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MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

Dear Brethren,

First I would like to encourage you to attend our Scottish Rite monthly meetings to give us your input on the future of your Valley. Decisions about the future of your Valley and Temple are decided at these meetings and the more input we have the better decisions we can make for the future. The meetings are on the second Monday of each month. We do not go "dark" during the summer months as we have done in the past.

We have several items that you may find interesting. Our newest item is the chartering of the Knights of Saint Andrew. This group is made up entirely of "Black Hats". The first task the Knights completed was the cleaning of our basement kitchen. A lack of Stewards over the past few years have taken a toll on our poor kitchen. We hope that with a fresh and clean kitchen it might encourage some of the Brethren to become Stewards for the Reunions. The Knights were also tasked with remodeling the Duck Room into a dorm in the hopes of accommodating out of town members during the Reunions. We have 6 beds in total with 2 closets, a shower, sinks, and small lockers.

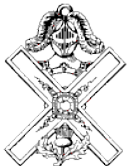
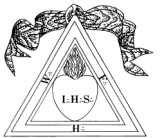
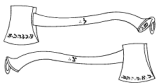
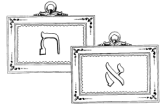
Every other year we travel to the "frontier" for the Spring Reunion. A number of our members live outside of the El Paso area and endure many hardships to join us twice a year at our Reunions. By taking the Reunion to them and enduring the same hardships, we show them how much we appreciate them and the efforts they make to be members of our Valley and participate in our Reunions. Two years ago we traveled to Odessa and had a very successful Reunion with our Odessa members. On April 14th of this year, we are traveling to Snyder for the spring Reunion to spend some quality time with our Snyder members. I would like to encourage everyone to join us in our trip to Snyder and help create another very successful Reunion.

Also, in the spring (March 30 – April 1) we are having the third annual Convocation of the Orient of Texas in Waco. It has been well attended from across the great state of Texas and the El Paso Valley has been well represented. Convocation allows you to meet and get to know members from other Valleys here in Texas.

During our recent Fall Reunion, it has been noticed that most of the degree teams are from out of town. In our recent Reunion, we had 3 teams from El Paso (out of the 29 degrees) with one of them being new. Odessa conferred the most Degrees with 13. Enough said?

We are looking forward to a very good year in our Valley. Come join us.

Michael N. Weddle
Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for 2012



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 is Personal Representative of SGIG
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Traveling a lot???

Bring by your donations of travel sized soap, shampoo etc from your Motel/Hotel stays, and we will deliver them to the **Ronald McDonald House**. We have a donation box set-up at the office for your convenience.

We would like to THANK all our members that are up to date on their dues, and would like to remind all others that **your 2012 dues are past due as of 1 January.**

To all our Brothers who made generous donations with their dues:



We received:

262 donations to the Almoner fund = \$ 1,517
 251 donations to the Scottish Rite Hospital fund = \$ 1,306
 248 donations to the Texas Scottish Rite Foundation = \$ 322

Your current dues card is required to attend meetings and events!

A very special THANK YOU!!!!

To the **64 Life/Endowed Members** that took us up on our letter, and sent in a donation towards our per-capita fund,
 For a total of **\$ 1,449**

This will be a great assistance in meeting our financial obligations for this year without having to reduce membership services.

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



Adkins, Elmer C.	09/23/2011	Latimer, Clement M.	09/20/2011
Albright, Jr. Oren D.	06/18/2010	Lehman, Joseph M.	07/31/2009
Appleby, Jr. Fred E.	01/02/2011	Lytle, Albert M.	11/10/2011
Baker, Fredric B.	07/25/2011	Mc Donald, Charles E.	12/19/2011
Bird, Charles A.	12/08/2011	Oliver, Audry T.	11/10/2011
Breneman, William M.	09/04/2011	Ousley, Jr. Eric H.	12/29/2010
Chinn, Jack L.	05/20/2011	Pillows, Burl A.	08/26/2011
Covell, George T.	09/29/2011	Reynolds, Cloyce C.	11/26/2011
Garrison, Monte R.	07/22/2008	Rodgers, Kenneth H.	02/02/2008
Graulich, Judah	11/11/2010	Romaine, Robert L.	12/21/2008
Hall, Kenneth M.	11/11/2010	Rountree, F.O.	12/05/2011
Hall, Larry J.	05/10/2010	Sheppard, James C.	10/24/2010
Hill, Albert B.	04/27/2010	Strickland, Charles T.	08/28/2010
Hillebrand, Martin	10/06/2011	Walker, Paul E.	09/10/2010
Hudson, Willie B.	05/30/2011	Wood, Wayne R.	10/17/2011

90th Building Anniversary





FALL REUNION 2012



ALL THESE PICTURES AND MANY MORE CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ELPASOSCOSSHRITE

Review of 2011 from the Chairman of the Valley

As we review the great strides we have achieved in 2011, we look forward to 2012 with much anticipation. It is indeed an exciting time to belong to the El Paso Scottish Rite Valley. These are some of the highlights of our past year:

- We have completed the installation of new carpeting in the theatre that was begun in the last part of 2010.
- The installation of new lighting on the outside front of our Temple is completed; and during the evening and night hours the effect has brought us many compliments from the public.
- In 2011, the Supreme Council awarded two 33° and five KCCH Honors to brothers of our Valley.
- We had a successful one day Spring Reunion and a three day Fall Reunion; and had the great pleasure of visiting with old friends, making new ones, and welcoming new members to our Valley.
- We saw a change of General Secretaries with NO bumps in the road. The transition from one administration to the other is credited to the two Brothers who worked closely together in the change-over, and we owe a big thank you to them.
- We celebrated the 90th birthday of our Temple building in November and had excellent attendance and participation from our members and the public. The Mayor and City Council of El Paso issued a Proclamation declaring November 5, 2011 "El Paso Scottish Rite Appreciation Day."
- We are in the final stages of the installation of our new heating and air conditioning conversion. The old system was decades old and breakdowns were commonplace, not to mention that the entire building was heated or cooled, it was an all or nothing operation. The new system will allow us to heat or cool specific areas of the building via a computerized system with sensors.
- The ladies restroom on the main floor was completely remodeled and new light fixtures were installed.
- 2011 saw the Valley of El Paso granted a Charter for the Knights of Saint Andrew, El Paso Chapter. This elite group of 32° Scottish Rite Masons will assist the Valley as needed and offers us a committed group of members where we can look for our future leadership.
- We remodeled the old "duck room" upstairs which had not been used in years. It has now been converted to a dormitory-style room with six beds, complete bathroom with shower and lockers, a small refrigerator and microwave oven. This allows us the opportunity to offer accommodations to our out of town Brothers when they come to a meeting or Reunion. We offer many thanks to our Knights of Saint Andrew Chapter for undertaking this project.
- Our building tour guides have had a very successful and busy year. Public tours are offered every Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00AM and 1:00PM. We expect 2012 will continue to draw more public awareness; and if you or your wives would like to help out as tour guides or building docents we would appreciate your participation.
- We now have several works of art on display from well known local artists; and this too draws attention to our facility from another cross-section of our community. We also plan to build on this project in 2012.
- We have attracted a great amount of positive media attention during 2011. Our events, our historical significance to the City of El Paso, and our philanthropies have increased our visibility to the public and we anticipate more to come in 2012.

All of these projects are paid for and we continue to enjoy good returns on our investments. A big THANK YOU to our Investment Committee for the decisions they have made.



Our new Board and Committee members will face many challenges during 2012. Several projects are on the drawing board and we look forward with anticipation the positive changes we will see. We welcome the new members to the Board and Committees and look forward to working with you.

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY.

Thanks,

William C. Gray, 33°

UPCOMING EVENTS

	<p>Grand Masters Conference</p> <p>Convocation in Waco</p>	<p>March 10, 2012</p> <p>March 30 - April 01, 2012</p>		<p>Stated Meetings:</p>	<p>Feb 13, 2012</p> <p>March 12, 2012</p>
	<p>Remembrance & Renewal</p>	<p>April 05, 2012</p>		<p>NONE in April</p>	
	<p>Spring Reunion in SNYDER</p>	<p>April 14, 2012</p>		<p>May 15, 2012</p> <p>June 11, 2012</p> <p>July 09, 2012</p> <p>Aug 13, 2012</p>	
	<p>Chuckwagon</p>	<p>April 20, 2012</p>			

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