

### **Committee on Work Grand Council R&S Master 2020 – 2021**

The year for Committee on Work for the Grand Council was minimized due to the Covid -19 pandemic, from March 2020 thru June 2020 under Grand Lodge directive, and a slow start to resume meetings and Festivals throughout the state under CDC and State directives.

There has been no request for the Keith Dean Competition, again due to Covid -19 pandemic and CDC directives. Three schools of instructions were performed.

Two Proficiency Cards have been issued this Illustrious Grand Masters year:

Blue Card for Opening & Closing a Select Master Council

James “Robby” Robertson: Tyler Council No. 4.

Purple Card with one White Strip for proficiency in the Apron Lecture

Charles “Chas” Jordan: Clearwater Council No. 34.

Questions on Ritual:

1 When Companions form lines in the Select Master the first line has the Chaplin in the North, a member in the Middle and the Conductor of Council in the South. {Constitution Ruling & Decision # 15}

2 In the Select Master the Captain of the Guard should return to his station and address the Ill. Master, after the Lines are formed. {Instructors Manual}

3 In the Royal Master’s Degree who can give the Prologue to the Candidates: The COW feels that the Prologue can be given by anyone from the East Dias either by memory or read.

4 Question: Where does the Sword go in the Select Master opening: Is it left on the Altar base or at the Conductor of Council Station before opening: All Rituals and other articles nothing is indicated on where; except in the step down from Select to Royal Master the Sword is carried back to the Conducts Station. In the Florida Instruction Manual, it is stated that the Scabbard is never left at the Altar. I feel by Tradition in most Councils it starts at the Conductors Station. The COW does not have an opinion on this matter as long as it is used at the Altar at the proper time and manner.

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