

**SAM HOUSTON COUNCIL NO. 275**  
**Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America**  
**BY-LAWS**

Article I - Name

The name of this Council shall be **Sam Houston** and its jurisdiction shall be **Texas**.

Article II - Custody of Charter

The Secretary shall have custody of the Charter.

Article III - Meetings

There shall be 4 (four) regular meetings of this Council each year, one of which shall be the annual meeting, and this shall be held during the month of November. Special meetings may be called by the Sovereign Master.

Article IV - Officers

The elective officers of this Council shall be the Sovereign Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall be elected at the annual meeting. The appointive officers shall be the Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tiler. All officers shall be installed at the annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practical.

Article V - Membership

Membership shall consist of Brethren proposed by any member of the Council and shall be limited to twenty-seven in number. Any member proposed for membership in the council shall be held over until the next stated meeting. A 15 day written notice (either mail or email) must be given to all members with the name of who is being proposed prior to their ballot. Such proposal shall receive a clear ballot at any meeting of the Council before an invitation is extended. Membership shall be predicated on membership in good standing in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Article VI - Fees and Dues

The fee for investiture in this Council shall be \$200.00 and includes annual dues for the year. The annual dues from each member shall be \$20.00

Article VII - Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members at any meeting of the Council, provided the Secretary has notified each member in advance of such intentions. Amendments or changes will become effective upon such approval of the Grand Council.

These By-Laws have been approved by Sam Houston Council 275 on January 30th, 2013.



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