

TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2-5-06

The **Annual** Meeting of Texas Cardinals, Inc., was held at the Eastern Star Temple in Waco, Texas, on **February 5**, 2006. One hundred fifty-seven attended.

Brother Henry Martin, **Chairman**, opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Brother Henry extended **a warm** welcome to **everyone** in attendance. He stated the meeting started a little earlier than the time scheduled but he would not **handle** any business until after the 2:00 p.m. scheduled starting time.

Sister Diana **Davidson** thanked everyone **from McLennan & Waco** area Chapters for preparing the lunch. She presented Fred and Margaret Clarke with a flashlight and a cowboy so they would remember their trip to Waco, Texas. Sister Diane also presented Sister Rennie **Ofton** with a love gift for the Texas Cardinals from the Chapter and luncheon.

Brother Henry Martin thanked the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Nancy Brown, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Nelson Campbell, for being at the meeting **during** their busy school schedule. He again welcomed everyone and thanked them for being there. He asked if the Worthy Grand Matron would **like** to bring greetings.

Sister Nancy Brown welcomed us and stated that she **was** looking forward to the meeting.

Brother Kenneth Gregory, PGP, **led** the invocation

Brother Henry asked if the Worthy Grand Patron would like to bring greetings. He began by thanking everyone and told us a "politician" joke.

Brother Henry invited Sister Janice **Herridge** to bring the introductions. The following were introduced and given a **hearty** welcome:

Sister Nancy Brown, Worthy Grand Matron

Brother Nelson Campbell, Worthy Grand Patron

Sister **Rennie Ofton**, Rt. Worthy Grand Conductress, GGC, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy **Grand** Sentinel, GGC, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a **Past** Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Brothers Billy **Combest**, Knights **Templar** Eye Foundation and Henry S. Martin, Visioneer for Texas.

Past Grand Matrons, Other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont,

Past Grand Matrons of Texas:

Sister Wanda **Fairchild**, Yvonne **Brownfield**, Alma Lynn Bane, Betty Y. Friend, **Jimmie Lee McMahon**, and Doris Hester;

Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

Brothers Kenneth Gregory, Duane "Buddy" Baker, Jack Guy and **Jerry** Martin;

Installed Grand **Officers** of Texas: John Creel, Associate Grand Patron; Joyce **Gilbert**, Grand Conductress; Joyce **Nicklas**, Associate Grand Conductress; Georgia **Campbell**, Grand

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Esther; and Georgia Orr, Grand Martha,

Board of Directors:

**Raul Garcia, Chairman**, and Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and **Central America**; Jayne **Yenger**, Secretary; Gary Steele, District 1, and Diane Davidson, District 3;

Board of Grand Examiners:

**Bess Caldwell**, District 2; **Annette Curry**, District 3; and **Jerre Lucas**, District 5;

Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most **Worthy** Grand Matron in Mexico, **GGC**

**Phyllis Macon**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of International Grand Representatives Association  
She will be President during **Rennie's** term.

Grand Representatives:

Marjorie **Errington** Haynes, Connecticut; Jerry Trees, Idaho; Jean Thomas, Manitoba;  
Sue Shoemaker, Montana; Betty Martin, New **Brunswick**; Eva G. Hicks, New Hampshire;  
**Karl Drescher**, Sr., Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; I.H. "Skip" Smith, Ohio;  
Freida **Dillon**, Saskatchewan; and Linda Guy, **Vermont**.

Deputies of **Grand** Chapter were asked to stand and were welcomed.

Grand Chapter **Committees** and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron were asked to be recognized by waving from their seats.

Brother Henry asked **Rennie** for her comments. She stated she **was** overwhelmed **and** excited and very appreciative of **the** support for the Cardinals. She was glad the meeting was in **the** middle of the state so many could attend and she is "Texas Proud". There will be 4,000-5,000 people that will attend General Grand Chapter and she **is** sure we will have one of the best General Grand Chapter assemblies. She thanked **Henry**, Kenneth, **Alma** Lynn and Eva for their hard work and told them how much she appreciated their support. She also thanked **Janell** who is in charge of the membership. Rennie also thanked everyone, with a "grateful heart" who has helped in the past and will help in the future.

Henry thanked Fred and Margaret for being here, and asked if Fred would like to speak.

Brother Fred Clarke spoke about the great pleasure he has experienced being in this great Jurisdiction of Texas. He would like to invite us all to Nova Scotia, but not in the winter.

**An** announcement was made that Paul Pike was in the emergency room last night because of all his hard work putting together this meeting today. He over-worked himself.

The **Secretary** read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

In the absence of Brother Joe White, **Chairman** of the Audit Committee, the **Secretary** read the audit report dated 12-6-05. The books were examined by Joe White for the period of 11-1-04 to 10-31-05 and all bank balances were reconciled and all records were in agreement. It was stated in the report that Sister Eva Hicks should be commended for the excellent work she has done. The Secretary moved that we accept the Audit report, seconded by Yvonne **Brownfield**, and motion carried.

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Henry stated that this meeting is our shareholders' meeting and required through our Articles of Incorporation. Lee Stallings is our Financial Coordinator and was **not** able to be here today as he is **working** in Los Angeles. He sent his report for the Secretary to read. Eva read the report. Lee summarized his report **by** saying the Texas Cardinals, **Inc.**, is positioned to exceed its \$250,000.00 goal by **2012**. The variables that may **effect** the achievement of **this** goal are the same as in the past, the economy, direction of interest rates, receipt of dues and sale of merchandise.

Henry stated that it **was** a good report and reminded us that this **year** in Minneapolis will be our last **opportunity** to watch an installation before we have to do one ourselves. Henry asked Alma Lynn to discuss General Grand Chapter.

Sister **Alma** Lynn Bane stated it has been a challenge to get all the information out to everyone interested in going to General Grand Chapter **this** year. She stated she needs the names of everyone who intends to attend and we will need lots of manpower to do and watch. She has put together a master spreadsheet and needs the **form** filled out and please **make** sure it gets to Alma so she can compile the list. This list was needed in order to negotiate the best room rate as the more people that go, the better the rate. The Texas delegation has been assigned to the **Hyatt** Regency and as information becomes available, it will be published on the **website**. American Airlines has a discount code of 5% discount off published fares other than Class **O** or **Q**. You can make your reservations through the **website** of American Airlines which is **AA.com**. Alma Lynn also stated that everyone must reserve their own room; however, she will take care of **Rennie's** and Fred's rooms as **well** as their Pages and Drivers and the Hospitality Room. To reserve your room, go on-line, print your **form**, fill it out and mail it in to the Housing Committee. Alma Carter is on registration, go on the **website**, print your pre-registration form, fill it out and mail with a check. You must register on your own. Alma discussed the events of General Grand Chapter, shuttle service and mentioned that there will be tours available. All the information is listed on the **website** [www.2006Triennium.org](http://www.2006Triennium.org). Alma is **also** in the process of getting the Texas and Nova **Scotia/Prince** Edward Island Hospitality suite. If we need to pay for the hospitality suite, she will let us **know**.

Brother Henry stated that there would be a joint social event with Texas and Nova **Scotia**. Betty Friend is putting it together. The details **will** be announced later.

Rennie talked about the Tulsa General Grand Chapter coming up. She said that Sister Barbara **Benton** has been kind to help us and show us how things will happen and will keep us posted on the new convention center. The facility will be great.

Reba Fox is in charge of the decorations. She asked for volunteers for the committee called "**Reba's** Roustabouts". They will be having meetings to get all the details worked out. It will be a garden scene with the backdrop and a schooner. There **will** be a cottage, water-falls, lots of greenery, columns, platforms, stages and all will be pre-decorated, ready to roll out into place. She will be ready with the presentation at General Grand Chapter.

Henry spoke about General Grand Chapter 2012 in **Fort** Worth, Texas. He stated that the town was working with us and that a contract had already been signed with the convention center and with some hotels in and around the area. A new convention center

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and hotel is to be opened in 2008, directly across the street with 600 rooms. We can have 480 rooms, which would give us more hotel space close to the convention center- We will revise the contract with the hotels and focus on ones close to the convention center with a maximum of 3 blocks away. The dates are November 1-9, 2012. He reminded us that this event would be at least twice as large as our grand chapter and the people all over the world would attend.

Willie Mae Shaw gave the following merchandise report. The fund is steadily increasing and they are getting new merchandise to sell. The new "TEXAS" rhinestone pin and Rennie's new hand-in-hand pins have been selling well. The OES pin is new and we are almost out of it now. However, they are getting a new vendor to order more. The starburst ribbon hanger pin and the shawls with the redbird are also selling well. The committee is examining new merchandise for the future and we encourage anyone with ideas and details about new merchandise to talk with us. She thanked everyone for purchasing the merchandise. She stated we originally decided on a blue blouse, but now have changed to a white blouse or red blouse

Margaret Clarke brought greetings from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia. Their Grand Chapter will be on Prince Edward Island this year. She stated that the dollar goal they had set has almost been reached. She also stated that they have a competent banker who has kept reports of the merchandise sales, donations and other monies received. She talked about the uniform, which is the sash and tie for men and the black jacket, white shirt, and plaid skirt with the tartan for women.

Janel Trees gave the membership report. There are 2,282 entries, which are single line items. There were 1,392 notices mailed in December, which combined husbands and wives and grouped family names, saving money on postage. She reminded everyone to let us know of any address changes. A phone call or a note would be appreciated. She also reminded everyone that they could pay the membership ahead and we would get interest on the money.

The Chairman called for reports from the Liaison Directors:

Phyllis Macon, District 1, stated they had a table selling merchandise at every school and it was very successful. With regard to the nail file holders to be handed out at General Grand Chapter, she reported she has received 1,600, 200 today, and she encouraged members to work on these. They are needed by August or September.

The Liaison Director of District 2 was not there.

Jayne Yenger, District 3, thanked Henry for his suggestion to get members to help sell the merchandise. She stated that at the school yesterday they sold almost \$800 with 3 helpers

Gay Carnes, District 5, said Doris Hester sold \$6,795.00 in merchandise and over \$700.00 in memberships and deserved a special recognition. They are also working on a fundraiser.

The following District Membership Chairmen gave reports:

Billy **Combest**, District 1, sent letters to every chapter.

Betty **Benham**, District 2, was not present.

Yvonne **Brownfield**, District 3, has 126 members, 90 **sustaining**, and letters were mailed to all chapters. She suggested some type of incentive for those who sell memberships.

Pat **Stallings**, District 4, is in Los **Angeles** and sent a report for the secretary to read. She has a total membership of 478.

Betty Friend, District 5, has a total of 610 members.

The Chairman stated we need a webmaster and he appointed Gay **Carnes** as webmaster. All those in favor of accepting her raised their hands. Everyone agreed

Alma **Lynn** Bane made a motion that we change our **website** to one we will own ourselves to [www.texascardinals.org](http://www.texascardinals.org). Doris Hester seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The Board of the Grand Chapter of Texas voted to **allow** us to use the same server they are using.

Sister Rennie **Ofton** presented the appointment of the General Grand Chapter executive committee: General **Chairman**- Henry S. Martin, General Co-Chairman, Kenneth Gregory, **and** Secretary to Executive Committee, Janice Herridge. Kenneth Gregory made a motion that we accept the appointments, seconded by Alma Lynn Bane and motion passed.

**Kenneth** Gregory made a motion to ratify past actions as follows: " On **behalf** of the members of the Texas Cardinals, Inc., I move that all activities of the Officers and **Directors** of the Corporation taken since the last annual meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc., be ratified and approved", Seconded by Alma Lynn Bane and the motion passed.

**Alma Lynn** Bane read a Resolution to Amend the By-Laws and moved its adoption, seconded by Kenneth **Gregory**. **Alma Lynn** stated there was a new law that **affects** the **handling** of money of organizations. She stated that the way we spend our money is going to be closely looked at. We must have a complete paper trail of all money received and **spent**. Henry reported that the officers will be covered by special insurance being taken out to cover the officers. A vote **was** taken and the motion passed. The bylaws are amended.

Brother Henry Martin stated that he has served since 2000 and had joy in serving. **However**, as we are now moving toward installation and with the additional duties, he needed to relinquish the position as Chairman. He moved from the chair to nominate Brother Jerry Martin as Chairman, seconded by **Jimmie Lee McMahon**. A vote was taken and Jerry Martin was elected Chairman. Jerry was asked if he **would** accept. **He** stated he would accept and especially wanted to thank Henry and Rennie for their confidence and trust.

Henry held the election of additional officers and stated: **Gail** Smith, Liaison Director of District 4, needs to step aside and relinquish her duties. The Board met and they would **like** to recommend Georgia Campbell as Liaison Director of District 4. The **Chairman** asked all in favor to raise their hands, All agreed, and she was elected. Georgia was asked if she would accept and she agreed to accept the responsibility.

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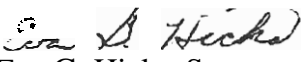
Henry stated that Gay **Carnes** was appointed our webmaster and felt she needed to step down as the Liaison Director for District 5 in order to give more time to the duties of the webmaster. The Board met and they would like to **recommend** Jean Thomas for Liaison Director of District 5. Henry asked all in favor to raise their hands and the recommendation passed. Jean Thomas accepted it.

Our Chairman also stated that **Betty** Friend has now accepted to chair the Social **Chairman** for the upcoming General Grand Chapter and has resigned as Membership **Chairman** for District 5. The Board recommends that Doris Hester replace her. All in favor raised their hands and the recommendation passed. Doris accepted.

The meeting was turned over to the new Chairman, Jerry Martin. Jerry stated it was a privilege to serve and thanked everyone for their confidence. Jerry asked Henry to stand and all gave him a round of applause for all his hard work. Jerry also stated we are well on our way to achieve our goals but no one knows the **future**. We will continue in Henry's tradition of excellence.

The **Chairman** invited Sister **Rennie** to speak in closing. Rennie thanked everyone again and stated her title belongs to Texas and for the good of Texas. It is a team effort and we are a great team. She thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for being here today and **allowing** our merchandise to be sold at the schools. She welcomed the new officers and thanked everyone for coming.

The Chairman invited Brother Billy Combest to give the benediction and the meeting was over at 4:05 p.m.

  
Eva G. Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer