



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:

January 31st

McIntosh County SR Chater

Belle Star Restaurant, Eufaula 6:30 PM

February 6th

Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,

Jimmie's Egg, Duncan

Comanche County SR Chapter dinner mtg.,

Salsa Mexican Cafe, Lawton

February 7

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon

McAlester Scottish Rite Cente

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,

OKC 1100

February 11th

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

McAlester Scottish Rite Center

February 11th

President Day Observance

Wine Tasting 6:30 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

February 20th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite

Masonic Temple Noon

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

Advisory Council and Officers

D. Larry Roberts, 33 Chairman

Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary

Jack Inman, 33, Member

William C. Cox, 33, Member

Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member

Richard Lerblance KCCH, Venerable Master

Ryan Bibee, KCCH, Wise Master

Tom Keenze 33, Commander

James Harlow III, KCCH, Master of Kadosh

***"BRO. MASTER MASON, IF YOU CAN...
do this, you can be a Scottish Rite Mason.***

When you strive :

To seek that which is the most worth in the world,

To exalt the dignity of every person, the human side of
of our daily activities and the maximum service to humani-
ty,

To aid mankind's search in God's Universe, for identity,
for development and for destiny, And thereby achieve bet-
ter men in a better world, happier men in a happier world,
and wise men in a wiser world. You will attain to the ulti-
mate goal in mankind's oral, spiritual and intellectual de-
velopment.

A man with a worthy goal in life is a successful man. For
more information call 918-423-6360 or ask a 32nd Degree
Scottish Rite Mason. Trust me, you know one.

**Next Reunion Date:
April 13-14, 2019**

VALLEY MEMBER JOINS SUPREME COUNCIL'S "ACACIA GUILD"

With his contribution, Bro. Billy P. Dale, 32, a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of McAlester, has become a member of the "Acacia Guild". The Guild is a program of the Development Dept. of the House of the Temple The contribution of \$1,000 is split equally between the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation and the RiteCare Childhood Learning program.



Our congratulations to Bro. Dale.

Charitable & Education Foundation

R. Bruce Hall, 33 President
Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
Advisory Council Trustees
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

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Upcoming Reunions:

2019

April 13-14

October 19-20

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](#)

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Thurs., Feb. 7, 12 noon, S.R. Luncheon
Indian Chapter; McAlester Masonic
Center. Meal and short program.

Thurs., Feb. 7, 11:30 am, OKC Luncheon
McAlester S.R. Luncheon in OKC.
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur
Good food, fellowship and short
program on Masonry.



Mon. Feb. 11, Annual Mtg of L.O.P.; Chapter
of Rose Croix; Council of Kadosh & Consistory
for election & installation of 2019 officers.
McAlester Masonic Center; Elmer Hale Dining Room
4:00 pm, Orientation
6:00 pm, Dinner
7:00 pm, Open Lodge of Perfection and
Installation of Officers.
All Officers MUST be installed.

Tues. Feb. 19th, Presidents Day Observance
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Elmer Hale Dining Room
Dinner at 6:30 p.m., catered by the
Meeting Place restaurant.
charge 1 person - \$15.00; 2/\$25.00
Hosted by Indian Chapter of the S.R.

Mar. 30/31; Tulsa S.R. Reunion
2-Day; Tulsa Scottish Rite

Apr. 5-7; Guthrie Scottish Rite
3-Day Reunion
Guthrie S.R. Center

Apr. 13-14; McAlester Scottish Rite
2-Day Reunion
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
McAlester, OK
"The tallest building on the highest hill"

FOR OUR NEWER SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

(Organizations you can enjoy working with at Valley reunions)

"The Order of the Symbolic Chain"



The Order of the Symbolic Chain, commonly known as the "Chain Gang" was organized in 1933 at the Valley of McAlester by 14 young Scottish Rite members. It has only one purpose,- to give service in behalf of the Valley.

Members under 40 years of age wear red ribbons supporting the chain medallion. Those over 40 wear purple ribbons. Charter members of this, the Mother Chapter, wear gold ribbons. When you see a ribbon, regardless of color, don't hesitate to call upon the wearer for assistance. His willingness to help you is his "duty". One of the Chain Gang's functions is the operation of the "snack" bar, the concessions & jewelry sales among other projects. All profits go to aid the Masonic Center to purchase new equipment, kitchen appliances and support of the RiteCare Clinic.

L.O.P. STATED MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2019

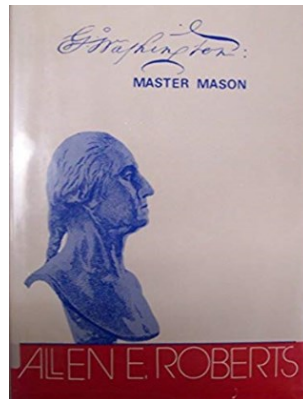
The Membership Report indicated that at the Valley began 2018 with 2,273 members. The Gains during the year were: 50 initiations, 4 affiliations and 8 reinstatements. During the year there were 87 reported deaths and 93 suspensions for non-payment-of dues. The total membership as of Dec. 31, 2018 was 2,143. However the number of losses for the year will be closer to 192 members when all of the Dec., 2018 numbers are in.

March 30, 2019 has been selected for a Perpetual Pathway degree day in McAlester.

(The Lodge of Perfection stated meeting is open to all Scottish Rite Masons. It is held in the Richards' Rom of the S.R. Center at 7:00 PM on the Second Monday of the month.)

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

George Washington, Master Mason By Allen Roberts



Of all the books written about George Washington, this is one of the few which approaches the man from a human interest standpoint.

In this book, we learn what the man was really like,; how his friends, neighbors, soldiers, and statesmen regarded him. The author has let Washington tell his own story . His own words, as he wrote them at the time are used throughout this story of his life.

(c. 1976, Macy publishing & Masonic Supply Company, Richmond, Virginia)

THAT'S JUST AN OPINION

Dora had returned from Sunday school where she had been for the first time.

"What did my little daughter learn this morning?" asked her mother.

"That I am a child of Satan," was the beaming reply.

BUDGETS

"What is a budget?"

"Well, It is a method of worrying before you spend instead of afterward."



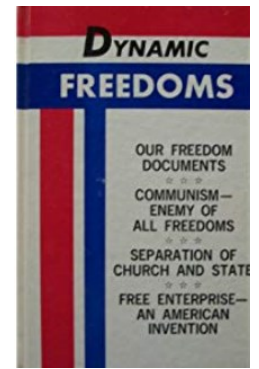
VALLEY OF JACKSONVILLE PROGRAM FEATURED IN "SCOTTISH RITE JOURNAL"

The Valley of Jacksonville has made good use of a book that the Valleys used to give to each candidate. The article in the [Journal](#) describes how Jacksonville is making good use of the book, "Dynamic Freedoms" in the public schools of their county.

To promote Patriotism (a mission of the Scottish Rite) the book contains the documents that lead to our laws and legal rights today. Apparently many of the local school administrators and teachers have found "Dynamic Freedoms" to be a valuable asset to their civics and history programs.

If you are interested in having this book, our Valley has a few copies which will be available "for sale" for less than ten Dollars at the next Reunion.

Just check at the Valley office.



THE MAGNA CARTA

The liberties we enjoy didn't suddenly spring into being. They were developed and fought for over long periods of time. And the Magna Carta, or Grand Charter, was the first step toward constitutional liberty for all people of the English-speaking world, It was signed by King John in 1215.

At the time of King John, there was much unrest in England and the nobles saw a chance to get back some of their privileges. So they drew up a list of their demands about the old rights they wanted back. The King twice refused to consider them. But when the barons gathered an army to oppose the king, he had no choice but to sign the Magna Carta on June 15, 1215.

THE MAGNA CARTA continued:

The original Magna Carta had had 63 articles, and 3 of those have importance for us. (1) declares that no free-man shall be deprived of his life or property without a verdict of his equals or by the law of the land. (2) that justice shall not be sold, denied or delayed, and (3) taxes cannot be levied without the consent of the barons.

So you can see how life, property, justice, taxes, are all being considered in a new way, a way that is practiced by our government today.

(From "Dynamic Freedoms").



EXCERPT FROM "THE LETTER "G" by Charles Duffie



*If Masonry does what we claim for it,
We should guard our tongues lest we forget,
To use that great high Name with care,
While employed at work or engaged in prayer.*

*For the world is watching both you and me,
To see if we honor the letter "G",
And our lives and teachings they compare,
To see if we're plumb and on the square.*

LAW AND ORDER

A woman asked a judge if she could get off of jury duty, insisting that side effects from her medication could interfere with her ability to concentrate.

"What are you taking?" asked the judge.

"A fertility drug," she answered. "I'm trying to get pregnant."

"And what are the side effects?"

"It gives me a headache," she said.

MAY I RECOMMEND

...that you read the editorial article by our Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33, in the latest "[Scottish Rite Journal](#)" The emphasis, as I get it, is that "Masonry is work."

You know, and I know, that a craftsman must be proficient in his craft to do good work. The key word here is the feared 4-letter word, WORK. If we are to be good Masons, we must be proficient, not just in memorizing the categorical lectures, but in the practice of the tenets and principles of our Order.

Let us all, from the Entered Apprentice in the northeast corner to the 33rd Degree strive this year to be more proficient in our Craft.

[\(Read the article\)](#)

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Early in 1924, G.C. Cowles received a letter from a Scottish Rite Mason who resided in Indiana. The Brother stated that he had been "invited" many times to join the Ku Klux Klan. He wanted to know if the Supreme Council considered the Klan a "proper organization" for a Scottish Rite Mason. In his response, Cowles wrote that the Klan was a "separate & distinct" organization from Freemasonry and no Masonic Body should have connection to it. He also stated that no Masonic Body has the authority or right to tell a Mason which organizations he can belong to.

Cowles received another letter from an Indiana S.R. Mason enquiring about the "Fellowship Forum: and Past G.C. Moore's promotion of the publication which basically had become a tool of the Klan. Cowles response to this Brother was that since the Past G.C. owned the publishing company, he would naturally support the "Forum". So it was that Masonry and Masons was expressing some concern about the Klan.

Note: In the fall elections that year, the Ku Klux Klan gained a majority in the Indian state legislature as well as the governor's office and one congressional seat.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The Supreme Council met in "annual" session on Sept. 24, 1924 in Charleston, S.C. The Council opened the session in the S.R. Temple and later, convened for 2 days in "Shepherd's Tavern", the birthplace of the Mother Council of the Rite in the western Hemisphere.

G.C. Cowles opened the session with comments about the importance of the location selected for this session. The historical significance was emphasized to those in attendance. In his Allocution, the G.C. expressed "regret" that the Federal Court of Oregon had declared the "Oregon School Amendment" to be unconstitutional. This law had been supported by the Supreme Council and Scottish Rite. The Amendment had mandated that all children in Oregon must attend the public schools and that English be the only language used. The decision had been appealed to the Supreme Court of the U.S. Cowles felt that the Supreme Council should be involved in the appeal with its own attorney,,,,,which they did. As it turned out, the U.S. Supreme Court did "not" overruled the lower court.

The Committee in the Tuberculosis Sanitarium & the Committee on Benevolence & Fraternal Assistance reports informed the Council that a special sub-committee on the subject had been created. The sub-committee's report would inform the Council of the recent results of a U.S. Bureau of Public Health survey. This survey indicated that the average life span of Americans was increases which, in its opinion, negated special services for the disease. So, no action was taken by the Supreme Council"

The session concluded with a "pilgrimage" from the Tavern to St. Michaels Church to the grave of Frederick Dalco, a founder and the 2nd Grand Commander of the Mother Council. Back at the Tavern, Cowles suggested that the Supreme Council order and provide a proper tombstone for Dr. Dalco's grave. No doubt, this was approved.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

With this done, the "annual" session was closed. The Council began to prepare itself for a busy "biennial" session in 1925.

to be continued.

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

***"Let us inspect our inner self and inquire into our own acts and motives."
31st Degree, Inspector Inquisitor***

Editor Don Jones, 33°

