

TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2-27-05

The Annual Meeting of Texas Cardinals, Inc., was held at Harlandale Masonic Lodge in San Antonio on February 27, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. Ninety-six attended.

Bro. Henry Martin, Chairman, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. extending a warm welcome to all present. Warren Huckabee led the invocation.

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

Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, and Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, General Grand Chapter.

General Grand Chapter Committee members:

Lee Stallings, Chairman, Visioneers, and Past Grand Patron,  
Henry Martin, Visioneer for Texas and Past Grand Patron

Past Grand Matrons, Other Jurisdictions:

Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and  
Elizabeth Bordeau, Vermont.

Past Grand Matrons of Texas:

Effie Mae Davis, Alma Lynn Bane and Doris Hester.

Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Harry Cunningham, Kenneth Gregory and Jack Guy.

And Sister Bobbe Chamberlin, widow of Past Grand Patron, Oliver Chamberlin, the founder of our organization.

Installed Grand Officer of Texas:

Joyce Gilbert, Associate Grand Conductress;

And Elected Boards:

Board of Directors:

Raul Garcia, Vice Chairman, And Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, General Grand Chapter; and

Jayne Yenger, District III;

Board of Grand Examiners:

Jerre Lucas, District 5.

Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, General Grand Chapter.

Grand Representatives:

Evelyn Tolbert, Colorado; Jean Thomas, Manitoba; Eva G. Hicks, New Hampshire,

Karl Drescher, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Skip Smith, Ohio; Warren Huckabee,

Pennsylvania; Linda Guy, Vermont; Linda Carney, Wisconsin; Kathy Teele, British Columbia;

and Drew Terry, North Carolina.

Henry thanked Janice for a job well done.

Henry invited Sister Rennie Ofton to bring comments. She expressed her gratitude for all present and to everyone for their help and support. Sister Rennie acknowledged Bro. Fred Clarke and his wife Margaret. Bro. Fred expressed his delight in being with us and sharing with Sister Rennie the duties before them. Sister Rennie recognized Bro. Kenneth Gregory, Co-Chairman for the 2009-2012 Session. She shared with us that she will be the third MWGM from Texas.

The Secretary Eva G. Hicks read the minutes of our Annual Meeting on January 18, 2004. They

were approved as corrected. She also read a letter from our Worthy Grand Patron, Jerry L. Martin, sending his regrets and his appreciation for the work done by Texas Cardinals.

Bro. Lee Stallings brought his comments on our Financial Report. He complimented the Board on maintaining a very conservative investment strategy by investing in only deposit accounts which are 100% insured and laddering the maturity to achieve the best rate of return in today's market. He summarized his thoughts by stating, "Texas Cardinals is well positioned to achieve its goal of \$250,000.00 in 2012". The combined totals of a money market account at SACU and CD's were \$188,497.66 on October 31 2004; and \$194,398.74 on 2-18-05.

Eva Hicks read the letter from Joe White, Chairman of the Audit Committee, who was absent due to illness of his wife, stating they had examined the books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer for the year November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004. Bank balances were reconciled and agreed with the bank and all records were in agreement. He stated Eva G. Hicks should be commended for her excellent job of maintaining the records. The Audit report was accepted.

The Secretary expressed appreciation for the help of Mary Ruth White in filing our Internal Revenue forms and Joe White for serving as Chairman of our Audit Committee.

Bro. Henry brought before the membership several items for consideration. He suggested we might expand the District Liaison Directors and appoint a Section Chairman in each section to assist the Liaison Director and do additional work. Gay Carnes commented they might help organize fund raisers to raise money locally such as the Day at the Ranch. Jayne Yenger moved we do this, motion seconded and passed. The Liaison Director in each District will appoint someone in each section to assist her.

The Chairman also asked our pleasure on assisting the Grand Representatives Association with their finances. Kenneth Gregory moved we assist the Grand Representatives Association with their finances during the 2009-2012 year. Seconded and motion carried. Phyllis Macon, who will be President of the Grand Representatives at that time, stated she would accept all the help she can get..

Bro. Henry brought up the matter of whether we should design a new pin beginning with the 2006-2009 or 2009-2012 year. Several members spoke on this matter. Bro. Harry Cunningham moved, seconded by Yvonne Smith, that we have a pin made for 2006-2009. Motion carried. Rennie will talk with Laura Lynn regarding this matter.

Bro. Henry also mentioned that we might want to have wearing apparel that would be recognized when we arrive as some states do. After discussion with Margaret Clarke regarding their apparel, Alma Lynn Bane moved that we go with a uniform including a black jacket, a blue shell, black skirt and tartan of plaid on our shoulder. Nova Scotia will wear the plaid skirt. Seconded by Gene Carnes and motion carried. Willie Mae Shaw will coordinate with Margaret and find the source for a blue blouse blending with the plaid in the Tartan. The tartan will be made by Margaret Clarke and her helpers and will sell for \$10. Doris Hester moved that we pay for these, seconded by Alma Lynn Bane and motion carried.

In four years we will be installing Rennie and Fred. Reba Fox has accepted the Chairman of Decorations for the installation in Tulsa in 2009. Much help will be needed to coordinate the various

committees. Today, Deborah Gilbertson, Lt. Colonel, with the Army Medical Services, has agreed to help us as Director of Health Services at the General Grand Chapter Session in 2012. Alma Lynn Bane received a letter from the Grand Secretary of Minnesota with information regarding the session in Minnesota. If you are interested in going, please let Alma Lynn know. American Airlines will contact us in January 2006 regarding a flight. We will have a vendor's Booth and Hospitality Suite for Texas. The Texas Banquet at General Grand Chapter honoring the Worthy Grand Matron , Worthy Grand Patron and the Texas General Grand Chapter elected and appointed members, is a function sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Texas Cardinals is working on plans for a reception for Sister Rennie and Bro. Fred.

Eva Hicks reported sales are still good, thanks to our Liaison Directors and the members. She reported we have 439 Sustaining Members, 58 Group members, and 1,078 individual members, for a total of 1,625. Nine hundred fifty-six are current. Ninety-two members are now deceased.

Henry asked the pleasure of our membership sponsoring a page in our Annual Yearbook. Raul Garcia moved that we put a full page in the Yearbook in color with Rennie's and Fred's picture. Seconded by Gene Carnes. It was suggested that we include our website address and information regarding the Installation in 2009 in Tulsa. Motion carried. After some discussion, a free will offering was taken to pay for the ad and \$229.25 was collected.

Henry brought up the matter of moving the time of our Annual Meeting to 1:00 P.M. with the luncheon at 11:00 a.m. There being no opposition, motion carried.

The Liaison Directors- Phyllis Macon, Jayne Yenger and Gay Carnes reported things are moving well and some new items have been helpful. Patricia Stallings, Membership Chairman for District 4, reported 476 members including 74 chapters, 54 of which are sustaining, and 20 Group members.

Fred Clarke reported they are working hard. Margaret Clarke thanked everyone who sent her cards during her surgery. Fred stated they are looking forward to joining with us as we work together for General Grand Chapter.

Henry announced the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Dallas will honor the General Grand Chapter Officers on September 18 at 2 p.m. with a Reception at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. The Cardinals will have a meeting at this time and Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association meeting will follow.

Special thanks were given to the ladies who furnished refreshments today: Joann Squyres, Beverly Wolfe, Ann Mays and Terry Byers. Doris Hester announced that her Arrangement Committee gave back to Grand Chapter from the Grand Chapter Session \$47,203.34. Rennie announced that 2 gentlemen who worked very hard on her Arrangements Committee, Drew Terry and James Wood, were our latest volunteers to work on our "arrangements." It was announced that Windel Bell, Worthy Patron of Harlandale Lodge, is in critical condition, and Sister Lena Mae Cook, P.G.M., is in Spring Branch Hospital in Houston. We need to remember these in our prayers.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and invited Bro. Harry Cunningham to bring the benediction. The meeting closed at 4:15 p.m.

Eva G. Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer