

**TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 11, 2009**

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. was held Sunday, January 11, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Alzafar Shrine Center, San Antonio, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Brother Jerry Martin, President, who extended a warm and cheerful welcome.

The Invocation was delivered by Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Sister Janice Herridge made the Introductions in an efficient and pleasant manner. They were:

Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas and  
Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island. Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island, and Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Effie Mae, Davis, Wanda Fairchild, Sharon Fentress and Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matrons of Texas. Order of the Eastern Star.

Brothers Leland Benefield, Kenneth Gregory, Henry Martin, Ed Warner, Jack Guy, Jerry Martin, Nelson Campbell and Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Clela Todd, Special One and widow of Brother Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, General Grand Chapter, and Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Section 7, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, General Grand Chapter.

Sisters Kathy Teele, Board of Directors, Dist 5, and Brenda Smith Costello, Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, Grand Chapter of Texas.

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas were recognized.

Three Deputy Grand Matrons were recognized.

Sister Phyllis Macon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the International Grand Representatives, General Grand Chapter, was introduced.

Sister Rennie Ofton brought greetings. She told us Fred and Margaret Clarke are here and the three are working diligently to make plans and finalize things for General Grand Chapter. She said there is not as much to do to get ready for General Grand; however, distance makes it a real challenge. The Executive Committee continues working and the Cardinal Crew is now online and working. General Grand Chapter is moving along and the current is winding down. We now have 60 jurisdictions and 100 subordinate chapter with 600,000 members. We need to make things happen to increase our membership. Sister Rennie and Brother Fred are going to work together to have fun and a good time and they need all of us behind them.

Brother Fred Clarke brought greetings and said it was good to be in the warm sunny south. He said it is always a pleasure to be here. He offered congratulations to the Grand Chapter of Texas for all of the work they have done and for the money they have raised. He told us we would progress because all of us are behind them. He reminded us that if it is to be, it is up to me.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available due to the illness of our Secretary, Sister Eva Hicks. She is in the hospital at the present time. The minutes of the last meeting and the present time will be posted on the web site. They will be approved at the next meeting.

The Financial Report prepared by Brother Lee Stallings was read by the Secretary Pro Tem. A summary of the report is as follows: "Texas Cardinals, Inc. has done an outstanding job of raising funds and managing its assets. The goal of raising \$250,000 was met six years in advance of target. While the group's first financial target has been achieved, fund raising efforts should remain constant to guard against any unforeseen occurrences. The variables that may affect that may affect the achievement of the projected balances through 2012 remain the same as in the past, the economy and direction of interest rates." Janell Trees moved and Henry Martin seconded the motion to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Audit report is very favorable. The return for the Internal Revenue Service has been completed and approved. Joe and Mary Ruth White have done an excellent job.

The Membership Report was given by Janell Trees, Membership Secretary. She reported that membership continues to grow and gave the following statistics: Sustaining Memberships—547; Individual Memberships—759; Group Memberships—26; Deceased—166; Demits from the Order—12; Individuals or Groups Choosing not to Renew—544; for a total of 2,054 entries in the Texas Cardinals Data Base.

The District 4 Membership Report was prepared by Sister Pat Stallings. As of December 31, there are 347 Individual Memberships; 119 Sustaining Memberships; 22 Group Memberships; with one Demits and 42 Deceased Members. There has been an increase of 8 new memberships.

Sister Betty Friend, Eastern Journal Committee, General Grand Chapter reported that Texas has many subscriptions and she encouraged anyone not having a subscription to see her after the meeting. She reported that Texas has had many articles in the Journal this triennium.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Merchandise Chairman, was not present due to the School Schedule and her being a District Deputy Grand Matron. We are not increasing merchandise on hand at this time. We are maintaining enough to meet current expenses such as insurance, deposits to be paid for 2012. We are NOT looking for new merchandise to be sold, we will only acquire that we know will be sold and that which is needed to provide for expenses. The following sales reports were given from the various Districts: District 1, Sister Phyllis Macon, over \$2,000; District 4, Sister Georgia Campbell with Brother Sunny Wise assisting, \$1,258, with six schools left; District 5, Jean Thomas, \$3,020. Sister Jean Thomas moved and Brother Henry Martin seconded the motion to accept the reports of the Merchandise Liaison Committee. Motion carried.

Sister Gay Carnes, Webmaster, reported she is posting everything on the Web for upcoming events and for the triennial session. The web address is [www.txcardinals.org](http://www.txcardinals.org). Everything you ever wanted to know is on the web page.

Sister Phyllis Macon, First Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association reported she is working on officers and committee and the Grand Representatives luncheon for 2,000 people. We will be assisting the people in Tulsa set up for their luncheon.

Brother Henry Martin, Executive Chairman, reported on the work he has been doing to get us ready to go to Tulsa. The Texas and Nova Scotia with New Brunswick and Sister Rennie's and Brother Fred's committee members will be staying at the Tulsa-Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. There is an adequate number of rooms. Brother Jerry Trees and Sister Sharon Fentress will be working on housing for Texas. He requested that we wait until we see the notice in the Official Bulletin before making reservations.

People were asking when we need to go to Tulsa. When you go depends on what you would like to attend. There are different activities everyday of the week. Our Texas-Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island Jurisdictional Banquet is Monday evening. Thursday will be the business meeting with the Installation that evening. Immediately at the close of the session, Trey Smith, decorations chairman, will begin setting up. All who would like to help are more than welcome. We have a Volunteer Resource Committee who want to help and be available when needed.

During the Thursday session, Texas will extend the invitation to have the General Grand Chapter Session in 2012 in Fort Worth. Everyone from Texas is invited to participate. Please bring a cowboy hat.

Tulsa is the first priority; however, work has already begun in Fort Worth. The hotels have been contracted. Work is being done on parking, bus service, courtesy cars, facilities for banquets and many other details.

We are looking into the possibility of having busses go from various parts of the state to Tulsa. The details have not been completed.

Bess Caldwell's Worthy Grand Matron's trip is to Tulsa for General Grand Chapter.

The membership was reminded that Alma Lynn Bane is a candidate for Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Her pins are available.

Brother Jerry Trees moved and Janice Herridge seconded the motion to ratify the actions and decisions of the Board of Directors for January 2008 to January 2009. Motion carried.

Sister Sharon Fentress moved and Janice Herridge seconded the motion that the Officers and Directors of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. be retained for another term. Motion carried.

Sister Rennie and Brother Fred greeted everyone present. They told how thrilled they are to be approaching the time when all the dreams and plans will become a reality.

Sister Rennie introduced the Texas appointments: Betty Friend, Social Chairman; Jerry Trees, Chairman, and Sharon Fentress, Co-Chairman Housing; Ed Warner, ESTARL; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain (Vermont but we claim her); Lea Legg, Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron; Sylvia Garcia and Raul Garcia, Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron; Wanda Fairchild, Membership Chairman; Leland Benefield, Unfinished Business; Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration; Henry Martin, Executive Chairman; Kenneth Gregory, Co-Chairman; Jerry Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii. She also introduced the members of the Cardinal Crew who are Georgia Campbell, Karl Drescher, Sr., Janice Herridge, Betty Martin, Opal Martin, Jane Robison, Willie Mae Shaw, Clea Todd, and Janell Trees. There are other members of the Cardinal Crew who were not present.

Texas and Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island have made the expenses of the session because we are a TEAM. Brother Fred introduced Sister Margaret Clarke who will serve as Right Worthy Grand Esther. He shared with us that the Nova Scotia sailors are ready to get their oars in the water and head to Oklahoma.

The Benediction was voiced by Brother Buddy Baker. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Janell Trees, Secretary Pro Tem