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## Message from the Wise Master



As I sit here recuperating from the effects of the “Corona Virus,” I am reflecting as how time flies when you are having fun; good Lord, half of the year has passed by already. With that said, it was just a few short weeks ago when we Scottish Rite Freemasons were conducting our annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony, celebrating and remembering our brothers who last year had laid down their working tools and made their journey to the Grand Lodge above. Now, looking forward we must be reminded that for Freemasonry in El Paso, there is much yet to come for what is left of this year.

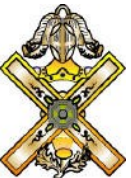
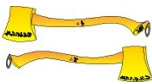
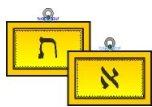
Many of us are very much involved with our Blue Lodges. Although this is not quite part of our Scottish Rite duties, we must be reminded that it is of utmost importance to learn the work that makes us Freemasons and keep up to date with the knowledge and esoteric work of our degrees in Freemasonry. Along with this I wish to remind and inform of all my Scottish Rite brethren and Masonic brothers in our city that there are upcoming certificate exams that will be hosted at the El Paso Scottish Rite building very soon. I strongly encourage and hope that all Master Masons in our Valley attend these events when they occur, for the work of a Master Mason in the esoteric form is essential for all of us in our Masonic journey. While these exams are necessary for those Master Masons that wish to be certified in the work, it does not mean that you cannot attend if you do not wish to pursue a certificate at this time. I still greatly encourage your attendance at these events. When one witnesses the process in which these certificate exams are conducted, the more confidence one will have to move forward if they so desire to make that further step in being certified in the work. It is also a great and convenient chance for you to refresh your memory in the work and see how those Master Masons who earn their certificates have worked to fulfill their goals. The experience of these certificate exams will also give you a better appreciation of the work, time, and effort that the brothers put forth for the betterment of the craft. With that said, let the hard work and dedication of those brother Master Masons who earn their certificates, whether it be an A, B or C, be an inspiration for you to begin your journey in becoming proficient in the work of Freemasonry.

In regards to the Scottish Rite, we too have a duty to the work in which a Master Masons learns from in his journey from the 4<sup>th</sup> degree to the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. Before we have time think of about it, October will be upon us which means it is time for our Reunion and the making of more 32-degree Scottish Rite Masons. Just as it is important for us Master Masons to be proficient in the work in the blue lodge degrees, it is equally important that for those that prepare and conduct the degrees for the Reunion also be proficient in their work. Having been a Degree Master, I highly encourage and strongly suggest that all Degree Masters assemble your degree teams, for it is now the time to get together for practicing conducting these vital degrees. I vividly remember the Reunion when I was brought into the Scottish Rite. I was greatly impressed as to how all the degree teams put on the degree without the use of que cards or other methods of prompting. All those degrees that are put on with such dedication are always a pleasure to experience and very fulfilling to be a part of. There are always many tasks that need to be performed during the Reunions and degree work is not all there is to do. If one does not wish or feel that they can be part of a degree team and/or putting on a degree there is always an opportunity for you to participate in other ways. For example, while the degree teams perform on stage, behind the scenes, there are many brothers who participate setting up the degrees on the stage. We call these vital volunteer members of the Scottish Rite Ducks! You can become a Duck by simply volunteering your time to be a part of the stage crew, which also makes the degrees during the Reunion possible. At the Scottish Rite there is always a place for everyone to participate and helping to make the event a success.

As a final thought, I wish to express my happiness in seeing more and more brothers attending our Scottish Rite meetings, this is a very good sign that good things are happening at your Scottish Rite. In closing, I want to again thank all of the brothers who assisted the Scottish Rite and myself in conducting our annual Remembrance and Renewal ceremony. It has been a privilege and honor to sit as Wise Master for this year. I want to thank the brothers for electing me to this office and for having their confidence in me. I hope our Scottish Rite and Valley continue to grow and flourish.

Thank you and So mote it be.

Brother Mark Preston Miller, 32°  
Wise Master of the El Paso Chapter of Rose Croix.





12 members of our members traveled to Las Cruces to represent the El Paso Scottish Rite during the Sovereign Grand Commanders visit. Shown on the left; Joey Taylor, 32° KCCH with Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander. Shown on the right, from left; Joe Bailey, 33°; Larry Kane, 33°; Ernesto Rodriguez, 32° KCCH; Juan Navarro, 32° KCCH



Members of the El Paso Scottish Rite were joined by members of the National Sojourners to present JROTC and Sojourners medals at the El Paso, Ysleta and Canutillo Independent School Districts. Joe Bailey, 33° and Ernesto Torres-Ortiz, 32° wearing their Heroes of '76 attire.



Left: Members of UTEP Phi Delta fraternity joined us for a clean up day around the temple.  
Right: James Nelson, 32° receiving his Master Craftsman certificate from the Venerable Master Tony Villa, 32° KCCH





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



Johnie E. Ashton, 32°	10/06/1922-02/20/2022
Fred C. Edens, 32°	10/23/1930/02/23/2022
John P. Goff, 32°	03/29/1942-03/16/2022
Jose R. Munguia, 32°	09/03/1939-04/13/2022
Garland L. Robertson, 32°	05/28/1935-12/27/2020
Henry Santamaria, Jr., 32°	04/28/1948-02/02/2022
John T. Studinarz, 32°	03/06/1953-03/07/2022
Carl E. Weaver, 32°	11/27/1947-03/05/2022

## 264th Fall Reunion

Honoring  
Ill. Tom L. Higgins, 33°



October 14-15, 2022

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and

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**Stated Meetings:**  
June 13, 2022  
July 11, 2022  
August 08, 2022  
September 12, 2022  
NO Stated Meeting in October

**Upcoming Events in 2022:**  
Feast of Tishri  
October 14, 2022  
Fall Reunion  
October 14-15, 2022

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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