

The Grand Lodge of Texas

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ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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At approximately 3:40pm, on Saturday January 21, 2023, the Grand Secretary received Masonic Charges against R.:W.: Jim Rumsey, who was previously elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden earlier. The charges, which were signed by three Past Grand Masters, allege that R.:W.: Jim Rumsey, while then serving as a District Deputy Grand Master at-Large and as a member of the Committee on Work: (1) did conduct himself in a way to bring reproach upon this Grand Lodge and to bring discredit and disgrace upon Masonry and to reflect unfavorably on the good name of Masonry; and (2) consumed, possessed, and had in possession intoxicating liquor on the premises of the Grand Lodge Memorial building.

Finding the charges to be proper and in legal form, I accepted the charges against Jim Rumsey, a sitting Grand Lodge Officer, pursuant to Articles 641.1 and 641.3 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas (LGLT).

As provided for in Articles 667 and 669, these allegations are hereby referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals and they are directed to conduct a disciplinary proceeding as provided for by law. Pursuant to Article 670, they will report their findings and recommendations to this Grand Lodge. The findings of fact, recommendations and the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals is due to this Grand Lodge no later than the start of the Grand Annual Communication. The Committee will meet at 10:00am on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at the Masonic Grand Lodge Library and Museum of Texas in Waco (aka The Grand Lodge Memorial Temple), to conduct its disciplinary proceeding.

Further, as provided for in the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas, I suspend Jim Rumsey from the functions of the office of the Grand Junior Warden pending the Masonic Disciplinary Proceeding as the charges allege official misconduct and violations involving moral turpitude. (Art. 660 – LGLT).

Since the report of Grievance and Appeals Committee will be submitted to this Grand Lodge and Article 672 provides that this Grand Lodge shall render judgment, I request that the Masons of Texas refrain from discussing the particulars of this investigation and eventual Masonic Disciplinary Proceeding unless and until their testimony is sought by the Grievances and Appeals Committee, a Commissioner that I may appoint, or the parties through their respective counsels. This will assist in the prevention of bias and/or prejudice of those members of Grand Lodge who might be asked to render judgment. Failure to respect this request may result in the disqualification of that member of Grand Lodge from deliberation, and/or possible charges being filed. (See Art. 508.36 – LGLT).

G. Clay Smith
Grand Master