

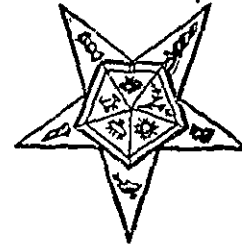
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE



Order of the Eastern Star

OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

October 11 and 12, 1887.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS:
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OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

SISTER VIRGINIA TUCKER,	Grand Matron,	Fort Worth
BROTHER J. J. KENDRICK,	Grand Patron,	Calvert
BROTHER J. B. SNODGRASS,	Grand Associate Patron,	Fort Worth
SISTER BETTIE McELROY,	Grand Associate Matron,	Tioga
BROTHER J. K. ASHBY,	Grand Secretary,	Fort Worth
SISTER AMELIA SCHWARTZ,	Grand Treasurer,	Fort Worth
SISTER E. E. WEST,	Grand Conductress,	Cannon
SISTER M. E. SHEPHERD,	Grand Assistant Conductress,	Cedar Bayou
BROTHER H. SCHWARTZ,	Grand Lecturer,	Fort Worth
BROTHER T. A. WEBB,	Grand Chaplain,	Fort Worth

APPOINTED.

Sister MOLLIE DICKENSON,	Grand Adah,	Fort Worth
Sister M. A. E. DUMAS,	Grand Ruth,	Cannon
Sister SUE NICHOLS,	Grand Esther,	Tioga
Sister EMMA GREER,	Grand Martha,	Van Alstyne
Sister MARY HAMPTON,	Grand Electra,	Van Alstyne
Brother S. S. DUMAS,	Grand Warder,	Cannon
Brother B. W. HAMPTON,	Grand Sentinel,	Van Alstyne

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, OCTOBER 11, 1887.

The hour having arrived for the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star of the State of Texas, the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Virginia Tucker, called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., when the Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

Present—Sister Virginia Tucker, Sister Amelia Schwartz, Brother Henry Schwartz, Brother J. K. Ashby, Fort Worth, Texas; Brother J. J. Kendrick, Calvert, Texas; Sister M. E. Shepherd, Cedar Bayou, Texas; Sister S. S. Nichols, Sister Bettie McElroy, Tioga, Texas; Sister S. E. Greer, Brother B. W. Hampton, Sister May Hampton, Van Alstyne, Texas; Sister E. E. West, Sister M. A. Dumas, Brother M. A. E. Dumas, Cannon, Texas; Sister Mollie M. Dickenson, Brother J. B. Snodgrass, Austin.

Reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, as they are printed and in the hands of the members.

Upon call of the roll, the following Chapters responded:

Oriental No. 49, Tioga. Van Alstyne, No. 16, Van Alstyne.
Centennial No. 29, Cannon. Cedar Bayou No. 11, Cedar Bayou.
Calvert No. 36, Calvert. Aurora No. 22, Austin.
Fort Worth No. 8, Fort Worth.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Credentials.—Sister B. W. Hampton, Brother J. B. Snodgrass and Sister Bettie McElroy.

On Finance.—Brother M. A. E. Dumas, Brother H. Schwartz and Sister E. E. West.

On Jurisprudence.—Sister May Hampton, Brother H. Schwartz and Sister E. M. Greer.

On Appeals and Grievances.—Sister M. E. Shepherd, Sister E. M. Greer and Sister M. Dickenson.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Brother J. E. Snodgrass, Brother M. A. E. Dumas and Sister S. Nichols.

On Memorials.—Brother H. Schwartz, Sister E. E. West and Brother M. A. E. Dumas.

On Ways and Means.—Sister Mary Hampton, Sister M. A. E. Dumas and Sister M. Dickenson.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brother J. J. Kendrick.

On Pricing.—H. Schwartz, J. B. Snodgrass and J. K. Ashby.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Worthy Matron and Officers of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we find the following Chapters entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, viz:

Oriental No. 49, Tioga, Texas; Van Alstyne No. 16, Van Alstyne, Texas; Centennial No. 29, Cannon, Texas; Cedar Bayou No. 11, Cedar Bayou, Texas; Crystal Falls No. 23, Crystal Falls, Texas; Calvert No. 36, Calvert, Texas; Brady No. 45, Brady, Texas; Aurora No. 22, Austin, Texas; Fort Worth No. 8, Fort Worth.

J. B. SNODGRASS,
BETTIE McELROY,
B. W. HAMPTON.

Report adopted.

Reading of the Grand Worthy Matron's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas:

SISTERS AND BRETHREN—With sisterly greeting I welcome you in this, the Fifth Annual Session of this Grand Chapter. Another year has been wound on Time's reel, and its revolutions have brought to us joys and sorrows. Days hallowed for us by the memories of losses and bereavements; the anniversaries of the births and deaths of those dear to us; the Angel of Death has visited many of our homes and borne our loved ones away. My home has been invaded and my heart made desolate. The Grand Patron of the Universe has called my husband to join the Celestial Chapter. Here, a husband and father; there, a wife or mother, or, perchance a sister or brother has received the summons. Such is the inevitable ending of every life, ambition and desire; and as the days pass it would be well for us to pause and inquire if the life we are living is one we will be glad

to have lived when its evening shadows are lengthening, and its enjoyments, one after another, have faded away, for

"One by one each link must fall,
Death's stern mandate comes to all;
May our golden chains of love
Miss no links when joined above.

Father, when life's day shall close,
Labyrinth passed, its cares and woes,
Bring us all with Thee to dwell,
Where no more we bid farewell."

My official duties have been light, thanks to our efficient Grand Secretary. Circumstances over which I had no control have prevented me from visiting the Chapters in this jurisdiction, as I had contemplated. May 19, I went, by special invitation, to Tioga, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter. I then organized Oriental Chapter No. 49, with forty charter members, who all seemed deeply interested in the work, and Oriental promises fair to become one of the leading Chapters of this State. While there, I was the guest of Sister Hattie Bradley, Conductress.

Our Order has not advanced, since our last Grand Convocation, as we had hoped it would. Our State, for more than two years, has experienced a drouth unparalleled in the memory of its oldest inhabitant, which, for a time, drove terror to the stoutest hearts and brought privation and distress to many of our sister Chapters. I am glad to note that in other States it has progressed even beyond our most sanguine expectations, and is now firmly established in thirty-three States and Territories, with a membership of more than twenty thousand, and with united effort we can largely increase the number of Chapters and membership in Texas during another Chapter year.

DECISIONS.

A great many questions have been submitted to me during the year, some of which have been answered by reference to the written law. The first of importance to which I direct your attention was:

I.—Is a lady whose son is a Master Mason, but whose husband is yet living, and not a Mason, entitled to the Degree?

Answer.—No. Because of the fact that a "wife is subject to her husband so long as they both live," is no more the teachings of the Holy Writ than of our Order.

II.—Is a Master Mason's wife, who is not yet eighteen years of age, eligible to the Degree?

Answer.—Yes. Because she is the wife of a Master Mason, and I find nothing in the laws of the G. G. C. prohibiting a wife on account of her age, from receiving the Degree.

Other questions of minor importance have been submitted to me, but I do not deem them of sufficient importance to bring before this Grand Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have been honored with the appointment as Grand Representative of five different States, viz: California, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska

and New Jersey, for which honor I return many thanks, and herewith present my credentials.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I most earnestly recommend that the use of the Ritual in regular Chapter meetings be dispensed with, and the committing of the work to memory be made obligatory upon the officers.

THE WOMAN'S NEWS.

To the members of the O. E. S., in this Grand Jurisdiction, I would recommend the periodical known as "The Woman's News." It is edited by L. May Wheeler, Indianapolis, Ind., with Mrs. Nellie Ransford, P. G. Matron, for its business manager. A column has been kindly set aside for Eastern Star news, and the entire paper is full of interest, telling us what women can do, and what they are doing. In my opinion an interest manifested by the women is necessary for the prosperity of our Order, and one great cause of the Order of the Eastern Star not occupying that exalted position in our State to-day that it should, is indifference on the part of the ladies. Woman too often forgets her duties; thinks she has no power, no influence. What a mistake. If we could only realize the extent of our influence, many of us would tremble for the consequences. Woman has almost unlimited influence. Who trains the minds which fill the high stations of life and forms a nation's character? Woman. We scarcely owe more to Washington himself, than we do to that great and good woman who trained him for the exalted position which he eventually filled. Napoleon Bonaparte declared that "to his mother he was indebted for every pure and noble sentiment which inspired his bosom." And as members of this Order, we too exert an influence which is manifest, whether we be found true to our obligations, and in the unswerving path of duty, or faltering by the way-side.

It would be well for us to stop and take the labyrinthian lesson of our Order as a guide, and with the cheerful obedience of Adah, the persevering industry of Ruth, we would unite with courage of Esther and the faith of Martha, and go forth dispensing the charity of Electra, and making glad the hearts of all with whom we meet. Such are the women whose characters we should emulate, and whose strength lies in their integrity, and whose "price is far above rubies."

In conclusion, I desire to return many thanks to you for the honor you have twice conferred upon me, in electing me to the honored position of Grand Matron. In accepting the office, I did so with the firm intention to faithfully perform the duties pertaining thereto, and in submitting to you this, my feeble report, I trust you will measure all errors with the "golden rule of charity;" and if I have fallen short of what was expected of me, or of what I should have performed, be assured none can feel it more keenly than I, and in surrendering the power and prerogatives of this office to my successor, I do so with feelings of relief, asking for her that assistance and encouragement which you have so courteously rendered me.

Trusting that the incoming year may be one of unprecedented success to our Order, I again thank you for your patience and forbear-

ance, and if in the providence of our Supreme High Patron we meet no more in this life, we know

"There is a world where all are equal;
We're hurrying to it fast,
Where we shall join our loved ones
When the gates of death are past.

We shall meet our Heavenly Patron,
And He bids us all prepare
To bear with us some offering
Gleaned from the Eastern Star."

VIRGINIA TUCKER,
Grand Matron.

Adopted.

Reading of Grand Secretary's report referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the books, papers and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and find the same correct.

Respectfully,

BRO. H. SCHWARTZ,
SISTER M. A. DUMAS,
SISTER E. E. WEST.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the G. W. Matron and Officers of the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star of State of Texas:

I beg leave to submit the following report.

J. K. Ashby to Grand Chapter, Dr:

To Balance	\$154 14
" Charter Fees of Nos. 47 and 48	30 00
" Dues to Grand Chapter	78 95
" Supplies Sold	5 50
" Jewels Returned by Snodgrass	30 00
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	\$308 59

By Supplies Bought	\$11 14
" Cash paid W. D. Engle	50 00
" Printing Proceedings of 1886	30 00
" Letter Heads and Stationery	6 50
" One Cyclostyle	15 00
" Stamps	3 00
" Mailing Proceedings and Returns	41 50
" Perry Hawkins	1 50
" Supplies on Hand	53 83
" Jewels	30 00
" Com. on \$125.46 at 20 per cent	25 09
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Balance on Hand \$ 80 03

Called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, OCTOBER, 12, 1887.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. All present as on the previous day.

RESOLUTIONS.

**Resolved.* That Section 1, Article vii, be amended to read as follows: Where *twenty* dollars is mentioned, that it be *twenty-five* dollars, and where *three* Rituals, that *ten* be substituted.

H. SCHWARTZ.

Resolved. That with the annual proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Texas, shall be published the returns of all subordinate Chapters within her jurisdiction, with a list of all officers, Past Matrons, Past Patrons and Members, also the dismissions, suspensions, expulsions and deaths, and the time and place of the meetings of each subordinate Chapter.

Adopted.

J. J. KENDRICK.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter shall annually report to this Chapter, an itemized account of all monies received from subordinate Chapters and all other sources, and amounts due this Chapter unpaid.

J. J. KENDRICK.

Adopted.

**Resolved.* That this Grand Chapter change its time of meeting from the second Tuesday in October to the first Tuesday in December, at 10 a. m.

Adopted.

J. B. SNODGRASS.

Resolved. That the Grand Patron, or his deputy, be allowed thirteen dollars for each Chapter organized by them.

Adopted.

Called from labor to refreshment to meet at one o'clock p. m.

**NOTE.*—The above resolutions being constitutional amendments lay over for one year before final action can be had.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sister Virginia Tucker, Grand Matron, Fort Worth, Texas.
 Brother J. J. Kendrick, Grand Patron, Calvert, Texas.
 Brother J. B. Snodgrass, Grand Associate Patron, Fort Worth, Tex.
 Sister Bettie McElroy, Grand Associate Matron, Tioga, Texas.
 Brother J. K. Ashby, Grand Secretary, Fort Worth.
 Sister Amelia Schwartz, Grand Treasurer, Fort Worth, Texas.
 Sister E. E. West, Grand Conductress, Cannon, Texas.
 Sister M. E. Shepherd, Grand Associate Conductress, Cedar Bayou.
 Brother H. Schwartz, Grand Lecturer, Fort Worth, Texas.
 Brother T. A. Webb, Grand Chaplain, Fort Worth Texas.

APPOINTED.

Sister Mollie Dickenson, Grand Adah, Fort Worth, Texas.
 Sister M. A. E. Dumas, Grand Ruth, Cannon, Texas.
 Sister Sue Nichols, Grand Esther, Tioga, Texas.
 Sister Emma Greer, Grand Martha, Van Alstyne, Texas.
 Sister Mary Hampton, Grand Electra, Van Alstyne, Texas.
 Brother S. S. Dumas, Grand Warder, Cannon, Texas.
 Brother B. W. Hampton, Grand Sentinel, Van Alstyne, Texas.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a suitable certificate of appointment for Grand Representatives to other Grand Chapters.

Adopted.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary have one thousand certificates of membership printed for members of subordinate Chapters.

Adopted.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary have three hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed, at an early day as practicable.

Adopted.

Resolved. That a vote of thanks be extended Fort Worth Lodge, A. F. & A. M. for the use of the Masonic Hall.

Adopted.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary be allowed twenty per cent. of gross receipts for services as Grand Secretary.

Adopted.

Decisions of the Grand Worthy Matron were endorsed by the Committee of Jurisprudence.

**Resolved*, That the meetings of this Grand Chapter be changed to the second Tuesday of December of each year, and that Article 4, Section 1, Constitution, be so amended.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION.

(From Proceedings 1886.)

When any Chapter shall fail to make its returns to the Annual Grand Chapter, it shall not be represented; and if it continues in neglect of that duty until the first of January following, or when a Chapter shall neglect to pay the annual dues until that time, it shall be suspended, unless the Grand Worthy Patron, for good cause shown, shall grant further time; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to notify the Grand Chapter in default on that day of their suspension and cause thereof. On the receipt of such notice, all working of the Chapters is null and void until regularly instituted; and the Grand Secretary shall immediately demand the charter and jewels of said Chapter; but any Chapter so suspended, on delivering its returns and paying its dues to the Grand Secretary before the next annual meeting, shall have its charter, jewels, etc., returned and be restored to its good standing; otherwise its charter shall be forfeited and its name be erased from the roll, all of its jewels, furniture, books, etc., becoming the property of the Grand Chapter.

Adopted.

RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter for the year 1887, A. D. List of Officers and members. Also, Dimissions, Suspensions, Expulsions and Deaths.

Friendship Chapter No. 1.

Dallas, Dallas county, Texas. No returns.

Chico Chapter No. 2.

Chico, Wise county, Texas. No returns.

Cecelia Chapter No. 3.

Clarksville, Red River county, Texas. No returns.

Sam Long Chapter No. 4.

Paris, Lamar county, Texas. No returns.

(1) Esther Chapter No. 5.

San Antonio, Bexar county, Texas. No returns.

Queen City Chapter No. 6.

Queen City, Cass county, Texas. No returns.

Hadassah Chapter No. 7.

Georgetown, Williamson county, Texas. No returns.

✓ Fort Worth Chapter No. 8.

Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas. Held at Masonic Temple, city of Fort Worth, on the first and third Friday of each month, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

OFFICERS.—Sister Amelia Schwartz, Worthy Matron; Brother T. A. Webb, Worthy Patron; Sister Anna McGregor, Associate Matron; Sister Virginia E. Tucker, Secretary; Sister Carrie Holt, Conductress; Sister Mattie Farmer, Associate Conductress; Sister Mary Daniels, Adah; Sister Fannie Ashby, Ruth; Sister Elizabeth Mitchell, Esther; Sister Bettie Scott, Martha; Sister Mary Swayne, Electra; Brother C. A. Daniels, Warder; Brother W. T. Gray, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—J. K. Ashby, Mrs. F. B. Ashby, C. M. Baker, J. S. Baker, Mrs. J. Barber, M. A. Cooper, Mrs. A. Cooper, W. H. Davis, Mrs. Sarah Davis, C. A. Daniels, Mrs. May Daniels, W. H. Feild, J. B. Feild, Mrs. J. Y. Feild, Mrs. Mollie Feild, Sam Furman, W. T. Gray, Mrs. Catherine Gray, W. L. Holt, Mrs. Carrie Holt, Miss

Alice Judy, Mrs. Anna McGregor, Mrs. P. Morrison, M. Mays, I. N. McCullough, E. M. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Mitchell, A. J. Roe, R. A. Rogers, Henry Schwartz, Mrs. Amelia Schwartz, Miss Bettie Scott, John F. Swayne, Mrs. May Swayne, Mrs. V. E. Tucker, I. P. Taylor, L. H. Wilson, T. A. Webb. Total, 38.

DEATHS.—I. B. Tucker.

DIMITTED.—John McCoy, Mrs. Judith McCoy, Miss Belle McCoy, Mrs. M. McMillan.

SUSPENDED.—R. C. McPhail, Mrs. P. A. McPhail.

Mount Moriah Chapter No. 9.

Kildare, Cass county, Texas. No returns.

Jonesboro Chapter No. 10.

Jonesboro, Coryell county, Texas. No returns.

Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11.

Held at Cedar Bayou, Harris county, on Saturday on or before the full moon in each month. Postoffice, Cedar Bayou.

OFFICERS.—Sister M. E. Shepherd, Worthy Matron; Brother J. H. Kepp, Worthy Patron; Sister S. A. Baker, Associate Matron; Brother S. S. Brown, Secretary; Sister C. W. Milam, Treasurer; Sister F. S. Kipp, Conductress; Sister A. Gourley, Associate Conductress; Sister Mary Brooks, Adah; Sister Rebecca Tompkins, Ruth; Sister M. E. Tompkins, Martha; Sister J. S. Brooks, Electra; Sister A. Matthews, Warder; Brother G. B. Baker, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—James Armstrong, Sr., James Armstrong, Jr., Wm. Armstrong, Mrs. J. S. Brooks, J. S. Brooks, Miss Mary Brooks, S. S. Brown, Mrs. S. A. Baker, G. B. Baker, Mrs. Ellen Casey, D. M. Coghlin, H. Dutton, Mrs. C. A. Davis, C. A. Davis, Mrs. N. L. Ellender, J. W. Ellender, Mrs. A. Gourley, Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. M. E. Kipp, J. H. Kipp, Miss F. S. Kipp, Mrs. A. Matthews, Miss Eliza Milam, C. M. Milam, G. G. McCreary, Wm. Mills, Mrs. C. W. Milam, M. W. Matthews, M. Marshall, J. P. Sjolander, E. O. Sjolander, G. C. Sharp, Mrs. L. E. Schilling, N. Schilling, J. P. Smith, G. L. Smith, Mrs. N. E. Smith, Mrs. M. E. Shepherd, Mrs. R. Tompkins, J. W. Tompkins, Mrs. M. E. Tompkins. Total, 42.

INITIATED.—Miss F. S. Kipp, Mrs. N. E. Smith.

DEATHS.—James Armstrong, Sr.

DIMITTED.—Mrs. C. Sjolander, J. P. Sjolander, E. C. Sjolander.

Excelsior Chapter No. 12.

Liberty Hill, Williamson county, Texas. No returns.

New Hope Chapter No. 13.

Gibtown, Jack county, Texas. No returns.

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 14.

Mahomet, Burnet county, Texas. No returns.

Albany Chapter No. 15.

Albany, Shackelford county, Texas. No returns.

Van Alstyne Chapter No. 16.

Held at Van Alstyne, Grayson county, Texas, on Saturday before each full moon, at 3 o'clock p. m. Postoffice, Van Alstyne.

OFFICERS.—Sister Mary Hampton, Worthy Matron; Brother Joe McKinney, Worthy Patron; Sister Emma Greer, Associate Matron; Sister N. J. Henderson, Secretary; Brother B. W. Hampton, Treasurer; Sister Ann Creager, Conductress; Sister Sarah Mobre, Associate Conductress; Sister Mary Leslie, Adah; Sister Denny McKinney, Ruth; Sister Bettie Creager, Esther; Sister Lizzie Slaughter, Martha; Sister Lucy McKinney, Electra; Sister Bettie Vordaine, Warder; Brother E. P. Vordaine, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—A. C. Bennet, Mrs. E. D. Bennet, Thomas A. Biles, Mrs. C. Biles, G. W. Basket, Z. S. Creager, Mrs. N. A. Creager, Mrs. E. A. Creager, Mrs. M. E. Creager, D. H. Creager, G. S. Caldwell, Mrs. S. E. Dooly, T. M. Dumas, J. T. Echols, Mrs. Lydia Echols, James L. Greer, Jos. Greer, Mrs. S. E. Greer, Mrs. Willa Garver, B. W. Hampton, Mrs. M. Hampton, Mrs. A. J. Henderson, Mrs. Jane Kelley, James L. Leslie, C. J. McKinney, Mrs. Dennie McKinney, Mrs. Lucy McKinney, J. N. McKinney, R. A. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald, C. C. McCorkle, Mrs. Mattie McCorkle, Miss E. L. Pattie, Miss Sallie Reid, F. R. Slaughter, Mrs. M. E. Slaughter, Mrs. Bettie Taylor, E. P. Vordaine, Mrs. Bettie Vordaine, J. J. Walls, Mrs. S. Walls, J. T. Yearlock, Mrs. N. S. Dumas. Total, 44.

INITIATED.—S. C. Dooly, Mrs. Willa Garver, Sallie Reid, E. L. Pattie, G. W. Basket.

SUSPENDED.—R. J. Scott, Sallie Scott, H. Scott, Sam Wiley, P. L. Wiley.

Blue Ridge Chapter No. 17.

Blue Ridge, Collin County, Texas. No returns.

Foley Chapter No. 18.

Belton, Bell county, Texas. No returns.

Brilliant Chapter No. 19.

Henrietta, Clay county, Texas. No returns.

Ruth Chapter No. 20.

Cleburne, Johnson county, Texas. No returns.

Tivoli Chapter No. 21.

Chambers Creek, Ellis county, Texas. No. returns.

Aurora Chapter No. 22.

Held at Austin, Travis county, Texas, on the second Saturday of each month at 2 o'clock p. m. Postoffice, Austin.

OFFICERS.—Sister Laura Glasscock, Worthy Matron; Brother J. B. Snodgrass, Worthy Patron; Sister Mary D. Bonner, Associate Matron; Sister Mollie Dickenson, Secretary; Sister Rosa M. Snodgrass, Treasurer; Sister Mahala Glasscock, Conductress; Sister Sarah D. Jones, Associate Conductress; Sister Lizzie Littlepage, Adah; Sister Emma Littlepage, Ruth; Sister Lou Swank, Esther; Sister Flora E. Tipton, Martha; Sister Mattie Wilson, Electra; Sister Loula Stoval, Warder; Brother F. M. Glasscock, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—J. B. Bonner, J. C. Bonner, Mrs. Laura J. Bonner, Miss Mary D. Bonner, Miss Ollie J. Bonner, W. R. E. Boothe, L. W. Cloud, I. J. Davis, W. J. Downing, Mrs. M. J. Downing, Miss Mollie Dickenson, F. M. Glasscock, Mrs. Mahala Glasscock, Miss Laura Glasscock, M. D. Gagnon, Mrs. Mary Gagnon, E. V. Jones, Miss Lizzie Littlepage, Miss Emma Littlepage, F. A. Maxwell, Mrs. Lucretia Miller, O. H. Patterson, Mrs. A. C. Patterson, Miss Lizzie M. Patterson, Miss Loula Swank, Mrs. M. D. Stovall, Mrs. Loula Stovall, Wade M. Smith, J. B. Snodgrass, Mrs. R. M. Snodgrass, W. A. Tipton, Mrs. Flora E. Tipton, R. E. White, Stark Washington, Mrs. Mattie Wilson, Miss Sallie B. Wilson, J. G. Wallace, Mrs. S. E. Wallace. Total 40.

DEATHS.—Mrs. Maggie White.

Crystal Falls Chapter No. 23.

Held at Crystal Falls, Stephens county, Texas, on the first Saturday after each full moon at 2 o'clock p. m.

OFFICERS.—Sister S. A. Robertson, Worthy Matron; Brother J. J. T. Crawford, Worthy Patron; Sister E. J. Black, Associate Matron; Sister M. C. Crawford, Secretary; Sister Rachal Ballard, Treasurer; Sister Nan McDonald, Conductress; Sister Mattie Watkins, Associate Conductress; Sister Sarah Atkins, Adah; Sister I. C. Huffman, Ruth; Sister Eliza Ballard, Esther; Sister May Graham, Martha; Sister Mary A. Collins, Electra; Sister Michal Funderberk, Warder; Brother Geo. B. Brown, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—William Atkins, William Ackers, Mrs. Mary Ackers, Mrs. Rachal Ballard, W. R. Ballard, George Black, Miss E. J. Black, Mrs. Sarah Bradley, J. H. Black, G. B. Brown, Henry Black, Mrs. Sarah Black, Miss E. P. Ballard, Mrs. M. A. Collins, Sr., A. W.

Collins, Mrs. M. A. Collins, J. T. Crawford, Mrs. M. C. Crawford, Mrs. Sarah Rodd, (nee Mrs. S. Atkins), J. F. Ford, J. J. Funderberk, Miss Michal Funderberk, J. E. Gage, Mrs. M. L. Gage, Miss May Graham, L. E. Huffman, Mrs. I. C. Huffman, A. J. Jones, Mrs. E. A. Jones, E. Lovett, Mrs. E. Lovett, Mrs. E. T. Love, Jasper Millhollon, Mrs. J. Millhollon, B. B. Meadows, Wm. McCart, Mrs. Lou McCart, A. R. McDonald, Mrs. Nan McDonald, A. J. Proctor, Miss E. E. Peaks, Miss M. L. Peaks, J. J. Robertson, R. L. Williams, Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. Mary Williams, H. K. Williams, S. S. Walker, J. L. Watkins, Mrs. Mattie Watkins, T. J. Yates, B. F. Wragg, Mrs. S. A. Robertson. Total, 54.

INITIATED.—Miss May Graham.

DIMITTED.—Mrs. M. A. Collins.

Tulip Chapter No. 24.

Tulip, Fannin county, Texas. No returns.

Samarina Chapter No. 25.

Waxahachie, Ellis county, Texas. No returns.

Abbott Chapter No. 26.

Abbott, Hill county, Texas. No returns.

Ottawa Chapter No. 27.

Melissa, Collin county, Texas. No returns.

Hico Chapter No. 28.

Hico, Hamilton county, Texas. No returns.

Centennial Chapter No. 29.

Held at Cannon, Grayson county, Texas, on Saturday on or after the full moon in each month. Postoffice, Cannon.

OFFICERS.—Sister M. A. E. Dumas, Worthy Matron; Brother J. D. Cantrell, Worthy Patron; Sister S. C. Blackman, Associate Matron; Sister Mattie Emerson, Secretary; Sister Tanie Blasingame, Treasurer; Sister E. E. West, Conductress; Sister B. J. Cannon, Associate Conductress; Sister E. M. Fulton, Adah; Sister C. C. Davis, Ruth; Sister Cora Cannon, Esther; Sister Fannie Thompson, Martha; Sister A. Holtzelaw, Electra; Sister M. Cude, Warder; Brother D. W. Fulton, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—Mrs. Tanie Blasingame, A. Blake, W. D. Blackman, Mrs. S. C. Blackman, Mrs. Georgia Bowman, Mrs. Hulda Binion, Mrs. Florence Buid, C. W. Cude, Mrs. M. Cude, R. M. Cannon, Mrs. B. J. Cannon, O. M. Cannon, Mrs. Cora Cannon, J. D. Cantrell, Mrs. M. A. E. Dumas, S. S. Dumas, Mrs. Anna Dumas, Mrs. C. C. Davis, Mrs. C. C. Douglas, John Ellison, Z. D. Emerson, Mrs. Mattie Emerson, C. H. Fitch, Mrs. E. M. Fulton, D. W. Ful-

ton, D. Fagan, A. J. Jernigan, Mrs. Emma Newmail, G. N. Parker, J. F. Sanders, S. H. Thompson, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, F. P. Thompson, Mrs. B. Thompson, W. G. Turner, Mrs. Rosana Turner, Mrs. E. E. West. Total, 38.

INITIATED DURING THE YEAR.—Mrs. Cora Cannon, Mrs. N. S. Douglas.

Farmersville Chapter No. 30.

Farmersville, Collin county, Texas. No returns.

Sweet Home Chapter No. 31.

Mexia, Limestone county, Texas. No returns.

Milford Chapter No. 32.

Milford, Ellis county, Texas. No returns.

Grand Prairie Chapter No. 33.

Smithfield, Tarrant county, Texas. No returns.

Lemond Chapter No. 34.

Coleman, Coleman county, Texas. No returns.

Carolina Chapter No. 35.

Rupece, Falls county, Texas. No returns.

Calvert Chapter No. 36.

Held at Calvert, Robertson county, Texas, on the first Wednesday of each month. Postoffice, Calvert.

OFFICERS.—Sister A. Lahue, Worthy Matron; Brother J. J. Kendrick, Worthy Patron; Sister Ella Elkin, Associate Matron; Sister H. L. McCorkle, Secretary; Sister M. Allen, Treasurer; Sister L. H. Parish, Conductress; Sister D. P. Sink, Associate Conductress; Sister J. J. Kendrick, Adah; Sister L. T. Fuller, Ruth; Sister J. P. Cassimer, Esther; Sister J. W. Finnean, Martha; Sister Louise Lafferty, Electra; Sister A. V. Gray, Warder; Brother L. H. Parish, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—Mrs. M. C. Allen, J. T. Blagg, J. P. Cassimer, Mrs. J. P. Cassimer, Mrs. C. C. Calvert, C. C. Calvert, H. Cassil, Mrs. H. Cassil, Mrs. B. F. Elkins, B. F. Elkins, Miss Hettie Everett, J. A. Foster, Mrs. J. A. Foster, L. T. Fuller, Mrs. L. T. Fuller, J. W. Finnean, Mrs. J. W. Finnean, P. C. Gibson, Mrs. P. C. Gibson, Mrs. A. V. Gray, Mrs. L. Z. Garrett, J. J. Kendrick, Mrs. J. J. Kendrick, Mrs. A. Lahue, Mrs. Louise Lafferty, H. L. McCorkle, Mrs. H. L. McCorkle, J. S. McLendon, Mrs. J. S. McLendon, J. T. McDonald, Mrs. J. T. McDonald, L. H. Parish, Mrs. L. H. Parish, W. J. Price, Miss Mary Parker, Miss Mamie Pistole, D. P. Sink, Mrs. D. P. Sink, Miss S. C. Sink, Miss Mattie Pistole. Total, 40.

INITIATED.—Miss H. L. Everett, Miss Mary Parker, Miss Mamie Pistole, Miss Mattie Pistole, Mrs. H. Cassil, H. Cassil.

(2) *Esther Chapter No. 37.*

Grand View, Johnson county, Texas. No returns.

Terrell Chapter No. 38.

Terrell, Kaufman county, Texas. No returns.

Cisco Chapter No. 39.

Cisco, Eastland county, Texas. No returns.

Hillsboro Chapter No. 40.

Hillsboro, Hill county, Texas. No returns.

Eastland Chapter No. 41.

Eastland, Eastland county, Texas. No returns.

Marlin Chapter No. 42.

Marlin, Falls county, Texas. No returns.

Bonham Chapter No. 43.

Bonham, Fannin county, Texas. No returns.

Bristol Chapter No. 44.

Bristol, Ellis county, Texas. No returns.

Elgin Chapter No. 45.

Elgin, Bastrop county, Texas. No returns.

Woodbury Chapter No. 46.

Woodbury, Hill county, Texas. No returns.

Oriental Chapter No. 47.

Held at Tioga, Grayson county, Texas, Thursday on or before the full moon in each month. Postoffice, Tioga.

OFFICERS.—Sister Bettie McElroy, Worthy Matron; Brother J. C. Hupp, Worthy Patron; Sister Callie Mershon, Associate Matron; Brother A. K. Bradley, Secretary; Sister Lina Kile, Treasurer; Sister Hattie Bradley, Conductress; Sister Lillie Stinnett, Associate Conductress; Sister Omie Daugherty, Adah; Sister Neva Campbell, Ruth; Sister Mary Campbell, Esther; Sister Mat Gililand, Martha; Sister Pearl Bradley, Electra; Sister Bell Mershon, Warder; Brother G. W. Rains, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—Miss Hattie Bradley, Mrs. Pearl Bradley, A. K. Bradley, Mrs. Mary E. Cook, Miss Mary Campbell, Miss Neva Campbell, Miss Mary Dougherty, Miss Omie Dougherty, Mrs. Mary Greer, Ben L. Greer, W. M. Gililand, Mrs. Mat Gililand, Mrs. Belle Hizer, D. J. Hizer, J. C. Hupp, Mrs. Lina Kile, I. Kile, Mrs. Eliza Louis, Mrs. Bettie McElroy, Andy McElroy, Mrs. Mary Matthews, A. J. Matthews, Mrs. Belle Mershon, Miss Callie Mershon, Mrs. Sue Nichols,

J. S. Nichols, Mrs. Alice Porch, J. G. Porch, Mrs. Lettie Rains,
G. W. Rains, Mrs. Fannie Stinnett, Miss Lillie Stinnett, J. W. Stinnett,
H. Wilson. Total, 34.

Brady Chapter No. 48.

Held at Brady, McCullough county, Texas, on the fourth Saturday evening in each month. Postoffice, Brady.

OFFICERS.—Sister M. A. Lambright, Worthy Matron; Brother A. Jones, Worthy Patron; Sister F. E. Eskridge, Associate Matron; Sister M. N. McShan, Secretary; Sister M. McFarland, Treasurer; Sister Hessie Jones, Conductress; Sister Kate Evans, Associate Conductress; Sister H. O. Willoughby, Adah; Sister S. E. Rice, Ruth; Sister C. O. Jones, Esther; Sister M. E. Finnegan, Martha; Sister Thursa Miller, Electra; Sister A. A. Harcourt, Warder; Brother W. McShan, Sentinel.

MEMBERS.—Mrs. A. Benson, J. D. Benson, W. E. Benson, Mrs. S. A. Duke, J. S. Evans, Mrs. Kate Evans, W. B. Eskridge, Mrs. F. E. Eskridge, H. E. Finnegan, Mrs. M. Finnegan, C. Harcourt, Mrs. A. A. Harcourt, C. O. Jones, A. Jones, Miss Hessie Jones, Mrs. M. A. Lambright, W. McShan, Mrs. M. N. McShan, S. M. McCan, Mrs. M. McFarland, John R. McGee, F. M. Miller, Mrs. Thursa Miller, Mrs. M. A. Paschal, Mrs. S. E. Rice, W. R. Rice, S. T. Ward, Mrs. H. O. F. Willoughby, E. E. Willoughby, Mrs. S. T. Ward. Total, 30.

INITIATED.—Mrs. S. A. Duke, S. M. McCan.

CONSTITUTION,

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR FOR THE
JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Texas.

SEC. 2. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand Patron, Grand Matron, Grand Associate Patron, Grand Associate Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshal, Grand Conductress, Grand Associate Conductress, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electra, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. All Master Masons in good standing, members of some Lodge, and their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters, who shall have attained the age of eighteen years, are eligible to membership in this Order; provided that daughters and sisters be unmarried, and, provided further, that those who have availed themselves of the degrees shall not be deprived of their privileges as members.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The government of the Order shall be vested in three distinct bodies; their precedence shall be in the order named, viz: General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapter.

SEC. 2. The authority of the Grand Chapter shall be supreme within its jurisdiction, excepting matters under the control of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall extend over the entire State of Texas, and no Chapter shall be recognized by this

Grand Chapter except such as shall have charters from this Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. Chapters having charters from the General Grand Chapter may be permitted to surrender said charters and receive in lieu charters from this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such place as the Grand Chapter may select, beginning on the second Tuesday of *December of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m.

VISITORS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 2. Any member of the Order in good standing may visit the Grand Chapter when in session, but shall not be allowed to vote or speak upon any question unless requested, and then only by unanimous consent of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. This Grand Chapter shall have power to summon any member of a subordinate Chapter before it to give evidence on any matter pending before the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of three delegates from each Subordinate Chapter in this State, and the Past Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Associate Matrons while members of the Chapters of which they are past officers.

SEC. 2. Each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes, represented by the W. Matron, W. Patron and Associate Matron, the one present being allowed to vote for those absent.

SEC. 3. The officers of this Grand Chapter, except Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electra, Grand Marshal, Grand Warden, Grand Sentinel and Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Grand Matron elect, shall be elected annually, at each meeting of the Grand Chapter, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and installed in office.

SEC. 4. The oldest Past Grand Patron present in the absence of the M. W. G. Matron, or M. W. G. Patron, or Past M. W. G. Matron, or Past M. W. G. Patron of the General Grand Chapter, with such

* NOTE.—Amended by resolution passed October, 1887. Does not take effect until one year after date.

assistance as he may appoint, shall, before the close of the Grand Chapter, install all the Grand officers elected.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

SECTION 1. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business there shall be representatives from as many as five Chapters in the jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. No delegate shall act as a proxy for more than one Chapter.

SEC. 3. No person can become a member of this Grand Chapter unless a resident of the State and a member of some chartered Chapter in the State.

SEC. 4. Every person acting as a proxy for another Chapter or as delegate for their own Chapter, must have a certificate from such Chapter stating the facts, with the seal of the Chapter and signed by the Secretary and M. Matron of such Chapter, except when such person is the proxy of a delegate, in which event the certificate of such delegate shall accompany the appointment.

ARTICLE VII.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The fee for all Chapters applying for charter and supplies from this Grand Chapter shall be *twenty-five dollars, which amount shall in all cases accompany the application for charter. The supplies shall consist of one charter, one signet, one order book, one receipt book, one warrant book, twenty-five petitions, one dozen dimits, one dozen affiliations and *ten rituals.

SEC. 2. The dues to this Grand Chapter shall be twenty-five cents per capita per annum for each member of every Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which amount shall be paid to the Grand Secretary, together with an alphabetical list of the members and officers at the time of such report by each Chapter, on or before the first day of September each year.

NOTE.—“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution be thus construed: That the Subordinate Chapters shall pay per capita 6¼ cents per quarter or fractional part thereof; and as a whole, 25 cents per annum.”—*Proceedings Grand Chapter, 1886.*

* NOTE.—Constitutional amendments, to take effect after next annual meeting. † Read \$20 instead of \$25; ‡ read three instead of ten.

SEC. 3. The fee for special dispensation shall be 50 cents, and no such dispensation shall be granted unless said amount accompany the application.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of each Subordinate Chapter to pay to the Grand Secretary, in addition to the 25 cents per capita, provided for in second section of this article, the sum of 25 cents for each person initiated since the last meeting of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII.

DEATH OR DISABILITY.

SECTION 1. In case of death, absence or inability of the Grand Patron, Grand Matron and Grand Associate Matron, the Grand Associate Patron shall preside at the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and shall call to his assistance some Worthy Matron, or Past Worthy Matron in the absence of any Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Associate Matron.

SEC. 2. The presiding officer shall appoint such members as he or she may see fit to fill any vacancy in the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. This Constitution or any article in the same may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Chapter present, provided said amendment shall be approved by the General Grand Chapter before taking effect, and provided further, that the resolution amending the same shall lie over for one year and shall be submitted by the Grand Secretary to each Subordinate Chapter before action is had thereon; provided that amendments made at the meeting in October, 1884, shall not be required to lie over, provided that said amendments are introduced on the first day of said session.

We also report the following rules and regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the State of Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Subordinate Chapter in the State of Texas must have a charter from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter, and all communications, public or private, by Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, or the members thereof, with such illegal Chapters formed, opened or holden, or with members of such illegal Chapter, is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The elective officers of a Chapter shall consist of a Patron, Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress, and shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the 27th day of December, anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist. The appointed officers shall consist of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electra, Warden and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and Organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the next stated meeting.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 3. Vacancies in the elective offices except Patron, Matron and Associate Matron, may be filled by ballot at a stated meeting, the members having been summoned for that purpose. Vacancies in any appointive office may be filled by the Matron at any stated meeting. Vacancies in the first three offices can only be filled by dispensation of the Worthy Grand Patron, the members being summoned for that purpose.

TO OPEN A CHAPTER.

SEC. 4. The presence of a charter, one of the first three officers, and six other members are indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 5. No person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, by initiation or affiliation, but affiliated Master

Masons, their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and widows. Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age. No person shall be a member of more than one Chapter: *Provided*, That any Chapter may elect to honorary membership therein any affiliated member of another Chapter; nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a Chapter until all dues and indebtedness are paid or remitted.

FEES.

SEC. 6. No Chapter shall confer the degree for a less sum than two dollars.

PETITIONS.

SEC. 7. All petitions for initiation or membership shall be in writing, signed by at least two members of the Chapter, which petition shall be presented at a regular meeting, be referred to committee for investigation, and lay over until the next regular meeting, unless, by unanimous consent of the members present, it shall be declared a case of emergency, when action may be taken thereon immediately.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and, if a lady, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report thereon in writing, and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter, at the written request of the petitioner, at any time before balloting.

THE BALLOT.

SEC. 9. A separate ballot must be taken on every petition for membership or the degrees, which must be inviolably secret, without debate, and no inquiries permitted or statements made, as to the character of any one's vote. One or more negative votes rejects the applicant. In case but one negative vote appears, the Matron shall order a second ballot, which shall be final. Every member present must vote, unless excused by the Chapter.

REJECTED APPLICANTS.

SEC. 10. After an applicant for initiation or membership shall have been rejected, the petition may be renewed at the next stated meeting, but shall not be made a case of emergency. No rejected applicant

shall be initiated by any other Chapter, within three months after such rejection, without the consent of the rejecting Chapter.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 11. Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own By-Laws: *Provided*, They do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, and shall be submitted to and approved by this Grand Chapter.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 12. The Patron shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter, advise with and assist the other officers, preside during the conferring of degrees, and whenever invited to do so by the Matron.

SEC. 13. The Matron shall preside at the meeting of the Chapter, except when the degrees are being conferred; see that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced; appoint all committees and see that the officers faithfully perform all their duties. She may call upon the Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 14. The Associate Matron shall perform the duties appertaining to her office, and, in the absence of the Matron, assume her powers, duties and prerogatives.

SEC. 15. The remaining officers shall perform the duties indicated by their several titles and stations, be subject to the order of the Chapter and to their superior officers.

SEAL.

SEC. 16. Every Chapter shall, within one year from the date of its charter, procure a seal, with the name, number and location of the Chapter, and such other device as it may deem proper, engraved thereon, and no document emanating from such Chapter shall be deemed authentic without the seal affixed.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 17. The jurisdiction of Chapters for all purposes shall extend to a point geographically half-way between them; *provided*, That in towns and cities where two or more Chapters shall be organized, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction, and it shall be the duty of each and every Chapter to take cognizance of the conduct of every member of the Order within its jurisdiction, whether affiliated or not, for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the laws of the Order and maintaining its good name.

OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.

SEC. 18. Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, or a violation of the laws of the State, or of the United States, is an offense against the principles of this Order, and must be promptly dealt with.

SEC. 19. Any member of the Order who disobeys the order of the presiding officer, or in any manner disturbs the harmony of the Chapter, must be held to strict account therefor, and upon a repetition of the offense, suspended for a definite time from the privileges of the Order.

SEC. 20. Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues is subject to charges, and upon conviction thereof, may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order.

SEC. 21. *The only penalties recognized are four :*

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite time.
3. Suspension indefinitely.
4. Expulsion.

TRIALS.

SEC. 22. No member can be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, for any cause whatever, except upon written charges and specifications, and ten days' notice of the time and place of trial.

SEC. 23. Any affiliated member has the right to prefer charges, but in no case can this right be extended to one who is not affiliated.

SEC. 24. Complaints against a Patron or Matron for official misconduct must be made to the Worthy Grand Patron or this Grand Chapter while in session.

SEC. 25. Charges against a Patron or Matron for any offense not growing out of the discharges of his or her official duties must be made to the Worthy Grand Patron, and if approved by him, he will fix a time for trial, and notify the Chapter with a copy of the charges and specifications, and instruct the Secretary of the Chapter to serve a copy upon the accused.

SEC. 26. In all things relating to the trial of a Patron or Matron by his or her Chapter, except as otherwise specified in these rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members.

SEC. 27. All charges must be made in writing, signed by the party making them, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the accusation, and the time and place of its commission, including the names of witnesses. It shall be presented at a stated meeting, read in open Chapter and spread upon the record. The presiding officer shall then set a time for trial, and order the Secretary to serve upon

the accused a true copy of the charges, and notify him or her of the time set for trial.

SEC. 28. The Secretary may serve the notice either in person or by mail, but when sent by mail twenty days will be allowed for the accused to receive it, in addition to the ten days, and shall be sent in registered letters.

SEC. 29. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are members of the Order, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by the Secretary when ordered by the Matron or the Chapter.

SEC. 30. At the time set for trial if the accused fail to appear in person or by counsel, or has absconded before notice is served, the presiding officer may continue the case to some future time, or appoint a competent member to appear for the accused, and hear and decide upon the case as though the accused were present.

SEC. 31. Should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charge and specifications, no further evidence is necessary, and the Chapter shall at once proceed to fix the penalty.

SEC. 32. Any affiliated member of the Order may act as counsel for the accused or the Chapter.

SEC. 33. All charges must be heard and decided by the Chapter; in no case can this be left to a committee.

SEC. 34. The accused, when on trial, cannot be allowed to vote on any question growing out of his or her case.

SEC. 35. After the evidence shall have been presented, and the prosecution and defendant, by themselves or counsel, have had an opportunity of being heard, the prosecution and defendant shall retire, and the Chapter shall proceed to decide, by taking a separate ballot upon each charge and specification, first, whether the accused is guilty or not guilty as charged; and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the penalty, commencing with the highest grade, and so on down until some penalty is determined.

SEC. 36. Should definite suspension be decided upon, the time must be fixed upon motion, but the longest time must be voted upon first.

SEC. 37. Should the Chapter refuse by a majority vote to inflict any penalty after having voted on each grade, the Secretary shall, within three days, certify the fact to the Worthy Grand Patron, who may arrest the charter of the Chapter.

RULES OF EVIDENCE.

SEC. 38. The rules of evidence shall be, as far as applicable, the same as in courts of law, except that no oath or affirmation shall be required of witnesses.

SEC. 39. When a witness is a non-resident, and cannot attend in person before the Chapter, his or her evidence may be taken before a Patron or Matron, certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the witness may reside, both the accused and the accuser having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

SEC. 40. The accused shall be a competent witness, but shall not be required by the Chapter to give evidence unless he or she shall offer to testify.

SEC. 41. The evidence of members of the Order who may not be able to attend the trial, and of the persons not members of the Order, shall be taken in writing by a committee appointed by the presiding officer, of which both parties, if possible, shall have notice.

SEC. 42. At the time and place appointed the committee shall proceed to take evidence of such witnesses, and, after reading to each his or her evidence in the case, request him or her to sign the same. The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Chapter at the time of trial.

SEC. 43. All the evidence must be reduced to writing and preserved by the Secretary.

SEC. 44. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony offered, and all points of law and order which may be raised.

EFFECT OF AND WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SEC. 45. The suspension of a member precludes, for the time being, all privileges and benefits from the Order whatever.

SEC. 46. A sentence of suspension or expulsion will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until reversed by the Chapter or the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 47. Any one refusing to submit to the penalty of reprimand is subject to discipline, and upon conviction thereof, may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 48. The expiration of the time for which a member stands suspended restores him or her to all the rights and privileges which he or she possessed before trial.

SEC. 49. The payment of dues, for non-payment of which a member was suspended, restores him or her to full membership; but to restore to that condition a member who has been suspended or expelled for any other cause shall require a majority vote upon a petition for restoration, received at a previous stated meeting which must have been referred to, and reported upon by a committee of investigation.

SEC. 50. A Chapter may remit the dues of a member, for non-payment of which he or she was suspended, and thereby restore him or her to membership.

SEC. 51. Any member who has been expelled or indefinitely suspended may be restored to membership by the Chapter pronouncing the sentence, or if said Chapter has ceased to exist, then by the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

NEW TRIAL.

SEC. 52. A new trial may be granted by the Chapter that tried the cause, when a member has been suspended or expelled, in the following cases, and upon the following conditions:

1. Upon newly discovered evidence, which would indicate with reasonable certainty a change in the finding of a Chapter.

2. Where the finding of a Chapter is contrary to the evidence, and law and usage, or the penalty excessive.

SEC. 53. Application for a new trial must be made in writing, and contain a statement of the causes upon which the application is founded, be presented within ninety days after the trial was had, or within ninety days after the accused is informed of the action of the Chapter.

SEC. 54. Application for a new trial shall be addressed to the Chapter, and in all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules govern as in the first instance.

APPEALS.

SEC. 55. Any member feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter or the presiding officer, may appeal to this Grand Chapter within one year from the date of such decision, by filing his prayer therefor in writing with the Secretary of the Chapter, stating therein the error or decision appealed from, when it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out a full, true and complete copy of all the proceedings had, and evidence taken in the case, and certify the same together with a copy of the appeal to the Grand Secretary, within sixty days after said application is made.

SEC. 56. The Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter, on receipt of the transcript and appeal, shall proceed to examine the same upon the papers and evidences so transmitted, and, without additional testimony, shall decide the cause, by confirming the judgment already rendered, or remanding the cause for a new trial with instructions how

to proceed; *Provided*, That an appeal will lie from the decision of the Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 57. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed at any stated meeting of this Grand Chapter by the amendments being proposed in writing, referred to, and reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

Adopted.

BY-LAWS

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

FIRST. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, the Worthy Grand Matron shall, after the usual ceremonies of opening, declare the Grand Chapter open.

SECOND. Order of Business.

- 1st. Call of Chapters.
- 2d. Appointment of Committees.
- 3d. Reading of the Minutes, (if not printed.)
- 4th. Grand Patron's Address.
- 5th. Grand Matron's Address.
- 6th. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 7th. Report of Grand Secretary.
- 8th. Report of Grand Treasurer.
- 9th. Report of Committees.
- 10th. Report of Special Committees.
- 11th. Petitions and Memorials.
- 12th. Resolutions and Amendments.
- 13th. Unfinished Business.
- 14th. Election and Installation of Grand Officers.
- 15th. Any Business for the Good of the Order.

THIRD. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the party offering the same, and presented to the Grand Secretary, and be referred to the appropriate committee; or they may be considered at once by the Grand Chapter.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Matron, assisted by the Grand Patron, shall appoint the following committees:

- 1st. Committee on Credentials and Returns.
- 2d. Committee on Finance.
- 3d. Committee on Jurisprudence.

- 4th. Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
- 5th. Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- 6th. Committee on Memorials of the Dead.
- 7th. Committee on Ways and Means.
- 8th. Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
- 9th. Committee on Printing.

FOURTH. All committees shall be discharged by the closing of the Grand Chapter, except the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who shall continue until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter.

FIFTH. All communications, returns, petitions and documents shall be referred to the appropriate committees, who shall report thereon; and all reports must be in writing, signed by a majority of the committee.

SIXTH. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

SEVENTH. No member shall speak more than twice on any one question, without permission from the presiding officer or Grand Chapter.

EIGHTH. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be passed until the proper committee reports on it.

NINTH. All motions shall be put in the order in which they were moved; and in filling up blanks, the largest sum or quantity and the longest time shall be put first.

TENTH. These By-Laws shall not be suspended, except by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Chapter, but may be amended at any Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote.

BY-LAWS, (UNIFORM CODE.)

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

BY-LAWS

*Of _____ Chapter, No. _____ of the Order of the
Eastern Star, held in _____, County of _____,
and State of Texas.*

ARTICLE 1. The officers of this Chapter shall consist of a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Treasurer, Secretary, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electra, Warden and Sentinel. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Treasurer, Secretary, Conductress and Associate Conductress, shall be elected annually by ballot, at the stated communication previous to the festival of St. John the Evangelist, a majority of all the votes cast being necessary for a choice. The other officers shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron elect, previous to the installation of officers.

ART. 2. The annual installation of officers shall be at the time of election, or at any other time agreed upon by the Chapter. Should the Chapter fail to elect or install at the time herein provided, in such case the old officers shall hold over until an election and installation of officers may be had.

ART. 3. The stated meeting of this Chapter shall be on the _____ day of each month, at _____ o'clock _____.

ART. 4. All applications for initiation or affiliation shall be made in writing, signed by the petitioner, and recommended by a member of the Chapter. If a lady, stating upon whose account she applies, and of what relation she is to him, and that he is in good standing in _____ Lodge No. —. All petitions must be presented at a stated meet-

ing (unless by a dispensation from the Grand Patron or Grand Matron) and referred to a committee of three, to investigate and report the standing of the candidate, and lie over from one stated meeting to another, unless by an unanimous vote it may be decided a case of emergency, or by a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Patron or Worthy Grand Matron; in such case, they may act on the petition forthwith. All petitions for affiliation must be accompanied by a dimit from the Chapter where they last belonged, and may be acted upon instanter; those who have received the degrees as side degrees, may come in by being healed or re-obligated, and be acted on instanter. But in all cases they must petition; if for healings, the petition must state it; if for a lady, upon whose account she wishes to be received, and of what relation she is to him, that he is in good standing, and to what Lodge he belongs; if a Brother he must state that he is in good standing, and to what Lodge he belongs.

ART. 5. The fees in this Chapter shall be, for initiation of a gentleman, \$2.00; for a lady, \$2.00; for affiliation, —; for healing, \$1.00; ladies, 50 cents.

ART. 6. The unanimous vote must be had in favor of the applicant for admission, and in no case shall the candidate be admitted until the fee is actually paid to the Secretary, or the Secretary report that he is satisfied; in which case the Secretary shall be responsible for the same.

ART. 7. In balloting for candidates, if more than one negative appears, the candidate shall be declared rejected; but, if on the first ballot, one negative appears, a second ballot may be ordered by the Worthy Matron at her discretion.

ART. 8. The dues for this Chapter shall be, for a Brother, —; for a Sister, —; payable yearly in advance; but the Chapter may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting, relieve a Sister or Brother from paying dues.

ART. 9. Any member who shall be in arrears for one year's dues, and who shall fail to pay his or her dues by the next stated meeting thereafter, upon being notified thereof, may be suspended; provided, however, that upon payment of the same, together with the dues for the intervening time, they shall be reinstated without any action of the Chapter.

ART. 10. Any member not in arrears for dues, and in good standing, shall be entitled to a diploma, on proper application, and paying to the Secretary fifty cents for the same.

ART. 11. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Associate Matron, shall be *ex officio* a Committee on Charity, and have power

during the recess of the Chapter to draw orders on the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding five dollars for any one case.

ART. 12. All transactions and proceedings of this Chapter shall be kept inviolably secret; and it shall be the duty of every member to notify the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of all violations of this Article that may come to their knowledge.

ART. 13. Any member who shall reveal the name of any Brother or Sister who may have opposed in the Chapter the admission of a candidate into the Order, shall be liable to be suspended or expelled.

ART. 14. The Order of Business at a stated meeting shall be:

- 1st. Reading the Minutes of Preceding Meeting.
- 2d. Considering Unfinished Business.
- 3d. Receiving and Referring Petitions.
- 4th. Receiving Reports from Committees.
- 5th. Balloting for Candidates.
- 6th. Receiving and Considering Resolutions.
- 7th. Conferring Degrees.

At call meetings no business shall be taken up except that for which the Chapter is called is disposed of.

ART. 15. No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made, unless a majority of the Grand Chapter, at a stated communication, shall favor the same.