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## Message from the Venerable Master



Brethren,  
Join me in welcoming the new year of 2020 and the start of another productive decade for the El Paso Valley. Our Valley continues the long tradition of duty and service to our Heavenly Father, family, fraternity, and towards mankind. Together we form the vital fraternal bond linking one another to fulfill our obligations and perform the works of our fraternity. Your active participation can ensure continued fraternal success and prosperity.

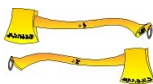
Participate! Renew your commitment to the El Paso Valley and each other by actively participating. Begin by attending our monthly stated meetings. Plan to attend and contribute your talents to the Remembrance and Renewal, Spring and Fall Reunions, and the Feast of Tishri events. Join the Arm-and-Arm committee scheduled activities to relax and fellowship with all the brethren. Our fraternity prospers by active participation. We look forward to your attendance and in hearing your ideas on making the El Paso Valley the best it can be.

Lastly, I would like to communicate my sincere gratitude on being elected to serve as your Venerable Master this year. This privilege and honor are a reminder that I must strive to ensure the continued prosperity of the El Paso Valley for future masonic generations to come. Join and assist me in making our valley better than when we found it.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Ruy Martinez Jr., 32° KCCH



From left:  
Henry Santamaria, Scottish Rite Dormitory Board Member; Tom Higgins, Larry Kane and John Wood, Scottish Rite Hospital Board Members.



### Words from a Travelling Man ...



Pictured Bro. Barry Boetto and his guest Karen House.

Greetings to one and all!

From the early morning hours of Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> to the late evening of Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, I had the amazing fortune to be the only Texas Mason to travel to ALL of the Scottish Rite Valleys of our neighboring state of New Mexico. This was a feat I could never have accomplished in the same amount of time for ALL the Valleys in our Great State of Texas. The reason is quite simple really; there being only \*two\* Valleys in the state of New Mexico. Santa Fe being 310 miles (4 hours 45 minutes) distant and Las Cruces a mere 46 miles (40 minutes) from us. Lubbock, the closest Valley in our home state is a bit farther at 346 miles (5 hours 30 minutes road time).

The Burn's Night Dinner hosted by the Santa Fe Scottish Rite Temple Historical Preservation Foundation on Saturday evening was actually my first of the kind attended. It was well thought out and produced to flow and keep the evening moving. After an hour of cocktails and tours, the guests were seated and introductions, the Addressing of the Haggis and toasts commenced which preceded dinner.

Entertainment was provided by Gaelic dancers, a Gaelic folk singer, the Santa Fe Women's Ensemble, Toasts to the Laddies & Lassies and stimulating conversation by those seated at our table. Also as a part of the evening was a silent auction with various and sundry items and services for bid.

The Santa Fe Valley Knights of St. Andrew were instrumental in the preparation and serving of the buffet dinner and the Master of Ceremonies himself was a member of that Order. The evening ended with the traditional singing while all stood in a circle of Auld Lang Syne.

Two days later I was happily welcomed to the Las Cruces Scottish Rite Monthly Stated Communication where I had business to bring before the Knights of St. Andrew after the meeting and I sat with the Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico. An interesting note here is that with the exception of the Commander of the Council of Kadosh and the Prior, \*all\* officers wore the Glengarry of a Knight of St. Andrew.

This was my first time to "visit" not just one but two different valleys of the Scottish Rite and I must say, both Valleys welcomed me warmly and were the most gracious of hosts. I highly recommend travelling and visiting other valleys and should those Valleys be the two closest to our home, I believe I can say with all honesty that you will be welcomed as warmly as warmly as was I.

Fraternally, Bro. Barry Boetto

Travel Disclaimer; I traveled to Santa Fe early Saturday morning, attended the Scottish Rite Burn's Night Dinner that night, stayed in Santa Fe and drove home Sunday morning. I went to work Monday and only after a full day of toil travelled to Las Cruces for their Stated Communication that evening.



Presenting Past Officer Certificates to 2019 Venerable Master Juan M. Navarro and 2019 Wise Master Lorenzo A. Villa



Patent Presentation to Ernesto Torres-Ortiz by Chairman Tom Higgins and Venerable Master Ruy Martinez, Jr.



Patent Presentation to David Ortiz by Chairman Tom Higgins and Venerable Master Ruy Martinez, Jr.

**Arm-In-Arm Events**

**Scottish Rite Valley of El Paso Trap Shoot:**

**When:**

February 29, 2020  
 9 AM - Registration  
 10 AM - Shoot

**Where:**

El Paso Skeet & Trap  
 9817 Alameda Ave,  
 Socorro, TX 79927

**Cost:**

\$20 will cover your entrance fees, lane fees and a donation towards the El Paso Scottish Rite Almoner's fund.

This year we will open our trap shoot to everyone!  
 Please invite your friends and family to our even.

**Please don't forget to bring your shotgun, ammo, eye and ear protection!**

**Mount Cristo Rev hike - March 07, 2020 - 9 AM - 1 PM**

**Bourbon & Cigar Night - April 25, 2020 - 7 PM**

For more information please contact the Arm-In-Arm Chairman - Tony Villa.



A group of teachers and administrators from the German School of El Paso of the Federal Republic of Germany toured our facilities to learn more about Masonry and the history of Masonry in El Paso. They came bearing gifts of real German chocolate and a yearbook of their school for our library.



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



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| Antonio E. Astorga, 32°        | 07/11/1924-04/22/2019 |
| Larry E. Clinton, 32°          | 06/06/1942-10/17/2019 |
| George O. Fletcher, 32°        | 03/31/1932-12/15/2019 |
| Thomas W. Howard, 32°          | 10/24/1945-09/19/2019 |
| Lynn T. Sorrells, 32°          | 10/18/1923-07/22/2019 |
| John W. Stanton, 32°           | 01/21/1949-01/14/2020 |
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**2020 Spring Reunion**  
 April 04, 2020  
**2020 Fall Reunion**  
 October 16-17, 2020

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 And  
 Chairman of the Executive Committee  
 In the Valley of El Paso

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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

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

<b>April 25, 2020</b>	<b>Bourbon &amp; Cigar Night</b>
<b>March 07, 2020</b>	<b>Mount Cristo Rey Hike</b>
<b>February 29, 2020</b>	<b>Trap Shoot</b>
<b><u>Arm-In-Arm Events:</u></b>	
<b>May 11, 2020</b>	<b>NO Stated Meeting in April</b>
<b>March 09, 2020</b>	<b><u>Stated Meetings:</u></b>

<b>October 16-17, 2020</b>	<b>Fall Reunion</b>
<b>October 16, 2020</b>	<b>Feast of Tishri</b>
<b>April 04, 2020</b>	<b>Spring Reunion</b>
<b>April 03, 2020</b>	<b>Remembrance and Renewal</b>
<b><u>Upcoming Events in 2020:</u></b>	

***UPCOMING EVENTS***

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