

**TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc., was called to order at 1:40 p.m. on January 30, 2011, at the Alzafar Shrine Center, 901 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas. One hundred eighteen members and guests were present on a beautiful South Texas afternoon.

The Chairman, Brother Jerry L. Martin, PGP, welcomed everyone present and stated that he was pleased to see such a large group attending the meeting.

Brother Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration Committee, GGC, and Past Grand Patron of Texas voiced the invocation.

A special moment of remembrance and a prayer in memory of Brother Frederick W. Clarke, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, were led by Brother Jerry Martin.

The Chairman stated we had received regrets from Sister Mary Ruth White, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Arthur Drescher, Worthy Grand Patron; Sisters Karen Morgenthaler and Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matrons.

The following informal introductions were given by Sister Janice Herridge, Secretary to the Executive Committee:

Sister Rennie Oton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Vermont  
Executive Committee Members:

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 Jerry Trees, Housing Chairman, Texas, and Past Grand Patron of Texas  
Sister Sharon Fentress, Housing Co-Chairman, Texas, and Past Grand Matron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Committees:

Sister Doris Hester, Credentials and Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Brother Jerry L. Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii and Past Grand Patron of Texas and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas  
Brother Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration and Past Grand Patron of Texas  
Brother Ed Warner, ESTARL Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas

Past Grand Patron of Texas: Brother Bill Wyatt,

First Lady of Masons in Texas: Sister Gay Carnes—also Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron—Who's Who Book, Calendar and Souvenir Book

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of Texas:

Sister Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Matron  
Sister Lorrie Faith-Owens, Grand Treasurer

Sister Janye Yenger, Associate Grand Conductress, and Cardinal Crew  
Sister Janell Trees, Grand Organist, and Cardinal Crew  
Sister Fran Johnson, Grand Ruth  
Brother Ray Hargis, Grand Sentinel  
Brother Ron Zipp, Vice Chairman, and Sister Kathy Teel, District 5, Board of Directors  
Sister Cheryl Albrecht, District 3; and Sandra Zip, District 5; Board of Grand Examiners

General Grand Chapter Special Appointments:  
Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico  
Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America  
Sister Phyllis Macon, International Grand Representatives Association President  
Sister Janice Herridge, Secretary to the Executive Committee and Cardinal Crew

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas:  
Sister Vickie Mathews, Bolivia  
Brother Paul Zappe, New Mexico  
Sister Connie Henson, Washington

Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron:  
Nannette Gwaltney, Travel Coordinator

Cardinal Crew Members:  
Sister Betty Martin and Escort to the Past Grand Patron  
Sister Opal Martin and Escort to the Past Grand Patron  
Brother Karl A. Drescher, Sr., and Grand Chapter Dad

Special Appointment of the Worthy Grand Matron:  
Sister Joann Drescher, International Grand Representatives Association Pin Chairman, and Grand Chapter Mom

Presiding Officer of Another Appendent Body: Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Fidelity and Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; and Grand Escort to the Associate Grand Patron

Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, brought greetings to the assembly. She expressed sincere appreciation for the continued support and enthusiasm. She stated we only have 21 months before our big party in Fort Worth. She shared with the membership that during the last triennium over twenty million dollars had been raised for the various charities of General Grand Chapter. Through July of 2010, the membership has contributed between seven and eight million dollars and that is only 1/3 of the way through the triennium. She solicited our continued support.

The Minutes of the January 10, 2010, meeting were printed and distributed. There being no corrections, the Minutes stand as printed.

In the absence of Brother Joe White, Auditor, and Brother Lee Stallings, the Chairman read the report of the Audit and Finance Committees. Brother Joe complimented the Treasurer,

Sister Eva Hicks, on the efficient handling of the books and stated the books are in order. The tax return is ready to be filed. The Chairman expressed appreciation to Brother Joe and Sister Mary Ruth for preparing the tax returns. Brother Lee stated that our financial standing is good. When we went to Tulsa we had \$345,878.45. After the expenses associated with the Installation in Tulsa had been paid, we still are able to report we have \$310,994.28 still in our Treasury due to merchandise sales, dues, etc. Any money that remains in the treasury after expenses at Fort Worth will be given to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Nova Scotia has also pledged their continued support of the General Grand Chapter session.

Sister Janell Trees, Membership Secretary, brought the following report as of January 30, 2011: Sustaining Memberships—552; Individual Memberships—1,408; Group Memberships—54; Deceased Members—179; Demits from the Order—12; Individuals Choosing Not to Renew—699; for Total Entries in the Texas Cardinals Data Base—2,205.

Sister Janell thanked all who have and are working with membership. It is also requested that anyone who receives dues or other money for the Cardinals turn it in to the Secretary/Treasurer, Sister Eva Hicks, as soon as possible.

Sister Gay Carnes, Webmaster, reported on the Texas Cardinals website. She stated she is preparing to present the information for General Grand Chapter and also the information will be placed on Facebook. If anyone needs or has information for the website, please contact Sister Gay. She reported there have been 6,992 hits on the site. She also stated she will be working with the Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island group to update their website.

Brother Henry Martin, Executive Chairman, reported that all is going well for preparation for Fort Worth. We will spend 10 days, October 31 through November 9, 2012, having the biggest party General Grand Chapter has ever had. We are expecting approximately 5,000 people. He informed the group that he had a productive meeting with the division Chairperson and Co-Chairmen this morning. Plans are now being expanded and more people will be needed to take care of everything that is needed. He read a message from Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island pledging their continued support.

Brother Kenneth Gregory moved to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of Texas Cardinals, Inc. since the last meeting in January 2010. Motion carried.

Sister Janice Herridge moved that the officers and directors of Texas Cardinals be retained for another year. Motion carried.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to the membership for their enthusiasm and support during the past years especially for their attendance at today's meeting. He also asked for continued support.

Sister Rennie Oton brought closing remarks and stated that our members are so important. She introduced Patti Lane, her minister, and thanked her for her support even though she cannot be a member. She reminded us that members of the Eastern Star are good people

doing good things for good reasons and enjoying it. She thanked everyone for coming and for their support.

There being no further business, Brother Jerry Trees, Executive Committee Housing Chairman, voiced the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned

Janell Trees, Secretary Pro-Tem