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Message from the Commander of Kadosh



Dear Brethren of the Valley of El Paso,

I am honored to address you once more as the Commander of Kadosh this year. As you know, the pandemic has interrupted all of our lives and times have been very difficult for many.

But we are now emerging into the light once again from the awful darkness of the pandemic.

This year, we were very fortunate to have celebrated our Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony. Although, it lacked the usual dinner and fellowship that we have all become accustomed to share and enjoy, it gave us time to unite again and reconnect in person even as we followed the socially distancing mandate. It still felt good to be out again amongst our brothers who share similar thoughts and ideas.

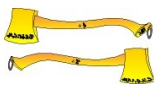
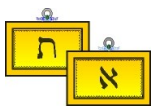
Looking forward, we can look toward our first Reunion in two years in October. During this Reunion we will also celebrate our Feast of Tishri Banquet. And to add to all this we can also look forward to the Re-dedication ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of our Scottish Rite Temple.

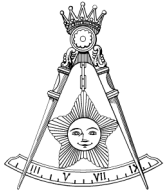
Our Scottish Rite Temple is beautiful and unique. It has special meaning. It is a place where we congregate to share in brotherhood; a place where we learn the teachings of masonry; a place where we feel safe; it belongs to all of us. So my brothers, I urge you to attend these great activities and show your support and appreciation for our Scottish Rite organization and our beautiful Temple.

Ricardo D. Gonzalez, 32° KCCH
Commander of Kadosh



September 22, 1921





**Temple Centennial,
Feast of Tishri,
Reunion Banquet
and 50 Year Award Ceremony
October 15, 2021**

**Temple Re-dedication 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM**

The following members are eligible to receive their 50 Year Award - if you are planning on attending and have not sent in your RSVP yet, please contact the office at 915-533-4409.

Roger L. Amis, 33°
Jesse J. Callendar, 32°
Juan Cardenas, Jr., 32°
Donald N. Davis, 32°
Michael L. Fielding, 33°
Phillip H. Graves, 32°

Sal Holland, 32°
Kenneth R. Horton, 32°
Eli H. Mabry, 32°
Phillip M. Martin, 32°
John T. Wright, 32°
Alberto Yip, 32°



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

William R. Barton, Sr., 32° 09/05/1926-08/14/2021
Willard W. Brooks, 32° 08/21/1923-06/13/2021
Samuel Patino, 32° 01/16/1948-09/07/2021
Bob R. Sanford, 32° 10/05/1939-06/06/2020
Edwin A. Shipman, 32° 11/18/1931-11/20/2020

**We are proud to present the 2021 Honorees for the Valley of El Paso,
selected by the Supreme Council in Washington, DC:**



Joseph P. Taylor, 32° KCCH



Lorenzo "Tony" Villa, 32° KCCH



Jerry D. Wade, 33°





The 263rd El Paso Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

Honoring

Thomas D. Murphy, Jr., 33°

03/24/1920-08/01/2019

Thomas Davidson Murphy, Jr. passed away peacefully in his home and surrounded by love on August 1, 2019 in Austin, Texas. He lived 99 amazing years.

Tom was born on March 24, 1920 in Cordell, Oklahoma to Reverend Thomas D. and Anna Christine Murphy. At 18 months of age, he and his Presbyterian missionary parents sailed to Korea to serve for 5 years. This experience and the faith of his parents greatly influenced his life. He was the most upright and honest of men; a rock, centered and true. His generous heart made him beloved by his family and friends, and the strength with which he faced the many challenges of his lifetime was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Tom graduated from Kilgore High School in 1937. He earned a BA in economics and history in 1941 from Austin College, Sherman Texas. Odessa, Texas was his true home, and he lived there from 1938 to 2005 before retiring to Granbury and then Austin. He proudly served his country in WW II. Tom was commissioned an Ensign U.S.C.G.R. at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He served to the rank of Lt. (j.g.) and was an officer aboard the U. S. Destroyer Escort "Pride" in the Afro-European Theater from 1943-1945. At age 97, he took the Honor Flight to Washington DC and was able to finally see the WW II memorial.

Tom's full and successful business career began in 1950, when he co-founded Murphy and Rochester Real Estate and Insurance Company in Odessa. He was always a community leader, dedicated to nurturing others' lives especially through the Masons, the Kiwanis Club and as a Presbyterian church elder.

He became a Master Mason June 28, 1956 in H.A. McFarland Lodge #1338 located in Odessa, Texas, where he served as Treasurer for many years. In October of 1956 he joined the El Paso Scottish Rite, and was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 12, 1965. In November of 1973 the El Paso Bodies honored him by electing him to the Rank and Dignity of 33°, Inspector General Honorary. He sponsored many candidates into the Scottish Rite through the years.

Tom had a passion for golf, playing all his adult life until age 92, at courses all over the United States and in Europe. His very favorite course was Pebble Beach. He believed that if you just found the golf course, you would be in the most beautiful place wherever you were. He was proud of shooting his age over 200 times, beginning when he was 78 years old.

Tom was patriarch of a large and blended family, which was his greatest treasure and comfort. His family life was filled with great joy as well as tragedy. He was married to Dorothy Lee Kimes from 1941 until she tragically died in 1962. He was married to Rubye Prokish Bowers in 1964 until she passed in 2010. He and Rubye spent many happy times in their Air Stream trailer, traveling to golf tournaments and sightseeing. He was predeceased by his children Catherine Ann (Fifi) Murphy, Paula Bowers Stoltenberg, Thomas D. Murphy III, and his granddaughter Caroline Booth.

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ILL. James D. Cole, 33°
is Sovereign Grand Commander

ILL. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°
is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas.

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Phone number if our member
is in the hospital or Nursing home,
or is incapacitated in any way.

NO meeting in October
November 08, 2021
December 13, 2021

Stated Meetings:

Upcoming Events in 2021:
Fall Reunion, Feast of Tishri,
Awards Ceremony and Temple
Centennial Ceremony
October 15-16, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

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