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Message from Commander of Kadosh



Dear Brethren,

I am profoundly honored and exceedingly grateful to accept the esteemed position of Commander of Kadosh in the Scottish Rite. This distinguished nomination fills my heart with deep gratitude and a strong sense of responsibility.

As we embrace the Chinese Year of the Snake—a potent symbol of transformation—we find ourselves at the threshold of renewal, where life is constantly reborn with new beginnings. Freemasonry has provided us with invaluable tools and timeless wisdom to navigate and enact these essential changes in our lives.

As a young boy, I remember seeing my grandmother putting away old things to start the new year fresh—cleaning our beds, replacing linens, and ensuring we were tidy and ready for a new beginning. As Masons, we must continue this tradition of transformation and diligently work on ourselves.

As articulated by the Grand Lodge of Texas, "Freemasonry is a progressive science, and the improvement of the mind is one of its objectives." This profound statement challenges us to commit to continuous self-improvement and embrace the wisdom our ancient and honorable craft imparts.

We also draw inspiration from the teachings of the Scottish Rite SJ, which remind us, "Through Masonry, we learn to adapt and transform our lives with integrity and honor." This guiding principle should serve as our beacon as we fulfill our Masonic duties and serve our communities with unwavering integrity.

Finally, Brothers, let us not forget those who are ill, in need, or no longer with us. Unity is a bond that can never be broken, and with Love, Hope, and Charity, we can profoundly improve our world.

In light of these principles, let us focus on two pivotal dates of great significance to our fraternity:

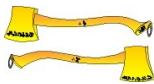
- **Feast of Tishri: October 17, 2025**
- **Fall Reunion: October 18, 2025**

These dates are moments for reflection, celebration, and renewed commitment to the bonds that unite us as Masons.

Let us unite our efforts and collective energies to make this year one of transformation, personal growth, and renewal. Together, we can reach remarkable heights and continue to uphold the noble tenets of Freemasonry.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Lorenzo J. Sosa, 32°
Commander of Kadosh



El Paso Scottish Rite - 2025 Honorees

Please join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to Illustrious Brothers Juan Navarro and Ernesto Rodriguez, who were coronated as 33° Inspectors General Honorary.

We also proudly recognize Honorable Brothers James Beale and Ismael Gutierrez, who were honored with the rank of 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.





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



Carlyle E. Hansen, 32°	10/05/1932-09/04/2025
Alvie W. McClung, 32°	12/28/1935-05/19/2025
Arnold C. Slack, 33°	01/13/1927-09/08/2025
Eldon A. Welch, 32°	09/13/1929-01/26/2025



The Two Hundred-Sixty-Sixth

El Paso Scottish Rite Fall One-Day Reunion

Honoring

Ill. Joe Don Melton, 33°

October 18, 2025

In Loving Memory of Ill. Arnold C. Slack, 33°



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Illustrious Brother Arnold Cecil Slack, 33°, of Odessa, Texas, who departed this life peacefully on September 7, 2025, at the age of 98.

Born on January 13, 1927, in Louann, Arkansas, Brother Slack was a proud U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a devoted Master Mason of Fellowship Lodge for over five decades.

He joined the El Paso Scottish Rite on October 22, 1969, and served faithfully as a Degree Team Member and Degree Master of the 8° Degree. His dedication was recognized with the rank of 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1991, and he was coronated a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2007.

Brother Slack was also a committed Shriner and a passionate supporter of the Shrine Hospitals, exemplifying the values of compassion and service throughout his life.

He is lovingly remembered by his daughters Kim (Larry) Sears, Sandy (Warren) Lopata, and Nancy (Max) May; grandchildren Ashley, Josh, Paige, Jackson, Luke, Grace, Darren, and Kayla; and great-grandchildren Zereniti, Clay, Taylor, Alexia, Bryson, and Asher. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Erma Gean Slack.

Brother Arnold Slack will be remembered for his unwavering dedication, kind spirit, and lifelong service to Masonry and his community. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Feast of Tishri

October 17, 2025

Dinner at 6:30 PM

RSVP mandatory!

(915) 533-4409 or nicole@elpasoscottishrite.org

At your earliest convenience,
but **no later than October 06, 2025**

WANTED



Candidates for Scottish Rite

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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

Hon. Juan M. Navarro, 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 08, 2025

November 10, 2025

Stated Meetings: NO Stated Meeting in October

October 18, 2025

October 17, 2025

Upcoming Events in 2025:

Fall Reunion

Feast of Tishri



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