



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:

1st Thursday of the Month

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 11:30 AM I40 & Meridian

2nd Monday of the Month

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

5th Thursday of the Month

McIntosh Chapter Scottish Rite
6:00 pm Lake Country Dinner

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

Advisory Council and Officers

Wade Massey, 33°, Chairman

Mike Ebert, 33° General Secretary

William C. Cox, 33°, Member

Phillip Johnson, 33°, Member

Harrison Bartlett, 33° Member

Greg Stiedley, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

Mike Echols, 32° KCCH, Wise Master

Paul Larcade, 33° KCCH, Commander

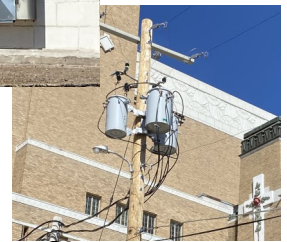
Bryan Pumphery 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh

LIGHTS ARE ON FOR THE REUNION

We are happy to report that the electricity is back up and running and things are on schedule for the reunion next week. The final panel was set this week and the remaining circuits were connected.



The lights are working in the auditorium and the elevator is once again moving between floors.



All we need now are candidates and you. Since you are coming anyway, why not bring a candidate or two. Petitions are coming in slowly but we still need more. If you need a petition to give to an interested brother, just print the second page of this news blast. There is a QR code they can scan and complete the petition online.

Events at this reunion are a social gathering at Bierkraft on Friday evening from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. This is a come and go event. Saturday evening, we will be showing the movie "National Treasure" in the Richards Room at 8:00 PM. There will be free popcorn and drinks.

Hope to see you in McAlester on October 12th & 13th for the 349th Reunion

LIONS OF JUDAH TO HOLD

"SILENT AUCTION" AT REUNION

The Lions of Judah, a service organization of the Valley of McAlester, will sponsor a "silent " auction at the upcoming Reunion. All proceeds of the auction will go to the Lodge of Perfection, general fund.

The auction will be held in the area of the Dining Room just north of the Men's Lounge, it's usual location. Items to be sold will be accepted on Friday, Oct.11, and Saturday (Oct. 12) morning. Auction runs all day Saturday and closes at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For safety reasons, electrical appliances will not be accepted. All sales are to be finalized before the end of the Reunion.

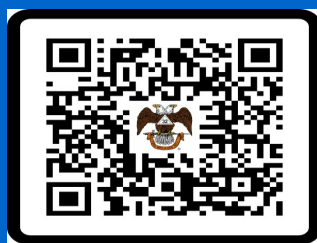
Happy "hunting" and Thank You for a generous contribution.

Dr. G. David Donathan, 33° President
Brett Cable, 32° KCCH Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
Bruce Hall 33° Trustee Emeritus
Advisory Council Trustees
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

You can petition the Scottish Rite for membership online at the following link:

[Online Petition](#)

Or scan this QR Code



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Upcoming Reunions:

2024

October 12-13

2025

April 12-13

October 11-12

Masonic Website on 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](#)

LIBRARY TO RAISE FUNDS BY SELLING LIMITED EDITION GLASSES

Once again, this fall, the Library at the McAlester Scottish Rite Center will be selling limited edition rock glasses. This year's edition has the iconic Scottish Rite Brother welcoming the new candidate to the Rite over the word "McAlester". The glasses will be available at the reunion for \$20 a glass. All profit on the sales goes toward book restoration in the library. There are only 72 glasses and last year's edition sold out at the reunion.



Look for them on sale in front of the library in the Men's Lounge on Saturday Morning. If you got one last year, keep the collection going or start your collection with this years glass

HAUNTED HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24TH TO 26TH

October is here, and the 2nd Scottish Rite Haunted House is upon us for October 24, 25, and 26 with doors opening at 6:30. Last year was our first year of presenting this fundraiser in which we had about 1750 guests and raised approximately \$15,000 with all proceeds going towards the Masonic Temple in McAlester. Tickets this year are \$15.00.

To make this happen we need people. The drama department from the high school will be covering a room and the Rainbow Girls are taking another one. There are plans for the rest of the rooms but we need staff. Brothers, the money raised at this event helps pay the budget for the Lodge of Perfection. We need your help. we have a variety of roles available. We still have a few acting spots open for those who dare to scare, as well as opportunities for ushers and front house staff to help ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for our guests.

Did you notice that at reunions there is less time to visit and more working going on. That is a result of fewer people covering more jobs. Working at the haunted house is 3 hours of fast pace work and the rest of the time is yours. The dorms will be open. Come in on Friday to help, spend the night and you are free to do what you want till 6:00 PM the next evening. Sleep in late, attend Octoberfest in McAlester, get a group together and take in the changing foliage or catch a football game in the men's lounge. Or you can stay at home and I am sure your wife will find something for you to do!

The Haunted House is a chance to raise money for the Lodge of Perfection but it is also a great chance for fellowship. Can we count on you?

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Fri. Oct. 11, Reunion activities
McAlester Scottish Rite Temple
11:30 a.m., 50 Yr awards
1:30 pm, SGIG Advisory Conf.
6:00 p.m., Ducks dinner and hatching

Sat/Sun.; Oct. 11-12, Fall Reunion
McAlester Scottish Rite Temple
6:30 a.m., breakfast....Dining Room
7:00 a.m., Candidate registration
A REUNION SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED
TO THE END OF THIS ISSUE.
Sun. 5:00 pm - class dismissed

Sun., Oct. 20; Anniversary
Job's Daughters, a Masonic
organization for young ladies
was founded on this day in 1920.

Oct. 24, 25 and 26; Haunted House
Annual "scary" Halloween event
at the McAlester Scottish Rite
Temple, McAlester
See article in this issue
for more information.

Mon., Nov. 11, Veterans' Day Event
McAlester Scottish Rite Temple
10:00 a.m.; Temple opened for Tours
12:00 noon, Luncheon in Dining Hall
1:00 pm; Program

Support your Blue Lodge



THE 26th DEGREE: PRINCE OF MERCY

In the old rituals this degree was also called Scottish Trinitarium. This older version was heavily modified by Pike who reduced the emphasis on the Old Testament and the Hermetic philosophy, expecting its recipients to study the "Legenda". Although criticized by some for the modifications he made in the old rituals, Pike's changes were welcomed by Albert Mackey as an improvement and resulted in an enticing degree.



Duties:

Practice mercy (forgiveness). Be tolerant.

Be devoted to the teaching and diffusion of the true principles of Masonry. They are contained within the religions of the world.

Lessons:

The trinity of Deity belongs to no single religion. The truths of Masonry are contained within the religions of the world.

For Reflection:

"What is Truth?", (Pontius Pilate, John 18:38)

Symbols:

The numbers 3 and 9 triple interlaced (9-pointed star), arrow, tessera or mark, the colors red green and white

The candidate represents a Catechumen who seeks to become one of the Faithful. He assumes the name Constant; which means "constant, steady, faithful, resolute." History also provides us with additional information to better understand this degree.

.....the purpose of this degree is to teach that the universality of many of the doctrines and beliefs of Christianity

DAD JOKES

I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long. There's something fishy about that place.

What do you call a sheep who can sing and dance? Lady Ba Ba.

I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs.



THE FEAST OF TISHRI

The Feast of Tishri is the title that has been adopted as one of the recognized formal affairs in Scottish Rite Masonry. The significance of the Feast of Tishri rests on these factors: First, the wandering of the children of Israel in the desert for 40 years; Second, the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple; Third, the Harvesting Time and Thanksgiving to God for his Blessing and Bounty.

In 1866, The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, proclaimed the Feast of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the lodge of Perfection, on the 15th day of Tishri (October) which the Valley of McAlester, celebrates in the month of October. As did the Israelites of old and the New England Pilgrims, Scottish Rite Freemasons gather to acknowledge the mercies which God has poured upon them with lavish hands. It is a time of rejoicing yet a time to pay humble adoration to the Great Architect of the Universe, without whom there would be no harvest.

(From the Valley of Mobile)

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

Contemplative Masonry: Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft"

by C. R. Dunning, Jr. 33°

Brother Dunning, with this book, follows up his first, "The Contemplative Lodge: In this book he clearly demonstrates that the Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry are full of references to the fact that man is a spiritual being. That as a spiritual being, he can awaken and develop his spiritual talents and abilities.

This book is a tour through the vague mists of Avalon. It is a practical, reasonable guide to development. In many ways it is like a video of muscular development. Follow the exercises, and you will see results. Leave it on the shelf, and nothing will happen.

But how? Read it and find out.

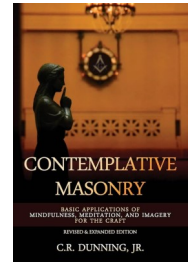
If it is true that Masonry takes good men and makes them better, How does it do it? You are about to find out.

Review & Foreword by James Tresner, 33°, G.C.

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CATCHING UP ON YOUR READING

Every two months we all receive a copy of the "Scottish Rite Journal". You probably leaf through it noting articles of interest and mentally bookmark them to read later on. With those good intentions, the magazine then gets buried under the junk mail and sales catalogs that come on a daily basis.

Did you know that there is a way to listen to those articles? The Supreme Council records select articles from the Journal and places them on the internet for all to listen to. [Click here to link to the Scottish Rite Journal Podcast.](#)

Grand Commander Jim Cole, 33° reads his own articles on the podcast. This is a great way to pick up some Masonic light while in the car or pushing the mower. Now you can catch up on some of that reading you have been putting off.

HISTORY

Working Membership in 1930

"A letter from William Fuller, 33°, Venerable Master of the Albert Pike L.O.P. to the CLASS PRESIDENTS of all previous Classes."
(Spring Reunion, 1930)

Dear Brother,

At the time you received the Degrees of the A. & A. S. R. at McAlester, you were singularly honored by being chosen an officer of your Class. The officers of your Consistory are pleased to state that in practically every instance, they have found that the Class chose wisely and honored those who have subsequently become active supporters of our great Masonic institution, and of the charities which it maintains.

Our increased membership (in 1930), makes it necessary to enlarge our Temple. The contract has been let and work on ordering material, etc., is rapidly progressing. The "Alpha Class" of our Consistory numbered 96. This was March 30, 1905. The next Reunion in May will be the last one to be held in the old Temple. The applications for the Alpha Class were obtained before we had 32nd Degree Masons to solicit membership. Now, a quarter of a century later, with 8,000 members, to solicit, we are endeavoring make this coming Class the largest in the history of our Consistory.

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HISTORY: "WORKING MEMBERSHIP" (Continued)

I am asking you, and every Class President, or highest existing Class officer of this Consistory to not only secure a petition himself, but to write each member of his Class to make a diligent effort to obtain one or more petitions for the next Class. If you will agree to write such a letter, we will mail to you a stamped envelope directed to each of your classmates, containing a blank petition, so all you will have to do is write a personal letter and appeal to your classmates, as its chief officer, requesting them, not only for Masonry, but also as a matter of Class pride, to endeavor to obtain signatures to the petitions.

There certainly will be some brother in your office or town who will do the necessary typewriting for you. These petitions will be so marked that when received by the Secretary each proper Class can be credited and by percentage calculation will show which Class gives the most loyal support.

Kindly advise by return mail if you will cooperate with us in this endeavor. Enclosed please find a stamped envelope for reply.

Fraternally Yours,
WILLIAM FULLER, 33°
Venerable Master

(The picture of the May, 1930 Class is on the wall in the Foyer of the Auditorium. Count the candidates. If you get a correct count, I will buy your lunch., D.J.)

The sovereignty of one's self over one's self is called LIBERTY.

Albert Pike

Don Jones, 33° Editor



349th Class Reunion Schedule October 11-13, 2024

Friday, October 11, 2024

11:30 AM...50 Year Awards.....Richards Room
1:30 PM...Advisory Conference.....SGIG Conf. Room
6:00 PM...Ducks Dinner-Masons and guests are welcome

Saturday, October 12, 2024

6:30 AM...Breakfast.....Main Dining Room
7:00 AM...Candidate Registration.....Main Lobby
Single Candidate Pictures.....Main Lobby
7:45 AM...Assemble Class.....Class Supervisor
8:00 AM...Opening Ceremony.....Auditorium
9:00 AM...Open Lodge of Perfection....Venerable Master
*9:05 AM...4th Degree.....Lone Grove Team
10:00 AM...5th Degree.....McAlester-Kiowa Team
10:55 AM... 12th Degree.....Edmond Lodge No. 37 Team
12:00 PM...Lunch.....Main Dining Room
1:00 PM...Membership Man Presentation.....Auditorium
1:15 PM... 13th Degree.....Bryan County Team
2:00 PM... 14th Degree.....Oklahoma County Team
3:20 PM...Open Chapter Rose Croix.....Wise Master
*3:25 PM... 17th Degree.....Duncan Team
4:30 PM...Approx. Class Dismissal.....Class Supervisor

Sunday, October 13, 2024

6:30 AM...Breakfast.....Main Dining Room
7:45 AM...Assemble Class.....Class Supervisor
8:00 AM... 18th Degree.....Nolen Watson Team
9:30 AM...Open Council of Kadosh.....Commander
9:35 AM...21st Degree.....Stigler Team
*10:30 AM...28th Degree.....Duncan Team
11:30 AM...Class Picture.....Larry McManus, KCCH
12:00 PM...Lunch.....Main Dining Room
1:00 PM...30th Degree.....Shawnee Team
2:15 PM...Open Consistory.....Master of Kadosh
*2:20 PM...31st Degree.....Durant Team
3:15 PM...32nd Degree.....Indian Consistory Team
5:00 PM...Approx. Class Dismissal.....Class Supervisor

* **Passport Degrees**