384

Raised May 23, 2005

Worshipful Master 2009 - 2010

Treasurer 2011 - Present

Golden Trowel 2015

Anson Jones Lodge No. 1416

Plural Member – 2010

Lone Star Lodge No. 660

Plural Member - 2014

Grand Lodge of Texas

A Certificate 2007 - Present

District Deputy Grand Master 2021

District Instructor 2013 - Present

Education

Texas Tech University, Veterinary Medicine 1976 - 1979

Aviation Flight & Mechanical School 1979 - 1981

Private Pilots License 1979 - 1991

Personal / Professional / Civic

General Motors Fixed Advisory Board

General Motors Warehouse Council

Beck & Masten Buick GMC

Parts director 2004 - Present

Bill Heard Chevrolet 1999 - 2004

West Point Parts Center 1990 - 1999

Lions Club of Pearland

Rainbow Assembly Pearland Board Member

Family

Wife - LuAnn

Children - Sam, Curt, Amy, Steve

Grand Children - Andi, Jesse, Nikko, Kali, Ally

Son-in Law - Jesse

Daughter-in-Law - Traci

Statements of Availability for Masonic Home and School Board



John R. Clements

Greenville Lodge No. 335

Raised August 8, 1993

Secretary 2005 - 2006

Worshipful Master 1998 - 1999

Endowment Member 1998 -1999

Masters Wardens and Secretary's Association

District 8 President 2004 - 2005

Grand Lodge of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master 1999 - 2000

District Education Officer 1999

Grand Junior Stewart 2000 - 2001

2001 Planning Team

2002 Planning Team

2002 DDGM Training Team

2006 Planning Team

Masonic Membership Chairman 2001

Masonic Education and Service: 2004

Masonic Home and School Board of Trustees 2007 – Present

President of Masonic Home and School 2016 – Present

Personal/Professional / Civic

Bachelor's Degree Texas A&M Commerce 1988

Master of Education Texas A&M Commerce 2002

Public Education Teacher of Mathematics, and Administrator

Retired from Public Education

City of Diboll Zoning and Planning Commission Member

Diboll United Methodist Church, Diboll, Texas

Statements of Availability for Masonic Home and School Board



Gregory M. Wright

Fort Worth Lodge No 148

Raised August 2014

Worshipful Master 2017

Endowed Member 2016

Masters', Wardens' & Secretaries' Association - Masonic

District 64

President 2020

Vice President 2019

Secretary/treasurer 2017-18

Grand Lodge of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master

2020 Masonic District No 64A

Grand Photographer 2022

Texas Masonic History Committee 2022-present

Memorials Committee 2021

Grand Ambassador Gand Lodge of Baja California, MX- 2022 to present

Education

Bachelor of Business Administration

Finance / Accounting

University of North Texas - 2004

Personal / Professional /Civic

Engle Martin Insurance Adjusters -Executive General Adjuster

Board of Directors New Horizons Home for Children 2022-present

Board of Directors Education Without Borders 2006-2016

University of North Texas Real Estate Alumni Board of Directors

2010-2014

Family

Wife - Angela Wright

Children - Madelyn, Amelia, Ana, Austin

Statements of Availability for Library and Museum Board



Corey M. Harris

Arlington Lodge No. 438

Raised 5/31/2012.

Worshipful Master 2017-2018

Sweet Home Lodge No. 576

Member 2015

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000

Member 2017

Texas Lodge of Research

Full Member 2020

Hillcrest Lodge No. 1318

Member 2020

Grand Lodge of Texas

District Deputy Grand Master 64-D -2021

Grand Tiler – 2022

Grand Master Planning Team 2021

Grand Master Planning Team 2022

Grand Representative MW GL of Prince Hall Masons 2022

District Communications Officer 64-D – 2018

Sam Houston Hall of Fame Full Member – 2018

Esoteric “Class A” Certificate 2019 - Present

Texas History Committee – Vice Chair – 2021

Real Estate Committee – Chairman – 2022

Education

University of Texas at Arlington

Bachelor of Science – Philosophy – 2011

Personal / Professional/ Civic

Dream City Realty - Realtor, Associate Broker

Arlington Board of Realtors -Secretary Treasurer 2023

Arlington Board of Realtors – President Elect 2024

Arlington Board of Realtors - Realtor of the Year -2022

Texas Association Realtors - Texas Real Estate Political Action

Committee - State Regional Trustee for (Region 3 – Johnson and Tarrant Counties)

Greater Arlington Lions Club

Member 2011-Present, President 2016, Treasurer 2015-Present.

Citizens Environmental committee City of Arlington (Council appointment) - 2021- Present

Arlington Mayor Jim Ross’s Real Estate Advisory Council (Mayor appointed) - 2021 - Present.

Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce

Family

Wife- Christina Harris

Children- Luke, Lizzy, Zander

