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## Message from the Commander



### MASONIC MEMBERSHIP CARD:

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check, or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and defend theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the Earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they may be but few, and will forget my faults, though they be many.

It tell me that and a great deal more, this little card, and make me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

---Knight Templar Magazine

One last thing. I would like to thank the Brethren for electing me to this position and will strive to uphold the traditions of the office.

Bill Perry, 32°



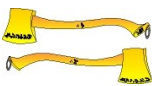
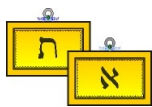
We are pleased to announce the 2017 Honorees for the Valley of El Paso selected by the Supreme Council in Washington, DC:

Tom L. Higgins, 33° - Elect

John W. Smith, 32° KCCH - Elect

W. Gordon Mahon, Jr., 32° KCCH - Elect

Ernesto Rodriguez, 32° KCCH - Elect





Ill Michael L. Wiggins, 33° has been announced as the new Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas.



The Venerable Master presented Bro. Jose Barrera with his 32nd Degree Patent at our Stated Meeting on July 10, 2017.



At our June 12, 2017 Stated Meeting, Venerable Master Ricardo Gonzalez presented 32nd Degree Patents to Bro's Joel Avalos and Bruce Kacho. Bro. Ismael Segovia was also recognized and congratulated on his completion of the Master Craftsman Program on the Symbolic Lodge.

**Curator's Corner**

Recently the Scottish Rite Museum received a very generous donation of Masonic articles and artifacts from a brother now residing in Arizona. Illustrious Steven Carvajal, 33° donated a wealth of items from his father and uncle's journeys, including two white hats and 33<sup>rd</sup> Jewels, pins, collectables and challenge coins from numerous events, locations and individuals. These Brothers were very active in their time and have left us an insight to that journey in these bits and pieces. This collection includes items from Blue Lodge, Scottish and York Rites, and the El Maida Shrine Temple. Among the collection are several El Paso Scottish Rite branded items I have never seen before making this collection truly a worthwhile view. I hope to have these items on display before the next reunion, please take time to come in and peruse the museum... and maybe consider donating any unusual or historical Masonic items you may have or find on your journeys...

Respectfully,

Nicholas J. Quarm 32° KCCH  
Museum Curator/Director

El Paso Scottish Rite, Valley of El Paso Texas





**Ill. Steven George Miller, 33°  
July 19, 1961 – May 11, 2017**

Ill. Brother Steve Miller passed away unexpectedly on May 11, 2017. During the past year Steve was undergoing dialysis for kidney failure while also trying to recuperate from heart by-pass surgery at the same time. A combination of factors proved too much for his body to handle.

Steve joined the Scottish Rite in October 1982. He received his 32° KCCH on November 21, 2005 and was Coroneted a 33° IGH on September 7, 2013 by the Valley of Las Cruces, Orient of New Mexico. Steve served as head of all 4 bodies in the El Paso Scottish Rite and participated as a Degree Team member and as a Degree Master in many Reunions.

In addition to his Scottish Rite activity, Steve was Past Potentate of El Maida Shrine and was a long time member of the Drum and Bugle Corps and the Red Barons. He was a Past Master of Fraternity Lodge No. 1111, El Paso Lodge No. 130 and Five Points Lodge No. 1137 and served as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District Number 60A.



**Ill. Lloyd D. Muir, 33°  
June 15, 1933 – August 13, 2017**

Ill. Brother Lloyd D. Muir passed away peacefully at home on August 13, 2017. Bro. Lloyd will be long remembered for his dedication to the Masonic Fraternity. Lloyd joined the Scottish Rite in October 1966. He received his 32° KCCH Honor on October 4, 1999 and was Coroneted a 33° IGH on November 14, 2009.

Lloyd was a 50-year Member of the Scottish Rite and served as Wardrobe Chairman for the Scottish Rite Reunions for many years. He was an integral part of every successful Reunion. Lloyd served as Wise Master, Commander and Master of Kadosh of the Scottish Rite Bodies.

In addition to his Scottish Rite activities, Lloyd was Past Potentate of El Maida Shrine and was a past Director of the Royal Order of Jesters and member of the Red Barons. He was a Past Master of El Paso Lodge No. 130 and was instrumental in the maintenance and upkeep of the Masonic Cemetery.



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



Donald L. Benton, 32°	12/29/1936 - 07/18/2017
Sabas D. Casas, 32°	12/11/1919 - 05/05/2017
Hugh Dickey, 32°	06/11/1922 - 11/07/2016
Timothy E. Elmer, 32°	02/06/1932 - 04/13/2017
Ernst A. Erbe, 32°	06/16/1929 - 06/15/2014
Harold E. Ferguson, 32°	09/13/1939 - 11/07/2016
Wilhelm O. Gerken, 32°	09/18/1924 - 04/18/2017
Robert R. Gould, III, 32°	08/01/1943 - 07/20/2017
Daniel Grubidge, 32°	04/25/1916 - 06/04/2017
Roy L. Idom, Jr., 32°	01/24/1942 - 06/08/2016
James M. Kelley, 32°	07/08/1923 - 06/27/2017
Steven G. Miller, 33°	07/19/1961 - 05/11/2017

Hugh E. Moseley, 32° KCCH	01/22/1927 - 07/03/2017
Lloyd D. Muir, 33°	06/15/1933 - 08/13/2017
Johnnie R. Parsons, 32°	06/17/1938 - 12/17/2016
James D. Phipps, 32°	06/12/1940 - 06/07/2017
Luke R. Rampy, Jr., 32°	08/15/1932 - 01/04/2016
Edwin A. Reed, 32°	08/06/1927 - 02/15/2016
Terrence J. Roper, 32°	12/02/1936 - 04/15/2017
Harold R. Smith, 32°	02/25/1919 - 11/27/2015
Wayne E. Ulrich, 32°	06/26/1934 - 05/26/2017
Ray M. Vaden, 32°	03/20/1943 - 07/12/2017
Walter E. Wilson, 32°	08/05/1935 - 12/14/2016
James C. Wright, 32°	05/26/1926 - 05/11/2017

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**Illustrious  
Tom L. Higgins, 33° elect**  
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. RONALD A. SEALE, 33°  
is Sovereign Grand Commander  
ILL. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°  
is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas,  
and  
ILL. Tom L. Higgins, 33° elect  
is Personal Representative of SGIG  
And Chairman of the Executive Committee  
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of the addressed Member:**

Please notify us at the above address or  
Phone number if our member  
is in the hospital or Nursing home,  
or is incapacitated in any way.

**Stated Meetings:**  
NO Meeting in October  
13 November 2017  
11 December 2017  
08 January 2018  
12 February 2018

**Upcoming Events in 2017:**  
Feast of Tishri  
06 October 2017  
El Paso Reunion  
20 - 21 October 2017

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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