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

We will be having an annual meeting for our entire orient membership and their ladies at our building in Waco, TX on July 31st and August 1st. At our last Orient meeting, it was approved to have one annual orient meeting per year. All other Masonic organizations have an annual meeting where members get to know each other and develop friendships. Our members don't have that opportunity. We are aware this will be a hard sell for a few years, but there must be a starting place. We hope you will set aside these dates. Please call the office for the latest information and registration forms.

The Supreme Council raised their per-capita in October 2009. Some valleys in our Orient felt they could not handle the raise and they voted to raise the membership dues to \$125.00 per year. This will apply to all the valleys in the Orient of Texas - starting in 2012. We will continue our program of helping any member who is having trouble paying his dues. Please keep our general secretary informed if you know a brother having problems paying his dues. We don't want this increase to cause us to lose membership. Lets help one another thru these troubled times. Some of the valleys are having trouble paying their bills. When we hear some of the reports from other valleys, it makes us appreciate the actions of the former leaders of our valley.

In the past the Orient of Texas printed the history of Scottish Rite Masonry starting in April of 1883 and ending in 1963. We have been asked to bring the history of our valley up to date from 1963 - 2009. This program has been very educational for your chairman - I am now up to 1975, and its very interesting reading.

At our April stated meeting, it was approved to change our Fiscal year to July 1st thru June 30. We hope to have this approve with the IRS in the next few months. This will put us in line with all our reports to Supreme and the Orient and will help us present a better budget to the membership. We had to present the new budget figures to the board early, as we are going dark for June, July and August.

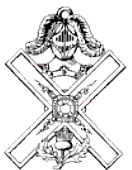
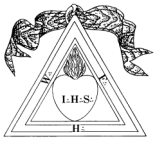
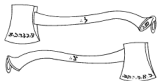
WE NEED PETITIONS FOR OUR FALL REUNION!

We had a very successful One Day Reunion in Odessa this spring and the best part was the fact that "WE HAD FUN". A big Thank You to all the brothers who made it happen.

We continue to be worried about membership, but at the closing speech at the leadership conference in New Orleans, our Supreme Commander said "If we take care of each other, membership will take care of itself". Lets give it a try.

The last few years have been very difficult for our valley. The world is changing so fast, we are trying hard keep up. Our membership has been very understanding and your support is appreciated. Your ideas for the future of our valley are always welcome! We are in this boat together and it takes each of us to make it work. Help us become a Valley that we can be proud of. I look forward to seeing you at the September stated meeting and the Fall Reunion. Don't forget the pre-reunion dinner on Thursday night, Oct 14th.

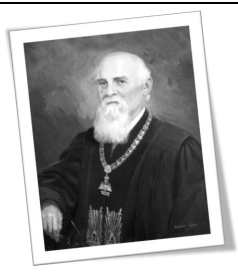
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July 31—August 1, 2010



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
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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

**REGISTRATION
 FOR
 2010 STATE-WIDE PHILIP CROSBY TUCKER LEGACY CONVOCATION**
 Orient of Texas
 Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., U.S.A.
 Waco, Texas
 July 30 – August 1, 2010

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 Contact Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____
 Scottish Rite Office Held _____

I am member of _____ Scottish Rite Valley
 My Lady will be Attending ___ Yes ___ Ladies Name _____
 Preferred Name for Ladies Nametag: _____
Advance Registration: \$65.00 per person (Registration fee includes three meals and conference amenities)
On-site Registration: on July 30-31: \$75.00 per person
 Payable in advance by check, credit card or cash.

When registering for multiple persons, please indicate the person's names that meal tickets will be listed under. Meal tickets will be
 picked up at Registration Desk.
Make checks payable to: Waco Scottish Rite Bodies and send check and registration form
NOT LATER THAN July 17, 2010 to:
 Waco Scottish Rite Bodies
 P O Box 32508
 Waco, TX 76703

On-site registration available at Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum, 2801 W Waco Drive, Waco, TX either in advance or
 on July 30, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and July 31, 7:30 a.m.
For further information
You may contact:
 Waco Scottish Rite Bodies
 (254) 752-1618 or 800-880-7208
 Email: 2010@texasscottishrite.org

HELPING HANDS

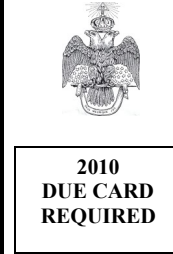
We have on hand a various
 assortment of medical equipment that is available for
 checkout for our members (or any person in need). If
 you are interested you can contact
Arthur E. Weiss at
 (915)533-4409.

Pre-Registration forms and more information available
 on-line at:
www.texasscottishrite.org
 Or at the El Paso Scottish Rite Temple

On-Site Registration:
 July 30 from 3:00 PM—9:00 PM and July 31 at 7:30 AM

Registration Fee
\$65 per Person in Advance
\$75 per Person at the Door

Ladies' Activities Planned



Message by the Commander

As Master of the El Paso Council of Kadosh, I have been asked to write an article for the Scottish Rite News Letter. First, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as Master Kadosh for the current Masonic Year. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to attend the National Meeting in New Orleans in April.

The Council of Kadosh includes the 19th through the 30th Degrees. Plan to attend our feast of Tishri on the 23rd of September; and also the Fall Reunion scheduled for October 14 through 16. The four Terminal Degrees are outstanding. However all of the Degrees have important lessons to hear and remember.

I would ask our newer members to take an active part in the presentation of the Degrees in our upcoming Reunion. The Secretary or others in the Office will be pleased to assist.

As most of you know, our Temple is dark during the months of June, July, and August. Our next Stated Meeting will be on the second Monday in September. Please take the summer months to invite Blue Lodge Members to petition Membership in our Scottish Rite Bodies.

Try to keep COOL during our warm summer months.

By David R. Gardner, 32° KCCH



MASONIC EDUCATION STILL CONTINUING

The El Paso Scottish Rite Temple hosted the third in a series of thirty-two degree workshops. Thirteen Scottish Rite Masons came together in fraternity and a thirst for knowledge to discuss the Master Mason's degree of the Scottish Rite, in accord with the designs of the Supreme Council of the 33rd's Master Craftsman Course, and continuing with the injunction of the Master of the Royal Secret that: "What we have discovered its meanings are in print, and you can read it." In September of 2008, the Orient of Texas embarked upon a statewide project to bring a deeper understanding of the Scottish Rite system to its members. El Paso Valley has led the way. These workshops have been conducted across the Valley of El Paso, including Midland, Borger, Odessa, Pampa and El Paso. These discussion groups have been well received by the participants. The workshop continues to grow upon these foundations, exploring and explaining the remaining 29 degrees which are typically exalted in advancement to a "Master of the Royal Secret". Having discussed the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, the next workshop will move fully into the purview of the Lodge of Perfection, continuing on with an exploration of "The Secret Master". All Masons are welcome, and participation in previous workshops is not required. All who have participated have acquired a greater breadth and depth of understanding – our Light brightens with every workshop. The next workshops are scheduled for Odessa at Andy G. Vaughn Lodge #1421 on the 7th of August 2010, and at the Scottish Rite Temple in El Paso on the 28th of August 2010. Please plan to attend, the concepts we learn may come from you!

By Wendell A. Clark, 32°

A New Time to Shine



Recently members of The El Paso Scottish Rite bodies travelled to Phoenix, Arizona to witness the conferral of all thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite. The Valley of Phoenix hosted the 5th Annual Scottish Rite Regional Reunion, with degree teams coming from Louisiana, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, California and Arizona. Brethren came from across the United States -- Washington, Rhode Island, Washington D.C. and Illinois, among others – to be a part of this historic event. It was totally invigorating to witness the 'Blue Lodge' degrees be conferred in all Scottish Rite pomp and ceremony to more than one hundred twenty candidates. The Blue Lodge degrees were conferred at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, with the remaining twenty-nine Scottish Rite degrees conferred, in full regalia, on a raised platform at the Chaparral Suites Resort. The caliber of the degrees was truly outstanding.

As inspiring as the degrees were, I could not help but think how much grander they would have appeared if exalted upon the stage with the full backdrops of the El Paso Scottish Rite Temple. It has been years since the Valley of El Paso was able to confer all twenty-nine degrees. Drawing upon the teams from the Scottish Rite region, we could do so once again. I would like to explore the idea of taking a degree team to future regional reunions. The One Hundredth Year Anniversary of the Valley of Santa Fe, New Mexico will be in 2012. If you are interested or would like further information feel free to contact Wendell at wendell.a.clark@nursesunlimited.com; perhaps we could host the regional reunion in the future. It was an experience I would definitely recommend to all members, of whatever tenure in the Scottish Rite. The magnitude of the event was awe-inspiring – it truly was a time for renewed light. Hosting a future regional reunion would give us a new time to shine!

By Wendell A. Clark, 32° aka Wendell Claus

NEWEST MASTER CRAFTSMAN

On the 2nd of June 2010, the Odessa Scottish Rite Association met for their quarterly meeting. The meeting was wrought with surprises. Katy Waldrep, MSW gave a presentation on Community services, and presented a gift of a hand carved double eagle. In conjunction with the meeting, Gary Lloyd 32° received his certificate confirming him as Master Craftsman. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for the September 1, 2010 , at 7:30 p.m. at Odessa Lodge #955, 1701 W. 9th Street, speaker to be announced – hope to see you there.



Top left to bottom right
 Allen Walters 32°, KCCH, Chuck Forsyth 33°, Herb Morgan 32°, Ricky Booe 32°, KCCH
 Wendell A. Clark 32°, Katy Waldrep MSW, Ed Wingo 33°



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The Chuckwagon this year was once again a great success!

We had over **100 people** attending!

Many thanks to:

Frank Rockabrand

Fred Roberts

Steve Roberts

The Ladies of Woodbine OES

We couldn't have done it without you!



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

Harold C. Floyd	12/17/2008
Andrew G. Hernandez	02/17/2009
Everett T. Shahan	07/18/2009
John H. Goodman	09/13/2009
Joe M. Hayes	12/04/2009
Jacob D. Blazer	12/08/2009
Douglas E. Swartz	12/10/2009
Johnnie M. Goldwater	12/27/2009
Harvey D. Stuard	01/18/2010
Robert H. McFarland	02/21/2010
Bernard R. Bonar	03/17/2010
Roy P. Ross, Jr.	03/17/2010



Ralph E. Muns	03/21/2010
Tommy L. Reed	03/23/2010
Robert E. Farley	03/31/2010
Marcel A. Poulain	04/03/2010
Doyle Young	04/04/2010
Courtney J. Evers	04/14/2010
Stephen L. Howell	04/18/2010
Roy C. Collins	05/14/2010
Arthur L. Miller	05/21/2010
Charles R. Beach	06/01/2010
Paul D. Bearden	06/12/2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Continuing Masonic Education

28 Aug 2010

Odessa - 2010 Calendar

Feast of Tishri

23 Sep 2010

Third Quarterly Meeting.....September 1st 2010
 Feast of Tishri.....October 9th 2010
 Lubbock Reunion.....October 9th 2010
 El Paso Reunion.....October 14, 15, 16 2010
 Fourth Quarterly Meeting.....December 8th 2010

Fall Reunion

14-16 Oct 2010



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