

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.

The Annual Meeting of Texas Cardinals, Inc., was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on January 10, 2010, at the Alzafar Center, 901 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas. One Hundred and twelve attended on a cold but beautiful sunny day.

The Chairman, Brother Jerry L. Martin, PGP, welcomed everyone present. He invited our Past Grand Patron, Bro. Jack Guy, to give the invocation.

Sister Janice Herridge gave the introductions in an efficient and pleasant manner. They were as follows:

Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edwards Island, OES, and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia;

Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers:

Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Vermont;
Sister Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand Matron of Texas;
Sister Margaret Clarke, Worthy Grand Esther, and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Islands;

Executive Committee Members:

Sister Betty Y. Friend, Social Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Brother Henry S. Martin, General Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Brother Kenneth R. Gregory, Co-Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Brother H. Lee Stallings, Finance Chairman-Texas and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Brother Jerry Trees, Housing Chairman- Texas and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

General Grand Chapter Committees:

Sister Nancy Brown, Pin Distribution Committee Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas;
Sister Joyce Gilbert, Youth Committee US Chairman & Past Grand Matron of Texas;
Brother Jerry L. Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii and Past Grand Patron of Texas;
Brother Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas; and
Brother Jack W. Guy, Service Dog Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Past Grand Matron Sister Effie Mae Davis of Texas.

Board of Directors, Grand Chapter of Texas:

Sister Lorraine Williams, District 3 and
Sister Kathy Teel, District 5.

General Grand Chapter Special Appointments:

Sister Phyllis Macon, International Grand Representatives Association, President and Grand Representative to Mississippi;
Sister Janice Herridge, Secretary to Executive Committee.
Seven Grand Representatives to Other Jurisdictions in Texas were recognized.

Special Appointments of MWGM and MWGP;

Sister Gay M. Carnes, Who's Who Book, Calendar and Souvenirs Book;
Sister Leatris (Lee) Legg, Secretary to Most Worthy Grand Matron;
Sister Erma Maxell, Secretary to Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Cardinal Crew Committee:

Sisters Eva Hicks; Jane Robison; Clela Todd, Special Texas Star; Betty Martin, Escort to Past Grand Patron; Opal Martin, Escort to Past Grand Patron; Betty Morris, Special Texas Star; Sharon Mosemeyer, Humanitarian General Chairman; Patricia Stallings, Escort to Past Grand Patron, Janell Trees, Escort to Past Grand Patron; Jayne Yenger, Spring Fling; and Brother Karl A. Drescher, Sr., Grand Page to Associate Past Patron.

Special Appointments of Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Linda Carney, IGRA Secretary/Treasurer and Secretary to Assoc. Grand Patron.

Sister Joann Drescher, IGRA Pin Chairman & GGC Committee Texas.

The Deputies of the Grand Chapter of Texas were introduced.

Thirty-nine members of Committees were introduced.

Brother Gene Carnes, Deputy Grand Master of Most Worthy Grand Lodge of Texas was introduced.

Sister Rennie Ofton brought greetings thanking everyone for their participation at the General Grand Chapter in Tulsa. The final report on contributions given will be close to Nineteen million dollars. We have sold twenty-four thousand pins and General Grand Chapter wants only \$2.00, and we sell them for \$10. Sister Rennie is amazed at the response and urges everyone to let others know what our Order is. Mary Ruth White and Joe White have kept us out of trouble. We are a team- we have two years and ten months to go.

Brother Fred Clarke brought greetings. He said it is nice to be here but he is going to go to Romania to get warm. He thanked everyone for their dedication in Tulsa. On Masons' Day at the George Washington Memorial the masons will put OES on the monument. He encouraged call their Master in your Lodge and ask him to let you come and explain what OES is all about and what we stand for.

The minutes of our last meeting were passed out at the door and they were approved. One correction was to the list of the Cardinal Crew as Jayne Yenger was present.

The Chairman Jerry Martin asked Eva Hicks, our Secretary-Treasurer, to stand and recognized her for her dedication to Texas Cardinals, Inc., for years. She was given a standing ovation.

Brother Lee Stallings brought the Financial Report stating we have maintained a conservative management approach of our assets. At the end of our year, we have focused on investing only in 100% insured by FDIC and short term. Memberships and dues were up 61% in 2009 and sale of merchandise up 96% year after year. Texas Cardinals, Inc., has done an outstanding job of raising funds and managing its assets.

Bro. Joe White was unable to be with us but sent his report which was read by our Chairman. He stated the Audit Committee had examined the books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer for the year November 1, 2008, through October 31, 2009. All records were reconciled and agreed with the bank. He stated that Eva G. Hicks maintains excellent records and deserves high praise for her extraordinary attention to detail. The volume of detail has increased significantly this past year due to external forces. This report was approved. He stated Joe and Mary Ruth White have been diligent in assisting us. Mary Ruth has prepared the Internal Revenue Report and it is ready for our Chairman's signature.

Sister Janell Trees, Membership Secretary, brought her report as of January 10, 2009. She thanked all who worked so diligently at the Schools of Instruction during the past several years for their assistance.

She reported the following:

Sustaining Memberships- 547; Individual Memberships,- 759; Group memberships- 26; Deceased- 166; Dimits from Order- 12; and Individuals or Groups Choosing to Not Renew- 544; Total Entries in Texas Cardinals Data Base- 2,054.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Merchandise Chairman, reported wonderful participation from the Chairmen as well as you, the members. The puffs, Texas Scarves and Ties and the Shawls have been good sellers. At the present time we will sell what we have and will take individual requests into consideration.

Sister Rosemary Swetland has written the Grand March for our wonderful Most Worthy Grand Matron and sales are going good. She encourages everyone to get one for their chapter, nursing homes and friends.

Phyllis Macon reported good sales in District One., \$1,075 in merchandise and \$702 in books, Total \$1,777; and Jean Thomas reported \$1,734 worth of merchandise was sold at the Schools, Banquets and in their area.

Patricia Stallings, Membership Chairman in District 4, reported 574 membership and an increase of new members- 42.

Doris Hester, Membership Chairman in District 4, is still busy in District 5 and very active in contacting and enlisting members all over the State.

Our Chairman shared with the membership that Sister Yvonne Brownfield has resigned as her time is limited and she is unable to do it. She enjoyed her service; and he has appointed Brother Buddy Baker to be Membership Chairman in District 3.

Sister Gay Carnes reported 2,051 have visited our site. This year many have shared their pictures with her and some are on the web. If you have pictures, please get in touch with Gay. If you have suggestions for use on the web, please share them with her. She is on the ball and excited to share more about our Order. We had one visitor from Hanoi, Vietnam.

Sister Phyllis Macon, President, IGRA, reported we are on our way with plans for 2012. She appreciates the support from all of you and from Texas Cardinals and they are working on the funding and it is comforting to know we have YOU.

Brother Buddy Baker reported each chapter will be receiving some material for increasing our membership. He encourages everyone to be enthusiastic and states, :Everything depends on execution, having just vision is no solution.

Brother Henry Martin brought the report from the GGC Executive Committee and thanked everyone who were in Tulsa for their presence and help. He shared with the membership that prior to GGC an executive committee was held via telephone with Jerry Martin, Lee Stallings, Eva Hicks, Janice Herridge and myself and we agreed to establish a second account for our Texas Cardinals funds. Because of a short notice to pay accounts, it was agreed the signers would reside in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Two are required to sign checks and those authorized are Edwin Pickett, a CPA, Lorrie Owens, Betty Prater and Janice Herridge. It is important that the Texas Cardinals still have one bank account for tax purposes, but with two different check-books. Prior to Tulsa, the money from the sale of tickets were deposited in one account and then transferred to our 2009-2012 Account.

In Tulsa we had outstanding participation, great social events, beautiful decorations and the installation decorations are now stored in a Climate controlled Storage to be used in Fort Worth. We learned many things which will enable us to handle the situation better in Fort Worth. We will have buses, courtesy cars, a hospitality room and you will be hearing more as we move along. We are moving toward 2012 very quickly and things are going well.

Kenneth Gregory moved the body ratify the entire action of the Board, seconded and motion carried

Karen Mosmeyer moved that the Officers and Directors of Texas Cardinals be retained, seconded and motion carried.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the local chapters for furnishing light refreshments prior to our meeting.

Sister Rennie brought closing remarks, thanking everyone for coming. She stated that she and Fred will be serving during Gene Carnes' term as Most Worshipful Grand Master and thanked him for being with us today.

The Chairman thanked everyone for being here and invited Bro. Buddy Baker, PGP, to bring the Benediction. Meeting closed at 2:56 p.m.


Eva G. Hicks, Secretary/Treasurer