

**EL PASO HOLY ROYAL ARCH #90
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“For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.”

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

High Priest Column

2014 Christmas Party

HPGHP Sparks

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Selma March

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High Priest Column by Dennis Elder



you do more than they listen to what you say. Actions speak louder than words. A polite smile and a nice respectful conversation will put you on a sure path to true Masonic fellowship and brotherly love. The simplest expression of kindness and concern for someone's well being will inspire others to do the same. Mutual understanding and compassion is developed between people when they share some of the same views, experiences, values, and beliefs. This is what we call friendship. A friend is someone who always looks

ways possible amongst siblings. Just like most average American families, we're taught a set of values and beliefs that will surely amplify our love and compassion for one another. It is our duty to understand our mission and purpose as Holy Royal Arch Masons and spread the cement of brotherly love. As men and masons, we've been charged to be upright and positive pillars throughout our communities. During this day and age, we fail to take time for ourselves and inventory our morals, values, and beliefs. Some of us are faced with several difficult choices and decisions that have an everlasting affect on our lives and others. We let our pride get in the way of true understanding towards making decisions for the good of our order. As men and masons we must realize that humility is our first step towards success.

The first rule to being a good and successful leader/mason is to set a good example. Always be quick to help and slow to judge. People watch what

out for your best interest. We have the pleasure of being both friends and brothers to one another. This unique combination is a beautiful circumstance that's not al-

2014 Royal Arch Annual Christmas Party by Duwan Mason



The El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons chapter No. 90, Northgate Optimist Club, members of our Masonic PHamily, and numerous people from our community came together to hold our annual community Christmas Dinner/Party and everyone had a wonderful time.

The dinner and all the fixings came from donations from various organizations and several kind hearted individuals throughout our community. The toys were donated by the Marines (Toys for tots). We fed over 500 people of our community and handed out 200 toys to the children. On Monday following the Christmas dinner/party we gave away an additional 100 plus toys to unfortunate children of El Paso.

Companion Dax Thomas played the role of Santa Clause again. The looks on the

kids faces when Santa arrived was priceless. Every child received a gift from Santa Clause. The joy in the kids heart and happiness on their faces was evident that Companion Thomas (Santa Clause) did an outstanding job.(Smiling).

The Excellent High Priest, **Dennis Elder** of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons #90 and the President of the Northgate Optimist Club **Frank Merrill** asked me to relay a sincere thank you to everyone who participated and made donations to make this event successful. To our Masonic Brothers, Sisters and members of our community, I will like to say "Job Well Done!!!".



HPGHP Sparks Birthday Celebration by Duwan Mason

Greeting Everyone, on December 19, 2014, The Excellent High Priest, members of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter #90, and visitor Companion Mikels visited our eldest member HPGHP Wilson Sparks 33° on his 95th birthday. He was truly happy to see us. He kept saying how happy he was, which was great to hear because a day before his birth-

day he was in the hospital having breathing complications. Companion Sparks is now doing better. He even insisted we stay and break bread with him, he made his own toast to his 95th birthday. It was truly an honor to be in the presents of someone with so much wisdom. When visiting Companion Sparks he would always share his knowledge of Masonry. His family was truly grate-

ful we visited him on his birthday, but we stated to them we were grateful we were allowed to share this wonderful occasion with them.

Brother Sparks started his travels in Masonry during the 1940's in which he has become a member in every Masonic organization.



El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons #90 & The Northgate Optimist Club

PRESENTS THEIR

ANNUAL
Fish
FRY

SATURDAY
03.21.15

DONATIONS
\$8.00

LOCATED AT THE NORTHGATE OPTIMIST CLUB
4201 SKYLINE AVE., EL PASO, TX

DOORS OPEN FROM 12 PM - 4 PM

FOR DONATIONS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons
Chapter No. 90



NORTHGATE
OPTIMIST CLUB
El Paso, Texas



Phyllis Wheatley Donation by Duwan Mason

In the month of January we had the honor to assist one of the oldest black female Civic Clubs. It's called **Phyllis Wheatley Civic Club**. Presently they have a membership of (13) thirteen women ranging from the ages of 70, 80, and 90 years old. These elderly ladies desperately wanted to celebrate their 100th year anniversary, but due to a lack of funds they were not able to have a 100th year celebration. Sister Maureen Simmons was determined to assist them with a glorious celebration and decided to solicit funds from RAC 90. The celebration was on January 10, 2015 and the donations went towards renting a place to have the celebration, food, beverages, gifts, etc... Sister Simmons had planned to finance this venture on her own but we felt our community and supportive organizations could lend a hand in making this possible. This organization is a landmark within our African American community so hopefully more organizations and people will come on board and provide future assistance.



Phyllis Wheatley Club of Buffalo, 1905

Donation cont

A little History: The El Paso club was organized in 1915, and named for one of the first African American Poets. They give scholarships to deserving boys and girls in our community. There's also a street named after this club in the far east called Phillis Wheatley Way.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY (ca. 1753 – 1784) Because she arrived in the American colonies as an African slave, the year and location of Phillis Wheatley's birth remain unknown. She received her name from the slave ship *Phillis* in which she was transported and acquired the surname of her purchaser John Wheatley, who intended her to be his wife's servant in their Boston home. Impressed by her intelligence and manner, the Wheatleys raised Phillis more as a daughter than a slave, allowing their oldest daughters to educate her and allotting her a bedroom and a place at their dining table. After learning to speak, read, and write English with remarkable ease, Phillis Wheatley began to compose poetry, and the verse that made her reputation was an elegy for George Whitefield, a Methodist minister whom Phillis Wheatley had seen preach in Boston shortly before his death in 1770. Her elegy, reprinted throughout the colonies and in London, earned her international fame. As a female African American poet, she captured much attention, and her only published volume, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, appeared in 1773 with a foreword attesting to her talent signed by eighteen prominent Bostonian men and a portrait of the author sitting at her writing table with a pen in hand. After Mrs. Wheatley died in 1774, the family dispersed, and Phillis Wheatley married free black John Peters and settled in Delaware. Later abandoned by her husband, she worked in lodging houses until her health deteriorated and she became totally impoverished. She died alone on the outskirts of Boston of complications resulting from the birth of her third child. Phillis Wheatley was the first African American to publish and the first American woman to try to support herself through her writing. Regarding slavery, she wrote in a letter in 1774 that "in every human breast, God has implanted a Principle, which we call Love of Freedom; it is impatient of Oppression, and pants for Deliverance." She supported the American Revolution and admired political figures such as George Washington, with whom she corresponded.



*Please come out and celebrate Zerubbabel Day
On April 19, 2015...*

"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



Susan G. Komen Walk

by: Emanuel Tucker

On 1 March 2015 in El Paso Texas the El Paso Holy Royal Arch participated in the Annual Susan G. Komen Walk. The Companions were very enthused to have the opportunity to represent the Chapter while participating in an event that fights a disease that has affected millions of families.

The Susan G. Komen mission and vision statement focus on the mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever. We hope that our contributions has been ablke to assist in future research so this disease can come to an end because of the affect it has had on members in our chapter.

Someone's grandmother, mother, sister, or wife may be battling this deadly disease but with God's help we will be able to fight back and win. There have been many breakthroughs in research and medical facilities but there is still more that needs to be done. Please come and join us next year to participate in an event that affects so many households in America.



Photos of the Quarter



2015 Grand Convocation by Duwan Mason

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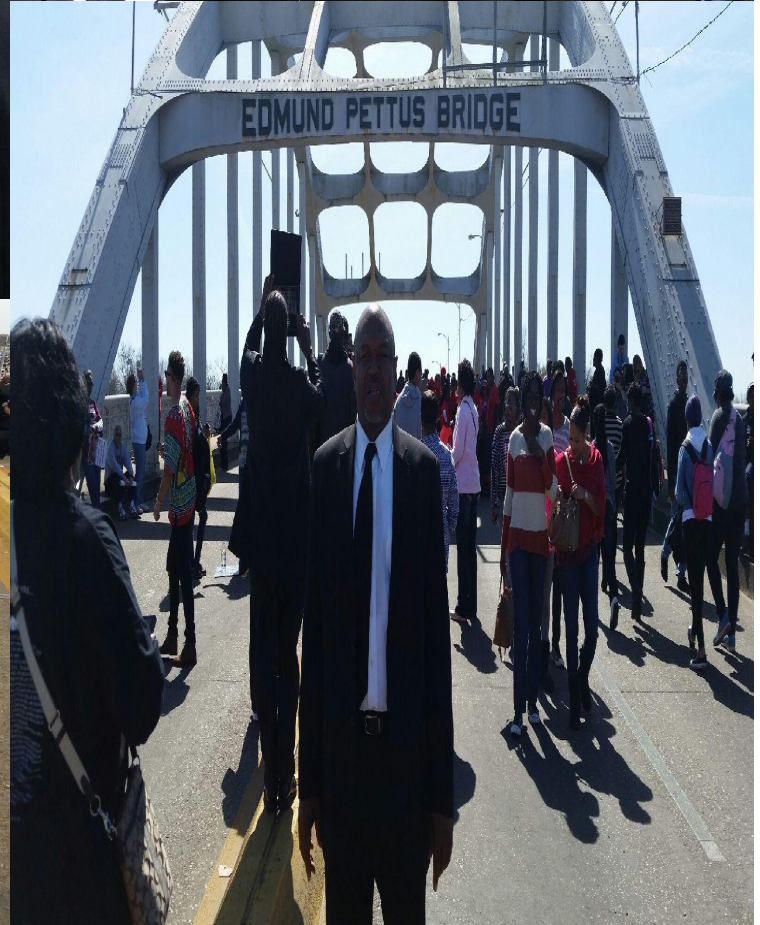
On February 5-8 2015, the State of Texas held its Annual York Rite Session. As usual it was a great event and many of our young Companions were able to be in attendance because the event was held in El Paso. This is something that is very rare and RAC 90 felt grateful to be blessed with the opportunity to open the Grand Convocation.

After the ritualistic opening the gavel was turned over to our MEPHGHP Willie Tate to preside over the session. There was an enormous amount of information given, grand reports were read, and the General Grand Conference members were introduced. Our Companions were shocked with the

amount of knowledge that was passed during the session and it ended with the new Grand Chapter Staff being voted in and put in place. After all business was conducted the Companions fellowshiped at a banquet where scholarships were awarded and other presentations were made. Hopefully, those that were not able to be in attendance will be able to come out and join and fellowship next year.

The March in Selma by Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone, as most of you know this past weekend was the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Our **Most Excellent Grand High Priest Willie J. Tate** represented the great state of Texas along with the Grand Master of the state of Alabama and many others from all over the country. There were over a thousand brothers and sisters in attendance. This event has been in the spotlight because of the blockbuster movie “Selma” but the event is so significant and has even had a major effect on today’s legislation. These are the types of events that we should all challenge ourselves to participate in so we can make a positive difference in the world.



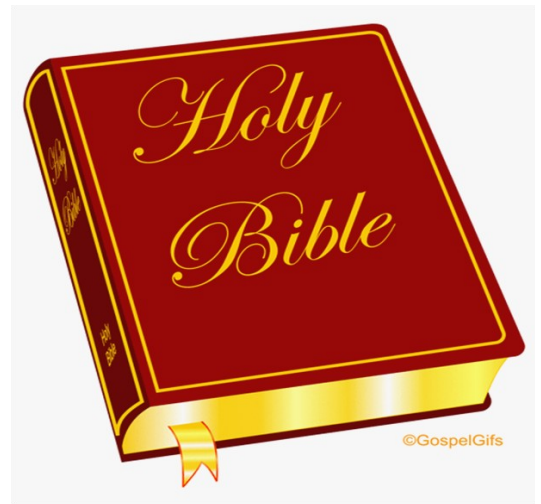
Photos of the Quarter (More)



Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. What does Simon Peter do for a living before meeting Jesus?
2. What name is Paul of Tarsus known by before his ministry begins?
3. What High Priest of Jerusalem put Jesus on trial?
4. Who discovers the empty tomb of Jesus?
5. Who murdered John the Baptist?
6. Where does Jesus first sermon take place?



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



Widow Christmas Gift Delivery by Duwan Mason

The holiday season is a season to give thanks and show all those that you love how much you appreciate them. We truly love our widows of RAC 90. They support us in all causes and work just as hard (some harder) as we do to ensure RAC 90 stays active in the community. During the Christ-

mas season we like to show how much we appreciate their efforts by giving them a small token of appreciation in the form of a gift. These small gifts cannot measure up to the amount of support we receive from them each and every day.



Break the Silence by Emanuel Tucker

Domestic violence is an issue that many organizations want to bring to the forefront. This issue affects children and how they deal with their relationships in the future and if not addressed properly the violent cycle continues from generation to generation. Sister Kaunetha (Kay) Roberts wanted to bring awareness of domestic violence to everyone

by supporting a foundation entitled BTS (Break The Silence against Domestic Violence). Of course, we jumped at the opportunity to support this noble cause but hopefully it won't stop there. If any other organizations would like to assist please go to the following site below and donate. The site is extremely easy to use, just click on donation

and it will take you through the process in less than three minutes. If you do not wish to donate on the secure site below you can send a donation directly to Sister Roberts; her address is 6276 Paloma Dr. El Paso, TX 79924, in case you have any questions you may call her cell at 915-346-1922 or email her at kaunethar@gmail.com

Award Season by Emanuel Tucker

The past York Rite weekend El Paso Holy Royal Arch received numerous awards. The chapter was awarded as chapter of the year, possessed the Secretary of the Year, and was given High Priest of the Year. These are all great achievements and goes to show that people around the state are taking notice of all the great things that are going on in El Paso. Job well done!!

Schedule of Events

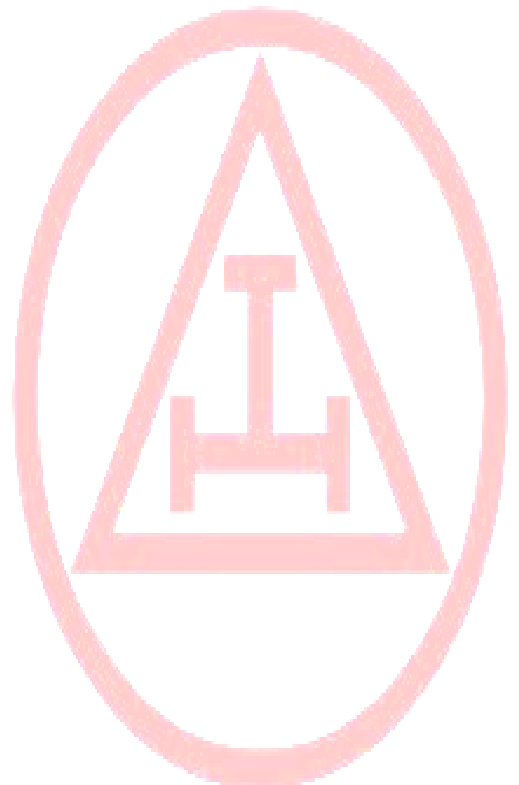
- } Mar 21 Fish Fry Fundraiser
- } Mar 27 (Meeting)- Regular
Scheduled meeting for El Paso
H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } Apr 3- Good Friday
- } Apr 19- Zerubbabel Day
- } April 24 (Meeting)- Regular
Scheduled meeting for El Paso
H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } May 10- Mothers Day
- } May 22- Grand High Priest
Visitation
- } May 23- Mentorship Day
- } May 25- Memorial Day

MAR 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 #: (____) _____

Unsung Hero by Emanuel Tucker

On January 24, 2015 our very own Duwan Mason was selected as an Unsung Hero by The Links, INC. He has been given this honor due to all the great things he contrib-

utes to the city of El Paso. He is truly making a difference within the community and with the assistance of his Companions he is able to go out and lead many charitable events

like the PHamily and Friends, charity Thanksgiving Dinners and Christmas Parties. When you see him please congratulate him on this great achievement.



Donation for Education by Emanuel Tucker

In the month of March RAC 90 heard the call again for assistance. The De la Cruz family has a son that has been selected to participate in a fellowship with the College of Law at Stanford. He will graduate from High School in June and

attend the fellowship this summer. He will be the first in his family to attend an institution of higher learning. His family reached out because they cannot afford the \$7000 tuition cost for the fellowship. RAC 90 is committed to excellence

and fully supports the advancement of our young kids. This kid has a great future ahead of him and will make a difference in the upcoming years. We are just happy we were financially able to assist.

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