



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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I AM A MASTER MASON, WHY JOIN THE SCOTTISH RITE??



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:

February 1st
Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100
February 2nd
Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
February 7th
Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan
Comanche County SR Chapter dinner mtg.,
Salsa Mexican Cafe, Lawton
February 12th
Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Dinner 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
February 21st
Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

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

Simply stated, the goal of the Scottish rite is to provide a forum for a Man's moral and spiritual and intellectual development.

The Rite provides guidance for you to seek that which is the most worth in the world.

To encourage you to exalt the dignity of every person, the human side of Your daily activities and the maximum service to humanity.

To aid you search in God's Universe for identity for development and for Your destiny.

That You may achieve Your quest of being a better man in a better world and a wiser Man in a better world.

HOW DO I JOIN?

The Valley of McAlester is taking petitions NOW. Call the office at 918-423-6360, ask a Brother who is a 32nd Degree Mason or petitions will be available at the website www.mcalesterscottishrite.org.

SPRING REUNION IN McALESTER

April 14-15, 2018
Saturday & Sunday

Your Quest to fulfill your Destine begins in McAlester.

Charitable & Education Foundation
R. Bruce Hall, 33 President
Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President

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Upcoming Reunions:

2018

April 14-15, 2018

October 20-21, 2018

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](#)

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma
Reprint of 1935 book by the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma.

This book offers a comprehensive survey of the early history of Freemasonry in Indian Territory and Oklahoma. It is a classic text that is a recognized source on the subject and includes 21 chapters on a broad range of topics.

(Available from the [Okla. Lodge of Research](#))

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

FYI: If you have a S.R. meeting, dinner, event and need to get the word out to your area members, please send your information to the Cherie Hamilton at the Temple Office (918-423-6360). The office will send the notices to your members with no expense to your chapter, club or membership group. However help with the postage would be appreciated.

Feb. 1, Thursday, 11:30 a.m., SR luncheon OKC Golden Corral at I-40 & MacArthur in OKC. John Salisbury, 33, Chairman invites all Masons & primarily McAlester members to attend. (Always a short program of Masonic interest)



Feb. 12, Monday, Valley Bodies officer installation. McAlester Scottish Rite Center
4:00- Orientation for ALL incoming officers, elective and appointive.

6:00-Dinner & meeting in Elmer Hale Dining Rm. Installation of Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh & Consistory. (ALL INCOMING OFFICERS MUST BE PRESENT)
All Valley members are invited and welcome.

VALLEY ACTIVITIES (continued)

Wed., Feb. 22, 6:00 p.m., Presidents' Day Observance
Host-Indian Chapter of Scottish Rite Society
McAlester S.R. Center; Elmer Hale Dining Room.
Dinner first, program after. The Commanding Officer
of the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant will speak.

Note: The observance of Presidents' Day by all S.R. chapters and/or clubs is a required activity by the Supreme Council. Check with the General Secretary.

IS THAT SO!

--Everything in the modern home is controlled by an "app" except the children. .

-- Technology has been developed that will throw a speaker's voice more than a mile. Now we need technology that will throw the speaker an equal distance.

-- It takes 3 generations or one good guess in the stock market to make a gentleman.

-- My ex-wife was deaf. She left me for a deaf friend. To be honest, I should have seen the signs.

--A man who sits in a swamp all day waiting to shoot a duck, is the same man who will be upset if his wife is 10 minutes late with dinner.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS WE REMEMBER

Abraham Lincoln: was born on February 12, 1809. He was an American statesman and U.S. President from March, 1861 until his assassination on April 18, 1865. As President, he held the Union together during a bloody, hard fought Civil War. The Union victory preserved the nation and brought about the abolition of slavery. Lincoln was not a Freemason but did not disparage the fraternity either.

GEORGE WASHINGTON: was born on February 22, 1732 He was a Virginia farmer. He became a Mason in Lodge #4 in Fredricksburg , VA. Washington was the first Commander-In-Chief of the Army. In 1788, before he became the first president , he was elected the first Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge, No. 22.



Dr. JAMES TRESNER, 33, G.C. TO RETIRE AS BOOK REVIEW EDITOR OF THE "SCOTTISH RITE JOURNAL"

Well-known and respected Bro. Jim Tresner, 33, G.C., member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite has announced his retirement from his office with the "Scottish Rite Journal." Bro. Tresner has blessed Oklahoma Masons many years with Masonic education, degree ritual revision, and shared his vast knowledge of Masonry with the new, young Masons.



His complete biography may be read in the January-February issue of the "Journal". You will observe that Bro. Jim has served in many offices and received many honors. He truly has lived a Mason's life with dedicated perseverance.

Bro. Tresner has certainly lived up to the motto of his hero, Albert Pike, 33.

"What we have done for ourselves dies with us; what we have done for others, and the world, remains and is immortal."

WHAT IS CO--MASONRY?

Co-Masonry is a form of Freemasonry which admits both men and women. It began in France in the 1890s with the forming of "Le Droit Humain," and is now an international movement repressed by several Co-Freemasonic administrations throughout the world. Most male-only Masonic Lodges do not recognize Co-Freemasonry, holding it to be irregular or clandestine.

from Wikipedia



HOPES REALIZED

Bill: "Have you ever realized any of your childhood dreams?"

Pete: "Yes; when my mother would used to comb my hair, I often wished, 'I didn't have any'".



THE "SCOTTISH RITE JOURNAL" PUBLISHED A 4TH ARTICLE WRITTEN BY OKLAHOMA MASON.

The "Journal" has published a 4th article which continues the innovative Masonic tour guide for Masons. Bro. Dan Hantula, 32, a member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite and Past Illustrious Master of the Gran Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma began his guide of Masonic wonders in architecture beauty and order several years ago. Bro. Hantula spent several vacations touring the U.S., taking pictures, notes and preparing his guide.

His latest adventure may be found on [Page 8 of the January "Journal"](#). It might make our vacation trips more interesting if we were to take this information with us. Taking the time to stop and see the "wonders" in his guide, I think, would be the best complement one can give our industrious Brother.

From the GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN WEB SITE

After visiting with a Brother at the Lodge of Research meeting last Saturday, my curiosity led me to follow up. He had told me that the Japan G.L. web site was interesting, so I looked it up.

"Do you tell your friends that you are a Mason?" This question was the title of a page (written in very small font) about membership. Imagine, and entire page with ideas for introducing a non-Mason to the fraternity, a list of suggestions for visitation of "open" meetings. and all sorts of ideas and aid in promoting the fraternity to our fellow man. Interesting.....



Japan Website (continued)

My Brother also mentioned that the Grand Lodge, while not condoning it, mentioned the existence of Co-Masonry. It's existence is a fact and they admit it.

It is usually always interesting to check our other Masonic organizations web sites. You, the reader, may have noticed that I usually check out regional Valleys sites for information. Interesting.....

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The biennial session of 1913 met in Washington, DC on October 19 of that year. Grand Commander Richardson began his Allocution with the most current membership numbers. He informed the Council that the U.S. now had over 1,500,000 Masons of which over 150,000 were Scottish Rite Masons of both the Northern & Southern Jurisdictions.



The G.C. brought attention to the date of December 24, 1914 which would be the 100th anniversary of the end of the War of 1812 and the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. He felt that this date was worthy of Masonry in the U.S. to celebrate. Since the date was Christmas Eve, I did not see where the Supreme Council agreed to this proposal.

Richardson reported that in 1912, the Council had donated and sent an "unspecified amount" of money to the Councils of Turkey and Greece. This contribution was for the relief of victims in the 1st Balkan War.

The G.C. then acted to make "improvements" to enhance stage production of the S.R. degrees. He had decided that all S.R. Temples "should have well-equipped stages with all the necessary and essential equipment and accessories." He also reminded the Valleys that some of the degrees were better exemplified in Lodge settings and to be prepared for this. He anticipated that those degrees appropriate for the stage would be better understood and more open to introspection.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Near the end of the Allocution, the G.C. informed the Members of a new organization from North Carolina. It was the "Masonic and Patriotic Order of Masons." Membership was limited to Masters and Past Masters. It is noted that the patriotic nature of the new organization was "used" to frame the S.R.'s patriotic stand in later years.

Contributions to the Supreme Council Library were always welcome and the G.C. announced that the estate of William R. Smith, the former superintendent of the National Botanical Garden, left Bro. Smith's collection of book collection of Robert Burns, the unofficial poet Laureate of Freemasonry. This valuable collection was well known and was received with much excitement.

Other business concerned the election of George Moore as the Lt. Grand Commander. Br. Moore wrote the ritual for the K.C.C.H. investiture ceremony and was the current editor of the "New Age " magazine. (The following year, he would move the office of the magazine from New York to Washington, D.C.) While on this subject, the Supreme Council did away with the magazines Board of Trustees and replaced it with a committee of 5 of which would be appointees of the G.C.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation, the Council passed an amendment for the Statutes which made important changes to elections. The Grand Commander would require a 2/3 majority and all other offices, a simple majority. This would require that the candidate for G.C. to have "substantial" support. This Statute is still in force today.

The Finance Committee reported that work on the House of the Temple was proceeding satisfactory. The Committee also recommended that the Secretary General be the custodian of the Temple also to be in charge of the employees of the Temple. It was not until the session of 1915 that this recommendation was approved and the salaries of the Secretary General and Grand Commander were increased.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

These developments later were termed as being "significant" in the history of the Scottish Rite. There were three actions (1.) A change in administration was imminent and the Council had prepared for changes; (2) The Supreme Council had "tightened its control over the officers;" and (3) the rise of the man, John H. Cowles, who later would be Grand Commander. Bro. James Carter made the observation in "The New Age" magazine that the actions taken by the Council in the 1913 session gave it more control and would help to eliminate a formerly haphazard, one-man, operation.

G.C. Richardson, who had been ill for some time, died on July 24, 1914 in Murfreesboro, TN.

(to be continued)

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

*"Nature is the handiwork and self-evident proof
of God."*

18th Degree, Knight Rose Croix .

Editor Don Jones, 33°

