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Message from the Master

At the end of my Master Mason degree, I patiently waited for the Master of the lodge to ask me to say some words to the brethren about my experiences that evening. He explained to me some of the basic lodge protocols and etiquette, thanked the brethren for coming then proceeded to close the lodge without ever having asked me to speak.

I had anticipated having to say something at the end of the degree as I had in the previous two. With me being as nervous as I was, I felt somewhat relieved that I wouldn't have to stand up and talk. Now, four years later, I really wish I would have said what I was thinking.

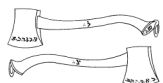
I became a Mason, probably like many of you, because someone that I look up to and admire is a Mason. In my case, a very good friend. It was the impression that he made upon me that led me to the door of this fraternity; I just wanted to be more like him.

What I wanted to tell the brothers that night after my degree was that my greatest aspiration in this fraternity was simply to be the kind man...the kind of Mason that my friend is. The kind of Mason that would inspire someone else so much that one day they would approach me and say "I want to be a Mason because you're a Mason."

In the few years since becoming a Mason, I have been truly blessed to have met so many men that I would have uttered those words to. You brothers have made me feel welcomed and needed, you have challenged me to be more and do better, helped me to overcome my anxieties, showed me how lead and how to follow, you have honored me with your recognitions and titles and humbled me with your selfless service to your communities, your Fraternity, your fellow man and God.

Proverbs 27:17 reads, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Thank you, Brethren, for being my iron.

—
Erik X Briseño
Master of Kadosh



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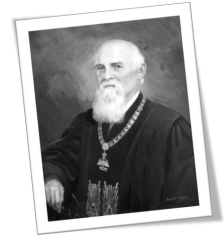
ILL. RONALD A. SEALE, 33°
 is Sovereign Grand Commander
 ILL. M. Douglas Adkins, 33°
 is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas, and
 ILL. William C. Gray, 33°
 is Personal Representative of SGIG
 And Chairman of the Executive Committee Valley of El
 Paso

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
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*2010 State-Wide
 Philip Crosby Tucker Legacy
 Scottish Rite Convocation*



By Wendell A. Clark, 32°

The Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library & Museum, in Waco, Texas
 hosted the 1st Annual -2010 State-Wide Philip Crosby Tucker legacy
 Scottish Rite Convocation, which was a great success.

All Nine Valleys were represented. We received some overwhelming yet
 humbling talks by some of the Scottish Rite's most prolific speakers. SGIG
 Orient of Washington; Grand Minister of State, Supreme Council A.A.S.R.,
 S.J., U.S.A. the Illustrious William R. Miller, 33°. Also represented from the
 Valley of Tucson, Orient of Arizona the Illustrious Rex R. Hutchens, 33°,
 Grand Cross, author of "A Bridge to Light" as well as the keynote address
 from the Former Ambassador to Sweden the Illustrious Lyndon L. Olson,
 Jr., 33° IGH, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Texas Scottish Rite Chil-
 dren's Hospital in Dallas.

A recurring theme was the need for civility and further education as a
 means to build both; a strong country once more, as well as to restore and
 surpass the former greatness in the Scottish Rite. In addition to the speak-
 ers we also were witness to excellent degree work exemplification from
 the Dallas Council of Kadosh in the 21st and 27th degrees, as well as the
 Fidelity Lodge of Perfection from Austin in the 8th Degree, coupled with an
 awe-inspiring communication of the 13th Degree by Illustrious Pierre G.
 "Pete" Normand, Jr., 33° IGH, Personal Representative of the SGIG in
 Texas; Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Valley of Houston.

As a first venture, the breakout sessions and speakers were truly tremen-
 dous, even to the vendors. The whole weekend contended favorably with
 the trade shows I have been to. And Brother what a trade – **Light** for the
 asking. We were reminded that only when you give away knowledge –
 does it remain yours as well. Which other trade show can give away, yet
 keep their wares.

The one thing that could have improved the weekend was to have had you
 there, in fellowship and brotherhood. If you were not there (which most of
 us were not) you did miss out – luckily they are planning to do it again next
 year – start making plans to attend now! I hope to see you there next
 year...

Caps – Their Significance

As the White Lambskin is the badge of a Mason, so is the regulation cap a
 badge of a Scottish Rite Mason.

A purple cap indicates that the wearer is a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector
 General and active Member of the Supreme Council.

A white cap indicates a 33° Inspector General Honorary.

A red cap means 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. (KCCH)

A light blue cap means that the wearer has been a Scottish Rite Mason for 50 years or
 more.

A black cap indicates that the wearer has attained the 32nd Degree.

The Supreme Council has set forth a rule for the correct wearing of the cap. When
 wearing the cap it shall be considered to be part of the apparel of the wearer and shall
 not be removed.

At the presentation of the flag, the cap shall remain in place, and the members shall
 stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

During the prayer the cap shall remain in place and the hands and arms shall be crossed
 as in the 18th Degree.

The wearing of caps is considered proper at Reunions, Scottish Rite meetings, Maundy
 Thursday services, etc. *It is improper for the cap to be worn in cafes, bus stations, on the
 street or in any other public place*
 From The 2004 Reunions by Galveston Scottish Rite Bodies



**2011 Dues notices have been
 sent out to our members !
 Please remember your dues are
 due to us by 1 Jan 2011**

Sadly we have some Brothers that have not paid their 2009
 dues yet - Please be aware that we will be forced to suspend
 all members that have not paid their 2009 dues by the end of
 the year.

**If you are unable to pay your dues due to illness or finan-
 cial problems please call us as soon as possible so we can
 discuss your options with you.**

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Midland Scottish Rite Association

Scholarship

The Midland Scottish Rite Association, Texas' oldest, recently selected the recipient of the \$1,500.00 per year for four years scholarship to Miss Reagan Reid, a 2010 graduate of Greenwood High School.

Miss Reid will attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and major in English. Her Future plans are to be a Teacher.

Miss Reid joins two other recipients previously chosen for scholarships and currently working on their degree for higher education.

The members of the Scholarship Trustees are:

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| Ronnie Williams, 33° | F. L. (Les) Cooper, 33° | R.E. (Bob) Black, 32° KCCH |
| Jackie Matthews, 32° KCCH | Chris MacLeod, 32° KCCH | Richard Winkler, 32° KCCH |
| John P. Cox, 32° | | |

Congratulations to Miss Reid and her parents, Mike and Verna Reid. Miss Reid was chosen from 30 scholarship applications.

4 facts YOU need to know about stroke prevention

- 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs.
- Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke.
- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability.
- Screenings are fast, painless, affordable and convenient.

Where: El Paso Scottish Rite Temple
When: Friday, December 10, 2010
Pre-registration is required.
Call 1-800-690-6313

Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package
All 4 tests for only \$149
Coupons for \$10 off available
to El Paso Scottish Rite Members

How to Disagree Politely

Differences of opinion crop up in most workplaces, but career consultants say they don't have to rile you or your opponent if you keep these tips in mind:

1. Keep your eyes on the person who's speaking. Rolling your eyes or seeking sympathy or backup or backup from others will antagonize the person you are disagreeing with
2. Ask questions and restate the area of contention to make sure you're both on the same wave length and fully understand the issue.
3. Don't interrupt when the other person is talking.
4. Agree with as much of what is said as possible. This will make the other person feel as if he is being heard and it will make you look more reasonable.
5. Be tactful. Say, "We have a different view," rather than "You're wrong."
6. Back up your claim or assertions with whatever facts or research you have on the subject.
7. If things get heated, ask to put off the discussion to a later time.



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We have a donation box set-up at the office for your convenience.

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

Glen T. Hunt 02/18/2010
 Teddy G. Parks 03/25/2010
 Gary C. Mahan 04/18/2010
 Edmund S. Hitchcock 05/23/2010



James B. Wingfield 06/25/2010
 James R. Norton 06/26/2010
 James M. Campbell 07/28/2010
 Robert H. Hall 08/14/2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Reunion

14-16 Oct 2010

Odessa - 2010 Calendar

Stated Meeting

08 Nov 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

Continuing Masonic Education

11 Dec 2010

Stated Meeting

13 Dec 2010



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