

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS & JURISDICTIONS

KEMETIAN MASONIC LODGE OF RESEARCH

Vision / Mission: To institute an organized system of study and inquiry into the epistemology of Free Masonry and the African American Masonic experience in particular.
To foster processes designed to empower the Prince Hall Masonic Family in its aspirations towards developing a preeminent fraternal order.
To nurture the evolution of a Masonic craft, capable of continuously improving its abilities to provide excellence in leadership & methods of human uplift, in the myriad of diverse and ever evolving power matrixes on the frontiers of cultural change.

Key Definitions of words and concepts contained in the Vision / Mission

Epistemology: The division of philosophy that investigates the nature and origin of knowledge. A theory of the nature of knowledge.”

Aspirations: A strong desire for high achievement.

Preeminent: To be outstanding; having paramount rank, dignity or importance, superiority in position or influence; surpassing excellence; dominant authority.

Nurture: Anything that nourishes; sustenance; food; the act of promoting development of growth.

Matrix: A situation or surrounding substance in which something originates, develops, or is contained (e.g. the womb).

ARTICLE I

Section I – Name

This Lodge of Research shall be known as the “Kemetian Masonic Research Lodge.” It is a part of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas & Jurisdictions but Maintains a separate status as a non-profit organization. As such it is governed by the Laws of the State of Texas (U.S.A) in regards to not for profit organizations.

Section II – General Communications

There shall be no less than four meetings a year i.e.

Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumnal Equinox & Winter Solstice,

The time and place of these meetings will be determined at the first meeting of

The New Year, on or about the time of the **Vernal (Spring) Equinox.**

A minimum of two of the scheduled meetings must be used only for Research Work e.g. Presentations, lectures, short talks, debates, think tanks, etc.

Section III – Special Communications

A Special Communication of this body shall be held on order of the Worshipful Master Of the Lodge of Research. The time and place for assembling shall be so stated.

Section IV – Purpose of Special Communications

The Purpose of the Special Communications shall be so stated in the call and no other Business shall be transacted.

Section V – QUORUM

The Quorum at the General Communications shall be a minimum of five (5) Research Members holding voting rights.

Section VI – Interim Communication Business

During the Interim between Communications, the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to attend to any financial obligations or needs of This Lodge of Research. A proper record of transactions must be filed and presented in Detail at the next Communication.

ARTICLE II

Section I – Elections

The Elections for this body must be held at the annual meeting in March of every year.

Section II – Elected & Appointed Officers

- A. The mandatory elected officers of this body shall be: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor / Publisher. The optional elected officers are Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Editor / Publisher. If no one is nominated for the optional elected offices, it shall be at the discretion of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Research to either appoint a Research Member to fill those offices or to leave them vacant until the next election.
- B. Only research Members may be nominated, elected or appointed to hold the elected and appointed offices of this body.
- C. The offices of Editor / Publisher and Assistant Editor / Publisher are the only offices that can be held by any member serving any of the other Elected or Appointed offices.

Section III – Duties of Elected and Appointed Officers

A. WORSHIPFUL MASTER

- 1. To set the time and place of the Annual and Special Communications.
- 2. To preside over all meetings of the Lodge of Research.
- 3. To draft the annual budget for the Research Lodge and present it for approval by the Members at March Communication.
- 4. To Appoint Officers and create committees to increase the productivity necessary to achieve the Vision / Mission of the Lodge of Research.
- 5. To insure the publications of the Lodge of Research are of the highest quality and standards.
- 6. To represent the Lodge of Research in public and in the various journalistic media.
- 7. To plot the course and coordinate the research projects of the Lodge of Research.
- 8. To work closely with the Senior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer to conduct and transactions between the stated communications of the Lodge of Research.

9. To exercise the tie-breaking vote over any issue.
10. The President shall also serve as a Trustee.

B. Senior Warden

1. To coordinate all research projects of the Lodge of Research.
2. To insure the accuracy of all publications and other journalistic projects of the Lodge of Research.
3. To preside over all stated communications in the absence of the President.
4. To receive every full scale lecture due, and mail or make available to every member prior to the presentation of the lecture in sufficient time to allow time for members to craft well structured questions.

C. Junior Warden

1. To exercise general supervision over the administrative affairs of the Lodge of Research.
2. To audit or oversee annual audits of the records of the Lodge of Research.
3. To preside over stated Communications in the absence of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden.
4. To set the fiscal controls and make sure that all recommendations of the audit are complied with.
5. To serve as Chairman of Membership Selection Committee.

D. Secretary

1. To accurately record all minutes from all meetings of this society and mail or make available to every member prior to the next stated Communication.
2. To receive and record all monies paid to the Lodge of Research and promptly turn them over to the Treasurer.
3. To function as an open line of communication with all members of the society and to either respond or pass on all written request to the President or Editor / Publisher.
4. To work closely with the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Treasurer to transact all business between stated Communications.
5. To work closely with the Editor / Publisher.
6. The Secretary shall also serve as a Trustee.

E. Treasurer

1. To accurately record and deposit all monies received from the Secretary of the Lodge of Research.
2. To prepare and present accurate Treasurer reports at each stated Communication of the Lodge of Research.
3. To work closely with the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Secretary to transact all business between stated Communications of the Lodge of Research.

F. Editor / Publisher

1. To oversee the production and publication of the Medew Netcher and any other Masonic publications and media programs produced by the Lodge of Research.
2. To work with the Senior Warden to insure the accuracy of the material in each publication or program.
3. To work closely with the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer so that the budget of the Lodge of Research accurately represents the actual costs of the publications and or programs.
4. To copyright each publication of the Lodge of Research, the Mewdew Netcher shall be copyright annually versus quarterly.
5. To secure the rights to reproduce any material previously published in other publications and by material received indirectly or by non-members of the Lodge of Research.
6. To coordinate all tasks with the Assistant Editor / Publisher.

G. Assistant Editor / Publisher

1. To work closely with the Editor to insure the quality, standards and accuracy of all publications of the Lodge of Research.
2. To carry out the duties of the Editor / Publisher in the absence of the same.

H. Board of Directors / Trustees

The Board of Directors should consist of no less than three and those three should be qualified and elected Associate Research Members of the Lodge of Research. Each member of the Board of Directors should be very astute Master Masons and have qualified experience in Masonic Research, Masonic Research Societies and Masonic Publications. These Members should represent a broad spectrum of Universal and Prince Hall Freemasonry and be known for their Masonic Works.

These Master Masons should be called upon to provide timely advice and counsel in regards to development and publication. One Member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master to serve as Trustee until the next elections. One member of the Board of Directors must be a Research Member of the Research Lodge.

ARTICLE III

Section I – Types of Membership

A. Research Member:

For Prince Hall Freemasons of Texas and its Jurisdictions only. Each Research Member carries one vote. Research Members shall be Titled – RM and a number corresponding to the time they joined (e.g. – Brother I.

H. Clayborn who was the tenth Research Member would be so titled Brother I. H. Clayborn RM10, with CRM10 denoting that he is a Charter Research Member.

B. Associate Research Member:

For Regular Freemasons only. Regular being defined as any Master Mason who is a member of any Grand Lodge recognized as being regular by the M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge of Texas or the United Grand Lodge of England. Special exceptions to the rule may be made by a unanimous vote. The only Associate Research Member that carries a vote is Associate Research Members who are also members of the Board of Directors. Associate Research Members shall be titled ARM and a number corresponding to the time they joined, e.g. Brother I. H. Clayborn who was the tenth Associate Research Member would be so titled Brother I. H. Clayborn ARM10, with CARM10 denoting that he is a Charter Research Member.

C. Affiliate Member:

For Freemasons, Non-Masons and Masonic Bodies.

Section II – LITERARY AND FINANCIAL REQUIRMENTS

A. Research Member:

The Literary Requirement for this membership is to submit a minimum of one short talk on the subject of Freemasonry every two years and one full-scale lecture every five years. The financial requirement for this membership is \$33.00 per year. That fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Lodge of Research, but not the annual publication.

B. Associate Research Member:

The Literary Requirement for this membership is to submit a minimum of one short talk on the subject of Freemasonry, every two years. The financial requirement for this membership is \$15.00 per year. The fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Lodge of Research, but not the annual publication.

C. Affiliate Member:

The financial requirement for this membership is \$24.00 per year. The fee includes a yearly subscription to the quarterly publication of the Research Lodge, but not the annual publication.

ARTICLE IV

Section I – Process for Nominating & Electing New Members

- A. Present candidate's name for Research, or Associate Membership and their Masonic Resume to the Secretary and Chairman of the Membership Selection Committee (Junior Warden) of the Research Lodge.
- B. The Chairman of the Membership Selection Committee will either mail or make available to all members the name and Masonic Resume of the proposed candidate.
- C. Members will have two weeks to review, make comments and ask questions pertaining to the proposed candidate.
- D. If the next stated communication is more than one month away, the Chairman of the Membership Selection Committee may elect to open the vote on the proposed candidate to mail and email votes. (Emailed votes must be held open for two weeks).
- E. Research Members must choose whether to vote yes or no. A Yes vote is for the proposed candidate to become a Research or Associate Member, while a No vote is Against the proposed candidate to become a Research or Associate Member.

Section II – Forfeiture of Membership

Any type of Membership may be terminated due to non-payment of dues, suspension or expulsion from their Blue Lodge or for other violation of ethical or moral standards that constitute un-Masonic conduct.

ARTICLE V

Section I – Publications

A. MEDEW NETCHER (Divine Speech)

This is the quarterly publication of the Lodge of Research. Its publication and production is the sole duty of the Editor / Publisher. Each year The Medew Netcher shall have a Masonic Discipline and feature articles

geared towards that discipline. The Medew Netcher must be copyrighted as one whole singular publication at the end of each year.

B. MEDEW NEFER (Good Speech)

This is the publication of the Lodge of Research that shall be published once every year. Its publication and production is the sole duty of the Editor / Publisher. The Medew Nefer shall be representative of a Lodge of Research year (Vernal Equinox to Vernal Equinox constitutes a Lodge of Research year) of Lectures and short talks created by members of this Lodge of Research in the disciplines. The Medew Nefer must be copyrighted as one singular publication at the end of each year.

Section II – Various Media Productions

The Lodge of Research may write and produce lectures, documentaries, movies, etc. or other various visual, audio or sensory media programs to serve as an outlet to convey their research work. The Editor / Publisher is responsible to provide oversight to authenticate such efforts.

ARTICLE VI

Section I – Amendments

- A. To alter or amend this Constitution, the same must be presented in writing and read at a regular or special communication for that purpose.
- B. The proposed amendment must state what Article and Section is to be altered or amended and the same is to lie on the table until the next regular communication.
- C. In order for the proposed amendment or alteration to be adopted, a two-third majority favorable vote of the members present is necessary.

Section II – Revisions

- A. The date and place of the adoption of the Constitutional Revisions and amendments must be documented in the minutes of the Communication.
- B. The Seal of the Research Lodge shall be affixed to the last page of the Constitution over the signature of the Worshipful Master and Secretary.

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**ARCHIVES & LIBRARY COMMITTEE
LODGE OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

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JUNE 25, 2004

**TO: Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Edwin B. Cash
Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden Michael T. Anderson
Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden Willie H. Coleman, Jr.
Heads of Houses
Appointed Grand Lodge Officers
Worshipful Masters
Wardens
Master Masons of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall
Grand Lodge of Texas**

**RE: Archives & Library Committee
Prince Hall Lodge of Research Committee
A REPORT TO THE 129TH GRAND COMMUNICATION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The late Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert E. Conner, Jr. recognized the great need to establish a repository for cultural artifacts relative to Prince Hall Masonry in Texas.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis wisely perceived the need to champion Masonic education first and foremost among the craft and charged the

Lodge of Research Exploratory Committee to make recommendations to this 129th Grand Communication on establishing a Prince Hall Lodge of Research.

In keeping with that charge, the following recommendations are germane:

- A. Combine the Archives & Library Committee and the Lodge of Research Committee. The New Committee shall be called the Lodge of Research Committee. The LRC when organized as a non-profit will be called The Kemetian Lodge of Research.**
- B. Grant permission to the Lodge of Research to organize itself as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Texas.**
- C. The Lodge of Research has as an objective, to complete the establishment and operation of the MWPHGL Library and Archives.**
- D. The Lodge of Research shall have unrestricted use of the unfinished north side second floor space, in the MWPHGL of Texas Headquarters.**
- E. Authorize the Lodge of Research to correspond with the Craft keeping them informed of its activities. Those Brothers that desiring to be a part of Masonic Research and Scholarship are cordially and fraternally invited to come and join us. All members of the Craft will be asked to assist the Lodge of Research in its plan of work, especially when the work is being conducted in their respective community.**
- F. The following is a typical Plan Of Work:
Work will begin with Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brenham, then we will undertake the work at the first 15 Lodges established in Texas. –**
 - San Antonio Lodge No. 1 in San Antonio**
 - Mount Bonnell Lodge No. 2 in Austin**
 - Magnolia Lodge No. 3 in Houston**
 - Amity Lodge No. 4 in Galveston**
 - Widow Son Lodge No. 5 in Marshall**
 - Mount Moriah Lodge No. 6 in Waco**
 - Holloway Lodge No. 7 in Downsville**
 - Roosevelt Lodge No. 8 in Kendleton**
 - Paul Drayton Lodge No. 9 in Dallas**
 - Pilgrim Lodge No. 10 in Denison**
 - Western Star Lodge No. 11 in Victoria**
 - Saint John Lodge No. 12 in Chapel Hill**
 - Gulf Lodge No. 13 in Corpus Christi**
 - Reed Lodge No. 14 in Luling**
 - Jackson Lodge No. 15 in San Angelo and**
(Baldwin Lodge No. 16 in Fort Grant, Arizona.)

The Data collection process will be as follows:

- 1. Date – Time – Place of the scheduled Work**
- 2. Coordinate a meeting with the local Masonic Family**
- 3. Video – Audio Oral Histories**
- 4. Digitize artifacts, pictures, etc.**

5. Assess Records, books and other documents germane to the lodge and activities of PH Masonry.
6. Receive donations of Artifacts, etc and document.
7. Take pictures & GPS coordinates of land, building, people, etc.
8. Designate and train local representatives.
9. Begin work with the 1st 15 Lodges with the goal of a publishing a pictorial history to coincide with the celebration with the 130th Convocation.
10. Document the Culture.
 - a. Political organization
 - b. Social organization
 - c. Economic organization
11. For Work on the Grand Temple Archives & Library The Craft will be segregated by Skills. Brothers, Local Lodges and Districts will be asked to purchase building materials.
 - a. Engineers, Architects, Building Contractors
 - b. Dry wall finishers, tile layers, tile artists
 - c. Tailors and Astronomers
 - d. Lawyers, Accountants, Librarians, Archivists
 - e. Computer Technicians
 - f. Suppliers, bookshelves, web page designers

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