



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

To all our Brethren and their families, we wish you a full year of Happiness, fulfilled goals, new achievements, and new inspirations in 2018.

From all of the officers and staff, all the best of life in the new year.



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

Upcoming Events:

January 3rd
Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan
January 5th
Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
December 8th
Lodge of Perfection Meeting, 7:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
January 5th
Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Shrine, Temple Noon
February 1st
Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

Note:

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

Advisory Council and Officers

Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Chairman
Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary
Dr. Doug Auld, 33, Member
William C. Cox, 33, Member
D. Larry Roberts, 33, Member
Dr. Gregory Rogers, Venerable Master
Rual Luna, KCCH, Wise Master
Daniel Beck, KCCH, Commander
Truitt McCarty, KCCH, Master of Kadosh
R. Bruce Hall, 33, Treasurer

McALESTER 2018 REUNION DATES

April 14-15, 2018
October 20-21, 2018

NOW is the time to visit with a Master Mason about the becoming a 32nd Degree S.R. Mason.

SUGGESTED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 2018

This year I will complete the "Master Craftsman" Masonic Education program of the Scottish Rite. Check the Supreme Council web site or check in the McAlester Valley office.

"Chin up, chest out," Make a commitment today!
(Education leads to Knowledge; Knowledge is POWER)

HABITS DEVELOPED AT SEMINARS.

After a speech at a tech conference on "Tips for Going Paperless," the floor was opened to questions. "I have," one person said, "Where are the handouts?"

R. Bruce Hall, Chairman
Dave Donathan, Vice-Chairman
R. Bruce Hall, Treasurer

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Masonic Website of 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](#)

[McAlester RiteCare Clinic](#)

SCOTTISH RITE BIRTHDAYS OF NOTE

December 29: Albert Pike, Past Grand Commander
We are all familiar with Bro. Pike and his dedication and accomplishments for the Rite. His leadership for many years set the "roads to follow" for the brethren.

January 25: Robert Burns, Scottish Poet,
We honor Bro. Burns for his contributions to culture, his wit and his love for the Rite. Several Valleys hold celebrations for this day with festive boards and conclude them with his ever popular "Auld Lang Syne."

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Monday, Jan. 8, LOP Meeting 6:00 PM
Election of 2018 Officers



Monday, Feb 12, Meeting Day for All the Bodies.

1:00 p.m., S.G.I.G.'s McAlester Advisory Conference

4:30 p.m., Officer Orientation

6:00 p.m. Dinner in Elmer Hale Dining Room

7:00 p.m. Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix,
Council of Kadosh and Consistory.

Followed by Officer Installation.

All events are at the McAlester S.R. Center.

FAMOUS & NOT SO FAMOUS QUOTES

None but myself ever did me any harm.

Napoleon 1

The wise man does not lay up treasure. The more he gives, the more he has.

Chinese Proverb

There is very little in life worth paying full price for. J. Paul Getty

It isn't how you start in life, it is how you end up.
Lionel Richie

FAIR IS FAIR

A fellow named Larry won the lottery and dashed downtown to claim his prize. "Give me my \$20 million," he tells the man in charge.



"Sorry, but it don't work that way," the man says. "You'll get a million today, and the rest will be spread out over the next 19 years."

Larry is furious. "Look I want my money. And if you're not going to give me \$20 million right now, then I want my dollar back."

DR. BARTIS M. KENT, 33, RECEIVES 70 YEAR JEWEL FROM OKLAHOMA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

When Sir Knight Kent was 21 yrs. old and living in Houston, Texas, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar had their Triennial Conclave in Houston. He was so impressed with the parade activities that he started asking questions about the organization. He soon had a petition to join Masonry. He had never heard of Masonry . The masons in the area where he grew up were so secret about Masonry, though his uncle was a past master of the lodge.



He asked for, and received a petition and was accepted. After being raised as a Master Mason he petitioned the Ruth Commandery #2 in Houston and jointed the drill team. In 1958, he moved to Muskogee, OK. He demitted his Masonic membership to Muskogee and became a member of Muskogee Commandery #2 served as its Commander in 1971. He entered the Grand Commandery line and served as the Grand Commander in 1991. As a Past Grand Commander he remained active in the Grand Commandery serving as an (continued page 4)



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Inspector for the Work and Tactics Committee. He also served the Muskogee Commandery as Prelate. He retired when age and health issues forced him to cut back his Masonic activities. As a member of the McAlester Scottish Rite, Dr. Kent served on degree teams, the Advisory Conference and for many years was the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Congratulations Dr. Kent on receiving your service jewel for 70 years of faithful service to Oklahoma Masonry.

GUARDING YOUR MEMORY

New research reveals what works -- and what doesn't.

1. Physical Activity- Just do it!
2. Brain Games - work puzzles, crosswords, sudoku
3. aluminum based antiperspirants are safe to use
4. Eating the Mediterranean Diet is good.
5. Vitamins & Supplements - don't really help memory
6. Friends & Family group activities - very good.
7. Take ginseng? No Help
8. Managing Blood Pressure - One of the most important things to do. Follow your doctor's advice and suggestions.

AARP Bulletin

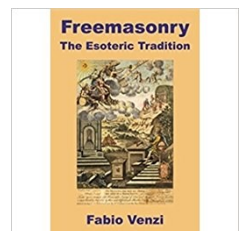
BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"Freemasonry, the Esoteric Tradition"
by Fabio Venzi,

The belief of this author is that Freemasonry has descended from an esoteric initiate experience into a social and philanthropic society, but that it has the potential to restore itself to its original esoteric self.

The author explains, at length, what the word "esoteric" really means and suggests that a truly esoteric subject cannot be fully understood by the uninitiated while the initiated has no need either to study it or explain it to the uninitiated .

Available through Amazon.



"WHAT DOES THE SCOTTISH RITE DO?"

How would answer this question when asked by a non-Mason or Master Mason?

--Other than that it gives an education in Morality, Ethics and Philosophy. Thereby causing men to be better Thinkers, Citizens, Fathers & Husbands, Examples of Good Men for the younger generations.

--- Supports education with a successful Scholarship Program funded by Masons in the past and current members who consider Education of a Nation important.

-- Provides and supports speech language programs for children through its RITECARE classes for children with communication difficulties.

Support YOUR Valley's philanthropies with your contributions. A child somewhere is depending on US for HELP!



THINK ABOUT IT

Two snowmen are standing in a field when one says to the other, "Do you smell carrots?"



WISDOM FROM THE PAST,

by Olin Meacham, 32, KCCH (Oklahoma Mason, Jan., 1930)

It appears that Socrates made the discovery that fraternity is an actual fact; and that human nature is universal.

It appears that when Albert Pike was born there arose in the firmament of Masonry its brightest star. And when he died, a light went out as if a cloud had passed over.

It appears that a man goes groping through this world of darkness until he stumbles onto a Masonic lodge, where he is led to its altar follows the light he there shall find.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

One year after the 1911 biennial session, in October, 1912, the International Conference of Supreme Councils was held in Washington, D.C. With the Conference set to begin on the 7th of October, the Grand Commander called for a "special session" of the Mother Supreme Council on Oct. 4 in order to expedite the conference.



For this purpose, with 24 members and visiting delegates attending, Inspector General Charles Buck of Louisiana gave the "opening address". Eight of the delegates gave responses. With this, often time-consuming business done, G.C. Richardson made the following appointments for the Council: Lt. Grand Commander, George Moore; Grand Chancellor, Charles Rosenbaum; and Grand Prior, Henry Teller. Richardson then declared the international conference open and adjourned the Mother Council "subject to call."

Our resource author, William Fox, is of the opinion that nothing "of historical significance" to our Supreme Council was discussed at the conference held in Washington.

However, the "special session" of the Council considered and passed 2 resolutions of importance. The first was from the report of the Executive Committee. It stated that the current estimate for Temple renovation did not include the estimate of \$350,000 for the interior. This number included the architect's fee of \$17,000 and \$75,000 for furniture and equipment. The 2nd resolution called for creating a 5 member committee to develop a "permanent" fund for Fraternal Assistance. This had been proposed earlier by Albert Pike but not much had been done. Charity had not been an important mission to the Active Members and, though the resolution passed not much changed.

Grand Commander Richardson presided over his last biennial session in 1913. His Allocution for the session was impressive.

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Resource: "Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle)
by William Fox



Masonic Fact



Built in 1892, a Masonic building used to be the world's tallest building.

The Masonic Temple in Illinois, building in the world at the time it was built and it is 22 floors high.



"What a man does for himself in this life dies with him.
What he does for others lives after him."

Albert Pike (paraphrased)

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