



VILLAGE OF SALADO

RESOLUTION

No. R-2017-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO CELEBRATING THE 150<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SALADO MASONIC LODGE 296, DISTRICT 48 AND DECLARING JUNE 15, 2017 AS SALADO MASONIC LODGE 296 DAY IN SALADO, TEXAS.

**WHEREAS**, the Masonic fraternity traces its roots back to 1717 in England and includes among its members George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Sam Houston, David Crockett, James Bonham, Jim Bowie, Col. William Barrett Travis, John Wayne and both Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Lodge of Texas on June 13, 1867 granted the Charter for Salado Masonic Lodge, establishing it as the Salado Masonic Lodge, 296, physically located in a room in the Salado College, later on the second floor of First Baptist Church, and currently on 90 Church Street, Salado, Texas.

**WHEREAS**, for 150 years has been and is a source of leadership, achievement, and support for the Village of Salado. As historical records indicate, most of the Salado College founders, thirty-three percent of its teachers, and seventy-seven percent of the College Trustees were Masons. Throughout the years, the achievements of the Salado Masons have been numerous and directly responsible for the success of the Village of Salado.

**WHEREAS**, four Salado Masons, Colonel Sterling Robertson, Major A.J. Rose, George W. Tyler, and Dr. S.J. Jones were most influential and effective in the founding and maintaining of Salado College and Thomas Arnold High School. It is a most remarkable fact that all of these leaders in the educational field were contemporaries, and that a town so small as Salado and a Lodge so limited in membership that Salado Masonic Lodge could have nurtured four men whose great work in life was the advancement of education that is unparalleled in Texas.

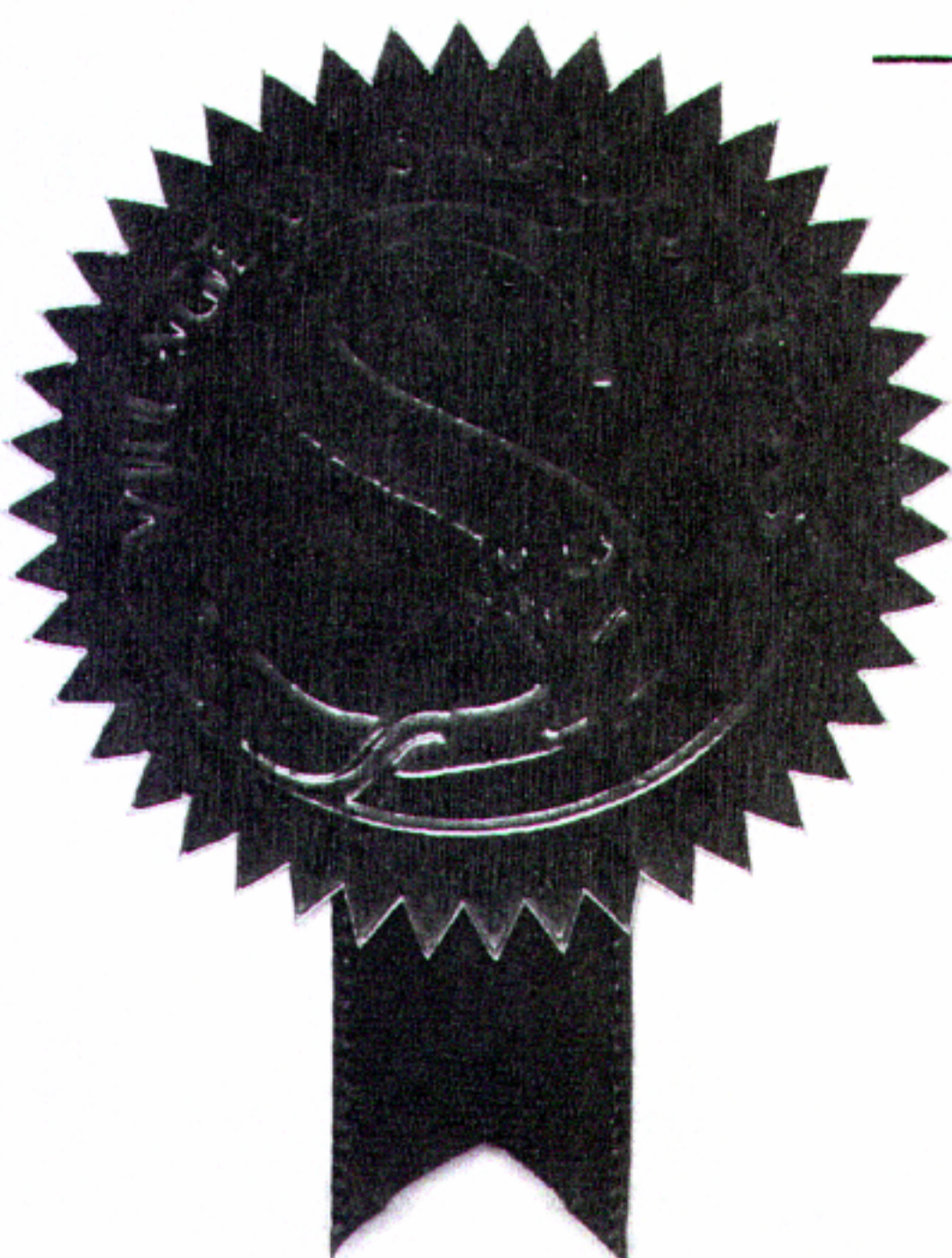
**WHEREAS**, the Salado Masons of 2017 proudly continue to be leaders, supporters, and contributors to education in the Village of Salado through Scholarships for graduating Salado High School Seniors; financial gifts to the Salado Family Relief Fund to assist children with necessary school supplies; and assisting other organizations in accomplishing their goals.

**WHEREAS**, the Salado Masonic Lodge has demonstrated and set the highest of standards in honesty, integrity, ethics, and moral attributes, and earned the respect of the Citizens of Salado

The Village of Salado thereby recognizes the achievements and importance of the Salado Masonic Lodge, 246, District 48, on this their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary declares June 15, 2017 As Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Day.

JUNE 1, 2017, by a vote of:

5 Ayes to 0 Nays to 0 Abstentions.



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In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Salado, Texas on this, the 1st day of June, 2017.

*Skip Blancett*  
Skip Blancett, Mayor

*Judy King*  
ATTEST: Judy King, Village Secretary

