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Time for Giving*

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2013 Annual Christmas Party by: Emanuel Tucker

On December 21 2013 the chapter held its annual Christmas party. The event has continued to grow and this year we were able to serve food and give gifts to kids free of charge. Thanks to contributions from many members of the masonic family and the Marines Toys for Tots program the event was a great success. We provided over 120 kids gifts and served dinner to over 200 people. This event along with our free Thanksgiving dinner has brought a spotlight on masonry in El Paso and has gotten the attention of many working in local and state government.



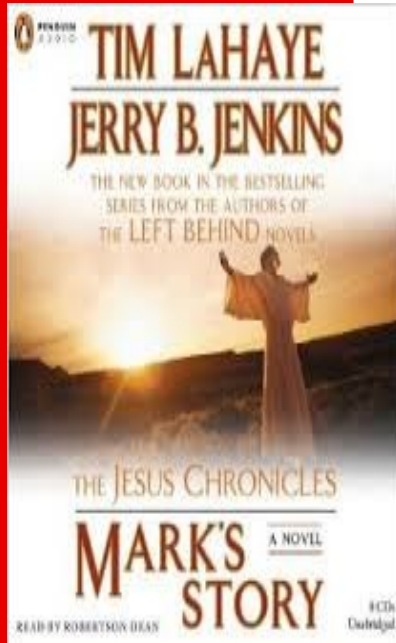
High Priest Column by Emanuel Tucker

This upcoming year we will continue to add and work on things that are on the trestle board. I am very excited to get this year off to a good start and we have already hit the ground running. We have studied the Book of Matthew, degrees 4-7,

and engaged many local charities. We have built a strong foundation and the pillar on which we stand is our knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry. Understanding Royal Arch Masonry is vital because it allows each of our Companions to build

their own moral compass by utilizing all of the working tools they have been instructed on from degrees 1-7. This simple formula of making use of the working tools that have been provided, adhering to your obligations and charges for (con't on pg 23)

Book of the Quarter (Mark's Story by: Tim Lahaie and Jerry Jenkins)



“Mark the Evangelist or commonly known as John Mark is the traditional author of the Gospel of Mark. He is one of the Seventy Disciples, and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, one of the original three main episcopal sees of Christianity.”

Last quarter we studied the Book of Matthew, the individual Matthew, and how his memoirs affected the Holy Bible and Christian beliefs. We will continue our study of the Synoptic Gospels with the study of Mark. Mark the Evangelist or commonly known as John Mark is the traditional author of the Gospel of Mark. He is one of the Seventy Disciples, and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, one of the original three main episcopal sees of Christianity.

Herod Agrippa I in his first year of reign over the whole Judea (AD 41) killed James, son of

Zebedee and arrested Peter, planning to kill him after the Passover. Peter was saved miraculously by angels, and escaped out of the realm of Herod (Acts 12:1–19). Peter went to Antioch, then through Asia Minor (visiting the churches in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, as mentioned in 1 Pet 1:1), and arrived in Rome in the second year of Emperor Claudius (AD 42; Eusebius, *Eccl. Hist.* 2.14.6). Somewhere on the way, Peter picked up Mark and took him as travel companion and interpreter. Mark the Evangelist wrote down the sermons of Peter, thus composing the Gospel according to Mark (*Eccl. Hist.* 15–16), before he left for Alexandria in the third year of Claudius (43).

In AD 49, about 19 years after the Ascension of Jesus, Mark traveled to Alexandria [cf. c. 49 [cf. Acts 15:36–41]] and founded the Church of Alexandria, which today is part of the Coptic Orthodox Church.^[6] Aspects of the Coptic liturgy can be traced back

to Mark himself. He became the first bishop of Alexandria and he is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa.^[7]

According to Eusebius (*Eccl. Hist.* 2.24.1), Mark was succeeded by Annianus as the bishop of Alexandria in the eighth year of Nero (62/63), probably, but not definitely, due to his coming death. Later Coptic tradition says that he was martyred in 68. It is believed that on the night when Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, Mark had followed him there and when the Temple guards saw him, he ran away and dropped his loincloth.

His feast day is celebrated on April 25, and his symbol is the winged lion.



Get to Know Your Excellent Scribe

by: Emanuel Tucker



Companion Curtis L. Smith was born April 12, 1971 in Pittsburgh, PA. He moved to

Charleston, SC at the age of 6. He graduated from Gordon H. Garrett High School in North Charleston, SC in June of 1992 and during that same year he joined the US Army as a Motor Transport Operator. While in the military he obtained his Associates degree in General Studies from Troy University in June 2002. Companion Smith became a Master Mason in November of 2009 in Newport News, VA at Providence Wing Lodge #229 and while stationed at Fort Bliss, TX, he became a Royal Arch Mason in May 2012 at Royal Arch Chapter #90 in El Paso, TX.

While being a member of the

Chapter he has used his educational background and military skills to greatly benefit the efforts put forth by leadership at the local and state level. He has

contributed greatly to King Contest efforts while assisting in PHamily and Friends events, Alzheimer's, Child Cancer, and Breast Cancer walks. Companion Smith has demonstrated what it truly means to be a Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason and this past year the Companions of El Paso Holy Royal Arch rewarded him by nominating and electing Companion Smith to the position of Excellent Scribe.

Since being elected he has accomplished numerous things. Events such as the Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas Party and children gift giveaway, and the widows gift delivery were successful because of the hard work that Companion Smith along with the support of all the Companions in the Chapter with the guidance from Past High Priest Mason. Companion Smith continues to grow in masonry and will be a great leader at the district and state level one day.

Companion Smith currently holds membership in Demolay Commandery#22, Rio Grande Consistory #24 and Oro Temple #9; all of which are in El Paso, TX. He is married and also has 3 children. If anyone needs information or wants to provide support to El Paso Holy Royal Arch please contact our Excellent Scribe.

Socorro Christmas Party

by Emanuel Tucker

On 23 December 2014 El Paso Holy Royal Arch provided 150 toys to the Socorro Community Center in support of their annual Christmas Party. The party was a great success and the social workers at the recreation center were very excited to see us. They expressed a great level of gratitude and also offered lunch for us. Unfortu-

nately, we were not able to stay but the hospitality that was provided was overwhelming. Next year we will work with the same group of social workers again in hopes that we can provide even more toys. Our goal is

ensure every child in El Paso receives at least one Christmas gift during the holidays and hopefully we will come closer to achieving that next year.



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Widow Christmas Gift Delivery

by Emanuel Tucker

In the month of December Companions delivered Christmas gifts to all the widows of R.A.C #90. We hope to continue this tradition and build a more close knit

relationship with them. It is our duty and responsibility to ensure they are provided with everything they need after our Companions part this life. If anyone

wants to participate next year please make contact with us during our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



Secretary of the Year by Emanuel Tucker

Anyone who has been in masonry for some-time knows that the secretary position is critical. Without an organized secretary the organization would constantly face an uphill struggle.

On 30 January 2014, our very own, PHP Mason was recognized as being the best secretary in Royal Arch Ma-

sonry. We are very fortunate to have him reviewing our books, keeping account of our membership, and en-

suring all of our funds are accounted for. Without him we would not have been able to be a success last year.



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Widows and Orphans by Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons along with family and friends of El Paso, TX came together on February 9, 2014 at Christine (wife) and Companion, PHP Franck R. Bonhomme’s church for a day of remembrance, he passed away June 16th of last

year . It was an occasion to remember, and a way to pay respect to great man we all loved as family. On February 12, 2014 Brother Larry O’Connell and I attended the AIT graduation of Demarcus Wilson in Fort Meade, MD, son of our Companion, PHP Mario

Wilson who passed away April 20th of last year. It felt as if Mario was in the room, and I’m sure he would have been extremely proud. Both of their birthdays were in the month of February, so this month was truly a time to be there for (con’t on pg 8)



El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter #90 (2014) Photo



Brothers Forever by Duwan Mason

On 15 February CPs Miller and Mason visited CPs Kelker and Sparks. CP Kelker is 83 and CP Sparks is 94. During the visit they spoke about when they were raised as Master Masons to the day they receive their 33rd degree in 1975 class of 248. CPs Kelker and Sparks have

been an inspiration and continue to provide positive influence over all CPs within the city of El Paso. It was an

honor and privilege for some of our local Officers to be able to meet with them.



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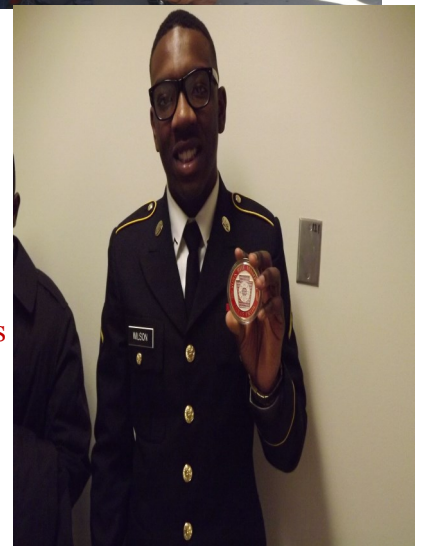
Widows and Orphans (con't) by Duwan Mason

their love ones.

Our actions is not meant to solicit appreciation but rather to translate into fulfillment one of our avowed obligations to another, it will nevertheless be such a delightful demonstration of Masonic Brotherhood to behold, to emulate. The following are some of the expressions we receive from widows and orphans of our fallen brethren. "It sure is nice to be remembered." "Please express my sincere thanks to your organization for their thoughtfulness in remembering my husband through your gesture of friendship to me,



which I shall treasure always." "Again many thanks for all the kindness and thoughtfulness extended to me since he's been gone." "I never dreamed that Masons did all this." By hearing the families expressions we understand more how important it is to support our fallen members families.



*Please come out and celebrate Zerubbabel Day
On April 13, 2014...*

"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



EL PASO ROYAL ARCH MASONS CHAPTER #90

Chapter of the Year/CP of the Year by: Emanuel Tucker



On 30 January 2014, El Paso Holy Royal Arch, was selected as the Chapter while CP Dennis Elder was selected as the Companion of the year. Receiving both of these awards were very humbling and it served as a motivational tool due the recognition that we have received from the Grand Chapter.

During the calendar year of 2013 Companions participated in multiple events that reflected greatly upon themselves, the local chapter, and the Grand Chapter. Due to all of hard work, adhering to masonic policies, and going above and beyond to support the city of El Paso the chapter has been given this award. I would like to thank

everyone for everything they bring to table, the Optimist Club for allowing us to use their facilities, our friends who are always there to assist, and every Companion that is a member of El Paso Holy Royal Arch.

Dennis Elder is a Companion that has always went above and beyond the call of duty. He is a great American who is currently in Afghanistan defending our freedoms so he was not there to receive his award. Companion Elder is an example of a mason who doesn't limit his influence to the members of the masonic body. He understands that in order for us to perform our masonic duty we must take those lessons learned from meetings, the Holy Bible, rituals, and other brothers and apply it to the outside world. Because of his

duty outside of the meetings he was able to earn this prestigious award. He has and will always be one of our most dependable Companions and he does things in order to support the community not for accolades.

In the future my hopes are that we continue to improve ourselves in masonry, regardless if we receive recognition or not, while taking care of our widows and orphans and also growing stronger in our faith. This will provide a strong base for us and give us constant reminders of what masonic duty is. That duty to care for others, treat people the same way we would like to be treated, grow stronger in God, improve ourselves daily, and care for our widows are among some of our basic responsibilities.



Photos of the Quarter



2014 Grand Convocation by Emanuel Tucker

“This event was one of the most enjoyable in recent years and the workshops held by the Deputy Grand High Priest informed all Royal Arch Masons of the top priorities from the Grand Chapter.”



On, 29 January 2014, The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter for the State of Texas held its annual Grand Convocation. MEPHGHP Willie Tate presided over the event which was full of informative and enjoyable events. In attendance was the MWPHGM of Texas, Wilbur Curtis, Deputy of the Orient, John Butler, members from the General Grand Council of Royal Arch

Masons, and Grand High Priest from the states of New Mexico, Louisiana, and Alabama. This event was one of the most enjoyable in recent years and the workshops held by the Deputy Grand High Priest informed all Royal Arch Ma-

sons of the top priorities from the Grand Chapter. Hopefully more Companions will be able to attend next years event.



Race for the Cure (2014)

Susan Komen race for the Cure 2014...will be held March 2, 2014 at Biggs Park. Come out and join us!!



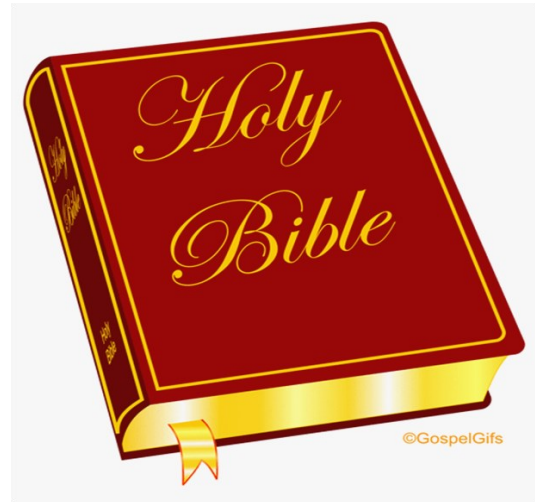
Photos of the Quarter (More)



Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. Who was the second king of Israel?
2. Who was blinded on the road to Damascus?
3. Who was Tubal Cain's father?
4. Why did the Hebrews pray to God for a King?
5. What prophet anointed David as King?
6. Who was Ruth's first husband?



Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting

El Paso Holy Royal Arch Officers

- Excellent High Priest**– Emanuel Tucker
- Excellent King**– Carl Miller
- Excellent Scribe**– Curtis Smith
- Secretary**– PHP Duwan Mason
- Treasurer**– Hersey Roberts
- Sentinel**– Quentin Hatcher
- Captain of the Host**– Dax Thomas
- Principle Sojourner**– Amos McClunney
- Royal Arch Captain**– Renaldo Culpepper
- Master of the Third Veil**– Shawn White
- Master of the Second Veil**– Fred Mercherson
- Master of the First Veil**– Kevin Wright



Report on Grand Convocation by Emanuel Tucker

Subject: Report on Most Excellent Prince Hall Convocation for the State of Texas 2014

To: King, Scribe, Deputy, and Companions of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter #90

First, giving honor to God, our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit who has made all things possible I bring greetings. This report will give all members of El Paso Holy Royal Arch #90 an idea of what happened at the Grand Convocation as well as communicate new ideas, standards, election results, and guidance from our Grand Chapter.

I and Past High Priest Mason left El Paso on 29 January 2014 to head out to Killeen Texas to enjoy to session. The treasurer had allocated \$500 for the use of gas, hotel, degree work, and supplies. After arriving in Killeen, we were tasked to attend a meeting at 2000 (8PM) along with all other elected High Priest and Past High Priest. The Deputy Grand High Priest, Deputy Jeffers, opened the meeting by reemphasizing the importance of the King Contest. He then requested information from each chapter in regards to how they will improve donations for the King contest. Our chapter will donate a portion of the proceeds from the two fundraisers to support the contest. Considering we will soon have candidates for the scholarship it would only make common sense to support the cause.

After the Deputy Grand High Priest spoke the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Willie Tate, spoke about reports and the need to submit everything on time. As far as our Chapter is concerned, everything was submitted in a timely manner. Once he had established timelines and spoke on areas of improvement he gave the floor to Companion Parmer. He gave information about a new program that could save money while also assisting the Grand Chapter. His program is based around developing a Masonic Card that operates similar to the military identification card. The card would allow members to receive discounts at restaurants, hotels, plane tickets, etc... (see attached list). It is a great program and I recommend that the chapter make use of the card. The cost is \$12 for the first year and a yearly \$6 cost. If there are enough people interested I would like to request that the card be used as a dues card for calendar year 2015.

The night ended with Grand High Priest speaking on requirements to receive dispensation (which will soon start to cost the chapter), issued ways and means tickets from 2013, local Royal Arch town hall meetings, website, receipt of information on deceased Companions, upcoming Grand election, sick members, and the Priesthood degree. After the meeting we were tasked to be downstairs at 0630 the next morning.

On Thursday, myself and PHP Mason, went down to the area where the Priesthood degree was being held. Registration started at 0645 and soon after I went in and received my degree. The cost of the degree was \$85 to go along with a yearly \$5 cost. Soon after the degree work was complete the Grand Chapter was opened by Deputy Jeffers. He brought in all the elected officers and staff of the Grand body. Soon as the Grand High Priest took the gavel he laid the ground rules; be respectful to one another. This meant only one person speak at a time, no side bar conversations, and respecting decisions made and voted upon.

Soon after the ground rules were laid the Grand High Priest spoke about his terminology and proper etiquette in the Royal Arch. Slang terms such as "Red House" is unacceptable and we should only refer to our organization as a Chapter or Royal Arch. After the proclamation was read the Grand Recorder stated that we were square and all dues, reports, and monies had been submitted.

Currently the Grand Chapter is working on their 501c3. As soon as they receive it we will no longer be required to sell tickets. The Grand High Priest will enlist the assistance from corporate organizations. This is

Report cont'd

something similar to what we are doing and we may have a better chance of receiving the 501c3 because our charity is documented in the form of a newsletter.

All things voted on in the session went accordingly

New Dues card- voted no

Website- voted to continue

Secretary report- accepted

Treasurer report- accepted

Budget report- accepted

King report- accepted

Scribe report- accepted

Medical Staff report- accepted

Works Committee report- accepted

Nucleology report- accepted

Jurisprudence- no report

Time and Place- no report

Prices for registration may be increased to \$75...we are still awaiting the decision. Next year all three principle officers will be required to register. Other notes include suspending members who are not current and also we need to mail a copy of the charter to the Grand Chapter.

Election results are as follows

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: Charles E. Walker

RE Grand Treasurer: Frank B. Glover Sr.

Awards received:

Chapter of the Year: El Paso Holy Royal Arch Ch. 90

Companion of the Year: CP Dennis Elder

High Priest of the Year: EHP Jerry Brown

Secretary of the Year: PHP Duwan Mason

King Contest Winner– Arthur L. Banks

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Leadership Philosophy by Emanuel Tucker

MEMORANDUM FOR Members of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter #90

Subject: Leadership Philosophy

1. Leadership can be described as “a process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task.” This basic concept of all people working towards one common goal will serve as one of the principle pillars for this chapter. I also ask our members to take into account this principle when recommending brothers for membership, developing inspiration to write lectures, developing plans for fundraisers, or any other task that we may deem necessary for the benefit of our order. It is our job to promote Royal Arch Masonry in a manner that is congruent with Judaea-Christian beliefs and uphold our order in the highest manner.

York Rite Masonry embraces the Holy Bible in a manner that other bodies do not. Examples are the Blue Lodges having a standard of only allowing membership for those men that believe there is a higher power but not focusing on one system of belief. Our Scottish Rite brethren embraces Hinduism, Kabala writings, and the Koran in various degrees from 4-25. But the York Rite is different!! As Royal Arch Masons we exemplify the teachings of Christ while enforcing standards from the Old Testament. The Knights Templar stress beliefs in the New Testament while instructing on standards that were set forth by Mary Magdalene, Peter, John the Evangelist, and the Apostle Paul. Understanding Royal Arch Masonry is vital because it allows each of our Companions to build their own moral compass by utilizing all of the working tools they have been instructed on from degrees 1-7.

This simple formula of making use of the working tools that have been provided, adhering to your obligations and charges for various degrees, and living a lifestyle that is congruent with the Holy Bible will serve as the overall philosophy. I understand that everyone sees things differently and sometimes even interpret scripture differently. Those dogmatic conversations that we will have in the near future will only allow us to build a moral compass that is stronger and provide further enlightenment. All members are important and your input is valued. This year will be filled with multiple activities so I challenge each one of you to take charge of one of these functions and lead the way. Don't worry about making mistakes. Mistakes that you learn from develop a term that we often use called “experience”. Here is the list of functions that I have envisioned us to accomplish throughout the year:

1 st Quarter Events	Date
Thanksgiving Dinner for Families (Free of Charge)	23 November 2013
Widows Christmas Gift Delivery	15 December 2013
Christmas Party and Toy Giveaway	21 December 2013
Children Hospital Visit	16 January 2013
Children's Home Visit and Can Good Delivery	6 February 2013

Leadership cont'd

Here is the list of all other events that we have yet to coordinate dates for.

Foster Care Youth Graduation Sponsorship Program	New Mexico Grand Convocation Visit and Fellowship
Multiple Fish Fry Fundraisers	Child Cancer Walk
El Paso HRAM Annual Banquet	Susan Komen Cancer Walk
Gracia Divina Ministry Supply Donation	Horizon Heat, Horizon Dodger, and Fierce All-Star Donations
PHamily and Friends Cookout	Alzheimer's Walk
Juneteenth Assistance	Trunk or Treat Assistance
Serve Breakfast to needy at Salvation Army	Widows assistance at home for Cleaning
Denim and Pink Assistance	Cup of Joe Donations to Soldiers

There may be more events and fundraisers added to the trestle board along with courses, study hall, lectures, and the improvement of opening/closing ceremonies. The lectures will range from duties inside the chapter, dogmatic conversations about the bible and Royal Arch meaning, degree work, and the hidden meaning of Masonry. I hope this year is very productive and remember it is our job to build on the lessons that our predecessors left for us.

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CP Emanuel Tucker
 Excellent High Priest
 El Paso R.A.M #90
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Schedule of Events

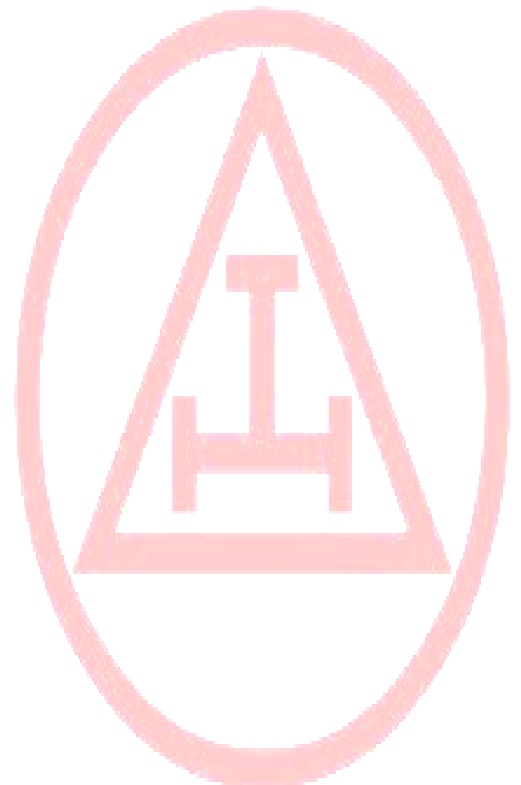
- } March 2– Susan Koman Walk
- } March 22– Fish Fry fundraiser at Northgate Optimist Club
- } March 21 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } April 13– Zerrubabel Day
- } April 25 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } May 23– Grand High Priest Official Visit

MARCH 2014

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Grand Chapter Officers

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- Deputy GHP:** George S. Jeffers
- RE Grand King:** Bernard Samuel
- RE Grand Scribe:** Michael Berry
- RE Grand Secretary:** Charles E. Walker
- RE Grand Treasurer:** Frank B. Glover Sr.
- RE Grand Lecturer:** vacant
- RE Grand Chaplain:** D. Michael Jones
- RE Grand Capt. Of the Host:** vacant
- RE Grand Royal Arch Captain:** Melvin T. Williams
- RE Grand Master of the Third Veil:** vacant
- 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



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 #: (____) _____

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

JOINT FISH FRY

NORTHGATE OPTIMIST CLUB

22 MARCH 2014

12:00 PM- 6 PM

DONATION

4201 SKYLINE AVE
EL PASO, TX 79904

\$8

P.O.C CURTIS SMITH 757-232-7454

CARL MILLER 808-551-6307 & Paul Maggitt 915-241-6457



Philippians 4: 1-10:

Important Web pages:

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

District 25: <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.

Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity

High Priest Column (cont'd)

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