



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

“Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. Isaiah 46:3-4

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Inspirational Day 2015 by Duwan Mason

Every year our Most Excellent Grand High Priest (MEGHP), Willie J. 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 the youths 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. The

youth also had an opportunity to receive inspirational messages from members of our community. During the event the Grand High Priest announced that a youth of our community received an award for Scholarship Tuition Assistance (Tamera Mason).

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 ceremonies, charity, self-

less service, and proper leadership are areas that cannot be emphasized enough. Our chapter would like to thank the MEGHP and his staff for the visit and charity work that was conducted in El Paso. We look forward to the visitation next year.





Zerubbabel Day Celebration by Emanuel Tucker

On April 19, 2015 El Paso Holy Royal Arch celebrated Zerubbabel Day at New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church. The Zerubbabel celebration is much more than dressing up in masonic regalia and attending a church service together. When reviewing the story of Zerubbabel it mainly focuses on redemption. The first Temple that was built by King Solomon was eventually destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar after he sieged the city of Jerusalem.

Years later Zerubbabel, with the assistance of Joshua, rebuilt the temple and restored grace. This story can also be applied to all masons. There is no situation in which grace cannot be restored in your life if you lose your way, commit a sin, or do anything that is not seen in the favor of God's eyes. Remember we are building a temple as well, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.



Ambrosio Veterans Home Visit by Emanuel Tucker

On 2 May 2015 the El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons visited the Ambrosio Guillen Veterans Home. Our veterans have served their nation and put themselves in harms way to ensure that we are safe. Also, many of the members of El Paso Holy Royal Arch are either retired military or active

duty and have served tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, and Bosnia. This small token of appreciation for the veterans not only show our appreciation for what they have done for the nation but also for the sacrifices they made to ensure current military members receive appropriate benefits and allowances while serving.

The Companions occupied our veterans time by playing bingo, talking, and expressing gratitude for all they have done. Hopefully, we will be able to go out again and serve in this capacity. We will try to make this an annual event.



Come join El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons For Its Seventh Annual Phamily & Friends BBQ

El Paso Masonic PHamily

Saturday, July 18, 2015

Biggsfield Water Park

El Paso, TX 79916

Time: 1200 noon-5:00pm

\$10.00 Donation Per Family

No alcoholic beverages allowed

Come and enjoy

Good food and good people.

Chicken, ribs, Hamburger, hotdogs, etc,

Jumping Balloons, sports, and games, Prizes, etc,

POC: Hatcher 205-718-6258

Elder 785-787-5742

Smith 757-232-7454

Mason 915-588-3560

Water Park

Food will be blessed and
served from 1:00pm-3:00pm



Family Assistance

by Curtis Smith



On Saturday March 21, 2015 at Destiny Fellowship Church these young men, Joshua and Andrew in the picture, said the last farewells to their mother Ms. Rosa Torres. Friends of Ms. Torres had asked the El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter #90 for assistance to ensure these young men were able to afford nice suits to attend their mother's funeral.

The members of the chapter acted fast and came together and donated \$400 to pay for the suits these young men are wearing. Companion Curtis Smith attended the funeral on behalf of the Chapter and received overwhelming gratitude with hugs, handshakes, and thanks for what the chapter did for the family.

CP Smith was also approached by a friend of Ms. Rosa Torres who stated a member of the local newspaper had been following Ms. Torres during her weight loss and heard about the donation our chapter had made to her sons and wanted to do an interview on the good deed that had been done for the family. Rosa Torres will be missed as she was one of the chapter's community event supporters and on behalf the Royal Arch family we will continue to support and pray for these young men in all their future endeavors.

Presented for Excellence

by Emanuel Tucker

Brother Tillman has long been a member of Pride of the West Lodge #53 in El Paso Texas. Because of his duties within the Fort Bliss community he is rarely able to come out and fellowship with brethren. That does not prevent him from assisting with events and charity out in the local community though. Because of all his hard work and dedication our EHP presented him with a coin for excellence. He has supported the Royal Arch on multiple occasions and during the latest fish fry he sold more tickets than most Companions. If all members on our rolls worked as hard as brother Tillman we could accomplish so much more within our Chapter. He is always someone we can count on!!



Food for Thought by Emanuel Tucker

The ever vicious cycle of raising new Master Masons and removing other masons from the roles has become overwhelming. For an organization to have such a prestigious place in society it would seem as though there should be little, if any, focus placed on membership. From my point of view many individuals who have gained admission have truly lost the meaning of masonry in the same manner as the true word was lost with the death of Hiram Abiff. Have we truly lost the meaning of masonry amongst the money, election processes, titles, poor attitudes, or acts of self-gratitude? Just ask yourself the question, who would you consider to be a model mason? Would it be the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Grand Master, Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Grand Commander, or some other member in the lodge or chapter? These individuals have been able to climb the ladder and attain some of the highest positions but should the positions in themselves be a focal point of masonic growth. It is not meant for everyone to obtain these positions and the possibility of ever obtaining one is slim to none. Instead of focusing on positions at the highest levels we need to teach each other about our basic responsibilities. Once we re-focus and keep our eyes on what's important then our organizations will stop suffering from lack of funds, lack of membership, and lack of participation. Mentorship is key so instead of idealizing mortal men, let's start to focus on the teachings of Jesus Christ and strive to live a life similar to that of Enoch.

Jesus once confronted the Pharisees and told them, "they seek praise from amongst the people where as true followers of God seek nothing." How often have you come in contact with individuals who are seeking positions in hopes of finding some form of praise? How many leaders have you made contact with that do not seek praise and are truly about God's business? Let's go back to the genesis of the candidate being initiated into the entered apprentice degree. Candidates are instructed to believe that masonry exist in their hearts long before ever taking an obligation. Instead of giving instruction and forcing our new candidates to memorize this saying let's act on this and only initiate those who we believe truly have masonry in their hearts. The observance of an individuals lifestyle, how he treats other human beings, reputation, and other intangibles should be considered before ever initiating the candidate.

If the heart is prepared for masonry then it is the head that conducted the preparation. The individuals mind state, willingness to learn, and the urge to seek knowledge, wisdom, and understanding are all key elements that should be considered. King Solomon teaches about all of these different elements in the Book of Proverbs and we, as Companions, should constantly revisit these teachings in order to continue growth. In RAC #90 I believe we have a strong core and are thriving because of the willingness to do God's will, support the organization, and not consume ourselves with who or who's not the High Priest have allowed for us to have many accomplishments. Any Companion can bring forth ideas to the floor and the High Priest will allow a discussion to take place. Recognize your place within the organization and support others who are striving to make a positive impact.

Cecil Rhodes brought the idea of a scholarship to his masonic lodge in either the late 1800s or early 1900s. Because of bickering and internal fighting he would branch off on his own and create the Rhodes Scholarship, the most powerful and influential international scholarship, and now we can see in modern days how powerful Rhodes Scholars are in society. Bro Rhodes did not quit masonry and continued to pay dues until the day he died. He did however stop attending meetings and events so that support his lodge could have been receiving was lost. These are all things that we must think about. How do we improve our organizations? How do we, as leaders, motivate our members to utilize their talent for the greater good of the order? And how do we not make members feel abandoned? This is just some food for thought as we enter the middle of this masonic year. Challenge yourself to bring three ideas to the High Priest that either deals with charity, fundraising, or some other form of support to the community. If membership complies then take the lead and be in charge of the event. Be blessed and continue to do Good Work, True Work, Square Work!!

Gloria Hendry Coin Presentation

Actress/Singer Gloria Hendry at the El Paso annual international film festival in El Paso, TX.



Fish Fry Fundraiser

by: Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone,

On March 21, 2015, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 held its annual fish fry in El Paso, TX at the Northgate Optimist Club. The fish fry was highly successful feeding over 450 people. The money raised will be used to support our many community events and our

scholarship assistance program.

This event was highly successful because of all the great help from the Companions, brothers, sisters, family members, the community, and Northgate Optimist Club. It is truly amazing how much support we receive from everyone. Unity is the key to success.



Photos of the Quarter



Pre-Engineering Banquet by Duwan Mason

“This program challenges some of our brightest kids, which live in the Northeast side of El Paso, to some of the highest level of academics”



On Saturday, April 25, 2015, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 prepared and Served 100 meals at the Chapin High School 2015 Pre-Engineering Magnet Seniors banquet. This program challenges some of our brightest kids, which live in the Northeast side of El Paso, to some of the highest level of academics. We are proud to say that every senior that was enrolled in the program has been se-

lected to attend institutions of higher learning and their future seems very bright. After we were given this honor to serve, the Chapter received many rounds

of applause from the people in attendance for the great food and our continued support of Chapin High School's events.



Senior Member Visits by Duwan Mason



On Saturday, May 2nd El Paso Holy Royal Arch Mason #90 got up early and prepared a meal for our eldest brethren and their families. We prepared collard greens, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, fried catfish, and savory baked chicken. We actually fried the fish at their homes so the fish would be fresh and hot. The first Brother we visited was Bro. Curtis Brown who's an energetic 90 year old. His date of birth is March 7, 1925. He was raised Master Mason in 1970. It was great seeing his wife and him, who's been married over 60 years and had receive a special letter from President Obama congratulating them on their 60th wedding anniversary! Bro. Brown also received a Collectable check from the President that showed a million dollars for each year of his life, in which the check was written for \$90,000,000.00. Pictures are attached. The next brother we visited was Bro. Peter Wallace 87 years old, who again came to the front door moving like a young man. He was born in 1928, and raised to Master Mason on July 29, 1960. We next visited Bro. Gover D. Bond Jr. who was born and raised in Darlington, Maryland October 12, 1936. He is 79 years old. He made El Paso Texas home in 1962, which is where he was raised to Master Ma-

son in 1967, and join El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons chapter No. 90 in 1970. He and others in El Paso during those early years made El Paso Prince Hall Masonry bigger and stronger than anywhere else in TX. He spoke patiently about his love for Masonry. Gover D. Bond Jr. touched many Companions over the years. Over ten years ago a Holy Royal Arch Chapter in Germany was named after him. On March 3, 2013 our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Willie J. Tate, bestowed upon Companion Gover D. Bond Jr. the honor of Honorable Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of Texas. Lastly we visited Bro. Wilson Sparks 95 years old was born in Alabama on December 19, 1919.

He met his wife Yaeko "Cookie" Sparks while being stationed in Okinawa Japan. They have been married for 63 years. He has three children, eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. We asked him about his daily living, he stated he drinks his breakfast which is Aloe Vera Juice, and he eats lots of fruits, vegetables, and occasionally have toast and coffee with soymilk. For his evening meals he eats a lot of seafood, vegetables, rice, and salads, and on special occasions he said he would throw a slab of ribs on the grill. For exercise he and his wife walks one and a half mile five days a week. When asked about his longevity he tells people that he is just truly blessed, and that spirituality is his base. He joined Prince Hall Freemasonry in his early years, following his father and grandfather who were Masons in Alabama's jurisdiction; he became a member of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 on November 12, 1965, and has served as a dedicated member since. He still makes meetings and supports the chapter in all its endeavors. He stated recently in a meeting that he is extremely proud of the work our chapter has done, a great compliment coming from someone who has done so much for this order.

We had a great time visiting our brothers and their families. They were extremely grateful for the food and the visit, what was funny is they all kept insisting to pay for their meals. Brother Sparks even tried to sneak money to us, so we slipped it back in his plate, but later we found the money in the back set of my truck (Smiling) we know his daughter probably was the one who did it (Still Smiling). We will find a way to slip it back to him.

Bro. James Coleman 93 years old, who I have only talk to on the phone or emailed, yes these brothers do have email LOL, he was raised to Master Mason in 1956. He resides in California

Bro. Roscoe Roberts 94 years old, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting him yet, but we have talked and emailed each other all year. He sounds like a young man. He was born November 19, 1920, and raised to Master Mason in December 1948. He resides in Colorado.

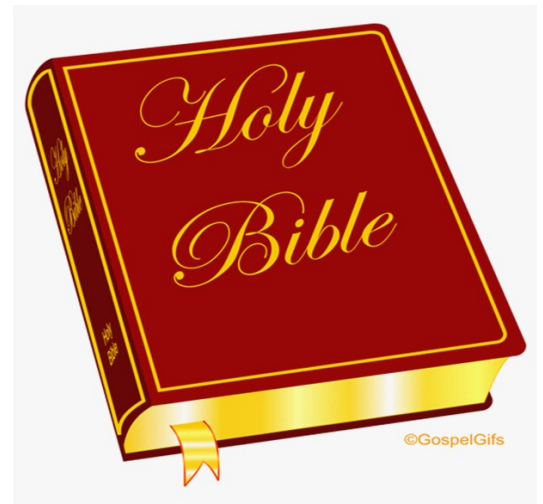
Photos of the Quarter (More)



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– Dennis Elder
Excellent King– Dax Thomas
Excellent Scribe– Quentin Hatcher
Secretary– PHP Duwan Mason
Treasurer– Hersey Roberts
Sentinel– Ka'naan Pitts
Captain of the Host– Curtis Smith
Principle Sojourner– Fred Mercherson
Royal Arch Captain– Kevin Wright
Master of the Third Veil– Terence Sanders
Master of the Second Veil– Vacant
Master of the First Veil– Vacant

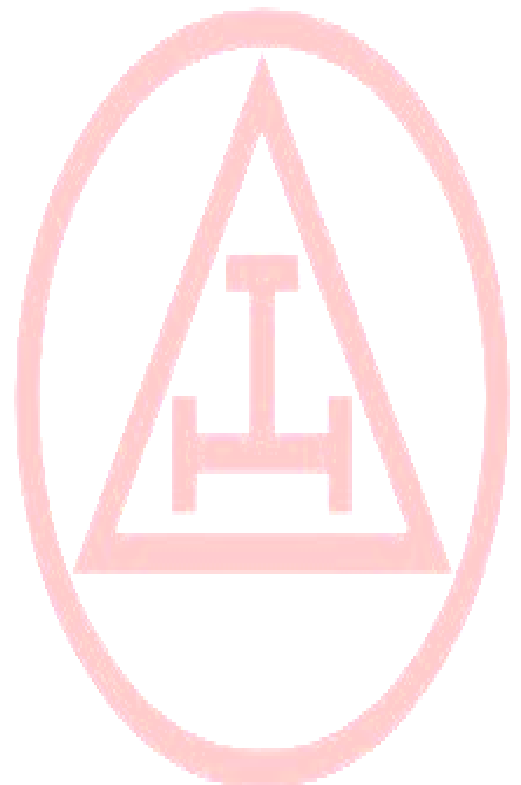


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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Grand 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 #: (____) _____

Our Hardworking Treasurer by Duwan Mason

Our Chapter received awards from the Grand Chapter of TX for Chapter of the Year, EHP of the Year, and Secretary of the Year.

The Grand Chapter does not give awards for Treasurer of the Year, so the Excellent High Priest Dennis Elder felt he would give

our Treasurer Hersey Roberts III, Treasurer of the Year for his outstanding work and dedication for the 2014 year.



Donations for Our Youth by Emanuel Tucker

The youth in the city of El Paso are a motivational factor that drives masonic duty within Royal Arch Masonry. On April 1, 2015 El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 to the El Paso Border Youth Athletic Association and The

Northgate Optimist Club. Both organizations strives to support the youth of El Paso and their efforts are supported by us. We will continue to show support and strive for greatness for these organizations.



*Bro. Charles Kelker
(August 11, 1930– May 7, 2015)*



2 Corinthians 5:6-8 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

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