

**UNIFORM BYLAWS FOR
TEXAS YORK RITE ESOTERIC ASSOCIATION**

Revised: October 19, 2013



The name of this Association shall be Texas York Rite Esoteric Association and its Jurisdiction shall be Texas.

There shall be one regular meeting of this Association each year, which shall be the annual meeting, and this shall be held during the month of October to coincide with the York Rite Grand Chapter / Grand Council School of Instruction. Special meetings may be called by the President.

The elective officers of this Council shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The officer line will be progressive (except that of the Treasurer and Secretary), with the newly elected Vice President entering the line. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. The newly elected President shall appoint a Chaplain, and may also appoint companions for other "Normal and Customary Masonic Offices or Positions" as he may deem appropriate. Officers shall be installed at the annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practical.

Participation by Brethren shall be predicated on membership in good standing in a Blue Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a Council of Royal and Select Masters. In addition, a Blue Lodge A-B-or-C Certificate, a York Rite Chapter Certificate OR a York Rite Council Certificate is required. All members are encouraged to have all three certificates, but only one certificate is required for regular membership.

Annual dues for the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association will be determined at each annual meeting.
Entry fees for membership to the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association will be determined at each annual meeting.

The purpose of these fees will be to cover any administration costs or other expenses as approved by the membership. The Secretary and Treasurer will be responsible for the collection and disbursement of such fees, and the names of both of these officers will be attached to any financial accounts owned by the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association.

Withdrawal of Funds will require the President's written approval to the Treasurer, and at least 2 names should be on any checking and/or saving accounts for transactions. Debit Card withdrawal transactions from the Treasurer are permitted and authorized for one checking account, however, procedure requires that he obtain written approval from the President and one other officer for such Debit Card transaction. Email communication is acceptable for all written approval.

Financial Account reports will be provided (in email or written copy) to any member, on demand, when requested.
Financial Account reports will be presented at each Annual Meeting.

The Bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members at any meeting of the Association provided the Secretary has notified regular attendees in advance of such intentions. Amendments or changes will become effective upon approval.

These Bylaws have been approved by Texas York Rite Esoteric Association, on October 19, 2013 to replace the old by-laws in its entirety.

Signed,

Robert Cagley, 2012-2013 President
Thomas Winger, 2013-2014 President
Jackie Matthews, 2013-2014 Vice-President
James Kirkpatrick, 2013-2014 Secretary
Floyd Hall, Past President