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## “MEGHP Visits EL Paso”

by: Emanuel Tucker

There are many distinguished Masons throughout our community but the offices of Grand Master, Deputy of the Orient, Right Eminent Commander and Most Excellent Grand High Priest (MEGHP) are the some of the most illustrious offices that a Mason could hold. Our MEGHP has made it a tradition to come out and visit El Paso on the Memorial Day weekend. If my memory serves me correctly this tradition was started some years ago with PMEGHP Huggins. It has since continued and expanded into much more than simply a Chapter visit. This year MEGHP Tate brought (cont'd on pg 14)

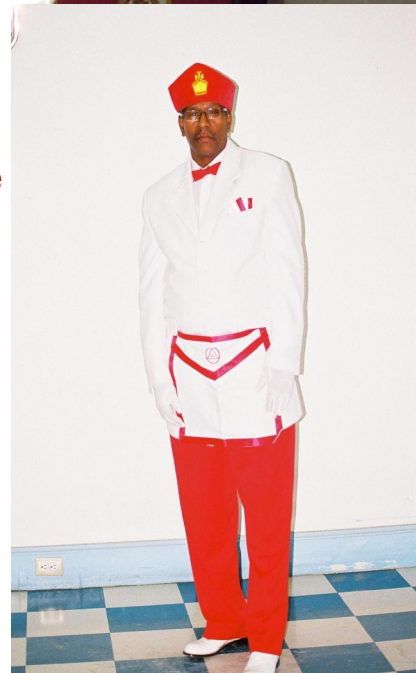


## High Priest Column by Franck Bonhomme

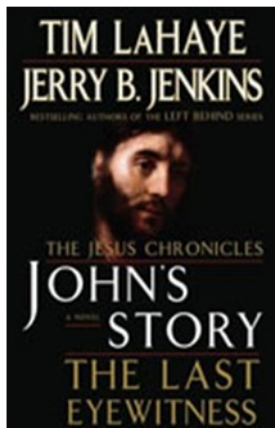
Greetings to all Companions of El Paso Holy Royal Arch and Grand Chapter!! PHP Michael Collins is very ill now but is still able to give me the strong grip when receiving greetings from the Chapter. He is always very happy to see me and has requested to attend meetings in the future. He is one of the oldest

members of our chapter and also a Chartered Member. MEGHP Willie Tate and I took a photo of him with his Charter and he keeps it by his bed every night. When you are able please visit our PHP, he is always happy to see us.

This past quarter we were (cont'd on pg 14)



## Book of the Quarter (column taken from Book Review by the Penguin Group)



*“John experiences persecution, betrayal, torture, and exile-but never falters in his belief and commitment.”*

Before the Tribulation, before the Rapture, before there was a legacy that could be left behind...there was Jesus. Now the authors of the phenomenal Left Behind series introduce The Jesus Chronicles, four books that individually and collectively paint a vivid portrait of the Prince of Peace told in the voices of those who knew Him best: the Gospel writers, John, Mark, Matthew and Luke.

The year is A.D. 95, and John, the one whom Jesus called “beloved” is

the last of the twelve apostles still alive. Now nearing ninety, John is still committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. When a renegade begins misleading the masses with dangerous, heretical teachings, John is called by God to write a Gospel to show that Jesus was in fact the Son of God.

Recalling his time with Jesus John brings to life the miracles and messages of the Man who would change the course of history. John is there when Jesus turns the water into wine at the wedding in Cana, when he heals the sick, enables the blind to see, raises Lazarus from the dead. And as John recounts the miracles the Messiah performed during His transformative time on earth, we too are transported to these glorious events.

John experiences persecution, betrayal, torture, and exile-but never falters in his belief and commitment. *John's Story* is a thrilling account of the life of the man who came to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament and to save all of humankind, and of the disciple who was the last eyewitness to Jesus' glory. You will experience firsthand the creation of the Gospel of John as well as the Book of Revelation-Scripture that still has profound meaning for the world two thousand years later.

*John's Story* brings to life the most important events in human history and also includes the very words that John wrote-words that continue to bring followers to Jesus every day.

## Coins for Sale and Distribution:



Please support your local Chapter by purchasing El Paso Holy Royal Arch coins. The coins can accompany your personal collection or be distributed

within the community to those who display values that parallel our own. Please contact the secretary, Duwan Mason, for further information. (sample picture is on the left)

# Why do we celebrate Zerubbabel Day?

by Emanuel Tucker



This year Zerubbabel Day was celebrated at the Fellowship of Love Christian Center on 15 April 2012. The festivities were led by the High Priest, Franck Bonhomme, and he was accompanied by the Companions of the Chapter and Heroines of Jericho. This is one of the more important celebrations that we have in Masonry and it's very important that we understand why this day is celebrated and the importance of Zerubbabel to Masonry.

“Then he said to me, ‘This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty. Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel’s way; it will flatten out before him! Then Zerubbabel will set the final stone of the Temple in place, and the people will shout: “May God bless it! May God bless it!” (Zechariah 4:6, 7).

Zerubbabel’s (Sheshbazzar) story is told in Ezra 2:2—5:2. The literal meaning of his name is the seed of Babylon. Cyrus committed to his care the sacred vessels of the temple, with which he returned from captivity to Jerusalem. He is recognized as the chief of the Jews that returned to their own country, where he laid the foundations of the second temple, often called the Temple of Zerubbabel.

Sometimes God’s ownership of a project is recognized only after *our* best efforts have failed. It is dangerous to think that God is responsible for only insignificant details of a project, while we take charge of the larger aspects. Instead, it is God who is in control, and we only play a part in his overall plan. When God gives us important jobs to do, it isn’t because he needs our help. Zerubbabel learned this lesson. God’s people had been exiled in Babylon for many years. Many had settled into comfortable life-styles there and wanted to stay. There were, however, almost 60,000 who had not forgotten Judah. When Babylon was defeated in 539 b.c., the Persian ruler, Cyrus, allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their Temple.

Zerubbabel led the first and largest group back to the Promised Land. Zerubbabel’s leadership was by right and recognition. Not only was he a descendant of David, he also had personal leadership qualities. When

the people arrived in Judah, they were given time to establish living quarters and then were called to begin the work. They began not by laying the city walls or constructing government buildings, but by rebuilding the altar, worshiping God together, and celebrating a feast. Under Zerubbabel’s leadership, they established a spiritual foundation for their building efforts.

The Temple foundation was then quickly completed, and another round of celebration followed. But soon two problems arose. A few old men remembered Solomon’s glorious Temple and were saddened at how much smaller and less glorious this one was. Also, some enemies of the Jews tried to infiltrate the workforce and stop the building with political pressure. Fear caused the work to grind to a halt. The people went to their homes, and 16 years passed. We do not know what Zerubbabel did during this time. His discouragement, following those first months of excitement and accomplishment, must have been deep. Those feelings eventually hardened into hopelessness. So God sent the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to be Zerubbabel’s encouraging companions. They confronted the people’s reluctance and comforted their fears. The work began once again with renewed energy and was completed in four years. Zerubbabel, like many of us, knew how to start well but found it hard to keep going. His successes depended on the quality of encouragement he received. Zerubbabel let discouragement get the better of him. But when he let God take control, the work was finished. God is always in control. We must not let circumstances or lack of encouragement slow us from doing the tasks God has given us.

## Bake Sale by Emanuel Tucker

Currently, our High Priest is conducting a bake sale. The menu consist of Rum Cake, Red-Velvet, Pound Cake, Tres Leches and Carrot Cake. The High Priest is a chef so please do not feel restricted to order strictly from the menu. The proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards sponsoring the Longhorn softball

team, purchasing school supplies and food for children at the Lee and Buelah Moor Children's Home, chapter furniture and Gracia Divina Ministries. Please contact our High Priest Franck Bonhomme at FranckBonhomme@yahoo.com.



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## Presentation of PHP Jewels by Emanuel Tucker

On 26 April 2012, EHP Franck Bonhomme and PHP Benny Moss were presented with their Past High Priest Jewels. PHP Mason presented the Jewels on behalf of the Chapter and offered many words of affection and gratitude for these two men. While EHP

Bonhomme is a current leader of young Master Masons he has received much mentorship from PHP Benny Moss. EHP Bonhomme has study hall at his place of residence every Sunday at 2 P.M and during this time he is able to make conscience decisions about

those who he feel is ready to make the next step and join the Royal Arch. This has caused the membership to grow and the craft has become more affluent. PHP Benny Moss is considered a mentor and icon for all Masons in the El (con’t on pg. 7)

## Now and Then by Emanuel Tucker

If you take a look at the photo on page 6 and then the coversheet you will notice that there are 21 Royal Arch Masons in both photos. You can also tell that the photos are taken from two different eras of time. Throughout the years the Chapter has seen its ups

and downs but has maintained due to hardworking and loyal R.A.M’s. This year we plan on taking the chapter to a much higher level by participating and assisting more in our community. We have heard the call for assistance and are stepping up to the plate and

answering. If you have any ideas for fundraisers, community service, banquets, etc...please inform the Chapter at future meetings. We are all important and your ideas are very much appreciated.

# Historical Photo



# Whitaker Elementary by Duwan Mason/Emanuel Tucker

Promoting education is a very essential piece of Masonry. Not only do we strive to better ourselves but we encourage the improvement of others. This process normally begins at the home children are raised in and continues in the education process at our local schools. The Holy Bible guides all Masonic faiths and numerous figures in

the bible promote knowledge and wisdom. Proverbs 18:15 states, "The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." This verse, along with many others are the reason Masons continue to promote education on the Bible, math, science, history, etc...

The Chapter was more than pleased to hear

about the great accomplishments of Whitaker Elementary in the field of science. The school was able to place first in the local science fair but due to budget cuts trophies were not able to be purchased. The Chapter, along with the assistance of Mr. Paul Maggitt, was able to donate the funds

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## Presentation (cont'd)

Paso area. People like me consider him immortal because his words of wisdom and teachings will ever be remembered. Without the countless hours of hard work and dedication that he has placed in Royal Arch Masonry, there is the possibility that the Chap-

ter may not even exist today.



## Children's Home Visit by Emanuel Tucker

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home was visited by El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter 90. During the visit the Children's Home was provided school supplies for the upcoming summer and fall terms. Many of the

children have been removed from the homes of their biological parents because of drug abuse, sexual abuse or financial issues. There are many more needs that the home is requesting assistance with. Let us remember that we are Mason's all

the time and it doesn't take a proposal for us to offer encouraging words, prayer or donations. For more information on the Children's Home please visit their homepage <http://leeandbeulahmoor.org/>

# Photos of the Quarter





## Bible Word Search

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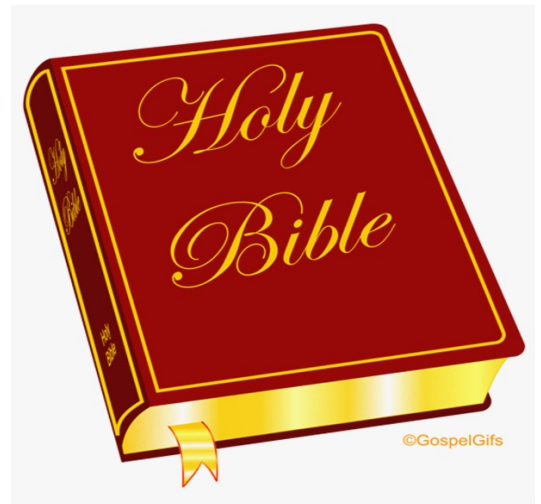
All the Books of the Bible below are above in the Word Search

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Acts            | Amos          | Chronicles  |
| Colossians      | Corinthians   | Daniel      |
| Deuteronomy     | Ecclesiastes  | Ephesians   |
| Esther          | Ezekiel       | Ezra        |
| Galatians       | Habakkuk      | Haggai      |
| Hebrews         | Hosea         | Isaiah      |
| James           | Jeremiah      | Job         |
| Joel            | John          | Jonah       |
| Joshua          | Jude          | Judges      |
| Kings           | Lamentations  | Leviticus   |
| Luke            | Malachi       | Mark        |
| Matthew         | Micah         | Nahum       |
| Nehemiah        | Numbers       | Obadiah     |
| Peter           | Philemon      | Phillipians |
| Proverbs        | Psalms        | Revelation  |
| Romans          | Ruth          | Samuel      |
| Song of Solomon | Thessalonians | Timothy     |
| Titus           | Zechariah     | Zephaniah   |

# Question and Answer:

## Questions From The Bible

1. What was Jesus' first healing miracle?
2. How many bodies of water did God part?
3. Who was the first person to get drunk in the Bible?
4. Who administered the most famous haircut in history?
5. God is described as physically writing three times in the Bible. Upon what did He write the third time?
6. Whom did Joseph ask his brothers to bring to Egypt to prove they weren't spies?



Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting

## Please Show Support



Please come out and support the Longhorn baseball team at games, events, etc...for more information please contact our Excellent High Priest Franck Bonhomme. Below is a list of other organizations the chapter has worked with and will continue to build relationships with in the future.

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/>

**Schedule of Events**

- } June-August (Bake Sale)- Please contact the High Priest for information regarding the menu
- } June 2 (Cookout)- Cookout for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90 at 713 Medina Street
- } June 29 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } July 7 (PHAmily and Friends)- cookout for Community and El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } July 27 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } Salvation Army Charity- TBD
- } Fish Fry Fundraiser- TBD
- } Church Visit- TBD
- } Girls Basketball Sponsorship- TBD

# JUNE 2012

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Grand Election Results

- 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

## Whitaker Elementary (cont'd)

so the kids could receive their awards. The High Priest gave a small overview of what Masons do in the community so the kids could understand what the organization was all about.



## Phamily and Friends by Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone, I was asked to write a little something about the Phamily and Friends cookout. As Worshipful Master in 2009 I felt that it was time to unite our Phamily in El Paso, TX. I mentioned it many times over the previous years but no one would support it, but as WM I made it one of many priorities. As most of you know it has grown well over expectations. Our main goal is to give back to the community. For \$10 a family of any size can come and enjoy a day of fun and lots of great food. The only reason there is a charge is because we cannot afford to fund the entire event, but one day we will, which is our next goal. I am going to request that this year's committee members start working after this year's cookout on trying to make the fifth annual Phamily and Friends free to all. We spend \$2000 to \$3000 each year so we must start working

early. This is not a fundraiser, and if any money is leftover we put it into the next cookout the following year. Remember unity equals strength, and for the past few years everyone has done their part in making this event very successful. I sent you all pictures from last year, take time to look at the faces of all the children; all I can say is WOW!! As always we have some that don't support it, but I tell everyone please do not focus on negativity and self alienation. I have never alienated anyone, and never will, but my time will always go towards the positive minded individuals who work together for a common goal (FAITH, FAMILY, and COMMUNITY). This year we have a lot of

sponsored groups, such as orphan-ages, youth sports teams, and family that could not afford the fee was sponsored by individuals from our Phamily, again WOW!!!

I like to thank everyone past and present for all your continued support and dedication. One thing I do understand is TIME and how precious it is. TIME is something you can't get back once it's given, and I see it as you giving us part of your life when you take time out to assist.

If you are out of town and would like to make a donation or sponsor families please send it to **El Paso HRAM Chapter 90, P.O. Box 16003, El Paso, TX 79906**

P.S. We are supposed to have a dunking booth this year, and I will be the first in it, so **BRING IT!!!** LOL

# The El Paso Holy Royal Arch Mason's Presents:

## *The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual PHAmily & Friends BBQ!*

**Come Out & Join Our PHAmily For a Heap  
of Fun!**

**Saturday 7 July 2012  
Biggs Airfield Water Park  
El Paso, TX 79918**

**Time: Noon-6:00pm**

**\$10.00 Donation Per Family**

*No alcoholic beverages allowed*

Come Out & Enjoy Good Food & Great People!  
BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Fried Fish, & More!  
Jumping Balloons, Sports, Games, Prizes, Face Painting & More!

Contact: McCluney 915-873-1215

Josey 915-276-2294

Mason 915-588-3560



**The food will be blessed &  
served from 1:00pm-3:30pm**



### Matthew 17: 15-20:

*Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

*And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.*

*Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.*

*And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?*

*And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

### **Important Web pages:**

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas:  
<http://www.mwphglotx.org/>

District 25: <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)

able to visit the Children's Home, contribute to our baseball team, donate school supplies and fund science fair awards. Even though we have done great things I look forward for us accepting greater challenges and donating more time to our community. I hope this newsletter provides some insight on events that occurred this past quarter. Our regular scheduled meeting is the fourth Friday at 1930 (7:30 P.M). I hope to see you all in attendance.

## MEGHP (cont'd)

his entire staff from the Grand Chapter and performed degree work on 3 candidates. Even though the trip was very long he still found time to visit the Optimist Club and give encouraging words to many our of youth in the community. The visits from our Grand Chapter mean so much to us and almost serve as a revival for our motivation and spirit. We hope this tradition continues in the future and also hope to see our MEGHP at the next scheduled PHamily and Friends event in El Paso.

