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Message from the Wise Master



Brethren,

The month of June affords us an opportunity for renewed reflection upon the enduring purposes of Freemasonry and the obligations entrusted to us as members of the Scottish Rite. Ours is not merely a fraternity of ceremonial observance, but an institution dedicated to the cultivation of moral discipline, intellectual refinement, and steadfast service to humanity. Within the Chapter of Rose Croix, we are especially reminded of those timeless principles—charity, tolerance, virtue, and renewal—which have guided generations of Masons and continue to hold profound relevance today.

As Wise Master, I encourage every Brother to renew his dedication to the solemn commitments we have voluntarily assumed. The strength of our Valley is measured not only by attendance, titles, or ritual proficiency, but by the sincerity with which we preserve harmony, extend relief, and strengthen the fraternal bonds that unite us. In an age often marked by division and uncertainty, the Scottish Rite must remain a place where wisdom is pursued with humility, mutual respect prevails over discord, and men of differing perspectives may assemble in pursuit of truth and the common good.

This season also invites reflection upon remembrance and renewal, themes deeply woven into the teachings of the Rose Croix. We are reminded that hope, charity, and fidelity to truth remain indispensable virtues within both Masonry and daily life. The ties established within our fraternity are not fleeting associations, but enduring relationships forged through shared labor, trust, and devotion to a common purpose. Our responsibility extends beyond preserving the traditions entrusted to us; we must also ensure that future generations inherit a Rite strengthened by our conduct, stewardship, and example.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of our recent Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony. Your dedication and participation reflected the dignity and solemnity of the occasion. I am likewise grateful to the Brethren whose confidence and encouragement have afforded me the privilege of serving in this office.

Finally, I offer my appreciation to the officers, members, and families whose continued devotion sustains the work of our Valley. Whether through visible labor or quiet sacrifice, your contributions preserve the spirit of brotherhood upon which our fraternity was founded. Let us therefore move forward with renewed purpose, mindful that the true measure of Masonry is found not in words alone, but in honorable conduct, fidelity to principle, and faithful service to others.

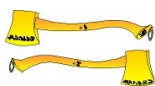
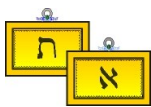
Faternally,

Ismael Gutierrez-Ñ II, 32° KCCH

Wise Master

El Paso Chapter of Rose Croix

Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam





KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW:

A LEGACY OF SERVICE, A FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP

Within the Scottish Rite, few organizations embody the spirit of service more completely than the Knights of Saint Andrew (KoSA). Built upon humility, dedication, and unwavering commitment, the Knights quietly serve behind the scenes to strengthen the Valley through ritual work, ceremonies, education, mentoring, and countless acts of support.

Membership in the Knights of Saint Andrew is open to active **32° Masters of the Royal Secret** who have demonstrated a desire to serve their Valley. Whether assisting during reunions, supporting degree work, mentoring new members, or helping with community outreach, the Knights exemplify the principle that true leadership begins with service.



Since the chapter's founding in **2011**, the Knights of Saint Andrew have become an integral part of the Valley of El Paso, providing dependable leadership through service rather than recognition. Their commitment has strengthened every aspect of the Valley and helped prepare future leaders.

In 2026, the Valley of El Paso is celebrating a historic milestone. For the first time in the chapter's history, all four Scottish Rite Bodies will be led by members of the Knights of Saint Andrew. This remarkable achievement is the result of years of dedication, teamwork, and servant leadership.

This accomplishment reflects not only the officers who will serve in the coming year but also every Knight who has quietly contributed to the growth and success of the Valley. Their willingness to serve wherever needed has built a culture rooted in humility, excellence, and brotherhood.

As the Valley of El Paso looks toward the future, this milestone reminds us that when service becomes a way of life, leadership naturally follows. The Knights of Saint Andrew will continue their tradition of faithful service while helping guide the Valley into its next chapter. The Valley of El Paso congratulates the Knights of Saint Andrew on this historic achievement and looks forward to a year marked by unity, servant leadership, and continued excellence.

Adapted from an article written by Jean Carlo Sanchez, 32°



The Two Hundred-Sixty-Seventh

El Paso Scottish Rite
Fall One-Day Reunion

Honoring

Willard "Arnie" Simms, 33°





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



William A. Bowhay, 32°	12/30/1936-10/21/2025	Richard A. Mattinson, 32°	03/07/1933-11/01/2024
Gerald V. Conner, 32°	03/10/1945-12/12/2025	Robert A. Pierce, 32°	05/30/1942-12/26/2025
Douglas G. Foster, 32°	03/09/1943-09/24/2024	Marion L. Thompson, 32° KCCH	01/05/1927-07/21/2025
Jimmy L. Hardin, 32°	02/05/1947-05/16/2025	Weldon C. Warren, 32°	01/07/1931-12/14/2025
Donald R. Knight, 32° KCCH	10/29/1957-03/15/2025	George D. Wintle, Jr, 32°	10/19/1932-05/16/2025

Scottish Rite Supports Leadership Recognition at JROTC Awards Ceremony



Each year, the **Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction** proudly recognizes outstanding Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadets through the presentation of the **Scottish Rite JROTC Award**. This national award honors cadets who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, patriotism, and a commitment to continuing in the JROTC program.

By encouraging leadership, integrity, and civic responsibility, the award reflects the Scottish Rite's enduring commitment to developing future leaders of character. Presented in cooperation with local JROTC units, the medal serves as a reminder that the values of honor, service, and dedication extend beyond our fraternity and into the communities we serve.

The Valley of El Paso was honored to participate in this year's JROTC Awards Ceremony at El Dorado High School, celebrating the accomplishments of students who exemplify these ideals through their dedication to leadership, citizenship, and service.

During the ceremony, **Pete Loaiza**, dressed in the distinguished **Heroes of '76** uniform, presented the **National Sojourners Award** to an outstanding JROTC cadet. The National Sojourners Award recognizes exceptional military proficiency, leadership, and devotion to the principles upon which our nation was founded.

Also representing the Valley of El Paso Scottish Rite were **Edwin Sirin** and **Saad "Shake" Sheikh**, whose presence reflected the Valley's ongoing support of programs that encourage young men and women to become principled leaders and engaged citizens.

Through programs such as the Scottish Rite JROTC Award and our participation in local recognition ceremonies, the Valley of El Paso continues the Scottish Rite tradition of investing in the next generation. By honoring young people who demonstrate leadership, integrity, patriotism, and service, we help inspire those who will lead our communities and our nation in the years ahead.



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ILL. James D. Cole, 33°
is Sovereign Grand Commander
and

ILL. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°
is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas,
and

ILL. Juan M. Navarro, 33°
is Personal Representative of SGIG
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Stated Meetings:
July 13, 2026
August 10, 2026
September 14, 2026
NO Stated Meeting in October
November 09, 2026
December 14, 2026

Upcoming Events in 2026:
Feast of Tishri
October 16, 2026
Fall Reunion
October 17, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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