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## Message from the Commander of Kadosh



Dear Brethren of the Valley of El Paso:

It is an honor to have been elected Commander of Kadosh this year. But this year has also been a year of great sadness for all of us because of the terrible pandemic we are living through.

This pandemic has caused us to shut down our beloved Scottish Rite. We have not had any meetings since March, we have had no Reunions, no Remembrance and Renewal and no Feast of Tishri. No one knows when we will return to our regular activities.

What we do know, however, is that while our Temple and our gatherings may be temporarily shut down, what always remains strong and unyielding are the principles and beliefs that we carry.....pandemic or no. What we stand for as Scottish Rite Masons remains whether we have meetings or not. While we may miss the fellowship of our brethren and the ritual and regalia of our meetings, we should never forget that it is our principles that truly make us Scottish Rite Masons. It is these principles and beliefs that will carry us through this hard time, making us better men.

So until we can gather again after this pandemic, let us rededicate ourselves to being the best Scottish Rite Masons we can be.

Take care of your family, yourselves, and stay safe.

Ricardo D. Gonzalez, 32° KCCH  
Commander of Kadosh

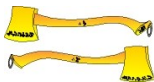
## Master Craftsman Is Now ONLINE!

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! The Supreme Council rolled out the "Master Craftsman: Ritual & History Program" in an online format. This uses for its text III. Arturo de Hoyos's *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide*.

The online version of the Master Craftsman: Ritual & History program is identical to the correspondence course except it's digital. All the questions are answered on the computer and immediately sent to the Master Craftsman Program Manager, Bro. Stuart Pool, 32°.

Are you currently enrolled in the Master Craftsman Ritual & History correspondence course? Do you want to switch to the online version? No problem! Email Bro. Stuart Pool at [mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org](mailto:mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org) and ask about switching. They will generate a registration number for you to enter on the provided link, so you don't need to start from scratch.

Get started by going to [www.scottishritestore.org](http://www.scottishritestore.org) and clicking on the "Masonic Education" tab.





## VALLEY NEWS

### From the Secretary's Office

Brethren:

In coping with the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Valley of El Paso continues to follow the Proclamations and Directives of the Grand Master of Texas and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Texas, both of whom remind us that all State, City and County Directives must also be followed.

By order of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG), the Valley of El Paso has been authorized to resume our Stated Meetings on November 9, 2020, barring any unforeseen circumstances. We will have to adhere to certain conditions; masks must be worn at **ALL** times while in the building, temperature checks and wellness screenings are required upon entering the building, hand sanitizer must be available, social distancing must be kept at all times (minimum of six feet), and until further notice no food or meals in any form are to be prepared, served or eaten in the building. All meeting spaces must be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

This directive applies to all Scottish Rite activities including Clubs, Degree Teams, Committees, Social Groups, etc. Unfortunately, the Scottish Rite Convocation scheduled for September 12, 2020 in Waco has been canceled. The Feast of Tishri scheduled for October 16, 2020 has also been canceled. Our buildings are still to remain **closed to the general public** until further notice.

All Reunions and reunion-related activities scheduled to be held in the Orient of Texas are **canceled for 2020**. The Valleys in the Orient of Texas are authorized to proceed in the planning for the **2021 Spring Reunion**. It has been suggested that the Valleys conduct a One-Day Reunion with the five (5) terminal degrees and it has been recommended that we consider conferring the Degrees in tuxedo or dark suit instead of costume as a sanitation precaution. The restriction against recruiting has been lifted, we encourage you to start approaching potential candidates at this time. A date for the 2021 Spring Reunion will be announced later on in the year.

Having said all that, you may get the impression that we are closed down for business. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Scottish Rite Office staff continue with the day-to-day operation of your Valley. The phone doesn't ring as much and we miss the personal visits but the administration of the daily business hasn't changed.

Chairman Tom Higgins and myself have had regular "virtual" meetings with the SGIG and the Orient Executive Committee on web-based meeting platforms. The business of the Orient of Texas is being well attended to. The Valley Finance Committee is in regular communication with our Financial Advisor and we continue to monitor our financial portfolio during this ever changing market. The Foundation Board of Director's are kept attuned to all matters concerning the Temple Building. Rest assured that when we are able to return to our regular labors that nothing went neglected other than our ability to gather in person for fellowship and normal activities.

Please stop and take the time to call your friends and any members you haven't heard from for a while and make sure they are OK. If you, or anyone you know, is in distress or in need of assistance during this challenging time, please let us know. Stay safe!!!

Larry V. Kane, 33°  
General Secretary  
El Paso Scottish Rite



We are continuing to reach the goals and achievements of the Supreme Council Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP). The Valley of El Paso has been recognized as achieving this goal for the past 5 consecutive years.

We currently have a number of members we are unable to locate who have moved and have not updated their addresses, phone numbers or emails. We only have email addresses for approximately 50% of our members and the list of outdated phone numbers continues to rise. It costs several hundreds of dollars for each Valley mailing to all our members and your help in keeping your contact information current will not only save your Valley money, it will allow us to serve you better.

There are several ways to update your information. You can do it through the Supreme Council Website via the Member's Login; you can use our Valley Website ([www.elpasoscottishrite.org](http://www.elpasoscottishrite.org)) under the "Membership Services" tab; or you can email your information to [nicole@elpasoscottishrite.org](mailto:nicole@elpasoscottishrite.org). If you don't use a computer, you can call our office (915-533-4409) and if the call is after hours you can leave your information on our voicemail or ask us to call you back. Thanks for all your help !!!



Did you forget to renew your membership?

2020-2021 Dues Updates

**2020 Dues**

Please look at your dues card. If it is not a 2020 dues card, you are in arrears and will receive a dues notice and invoice from the Supreme Council showing your amount due for both 2020 and 2021. Even though you will receive your 2021 dues card it will not be valid unless the full amount due for 2020 and 2021 is received.

**2021 Dues Processing Change**

The Supreme Council is changing the way dues card are processed beginning this year for dues paying members. In the near future, dues notices/invoices will be mailed by the Supreme Council and will include the 2021 dues cards. You will receive your dues card before you make your dues payment. This saves time and postage.

We know this will initially create some confusion, however, the Supreme Council sees the change as an expedient measure beneficial to all the members. Please pay your 2021 dues when you receive your 2021 card and invoice.

**DON'T** send your dues check to the Supreme Council, please make your payment to the El Paso Scottish Rite.

Although you will have the 2021 card in your possession you won't be in good standing until payment has been received.

You can call the office at 915-533-4409 to pay with a credit card or you can mail a check to El Paso Scottish Rite – 301 W Missouri Ave • El Paso, TX 79901.

You can also pay online via our website ([www.elpasoscottishrite.org](http://www.elpasoscottishrite.org)) under the Membership Services tab.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Office. Your information will remain confidential.

**NOTICE**

**The Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Texas has issued a directive that all Officers currently serving in the Scottish Rite Bodies in Texas for 2020, will hold over and remain in place for the year 2021. Valleys will not be required to hold elections or installations ceremonies for these Officers.**



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



Glenn L. Austin, 32°	04/10/1938-06/28/2020	William J. Mitchell, 32°	11/11/1932-01/15/2020
Charles A. Berlin, 32° KCCH	01/18/1938-05/22/2020	James T. Nakovic, 32°	09/04/1931-05/27/2019
John W. Bice, 32°	09/28/1942-05/12/2020	Todd H. Overton, 32°	10/12/1937-01/23/2020
William K. Buster, 32°	07/28/1950-07/22/2020	John N. Parker, Jr., 32°	11/03/1933-01/24/2020
Bert Cornelius, Jr., 32°	06/02/1925-06/06/2020	Michael D. Phelps, 32°	05/09/1948-10/04/2017
Larry L. Cross, 32°	10/13/1939-06/22/2020	Lanny C. Pullig, 32°	12/29/1941-07/04/2020
Lindle W. Dempsey, 32°	04/13/1951-05/19/2019	Charles B. Rand, 32°	10/03/1935-03/08/2018
George M. Hilburn, 32°	02/22/1931-05/24/2020	Ray P. Simpson, Jr., 32°	12/20/1933-05/24/2020
Dan M. Horn, 32°	12/11/1937-01/10/2019	George W. Snapp, 32°	03/27/1932-07/17/2020
Grover L. Johnson, 32°	03/10/1929-06/10/2020	Hyland C. Weaver, 32°	12/19/1934-04/09/2020
Benny M. Kirksey, 32°	01/17/1939-09/24/2018	Jerry R. Williams, 32°	12/13/1936-07/04/2020
John R. Lehman, 32°	08/30/1934-08/24/2020		

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**Illustrious Tom L. Higgins, 33°**  
Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G.  
And  
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. James D. Cole, 33°  
is Sovereign Grand Commander
- ILL. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°  
is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas,  
and
- ILL. Tom L. Higgins, 33°  
is Personal Representative of SGIG  
And Chairman of the Executive Committee  
Valley of El Paso

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or is incapacitated in any way.

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