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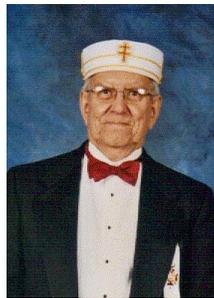
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Message from the Wise Master



Brethren of our Valley:

I want to thank the members of our Valley for their confidence by electing me as Wise Master of the El Paso Chapter of Rose Croix this year. We have just completed our Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony which received many compliments and was well attended. We have another busy year ahead of us, the baseball season is upon us and by the end of the season about 500,000 fans will have passed by our Temple, and it keeps our tour guides busy. In the past month we have had Scottish Rite Brethren visiting us from Brazil, the Valley of Indianapolis, Indiana; the Valley of Palm Springs, California and the Valley of Fargo, North Dakota. We have some big rental events upcoming with Eco El Paso, Pro-Musica, the Consulate of Mexico and several dance recitals.

100 years ago.....

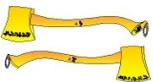
Nationally, Woodrow Wilson was President, bread was 7¢ a loaf, gas was 8¢ a gallon, a first class stamp was 2¢, a penny postcard was really a penny, bacon was 27¢ a pound (steak cost the same) and the average yearly income was \$1,076.00

Locally in El Paso, you could buy a brand new Maxwell Touring Car for \$695.00; Providence Hospital sat on the corner of Santa Fe and Upson (now one of our parking lots); the El Paso Times was published daily in English and Spanish and the subscription price was 75¢ a month; a room in a Boarding House on Missouri Street was \$5.00 per week; a room at the upscale Hotel McCoy was \$1.50 per night and Tom Lea Sr., 32° was the Grand Junior Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Texas and was a candidate for El Paso Mayor.

Our Scottish Rite Bulletin has the General Secretary asking the Brethren if they had paid their poll tax; reminding the members that our Club Rooms are always open to members and visitors; plans were underway for a new Scottish Rite Temple; members were urged to purchase subscriptions to help build the Temple; the railroads would be offering special rates and railcars for our Reunion, the Degree fees were \$137.00 and the yearly dues were \$6.00.

How prestigious and valued was becoming a Scottish Rite Mason in 1915? In 1915 the Degree fees of \$137.00 are the equivalent of \$3,185.05 in 2015 dollars and the \$6.00 dues in 1915 are equivalent to \$139.49 today. Let our goal be to recruit new candidates and make Scottish Rite membership a truly sought after honor! It's a value at the price and the light and knowledge we offer is priceless.

Frank C. Rockabrand, 33°
Wise Master
El Paso Chapter of Rose Croix



Dr. Felix Perryman Miller, 33° August 20, 1874 – August 23, 1956



Felix Perryman Miller was born August 20, 1874 in Turnersville, Texas to William J. and Emeline Miller. He came to El Paso as a child in the early 1880's and stayed only for a short time till his family moved to Colorado City, Texas. Dr. Miller was a pharmacist before he became a physician. He graduated from the University of Texas Medical Department's School of Pharmacy and passed the pharmacy board examination in 1894. In 1899 he graduated from the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. Dr. Miller was credited with being the first doctor to take x-ray pictures in Texas. In 1896, while still a student, he assembled an x-ray machine. He took a picture of a woman's hand with a ring. When placed on exhibit in a Galveston window it caused a traffic jam and police made him take the picture down.

In 1904 Dr. Miller moved to El Paso again. Soon after arriving in El Paso, Dr. Miller plunged into a medical battle to head off a typhoid epidemic. He spearheaded a campaign that gave the city its first water purifying system.

In one of the Juarez battles that followed the outbreak of the Madero revolution Gen. Pancho Villa asked for volunteers to treat the wounded. Dr. Miller responded and since there was no catgut or surgical needles, Dr. Miller ordered cotton thread and darning needles. He treated 100 soldiers in 24 hours and even did abdominal operations with only the crudest of instruments.

Dr. Miller's Masonic history started in 1900 when he became a Mason in Miland Lodge No. 623. He demitted from that Lodge in 1905 in order to join El Paso Lodge No. 130. In 1915 he joined Fraternity Lodge No. 1111 and became one of their charter members. In 1932 he decided to demit from Fraternity Lodge in order to join Five Points Lodge No. 1137, which at that time was located right next to the Masonic Hospital, which he had a hand in bringing to El Paso, and where he was Chief of Staff. In June of 1906 he was a member of the class of the first Reunion of Mt. Franklin Lodge of Perfection and received his degrees through the 14th and took his Rose Croix degrees in 1906. He was a member of a group to whom the 19th through 32nd degree were conferred in El Paso, by teams from Dallas and Galveston. At this time his membership with still in Dallas, but he demitted from them in 1907 in order to affiliate with the newly constituted Council in El Paso and he became a charter member of the Rio Grande Council Knights Kadosh. Later on that same year he also became a charter member for the El Paso Consistory No. 3. He received the honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1913 and received the great honor of Inspector General Honorary 100 years ago in 1915 - making him only the 7th Mason in El Paso to have received this high honor!

Brother Miller was active in the Scottish Rite degree work for over 32 years. He conferred the 32nd degree twice a year for 27 consecutive years, retiring from being Degree Master at the 65th Reunion of the El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies.

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Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH
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

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is Sovereign Grand Commander
ILL. M. Douglas Adkins, 33°
is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas,
and
Hon. Tom L. Higgins, 32° KCCH
is Personal Representative of SGIG
And Chairman of the Executive Committee
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The El Paso Scottish Rite through out the years



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



Patterson J. Ainsworth, 32°	01/23/2015
C. Clifford Akers, 32° KCCH	02/09/2015
Harry P. Bean, 32°	10/22/2014
Herbert D. Haston, 32°	12/29/2014
Lloyd A. Heineman, 32°	03/31/2015
William J. Hill, 32°	02/05/2015
David M. Johnson, 32°	10/30/2014

Jerald D. Johnston, 32°	01/29/2015
Ira T. Jordan, 32°	04/04/2015
Gene G. Rutledge, 32°	06/01/2014
Roy T. Talley, 32°	03/14/2015
Otto W. Thiele, 32°	12/15/2014
Henry D. Waldrop, 32°	03/25/2015
Harry C. Watt, 32°	02/04/2015

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Museum News:
Nicholas J. Quarm, 32° KCCH
Museum Director

The El Paso Scottish Rite would like to convey its appreciation to Bro. Frank C. Rockabrand, 33° for his generous donations to both our Museum and Library, these books and historical pieces are a wonderful addition to our collection and are sure to be enjoyed by many for years to come! The museum has received several other inquiries and it looks like we are on track to some new and exciting displays in the near future. Please remember, the El Paso Scottish Rite Museum is actively looking for items and collections to put on display; contact the Secretary or myself for more information. Masonic artifacts and collections are principally sought; but donations are not limited to any specific source..., if it's interesting or unique, we would love to have it on display!



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

<p>14 September 2015</p> <p>10 August 2015</p> <p>13 July 2015</p> <p>08 June 2015</p> <p>11 May 2015</p> <p>Stated Meetings:</p>	<p>16 and 17 October 2015</p> <p>10 May 2015</p> <p>Fall Reunion</p> <p>Celebrating the Craft</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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