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RAM Banquet by: Emanuel Tucker

On October 27, 2012 El Paso Holy Royal Arch conducted its first annual banquet. Excellent High Priest Franck Bonhomme decided that it was time for the Royal Arch to give thanks to the members and people in the community that are making a positive difference. The Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the event was Companion McCluney and he ensured that the event was conducted smoothly. The banquet began with an opening prayer by the Deputy of the Orient Dr. John Butler and was highlighted by the guest speaker PHP Dr. Mack Vereen (see biography on page 12-13 article con't on page 14).

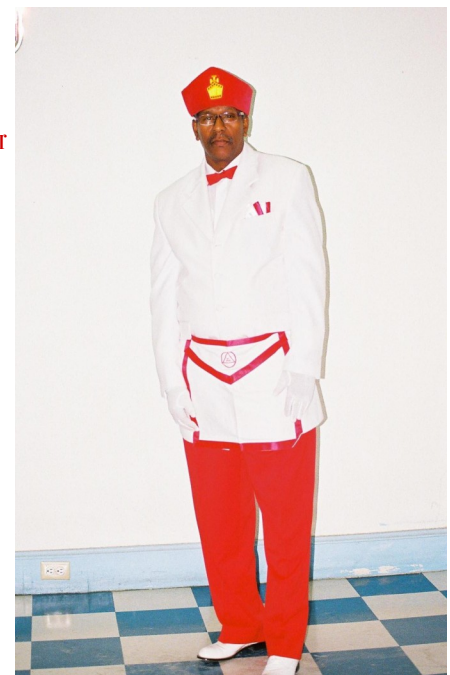


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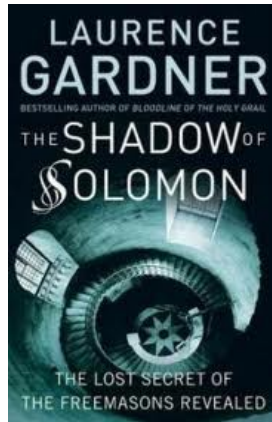
This year has been a very busy one for the Royal Arch Masons. I challenged them earlier in the year when we conducted a meet and greet at my house. These young men embraced that challenge and exceeded the standard that I set forth for them. The Cancer walk, Alzheimer's

walk, donations to Gracia Divina, and Lee Moor Children's home. With God's blessings we will continue to do great things because we all realize that it's not about the individual, personal recognition or self gratification. It's about doing what we have been

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Book of the Quarter (The Shadow of Solomon)



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Walk to End Alzheimer's by Emanuel Tucker/Duwan Mason



wide, nearly 36 million people are believed to be living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. That number is projected to increase to 65.7 million by 2030 and 115.4 million by 2050. The emotional and financial costs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia are enormous." (American Health Assistance Foundation)

With this disease affecting more and more Americans the city of El Paso has decided to get involved and assist the Alzheimer's Association by conducting an Alzheimer's walk and fundraiser. El Paso Holy Royal Arch along with our PHA sisters supported the event and donated \$400 towards the effort. This was the first time the Chapter was involved with the walk and will take lessons learned and apply them to next year. Overall, we had a great time and were able to interact with other non-profit organizations and corporations that supported the event (go to http://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=1450 for more information). Hopefully, next year we will be able to setup a booth and raise more money to assist in the cause.

Alzheimer's is a disease that has affected people all over this nation. At least half of America's population has Alzheimer's or know someone with the disease. "Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, and this terminal, progressive brain disorder has no known cause or

cure. It slowly steals the minds of its victims, leading to memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, personality changes, disorientation and the inability to communicate. More than 5 million Americans are believed to have Alzheimer's disease and by 2050, as the U.S. population ages, this number could increase to 15 million. World-



Zerubbael: A More In-Depth Look by PHP Shawn Willis



“I will take you, Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, say the Lord, and I will make you as a signet ring; for I have chosen you” Haggai 2:23

Scottish Rite and Holy Royal Arch Masons both recognize the important role played by Zerubbabel in their, ritual, however, very little is known about him. We do know that all Holy Royal Arch Chapters are “erected to God and dedicated to Zerubbabel” but in all honesty, who was this man?

Unfortunately, the Bible does not provide much information about the builder of the Second Temple. The Bible reveals that the second temple was built in Jerusalem in the sixth century B.C.E. and lasted longer than the Temple of Solomon and Herod combined. It appears that Zerubbabel disappears from the narrative before the Temple is dedicated, prompting some theologians and scholars to speculate that he was possibly executed for leading a messianic movement that

would have crowned him king of an independent Jewish nation.

We know he was born during the Babylonian exile. If his name is Hebrew, it may be a contraction meaning “the one sown of Babylon”, which refers to a child conceived and born in Babylon. A similar meaning is derived from the name is Assyrian-Babylonian, since the name means “Seed of Babylon”, in the sense of the Jews having been sifted through their exile in Babylon.

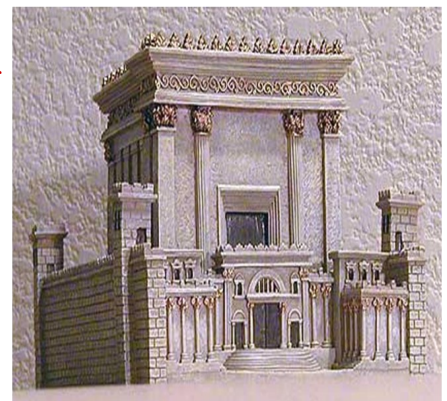
Zerubbabel was the head of the tribe of Judah during the time of the return from the Babylonian Exile. He was the prime builder of the Second Temple, which was later constructed again under King Herod. Zerubbabel led the first group of captives back to Jerusalem and began rebuilding the Temple on the old site. For some twenty years he was closely associated with prophets, priests, and kings until the new temple was dedicated and the Jewish sacrificial system was re-established.

He was the grandson of Jehoichin, the captive King of Judah, (1 Chron. 3:17). He was also a descendant of David, and was in the direct line of the ancestry of Jesus (Luke 3:37; Matt. 1:12). With the blessing of King Cyrus (Ezra 1:1-2), Zerubbabel and Jeshua, the High-



Priest led the first band of captives back to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel was clearly regarded as the head of the community of returned exiles.

Only after the completion of the Temple did Ezra as the agent of the Persian King Atraxerxes, arrive in Jerusalem and assume leadership. Nothing further is known with certainty about Zerubbabel. The 12th Century German theologian Ernst Sellin theorized that Zerubbabel was actually made King of Judah by his people, but was overthrown and put to death by the Persians. On the basis of the attitudes taken by Zechariah and Haggai and the fact that Zerubbabel was of Davidic descent, Sellin believed that this kingdom was regarded as messianic at the time.



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Royal Arch Information Sheet

Please fill out the sheet below and mail in when sending your dues. We want to ensure we have the most current information on our members.



El Paso Holy Royal Arch #90

Texas Jurisdiction

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

NAME: _____
 (LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ RACE: _____

MARITAL STAUS: MARRIED _____ SINGLE _____ SEPARATED _____ DIVORCED _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____ # OF CHILDREN: _____

NEXT OF KIN'S NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE #: (____) _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

Charity in Our Community by Emanuel Tucker

On 9 November 2012 the Chapter conducted two charity events. One was the delivery of canned goods to Lee Moor Children's home and the other was a delivery of clothes to Gracia Divina ministries. Both of these organizations do great things in our community. Lee Moor take in kids that have been abused or abandoned by their parents while the ministry does charity work in the poorest parts of El Paso and Juarez. One group drove out to the Westside of El Paso and delivered the food and the EHP escorted the other group to the Eastside to

deliver the clothing. The food and clothes were donated or purchased by members of the Chapter. The Bible teaches us, "*Every man according as he purpoeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7)*". Giving with the proper attitude is the key to all success. In the book of Genesis the story of Cain and Abel teaches us the when we give it should come from the heart. Abel's offering was respected by God but Cain's was rejected. Once you look further into the story you will see that Cain took his time

and brought his offering when he felt ready. We must remember God is not on our time. We must be prepared to do what is necessary when called upon; not when we are trying to upscale or compete. After taking the obligation we have become part of a lifestyle that continuously support the community. God has blessed us all so much and in many different ways. As long as our hearts remain in the right place God will continue to bless us.



9th Annual Denim & Pink by Emanuel Tucker



On 19 February 2012, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons participated in the Susan G. Koman race for the cure. Our awareness and determination to fight this disease did

not end when we were dismissed on that day. Recently, on October 14, 2012, the Chapter participated in serving lunch to many cancer survivors. The chapter wasn't alone in the cause and received

assistance from the Ruff Ryder organization, Oro Court No. 20, and Stars of the Sun Chapter #6. We will continue to push out information and show a commitment to fighting cancer as long as we are physically able to.



Photos of the Quarter





Thanksgiving Dinner

by: Emanuel Tucker

“Being blessed gives opportunity to show God’s goodness and love through giving to others.”

Thanksgiving is a time when we show our appreciation for God, family, jobs, etc. As many Americans celebrate the holidays there are Soldiers serving abroad without their family and others living in unfortunate situations. Fortunately, our Masons in RAC 90 have received God’s blessing and trying our best to bless others. November 17, 2012 the Optimist Club along with RAC 90 hosted a

Thanksgiving dinner for the community. All the food was donated by the Masonic family in El Paso and the event was open to the community. Throughout the year both organizations have worked together to better El Paso and accomplished some great things. Being blessed gives opportunity to show God’s goodness and love through giving to others.

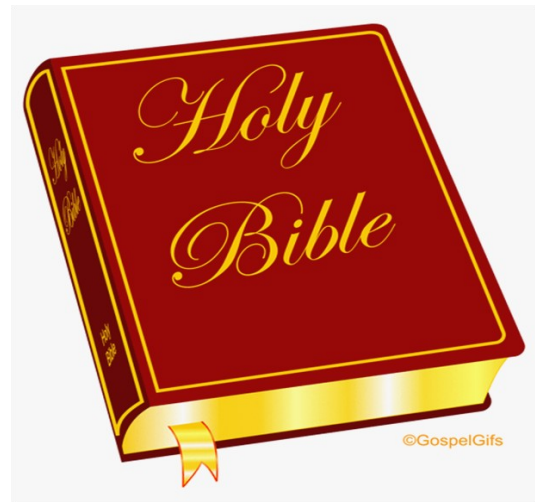


Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. What is the first Commandment found in the Bible?
2. What are the 14 Stations of the Cross?
3. What was the name of Judas' father?
4. Who climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus?
5. Out of whom did Jesus cast seven devils?
6. What son did Eve say God gave her in the place of Abel?

Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting



Please Show Support



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Please continue to support the food drive that's being conducted. We ask that each Companion purchase an extra canned good when shopping and donate it to the Chapter. When a sizable amount has been collected we will take these goods down to the orphanage. Below is a list of other organizations the chapter has worked with and will continue to build relationships with in the future.

Susan Komen: <http://www.komenelpaso.org/>

Whitaker Elementary: <http://whitaker.episd.org/welcome/index>

Gracia Divina Ministries El Paso: check out the page on Facebook

Lee & Beulah Moor Children's Home: <http://www.leemoor.org/>

Alzheimer Association: <http://www.alz.org/westtexas/>

Schedule of Events

- } December 16 (Charity Christmas Dinner)- Dinner will be at the Optimist Club at 7 PM
- } December 21 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } January 25 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } February 22 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } March 22 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } Christmas Toys Distribution— TBD

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Grand Chapter Officers

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest:** Willie J. Tate
- Deputy GHP:** George S. Jeffers
- RE Grand King:** Bernard Samuel
- RE Grand Scribe:** Clary E. Glover, Jr.
- RE Grand Secretary:** Charles E. Walker
- RE Grand Treasurer:** Frank B. Glover Sr.
- RE Grand Lecturer:** Leon Roberts
- RE Grand Chaplain:** D. Michael Jones
- RE Grand Capt. Of the Host:** Michael Berry
- RE Grand Royal Arch Captain:** Melvin T. Williams
- RE Grand Master of the Third Veil:** William E. Pitre
- RE Grand Master of the Second Veil:** Harrison Gregg Jr.
- RE Grand Master of the First Veil:** Weldon L. Farmer Jr.
- RE Grand Ceremonial Master:** Michael Levingston
- RE Grand Marshall:** Duwan M. Mason, Sr.
- RE Grand Historian:** Stacy Foushee
- RE Grand Aid-de-camp:** Patrosky Thomas
- RE Grand Sentinel:** Raymond Keys
- RE Assistant Grand Chaplain:** Dr. John Butler
- RE Grand Captain Principle Sojourner:** Melvin Williams
- RE Grand Recording Secretary:** Jerry Hampton

Dr. Mack Vereen (Banquet Guest Speaker) Biography

was appointed Assistant Deputy Grand High Priest and Assistant Deputy Grand Eminent Commander. Later



that year he established a Maryland Jurisdiction York Rite System in Berlin, Germany, with the Commandery named Mack H. Vereen Commandery number eight. Brother Vereen was indoctrinated into Scot-

Mack H. Vereen was born and raised in Nichols, South Carolina. He attended Nichols Williams Chapel Elementary School and Palmetto High School located in Mullins, South Carolina. He acknowledged his call to the ministry and later delivered his sermon of origination in Friendship Baptist Church located in Nichols, South Carolina and was ordained a Minister of the Gospel in Berlin Germany in 1976. He was pastor and co-pastor in local and global churches. For instance, he served in both positions in the Intra-Faith Congregation in Berlin Germany. His ministry academy credentials are Liberty Baptist Biblical Institute, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, and the International Theological Seminary. Mack H. Vereen was award an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from Texas' Southern Evangelist Associates in 1977. He also holds the following degrees: a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of New York, Master's of Science Degree from Falmouth National Graduate School,

Boston MA., and a Doctorate Degree (that scheduled to be conferred in November 2012) from Northcentral University in the discipline of education. His masonic affiliation includes the blue lodge, both genders organizations, York Rite Masonry, Scottish Rite Masonry and the Temple.

Mack H. Vereen masonic travels started in Progressive Lodge 234 in Nichols, South Carolina. He was an associate member of E.W. Armstrong Lodge 145 located in Berlin, Germany, and served as senior deacon for three years. The blue lodge degrees provided the prerequisite for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 99, Queen of the South, and the Amaranth Court Degrees (Berlin, Germany). He received the Royal Arch Chapter Degrees in C.D. Dewberry, Chapter 35, and the degrees of Knighthood in Tobe Davis Commandery 46 at Nurnberg, Germany. In 1977 Vereen

tish Rite Masonry Degrees in Military Valley 304. These degrees were the Ineffable (4-14 degrees), Ancient Historical and Traditional (15-16 degrees), Apocalyptic and Christian (17-18 degrees), Modern Historical, Chivalric, and the Philosophical Degrees (19- 32 degrees). (con't on pg 13)



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He participated in receiving and constituting Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, by articulating the Mysterious Ladder and explaining the Tracing-Board when Sovereign Grand Commander Dreary Vaughn was Military Consistory 304 Commander-in-Chief. Vereen demitted into Augusta Georgia Lebanon Valley with membership into Consistory 28 and Stolkin's Temple. While In Augusta, Georgia he served in following positions: Lebanon Lodge of Perfection Thrice Potent Master 1979 and 1980, Lebanon Council of Kadosh Grand Commander 1980 and 1981, and Lebanon Consistory 28 Second Lieutenant Commander 1981 and 1982. Vereen taught Scottish and York Rites Masonry. Also, he orchestrated degree teams that scholarly, systematically, and strategically conferred both rites degrees upon new members. The speaker's contributions and accomplishments to Augusta masonry were the certification of degree teams for both rites. He was selected Augusta, Georgia Royal Mason, Sir Knight, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, and Drill Sergeant and Augusta Soldier for the of year 1981.

He received Deputy Leroy Bowen's most value Scottish Mason award 1982 and became a Thirty Third Degree elected in 1984. Vereen in 1985 demitted from Lebanon Consistory to the Jerome Consistory 328 and was elevated to 33rd degree and bestowed the title function of Grand Inspector General to examine the works of Scottish Rite Masonry throughout the Southern Jurisdiction. In Seaside California Vereen served the Jerome Valley as the Commander-In-Chief, the Most Wise for 1987, 1988, and 1989. He established degree teams, indoctrinated degree teams, conducted reflection banquet, and conducted Passion Week Activities to include Easter Egg Hunt. In 1996 Vereen demitted from Jerome Consistory to Jacob Mc Comb Consistory in Columbus, Georgia. Recently, in 2009 demitted from Jacob Mc Comb Consistory to Rio Grande Valley 24. In Rio Grande Valley he was the Most Wise for the Rose Croix Chapter for 2009. He conducted the Valley Passion Week Activities. Vereen served the U.S. Army for thirty years as an Airborne Ranger Infantryman. As a Command Sergeant Major (CSM) he served as the

Infantry Center and Fort Benning Command Sergeant Major and Alaska and Sixth Infantry Division CSM. He successfully led Soldiers as the Somalia Joint Task Forces CSM for the Restore Hope Operations.



Important Web pages:

Most

Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas:

<http://www.mwphglotx.org/>

Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Texas:

<http://www.mephgcoftexas.org/>

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New

Mexico: <http://www.mwphglnm.org/>

District 25: <http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/>

[index.html](http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/index.html)

Pride of the West Lodge #53:

<http://prideofthewest53.ning.com/>

Sunset Lodge #76: <http://www.sunsetlodge76.org/>

Also, please visit *Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Texas* on Face book.

High Priest Column (cont'd)

charged to do in our Masonic obligations and ensuring that we place ourselves as a strong cornerstone in this community. I know we have experienced differences in opinion, interpretation of the Constitution, and many other difficulties. Those type of things will happen but we must remember that we all support the same cause. Please continue with your Masonic studies, bringing new ideas to the table, and being role models for all, not just the Fort Bliss-El Paso area.

Banquet (cont'd)

The speech gave useful insight on Masonry, hard work, refreshment and labor. Just as our guest speaker stated, "It's time to be called back from refreshment to labor" we need to condition our minds and body and get back to Masonic business. Dr. Vereen's speech touched many and he received many accolades after the banquet was complete. Certificates and awards were given by PHP Mason afterwards to all those that assisted with the banquet, PHAmily and Friends, Science Fair Donation, Alzheimer's Walk and Cancer Walk. We would like to thank all that attended and hope to see you again next year.

II Thessalonians 3: 7-16:

For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means.

The Lord be with you all.

