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*The greatest gift of life is friendship,
and I have received it.*

Philly & Friends
Annual Community
Cookout

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2017 PHamily and Friends by: Emanuel Tucker

Family and Friends are the two elements of a person's life that allow vulnerabilities to be shown and provide strength and support when needed. At this year's Annual PHamily and Friends cookout, those elements were invoked because of the special challenges that RAC 90 faced in the midst of planning and preparing this event. One of the major hurdles placed before us was the change of venue. Usually, we are allowed to host the event at Biggs Park on Fort Bliss during the month of June. Unfortunately, due to new administration and rules on Fort Bliss, this is no longer the case. This year on July 15TH we held the Annual PHamily and Friends cookout at the Northgate Optimist Club. The event was still a success, and we were able to feed over 350 people by charging families \$15 per family. There was horseback riding and several other games that made the event enjoyable despite the challenge of weather. This event shows that when you show determination to ensure success, there is no challenge that can be too difficult to overcome. Please visit our website at www.elpasoholyroyalarch.com and click on the link "upcoming events" to see what we have planned in the near future. Also, if you wish to provide support for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Party, please click the donate link on the same web page. Thank you for the support!



EHP Address by: Dax Thomas

Greetings in the name of the Great I AM,

It is my devotion that we have abundant peace all around us, especially in this land we call home, the United States. As we rotate into another season, I ask that you keep all our elders, those disabled, and even those with brief ailments in your prayers.

Let us not forget to give a special prayer for the recovery of our brothers and sisters in the Southeastern Texas area fighting natural forces from Hurricane Harvey. He touched down early Saturday morning August 26, which has been the strongest to hit the country of Texas since Hurricane Carla in 1961. So I ask that we all keep our family afar in your prayers for a swift recovery.

I would like to give a few dates for the near future that you will definitely enjoy. So please tell your neighbors and bring the kiddos!

- We will have our Annual Franck R. Bonhomme Appreciation Banquet, held at the Northgate Optimist Club on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 7pm. Location of the venue is 4201 Skyline Ave, El Paso, TX, 79904
- The Masonic Phamily Trunk or Treat Giveaway in the North Hills Subdivision Fire Station on October 31, 2017. The time will definitely be announced later, so please be on the lookout for the time.
- Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Saturday, November 18 at the Northgate Optimist Club, time is TBA
- Our Christmas Dinner/Children's Gift Giveaway will be on December 16, 2017, at the Northgate Optimist Club, time is TBA

Also if you are a Prince Hall Affiliated Royal Arch Mason hailing from another jurisdiction (visiting or dwelling here in El Paso), please feel free to contact us for meeting times, events, or fellowships. We'd love to have you in our midst. If you are a Prince Hall Mason and looking to further your travels in Freemasonry, feel free to contact us with any questions you may have, and we may further assist you in your endeavors.

I would like to thank the Excellent Companions of El Paso Chapter No. 90, for their continuous, dedicated works toward the El Paso community and even outside the community. We look forward to seeing you all again this coming season, and please contact us for any questions you may have. Thank you and may the Great I AM bless and keep you on your daily journey.

Holiness to The Lord!!!



Companions and Friends

by: Emanuel Tucker

Companion, that title that's earned after one is exalted in the Royal Arch. We often simplify this term when addressing each other during our regular scheduled meetings but it is very important that we express ourselves in a manner that display our true affection for the craft, brotherhood, and Prince Hall Masonry. According to Macoy's dictionary of Freemasonry the term Companion "is the title by which Royal Arch Masons address each other, and it is equivalent to the word Brother in the Lodge. It is supposed to refer to the companionship which existed among the ancient Jews while in captivity, from the destruction of the first temple by Nebuchadnezzar, by permission of Cyrus, King of Persia."

We are introduced to this terminology as Masons in the third degree. When the craftsman had departed Kings Solomon Temple to search for Hiram Abiff they crossed a sea-faring man. One of the craftsman stated "Companions, he is a sea-faring man." This term Companion holds much significance and when we refer to someone as our Companion that individual should hold characteristics that display a protector, associate, ally, comrade, and most importantly a friend. The term friend is much more intimate than the word brother. The word brother is applied to individuals that share kinship, even though one would hope that brothers would be friends.

The word friend refers to a person who we receive and give wise council to, answer our needs, give and receive prayer from, and give support when he is or is not in our presence. Pythagoras described friendship as "the truest and nearest perfect relationship of all." A friend will stop everything to assist when family problems arise, a friend will be there to assist when you are struggling with certain vices, a friend will tell you what you need to hear versus what you want to hear, and a friend does not live by quid pro quo tactics. Without friendship a bond does not exist between husband and wife, siblings, parents, or one man to another.

Jesus used the term friend when referring to his disciples. He told them, "I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." He did not place himself in the position of master to servant. He met each of them on the level and gave wise council and encouragement in order to continue the work of the father. He also told them that, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." We would hope that a situation like this would never occur but that deep love and friendship should exist in the hearts of Companions. This love should also prompt us to adhere to our obligation as a Most Excellent Master and reveal all things that have been made known to us in Masonry (as long as this person has been obligated in these degrees).

As we refer to back to the time of Nebuchadnezzar it is important to know why Daniel referred to Hanani'ah, Mish'a-el, and Azari'ah, as his Companions. At the time King Nebuchadnezzar was going to kill many wise men who could not interpret his dream. After Daniel explained the situation to them they all prayed for God's mercy and wisdom in order to interpret this dream. God would reveal the secret of the dream to Daniel and he would later inform the King of the meaning. Just think about Daniel in his situation. His life was in danger, he was nervous, and tensions were at a high. He needed a friend to speak with, receive wise council, be a comrade, and a person that would remind him of God's grace.

This is the type of relationship that should exist in Royal Arch Masonry. The Royal Arch degree is not a stepping stone to join other organizations or place an emblem on your car. Once you earn that title Companion you are apart of a movement similar to the one that Jesus left behind for his disciples. Our friendship should give us the tools to achieve, exceed standards set forth by the Grand Chapter, and affect lives of the individuals living in our communities. The term Companion and friend is essentially the same thing. Once we treat each other in the proper manner the undercutting, backstabbing, rumors, and propaganda will stop. Royal Arch Masonry exist in the heart and it is not something that you are apart of by paying an initiation fee and taking an obligation.

King's Address by William Mikels

Well unfortunately our summer is over and school has started again. I would like to talk to all the parents that have children in the 12th grade. Their last year of High School is finally here. This year will be filled with mixed emotions. You are experiencing joy that your future leader will be completing their journey through high school and dreading their next step into college. As we all know college is an expensive and stressful time for parents. I cannot express enough the importance of applying for scholarships early and often. This is the best way to relieve yourself from some of the pre-college stress.

The Companions of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Texas hold the education of the future leaders of our country near to our hearts. We work year-round on various mentorship programs to better mold and direct these young adults in life. We make it a vital part of our mission to express the importance of a college education. We also tell them the importance of keeping good grades in school as well as getting involved in as many community outreach and development programs as they can.

I am pleased to announce that each year the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Texas is once again looking for students to apply for our Annual L. Harold Gray Financial Student Aid Program. Chapters from the great state of Texas work hard conducting multiple fundraisers to raise money for the L. Harold Gray Financial Student Aid Program. The more funds we raise the more scholarships we can provide to our young adults. The applications will be available no later than the first of the year. All you must do is contact a local member of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 90 and they will be more than willing to provide you with the application. We look forward to receiving all the applications in the spring.





Please join our team at http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2017/TX-WestTexas?team_id=418132&pg=team&fr_id=10153 by donating a few dollars or meeting us at Sunland Park on October 14, 2017.

Most Excellent Master Lecture

by Emanuel Tucker



The Most Excellent Master degree. What is its significance and why is it mandatory to receive this degree before becoming a Royal Arch Mason? To many it is a simple stepping stone where you take a short obligation then get up and proceed to get prepared to enter the chapter and receive the degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Certainly, becoming a Royal Arch Mason, wearing the red and white along with the consecrated crown, and donning the red and white apron is intriguing but in order to become a great Companion you must understand the importance of the other degrees.

Verbiage used in our obligations allows us to see where we are in our travels. As an Entered Apprentice you are initiated into the degree, while you are passed to the degree of Fellow craft, and later raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Once you show subtle proficiency in the Master Mason degree you are advanced to the degree of Mark Master, inducted in to the oriental chair of Past Master, and received and acknowledged in the degree of Most Excellent Master.

Being received and acknowledged are the two key words in this degree. By showing proficiency in all prior degrees there is no need to require anything special from this brother. At this point in his masonic journey he has traveled to foreign areas; been tried by handshakes, signs, and grips; also shown proficiency in the prior degrees. Also, lets acknowledge that showing proficiency is not simply regurgitating information from a ritual. Proficiency in masonry comes with understanding masonic information that has been distributed, living by obligations taken, displaying brotherly love, keeping integrity, being a backbone in the community, and most importantly serving the Grand Architect of the Universe. Simply put, the requirements for this degree will be met by the mason long before he is

allowed entrance into the Most Excellent Master Lodge.

This degree will take the mason back to the origins of King Solomon's temple. Much of the material will be covered in I Kings Chapter 8. When studying this chapter, it will take you back to blue lodge lectures but instead of going into the story of Hiram you read about the dedication and the Ark's arrival at the temple. In ancient times all Hebrew Priest gave a threefold benediction at the end of every ceremony and many believe it happened during the ceremony of the Ark's arrival. This threefold benediction is represented as 3x3 in the Royal Arch and symbolizes the complete man. The complete man is the man that has control over his physical, psychical, and spiritual being. Remember Ecclesiastes 4:12 "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." This completeness of being allows Most Excellent Masters to adhere to their true calling. Fulfilling his duty of passing knowledge to all other masons.

Donation to Optimist by Emanuel Tucker

During the past six years El Paso Holy Royal Arch has built a relationship with the Northgate Optimist Club based on the love of community, vision of providing a better life for children, and assisting those that may be struggling financially. This relationship has helped out

youth sports, tutoring, mentorship, and provides inspiration to all those who may not receive that reinforced confidence from home. We hope this relationship grows stronger and more of our masonic brothers actually join the Optimist

Club.



Newly Exalted by Emanuel Tucker

On August 13 the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master decided to do joint degree work in order to bring the York Rite bodies

online and build. In El Paso there were ten brothers who went to Killeen to receive their degrees from all the grand officers. These men have already been actively engaged in York Rite activities and future of masonry

is bright in El Paso.



Back to School by Emanuel Tucker

On 26 August the masonic family in El Paso came together to support the back to school event held at Pride of the West Lodge hall. The event consisted of masonic members

providing free haircuts to kids, free bookbags, and other school supplies. This is one of the major events for the year and being able to support children and the school district

along with parents falls in line with the mission statement for all organizations.

Photos of the Quarter



El Maida Children Donation by Emanuel Tucker

On July 29, 2017 El Paso Holy Royal Arch assisted and donated to El Maida Shrine fundraiser geared to raise money for children with special medical needs. The fundraiser consisted of a car show, Red and Black Party, and raffles. We were very proud to give our funds and time for a cause that will go towards children suffering with rare illnesses. We will continue to incorporate events into our schedule that make major contributions to our most vulnerable citizens here in El Paso due to the fact that we thrive on making positive change in the community. For any inquiries on future events visit our website at www.elpasoholyroyalarch.com.



Area Beautification by Emanuel Tucker

On August 19, 2017 El Paso Holy Royal Arch donated time in order to clean the Northgate Optimist Club and its surrounding area. The members of the Optimist Club often request our presence because they do not have the personnel to take care of things such as this. The Optimist club is another organization that we work with consistently because their main goal and objective is to assist children in the community. They provide sports leagues for kids who cannot afford to join leagues that cost, assistance to families, and one of RAC 90's biggest supporters. If you would like to assist the RAC 90 or the optimist club please contact us at elpasoHRAM90@gmail.com.



Photos of the Quarter (More)

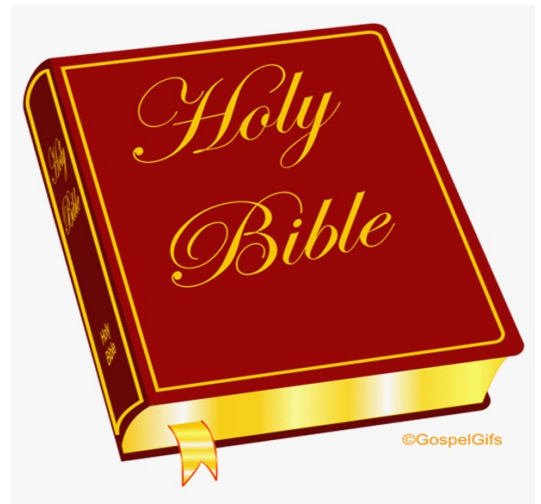


Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. What was at Gibeon when Solomon went there?
2. What punishment was given to Daniel for praying to God?
3. Who was Methuselah's father?
4. How did the Lord bless the people in the book of Joel?
5. How many Soldiers were in Gideon's Army?
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**– Dax Thomas
- Excellent King**– William Mikels
- Excellent Scribe**– Edrick McDonald
- Secretary**– PHP Duwan Mason
- Treasurer**– Hersey Roberts
- Sentinel**– Ka'naan Pitts
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- Principle Sojourner**– Amos McCluney
- Royal Arch Captain**– Leon Settle
- Master of the Third Veil**– Montrez Legg
- Master of the Second Veil**– Lewis Shepard
- Master of the First Veil**– Randi Hutchons



Schedule of Events

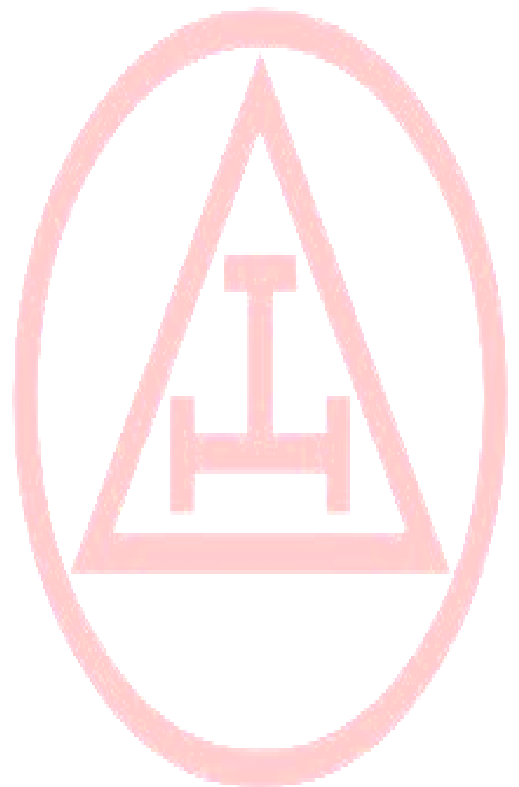
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Grand Chapter Officers

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest:** Willie J. Tate
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- RE Grand Treasurer:** Norman Thomas
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- 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
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- 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](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/>

El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter #90:
<https://www.elpasoholyroyalarch.com/>

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

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