

**EL PASO HOLY ROYAL ARCH #90
SEPTEMBER 2015**

*But to do good and to communicate forget not:
for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit
yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as
they that must give account, that they may do it
with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofit-
able for you. Pray for us: for we trust we have
a good conscience, in all things willing to live
honestly. Hebrews 13:16-18*

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Franck Bonhomme Appreciation Banquet 2015 by Emanuel Tucker

The Annual Royal Arch Banquet has been held consecutively every year since 2012. PHP Franck Bonhomme felt as though he needed to show appreciation to all the Companions and supporters of Royal Arch Masonry for everything that is done throughout the calendar year. This year the name of the banquet was changed to The Franck

Bonhomme Banquet and it is very fitting for us to take this time to remember everything he brought to Royal Arch Masonry and more specifically the chapter of RAC #90. Many of our younger Companions never had the distinct pleasure to meet with PHP Bonhomme but I am sure they have heard many of the stories about his study halls, strict rules and guidance in regards to Masonic

Dress, and the need to reinforce teamwork amongst the chapter. Since his death many of the Companions have continued to pursue his dreams and have worked to improve masonry in El Paso. This year's banquet was a success and thanks to all the hard work of our Companions we will continue to do great things.



PHamily and Friends by Emanuel Tucker



The PHamily and Friends BBQ has continued to gain momentum and each year the headcount increases. This year we were able to feed over 500 personnel and have yet to increase the ticket price per family.

Logistically the numbers do not add up and every day we thank the Lord for his blessings because without him this event would not be possible. The community in El Paso look forward to this event because this is a family

outing that does not cost much and it is affordable to most.

The Companions have even purchased tickets for certain families and churches have jumped on board to participate as well. The popularity of this event will only continue to get stronger as the Companions of RAC continue to do Good Work, True Work, and Square Work!!

At this time we would like to thank all those individuals involved with insuring this event was a success by donating time, money, food, and drinks. Your donations are greatly appreciated and we do not take any of you for granite.

Fish Fry Fundraiser by Duwan Mason



Greetings everyone, On August 8, 2015, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 held its second fish fry of the year in El Paso, TX at the Northgate Optimist Club. The fish fry was highly successful again feeding over 400 people. The money raised will be used to support our many community events and our scholarship assistance program. This event was highly successful because of all the great help from the Companions, brothers, sisters, family members, the community, and Northgate Optimist Club. It is truly amazing how much support we receive from everyone. Unity is the key to success.

Duwan Mason Sr. Guest Speaker at Banquet



Duwan Mason will be the guest speaker at the Annual Franck Bonhomme Appreciation 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 with-in the community. His bio is below:

Duwan M. Mason, Sr. was born on April 17, 1967, in Louisville, KY. He graduated from Iroquois High School on June 1985 and attended the University of Louisville where he played football. He joined the Army Reserves on 1986 while still attending the U of L, and later joined Army active duty in May 1987. He ETS from the Army in May 1993 and worked for the EL Paso Sheriff's department until September 1996. From 1996 to present, he has worked for the Department of Homeland Security (ICE) Immigration and Custom Enforcement. Duwan has been married 19 years to his wonderful wife Kathy. He has five kids, four sons and one daughter.

On September 2000, he was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in Sunset Lodge 76 in El Paso, Texas. A year later he petitioned El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 90 to become a Holy Royal Arch Mason. In October 2001, Duwan was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. He later petitioned DeMolay Commandery No.22 the Knights Templars, and was dubbed a Sir Knight in November 2001. He later petitioned Rio Grande Consistory No. 24 in July 2002 and was advanced to the 32nd degree of Masonry. In 2014 Duwan Mason, Sr. received the highest level in Masonry, he receive his 33rd degree of Masonry making him a Grand Inspector General. Duwan is also a member of Oro Temple #9 A.E.A.O.N.M.S, NAACP, American Legion Post 832, Northgate Optimist Association, and a member of Unity Missionary Baptist church.

Duwan is highly involved in his community by giving his heart and soul to family, friends, and peers. He speaks to youth groups about education and future endeavors, and he organizes many community events. He supports Breast Cancer Awareness, Alzheimer's Awareness and local orphanages by hosting luncheons and dinners to raise funds for each of these causes. He is always working to ensure El Paso remains a giving city by giving back and encouraging others to give back to the community.

Duwan has received numerous awards and certificates of appreciations/achievements over my years as a Price Hall Mason. From the local lodge he has received two Master Mason of the quarter and Master Mason of the Year awards. From the HRAM chapter and Grand chapter, Duwan has received companion of the year, EHP of the year, and secretary of the year. From the local Knights Templars, he has received Sir Knight of the year and from the Oro Temple No.9, he received Noble of the year. In 2013, he received an Outstanding EL PASO CITIZENSHIP Award for many years of community services, and in 2015 he received from the Links, Incorporated their UNSUNG HERO award, which is awarded annually to individuals who strengthen their communities through extraordinary everyday acts of service done with reliability and commitment, but who seldom receive recognition.

Photos of the Quarter



The Impact of a Leader

by Emanuel Tucker

I arrived to El Paso during the summer of 2007. I was only in town for about a week before I headed over to Pride of the West #53 Lodge Hall. At the time I was a member of Andrew Baskin Military Lodge out of Oklahoma Jurisdiction and wanted to continue my knowledge of freemasonry. I had the distinct privilege to meet Bro Bonohmme at the first meeting I attended. We only had a brief conversation but he invited me to his house for Master Mason study hall. I took him up on the offer and would soon meet men such as Benny Moss while

continuing to improve myself in masonry. We developed a very close and special relationship as he instructed me on the principles of this craft and assisting me in using my working tools to further shape and craft the stone that is to be fit for that house not made with hands.

After I returned from deployment in 2009 I learned that Franck had become the Excellent High Priest of El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter #90 (RAC #90). There were only four to five Companions attending meetings and the account only had about \$70. Under his leadership members grew, attendance for regular scheduled meetings quadrupled, the dress for the Royal Arch Mason was implemented, PHamily and Friends BBQ has continued under the Royal Arch banner, Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations for the community were established, an Annual Banquet was established, our account has grown to well over \$13,000, and Companions receive quarterly communication through distribution of a newsletter. All of this was accomplished through great leadership and a group of Companions that were willing to embody the meaning of what the term brotherhood represents.

Today, more than two years after his passing, the lessons he implemented to RAC #90 have continued to stand strong. The Banquet has been re-named the Franck R. Bonhomme Appreciation banquet, the PHamily and Friends BBQ continues to host more people annually,

the community now looks forward to the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebration, and our chapter has built a name among local government in El Paso, and many others through the great charity work that is being conducted. Our overall goal is to continue to perform charity events with wishes that these events will grow various individuals' faith in God. Faith, Hope, and Charity have built the principles of RAC #90 and were brought to the chapter with lessons from PHP Bonhomme.



Photos of the Quarter (More)



Are You a Member or Do You Just Belong by Dennis Elder



Greetings,

May the many wonderful blessings from our grand architect continue to flow down on each of us as we continue to do his will.

Many of us go through several trials and tribulations on a regular basis and we look to God for the strength to carry on. Some of us fall as victims of circumstance simply because we feel someone has done us wrong. Most of us laugh in the face of envy, in order to keep moving forward and pressing on.

Some of us lose sight of our morals and look the other way when our brothers are doing wrong. Are you a member or do you just belong? Most of us won't attempt to resolve our issues and concerns during meetings.

However, we're quick to leave the meeting and get on the phone with our non-masonic friends and tell them how everyone in the masonic family has done us wrong. Several members vote during meetings to volunteer their time to help out in the community. When that time comes there's only a faithful few accomplishing that task alone.

Several members talk a good game but when it's time to work they simply stay at home. Are you a member or do you just belong? Many of us hold grudges and stay mad at one another for far too long. Instead we should look one another in the eye and admit when we're wrong.

Many of our illustrious mentors have taken that final journey to their eternal home. If they were here today they would say "stop singing that same old sad song. You knew what you were dealing with all along"

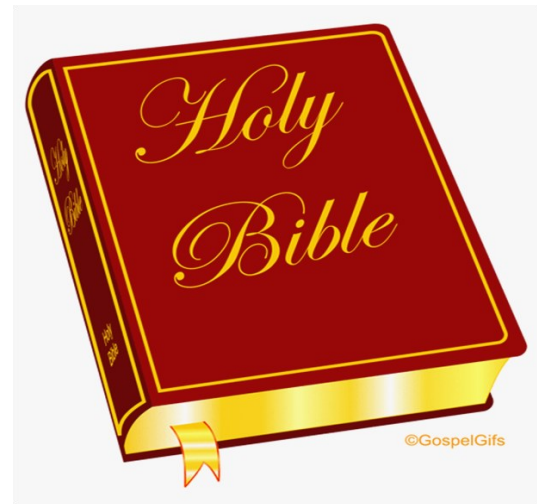
Are we going to fix this or continue to pretend nothing is wrong? Several people will read this and immediately wonder what's going on.

Well it's simple: Are you a member or do you just belong?

Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. What did Paul tell Timothy was the pillar and foundation of the truth?
2. Where did Jesus tell Peter he was the rock on which Christ's Church would be built?
3. Which part of the account of Jesus walking on water is exclusive to Matthew's gospel?
4. Which gospel explains that when Jesus said 'not what enters mans mouth defiles him' that He also declared all foods clean?
5. As the most prolific New Testament writer, who wrote more than 1/4 of the words found in the New Testament?
6. To which prophet did God ask, "Can these bones live?"



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



Companion of the Quarter by Dennis Elder



Companion William Mikels is the 3rd Quarter Companion of the Quarter. Congratulations!!!

Please come out and support El Paso Holy Royal Arch at the 2015 El Paso Alzheimer's Walk. Please contact Duwan Mason eastwarbound76@es.com

*It's that time of
year again.
Contact Duwan
Mason if you
wish to assist
with the
Thanksgiving
or Christmas
Events.*

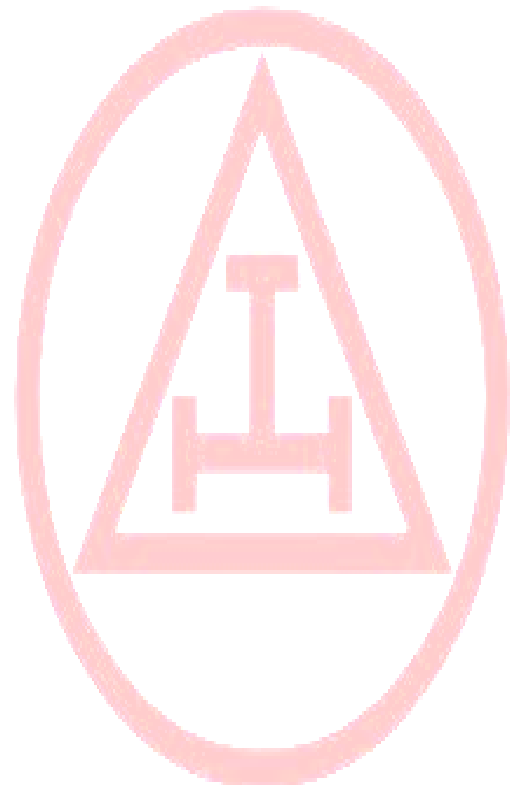


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Grand Chapter Officers

- 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 #: (____) _____

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