

**TEXAS GENEALOGICAL COLLEGE**  
**Home of the *Texas Genealogy Hall of Fame***  
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**An open letter to genealogists and those belong to lineage and  
heritage societies:**

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Dear Fellow Genealogist,

You may be a person who qualifies for Diplomat Membership in an elite organization in Texas designed to honor the top 5% of genealogists in the state. The Texas Genealogical Council is being established to assist Texas genealogical, lineage, heraldry and heritage organizations communicate with one another and to plan cooperative ventures. We plan to create a comprehensive master calendar of genealogical , lineage, heritage and heraldry meetings and events in the state. Only the activities of member organizations will included in the map. Although this master calendar will not prevent conflicts, it will go a long way in avoiding conflicts. One of our goals is to assist smaller groups join with similar groups to conduct joint meetings.

We also plan to have a newsletter, member directory (similar to the old *Hereditary Society Blue Book*, but with the addition of group photos of officers of member organizations and photos of individual members), a web page, blog and an internet facility ("Texas Gen-Talk") for members to discuss online issues within the community.

Our temporary web page is up and running. For additional information, please consult our web site at [www.texasgenealogicalcollege.com](http://www.texasgenealogicalcollege.com) .

In Oct. 2016, we will name the initial inductees of the Texas Genealogy Hall of Fame. Our goal is not to displace any existing organization, but rather to serve as a conduit for each member organization to spread the word about the qualifications for membership in each, and their respective activities.

Please make every effort to attend our first annual meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21, 2016, in San Antonio, TX at the El Tropicano Hotel.

Very truly yours,

Judge Ed Butler, Co-Founder

President General, 2009-2010

National Society Sons of the American Revolution.