



# McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



[www.mcalesterscottishrite.org](http://www.mcalesterscottishrite.org)

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## IT'S HERE! REUNION TIME!

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**



**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:

#### October 14th

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,  
Meeting at 7:00 pm

#### October 10th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon  
McAlester Scottish Rite Cente

#### October 16th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite  
Masonic Temple Noon

#### October 19-20 Fall Reunion

McAlester Scottish Rite Center

#### November 6th

Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,  
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan

Comanche County SR Chapter dinner mtg.,  
Salsa Mexican Cafe, Lawton

#### November 7th

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  
Brett Cable, Venerable Master  
Jimmy Whitfield, 33°, Wise Master  
James Dulin, KCCH, Commander  
Michael Bibee, Master of Kadosh

The Valley officers and the office staff are ready; the letters, Petitions and schedules have been mailed; the degree teams have been practicing; the stage, back and front, is ready, the dining room menus are set and food ordered; the Temple has been dusted, waxed and vacuumed and we are now in the anticipation stage.

Now,,,,,what do we need? Oh, yes,,,,,



## CANDIDATES!!!

### Master Masons NEED THE Scottish Rite.

Freemasonry is mystical and as such is satisfying to the spiritual hunger and thirst of man. In Blue Lodge Degrees, our spirits and minds were stirred as we sought more and more Light. There is however, still a thirst for more, and more of what we received in the Blue Lodge.

For me, personally, it was an introduction to new ideals and making new friends who have now been life-long brothers.

When you were raised as a Master Mason, you had feelings and thoughts that you will only have once. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The same is true when you take the Scottish Rite Degrees and become a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Freemason.

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**  
**October 19-20**

**2020**  
**April 18-19**  
**October 10-11**

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](#)

## **HOW TO BE A CANDIDATE IN THE OCTOBER REUNION FOR FREE!**

For this Reunion, the initiation fee of \$175 is to be "waived" if you agree to purchase a Perpetual Endowed Membership for the price of \$950 in the McAlester Scottish Rite.

You will NEVER have to pay dues for life and your membership will continue to preserve our Order after you are raised to the Grand Lodge above.

For information, call the Office at 918-423-6360

## **DON'T MISS THESE REUNION EVENTS**

--- **Friday** ; FISH FRY dinner to benefit the RiteCare Children's' Clinic; 6:30 PM sponsored by the Lions of Judah and Ducks. In the main Dining Room.



---**Saturday / Sunday** Silent Auction from 8 a.m. on Saturday to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday to benefit the RiteCare Clinic. Located in the Dining Hall next to the Men's Lounge. Sponsored by the Lions of Judah.

---**Saturday**; 2:00 p.m.; Member Education in the Richards' Room.

---**Sunday**; 1:00 p.m.; AWARDS PRESENTATION in the Richards' Room

---**Sunday**; 2:00 p.m.; Member Education, Richards' Room

--- Check out the **Museum** during the Reunion. Bro. Trasen Akers has some new exhibits and made some improvements since last spring.

**Saturday/Sunday**--Scottish Rite Degrees

# VALLEY ACTIVITIES

**Mon. Oct. 14;** 7:00 pm; LOP Stated Mtg.  
McAlester Lodge of Perfection  
Richards' Room; West Side of Temple  
Open to McAlester S.R. Masons

**Fri. Oct. 18;** 6:30 pm; Fish Fry Fund-raiser  
Hosted by the Ducks & Lions of Judah  
Benefit for the RiteCare Clinic  
\$10 per person;  
Elmer Hale Dining Room of the Scottish  
Rite Center ; McAlester

**Sat./Sun.; October 19-20;** McAlester Reunion  
McAlester Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
Sat.7 a.m.; Registration, Main Lobby

**Sun. Nov. 3;** Honors Day for S.R.  
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
Guthrie, OK  
1:00 pm-- 33rd Degree  
3:30 p.m. KCCH Investiture  
5:00 p.m.--Banquet

**Fri. Nov. 8:** Grand Lodge Opens  
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
Evening events: Banquet and Awards  
Presentations.

**Sat. Nov. 9;** Grand Lodge Business Session  
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center'  
Voting: Grand Lodge officers, Masonic Charity  
Foundation Trustees, Resolutions and  
Committee Reports.  
Approx. 6:00 p.m.; Installation of Grand Master  
and other Grand officers.



## 7 RULES FOR A HAPPY WIFE & HAPPY LIFE

1. Don't nag.
2. Don't try to make your partner over.
3. Don't criticize.
4. Give honest appreciation.
5. Pay little attentions.
6. Be Courteous.
7. Read a good book on the sexual side of marriage.



## HOW McALESTER'S BEGAN, 150 YRS AGO

**150**  
YEARS

Now McAlester is the county seat of Pittsburg, County in Oklahoma. However, in 1869 when James J. McAlester settled at the "Crossroads" it was in Indian Territory. The "Crossroads" at that time was where the "Texas Road" and the "California Trail" crossed. Mr. McAlester already knew about the outcroppings of coal in the area.

His store, a tent at first, prospered. His business was further helped along in 1872 then the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway constructed a line nearby. The Railway called their station "McAlester" and in 1885, the U.S. Post Office made the name official. J.J. McAlester had married Rebecca Burney in 1872. Ms. Burney was the daughter of a prominent Chickasaw family and Mr. McAlester became a citizen of the Nation. The marriage therefore enabled J.J. to acquire the control over the region's coal claims.

Following this, J.J. and 3 partners leased land to the Osage Coal Mining Co. which was served by a railroad spur. This began the coal mining industry of Indian Territory. The thriving community of McAlester grew quickly and in 1890 had a population of 3,000 residents.

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## HOW McALESTER'S BEGAN, 150 YRS AGO

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In 1889 an east-west railroad was built by the Choctaw Coal and Railway (later, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway) This railroad intercepted the "Katy" railway 1 and 1/2 miles south of McAlester. This event caused a new settlement to start at this cross-roads, South McAlester. By 1900 the population here South McAlester, 3,470 and "North Town" -- 62.

So today we have "Old Town" and "New Town". McAlester Masonic Lodge #9 which was located in "Old Town" is now located about halfway between the two communities.

(Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History)

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### THE GOLDEN YEARS

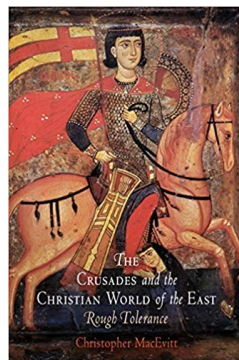
A commercial boasted that its product could help people live pain-free in their golden years. "Am I in my golden years," the 63 year old wife asked. "Not at all," the husband assured her, "But you are yellowing fast."

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### BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Crusades and the Christian World of the East: Rough Tolerance"

by Christopher MacEvitt



This book is a most interesting and informative work that details the Frankish Levant in the century following the First Crusade, (1087--1187). During this time period, it operated within a larger Middle Eastern world and it gives a detailed explanation of inter-religious and social relationships between Western and Eastern Christendom. The book is a "must read" for anyone desiring to extend their knowledge of how the Frankish overlords interacted with the native population control in Outremer.



## THE SACRIFICES WE MAKE

"Has your diet changed?" the doctor asked the 87 yr old woman he was admitting to the hospital.

"Yes," she said. "For Lent, I gave up whipped cream on my Jell-O, hard candy and my 2 beers at night, (pause) And look where it's got me."

## HAPPY THOUGHTS

Good fortune attend each merry man's friend,  
Who doeth the best he may;  
Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs,  
To drive the cold weather away.  
(Old English)

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## SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

After World War II, a period of social change began to stir in the United States. Major events were to signal the end of Jim Crow laws and the quest for civil rights by African-Americans.

The changes in Masonry sort of began when the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in March, 1947, approved a resolution which allowed for cooperation and mutual aid with Prince Hall Masonry. In effect, Massachusetts was recognizing Prince Hall as "regular". Several Grand Lodges spoke loudly against such an action, especially Texas and Florida and particularly the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction.

At the biennial session in October, 1948, G.C. Cowles, in his Allocution, stated his resentment for the action when he said, "it was settled some 70 years ago," a reference to the end of Reconstruction. He also expressed his rejection of the story that Albert Pike had given his Rituals to the Prince Hall Supreme Council. There is no documentation of this but Pike probably would not have written it down or told anyone. However, the Prince Hall Supreme Council has always claimed that its Rituals came from Pike.

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## SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Despite the fact that Cowles had visited foreign Scottish Rite Supreme Councils composed of non-white Masons, he was a determined segregationist. He stated that while some Negroes were upstanding citizens, faithful Christians and Good Prince Hall Masons, it would be impossible to draw the line (at the ballot box. My words). Overall, much conversation continued to be made about Negro Grand Lodges never being "regular" and the Prince Hall Scottish Rite never accepted by "regular" Supreme Councils.

With all the controversy and negativism that occurred, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts rescinded its action in July, 1949.

It was a case before the U.S. Supreme Court with Chief Justice Earl Warren, a Mason, presiding which was argued by Prince Hall Mason Thurgood Marshall that changed it all. In 1954 the Supreme Court overturned the "Plesy vs. Ferguson, 1869" decision with its ruling of the "Brown vs. Board of Education, Topeka, KS" in 1954.

Grand Commander Cowles barely lived long enough to see the changes coming in the "new age".

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

*"Compromise is the essence of the democratic process."*

*Walter Isaacs; "Ben Franklin"*

