

**EL PASO HOLY ROYAL ARCH #90  
SEPTEMBER 2014**

*“Cherish your human connections: your relationships with friends and family.”*



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# El Paso H.R.A.M

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

PHamily and Friends  
High Priest Column  
Journal  
Children's Hospital  
Donation  
Conference  
Square and Compass  
Fish Fry  
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## Phamily and Friends 2014<sup>4</sup> by: Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone!!!! This year's annual PHamily and Friends community Cookout was extremely nice. This was our sixth year holding this event, and it has grown tremendously. There were over 500 people in attendance. El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 along with other organizations, churches, families, friends, and members of our community came together to put on an event that has touched many lives in the El Paso and military community. The event provided music, childrens games, prizes, entertainment (Gospel music), karaoke, (con't on page 20)



## High Priest Column by Emanuel Tucker

This latest quarter has been very busy for El Paso Holy Royal Arch. We conducted a Phamily and Friends cookout, Children's Hospital visit, donated school supplies to a family in need, and participated in the Royal Arch conference. We would have not been to

accomplish all of these great things without everyone being involved. I would like to take the time and say thank you to all the Companions, sponsors, and volunteers that work with RAC 90 to ensure we complete every task that is issued and also assist in events

for the good of our El Paso community. As we go into our Holiday season I ask that everyone keep their eyes on the prize, remain focus, and continue to grow as men so we can become better. Keep doing what you are doing so we can always have good work, true work, and square work.

# Roosevelt Huggins Biography

by: Emanuel Tucker



Roosevelt Huggins will be the guest speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Royal Arch banquet. He is a very accomplished man that can provide inspiration through his story and give a sense of motivation to all Masons, young men, and others that want to make a positive difference within the community. His bio is below

“The greatest among men is always ready to serve and yet is unconscious of the service”, is a quote by H. P. Blavatsky aptly describing Roosevelt Huggins. “Roo”, as Mr. Huggins is known, has spent his life devoting himself to serving his fellow man, and his passion is mentoring young people and encouraging them to get an education. Roo Huggins joined the Office

of Advising and Retention at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor upon his graduation from UMHB in 1995. As a freshman counselor, he advised freshmen for classes, taught the freshman seminar, work with freshmen encouraging them. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a Minor in Life/Earth Science Degree and was awarded the Distinguished Student Award at UMHB and has served on the Alumni Board of Directors. He has attended National Conferences on Advising and Retention. Before entering the Military, he attended Grambling State University, in Grambling, Louisiana.

His 30 year military service beginning in 1961 includes achieving the rank of Command Sergeant Major and spending time at U. S. Military Academy at

West Point, Vietnam, Korea, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Fort Bragg, Fort Campbell, Fort Hood. His military awards include Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service medal, Bronze Star medal, Army Commendation Medal W/V device (V for Valor), Master Parachute Badge, Vietnam Medal and NCO Ribbon. He served as an ROTC Instructor at Eastern New Mexico University. He served as president of the Killeen Branch NAACP. In 1997 he organized the first Back to School, Stay in School (BTS/SIS) Symposium for Killeen, Copperas Cove and Belton areas which have grown from serving 65 students to well over 500 students and 150 parents. Huggins, coordinator/chairperson of the Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Killeen, Texas, which provides food and entertainment to the community at no charge annually, has grown to over 1500 attendance.

He is a Past Master and founder of Jno

G. Lewis Lodge of Copperas Cove, Texas. He is the Past General Conf. Grand High Priest HRAM, USA & Bahamas Inc., Past Grand High Priest of Texas HRAM, Past Eminent Commander KT, Past Grand Eminent Commander of Texas KT Mason, Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment KT USA & Bahamas Inc., Past Potentate and founder of Nubia Temple, Past Deputy of Oasis Killeen Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, and coordinated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General October 2012. The Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visiting Bureau awarded him the Shining Star Award in 1998, and in 2002 he was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year award by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Huggins is a member of Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church where he serves on the Finance Committee, Scholarship committee and Chairperson of the Trustee Committee, organized clothing and toy drive for families of Griffin Chapel Community near Cameron, Texas. As former Mayor of Killeen stated, “He is a mentor for young people... always encourages them to go to college and often help find a way to get there. His example is a positive one for young people to emulate”.

He is married to the former Charmaine Young, has two sons, Roosevelt R.F. (Mary Jo), Reginald J. (Rhona), and three Grand Daughters, Kinsie, Cameilla, and Rosa.

# Royal Arch Souvenir Journal by Emanuel Tucker

El Paso Holy Royal Arch #90 would like to invite you all to take part in supporting our efforts to help advance the cause of some of our ambitious, intelligent and deserving young people who wish to further their education at the collegiate level by participating in our 2014 El Paso Holy Royal Arch Souvenir Journal. A portion of the proceeds from the Journal will be donated to The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Texas for the Annual Scholarship Assistance Program. The Journal will be given out to all who attend our 2014 Royal Arch Banquet as well as a complimentary copy being sent to each organization and individuals who place a full or half page ad. We are accepting Full Page, Half Page and Quarter Page

ads from organizations, businesses, vendors, individuals, couples, and families. The journal will only be in color this year, no black and white.

The costs of the ads are as follows:  
 Full page \$120.00  
 Half page \$80.00  
 Quarter Page \$45.00

A copy of the Souvenir Journal will be provided with the purchase of a full, or half page ad only. Additional copies of the brochure may be purchased for \$20.00 each. We appreciate your effort in responding no later than our 10 September 2014 ad deadline. Should you need additional information or time concerning this request, you may contact the following Companions:  
 Duwan Mason ([eastwardbound76@cs.com](mailto:eastwardbound76@cs.com)) 915-588-3560

Dax Thomas ([thomaspha53@gmail.com](mailto:thomaspha53@gmail.com)) 915-730-5970  
 Curtis Smith ([coolc95@yahoo.com](mailto:coolc95@yahoo.com)) 757-232-7454  
 Emanuel Tucker ([emanueltucker@outlook.com](mailto:emanueltucker@outlook.com)) 915-356-0530

Please send all funds to:  
 El Paso Holy Royal Arch #90  
 P.O. Box 972687  
 Attn: Souvenir Journal  
 El Paso Texas 79997

The date and location for the banquet will be Saturday, September 20, 2014 7:00 pm at The Northgate Optimist Club 4201 Skyline Avenue, El Paso, TX 79904. The Journal will be distributed to all personnel that attend the banquet. The following Monday the Journals will be mailed to all who purchased a half of full page ad that wasn't able to attend. Thank you in advance for your support.

*"A portion of the proceeds from the Journal will be donated to The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Texas for the Annual Scholarship Assistance Program."*

# Children's Hospital Donation

by Emanuel Tucker



*“Children living with cancer in our society have come into this world needing assistance from all members of the community.”*

On August 27, 2014 El Paso Holy Royal Arch visited the El Paso Children's Hospital. This is an event we have tried to do on multiple occasions but time has not been on our side.

Thanks to Companions Pettigrew and Hatcher they were able to take the lead and ensure the toys were donated giving the kids in the cancer unit some things to do while either living in the hospital or conduct-

ing checkups. This is one of our more important donations this year. Children living with cancer in our society have come into this world needing assistance from all members of the community.

These kids need medical assistance, financial assistance, and people who can see beyond the illness and give them a childhood. We as masons give hope and al-

low optimism when giving charity within the community. Hopefully this small token will allow kids to see that God loves them and he has a purpose for their lives. With our help these kids can beat this illness and go on to be leaders in society. If any other organization wishes to assistance at the Children's Hospital please contact CP Pettigrew for contact information.



# El Paso Chapter #90

## Holy Royal Arch Masons

Request Your Attendance

At our

3rd Annual Appreciation Banquet

Saturday September 20, 2014. 7:00 pm

For Tickets information see

Location

Mr. Smith @ 757-232-7454

The Northgate Optimist Club

Mr. Roberts @ 915-346-3162

4201 Skyline Avenue

Mr. Mason @ 915-588-3560

El Paso, TX 79904

**Donation: \$15.00; Children 12yrs and under \$12.50**

# School Supply Donation

by Emanuel Tucker

Education is a tool that helps all of us grow. The degradation of education has sent our country into a downward spiral. Without education people forget about God, morals, and all other essential things that make a society functional. On August 25, 2014 Com-

panions Hatcher and Pettigrew were able to deliver school supplies to a family in need. This simple gesture of care lets kids know the importance of education and the need to learn as much as possible and do their very best. This example will always be followed and

the Royal Arch will continue to support the community and school district. Hopefully, with our help kids in the El Paso area will use education as a tool to become better regardless of race, economic background, or sex.





El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons  
Chapter No. 90 (PHA)

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**NORTHGATE  
OPTIMIST CLUB**  
El Paso, Texas

**PRESENTS THEIR  
ANNUAL...**

**F**ISH **F**RY



**MENU:**

Chicken, Fish, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Greens, Green Beans, Potato Salad  
and Rolls.

**DONATIONS:**  
**\$8.00**

**LOCATION:**

Northgate Optimist Club  
4201 Skyline Avenue

Donation for the Scholarship  
Assistance Program can be sent to:

Royal Arch Masons Chapter #90  
P.O. Box 972687  
El Paso, TX 79997

**DATE:**

October 18, 2014

**TIME:**

1pm – 5pm

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by contacting the following individuals:

- Duwan Mason (eastwardbound76@cs.com) 915-588-3560
- Dax Thomas (thomaspha53@gmail.com) 915-730-5970
- Curtis Smith (coolc95@yahoo.com) 757-232-7454
- Emanuel Tucker (emanueltucker@outlook.com) 915-356-0530



# Royal Arch August Conference by: Curtis Smith

On August 8, 2014 MWEGHP Willie J. Tate held his annual Texas Royal Arch Workshop in El Paso, Texas. The topic for his workshop was "Rewarding Bad Behavior in Masonry". One of his main discussions during the workshop was Royal Arch Mason not being financial in the symbolic lodge but is holding seats in other masonic houses. The next topic of discussion was holding members accountable for stealing and ensuring that before you accuse them make sure that a proper investigation is conducted before bringing them up on charges. As the workshop continued he moved on to advise us that if we are not participating in activities

in our symbolic lodges then we need to start while emphasizing that we should make it about the organization and not ourselves. He spoke on Chapters getting 501c3 certified and getting more involved in the church and the community. Before closing he ask that we ensure that we go back and make sure that we verify with our members who their death beneficiaries are and send the Grand Chapter a copy to ensure that death benefits are paid to the right person. The Grand High Priest had also ask that all Excellent High Priests send a letter to the Grand Chapter on a status on what we are doing as a Chapter, where we are at and where we are going. In closure the floor was opened for questions and answers in which chapter mem-

bers were allowed to ask anything that they wanted to know. Questions like how do we grow as a chapter? How do we generate revenue to be able to donate when we are a small chapter? Information between chapters was exchanged so that we could all grow as Royal Arch Masons. The Grand High Priest left us with this message; all good Masons were not leaders, your best Mason could be someone that is just a good worker and that could be the best one suited to lead your organization. He also advised us to read the following books: Lessons in Capital Masonry and Practical guide to Royal Arch Masons.



# Photos of the Quarter



The Northgate Optimist Club & The Ledesma Family  
presents their  
1st Annual...

# HAUNTED HOUSE AND CARNIVAL

*\$5 with a canned good  
\$7 without a canned good*



**Thursday, Oct 30  
5:30-10 PM**

**Friday, Oct 31 - Saturday, Nov 1  
5:30-Midnight**

**CARNIVAL GAMES  
LIVE D.J.  
FOOD  
CAKE WALK**

**Northgate Optimist Club  
4201 Skyline Avenue**

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

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Paul Maggitt ([paul.maggitt@yahoo.com](mailto:paul.maggitt@yahoo.com)) 915-241-6457

Jennifer Lopez 915-820-6175



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OPTIMIST CLUB**  
El Paso, Texas



El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons  
Chapter No. 90

## Alzheimer's Walk (2014)

*Please come out and support*

*El Paso Holy Royal Arch at*

*the 2014 El Paso Alzheimer's*

*Walk. Please contact*

*[eastwarbound76@es.com](mailto:eastwarbound76@es.com)*

*or*

*[emanueltucker@outlook.com](mailto:emanueltucker@outlook.com)*

*if interested.*

# Photos of the Quarter (More)

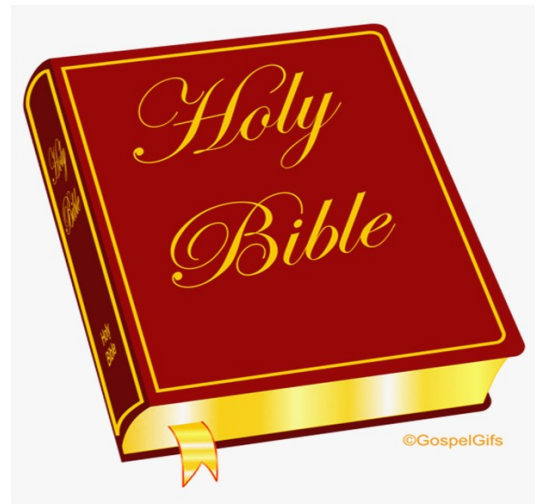


# Question and Answer:

## Questions From The Bible

1. How many books are in the bible?
2. Who was the second king of Israel?
3. What type of birds did Noah send out from the Ark?
4. What was Abraham's nephew name
5. Who found baby Moses in the river?
6. What river was Jesus baptized in?

Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting



## El Paso Holy Royal Arch Officers

**Excellent High Priest**– Emanuel Tucker  
**Excellent King**– Dax Thomas  
**Excellent Scribe**– Curtis Smith  
**Secretary**– PHP Duwan Mason  
**Treasurer**– Hersey Roberts  
**Sentinel**– Quentin Hatcher  
**Captain of the Host**– Jacoa Pettigrew  
**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



# Black Square and Compass by Joseph Walkes

Less than a year ago we reviewed the life of Joseph Walkes and his research. This man contributed much to the Prince Hall family in terms of research and answered many questions about the legacy of Prince Hall masonry. The Black Square and Compass will serve as our lecture and book of the quarter. The book entails the history of Prince Hall, the Civil War, and legacy of the Buffalo Soldier. It is a must read for all Prince Hall masons that wish to grow further in masonry and understand the sacrifices made in order that they may practice today. Below is a small portion of the book. Enjoy!!

As I saw it, a Freemason and a Prince Hall Freemason, two souls two thoughts, in a divided Freemasonry, not in harmony with this world wide fraternity. To paraphrase Dr. Dubois as student of Freemasonry, to paraphrase Dr. Dubois:

I want to be fair and judicial; to let no searing of the memory by intolerable insult and cruelty make me fail to sympathize with human frailties and contradiction, in the eternal paradox of good and evil. But armed and warned by all this, and fortified by long study of the facts, I stand aghast at what American Masonic historians have done in this field.

When the book was finished, I sent the manuscript to Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company in Richmond, Virginia seeking to have it published. They read it and turned it down, with a statement that they didn't like what I wrote about George Washington, being a slave owner. But nevertheless the statement was true, so I in turn published the book myself, and it began to sell off of the book shelves. It was a "hit," and Macoy would later come back to me, and ask to publish it, which they have done up to the present time, some twenty odd years ago.

However, as soon as it came out it was attacked by a number of Caucasian Freemasons, so called Masonic scholars, Harold V. B. Voorhis, Alphonse Cerza, Henry Wilson Coil, and John Sherman who wrote: "The subtitle of this book is '200 Years of Prince Hall Freemasonry' and is misleading because it is not a history of the Prince Hall Organization. While the book has many items of interest for Prince Hall members, it has little of any value for others."

William Shakespeare had Marc Antony say "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones."

John Sherman the Grand Lodge Historian, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which claims its founding in 1733, however George Draffen writes that it is in reality 1792, and its own member Jacob Norton stated it was formed by "Revolution and Assumption" not regular. Harold V. B. Voorhis of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was founded by only one lodge not the required three, and Alphonse Cerza, of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, a Grand Lodge that died several times and gave rebirth to itself, yet these men would sit in judgment of Prince Hall Freemasonry. There is something wrong with that picture!

Today, most of Prince Hall Freemasonry has joined the family of universal Freemasonry, as most of the Grand Lodges - including the "Mother" Grand Lodge of Prince Hall, England, have accepted Prince Hall Freemasonry as a part of the family, and those who hated us, are spinning in their graves. May they rest in peace, or eternal damnation, what ever is there due! (cont'd on page 16)

# Black Square cont'

In the words of the late Prince Hall Sovereign Grand Commander George W. Crawford: "Never, in the annals of Freemasonry in the world has there been published such a vile and vicious attack directed at Prince Hall Freemasonry " I add to this list published by the Missouri Research Lodge that criticized my Black Square and Compass, (and Prince Hall Freemasonry as well), that such a work brings sorrow and shame to Freemasonry in America.

I will close with another quote from Brother Crawford that spells out my feelings: "The Negro Mason is not interested in the vindication of his Legitimacy merely as a means of justifying a claim to recognition by white Masons of America. A man would be interested in removing the stigma of bastardly, not so much because it might bar his reception into polite society, but to vindicate himself in the eyes of his own self respect."  
So Mote It Be!





**Schedule of Events**

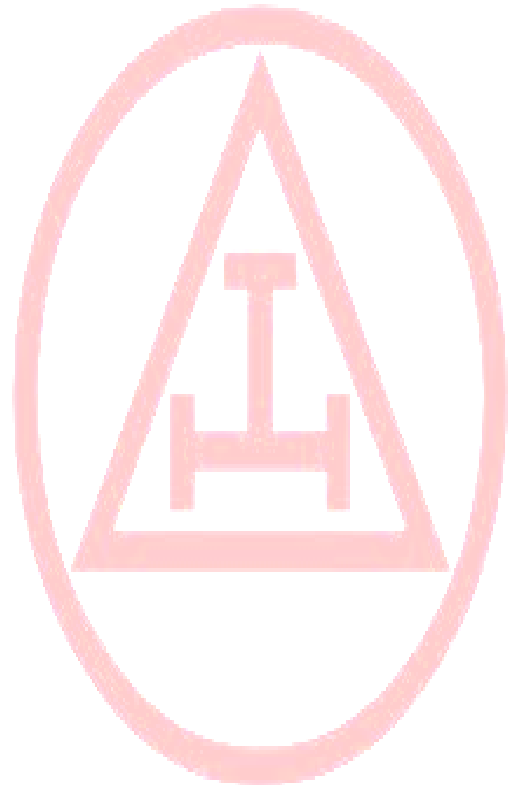
- } Sept 1– Labor Day
- } Sept 6 - District 25 BBQ
- } Sept 11– Patriot Day
- } Sept 20– RAC Banquet
- } Sept 26 (Meeting)- Regular  
Scheduled meeting for El Paso  
H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } Oct 4– Alzheimer’s Walk
- } Oct 18– Fish fry fundraiser
- } Oct 24 (Meeting)- Regular  
Scheduled meeting for El Paso  
H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } TBD– Thanksgiving Dinner
- } TBD– Christmas Party

**SEPT 2014**

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				

**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 #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

# 25th Masonic District

## BBQ

### Chicken Dinner Sale

Pride of the West Lodge  
1801 Hunter Street

September 6, 2014

From 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm

**Donation: \$8.00**

BBQ Chicken  
Mac N Cheese  
Bake Beans  
or  
Green Beans  
Bread



Point of Contact for Tickets:

WM James Goff (915) 401-9859  
Bro Fred Mercherson (915) 920-2954  
Bro Curtis Smith (757) 232-7454  
or any member of  
Pride of the West Lodge No. 53  
or  
Sunset Lodge No. 76

## 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 Facebook.

## Phamily and Friends

karaoke, and great food. We even had a free concession stand serving all the popcorn, cotton candy, ice slushes, and all you could eat selections. All of this wouldn't be possible without the help of our chapter members, families, friends, other organizations with the same goals and obligations, and corporations.

In closing, we the members of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 would like to thank everyone who came out and assisted with this wonderful endeavor. There were so many people helping out so I couldn't keep up with writing all names down to add to list of supporters. So again thank you so very much and we look forward to your assistance and support for the community Thanksgiving Dinner and Community Christmas Party (remember these events are open to everyone and all organizations).

## Acts 20: 27-38

For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

