

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.  
JANUARY 7, 2007**

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on January 7, 2007, by the Chairman, Brother Jerry L. Martin PGP. He welcomed all present.

The invocation was led by Brother Henry Martin, PGP.

The following introductions were made by Sister Janice Herridge.

Brother John Creel, Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brother Fred W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sisters Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Alma Lynn Bane, Visionquest and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Past Grand Matron of Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sister Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Past Grand Matron:

Sister Doris Hester

Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

Brother Harry G. Cunningham and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas;

Brothers Leland G. Benefield, Billy Cornbest, Kenneth Gregory, Henry Martin,

Lee Stallings, Jack Guy, Jerry L. Martin and Nelson Campbell.

Sister Phyllis Macon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, International Grand Representatives Association.

Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Master of Texas and his wife, Sister Marlene Dibrell,

Supreme Deputy of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards:

Joyce Gilbert, Associate Grand Matron

Jerry Trees, Associate Grand Patron

Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary

Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer.

Board of Directors:

Jayne Yenger, Vice Chairman, District 3

Gary Steel, District 1

Kathy Teele, District 5.

Board of Grand Examiners:

Annette Curry, District 3

Jerre Lucas, District 5.

Grand Representatives were introduced as follows:

Georgia Campbell, Australia; Sheila Nowell, Bolivia; Glenda Hitt, Georgia;

Jean Thomas, Manitoba; Jimmie Williams, Montana; Betty Fogarty, Puerto Rico;

and Ken Morford, South Carolina.

The Duputies, Grand Chapter Committees and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron were recognized.

Susie Broughton, 1st Lady of Texas, Wife of the Worshipful Grand Master, was introduced.

Brother Jerry Martin read regrets from Sisters Wanda Fairchild, Sharon Fentress and Karen Morgenthaler. Jimmie Lee McMahan also sent her regrets. He reported the Worthy Grand Matron was unable to be with us due to two deaths in her family.

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**Bro. John Creel** stated it **was** an honor for him to attend and **stated anytime he could** be of **assistance**, he would be glad to do **so**.

Sister Rennie **Ofton** recognized the **officers** and **stated they have** outdone themselves. She is sure **that** we will match or be **better** than any other General Grand Chapter **session**. She is **Texas Proud** and **gave** them a **great** big thank you. Our members **have** blessed her life. She acknowledged Phyllis **Macon** and commended her for a job well done. She closed by **saying**: "God has put me **here** and I'm going to give **Him** my **very** best.

Brother Fred Clarke stated it was good to be in **Texas** and he is enjoying the **fellowship**. He stated the subordinate chapters are the base of the pyramid and he and Rennie need us. He introduced his wife, Margaret.

Sister Eva G. Hicks, **Secretary-Treasurer**, read the **minutes** of the **February 6, 2006, Annual Meeting** and they **were** approved as read.

**Brother Jerry Martin** announced that **Joe White**, our auditor, **was** unable to be with us today. He introduced Sister Mary Ruth **White** and stated **she** has assisted us with **our tax** returns and other **important matters**, and **thanked** her for her assistance with these matters. Eva read the auditor's report and **moved** we adopt **the** report, seconded by Henry Martin and all voted to accept the report.

Brother Lee Stallings, Chairman of Finance Committee, **stated** that all **assets are** managed by the Board of Directors and **all** are **FDIC** insured. He stated **that** we are **well** positioned to take advantage of any change in the current rate environment as **our** CD's mature in **from 12 months to seven years**. He **commended** the Board and **in particular** Eva **Hicks** for their oversight of the financial affairs of Texas Cardinals. We have met the original goal of \$250,000 but should continue to grow **our assets** by **dues** and the sale of merchandise to insulate **us against any** unforeseen occurrences. He **moved to adopt his** report, **seconded** by John Creel, and **it was accepted**.

Sister Janell Trees, Membership **Secretary**, gave the following report: **128 deceased**, 70 Group memberships, 1,194 individual memberships, 513 **sustaining** memberships, 1 demised, 4 consolidated, 583 inactive members- Total 2,133. **27 out** of state, **2 out** of country. **She** moved to adopt the **report**, seconded by Henry Martin. Motion carried.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw, Merchandise Chairman, **was** invited to give her report. She expressed her appreciation to all who helped her in transferring items over the state and in and out of buildings. A **special thanks** to all those who sold merchandise **and** purchased **it**. She stated being involved in this area has been an interesting and **wonderful** experience. However, **due to other** duties, she **is** unable to **continue**. She **stated she would** continue to help but **not** as **chairman**. She **moved** the adoption of **her** report, seconded by Henry Martin and motion carried. She **was** given a **standing vote** of appreciation for a **job well done**.

Jerry **Martin** stated that the Board is appointing Sharon Mosmeyer as Merchandise **Chairman** and asked **the concurrence** of the membership, Seconded by Rennie **Ofton** and the membership endorsed her **appointment**.

The following Liaison **Director's** reports **were** given:

**District 1:** Phyllis Macon stated they had sold \$1,600 worth of merchandise for the District One **schools**. One thousand pen **holders** were **taken to Minnesota** and Betty **Friend** passed **them out**. Phyllis still has 4,000 pen holders.

**District 2:** **was not** present.

**District 3:** Jayne **Yenger** gave her report. She enlisted representatives in each **section** to **help** and together they sold \$3,232 worth of merchandise.

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District 4: Georgia Campbell reported selling \$6,105.00 worth of merchandise from February to November in her district. She thanked Henry Martin for appointing her, Willie Mae Shaw for getting the merchandise and Eva Hicks and Doris Hester for their help.

District 5: Jean Thomas anticipates good **sales** at their upcoming schools. They have already sold \$2,000 and Doris Hester \$2,600 worth of merchandise. She moved the adoption of all the Liaison **Chairmen's** reports, seconded by Henry Martin **and** motion carried.

The following Membership **Chairmen's** reports were given:

District 1: Billy **Combest** suggested clarification of membership regarding a chapter **and** individual.

District 2: No report.

District 3: Yvonne **Brownfield** was unable to be present but sent her report to Eva. She suggested we place a notice in the bulletin reminding our members of our commitment to this **group**.

Total membership in District 3,238.

District 4: Patricia Stallings reported 503 members in District 4 as of 12-31-06. 75 chapters in District 4 are **members**.

District 5: Doris Hester **thanked** everyone for their help while she was inactive. She moved the adoption of all the reports of the Membership **Chairmen**. Seconded by **Henry** Martin **and** motion carried.

The **webmaster's** report was **given** by Gay Carnes. She encouraged **everyone** to look at our **website** and thanked Janice Herridge for her pictures, She **moved** to adopt her report, seconded by Alma Lynn Bane. All voted to accept it.

Betty Friend, Social Chairman for the "**Hands Across the Border Banquet**" at General Grand Chapter, reported it was a **huge** success. Two hundred six tickets **were** sold. Ticket **Chairman**, Jack Friend, did a great job and all payments have **been** made. She moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Henry Martin and motion carried.

Phyllis Macon gave the International Grand Representatives Association information. There are 3,500 people **who** are current or past grand representatives who pay dues. Approximately 1,500 attended the luncheon in Minnesota and the officers from Texas and Nova Scotia will put **on** a luncheon at **General** Grand Chapter in Fort Worth. They will have a pin to support the luncheon. She thanked everyone for their help in the past and the future.

The General Grand Chapter Executive **Committee** report was given by Chairman Henry Martin. He stated we reached our goal of \$250,000 in six years. We are close to the reality when Rennie and Fred will become Most Worthy Grand Matron **and** Most Worthy Grand Patron. .

Bro. Henry interrupted his message by saying someone here has a birthday and a cake was brought in by Janice **Herridge** for **Phyllis** Macon. Everyone **sang** Happy Birthday **and** it was taken to the dining room for everyone to enjoy. Carrol Macon presented Phyllis with several birthday cards.

Henry stated he **was** excited about the installation in 2009. The Oklahoma members invited us to Tulsa to see the convention center **and** hotels. They are building a new sports arena and we are not sure what facilities we will be using, Reba **Fox**, the Decorations **Chairman**, is working on a decorating theme. We are organizing ourselves in six divisions and within each, three to six sub committees, and we are attempting to staff them. Henry **has** also visited the convention center in Fort Worth and met with the **people** there.

There will be three social functions with 2,000 plus people attending which is too large a crowd for a banquet hall so they will need to be held in exhibit halls. The original cost for the convention center was \$52,000 to rent for nine days. However, after negotiating, the price is \$29,150, **saving** us quite a bit of money. **One-half** of the payment is due on March 15,2007.

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General Grand Chapter will provide some money but it **is** uncertain how **much** or when the money will come. General Grand Chapter will restrict the **funds** and we will need to prove justification. We can pay **up front and wait** for their reimbursement.

It is possible we **will** have several events in hotels and outside the convention center area. He is looking at hosting an event at the **stockyard** at Billy Bob's to introduce everyone to the Old West by showing **them** the largest honky-tonk **in** Texas. Some events may be held **in cultural areas** such as the museum district.

**Henry** Martin stated that there is a lot of work to be done and he has set up divisions for the different categories of work which will be headed by a Chairman and Co-Chairman who will report to him. He announced the appointment of the following divisions:

1<sup>st</sup> Division- Set-up- **Chairman- Reba Fox, Co-Chairman- Susie Broughton**

2<sup>nd</sup> Division- Operational- **Chairman- Jerry Trees, Co-Chairman- Nelson Campbell**

3<sup>rd</sup> Division- Finance- **Chairman- Lee Stallings, Co-Chairman- Eva G. Hicks**

Sub-committee: Mary Ruth White **Audit Committee: Edwin Pickett, Joe White**

4<sup>th</sup> Division- Housing and Transportation- **Chairman, Alma Lynn Bane.**

**Henry** stated that Oklahoma was not far **away** so transportation was not **an** obstacle. With General Grand Chapter being in the middle of the country **and** a mild climate, we are expecting a large crowd which puts more **emphasis** on us to plan well.

The original contracts were signed but have been changed because the date changed from the second **week** to the first **week** in November 2012. He was able to get the convention center **and** to get the **contracts** changed. He also changed the contracts with the surrounding hotels. To date he has not negotiated with the new hotel, the Omni, who will be the caterer for the **convention** center.

They are trying to get local hotels to minimize transportation. In the case of outer events, we would rent **and** provide buses. He is working closely with the Chairman and co-chairman **from** Nova Scotia and they expressed a willingness to work with us as much as possible.

**Henry** moved the adoption of his report, seconded by John Creel. Motion carried.

**Henry** made a motion that the Texas Cardinals be **allowed** to pay those expenses for General Grand Chapter for **the** installation **and** **Session** in 2012 that may **come** due now through the Annual Meeting **next** year, seconded by **Betty** Friend. The motion passed.

**Jerry** Martin stated that the Directors and **Officers** Insurance will expire shortly. **Janice Herridge** moved that the Texas Cardinals renew **and** pay **annually** the Directors and Officers insurance through 2013 **after** the **close** of General **Grand** Chapter, seconded by Betty Friend and motion passed.

**Kenneth** Gregory made a motion to ratify the prior actions of the **officers** and directors of the Texas Cardinals, seconded by **Rennie** Ofton. All **voted** and **the** motion passed.

**Lee** Stallings moved that we retain the elected officers **and** directors for the rest of this term and another term. The motion **was** seconded by **Rennie** Ofton and the motion passed.

**Jerry** Martin stated how **much** he appreciated everyone for **their** help and support.

Sister **Rennie** thanked all the officers and directors and had them stand so the membership could see who they **were**. She thanked the Worthy Grand Patron for being there. She stated she **and** **Fred** thanked everyone for their support. **Fred** stood and thanked everyone **as** well.

**Jerry** **Martin** wished everyone safe travels home.

The benediction **was** led by Brother **Kenneth** **Gregory**. The meeting closed at 3:28 p.m.

Signed: *Eva G. Hicks*  
Eva G. Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer