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VALLEY UPDATES - MESSAGE FROM BILL GRAY, 33° PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

It is an exciting time to be a Scottish Rite Mason and as we are in the process of closing out 2011, we can't help but be excited about the future of our Valley. We have several projects going on at this time that will greatly benefit our membership and our Temple. First, we are in the process of installing a new heat and air conditioning system for a major portion of the building. Immediately after our Fall Reunion, we will have to shut down the heating/air-conditioning system for a few weeks to accommodate the installation. Our hope is to have the new system in and working by the end of the year.

For this October Reunion we will be using for the first time the new Multipurpose Duck Room. The room has been renovated to be able to accommodate out of town members and candidates. This will help with the expenses of our out of town members and candidates, when they join us for Reunions and Stated Meetings. This project is being done by our new chapter of the Knights of St Andrew. They have given up many volunteer hours for this project and by example are encouraging our next group of Scottish Rite Masons, many of who are currently EA's, to join in with the weekend painting. We are excited for the future of this young group.

The formation of the Knights has made me take a good look at our membership. I see a lot of talent in our membership that could and would enjoy working with us. There are many opportunities for members to be a part of their Temple and enrich the Scottish Rite. During the Reunions, we always need help with the stage crews or the ducks, sound, lighting and with the degree work. We could always use a hand on the weekend with our weekend Temple rentals. Usually there are only a few of us to help run these shows. Maintenance and upkeep is a big item for us due to the age of our Temple. There are many of you out there who have experience in this area and that can help guide us with the needs of our building. Each Thursday morning 8am, a group of us meet for coffee and donuts, and discuss the future of our Valley and the meaning of life. Some feel that this is a closed group and "cliquish". I want you to know that this is not the case. This is a very important group and is open to every member in our Valley. We don't want your ideas to be left at home because you do not feel welcome. We welcome you with open arms because we need the help of every member.

In the closing of the year 2011, we are currently working on the 2012 budget. The plan is to present the 2012 budget at our November Stated Meeting. We have been blessed with the diversity of our 2011 investment program while in this time of economic struggle. We follow it on a daily basis, hoping to see better times, so we may plan for the future.

Hope to see you at the Reunion!
William C. Gray, 33°

Message by the Master of Kadosh

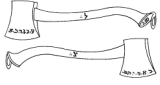
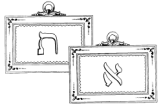
In the book "A Bridge to Light" we read that the future of Scottish Rite Freemasonry rests in the hands of its members. It will be what we make of it: an institution of moral leadership, educational advancement and philanthropic endeavors or merely a social club with empty titles and vain pretensions. To achieve the former requires the combined and concerted effort of a great many of us and a renewed commitment to learn and the simple lessons of practical morality and our teachings, then live them, that our light may so shine before men that they will continue to desire our fellowship and join in our assemblies.

Good men; better men.

We seek no more; we offer no more.

It is enough.

~Albert Pike~



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**El Paso Scottish Rite
 Cornerstone**

More than 1000 persons gathered when the new \$500,000.00 Scottish Rite Cathedral was formally dedicated at 4 o'clock on October 21st, 1921.

Drawn up in front of the structure was the patrol of El Maida Shrine, in the flashy Zouave uniforms. To the right were the Knights Templar in their equally picturesque regalia. The Masonic Band occupied chairs directly in front of the building. Officers of the Texas Grand Lodge formed a semi-circle on the platform around the corner-stone.

Although suffering from illness, which has caused him to remain in bed all this week, Grand Master Randell officiated at the laying of the corner-stone. His voice trembled as he read the Masonic ritual and could scarcely be heard by those on the outer edge of the gathering.

Mr. Randell's tribute to Masonry was eloquent. He offered a prayer to the health of the workmen employed on the structure as he sprinkled corn upon the stone. Next came the wine, which, as he explained, symbolized plenty in Masonry. He asked that the people of this state be showered with plenty and that the blessings of the Bounteous Giver of all things attend their philanthropic undertakings.

He next poured oil from a silver vessel upon the stone, saying, "May the Supreme Ruler of the World preserve the people in peace, and vouchsafe to them the enjoyment of every blessing."

From the El Paso Bulletin Nov - Dec, 1921

Back in 1921 the cost of the Corner-stone was \$317.50

ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry sitting in the Valley of El Paso, Orient of Texas, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C. of which

ILL. RONALD A. SEALE, 33°
 is Sovereign Grand Commander
 ILL. M. Douglas Adkins, 33°
 is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas, and
 ILL. William C. Gray, 33°
 is Personal Representative of SGIG
 And Chairman of the Executive Committee Valley of
 El Paso

***Our most sincere sympathies and condolences
 to all the families of our members
 who have passed on to a better life***



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| Clabaugh, Edward J. | 06/29/2011 | McPherson, Harold R | 10/16/2010 |
| Dahl, Peter W. | 08/15/2011 | Parsons, Lynn E. | 07/31/2011 |
| Dewey, George L. | 05/11/2011 | Sharpling, Robert C. | 06/02/2011 |
| Diller, Jimmy H. | 06/18/2011 | Stokes, Herman L. | 03/20/2011 |
| Dunn, Jr., Ben L. | 08/11/2011 | Strickland, Alexander | 06/19/2011 |
| Garms, Jr., George H. | 05/20/2011 | Thomas, Jr., Arthur C | 08/29/2011 |
| Kline, Clarence F. | 08/21/2011 | Viers, Jr., Charles A. | 05/02/2011 |
| Mann, Blucher W. | 03/11/2011 | Winkler, Edward M. | 12/29/2010 |
| Martin, Merle L. A. | 06/14/2011 | Witholder, Alfred H. | 02/05/2011 |

**Messages
 From our members!**

In response to our last news letter,
 Brother Hugh E. Moseley, 32° KCCH:

Dear Brother Secretary,
 I was a member of the W.W. "Bill" Hawkins Class - April 19th-22nd 1954. Our Class, the 97th Reunion was the last Reunion Class to use the alter and other furniture built under the personal supervision and direction of Albert Pike, Grand Commander, in the year of 1883. This furniture was retired and placed in the Albert Pike Room in the basement of the Temple.

The new alter was dedicated on Monday evening, October 25, 1954 just before the conferring of the 14° of the A.J.W. Schmid Class of the 98th Reunion.
 Sincerely,
 Hugh E. Moseley, 32° KCCH



We want to send a HUGE "Thank you!" to the Order of Thistle of the Knights of St. Andrew, Fort Worth Valley, for hosting the knighting ceremony for members of the El Paso Valley.



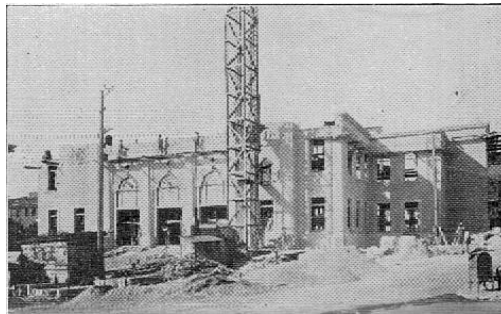
We now have our own charter of the Knights of St. Andrew - made up of selected Scottish Rite Masons, 32° - who are looking forward to making a difference in our Valley!



The Ft. Worth Knighting Team:
John K. Karnes 32° KCCH
Stephen L. Maxwell, 32°
Bobby G. Evans, 32°
Francis S. Dale, 32° KCCH
Kevin M. Caraway, 32° KCCH
Jason N. Wiggs, 32°
Robert Y. Rodriguez, 32° KCCH
Michael R. Magee, 32° KCCH
Ervin L. Richards, 32°



Our new Knights of St. Andrew :
Robert Brown, 32° - William Buster, 32° - Wendell Clark, 32°
Henry Flores, 32° - Daniel Hampton, 32° - Audie Maguire, 32°
W. Gordon Mahon, 32°

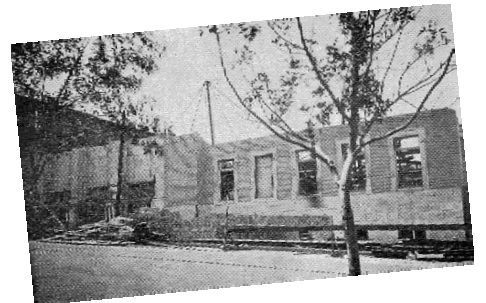
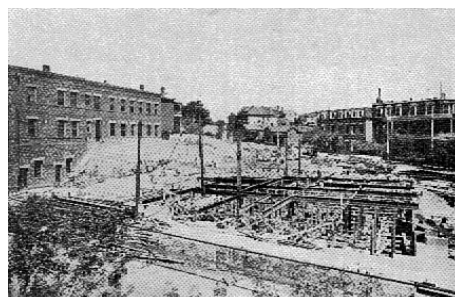


Please join us

05 November 2011

For the 90th Anniversary
Of the Scottish Rite Temple Building

12pm - 4pm



Come visit our web page!!

We have done some up-dates to our web site www.elpasoscottishrite.org

Come and check out our new Forum - we would love to hear from you.

Under the Contact Us link you are also able to update your Member information and join our newsletter/mailling list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 Fall Reunion

20-22 Oct, 2011

Stated Meetings:

14 Nov 2011

**Scottish Rite Building
90th Birthday**

**05 Nov 2011
Please note the NEW
date!**

12 Dec 2011



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