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Message from the Venerable Master

Dear Brethren,

It is an honor to have been elected Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for 2014, and with the support of my brothers, this should be a phenomenal year! As with all my predecessors, I encourage all the Scottish Rite brethren, new and old, to attend the meetings and other activities whenever possible. And please bring your family and friends when appropriate...

My congratulations to the members of the most recent classes and I remind the newest members that there are many opportunities to join in the degrees (or in the background) during our reunions.

Have a new Master Mason in your Lodge? Help spread Masonic Light and tell him about the Scottish Rite... then take the time to invite and join him at an event when appropriate... he may just find a home with us here too!

Take the time now to mark the second Monday of each month on your calendars..., you'll have a friendly reminder of our Monthly Stated Meeting (except April and October due to Reunion) and while you are at it, check the bulletin and mark the dates of other gatherings. Please endeavor to put aside the time to partake in the major gatherings and rituals: Out-of-town - Annual Convocation for the Orient of Texas; and locally- Reunion, Feast of Tishri, Chuck Wagon, etc... Please join us when you can; together we will spread the cement of friendship and brotherhood, and take our Valley into the future.

Our Temple has the potential for great things in the upcoming year; with the new Ballpark nearing completion, the building will be in view of all that attend the games. For this reason alone, it is imperative that we present our organization in the best of lights. Internally, we have a good start with the work done in the dining/meeting area (basement), but there are many projects awaiting undertaking (Amazing what a lick of paint here and there can do!). Closing in on 100 years of age, the temple itself has aged well; but to keep it in an overall good condition will require the aid of the members if it is to remain a beautiful facility. The Knights of Saint Andrew have already indicated an interest in continuing to provide some of that help, and all I can say is: "Outstanding Brothers, keep up the good work!" The KSA is worthy group, and there to help all the bodies in the coming year, let them know you appreciate their work when you see them. I know that not everyone is able to actively participate, just cheering on, or a good word here or there can be as effective as climbing a ladder or slinging a brush! There is more than one way to help, have you done your part?

Brothers, the Scottish Rite is there for you; and you, too, can make a difference – just like Hiram Abiff!

Sincerely and fraternally,

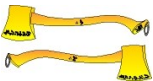
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Message from the Personal Representative

Brethren of our Valley:

As we look back on 2013, I am very pleased and proud of what has been accomplished. It was a year marked by change. Thanks, to the efforts by Brothers Nick Quarm and Dan Hampton and their team of volunteers, our dining room received a much needed face lift. It is something we can all be proud of.

Nicole Moran is our new office Manager, and doing a great job. She brings several years of experience to the job, not to mention her considerable computer skills.

From an operational stand point, we again finished the year under budget. This is the second year in a row, thanks to our General Secretary Hon. Bro. Larry Kane and the office staff.

Under the direction of our reunion director Ill. Brother Chuck Forsyth, 9 excellent candidates received the 32 degree at the 252nd fall reunion. All of the degree teams did an outstanding job, with the help and support of our ducks. Bro John Wood is our new Stage Chairman and has assembled a very good team.

Our Arm and Arm program continues to receive kudos from the Orient of Texas, and is considered to be among the best. We are looking forward to more events in 2014.

Brother Erik Briseño has re-organized the Ambassador program as well as the Driver/ Rider program.

Aided by a favorable investment climate and our financial advisors at Baird and Company, our investments have done very well.

The Valley awarded six (6) dyslexia scholarships to local teachers. Four of these teachers have recently completed their second year and have received their dyslexia certification certificates. The remaining four have finished their first year of training and are looking forwards to their completion during the upcoming summer session.

But our biggest achievement came with the signing of a long term lease with Mountain Star Sports. Thanks to the efforts of our General Secretary and months of negotiations, our Foundation Board agreed to lease our 2 parking lots on Durango Street. While the construction of the baseball stadium has caused some inconvenience, the total value of the lease is worth one million dollars to the Scottish Rite over the course of the lease. Opening day is scheduled for April 11, 2014.

Looking ahead, we have several improvement projects planned for your Temple. There will also be improvements to our 2 parking lots on Durango as well, these funded by Mountain Star Sports Group.

It has been a very good year for our Valley and we have seen significant changes, but I believe that we have begun our transition from the age of "we have always done it this way" to the age of possibility."

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for help and support during 2013.

God bless you all and God bless the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Tom Higgins, 32° KCCH
 Personal Representative to the SGIG
 Chairman of the Executive Committee
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Our Fall Reunion was a
 great success!

“Thank You”

To everybody that took the time
 to join us and help out!

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. M. Douglas Adkins, 33°
 is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas, and
 Hon. Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH
 is Personal Representative of SGIG
 And Chairman of the Executive Committee Valley of
 El Paso



VALLEY NEWS
From the Secretary's Office

Big thanks to the vast majority of members who responded in a timely manner upon receipt of their dues notices. For those who have not yet sent in their 2014 dues payment, we urge you to take care of this very soon. Remember, you must have a 2014 dues card to attend our Meetings and Reunions. Don't dispose of your new cards at the end of 2014, the cards are permanent and renewals will receive yearly stickers to place on these cards.

A special thanks to those members who sent in donations with their dues this year, donations were up from previous years and the extra money is most appreciated by the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and by our Valley Almoner who assists our local patients with air transportation to and from the Hospital.

2013 was a year of some great accomplishments at your Temple. Participation and events are well attended and we're trying to make it fun for the families to join in. We're busy planning more of the same for 2014, try to attend some of our events and include your family.

We have our Spring Reunion in Odessa on March 29, 2014. As always, we need your help to recruit new candidates. I can't forget to thank and mention the Snyder, High Plains, Midland, Odessa, El Paso and other degree teams that year after year devote their time and excellent expertise to travel wherever needed and be a vital part of our new Scottish Rite candidates introduction into our most excellent Bodies.

Personal thanks to all of you for your support this past year. There are so many that should be named personally but space won't permit it, but to those who were always there when I needed them, I am forever in your debt. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Nicole, our Office Manager if we can assist you in any way. If you are having financial difficulty with paying your dues we would rather work out a payment schedule than see you go suspended. All inquiries remain confidential.

We wish everyone a happy, prosperous and a healthy 2014.

Larry V. Kane, 32° KCCH
General Secretary



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



James S. Aldridge, 32°	09/23/2013	Walter L. Lefler, 32°	07/12/2012
Frank "Bud" Ayres, 32° KCCH	12/30/2013	Edwin "Ed" Lindke, 32° KCCH	10/18/2013
Duane A. Baker, 32°	01/23/2013	Carman A. Mc Cown, 32°	03/14/2013
James T. Barnett, 32°	01/15/2013	John W. Mc Nellis, 32°	11/29/2013
Billy H. Bell, 32°	08/29/2012	Harold R. Shoppach, 33°	12/09/2013
Ollie W. Carnes, 32°	10/01/2013	Harvey M. Smiley, 32°	04/03/2006
Earl C. Harris, 32°	11/26/2013	Windell A. Thomason, 32°	05/28/2013
William P. King, 32°	10/31/2013	Frank J. Wasson, 32°	07/13/2013
Joseph W. Krapf, 33°	10/07/2013	Jim W. Wilson, 32°	06/28/2013
James E. Kunkel, 32°	05/14/2013	Joe W. Wilson, 32° KCCH	10/17/2013

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Stated Meetings:
 10 February 2014
 10 March 2014
 No Stated Meeting in April
 12 May 2014

George Washington Degree 17 February 2014
Spring Reunion in Odessa 29 March 2014
Convocation in Ft. Worth 11-13 April 2014
Remembrance & Renewal 17 April 2014
Churchwagon 26 April 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

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