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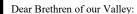
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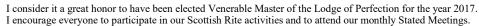
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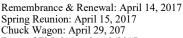
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### Message from the Venerable Master

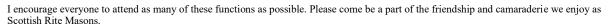




As you know, the Scottish Rite meets on the second Monday of each month except in the months when we hold our Reunions. Important dates for 2017 are as follows:



Feast of Tishri: October 6, 2017 Fall Reunion: October 20-21, 2017



As always, we need new members. Encourage your fellow masonic brothers to come and see how great it is to be part of the Scottish Rite and to join. Also, remember some of our members live far from El Paso and make a great effort to attend some of our functions. Without their help, we would not be able to put on our Reunions. Please let them know how much they are appreciated!

Also, take the time to thank our leadership, our Chairman, Honorable Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH and our General Secretary, Illustrious Larry V. Kane, 33°, for the work they do on behalf of the El Paso Scottish Rite. Remember, their leadership and guidance are instrumental in making us the best Valley in the State of Texas.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Venerable Master - I know that if we all work together for the Scottish Rite we will have another great year!

Your Fraternally, Ricardo D. Gonzalez, 32° KCCH

### Ill. Michael L. Wiggins, 33° - Appointed Deputy in Texas

Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33°, has appointed Ill. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°, as Deputy of Texas.

Ill. Wiggins was born on October 5, 1956, in Liberty, TX. After graduation from Texas A&M University in 1979 with a degree in petroleum Engineering, he worked for various oil and gas producers along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana. He returned to Texas A&M in June 1987 and completed Master of Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in 1988 and 1991, respectively. Ill. Wiggins is married to the former Tanya Nannette Steed, a majority member of the Rainbow Girls.

From 1991 through 2005 Ill. Wiggins taught at the University of Oklahoma, becoming a full professor in 2003. In January 2006 he joined William M. Cobb & Associate, Inc., as vice president and in January 2011 was named president of the company. In March 2013 he joined the Mid-Con Energy Companies where he was named executive vice president, and in 2014 he was

named president of all Mid-Con Energy entireties. He served in this role until December 2015 when he returned to Cobb and Associates as a principal and senior vice president of the firm.

Bro. Wiggins' Masonic journey began on Texas Independence Day in 1978 when he received the Entered Apprentice Degree in Liberty Lodge No. 48. He served as Master of Liberty Lodge 1984-84 and is a plural member of St. Alban's Lodge No. 1455 in College Station and the Texas Lodge of Research. In 2007, he served as Master of TLR, which elected him as their sixteenth Fellow of Masonic Research. He became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2015. He received the rank and decoration of a KCCH in 1995 and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2005. Ill. Wiggins is a member of the York Rite, Shrine, Eastern, and many, many other allied and appendant bodies.

























### VALLEY NEW From the Secretary's Office

We started the New Year by bidding farewell to III. M. Douglas Adkins, 33°, SGIG of the Orient of Texas, who retired on December 31, 2016. The Valley had the opportunity to thank him personally at our November Stated Meeting for his leadership and service. We now welcome III. Michael L.

Wiggins, 33°, Deputy General of the Orient of Texas who is now at the helm of the Orient of Texas Scottish Rite Bodies. We offer him our full support and look forward to his leadership and guidance for what we hope are many more productive years to come.



2016 was a year of some great accomplishments at your Temple. Participation and attendance has been great. Our finances

continue to be well managed by your Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. Our new 2017 budget was approved and our operational spending costs have not increased for several years running.

In 2016 the number of new initiates into our Valley was the largest we have had in years and these new members have hit the ground running by serving on Committees, joining Degree Teams and volunteering their time and labor in many different areas of our Temple operations.

Brother's Billy Burman and Gabe Fernandez have started a new lecture series program entitled "What Masons Do". This series features guest speakers who lecture in their particular field of expertise, whether it be in their professional capacity or hobby and outside passion. Contact either of these Brother's if you would like to participate.

We continued our philanthropic efforts, hosting events for several local non-profit Organizations, including Gigi's Playhouse, the Consulate of Mexico and the Girl Scouts, just to name a few. Our Valley awarded full scholarships to five local school teachers to attend the Rite Care Learning Center to receive Dyslexia Certification endorsements. Chairman Higgins and I attended the West Texas Scottish Rite Awards Banquet in Lubbock and made several presentations to awardees recognizing their Social Work in the El Paso

community and our school systems. We also had the opportunity to present a gift from our Valley to III. Joe Manning, 33°, SGIG of the Orient of Oklahoma who was also in attendance.



Our new Club Room construction is completed and we hope to start furnishing the room soon. We have already installed a new 65" 4K HDTV Smart television. The Temple was decorated with lights and luminarias this Holiday Season, thanks to Bro's Ismael Segovia and wife Silvia, Austin White, Steve Miller and Nicholas Quarm. We especially want to recognize Bro. Juan Navarro, Membership Chairman; Bro. Austin White, Americanism Committee Chairman; Bro. Nicholas Quarm, Museum Director and Bro. James Beale, Scottish Rite Representative on the Peyton Foundation.

My special thanks to our Office Manager, Nicole Moran. So many of our successes can be attributed to everything she does as Office Manager, which are often times not seen by our Members. We are indeed fortunate.

Here's hoping for another great year. Please make it priority to join with us in 2017 as we continue to do great things.

### **2017 Executive Committee**

Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH Personal Representative Larry V. Kane, 33° General Secretary Ricardo D. Gonzalez, 32° KCCH Venerable Master Joseph P. Taylor, 32° Wise Master William E. Perry, 32° Commander Charles R. Forsyth, 33° Master of Kadosh Ismael B. Segovia, 32° KCCH Treasurer Fareed I. Khlayel, 32° Almoner Ernesto Rodriguez, 32° Juan M. Navarro, 32° Ismael B. Segovia, 32° KCCH Yahya A. Abdurraheem, 32° Jose A. Alanis, 32° KCCH Nicholas J. Quarm, 32° KCCH W. Gordon Mahon, 32° Robert Brown, 32°



District 60 Toy Drive - delivering Christmas cheer to 73 children at the Lee & Beulah Moor Children's home



Local Masons and their families assemble over 2600 Fantastic Teeth Club dental kits



Knights of St. Andrew Officers installation



CERT training - our First Responders and their "victims"



Knighting of Bro. Reuben D. Martinez, 32°



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

David L. Foster, 14° 08/26/1930-10/27/2016 Robert B. Gaines, 32° KCCH 02/09/1923-11/27/2016 Stewart P. Lambert, 32° 11/17/1917-10/06/2016 Donald K. Minshew, 32° 08/01/1943-08/23/2016 Paul M. Rogers, Jr., 32° 06/30/1939-12/13/2016 Charles F. Selmon, 32° 01/18/1932-12/14/2016 John D. Sullivan, 32° 11/13/1934-11/11/2016 Allan R. Thompson, 32° 08/16/1920-10/16/2016 Bobby R. Trammell, 32° 07/12/1928-03/18/2015 Robert L. Vaught, Jr., 32° 05/24/1934-03/15/2016 Vernon Walden, 32° 02/25/1927-11/17/2016 Richard G. Woodruff, 32° 05/15/1935-07/09/2016



### 2017 Officers

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Honorable **Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH** 

Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G.
And
Chairman of the Executive Committee

Chairman of the Executive Committee In the Valley of El Paso

#### 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. Michael L. Wiggins, 33° is Deputy in Texas, and

Hon. Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH is Personal Representative of SGIG And Chairman of the Executive Committee Valley of El Paso

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Remembrance & Renewal

Upcoming Events in 2017:

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Spring Reunion

**COMING EVENTS** 

Stated Meetings:

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