



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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CONGRATULATIONS!!



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:

November 3rd

Honors Day

Guthrie Scottish Rite

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

November 11th

Feast of Consistory

6:00 PM

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,

Meeting at 7:00 pm

November 12th

Education Dinner, McAlester Scottish Rite

Center 6:00 PM

November 14th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon

McAlester Scottis Rite Cente

November 21st

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

Brett Cable, Venerable Master

Jimmy Whitfield, 33°, Wise Master

James Dulin, KCCH, Commander

Michael Bibee, Master of Kadosh



McAlester Scottish Rite Bodies
October Reunion
October 19-20, 2019

Left to Right
Row 1: Mark Halyard, 33°-Director of Work; Stephen M. Buoy-Class President; Michael A. Ebert, KCCH-General Secretary; Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°-Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma; D. Larry Roberts, 33°- Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G.; Jessie S. Rinehart-Class Vice President
Row 2: Kanneh Sivad-Class Supervisor; William McCas, 33°-Class Supervisor; Shane R. Kincaid; Douglas N. Crowson; Alfred A. Giaccotti; Wesley D. Seaman-Class Orator; John Paul Todd-Class Secretary; Joshua A. Collins; Kevin W. Pope-Class Supervisor
Row 3: Link Mock-Class Supervisor; David T. Edwards-Class Historian; John D. Honey; Randy D. Thompson; Eddie O. Howard, Jr.-Class Chaplain; Benjamin J. Dildine; Braden L. Feren-Class Treasurer; Ted L. Williams; Mark McFadden, Class Supervisor; Michael S. Wright, KCCH-Class Supervisor

to our newest Masters of the Royal Secret. Your "true" journey in Masonry has just begun. Your 32 Degrees have sent you on the right path to be a success in living your life.

We, the "old" brothers are here to help you navigate the vicissitudes of this life. Don't hesitate to ask.

Happy trails to You!

THE FALL REUNION HAS COME & GONE **NOW WHAT?**

Brethren, now is the time to remember OUR Obligations. We now have 17 mew Scottish Rite brethren to nurture into the brotherhood of the Rite.

It is our duty to invite them to our activities between Reunion. Check the list on the right side of this page for a Scottish Rite Chapter or Club meeting in your area. INVITE a new brother to go with YOU. If there happens to be an Education Nite in your area, invite a new brother to attend, with YOU. If your area has a S.R. Degree Team, contact the Director and introduce the new brother. If a Dept. Supervisor is in your area, introduce our new brother to HIM.
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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:

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](#)

THE FALL REUNION HAS COME & GONE

NOW WHAT? (Continued)

It's simple Just be a Brother. And when the next Reunion comes, invite HIM to go with YOU. You may be surprised at how pleasant it is.

THE TEMPLE, POST-REUNION.

Almost before the the 32nd Degree Team has created new Masters of the Royal Secret, the Staff was beginning the post-reunion work.

The office staff will mail out "congratulatory" letters to our new S.R. Masons, letters of thanks to the reunion workers & degree teams , inventory and order materials and books, fill out and mail reports to the Supreme Council and all the other administrative work that is always required.

The Building Superintendent and his staff will be sweeping, mopping, dusting, picking up trash and in general giving the Temple a good cleaning. Considering that our Temple has over 100,000 square feet, this is more than a 1 to 3 day job.

And THANKS to all the volunteers. Without you there could not be Reunions. We can't thank each one of 200 men so your names are in the Reunion books. Thank You.

Cannot leave our Leah and Jim Whitfield. They provide the "goodies" for the Ladies Lounge. And Leah sets every thing up. She is the hostess with the "mostest." Thank you, Leah.

We APPRECIATE ALL of You!!

Photo of our new Boiler. This new boiler is about 2/3 the size of one of our old ones and has as much capacity to heat as all three of them did.



VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Nov. 3; Honors Day
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33rd Conferral -- 1:00 p.m.
KCCH Investiture -- 3:30 p.m.
Banquet follows ceremonies.
Honor Men only; RSVP required.



Thur. Nov. 7; 11:30 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.
SPECIAL LUNCHEON , OKC
Host: McAlester S.R. Council of Kadosh
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OKC
"Feast of the Manifesto"
Speaker: Don Jones, 33
M..C. John Salisbury
Special guests; Officers of the Council.

Fri./Sat./, Nov. 8-9, GRAND LODGE OF OKLA

Friday: Grand Lodge opens
Grand Masters' Banquet 6:00 p.m.
Support our McAlester Brother M.W. Mike Dixon
KCCH and "break bread" with him this evening.

Saturday: Grand Lodge business session
Voting; Committee reports; Vote on Resolutions
6:00 p.m.: 2020 Officer Installation
Please attend and support our McAlester Brother
R.W. Bob Peters, 33., the Grand Master
for 2020.



Mon. Nov. 11, 6:00 pm; Feast of the Manifesto.
McAlester Consistory - Host.
"Celebrating the first meeting of the Supreme
Council of A.A. S.R."
McAlester S.R. Elmer Hale, Jr. Dining Room
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Gary Stinson, 33, Duncan, OK
##Feast will be followed by the Lodge of
Perfection stated meeting.



REUNION FUND-RAISERS FOR RiteCare Clinic

Fish Fry - \$1700.00

Sponsored by the Ducks & Lions of Judah.

Silent Auction -- \$1100.00

Sponsored by the Duck

Thank you to all those who donated items;
time, money and especially YOUR ATTENDANCE.

The 55 inch T.V. Raffle was won by Brother Bill Pearce 33,
of Coweta, OK. Brother Pearce has been the Tulsa S.R.
Director of Work and is a Past Illustrious Grand Master of
the Grand Council, York Rite of Oklahoma.

WEATHER, OR NOT.

A military base commander called to complain that the
weather forecasting software the company made for them
kept reporting unexplained wind shifts.

"Do you know where the radar is located," the worker
asked.

"Of course," the commander responded.

"It's where we park the helicopters."

"GIVE ME A GRIP."

The idea of a "secret hand shake "or "grip" seems quaint
or comical to some, but it has long been a way for Free-
masons to identify themselves to each other. If you have-
n't been accepted into the Craft, you won't know the grip.
(In theory, anyway.) So, traditionally, shaking hands has
been one way for Free-masons to detect an imposter..



WHAT IS THE "MANIFESTO"?

We jump ahead from the May 3, 1801 meeting in "Mr. Shepperd's Tavern". John Mitchell and Dr. Fred Dalco and others had met formed a Supreme Council of the Sublime Degrees. '

"Sometime during the early weeks of October, 1802, (note date) The Grand Lodge of Perfection in Charleston, S.C. published its "Annual Register for the year 1802" which listed the members of the of the Supreme Council. "Two months later, in December, the Supreme Council adopted a several page report, prepared by Dr. Dalco, Dr. Auld, Emmanuel De LaMotta, bearing the title, "Circular through the Two Hemispheres" that was to be sent to the different Symbolic Grand Lodge and Sublime Grand Lodges and Councils throughout the two hemispheres explanatory of the origin and nature of the Sublime Degrees, (the original 25 degrees) of Masonry, and their establishment in South Carolina. The "Circular" in time , commonly referred to as the Supreme Council's MANIFESTO of 1802." (Lodge of the Double Headed Eagle, page 29)



MOVIES OF MASONIC INTEREST



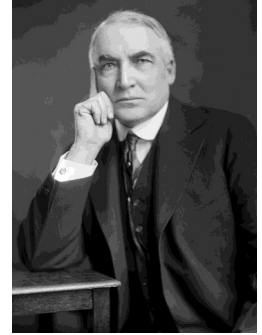
"The Freemason" starring Sean Astin, Randy Wayne, Alex McKenna

This is a dramatic story directed by Joseph James. At first, skepticism warranted: The video cover suggests a thriller, sporting the teaser. "Three can keep a secret if 2 of them are dead." Yet , what appears, at first, to be anti-Masonic film gradually presents a rather positive image of Masonry.

(Available in DVD; more information is in the Scottish Rite Journal, page 27)

19 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 16 DAYS

This is the length of time between Warren G. Harding's initiation as an Entered Apprentice and his progression to Fellowcraft. Typically, an Entered Apprentice passes to Fellowcraft within weeks. For Harding, the delay was caused by Brethren who opposed him politically. He abandoned his pursuit of Freemasonry until he began his presidential campaign. On August 13, 1920, He was passed to Fellowcraft and on August 25, he was raised to Master Mason.



On November 2, 1920, he was elected President of the United States.

WARTIME MEMORIES

The World War II veteran spotted a Navy captain on the street. He saluted and bellowed, "LST 395," which was the designation and number of the ship he served on during the war. The captain returned the salute and responded, "L.M.D. 67."

"What's an L.M.D.?" the veteran asked.

"Large Mahogany Desk."

LOST, AND NO G.P.S. ISSUED.

While on Maneuvers in the Mojave Desert, the convoy got lost, forcing the lieutenant to radio for help.

"Are you near any landmarks?" the base operator asked.

":Yes," said the lieutenant,. "We are directly under the moon."



Quote

Stephen Colbert

"The pen is mightier than the sword,
if you shot that pen out of a gun."

VALLEY ORGANIZATION OF THE MONTH

"The Royal Order of the Duck"

Bluegill Flight

Officers###

Flight Commander.....Bryan Pumphrey
Flight Leader.....Charles Manning
Chief Quacker.....Ryan Whitaker
Chief Hatcher.....Jim Butler
Quill Driver.....Shaun Callahan, KCCH
Sky Pilot.....Ron Callahan,33
Supreme Judge.....Kish Thomas, 33
Dissenting Judge.....John Bingham,33
Provost of Justice.....Bob Reynolds, KCCH
and many other Quackers

Motto: We are only Men,
But we can change;
IF we have to. QUACK

A DELAYED MESSAGE (1931 Oklahoma Mason)

A letter received by the Secretary's office, recalled a tragedy of 6 months previous. On January 9, 1930, Bro. Williams wrote, and mailed, the following letter:

Dear Bro. Freeman,-- I am sending you money order for 5 dollars for my 1930 dues. Send at once to 3### Manitou Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. for I am leaving here in 2 weeks and would like to get it before I leave. Yours fraternally,

Wm. D. Williams (continued on next page)



A DELAYED MESSAGE

(1931 Oklahoma Mason) (continued:)

The letter was mailed on January 10, 1930 and received in McAlester on July 15, 1930. What Happened??

The letter was sent via air mail. In flying over the mountains of Utah, the plane, piloted by Maurice Graham, was lost and crashed in a blizzard.

The crash site was discovered in June, 6 months later.

Note: William Williams was the grandfather of our Brother, Jeremy Warren, 33 of Stigler, OK

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

With the decision of Plesy vs Ferguson (1896) reversed by the Supreme Court in 1854 with the Brown vs Board of Education of Topeka , G.C. John Cowles looked for other issues to remedy.

Now that segregation "separate but equal" was declared unconstitutional, Cowles became involved in an organization to promote the "separation of church and state". The group, "Protestant and Other Americans United " (POAU), for separation of Church & State. (Now called, Americans United) became the recipient of Cowles financial and mental energy. Even then, he could not ensure that the Supreme Council would support the movement, he tried to make it up with his money and time. It was after the PO-AU became "bona fide" that is was reported that "Sov. G.C. John Cowles of the Scottish Rite . S.J. presented a considerable sum to finance the organization." In 1951, the Supreme Council was presented with a bronze plaque on which Cowles support was recognized.

In February and well into "old age", G.C. Cowles slipped and fell in his living quarters in the House of the Temple. He had worked and lived in the Temple for almost 25 years.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Cowles was sent to the Mt. Alto Veterans Hosp. in Washington, D.C. where he remained for six months. On Sept. 6, 1952, he was visited by two physician who were 33rd Degree brethren, who determined that his quality of life would never improve. On that same day John Cowles resigned his office of Grand Commander. It was said that "his length and quality of service rivaled that of Pike."

John Cowles died on June 18, 1954.. He was interred in the House of the Temple, next to Albert Pike.

The author, William Fox, provides a long list of the accomplishments of Brother Cowles. The man who had no particular hobbies or outside interest, gave all his time and support to guiding the Supreme Council down the "right path" as he saw it. Though his legacy, like Pike's with the Rituals, is not readily visible, his influence is still seen today in Supreme Council operation and decisions.

So Mote It Be.

Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"

by William Fox

*".....And for time's golden moments, that are Good and sweet. And may the evening twilight Find me gentle still."
(Allocution, 1939)*

Editor Don Jones 33°

