

**EL PASO HOLY ROYAL ARCH #90
DECEMBER 2015**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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El Paso H.R.A.M

DEC 2015

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Luncheon

Dinner

Veterans Day

Bro Grays

Candy Handout

CPS

Convocation

Upcoming Events

Cancer Survivor Luncheon 2015 by Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone, on Sunday, October 25, 2015, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons No. 90 along with many others assisted Northgate Optimist Club with their 12th annual Denim and Pink (Cancer Survivors Luncheon). This is an

event in which the cancer survivors of El Paso and their families are invited to a luncheon served by us and other supporters of this great community. The fight against this terrible disease is ongoing and it continues to affect families all across the city. In order to make the event en-

joyable there was music, door prizes, gifts for everyone, and a lot of great entertainment. This event is held annually and hopefully we can get more survivors, supporters, and other organizations to join in and help this event grow.

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner by Emanuel Tucker



Greetings everyone, On Saturday, November 21st El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons #90, Northgate Optimist Club, and members of the El Paso community celebrated our fourth Annual community Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone had a great time along with great food. There were many people in attendance. We also made plates to go and had them delivered to people in our community who could not attend due to illnesses, handicaps, etc.

This event would not have been successful without the assistance of everyone in our community. We would like to thank everyone who donated a dish, beverages, monetarily, and their time to this event, and a special thanks to organizations who participated/donated, (25th Masonic District (PHA), Sunset Lodge #76, DeMolay Commandery #22, Stars of Sun Chapter #6, Oro Temple #9, and Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Texas Anna Howell.

RAC 90 Family Visit by Duwan Mason



On Saturday, October 17, 2015 El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 visited the widow of PHP Franck Bonhomme (Mama B) to present her with a small token for her continued support and to show her we will always be here for her and her family. She has always went above and beyond to ensure all events held by the Royal Arch are successful by providing items, donations, or time. She has consistently opened her home to our members and their families in time of need and desperation. This small token of appreciation is not a true representation for everything she has done for us. We also would like to thank New Mexico HRAM for providing the token.

Zerubbabel Day Celebration 2016

"Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar to the God of Israel... " Ezra 3:2

Zerubbabel Day Celebration will be held on
17 April 2016



Photos of the Quarter



Veterans Day

(information taken from VA website)

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words: *Whereas* the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and *Whereas* it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National

Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible." In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



EL PASO H.R.A.M. #90

JOINT FISH FRY

NORTHGATE OPTIMIST CLUB

March 19, 2016

12PM- 4 PM

DONATION

4201 SKYLINE AVE
EL PASO, TX 79904

\$8

P.O.C WILLIAM MIKELS 706-358-6026

DUWAN MASON 915-588-3560 & MS. JANICE 915-203-5032



Photos of the Quarter (More)



Mighty Mini's Cheerleading Team by Emanuel Tucker

El Paso Holy Royal Arch have created working relationships with many different organizations throughout the city and nationwide. One of our focal points have been the children within our community and abroad. Everything from Pop Warner Football, Little League Baseball, and Youth Basketball have played an integral part of the annual donation list for the chapter. In November the Mighty Mini's Cheerleading Team, from the state of Alabama, received a \$1000 donation from our chapter enabling them to go and compete at a major cheerleading competition. The team was able to win first place but more importantly they have somewhat of a understanding of what our Prince Hall Masonic Family does to support the youth of our country. We hope to be able to work with their leadership at later dates and grow this relationship.



Words from Incoming EHP by Dax Thomas

A Royal Arch Mason works with strength and zeal, and it shows with these gentlemen everyday. Being the newly elected Excellent High Priest, I would like to thank the Craft for their support and belief in me thus far. The Great I AM has much in store for us collectively, and as individuals and I assure you that I will do all in my power to sustain harmony and relief in our organization. Freemasonry is a

way of life, and we should live it wholeheartedly not just in a meeting. I've been told a true Mason evaluates himself everyday, to do more, be better, and spread the same attitude amongst his peers, bring joy into irritated situations when possible, and leave good impressions to those you encounter. This could be a blessing in disguise.

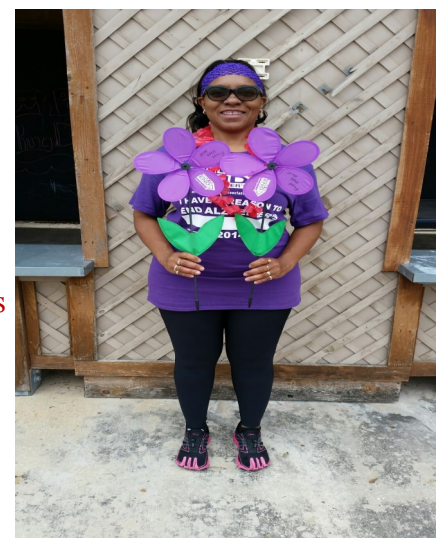
We have a busy year coming up and we would love for you to continue working with us. Thank you all so much for the support to the Chapter as we continue to give back to OUR community as much as we can. May you all have a blessed and prosperous Holiday season.

Alzheimer's Walk

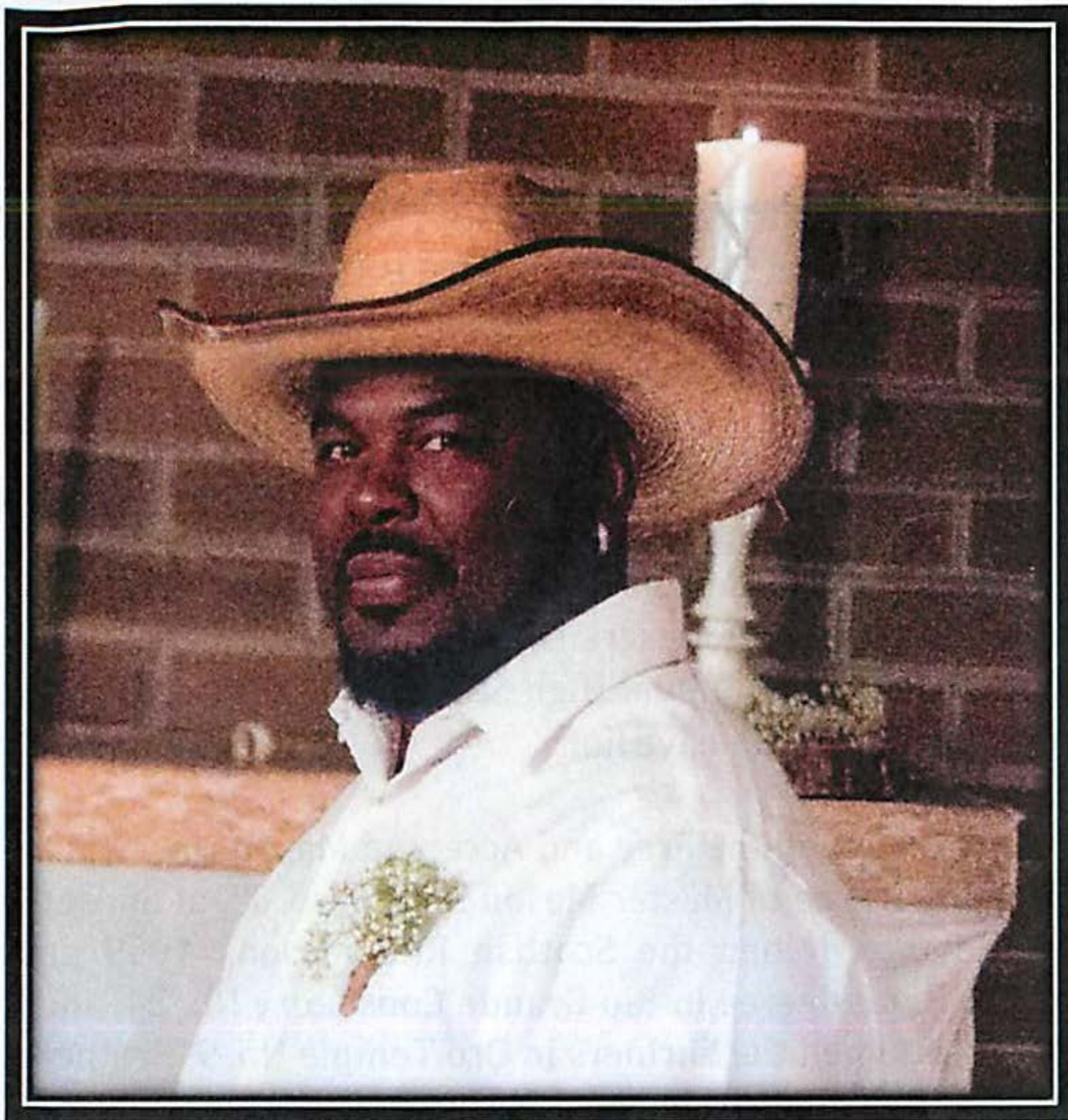
For the fourth consecutive year Sister Jeanette Bratcher has supported the Alzheimer's Association through the Royal Arch. The Royal Arch started supporting this event back in 2012 and it has grown

significantly throughout the state of Texas. Sister Bratcher has shown support every year and even went as far as completing the event in San Antonio the past few years. She continues to assist our

chapter in all areas and we appreciate everything she does for us.



In Celebration of the Life of



ROGER SKIMO GRAYS

05 August, 1971 – 30 November, 2015

Halloween Candy Giveaway by Duwan Mason

Greetings Everyone,

On Saturday, October 31, 2015 (Halloween) El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter #90 along with PHAmily, family, friends, and members of the community handed out candy to the youth of El Paso, TX.

There seemed to be thousands of children but we had lots of candy to accommodate them all, so much candy we decided to have an assembly line type of distribution. Many who came out to assist dress in some impressive costumes. We would like to thank

everyone who donated candy for this endeavor, and also those who came to help handout candy. It would have truly been impossible without assistance from everyone involved.



Veterans Day Parade by Duwan Mason

On November 11, 2015 El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons marched in the Veterans Day parade in El Paso, TX. We took photos with Congressman Beto O'Rourke of the 16th congressional district and El Paso, TX Northeast Repre-

sentative Carl Robinson. Companion of RAC 90 has truly touched many lives at this event. Everyone was requesting to take pictures and to know about our organization. Oh, they also said we really nice in red. :)



Outgoing EHP by Dennis Elder



Greetings, King, Scribe, Past High Priests, Elected and Appointed Officers and Companions. First giving honors to the great “I AM”.....

I would like to say it has been an honor to serve the Excellent High Priest for the 2015 Masonic year. I must admit my job was extremely easy due to the hard work of our companions. I’m glad to say, we had a good hard working secretary and treasurer for the 2015 masonic year.

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

At the start of the Masonic year we had a total of **44** members on the rolls. Throughout the year we’ve had **four** members demit into our chapter, **three** reinstated, **four** newly exalted members, and **one** demit out. As of today we have **54** members. We were able to meet all of our financial obligations with the grand chapter and still provide outstanding support to our community.

FUNDRAISERS/COMMUNITY DONATION

During the 2015 Masonic year El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 donated **\$11,652.27** to several different families, organizations, members in the El Paso community, and people in several different states other than Texas and is projected to donate over **\$16,000** after Holidays.

SPECIAL THANKS

To PHP Duwan Mason Sr, thank you for your guidance and support in making sure that our members put their best foot forward. Also, for keeping such detailed minutes and punctuality with meeting grand chapter suspense’s.

To Companion Hersey Roberts, thank you for taking care of the chapter’s financial administrative work and keeping a strong hold on accountability of the chap-

ter’s funds.

The secretary and treasurer seats demand a lot of precision and meticulous organization skills. These two companions accepted these responsibilities and performed their duties proficiently.

I would like to thank all the membership of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter # 90 for their unending dedication towards the improvement of the chapter. May the blessings of the Great Architecture continue to fall upon us as we continue to join together as one in thy name.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone within the El Paso Community who came out and showed their support towards celebrating all of our joyous events.

Child Protective Service Donation

by Dax Thomas

Sandra Alexander, a small business owner in the El Paso community spearheaded a Christmas fundraiser for Child Protective Services Permanent Care Section. She graciously requested fellow consultants as well as El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons No.90 and other sponsors to partner with her and assist in this great endeavor. On 14 December 2015 Tanya Berry, supervisor of permanent care welcomed the Mary Kay Consultants and El Paso HRAM members as well as individual sponsors to the department to meet and fellowship with her staff members as we participated in the gift giving event. Through hard work and diligence Sandra Alexander, various organizations, and the local community members were able to sponsor 70 youths from the support of donations.

HRAM#90 assisted in the fundraiser, giving a monetary donation to support the overall success of the endeavor. Sandra Alexander, Tanya Berry, and caseworkers expressed their sincere appreciation to the members of our organization. These gifts will be sent to youths throughout the state as they are in various placement homes. Supporting the local community and the youths, remains at the forefront of our great organization and one of our main obligations as companions of El Paso, HRAM No. 90 is SERVICE!

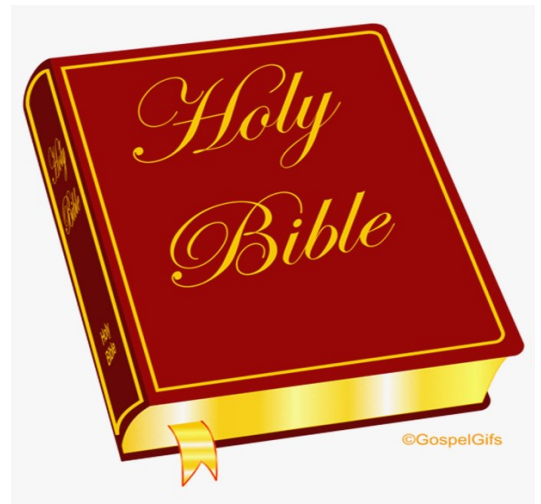
It was truly a great day to be a Companion and we would like to extend our gratitude to Sandra Alexander for being an outstanding supporter of the El Paso community and allowing us to partake in this wonderful endeavor!



Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. What did Paul tell Timothy was the pillar and foundation of the truth?
2. Where did Jesus tell Peter he was the rock on which Christ's Church would be built?
3. Which part of the account of Jesus walking on water is exclusive to Matthew's gospel?
4. Which gospel explains that when Jesus said 'not what enters mans mouth defiles him' that He also declared all foods clean?
5. As the most prolific New Testament writer, who wrote more than 1/4 of the words found in the New Testament?
6. To which prophet did God ask, "Can these bones live?"



Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting

El Paso Holy Royal Arch Officers (2015)

Excellent High Priest– Dax Thomas
Excellent King– Curtis Smith
Excellent Scribe– William Mikels
Secretary– PHP Duwan Mason
Treasurer– Hersey Roberts
Sentinel– Ka'naan Pitts
Captain of the Host– Mark Byrd
Principle Sojourner– Amos McCluney
Royal Arch Captain– Montrez Legg
Master of the Third Veil– Edrick McDonald
Master of the Second Veil– Leon Settles
Master of the First Veil– Randi Hutchons



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September 12, 2015

PROCLAMATION

To: Excellent High Priests, Past Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Grand Chapter Officers, and Companions of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of Texas; Greetings!

HOLINESS TO THE LORD

By the authority in me vested, I, Willie J. Tate, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, do with this proclamation call all Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, Excellent High Priests, Past Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Secretaries, Treasurers, Officers and all Companions, to assemble in our Annual Grand Convocation, February 4 – February 5, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Dallas – Market Center, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75247, Phone: (214) 630-8500.

REGISTRATION

The three principle officers, Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate chapter must register for the Grand Convocation whether they attend or not or the chapter will not be square. The advance registration fee is \$75.00 and covers both the Grand Conclave and the Grand Convocation. On-site registration is \$100.00. Pre-registration forms will be mailed to each chapter. Please make as many copies of this form as needed.

DRESS

Holy Royal Arch Masonic dress will be required of all Companions attending the Annual Convocation: White Coat, White Shirt, White Shoes, Red Bow Tie or Red String Tie, Red Pants, Red Socks, Skull Cap or Crown and Royal Arch Apron. Past and present Excellent High Priests will wear **White robes with White Skull Caps only during the Priesthood Degree**. Acceptable wear will consist of Black Suit, Black Shoes White Shirt, Red Bow Tie or Red String Tie, Red Socks, Skull Cap or Crown and Royal Arch Apron.

ANNUAL REPORT

Each Chapter will submit to the Grand Chapter an annual report, which must identify your principle officers and all members by name. All reports and funds are due not later than January 15, 2016. Mail your report to the Grand Secretary, Jerry Hampton, P.O.

Box 6033, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311. Reports must be signed and dated by the Excellent High Priest, Secretary and stamped with your chapter's seal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Any items for consideration by committees such as Grievances, Registration, Charters/Dispensations, and Jurisprudence must be submitted to the Grand Chapter by December 15, 2015. This is in order for the Grand Secretary to forward all submissions to the committee chairman. This will also allow sufficient time for the committee to meet and bring a good report(s) to the Grand Convocation related to the matter.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Each Deputy will submit a written report of his district for the past year. The report should include his visits to each chapter, election of officers, chapter activities within the local community, and charity donations. Please inform all chapters that the three principle officers are expected to be present. A copy of the Deputy's report form will be sent to each Deputy. All Deputies will present and submit their reports by 31 December 2015.

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

All newly elected Excellent High Priests must be present on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 A.M. to be anointed and admitted to the Order of High Priesthood. Your presence is required. The District Deputy and Excellent High Priest will ensure that all newly elected High Priests are present and have submitted the required fees. They must also be registered for the Grand Convocation.

LUNCH/BANQUET

On Friday, February 5 at 12:00 PM we will have a joint lunch. Our banquet will be Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Dress for the banquet is red and white (or dark suits) and collars. The banquet fees are included in your registration, but additional tickets for guests will be available at a nominal fee, if ordered before 11 January 2016.

GOSPELFEST

The Gospel Fest will be Friday, February 5, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Desired dress for this event is semi-formal.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

All Grand Chapter officers, elected and appointed are expected to be present on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. for the executive board meeting.

This proclamation is to be read in each chapter meeting through the convening of the Annual Grand Convocation. This proclamation having been given, please observe the dates, time and place; take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Faternally yours,

WILLIE J. TATE
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

JERRY HAMPTON
Right Excellent Grand Secretary



- ◇ 22 Jan (meeting) 7PM
- ◇ 4-5 Feb (Grand Convocation)
- ◇ 26 Feb (meeting) 7PM
- ◇ 28 Feb (Susan Komen) 7AM
- ◇ 18 Mar (meeting) 7PM
- ◇ 19 Mar (fish fry) TBD
- ◇ 17 Apr (Zerubbabel Day) TBD
- ◇ 22 Apr (meeting) 7PM

JAN 2016

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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: Michael Berry
RE Grand Secretary: Jerry Hampton
RE Grand Treasurer: Frank B. Glover Sr.
RE Grand Lecturer: Andre McGaughey
RE Grand Chaplain: Michael King
RE Grand Capt. Of the Host: William Johnson
RE Grand Royal Arch Captain: William Paige
RE Grand Master of the Third Veil: Benjamin Burelson
RE Grand Master of the Second Veil: Jimmie Gee
RE Grand Master of the First Veil: Weldon L. Farmer Jr.
RE Grand Ceremonial Master: Jerry Brown
RE Grand Marshall: Duwan M. Mason, Sr.
RE Grand Historian: Stacy Foushee
RE Grand Aid-de-camp: Costrama Willis
RE Grand Sentinel: Raymond Keys
RE Assistant Grand Chaplain: John Butler
RE Grand Captain Principle Sojourner: Carl Hilstock
RE Grand Recording Secretary: vacant



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 #: (____) _____

Important Web pages:

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
Texas:

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

District 25: [http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/
index.html](http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/index.html)

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New
Mexico: <http://www.mwphglnm.org/>

Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of
Texas: <http://www.mephgcoftexas.org/>

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

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18