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$Thanks giving \ 2016 \ {\rm by: \, Emanuel \, Tucker}$

El Paso Holy Royal Arch has always taken pride in its community. The need to give back, show support, and give thanks are all areas where the chapter focuses on each and every year. On 19 November the chapter conducted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner and was able to feed over 300 people free of charge. Thanks to the multiple donations that were received the chapter only had to utilize a few resources in order for this event to happen. Thanksgiving is a special day which is reserved for all of us to give thanks to God and those special people in our lives but we want to practice this spirit year around. We are always thankful to those who have been a beam of support through the good times and the bad. We look forward to seeing you all the next years annual event.



Veterans Day Parade by Emanuel Tucker



In 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower declared that 11 November would be a national holiday for Veterans Day observance. The Veterans Day Proclamation states, "NOW, THERE-FORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOW-ER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."

This is not a day off or vacation but, if observed properly, rather a day when citizens take time to remember those who wore the uniform and made sacrifices for the greater good. El Paso Holy Royal Arch (RAC 90) wants to be one of those organizations that allows Veterans Day to galvanize and motivate us to become better men than what we were we the previous day.

This year RAC 90 participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Northeast El Paso and witnessed the closing ceremony and flag donning at the Veterans Memorial. This day is very special within this chapter because most members have served or currently serving while being stationed out at Fort Bliss Texas. We will continue to honor our military and preserve the traditions that it comes along with each year on this special day.

Franck Bonhomme Banquet by: Emanuel Tucker/Billy Mikels

Who is this man Frank Bonhomme? Those words echoed out as Dr. Mack Vereen gave the speech at the first annual El Paso Holy Royal Arch Banquet. After the question was asked various answers were given to those in attendance. The answers consisted of "a man who feeds a family free of charge on Thanksgiving and Christmas", "a man who holds a summer function and allows families to eat and enjoy multiple events for only \$10", "a man who means the word brother when he says it." Our very first banquet did not go as smooth as we liked. EHP Bonhomme got sick during the event and PHP Samuels had to call an ambulance to carry him out to the hospital while providing words of encouragement to Franck while he grasped for air. PHP Mason carried on with the ceremonies and made sure that all awards and recognitions were made. That event seemed like it was yesterday and here we are having now renamed the event the Franck R. Bonhomme Appreciation Banquet. Most of the individuals in attendance that day still reside in El Paso with the exception of Franck Bonhomme and Bennie Moss (both of whom have now passed on and with the Lord).



This event now commemorates the memory of Franck Bonhomme and it allows all members of RAC 90 to inspect themselves to see if they are upholding those traditions that come along with being a member of this organization. Have you feed the poor, prayed for those in need, become a better spouse, a better citizen, and a better mason? We also show our appreciation for the community of El Paso. This event is for them! Without their hard work and sacrifice it would make our jobs much more difficult.

On September 17, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No 90 held its Annual Appreciation Banquet at the North Gate Optimist Club. This year was very special for the Chapter, as well as our family and friends of the El Paso community. It was PHP Bonhomme that first decided in 2012 that we as a Chapter should establish this event in order for us to give back to our supporters and friends. Without their contributions and support the Chapter would not be nearly as successful as it has been. We were honored to have the Bonhomme Family present this year, some traveled from as far as California to attend this banquet.

We also had the pleasure of having our own PHP Carl English Sr as our guest speaker. PHP English traveled all the way from Burkburnett, Texas to speak for the Chapter. PHP English spoke extensively about unity in our communities, our Masonic organizations and most importantly as human beings in general. I could tell his words resonated deeply in the audience by the look in their eyes as he spoke to us for those forty-five minutes. PHP Dax Thomas had the pleasure of presenting Hersey Roberts with the Chapters' Companion of the Year Award and Kaunetha Roberts with the Volunteer of the Year Award. We closed the banquet with honoring our supporters with a small token of appreciation from the Chapter. I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for your unwavering support this year and look forward to all our upcoming endeavors together.

Breast Cancer 5K by: Billy Mikels



On October 15, the Chapter had the opportunity to support the Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Annual 5K Race/Walk. Breast cancer has effected many of our loved ones in the past and some are fighting the disease presently. So, when the call was made for our support it was answered with a resounding YES by not just El Paso Holy Royal Arch but by

Stars of the Sun Chapter No 6, Alston-Kennedy Guild No 10, and the DeMolay Commandery.

This endeavor gave all of us a chance to show El Paso community that the Masonic Family stands beside them as they raise both money for research and awareness to the cause. We are looking forward to the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure on February 11, 2017. We not

only invite everyone but encourage each one of you to join us this February at Cohen Stadium for the Race for a Cure 5k Race/Walk.

Photos of the Quarter



Circle of Love by Billy Mikels

The Chapter supported the Circle of Love III- Cancer Survivor Luncheon on October 15th at the Col Louis A. Carter American Legion Post 832. The luncheon was a tribute to all cancer survivors and all whom were taken away due to cancer. The Chapter assisted the American Legion

and Madam Chair D. Sissy Byrd from the El Paso Black Democrats in serving a homemade spaghetti dinner to the group of survivors and their families. It is events like this that remind us we should always give a helping hand to those in need.



Think Pink Fashion Show by Duwan Mason

On October 23, the Excellent King and Excellent Scribe attended Oro Court No 20's Think Pink Cancer Fashion Show It was a show like no other we were presented with a vast

array of different styles in clothing from lounge wear to formal event attire. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the guest speaker Mrs. Anna Howell as she spoke about the im-

portance of taking care of yourself. This event was held to raise both awareness and money to go towards the National Cancer Research Institute



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August 2, 2016

PROCLAMATION

To: Excellent High Priests, Past Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Grand Chapter Officers, and Companions of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of Texas; Greetings!

HOLINESS TO THE LORD

By the authority in me vested, I, Willie J. Tate, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, do with this proclamation call all Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, Excellent High Priests, Past Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Secretaries, Treasurers, Officers and all Companions, to assemble in our Annual Grand Convocation, February 3 – February 4, 2017 at the El Tropicano Hotel Riverwalk, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205, Phone: (210) 223-9461, Toll Free Reservation (877) 736-4311, Fax (210) 223-4520 or via e-mail reservations@eltropicanohotel.com.

REGISTRATION

The three principle officers, Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate chapter must register for the Grand Convocation whether they attend or not or the chapter will not be square. The advance registration fee is \$75.00 and covers both the Grand Conclave and the Grand Convocation. On-site registration is \$100.00. Pre-registration forms will be mailed to each chapter. Please make as many copies of this form as needed.

DRESS

Holy Royal Arch Masonic dress will be required of all Companions attending the Annual Convocation: White Coat, White Shirt, White Dress Shoes, Red Bow Tie, Tab Tie or Red String Tie, Red Pants (Dickie pants are not acceptable), Red Socks, Skull Cap or Crown and Royal Arch Apron. Past and present Excellent High Priests will wear White robes with White Skull Caps only during the Priesthood Degree. Acceptable wear will consist of Black Suit, Black Shoes White Shirt, Red Bow Tie or Red String Tie, Red Socks, Skull Cap or Crown and Royal Arch Apron.

ANNUAL REPORT

Each Chapter will submit to the Grand Chapter an annual report, which must identify your principle officers and all members by name. All reports and funds are due not later than December 15, 2016. Mail your report to the Grand Secretary, Jerry Hampton, P.O.

Box 6033, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311. Reports must be signed and dated by the Excellent High Priest, Secretary and stamped with your chapter's seal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Any Items for Consideration by committees such as Grievances, Registration, Charters/ Dispensations, and Jurisprudence must be submitted to the Grand Chapter by December 15, 2016. This is in order for the Grand Secretary to forward all submissions to the committee chairman. This will also allow sufficient time for the committee to meet and bring a good report(s) to the Grand Convocation related to the matter.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Each Deputy will submit a written report of his district for the past year. The report should include his visits to each chapter, election of officers, chapter activities within the local community, and charity donations. Please inform all chapters that the three principle officers are expected to be present. A copy of the Deputy's report form will be sent to each Deputy. All Deputies will present and submit their reports by 31 December 2016.

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

All newly elected Excellent High Priests must be present on Friday, February 4, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. to be anointed and admitted to the Order of High Priesthood. The Priesthood will convene at 4:00 P.M. Your presence is required. The District Deputy and Excellent High Priest will ensure that all newly elected High Priests are present and have submitted the required fees. They must also be registered for the Grand Convocation.

LUNCH/BANQUET

On Friday, February 3 at 12:00 PM we will have a joint lunch. Our banquet will be Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Dress for the banquet is red and white (or dark suits). The banquet fees are included in your registration, but additional tickets for guests will be available at a nominal fee, if ordered before 17 January 2017.

GOSPELFEST

The Gospelfest will be Friday, February 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Desired dress for this event is semi-formal.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

All Grand Chapter officers, elected and appointed are expected to be present on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. for the executive board meeting.

This proclamation is to be read in each chapter meeting through the convening of the Annual Grand Convocation. This proclamation having been given, please observe the dates, time and place; take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIE J. TATE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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Halloween Giveaway by Dax Thomas

On October 31, the Chapter conducted our Annual Halloween Candy Giveaway at the North Hills Fire Station. As always, this event was a complete success. We received candy donations from members, friends, and families as well as many organizations. The Chapter was assisted by different organizations as the children came to do trick or treat-

ing. It is always a blessing to see a smile on a child's face as they receive the candy. It was estimated about 400 children visited us at the Fire Station. The Chapter was told that everyone looks forward to our participation every year. The Excellent Scribe William J Mikels decided to dress up as a

clown for the children this year. A special Thank you to the members, friends and families that took time out of their day to help the chapter this year.



Spotlight on PHP English by Amos McCluney

Reverend Carl E. English, Sr. was elected to serves as the 20th proud Pastor of **Providence Baptist Church** in its rich 94-year history. He is a resident of Burkburnett. Texas located in North Texas in the Wichita Falls Community and a native of Port Gibson, Mississippi. He presently serves as Secretary for the **Burkburnett Ministerial** Alliance. He is also an active member of the Wichita County Sheriff's Office Chaplains Program, as well as the Burkburnett Police Chaplains Program. Rev. English have served on staff of Churches in El Paso, Texas; Huachuca City, Arizona and most

recent, in Burkburnett, Texas. He served in the United States Army in the fields of Telecommunications and Medical Materials Operations Management. Before relocating to North Texas, he was also employed with the County of El Paso, Texas; the City of El Paso, as Ambassador and later rejoined the Federal Civil Service as a Medical Materials Operations Supervisor. He is called on to serve on various advisory boards and exploratory committees. Rev. English have been the subject of numerous articles in a myriad of publications, as well as contributing writer in various

periodicals. He has received more awards and recognitions than he feels he deserves.

Rev. English is married to the former Elizabeth A. Alexander of Chickasha, Ok. They are the proud parents of 3 sons, Carl Jr. 38, Robert 34 and Dominique 29. They have 10 grandchildren and Blue, a Blue Pit Bull Terrier. His passions are the love for Christ and caring for God's people, being the best possible husband and father and spending special time with his grandchildren. His hobbies includes studying, fishing; hunting, golf and the Pittsburgh Steelers.





Roadside Cleanup by Dax Thomas

On October 2, 2016 El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter 90 assisted in the road side clean up in El Paso Texas. It was a wonderful and fulfilling endeavor working alongside members of the community and other Masonic organizations. Our Chapter plans to assist all organizations in these positive endeavors throughout the year.



$School \ Supply \ Donation \ {}_{\text{by Emanuel Tucker}}$

Education is one of the most important tools we can give our children. People that are educated know their rights and responsibilities in society and also provides the basic skills for survival in the world. El Paso Holy Royal Arch continues to promote education and this past school year the chapter assisted families with backpacks and school supplies. Education is a priority for this chapter and we will continue to assist.



Photos of the Quarter (More)



Happy Birthday by Duwan Mason

On December El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons No. 90 celebrated the birthday with Christina AKA MAMA B. The wife of our PHP Franck R. Bonhomme who passed away two years ago. We have will always support and cherish our fallen Companion's families.



High Priest Column by Dax Thomas

Greetings everyone from the Great I Am. It's my prayer that everyone is good health and wellness during the opening holiday season. I want to extend my gratitude to each and every one that has supported us and our partners throughout the years. There are a few events coming up such as the Christmas Dinner/Toy Giveaway on December 17, 2016. Santa Claus will make an appearance with Mrs. Claus on that day to take photos with the children! We'll be visiting our elder members during the holiday season as well. This has given me a lot of thought for our theme this upcoming Masonic year.

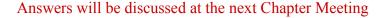
Back to Basics: Positive Living. This is what we should strive for everyday with everyone. I hope as you follow along with us through our newsletter you absorb some good information that will benefit you as you go about your day. Thank you again for your support to El Paso RAC 90, Holiness to the Lord!!!

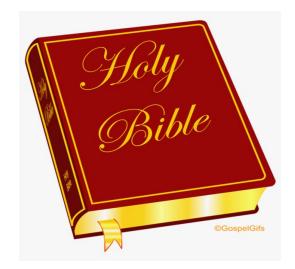


Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

- 1. Who was Moses's mother?
- 2. Why was Ruth so loyal to Naomi?
- 3. Who was Naomi in the bible?
- 4. Who was the Queen of Sheba?
- 5. Why was Elijah afraid of Jezebel?
- 6. Who was Vashti in the bible?





El Paso Holy Royal Arch Officers

Excellent High Priest— Dax Thomas Excellent King— William Mikels Excellent Scribe— Edrick McDonald Secretary— PHP Duwan Mason Treasurer— Hersey Roberts Sentinel— Ka'naan Pitts Captain of the Host— vacant Principle Sojourner— vacant Royal Arch Captain— vacant Master of the Third Veil— vacant Master of the First Veil— vacant Master of the First Veil— vacant



Schedule of Events

- Party for RAC 90
- Dec 23 (Meeting)- Regular Scheduled meeting for El Paso H.R.A.M Ch. 90

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Grand Chapter Officers

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: Willie J. Tate

Deputy GHP: Michael Berry RE Grand King: Bernard Samuel RE Grand Scribe: Patrick Braithwaite RE Grand Secretary: Jerry Hampton RE Grand Treasurer: Norman Thomas RE Grand Lecturer: Bobby Grant 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.

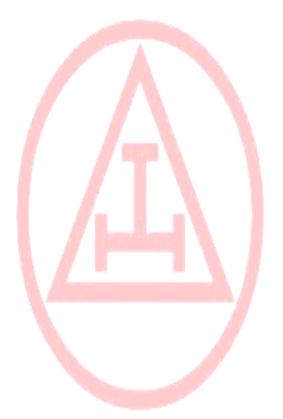
RE Grand Ceremonial Master: Jerry Brown **RE Grand Marshall:** Duwan M. Mason, Sr.

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



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.

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