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York Rite Weekend 2013 by Emanuel Tucker



On February 2, 2013 the 132nd Grand Convocation took place in Houston Texas. The event occurred during the 2013 York Rite Weekend and our chapter received numerous awards. Although we don't

conduct charity or any events for publicity, personal gain, or awards we were blessed that the Grand Chapter recognized what was accomplished in 2012. Awards received were Chapter of the Year and King Contest Winner (El Paso Holy Royal Arch #90), Franck Bonhomme as the Excellent High Priest of the Year, and Duwan M. Mason, Sr. as Companion of the Year. To round out the evening Wilson Sparks received the Honorary Grand High Priest Medallion for his many contributions to Texas Jurisdiction Prince Hall Affiliated Masonry during his many years of service. We would like to thank all personnel who assisted during the year and we will strive to become better in 2013.

High Priest Column by Emanuel Tucker

When a Mason is asked, "What came you here to do?" he replies, "To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in masonry." Improving ourselves in masonry is mandatory so the theme

this year will be for us to grow. Growing in the sense of realizing self value and worth will be the cornerstones of improvement. Self examination and continuing to improve in life

are all areas that we need to focus on. In the Apology, by Plato, Socrates statement, "the unexamined life is not worth living," relates to all of us and our ability to make the world a (con't on page 19)



Book of the Quarter: The Royal Arch (by: Emanuel Tucker)



“Lessons such as those on corn, wine, and oil will be discovered and each reader will soon learn about the true value they hold. The support of life and profits from “refreshment” can be explained through these three elements”

Our book of the quarter, “The Royal Arch: It’s Hidden Meaning” gives insightful information about the degrees and includes information on the cryptic degrees. Any Worshipful Master or Excellent High Priest will see the value in the lessons that are taught and will bring this information back to their craft. Lessons such as those on corn, wine, and oil will be discovered and each reader will soon learn about the true value they hold. The support of life and profits from “refreshment” can be explained through these three elements while allowing the reader to understand the value and importance of each one in our eastern culture. King David often speaks of the three elements in the book of Psalms when speaking of God’s goodness and blessings. Psalms 104 verse 13-15 explains, “He watereth

the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man’s heart. In Psalms 23 he again references the elements, “¹(A Psalm of David.) The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” David surely understands how important the corn, wine, and oil is and often expresses their value.

The book also goes into the complete man. A man that has balance in soul, spirit, and body is in direction to eventually make himself the perfect man. The journey to this final goal begins in Babylon and ends in Jerusalem and presents many hurdles that man must overcome. Understanding the true Babylon and Jerusalem and what physical encounters that man must face will only make good men better and prepare them for that house not made with hands.

This book is a must have for any Royal Arch Mason. The book covers the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees. If you wish to enhance your knowledge and become a better York Rite Mason I highly encourage you to purchase this book. It could serve as a cornerstone for future study halls, lectures, and degree work.



Please contact PHP Mason at Eastwardbound76@cs.com if you wish to receive an electronic copy of the 2013 Chapter Photo

Fierce All-Star Cheerleading Squad



To Whom It May Concern,

We are The Fierce All Star Cheerleading Squad. We're a cheerleading squad representing El Paso, Texas that consists of about 23 girls that range in ages 3 to 13.

This year it is our goal to raise enough funds to attend West Coast Classic National Competition in Knott's Berry Farm, in Buena Park, CA. This is a huge opportunity that not all young people from this community have; that is why we are trying our hardest to raise funds to take all 23 individuals on this great opportunity trip. We have sold enchilada plates, Cold Stone Cakes, chocolates, waters, and Avon. It is not easy, but we feel that we deserve this after all the hard work and intense days of training and practice that we have put our heart and soul into. This last November we also competed in San Antonio, TX, bringing home the first place trophy. We are planning to take this trip March 14 to March 19. The cost for the entrance fee comes to \$1955; this will cover the fee we have to pay to be able to compete.

We believe with your generous contribution that we can make this dream come true. That is why we humbly ask that you consider sponsoring us with any monetary amount. We thank you in advance for your generosity and for taking the time to read this letter. God Bless!

Sincerely,
Adrian Esparza
Fierce All-Star Squad Head Cheerleading Coach

Please contact Dulce Josey or Raynard Josey at (915) 317-5431 or (915) 276-2294 if you wish to donate.

Charity Christmas Party

by Emanuel Tucker/Duwan Mason



Christmas is a time when we can all sit back and be grateful for the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us. Being able to give to others is by far one of the greatest blessings we could possibly have. This is what makes us who we are "Masons". Without the opportunity and responsibility to show God's love we have no real job.

On December 22, 2012 at the Northgate Optimist Club we held our first Community Christmas Party. Every child was able to receive a gift from Santa Claus and the families were provided Christmas Dinner. The function was supported by other organizations within the PHA Masonic family in El Paso along with the Northgate Optimist Club. This event was a success due to all of us working towards one common goal. When we all participate it makes the job easier and the finished product is more re-

finied. Hopefully we will be able to come together more often but we also understand each organization has task and mission that it must complete throughout the year.

The Excellent High Priest along with the President of the Optimist Club would like to thank everyone that was able to participate and made donations. They would also like to give a special thanks to the WM of Sunset Lodge #76, Felix Beard, for taking the time to play Santa Claus and entertain the kids. This was a job that many people turned down but he accepted the challenge and embraced all of the kids with a big smile.

This will be an annual event and we would like to grow the participation as much as possible. We extend an open invitation to anyone that wants to participate. This is an event that's for the community and not limited to people in the Masonic family. Being blessed with the opportunity to give and serve others will fill

your souls with joy and happiness. Please contact the Royal Arch Chapter if you wish to participate next year.





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.

Race for the Cure by Emanuel Tucker



anticipated and the event is near and dear to our hearts. We anticipate that we will continue to be apart of the event until an answer and cure is found. The bible speaks of new disease that will constantly enter the world and plague us with sickness but God has the power to heal and he has possessed certain men and women with the tal-

ent to develop medication to cure and heal.

Please come out and join us next year or donate through the Susan Komen El Paso website. Our team is listed as Royal Arch #90. Thanks for everything that you do and we will see you all next year.

“Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.” Similar to Nancy Brinker many of our Masonic members have lost family members, friends, and co-workers to this horrible disease.

On 17 February 2013, our chapter, along with other Masonic organizations joined again in an effort to contribute to future research that could cure this disease. This is the second consecutive year the chapter has par-



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Cross County Banquet by Emanuel Tucker

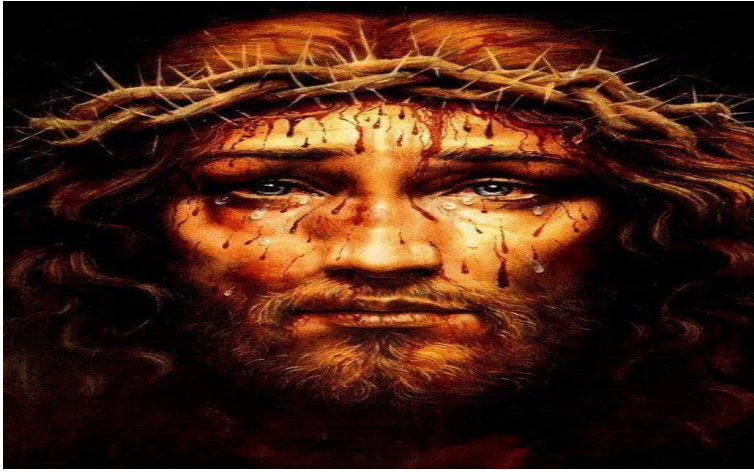


Our young men and women are very important to us and we feel it is necessary to recog-

nize their achievements as they strive to make an impact on our society and be future leaders. On February 9, 2013, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Ma-

sons No. 90 and Northgate Optimist Club assisted Chapin High

School's Cross Country Team host its annual awards banquet at the Northgate Optimist Club in El Paso, TX . We are very proud of all their achievements and some of our own members have kids that received some of the highest achievements .



Jesus Chronicles by Emanuel Tucker/

notes on each book taken from <https://timlahaye.com/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=18&cat=JESUS+CHRONICLES>

In June 2012 “John’s Story” was selected as book of the quarter. The book is the fourth part in a series by Dr. Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins that covers the John the Evangelist after the death of Jesus Christ. This collection covers the life of these men after the resurrection and the development of the Christian religion. This year we will go into more detail about the man named Jesus and the life lessons he taught during his short time here on earth. God created earth for man and woman so at the very least we need to understand how to live in it and also what our Masonic duties are while here. Hopefully, we will grow in Masonry daily while sub-doing our passions and not giving in to the vices of life. The more we learn about Jesus the stronger our relationship will grow with the deity and we will improve ourselves while strengthening this community. The following paragraphs are taken from the Jesus Chronicles webpage (<https://timlahaye.com/shopDisplayCategories.asp?id=18&cat=JESUS+CHRONICLES>) and explains each of the books.

Matthew’s Story: Levi was

studying to be a priest, but when an unspeakable tragedy befalls his family, he turns his back on his faith and decides to pursue riches and luxury instead. He becomes a tax collector, disappointing his family and reviled by Jews and Romans alike. And although he is a success, his chosen trade does not bring him contentment. When he hears about Jesus, the man who some are saying is the prophesied Messiah, he begins a quest that leads him to question his very existence. As he follows Jesus and records His words and deeds, Levi is shaken to the core and transformed. Renamed “Matthew” by Jesus—literally “gift from God”—he is called to give up his work and his worldly possessions and claims Jesus as his Lord.

Matthew’s Story is a novel that brings to life the most unlikely of apostles—a sinner-turned-saint—and his time with the Lord. Thrilling and uplifting, *Matthew’s Story* shows how the true Messiah changed the life of one man, and forever altered the course of history.

Mark’s Story: *Mark’s Story* opens on the evening of the last day of Jesus as man.

The young Mark hears Jesus’ prophecies of the events that are to come, and bears witness to some of the most pivotal events in human history, including Judas Iscariot’s betrayal, Peter’s denial of his Master, and Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection as the risen Lord.

In the years after, following in the footsteps of his friend and mentor Peter, Mark becomes an ardent follower of Jesus and a devoted disciple of Christianity, spreading the Word beyond Jerusalem and into the world. Mark urges Peter to recount to him the stories of Jesus’ life on Earth—His messages, His miracles, and His everlasting promises to His people—and compiles what becomes canonized as the Gospel of Mark. Mark chronicles the growth of the early Christian church, the struggles of Jesus’ followers, and the persecution they endured from a hostile world.

Mark’s Story is a thrilling account that vividly depicts the last day before Jesus’ crucifixion and the danger that early believers faced as they boldly proclaimed Jesus as Christ the Lord. Their



bravery laid the foundation for the early church, and their fervent passion for the Word reverberates throughout the world today.

Luke's Story: Luke never met Jesus. Unlike the other Gospel writers, he never witnessed Jesus perform miracles or heard Him impart the Word that healed the souls of so many. No, his was a belief built on faith alone, like that of believers today. And his Gospel, filled with the stories of the Lord's divinity, speaks to the hearts of Christians everywhere. In *Luke's Story*, we follow him as he rises from Greek slave to university-educated physician. Along the way, he meets Saul of Tarsus, a formidable Hebrew debater who becomes both Luke's role model and greatest competitor. Luke is intrigued but skeptical when he hears tales of a man named Jesus who purportedly performs great miracles of healing. But the dramatic story of the conversion and redemption of Saul, now called Paul, and the miraculous healing of one of his own patients by prayer, irreversibly changes Luke's spiritual life. He pledges himself to Christ and makes the life-changing choice to write a Gospel based on years of interviewing believers about their conversions and listening to stories of the Lord's life from those who knew Him—most important, His mother, Mary.

Luke wrote his Gospel to appeal to women, nonbelievers, and the disenfranchised. The result is scripture rich in the miraculous stories of Jesus that touches people all over the world today.

John's Story: Together again with the only books they are coauthoring since the bestselling Left Be-

hind series. Before there was the tribulation, before the rapture, before there was a legacy that could be left behind, there was Jesus.

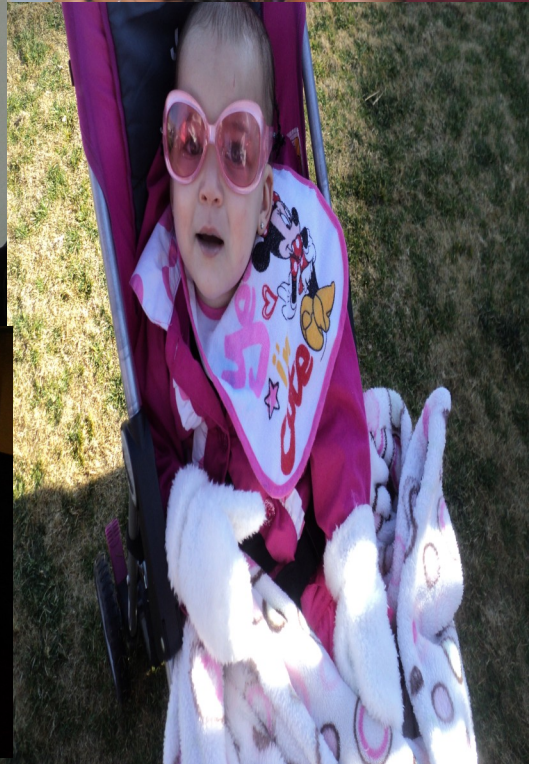
John's Story tell His glorious, dramatic story. *John's Story: The Last Eyewitness* is told by the one whom Jesus called beloved. John, a once-broken man, was forever changed the moment he met the mysterious stranger from Nazareth, his heart opened by the One whom he discovered to be the Son of God. At ninety years old, John is the last of the original twelve apostles still alive, the only one who was not martyred. Committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, he is called by God to write a gospel in order to set the record straight—as others were teaching that Jesus wasn't 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. The first in a series, *John's Story: The Last Eyewitness* is a remarkable and thrilling account of the life of the Man who came to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament and to save all of mankind. To bring deeper understanding to the story, each of the four books include the text of the corresponding gospel as an appendix. *John's Story* illuminates the times of Jesus, His life, and His messages like never before. Using cutting-edge historical and academic research, as well as biblically based themes, they are first and foremost page-turning novels that could come only from the pens of *Tim LaHaye* and *Jerry Jenkins*.



Photos of the Quarter



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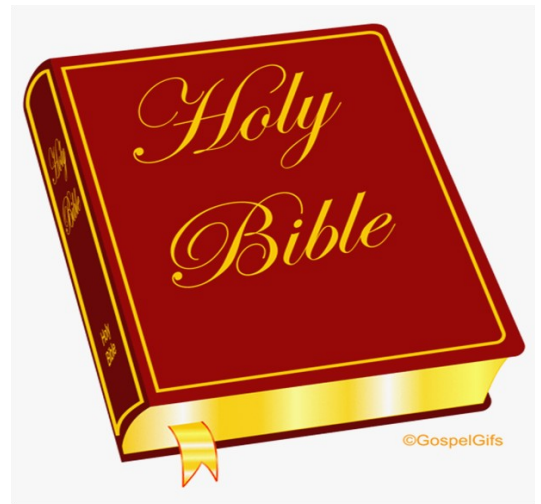
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Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. What sort of shields did the servants of Hadadezar carry?
2. In 2 Sam. 14, how did the wise woman disguise herself?
3. Who did Joab slay at the gate of Hebron?
4. How many years are like one day with the Lord?
5. The church in Rome was held at whose house?
6. In his epistle to the Romans Paul told the saints there that he planned to visit them on his way to where?



Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting

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/>

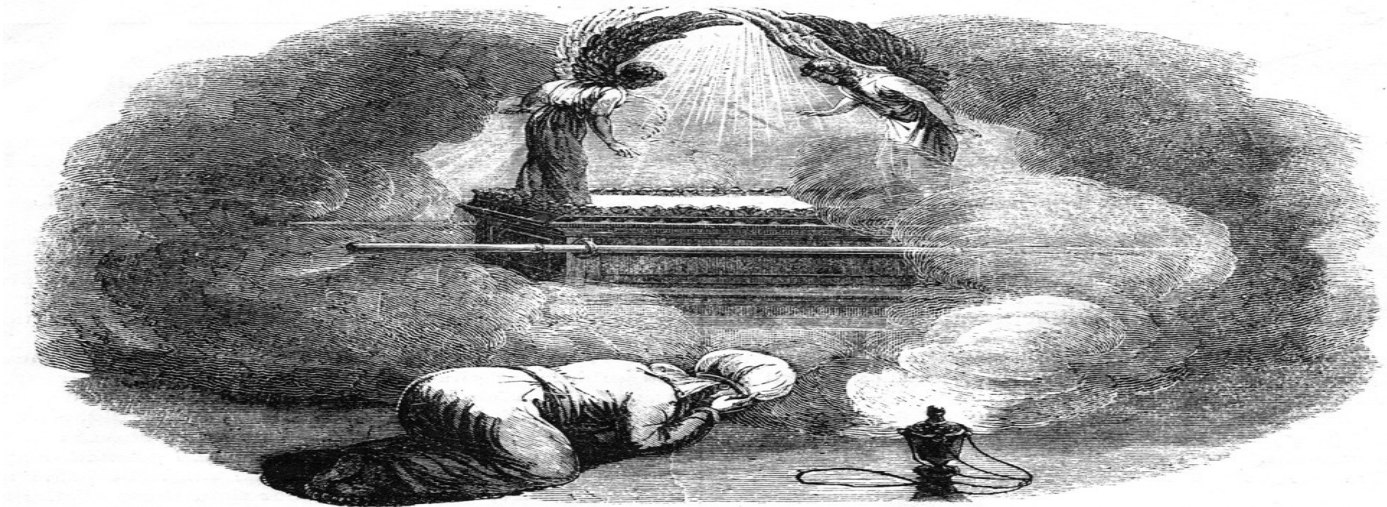


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THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, A MOST HOLY VESSEL!!!!!!!

By PHP Shawn Willis



281.—Probable Form of the Ark of the Covenant.—Exod. xxv.

The ark was made of shittim wood overlaid with gold inside and outside. Shittim wood (sometimes called iron wood) is of the acacia family, of which there are many varieties. The shittim tree, said to reach a maximum height of about 25ft, does produce some valuable timber. It is a hard wood, resistant enough to heat and decay that it has been described as indestructible. Such durability appropriately typifies the incorruptible body of Jesus, prepared for his incarnation (Heb. 10:5). As it is written, “neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption” (Ps. 16:10; Acts 2:27; 13:35).

The Ark, completely overlaid with gold within and without, reminds us that Jesus retained full deity in union with His humanity. Throughout the Tabernacle, wood typifies His humanity and gold with His deity. Though He had voluntarily emptied Himself of some of the unique attributes and prerogatives of Deity (Phil. 2:6-8), “to be like unto His brethren” (Heb. 2:17), He was nonetheless

God, even in the flesh.

To be our Daysman (Job. 9:33) Christ needed to be equally representative of God and man. No one but Jesus ever qualified to thus bring God and man together. He was not a hybrid (half God and half man), but He was fully God and fully Man. In fact, had been less than God, his sacrifice would not have sufficed for the atonement; and He had not been full man, the atonement would not have applied to Him. “For verily he took not on him the nature of angels [consequently atonement does not apply to angels]; but he took on him the seed of Abraham” (Heb. 2:16) “to make reconciliation for the sins of the people”.

The Ark especially emphasizes the PERSON of Jesus, while the Mercy Seat emphasizes His PURPOSE. The efficacy and validity of the atonement rest equally upon His Godhood and His Man-

hood. Both are absolutely essential as a BASE for the Mercy Seat. The crown of gold upon the Ark (Ex. 25:11) foreshadows “the man Christ Jesus”, promoted and EXALTED AS “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Rev. 19:16).

The contents of the Ark and their symbolism are explained as such, the Tablets of Stones (called the Testimony—Ex. 25:16) with the Ten commandments engraved in stone, represent God’s Law. The Golden pot of Manna (Ex. 16:32,33) typifies Christ as the Bread of Life, eight times declared to be the true Bread that came down from the heaven (John. 6:32-35, 48-58). Aaron’s Rod that budded depicts Resurrection: Life out of death. **Violating the Holiness of the Ark was punishable by death (Denying the Deity of Christ may be eternally FATAL!)** Two other Arks also typified Christ; Noah’s Ark (Gen 6:7) and the Ark of Bulrushes (Ex. 2:3)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Honorary Past Grand High Priest Wilson Sparks by PHP Mason



On February 24, 2013, Excellent High Priest Franck Bonhomme presented Companion Wilson Sparks with his Honorary Past Grand High Priest medallion. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest Willie J. Tate awarded this prestigious honor on May 2012.

Wilson Sparks age 93 was born in Alabama on December 19, 1919. He met his wife Yaeko “Cookie” Sparks age 83 while being stationed in Okinawa Japan. They have been married for 61 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.

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/>

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

High Priest Column (cont'd)

better place to live. This concept affects us as masons because our ideas and thoughts about the community and the importance of it should be based upon the improvement of mankind. Reynolds and Tyree, in their article "Teaching Values in a Materially-Rich but Morally-Poor Society", examined the writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Anne Frank, and Harper Lee to show the effectiveness of that material. Man has lived on the earth for ages but has yet to master the skill of morality as a whole. The trial of Socrates can be somewhat controversial because we only have a record of what his students documented, and those thoughts were placed from a skewed point of view. However, the ability of Socrates to lecture his accusers, remain true to what he believed, and not waiver in his position expressed a character that was willing to die for what he believed. In my belief we must remain steadfast in the same manner as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego even if that means risking certain things. I have seen people who are willing to cave in to "wrong" because of the fear that they may not get the big promotion, election results may not be in their favor, or simply the need to feel liked. With so much corruption in the world we must stand together for what's important even if it means going against the grain. I always see Mercedes, BMWs, etc... at the lodge but are we rich in the most important aspect, our MORALITY!!

Hebrews 9: 1-12:

"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

