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Message from the Commander of Kadosh



Brethren,

Thank you for your trust in electing me to serve as Commander this year. I hope to serve the Valley to the highest standards and look forward to continuing to serve in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity and express my appreciation to those that nominated me for the 33rd degree, it was truly unexpected and a great honor for me; something I will never forget...

We are on track for the next Reunion; to be held in honor of Bro. Rick Card, 32° KCCH this October. The Brethren who have parts are busy honing their acting and projection skills and rehearsals will soon be called as well as preparing the Theater and Building for the event. If you are interested in joining in and participating in raising new members, seek out the degree master of your favorite degree and join the thespians – or – consider helping backstage with the Ducks.

I am particularly proud that over the past few years the 30th Degree has regained lost portions and several pieces of scenery and props have been updated. Great strides are being taken by the brethren in the other degrees as well, and El Paso continues to raise Scottish Rite Brethren in fine form. I invite everyone to attend the next (and all) reunion(s) and rekindle that bond of Scottish Rite Brotherhood.

On that note, I bid you fair adieu... see you in and about the Temple!

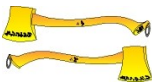
Sincerely and Fraternally,
Nicholas J Quarm, 33° - Elect
Commander - El Paso Council of Kadosh
Valley of El Paso

Supreme Council (SJ) Biennial News:

Illustrious James Dean Cole, 33°, was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Saturday at the Biennial Session being held at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. He replaces Ill: Ronald A Seale 33°, who served in this position for 16 years, since taking the position in October of 2003.

G.: C.: Cole served as the 156th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 2001. Prior to Saturday's being installed as Grand Commander, he served as both the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council and as Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia. On January 1, 2003, he was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council in Virginia and, on October 7, 2003, was crowned as an active member of the Supreme Council. He served as the CEO for the Masonic Home of Virginia in Richmond for many years.

G.: C.: Cole is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, A.A.S.R, and was coronated 33° Inspector General Honorary in October, 2001. He is a member of Blackburg Royal Arch Chapter 65, Blackburg Commandery #32, the Fort Lee-Richmond Camp #72 of the National Sojourners, Kazim Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S, Saint Thomas Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross, Wilderness Road York Rite College, and 9th Grand member of the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana.



Thomas D. Murphy, Jr., 33°
03/24/1920-08/01/2019



Thomas Davidson Murphy, Jr. passed away peacefully in his home and surrounded by love on August 1, 2019 in Austin, Texas. He lived 99 amazing years.

Tom was born on March 24, 1920 in Cordell, Oklahoma to Reverend Thomas D. and Anna Christine Murphy. Tom graduated from Kilgore High School in 1937. He earned a BA in economics and history in 1941 from Austin College, Sherman Texas. Odessa, Texas was his true home, and he lived there from 1938 to 2005 before retiring to Granbury and then Austin. He proudly served his country in WW II. Tom was commissioned an Ensign U.S.C.G.R. at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He served to the rank of Lt. (j.g.) and was an officer aboard the U. S. Destroyer Escort "Pride" in the Afro-European Theater from 1943-1945. At age 97, he took the Honor Flight to Washington DC and was able to finally see the WW II memorial.

Tom's full and successful business career began in 1950, when he co-founded Murphy and Rochester Real Estate and Insurance Company in Odessa. He was always a community leader, dedicated to nurturing others' lives especially through the Masons, the Kiwanis Club and as a Presbyterian church elder. He became a Master Mason on June 28, 1956 in H.A. McFarland Lodge located in Odessa, Texas. Just a few months later he joined the El Paso Scottish Rite during their Fall Reunion. He was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 12, 1965 and on November 17, 1973 the El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies honored him by electing him to the Rank and Dignity of 33°, Inspector General Honorary. He sponsored many candidates into the Scottish Rite through the years.

Tom had a passion for golf, playing all his adult life until age 92, at courses all over the United States and in Europe. His very favorite course was Pebble Beach. He believed that if you just found the golf course, you would be in the most beautiful place wherever you were. He was proud of shooting his age over 200 times, beginning when he was 78 years old. Tom was patriarch of a large and blended family, which was his greatest treasure and comfort. His family life was filled with great joy as well as tragedy. He was married to Dorothy Lee Kimes from 1941 until she tragically died in 1962. He was married to Rubye Prokish Bowers in 1964 until she passed in 2010. He and Rubye spent many happy times in their Air Stream trailer, traveling to golf tournaments and sightseeing.

From the Building Manager:



When asked to post something in this newsletter, I thought “What a great opportunity to bring up healthcare”... NO... not the type being kicked around in Washington; rather the health of something else dear to some of our hearts – the El Paso Scottish Rite Temple itself (our building). As you might know, we have been fixing most problems when they become mandatory; and kicking some down the road... those are the issues I am concerned with and submit this analogy:

If you take care of your home by only fixing “the absolute minimum necessary”, or thinking “no need to fix that - we don’t use it very often”, you would eventually find your home in such poor condition that: nothing will “fix it” - and/or - there would be “too many problems” to warrant the cost.

Thankfully, through the efforts of brethren throughout the years, the issues that exist now are not insurmountable; but if we don’t apply some “healthcare” soon, they just might become so... Hmmm... What can be done you might ask...?

Well, we made a good start with the rubberized coating of the roof, (a massive project that insures our “home” should be nice and dry for the future); however, other issues exist and warrant our attention. Some (probably most) can be accomplished “in-house” with manpower that exists, if some will step up and contribute some of their time.

One of the brothers proposed “Temple work day(s)”. If we can get a small group of dedicated brethren together, we can take on and complete the projects that will put our building back into the condition she needs to be in to face her second century... sure enough, the building will be 100 years old in 2 years time, and brethren; she could use some TLC...

Keep an ear open for further details, or give me a call if you wish to contribute to this endeavor... 915-494-4238

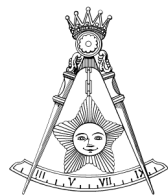
Sincerely and Fraternaly,
 Nicholas J Quarm, 33° - Elect
 Building Manager – El Paso Scottish Rite Temple
 Valley of El Paso

Please join us for our Fall Reunion
October 18-19, 2019
 Honoring
Richard A. Card, 32° KCCH

We are pleased to announce the 2019 Honorees for the Valley of El Paso selected by the Supreme Council in Washington, DC:



Nicholas J. Quarm, 33° - Elect
 Juan M. Navarro, 32° KCCH - Elect
 Ruy Martinez, Jr., 32° KCCH - Elect



Feast of Tishri, Reunion Banquet and 50 Year Award Ceremony

October 18, 2019

Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

2020 Dues

Well, it's once again that time of the year and we have to start asking you for your dues.

Per Supreme Council Statues, your 2020 dues are due to the office no later than 12/31/2019!! – YES that is December of THIS year for your 2020 dues in order to be considered in Good Standing for next year.

Dues notices will go in the mail starting September!

You may pay your 2020 dues starting now at:
<http://my.ScottishRite.org>

As many of you know, we also started to allow people to make payments towards their dues. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Nicole at 915-533-4409 or nicole@elpasoscottishrite.org to get it set up for you.

We also offer Life Endowments at \$1250 if you are under the age of 75 or \$400 if you are 75 and older. Payment plans for Life Endowments are also available through Nicole.



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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| Hector J. Burciaga, 32° | 03/21/1923-04/29/2019 |
| Alfred C. Clayton, 32° | 03/20/1943-06/12/2018 |
| Willard G. Crevasse, 32° | 07/18/1930-07/03/2019 |
| Oscar V. Darr, 32° | 03/15/1918-07/28/2019 |
| Robert W. Edwards, 32° | 07/22/1941-06/21/2019 |
| Thos D. Murphy, Jr., 33° | 03/24/1920-08/01/2019 |
| Robert A. Smith, 32° | 12/10/1930-04/27/2019 |
| Ronald D. Smith, 32° | 09/25/1946-06/26/2019 |
| M. Morris Weiss, 32° | 03/14/1968-06/17/2019 |



Chairman Higgins and Secretary Kane pictured with Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Past Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Grand Master of Texas.



El Paso Scottish Rite Trap Shoot



Patent presentation

from left: Tom Higgins, 33°; Ibrahim Cerda, 32°; Juan Navarro, 32° KCCH - Elect

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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

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is in the hospital or Nursing home,
or is incapacitated in any way.

December 09, 2019
November 11, 2019
NO Meeting in October
September 09, 2019

NO Stated Meeting in April **Stated Meetings:**

October 18, 2019 **Feast of Tishri**
October 18-19, 2019 **Fall Reunion**
Upcoming Events in 2019:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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