

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.

The Annual Meeting of Texas Cardinals, Inc., was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on January 20, 2008, at the Alzafar Shrine, 901 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas.

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

The following introductions were made by Sister Janice Herridge:

Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry L. Trees, Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas

Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, OES, and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

Sister Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal, GGC, and PGM of Texas; and
Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Vision Quest, GGC, and PGP of Texas.

Past Grands from other Grand Jurisdictions:

Sisters Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron, Vermont.

Past Grands of Texas:

Sisters Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary T. Swetland, Doris Jean Hester, Karen Morgenthaler and Nancy Brown.

Brothers Leland G. Benefield, Henry S. Martin, Jerry L. Martin and Nelson Campbell.

Texas Grand Lodge:

Brother Gene Carnes, Grand Junior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM.

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members:

Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Conductress; Lesa Smith, Grand Chaplain; and Janell Trees, Grand Esther.

Board of Directors: Lorraine Williams, District 3 and Kathy Teele, District 5.

Board of Grand Examiners: Brenda Smith Costello, District 5.

Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico

International Grand Representatives Association of General Grand Chapter: Phyllis Macon, First Vice President.

The Grand Representatives stood and were welcomed.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons were welcomed.

Brother Jack Guy, PGP, came in and was introduced and welcomed.

Grand Chapter Committees and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron were asked to wave at their seats and were welcomed.

Brother Jerry Martin invited Betty Friend to bring a commercial for the Eastern Star Journal. She asked everyone to get a new or renewed subscription from her. Brother Jerry also called attention to the display of Texas Cardinals Items in the back of the room.

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The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were invited to bring greetings. Sister Joyce Gilbert gave her blessings to Sister Rennie and Brother Fred. She said she hoped for them the fulfillment of all of their dreams. Brother Jerry Trees, WGP, said the schools were great and he was here to support Rennie and Fred.

Sister Rennie Oton brought greetings. She recognized Clea Todd who worked so diligently to get Texas Cardinals started; and Bro. Henry Martin, Executive Chairman, for all his hard work in putting our plans together. She also thanked Jerry Martin for being Chairman over the Cardinals and Eva G.Hicks for her hard work as Secretary-Treasurer, and Janell Trees for keeping up with the membership.

Sister Rennie thanked everyone present for their encouragement and continued support. She urged everyone who wanted to help to sign up now, as we have two General Grand Chapters in a row, the Installation and our Session in Fort Worth.

Brother Fred W. Clarke brought greetings and stated, "We are going to have the biggest and best General Grand Chapter in the world in Texas."

Brother Jerry Martin stated the minutes of our last annual meeting on January 7, 2007, were distributed to the members today. There being no corrections or additions, he moved the minutes be approved, seconded and motion carried.

Our Chairman announced that Sister Alma Lynn Bane resigned as Vice President and the Board has agreed to appoint Rosemary T. Swetland as Vice Chairman. He asked for a concurrence of this appointment by a show of hands. It was unanimous and Sister Rosemary was invited to join others on the platform.

In the absence of Bro. Lee Stallings, our Chairman of Finance Committee, his report was read by Jerry Martin. He recommends that we continue to grow our assets by dues and sale of merchandise to insulate us against any unforeseen occurrences. He complimented the Board of Directors and in particular Eva Hicks for their stewardship and oversight of our financial affairs.

Our Chairman thanked Joe White for being our auditor and Mary Ruth White for filing our Tax Reports. Bro. Joe was invited to bring the audit report and read the financial statement, complimenting our Secretary-Treasurer for her work. On 10-31-07 our grand total in banks and CD's was \$267,383.91.

Bro. Jerry reported that Fred's Crew paid one-half of the deposit on the Convention Center for 2012. He also thanked Joe and Mary Ruth White for their help, stating that she literally saved the organization and put us on the right path.

Janell Trees brought the membership report showing a total on roll of 2,028: total members paid through 6th triennium, 847; total paid through 5th triennium, 1,304. She moved this report be adopted, seconded by Betty Friend and motion carried.

Eva Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer, reported she had mailed out 1,510 annual letters and has received 109 back for incorrect addresses and deaths. She requested that the chapters let her know when members die. Thirty-six of our members passed away this year. She urged the members to make their checks to "Texas Cardinals, Inc." and thanked everyone for their help in keeping our rolls current.

Sharon Mosmeyer, Merchandise Chairman, thanked Jayne Yenger for her work as Liaison Chairman of District 3, thanking everyone for their participation in buying our items and the Liaison Directors for their assistance in selling these items. Our Chairman reported we have

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two changes in Liaison Directors: Shirley Rattan and Jayne Yenger vacated their positions during the year and their positions were filled by Alma York, District 2, and Kaye Swain, District 3. He thanked Shirley and Jayne for their years of service.

The reports from the Liaison Directors were given as follows:

District 1, Phyllis Macon, stated that her sales were really good.

District 3, Kaye Swain reported her sales from 10-25-07 to 1-3-08 were \$1,092 and she really had enjoyed working with the membership.

District 4, Georgia Campbell, reported her sales during the year were \$3,688 and she has \$1,555 in inventory.

District 5, Jean Thomas, reported from 9-31-06 to 10-1-07 she has sold \$4,540 worth of merchandise at schools, banquets etc. Since 10-1-07 to the present time they have sold \$3,000 worth of merchandise and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Jean Thomas moved we adopt all the Liaison reports, seconded by Joyce Shanks, motion carried.

Membership Chairmen brought their reports as follows:

District 3- in the absence of Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Bro. Jerry read her report. She reported 238 members.

District 4- Patricia Stallings reported total membership as of 12-31-07 of 522, an increase of 19.

District 5- Doris Hester reported a total of 1,360.

Doris Hester moved the adoption of all membership reports, seconded by Eva Hicks, motion carried.

Bro. Jerry invited Gay Carnes, our Webmaster, to bring her report. She encouraged the members to check the website at <http://www.texascardinals.org> or <http://www.txcardinals.org>. She has minutes of our annual meetings, pictures from General Grand Chapters, and some very interesting items there. She moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Brenda Smith Costello, motion carried.

Phyllis Macon brought information from International Grand Representatives Association. A Grand Representative dress is being planned. She moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Eva Hicks, motion carried.

Henry Martin, General Grand Chapter Executive Committee, stated "Isn't it great. The time is right around the corner, November 5, 2009, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron will be installed". They have been working with Oklahoma and Texas has been assigned the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza as our hotel and we will have the session in the current convention center. Plan to be in Tulsa and be one of "Rennie's Roustabouts". Opal Martin, Betty Martin and Phyllis Macon passed out cards showing the traditional GGC schedule, and asked those who plan to attend to fill out a card. With regard to the General Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth, Nov. 3, 2012, we have reserved Billy Bob's Club. The Convention Center is reserved and three large banquet rooms plus the Grand Representatives' Luncheon room. Contracts have been taken from hotels in the downtown area within easy walking distance. They are looking at other social events in Fort Worth Cultural District. Fred's Crew will come ahead and help. Thank you for being here today.

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Janice Herridge made a motion to ratify the prior actions of the officers and directors of Texas Cardinals, seconded by Jerry Trees, motion carried.

Sharon Mosmeyer on behalf of the Texas Cardinals moved that the officers and directors of Texas Cardinals be retained for another term, seconded by Jerry Trees, motion carried.

Jerry Martin thanked everyone for coming. Sarah Coursey reported 125 signed our register today.

Rennie Ofton also thanked everyone for coming. "Everyone is doing a wonderful job." She asked us to check the web for information on Texas Cardinals.

Betty Martin was in charge of all the refreshments furnished by Section 6, and June Bell made and provided the coffee. She thanked everyone for the refreshments. Karl Drescher, Sr., made the arrangements for us to meet here today.

Bro. Leland Benefield, PGP, led the benediction.

The meeting closed at 2:30 p.m.

Signed:

Eva G. Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer