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MEGHP Visit 2013 by: Emanuel Tucker



Every year our Most Excellent Grand High Priest (MEGHP), Willie Tate, takes the timeout to travel to El Paso and gives words of wisdom, inspiration, and guidance. Not only did he take the time out to visit with the Companions but he also visited with children in the area and

offered words of wisdom. He spoke about the importance of education, living a drug-free life, and doing all the right things in life. These visits serve as a training tool and gives new -life to our chapter. All of the things we know and believe are emphasized and reiterated. Topics such as opening and closing cere-

monies, charity, selfless service, and proper leadership are areas that cannot be emphasized enough. Our chapter would like to thank the MEGHP (con't on page 21)

High Priest Column by Emanuel Tucker

Greetings all!!

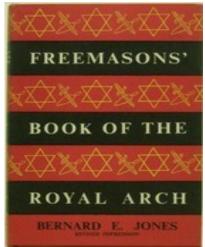
This quarter has truly been a blessing as well as a difficult emotional struggle. Recently we lost two Companions that were cornerstones of our Chapter. Mario Wilson was the

man that brought us all together, introduced us the organization to grow in number. Franck Bonhomme was the man that taught, gave structure, and laid the foun-

dation for our Chapter. Through all things we should which allowed for thank and praise the Lord for allowing us to meet and know these two amazing men. Through Mario Wilson we are all (con't on page 21)



Book of the Quarter: Book of the Royal Arch (Taken from the Preface)



THIS book, uniform in style and presentation with my earlier Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, which, in the main, dealt with Craft masonry, is an attempt to provide a simple explanation of the origin, rise, and development, and the customs, ritual, and symbolism, of Royal Arch masonry so far as present knowledge and considerations of Masonic propriety permit. I use the word 'attempt' advisedly, for great difficulties are in the way of complete achievement in writing historically of this "elusive degree," although, let me say, in the task of coping with them I have been greatly cheered by recollections of the indulgence given me by readers of my earlier book.

The greatest obstacle in the path of the writer seeking to explain the early history of Royal Arch masonry is his comparative ignorance of the formative days of the Order - the mid-eighteenth-century period. The facts on record are not enough to preclude different interpretations and

the conflicting views. Perhaps it is a slight compensation that the traditional history upon which the ceremonial of the Order is founded was clearly anticipated in published writings to an extent considerably greater than in the case of the Craft, for whereas, for example, there is hardly any recorded foreknowledge of the Third Degree Hiramic story, the Legend of the Crypt might well have been inspired by one known to have been in written form in the fourth century of the Christian era, while the sword-and-trowel motif. derived from the Old Testament account of the return of the Jews from exile, was the pride and glory of a Crusading Order of the early Middle Ages. What I have tried to do in writing this book is to make available to Companions who have had little opportunity for specialized study an essentially readable account, as authentic as possible, of the history and lore of the Royal Arch, affording an insight into some matters which in the past have tended to escape the attention of all but the serious student. Not only do I hope that my readers will enjoy reading my book, but that some few of them will be able to use it as a source of material for

short, simple addresses designed to arouse and foster the interest of their Companions. And most sincerely, also, do I hope that the serious student will find in it occasion for kindly, constructive criticism; indeed, I am sure he will, for there are wide and unavoidable differences of opinion on some of the subjects discussed by me.

The title of this book may be thought to err by omission. In as much as the Articles of Union, 1813, use the term 'Holy Royal Arch' and the early Companions knew the Order by that name, it may be thought that the word 'Holy' ought to be included in the title and commonly used in the text. True, there is history in the word. 'Holy' is thought to have been derived more than two centuries ago from the 'Antient' masons' motto, "Holiness to the Lord":

by the Holy of Holies, the Inner Chamber of the Temple Sanctuary; or, again, to have reflected the religious, and even Christian, character of the primitive Royal Arch ceremonial. But it is to be noted that it is only sparingly used nowadays in the accepted rituals, and - a

or to have been inspired

fact that has mainly influenced me - it does not form part of the titles of the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

So great a part of our knowledge of Royal Arch matters having been revealed by modern, and even quite recent, research, it follows that oldtime writings on the subject need generally to be read with caution. In no section of Masonic authorship has history been so badly served as in that of the Royal Arch, where the blending of fact and fancy so often causes the reader perplexity. I hope that my readers will do their best to approach this book with minds open and as free as possible of preconceptions.

In preparing myself for my task I have necessarily ranged over a wide variety of writings, and hope that I may fairly claim for this book what my old friend the late J. Heron Lepper so appreciatively said of my earlier one-namely, that "it provides the man who has small leisure for extensive reading with the essence and marrow of what has been accomplished in two generations of Masonic scholarship." The List of Contents and the 16-page Index reveal at a glance the very wide scope of my book.



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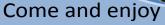
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Saturday, July 6, 2013 Biggs field Water Park El Paso, TX 79916

Time: 1200 noon-6:00pm \$10.00 Donation Per Family

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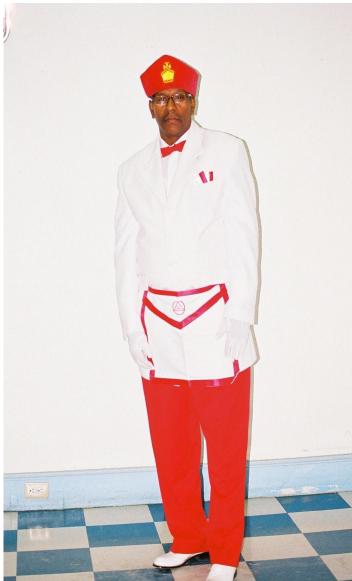
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The Relevance of Franck Bonhomme by Emanuel Tucker





Franck Bonhomme was one of the cornerstones of Freemasonry in El Paso. He would often take newly raised Master Masons under his wing and conduct study hall at his house. He was one of the hardest working Master Masons in the city and continued to engage himself with community service until the day he died. His list of accomplishments include funding and donations to the Children's Home, Susan Komen, March of Dimes, Cancer Children Community, Alzheimer's Association, Gracia Divina Ministries, and countless donations to various organizations. The greatest gift he gave to all of us was his knowledge on Ancient Craft Masonry. The ever evolving world has consistently made changes to great writings and teachings but he wanted Masonry to remain pure and innocent. Living up to the obligations taken, using the Holy Bible as the moral guide and compass, and instilling pride into the chapter were all things that were at the top of his priority list.

Many other members of the chapter know what his long terms plans are and will continue to work towards

those goals. Some goals may be accomplished with the next year some may take up

to 10 or 20 years but they will be accomplished. Under his leadership the chapter is no longer an organization where you simply meet up once a month. He was instrumental in getting the young Companions out in the community and performing charity.

This inspiration and outstanding leadership has been noticed by Officers at the Grand Chapter but it was never about receiving accolades and awards. It was all about performing Masonic duty and adhering to the standard that was set forth by those before our time. Just hours before he passed PHP Mason and Companion Elder reported to his house to give the report on Child Cancer Charity walk. It is amazing how someone that ill can still have the level of enthusiasm to think about charity in the community!! He also spoke with them about future direction of the chapter. All of these things will now fall on our shoulders and I have the

> upmost confidence that we will continue to grow stronger, more knowledgeable, and competent.





El Paso HRAM No. 90 Coin and Wine Glass by PHP Mason

Greetings everyone, as some of you know our chapter, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons chapter No. 90, has achieved many goals in 2012. Our goal this year is to give more to needy organizations and award more to college bound seniors with scholarships. To do this we need donations and support.

Our Chapter has a beautiful Souvenir coin and wine glass. The coin has the name of our chapter and its emblems. It is twice the size of regular coins and is in caste in a protective plastic covering. The wine glass also has the name of our chapter and emblem. We are requesting donation for both items. Please send donations to **El Paso HRAM No. 90, P.O. Box 16003, El Paso, TX 79906.** All who donate will receive a coin and wine glass. If you have any questions please contact Carl Miller at 808-551-6307 or myself 915-588-3560. We would like to thank you all in advance for your support.

Mario Wilson Keystone Ceremony by PHP Mason



Past High Priest Percy (PO) Henry, Companion Joseph F. Willis, Companion Felix O. Beard Sr., and I performed the Holy Royal Arch Mason Keystone Ceremony in honor of P.H.P. Mario Wilson Sr., April 26, 2013. The family stated they were truly moved with seeing the ceremony. P.H.P. Wilson was buried on April 30, 2013 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Ill.

P.H.P. Wilson departed this life on April 20. He gave his

life in the defense of others by defending a restaurant from an armed gunman.

After the H.R.A.M. Ceremony, Comp. Beard and I presented Dr. Arthur Parrott of Illinois with a souvenir coin for his assistance in helping us through a hard moment with much encouragement.

After speaking with Dr. Parrott we learned a lot about his many years of dedication to Masonry. We also learned that he took a bus to the funeral home just to assist us, but we wouldn't allow him to take a bus home that night, we took him home. He is truly a nice and caring person with a lot of humor. He had us laughing when we felt like crying.

Child Cancer Walk by Emanuel Tucker/PHP Mason



Cancer is a disease in our society that has taken family members and close friends. Earlier this year we participated in the Susan Komen events and June 15, 2013 we participated in the second annual Childhood Cancer Campaign Unity Walk. The

program's motto,
"Provide the
Care...Finding the
Cure," Leads us in the
supporting children
with cancer, their families and care providers
while also providing
support for pediatric
oncology research.



I know you've heard this many times before, that quality is more important than quantity. But logically, without quantity you cannot have any quality, yet if something does not have value then any amount of it is worthless. Both are important. The question is what is the right amount?

Take food for example. Everyone agrees that eating too much is not good, eating too little isn't good either, that it's important to eat quality, natural foods that God gave us, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and certain dairy, fish, and meats. However, if you eat too much of one thing and don't have that balance, then your body will certainly let you know how badly you're treating it. If we took more time to pick out and cook with quality and natural food, our energy levels increase, and are less likely to be a burden upon the health care system.

So what does food have to

Quality vs Quantity by Michael Bayrak

do with Freemasonry? It should be obvious. I bet you certainly have met many Masons who appear to prefer their food quantities. While many are shining lights of Masonry, some come to every meeting and event, are active in the ritual, sit as an officer, etc, are they getting a

good balance of the Craft? What of their character and morals? Are they helping out new brethren as well as taking care of the members who need it? Are they truly Freemasons who practice the principles in their daily life or are they foodmasons who simply enjoy the social mirth in their daily intake?

While social discourse is an important aspect to life, other areas of Freemasonry are important too. Like the food they take in, are they absorbing the ritual? Are you? In your diet, are you getting your proper balance of nutrients, or is it being rejected by your body and wasted? Are you getting your proper balance of Freemasonry or is it being rejected by your lack of morals and intolerance and your soul becomes a wasted vessel of darkness instead of light?

Of course, this article on quality versus quantity wouldn't be complete unless we spoke of membership numbers and what's being done. But this will not be a debate for or against one day classes. There are lodges that don't practice one-day classes, but their ritual work is of poor quality, yet the fellowship is great. There are lodges that use one-day classes, but then leave the dozens and dozens of wet behind the ears candidates out to dry. So what is it? It comes down to what your mother told you, "Chew your food."

Yes, chew your food. Absorb and encourage our new brethren to chew their food that is Freemasonry. But we must offer quality food to chew on in the first place, and what good is the meal for a table full of hungry men if there's not enough quality food to go around. Many will be left starving and eventually, will leave the kitchen table-which is what's happening with some Masonic lodges.

Freemasonry does not have a recruitment problem, we have a retention problem. Repeat. Freemasonry does not have a recruitment problem, we have a retention problem. And like chewing food, continue to repeat that 47 more times. (con't on page 12)



Juneteenth in El Paso by Emanuel Tucker/PHP Mason



Freedom Day, also known as Juneteenth, is very important to African Americans all over the world but has a special place in the state of Texas. On June 8, 2013 El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons No. 90 participated and assisted Stars of the Sun Chapter 6 in their 2013 Juneteenth celebration. The Associate Matron (Sandra Alexan-

der) did a great job in this yearly endeavor which led to a wonderful experience for all in attendance. We will continue to honor our ancestors and the day that slaves in the state of Texas was emancipated.



Fish Fry Fundraiser by Emanuel Tucker/PHP Mason

On 23 March 2013 the Northgate Optimist Club along with RAC #90 conducted a very successful fish fry. We grossed over \$3,000 as a group and currently in the process of scheduling another one. Conducting joint functions

allows all those organizations, who wish to see El Paso grow and become a stronger city, to join forces and put together a strong effort. CP Carl Miller did an outstanding job by leading the task and was a major reason the event was successful.



Fred Williamson Award Ceremony by Emanuel Tucker/PHP Mason

Fred "The Hammer" Williamson was honored at this year's Binational Independent Film Festival. El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons were in attendance at the celebration and presented a coin from our local chapter and from the

Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Mason of Texas. The coin was presented for all of his achievements in Black Cinema and the ability to open doors for future actors.



Phamily and Friends T-Shirt Order Form

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Point of Contact: Dax Thomas 915-433-6521 or E-Mail: dakz45@gmail.com

Dead line for shirt orders will be June 26th, 2013

Quality vs Quantity con't

We're selling the package like a cereal box says-"there's a cool prize inside," but when you pour out the contents, all you get is a crappy plastic toy, instead of realizing that the cereal is what's good for you. That's like bus advertising and bill-boards.

Lodges can initiate all the dozens of men they want, but if they don't stick around, what's the point? But how many is too many members? Why do some lodges that have 100-200 members only get 20 brethren out to meetings, yet some with 20 members consistently get 18 out? Of course some lodges still have a lot of members from the post- war boom, and we will likely see a steady numbers decline to a more reasonable level,

but with higher dues to keep up our buildings.

How much are Masons willing to pay to keep the quality of Masonry at a high level? In the 1920s and 30s, if we were to take inflation into the equation, most lodge dues would be the equivalent of about \$800-1000 per year in today's dollars, when most are \$80-100. If you had to pay \$800 a year to be a Mason, I bet you'd try to attend everything and would be active in making sure your lodge is delivering on its value. I'm not necessarily advocating we spike up our dues, but we should be prepared in the near future to start to appreciate this inevitability. So with value, like a good steady diet, lodges need

to offer the right balance of quality ritual, of a fun social program and fellowship, and of enlightening education and mentoring. I guarantee you if you ask any Mason why they come to lodge, it will be one or more of those things. Lodges that offer a balanced meal at each meeting will find that the brethren will come back for the next helping, and it's their souls that are fulfilled with an increase in personal enlightenment, in brotherly love and support, and in knowledge.

So if you believe that Freemasonry offers quality, which it certainly does, then inject Freemasonry first into yourself, into your lodge, and into the brethren. Learn how to cook a good Masonic meal and show the up-and-comers how to do it, but with passion. Don't hog the potatoes. Share them. Don't take the brethren through a fast food drive-thru, have a feast with variety and quality!



Photos of the Quarter



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El Paso Chapter #90 Holy Royal Arch Alasons Presents 2nd Annual Appreciation Banquet

Saturday September 21, 2013. 7:00 pm The Porthgate Optimist Club 4201 Skyline Avenue El Paso, TX 79904

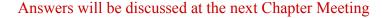
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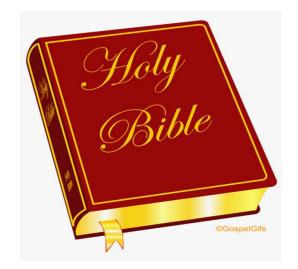
Donation: \$25.00; Children 12yrs and under \$12.50

Question and Answer:

Ouestions From The Bible

- 1. How is the book of Kings related to Masonry?
- 2. What is the significance of pass over?
- 3. Who announced himself King after David's death?
- 4. Why did Jesus get upset in the temple?
- 5. Explain the relevance of Jude?
- 6. What species of animal spoke to Balaam?





Election Results for R.A.C #90

Excellent High Priest: Franck Bonhomme

Excellent King: Amos McCluney Excellent Scribe: Carl Miller

Excellent Secretary: PHP DuWan Mason Excellent Treasurer: PHP Benny Moss

Other positions have yet to be filled

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/



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

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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

Can Good and Evil Co-Exist By Emanuel Tucker



In the photo depicted above it shows Moses and Joshua giving a prayer unto the lord while facing the Ark of the Covenant. We have given many lessons in regards to the Ark so by now everyone should know its relevance and place in Masonry. Even though we tend to identify the Ark of the Covenant with the Hebrews it did not always remain in their possession. The question of why the Ark didn't remain in their possession comes to mind. The very question I ask about the Ark is the question I ask about God's presence within our lodges and chapters. If God's presence is not there it is because good and evil cannot co-exist.

The Ark was initially lost by the Hebrews because of superstition and selfishness. "So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phin'ehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the

camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said. What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. (1Sam 4:4-6)" Instead of the Hebrews praying and asking God why he had left their side and repenting for sins they would rather use the Ark as a tool or scare tactic to the Philistines. Is this a method similar to what happens in our lodges and chapters today? Do we consistently insist on committing evil acts but expect God to deliver blessings upon us? When we conduct charity do we do it out of the goodness of our hearts or are we looking for some type of recognition from the Grand Master or **Grand High Priest?**

God knows what our intentions are at all times and when evil is in our presence then God's goodness

will leave. Do we remember the story of Adam and Eve? Did God punish Adam and Eve, by forcing them to leave the Garden of Eden, for eating of the fruit from the forbidden tree? In my opinion God never punished Adam and Eve. Those two had to leave the garden in order that God redeem them for their sin. If God had allowed evil and sin to coexist with purity and goodness man would have eventually become a hybrid and had the ability to be a hybrid of the devil and a prophet. Can good and evil co-exist? Can you truly be a God fearing individual on Sunday and the spawn of Satan the other 6 days in the week? These are all good talking points and highlights of discussion for the next chapter meeting. Hopefully we will see you there!!



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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/

District 25: http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/ index.html

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

High Priest Column (cont'd)

connected and through Franck Bonhomme we now have a purpose and vision. This is only the beginning for El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter 90. There are many plans that are listed on the tressel board that we must complete. Our Holy Bible teaches us that God instructed David on the building of the temple and also gave instruction to Moses on the Promised Land. Those two individuals didn't carry out the orders, it was the predecessors. That's our job now!! All those

major events that we have been working and planning will eventually come to pass but we must continue to stick together.

MEGHP Visit (cont'd)

and his staff for the visit and charity work that was conducted in El Paso. We look forward to the visitation next year.

Matthew 12: 22-37:

"Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the Son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beel'zebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beel'zebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else, how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

