



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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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 14th

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite Center

January 16th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon
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

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

***"This is a new Year
the Lord has given us.
Let us rejoice and be glad."
(paraphrase from the Great Light of Masonry)***

This week has been full of talk of "resolutions" and "setting goals" by great numbers of people,,,perhaps you have set new goals for 2019.

May I suggest one that comes to mind. For All Freemasons, Let us resolve that this year we will become "better" Masons. How can this be accomplished.

When we attend our Symbolic Lodge degrees, our Scottish Rite reunion, our York Rite field days,,,,,, we almost "passively" hear it again, the tenets, principles, and moral and ethical teachings of our Order.

So, I will start by saying, "In 2019, I will re-visit the teachings of my Fraternity with my attendance and remind myself every morning." "Today, I will strive to to be a better Mason, for God and in all my labors for mankind."

Donald G. Jones, 33°

OKLAHOMA KNIGHT TEMPLAR RECEIVES MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Mark K. McFadden, Muskogee Commandry #2, was recently presented the Bronze Award for his membership work in the Muskogee and Oklahoma York Rite.

Sir Knight McFadden is a dedicated Mason and a credit to the fraternity in Oklahoma.

Congratulations, Mark!

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

Notice: The Indian S.R. Chapter has changed their monthly luncheon day to the First Thursday of the month. Please mark your calendars. The Chapter meets at 12:00 noon in the Elmer Hale Dining Room of the McAlester Center.

Notice: On your left (on page 1) is a list of chapters or clubs with the day, time and location of meeting. Please refer to the list or you may call the Office at 918-432-6360 for more info.

Mon. Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m., Stated Meeting
Lodge of Perfection at the McAlester
Scottish Rite Center.
Open to Scottish Rite Masons



Mon. Feb. 4, 10:00 a.m. Advisory Conf.
S.G.I.G. Advisory Board Officers &
Foundation Trustees, Valley of McAlester
Center Conference Room.

Thurs. Feb. 7, Scottish Rite Luncheon
Valley of McAlester, Okla. City
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OKC
11-30 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

Thurs. Feb. 7, 12 noon, Luncheon
Indian Chapter of McAlester & Pittsburg, Co.
Elmer Hale Dining Room at the Center

Mon. Feb. 11, Annual Meeting of Bodies
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
Orientation for new officers at 4:00 p.m.
Donner in Dining Room at 6:00 p.m.
7:00 PM- Lodge of Perfection; Chapter of
of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and the
McAlester Consistory.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

VALLEY ACTIVITIES (continued)

Tues. Feb. 19. 6:00 p.m., Presidents' Day
McAlester Masonic Center Dining Room.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the
patriotic program. Hosted by Indian Chapter



FOR OUR NEWER SCOTTISH RITE MASONS (Organizations you can enjoy working with at Valley reunions)

In the previous issue we brought you information about the Ducks (quackers). Now we present"

The Knights of St. Andrew *Valley of McAlester*



This group is a service organization established to assist the Director of Work in his official duties and to recognize worthy members of the Rite. Members of the Order may perform ceremonial duties or assist in degree presentation.

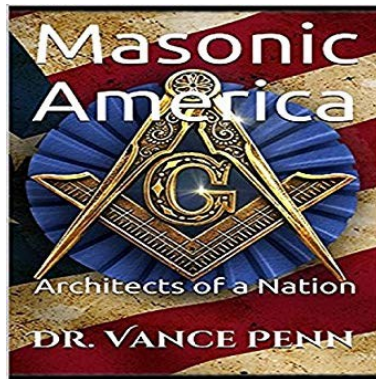
Only members of the McAlester Scottish Rite who have not been honored with the title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor are eligible for membership in the Knights. Membership is therefore only for 32nd Degree Masons and is by invitation only.

Current Venerable Master: Stephen Noahubi, 32 Secretary is Nick Noahubi, 32

MR. LUCKY

After a fruitless year of entering the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes, online; a brother Mason suddenly drew a blank on his pass-word. He clicked the new pass-word option on the website and waited for the company to e-mail it to him. A hour later, he got it. The pass-word they gave him: loser61.

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST



Masonic America By Dr. Vance Penn

The author takes an unusual approach to the popular subject of Famous Masons. For each brother profiled in his book, he connects an unusual event to profile the Mason. In doing so, Dr. Penn points out how that brother used his Masonic principles to contribute to a successful outcome.

c. 2018; 168 pages, \$12.99

FAMOUS DeMOLAYS, (but not Masons)

Mel Blanc

The voice of Bugs Bunny and other cartoon characters.

Frank Borman

Apollo 8 astronaut & CEO of Easter Airlines

Walt Disney

Art and entertainment visionary

Mark Hatfield

Former U.S. Senator and governor of Oregon

Harmon Killebrew

Major league baseball Hall-of-Fame

Pete Rose

Major league baseball star

Fran Tarkenton

Football Hall-of-Fame quarterback



VALLEY OF SANTA FE HOSTS NATIVE ARTISTS SHOW

Sixty-eight world-famous native artists participated in the Southwest Association for Indian Arts Santa Fe Market August 18-19, 2018. The event was held at the Valley of Santa Fe Scottish Rite Masonic Center. It is estimated that more than 4,900 attended over the 2 days. The Native Artists presented their artworks in the spacious dining and ballroom of the Center.

(Scottish Rite Journal, Nov.-Dec.)

PETS & PET OWNERS

A lady's dog was over-weight, so the vet gave her some diet pills for the dog. On the return visit, the dog's weight was unchanged. The vet asked if she was having trouble getting the dog to take the pills.

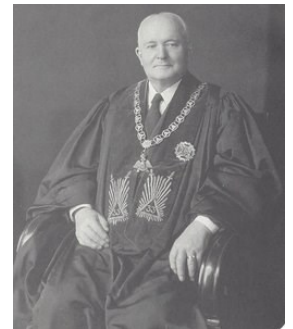
"Oh no," the lady answered.
"I hide them in her ice cream."



A sight-impaired person was in a grocery store with her guide dog when the manager asked, "Is that a blind dog?" The lady said, "I hope not, or we are both in trouble."

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Following the "special" session held in Salt Lake City in 1922, the Supreme Council met at the House of the Temple in "regular" session in October, 1923. Grand Commander Cowles presided.
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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The Secretary General's report on membership and finances was given first. As of Dec. 31, 1922 the total membership of the Southern Jurisdiction was 215, 697 Scottish Rite Masons, an increase of 12.5% since the previous year. Gross receipts, as of August 31, 1923 were \$1,869,532 which made for a total funds figure of \$11,609,532. Disbursements through the end of 1923 totaled \$2,045,552 of which \$696,000 was in government bonds. The figures indicated the "healthy state" of the Rite for the beginning of G.C. Cowles 3rd year.

The G.C. began his Allocution by informing the Council that a "bronze bust of himself" a presentation of the Supreme Council of Italy had arrived . Arrangements were then made by the Committee on the House of the Temple to have an appropriate pedestal made and the bust placed in a prominent location.

The G.C. made the comment in his Allocution about the use of the words "cathedral" and/or "temple" being used by some of the Scottish Rite Bodies. He thought this was an "improper" term for a SR. Building. The use of the names had come from the Valleys purchasing and repurposing church buildings for S. R. use. Many of the structures had the words engraved in stone on the front the building and were costly to remove. Cowles made no further remarks on the subject.

Continuing the Allocution, the G.C. proposed that the "Great Work" (his reference to philanthropic programs) should include a hospital dedicated to the treatment of tuberculosis patients. A committee of three was appointed to study the proposal and report at the next session. It was evident that the Council wasn't sold on the proposal. Later in the session the Committee on Fraternal Assistance reminded the Council that its request for \$50,000 had all ready been delayed for several sessions. The funds were again approved but nothing done for another 7 years. (So much for philanthropy.) (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Cowles, as part of his Allocution, informed the Supreme Council that the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Orient of Oregon had supported a referendum requiring "compulsory attendance in public schools" The G.C. also informed the Council that the Supreme Council's 'Capital News Service' was continuing to supply newspapers in the S.J. about the need for public education, compulsory attendance and the Scottish Rite's other educations programs.

Regardless of the Members attitude for spending large sums of money for charity, the Scottish Rite program to promote "community service" was being successful. Many Masonic lodges had reached out to sick children and worked diligently in their communities for vaccination programs and medical needs. Polio was a particular concern.

In other business, the SGIG of Georgia had nominated Dr. Michael Hooke, the surgeon-in-charge of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Decatur, GA. In his nomination SGIG Hyman Witcover stated that Dr. Hooke had been the staff since 1915 "without fee or reward". The Supreme Council approved that Dr. Hooke be made KCCH and the 33rd Degree for Inspector General Honorary. And the degree fees were waived.

At the Salt Lake City session in 1922, a provision for a Committee of One for the "revision and recodification" of the "Statutes" was made. The G.C. appointed Edward Day, the Grand Minister of State for the job. The final work was presented to the Council at the 1923 session and approved. This was considered to be one of the most important accomplishments of the session.

On the last day of the 1923 session, the Council approved the contribution of \$5,000 to earthquake relief to the Valley of Yokohama, Orient of Japan. This was part of a relief drive by American Masonry's support of the American School of Japan. The Council also approved \$10,000 for the aid of Scottish Rite Masons of Japan.

A short time later after the 1923 session, G.C. Cowles received a letter from a Brother in Indiana concerning the Ku Klux Klan. Cowles response will be covered in the next issue.

(to be continued)

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



FREEMASONRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

For the year, 2019, the Valley of the McAlester Scottish Rite of Freemasonry wishes that you may be blessed with the greatest of all blessings-- Happiness-- the quest of youth and age-- of prince and the pauper, of the beggar in rags and the rich clothed in purple and fine linen.

May Peace ad Harmony enrich your life.

Editor Don Jones, 33°

