



McAlester Scottish Rite

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Masonic Center Hours:
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed Noon
to 1:00) Monday–Thursday, Closed
on Fridays
305 2nd St.
McAlester, OK 74501
918-423-6360

Upcoming Events:

1st Thursday of the Month

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 11:00 AM McClintocks, Stockyards

2nd Monday of the Month

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

5th Thursday of the Month

McIntosh Chapter Scottish Rite
6:00 pm Lake Country Dinner

Note: Scottish Rite Chapters and Societies, be
sure to notify the office of any changes in
meeting place and times.

Advisory Council and Officers

Wade Massey, 33°, Chairman

Mike Ebert, 33° General Secretary

William C. Cox, 33°, Member

Phillip Johnson, 33°, Member

Harrison Bartlett, 33° Member

Greg Stiedley, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

Mike Echols, 32° KCCH, Wise Master

Paul Larcade, 33° KCCH, Commander

Bryan Pumphery 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

A new year is a fresh start on the calendar; full of hope and potential. It is our hope that our efforts reach their highest potential in the goals of the Valley of McAlester.

There are several important events that occur almost every year. The month of January begins with the installation of the 2025 officers on Monday, the 13th. The first Lodge of Perfection meeting will be busy with the process of installation of new officers for the Bodies of the Valley. The 2025 Masters for the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory are elected and ready to serve.

The McAlester Scottish Rite Center will have two 2-day Reunions in 2025. The Spring Reunion on April 12th & 13th and the Fall Reunion on October 1st & 2nd. The potential for candidates is always optimistic. We can make it happen.

Our Brethren who are eligible for Fifty Year Membership Awards will be recognized in ceremonies prior to the Spring Reunion.

In the past the Supreme Council has made four Observances obligatory. They were Presidents' Day, Maundy Thursday, Feast of Tishri and Education Week. While no longer obligatory, they are still observed by the Valleys. All are important but the Feast of Tishri celebrates thanksgiving and the Scottish Rite,

The Supreme Council meets every 2 years in a biennial session. At the session the business of the Council is conducted for the next two years and Scottish Rite Honors awarded. Worthy brethren will be invested in to the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and others will receive the 33rd Degree, the highest degree of the Rite. The dates for the session in 2025 are August 17th-19th at the House of the

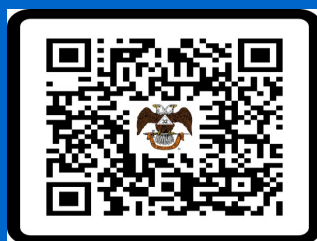
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Dr. G. David Donathan, 33° President
Brett Cable, 32° KCCH Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
Bruce Hall 33° Trustee Emeritus
Advisory Council Trustees
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

You can petition the Scottish Rite for membership online at the following link:

[Online Petition](#)

Or scan this QR Code



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Upcoming Reunions:

2025

April 12-13

October 11-12

Masonic Website on Interest

Supreme Council 33 Southern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Supreme Council 33 Northern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma

Scottish Rite, Valley of Guthrie

Scottish Rite, Valley of Tulsa

Scottish Rite Research Society

NEW YEAR (continued)

Temple in Washington, D.C. Registration information will be in the Scottish Rite Journal and on-line.

These are just a few of the activities involving the Scottish Rite Masons. In our Valley's jurisdiction the potential for growth is great; the laborers are few. Let's change that in 2025.

Speaking of potential,

GRAND COMMANDER'S FELLOWS MEET FOR LARGEST "SUMMIT."

From the Scottish Rite journal

The Fellows program is designed to develop the future potential of a select group of men as leaders in the Scottish Rite. The 2024 Grand Commander Fellows Summit took place the weekend of August 16-17. The 2024 class was the largest in the Program's history., 107 Fellows attending from 27 different Orients. The summit began with a buffet dinner and a talk by Grand Archivist and Historian, Ill. Arturo DeHoyos, 33°, G.C. about the history of the House of the Temple.

Attendees then were able to explore the Temple and see several of our new exhibit rooms. Grand Commander James D. Cole, 33° gave a personal tour and showcased some of his favorite items and gifts he has received during his tenure.

On Saturday, the Fellows attended a full day of workshops and lectures presented by members of the Supreme Council and past Fellows. These talks were designed for improving Valley operations and the membership experience. That night the Fellows returned to the Temple with their spouses for a 4-course meal in the George Washington Memorial Banquets Hall. The wife of the Grand Commander, Mary Ann Cole, took the spouses into Grand Commander's office to thank them for their commitment and dedication. A group photo was taken with the record-setting class of 107 Fellows on the Grand Staircase to commemorate the occasion.

John Leonard, 33°

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SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY



Mon., Jan. 13, 7:00 pm; Stated Mtg
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
--- 2025 Officer installation—
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
All members welcome.

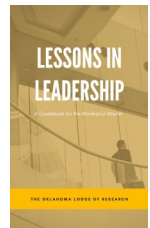
Wed., Jan. 15, 12 Noon; Luncheon
Muskogee Scottish Rite Chapter
Muskogee Lodge building
Dining Room in basement
Please use south door.

Fri., Jan. 17; Birthday
Ben Franklin was born on
this day in 1709
Founding Father of U.S.A.

Sat., Jan. 25; Birthday
Bro. Robert Burns was born on
this day in 1759
Poet Laureate of Masonry

Mon. Jan. 27; Birthday
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
was born on this day in 1756.
Composer of "The Magic Flute"
an opera with Masonic undertones.

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST
"Lessons in Leadership", A Guidebook
for the Worshipful Master."
The Oklahoma Lodge of Research



Freemasonry, for more than half a century, has
been in a steep decline. The men who came before us and
now sit on the sidelines have failed at their attempts to
right the ship.

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BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST (continued)

They have become the drones of Freemasonry, simply buzzing from their seats with strains of "that won't work," and "we already tried that". And to be fair, they did try, they lacked the working tools we now have; data and technology.

In the 21st century, an incredible undertaking has been initiated to quantify the challenges that Freemasonry faces. This "research" may be the most important information to understand and transmogrify into actionable plans for local and state Masonic organizations.

(from the book)

Available from the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.



THE MASTER'S APRON

by Bro. Robert Burns

*There's many a badge that's very grand
With ribbon, lace and tape on
Let kings and princes wear them all,
Give me the Master's apron!*

*The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at home or roam afar,
Before his touch fall bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
When he but wears the apron!*

*For wealth and honor, pride and power
are crumbling stones to base on
Eternity should rule the hour,
and every worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.*

*Then Brethren, let a wholesome song
Arouse your friendly ranks along.
Good wives and children blithely sing
To the ancient badge with the apron string
That is worn by the Master Masons!!*

THE 17TH DEGREE KNIGHT OF THE EAST AND WEST



While many of the Scottish Rite degrees are infused with quotes and paraphrases from Scriptures, here the events in the drama and many of the words in the ritual are directly taken from the Revelation of God through Jesus Christ to St. John the Evangelist. This is the last book of the New Testament and is also called the Apocalypse to St. John, from the Greek apocalypses meaning revelation. Generally, apocalypses are secret books intended for the initiated.

The fundamental idea in the Apocalypse is the East will one day dominate the whole of the world again and the final victory will be Israel's. The document predicts an awaiting catastrophe for the world, the Second Coming of Christ and the glorious future that awaits mankind after the last decisive conflict, the triumph of good over evil.

DUTIES

To work, to reflect, and to pray. To hope, and to trust, and to believe. To teach the truths that are hidden in allegories and concealed by the symbols of Freemasonry.

LESSON

An army of martyrs have offered up their lives to prove their faith or benefit mankind.

FOR REFLECTION

Can Masonry teach religion without being a religion? What is the meaning of the vacant chair in the ceremony?

The great truths which Masonry has maintained were shared in common among many of the ancient religious philosophers, of course the name given to a concept was different from one creed to another. Pike briefly summarizes these great truths; these

from "The Bridge to Light"

HISTORY: "Daniel Hailey 33°"

Resource: "The Daniel M. Hailey Collection"

by Trasen Akers, KCCH

Bro. Daniel M. Hailey received his first three degrees in McAlester Lodge No. 9. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 15, 1877, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 12, 1877, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 10, 1877. As was his nature, he did not intend to be just a dues paying Freemason.

At that time in Oklahoma history, the most active body of higher degrees was the York Rite with its Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees. Beginning with the Chapter degrees, he was exalted to the august degree of Holy Royal Arch at Indian Chapter No. 1 in McAlester on May 15, 1878. He would serve as the high priest of Indian Chapter in 1898 to 1899. A few years later, in 1908, he would hold the office of Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Indian Territory.

Continuing with the York Rite, Bro. Hailey was created a Knight of the Temple at Coeur DeLeon Commandery No. 17 at Parsons, Kansas on October 5, 1886. Hailey eventually served as the Commander of McAlester Commandery No. 3, and in 1902 served as Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Indian Territory.

In the center of all that activity, Bro. Hailey managed to take the degrees of Cryptic Masonry (the Council degrees). On June 20, 1888, he received the Royal and Select master degrees at Oklahoma Council No. 1 in Atoka, Indian Territory. In 1901, he served as the Grand Illustrious Master of Royal and Select Masons in Indian Territory.

Bro. Hailey received the degrees of the A.A.S.R. Scottish Rite on October 1889. The degrees were communicated to him by Robert W. Hill, Deputy of the Supreme Council, in Muskogee. As a Scottish Rite Mason, Hailey was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1897. He received the 33rd Degree, Inspector General, Honorary on October 24, 1899. Fourteen years later he was appointed the Deputy of the Supreme Council and rose to the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Oklahoma. He still held this office when he passed away.



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HISTORY: "Daniel Hailey 33°" (Continued)

Note: At the Biennial session of 1911, William L. Boyden gave in his librarian's report, that the library had received the "Hailey Collection" of nearly a thousand volumes on art and architecture. This was a gift from Dr. Daniel M. Hailey, 33°, of Oklahoma. He also stated that with this collection and others that had been received "would help to make it one of the foremost libraries in the world for literature."

(The Lodge of the Double Headed Eagle") end note

AT THE END,

On October 14, 1919, with the entire family at his bedside, Dr. Daniel M. Hailey passed away. Funeral services were at his home the following afternoon, with the Rev. W. Mark Sexton presiding.

The Temple quartet and Indian Consistory band provided the music. The Kadosh rites were held at midnight at the Masonic Temple.

He was buried in his Major-General uniform in the Masonic section of Oak Hill Cemetery in McAlester.

Although his name does not appear on any street corners nor are there any outward signs of Dr. Hailey's work in McAlester, he has to be considered as one of the four "town-builders" of early day McAlester. He must be put in the same company as J.J. McAlester.

(Later when the De-Molay chapter was organized, it was named the "Daniel M. Hailey" Chapter.)

"We don't need more men in Masonry, We need more Masonry in men!"

Don Jones, 33° Editor

