



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
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McAlester, OK 74501
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Upcoming Events:

November 21st

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

November 29th

McIntosh County SR Chapter

Gambino's Pizza, Checotah 6:30 PM

December 5th

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

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

December 6th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

December 10th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon

McAlester Scottish Rite Center

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,

Meeting at 7:00 pm

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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



to all of you and your families.

TO OUR NEWEST MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

My Brothers, starting with the Sublime Degrees of your Symbolic Lodge, you become a Scottish Rite Mason, a Master of the Royal Secret. I congratulate you on the attainment of Masonic Light in Freemasonry.

Although you have now completed your Symbolic Degrees and Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason I impress upon you the importance of continuing the study of the great truths which have been presented to you in the past few months. Masonry is not merely a series of initiations: its teachings has far greater wisdom than can be absorbed in a single weekend. The teachings of our Order comprise a living force, a force that grows with understanding. As such, they are to be practiced constantly, not only within the confines of a lodge or temple, but in your daily life, as well.

Study the lessons you have learned; not as abstract teachings, but as living applications in your daily life. Ritual alone cannot make you a good Mason. It is the every day application of its teaching that will broaden your powers of understanding. Learn well the lessons of Freemasonry; and above all, practice them constantly. Then, and only then, can you really and truly look upon yourself as "an upright man and Mason."

Charitable & Education Foundation

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Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
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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

Wed. Nov. 21 7:00 pm, RITE NITE Education Composite Lodge, Shawnee, OK

Robert Davis, 33, GC presenter

This is the last Rite Nite for the year, we hope to see a good group of McAlester SR Masons there. Remember: More Light is a promise that Masonry makes to you in the 1st Degree. (Education is "hanging around until you catch on." Robert Frost)



Thursday, Nov. 22, THANKSGIVING DAY
McAlester office closed.

Best wishes to YOU and your Family for a Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff..

December is the month for the BLUE LODGES to elect and install their officers for 2019. Please SUPPORT them,,, they need the Scottish Rite & the Rite needs them.

McALESTER SCOTTISH RITE MASON INSTALLED AS GRAND MASTER.

Brother R.W. Mike Dixon, KCCH was installed in the office of Grand Master of the State of Okla. at the close of Grand Lodge, Sat. Nov. 10, 2018. M.W. Dixon is a member of the 3 Valleys in Okla. but McAlester is his primary Valley.



M.W. Dixon was raised in the Adair Lodge #99 in 1970 and is now at home in Edmond, Lodge #37. At the Scottish Rite, Bro. Dixon is Director of the 12th Degree team from Edmond. He has served both as a degree actor and Asst. Director.

M.W. Dixon assumed the "purple" of our Order on Saturday, November 10 and was honored with his apron ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the India Shrine Center.

IF YOUR SCOTTISH RITE RING COULD SPEAK



Suppose by some magic your Scottish Rite ring could speak. What would it say? Would it not say to you: "I symbolize the Scottish Rite and, as such, like Aladdin's lamp, I am possessed of miraculous powers, for:

-- I can bring you riches far greater than all the wealth of fabled El Dorado , for....

-- I can summon to you the help and the strength of your Scottish Rite Brethren throughout the nations of our worldwide Masonry.

-- I bring you the grandeur and the splendor of a Scottish Rite Ritual: That portrayal from antiquity through the golden pen in poetry and the sacred fire in drama that inculcates lofty patriotic sentiments, high moral values, and noble spiritual aspirations .

--I bring you the magnetism of a Scottish Rite Mission that never ending fight for freedom - freedom of the mind, freedom of the body, freedom of the soul.

-- I bring you the beauty of a Scottish Rite Vision; that revelation of Truth and of Greatness directly seen in the Mystic Light that follows initiation, purification, and perfection.

-- I bring you the insight of a Scottish Rite Philosophy; that progress in human development which transforms natural ignorance into Divine Wisdom.

-- I bring you the courage of a Scottish Rite Conviction; that self-reliance in daily living born of an abiding faith in guidance by Him who holds the whole world in His hands.

These are some of the things I bring to you as a true Freemason of the Scottish Rite."

Brother Henry C. Clauson, P.S.G.C., Ill.

BROADENING ONE'S HORIZONS

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

(Mark Twain)

FOR THE DEER HUNTERS



Cold Picnic Pie

- 1 lb. chicken, or rabbit, boiled (or venison)
- 1 cup thin spaghetti, cooked
- 1 tablespoonful parsley, fresh, chopped
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 single pie crust

Line a pie dish with the crust. Thinly slice the meat. Mix meat well with the spaghetti, parley, cream and salt & pepper. Pour into the pie shell and sprinkle with the cheese. Bake for around 35-45 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove the pie from the oven as soon as the filling sets. (The Leavenworth Weekly, Aug. 1881)

REASON TO CELEBRATE

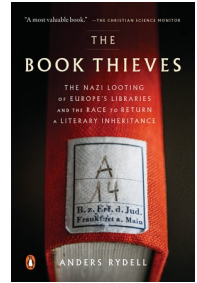
"As another year rolls in," we read an ad in the local paper, "We'd like to offer our best wishes to all of you who have given us reason to celebrate."

It was signed, "Gunter's Funeral Home."



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Book Thieves": The Nazi Looting of Europe's Libraries and the Race to Return a Literary Inheritance.
by Anders Rydell



Book collectors more than book burners, the Nazis during W.W. II stole millions of books from libraries, private collections and gatherings of Jewish works on history and philosophy.

The author details not only this literary plunder but also his own participation in recovering the stolen books following W.W. II. Freemasonry itself was targeted by the warped Nazi ideologies.

C. 2018, 352 pages, \$13.89 [Amazon](#)

NEWS FROM THE NOVEMBER LODGE OF PERFECTION STATED MEETING.

-- The Christmas Party will be Dec. 20th in the Dining Room of the Temple. (the same night as the downtown drawing). TOY donations are needed. Admission is \$10.00 per person. Santa Claus is scheduled to be there.

-- The boiler situation was discussed. The General Secretary reported that a boiler is available in Muskogee that may not require removal of a present boiler in the basement. This would lower the replacement costs.

-- Discussion of the possibility of a 3D video tour of the Temple for the internet. One of our members has the capability to do this.

-- Total Valley membership decreased in 2018 with deaths outnumbering candidates.

(The L.O.P. stated meeting is open to all Valley members. Your attendance is welcome)



YOU DON'T SAY

The burial service for an elderly woman climaxed with a massive clap of thunder, followed by a bolt of lightening, accompanied by even more thunder.

"Well," said her husband to the shaken pastor, "she's there."

A lawyer dies and goes to heaven.

"This must be a mistake," he says to St. Peter at the golden gate. "I'm too young to die. I am only 50."

"50?" says St. Peter. "According to our calculations you are 82."

"How did you get the 82?"

"We added up your billable hours."

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

By the end of 1921, the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction membership had increased by 57% since 1919. Now at an all-time high of 192,231 members, the Rite had become a real force in U.S. Masonry. This growth followed the nation's growth pattern of an increase in population, wealth and education.

Men were being drawn to Freemasonry for the same basic reasons as always, "fraternity, sociability, personal gain and status". The last two reasons were unintended, but were commonly accepted as fact.

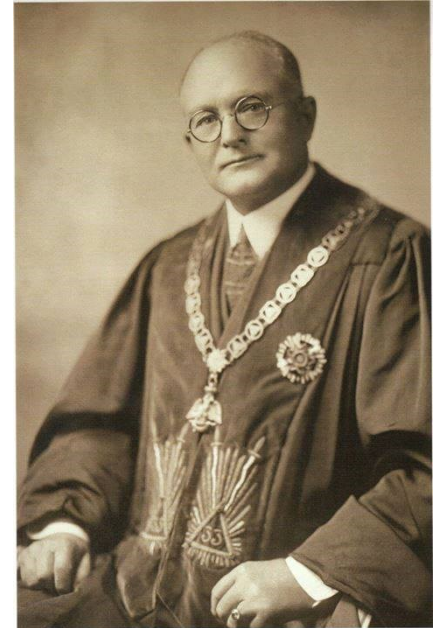
The increase in membership brought with it, the increased cost of administration for the Grand Lodges. The same was true for the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

All of a sudden the officers of the Rite had more responsibility along with an increase in office staff and equipment. The growth of the subordinate Bodies caused them to require more office help and the increasing charitable activity costs.

John H. Cowles was elected the Sov. Grand Commander in October, 1921. Being strong willed and confident of his ability to get things done, his term in the office was not without its situations. He and a president of the United States even had a strained relationship. Cowles was born in Dripping Springs, Kentucky, in 1863, into a Masonic family. He attended the local schools and later enrolled at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. Though he did not finish college or get his degree, he was a successful businessman. He was a partner and stock holder in several business as well as having an insurance agency and a brass foundry. Though not wealthy, he was considered to be "well-to-do" and he never married.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Being a "take-charge" kind of man, Cowles immediately began working. The Supreme Council had approved the attendance of the Grand Commander and 4 others to attend the International Conference of Supreme Councils at Lausanne, Switzerland in May, 1922. At the close of the Conference, the delegates agreed to meet again in 1927 at Buenos Aries, Argentina. On leaving the Switzerland, Cowles and his party toured Scotland, England, Germany, Belgium and France.

Preparations then began for an annual session of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction to be held in August of 1922. This session had been approved in the 1921 biennial session and would be the first session over which John H. Cowles, 33, G.C. would preside.

(to be continued)

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

***"...so that the grace which abounds
through the many may cause thanksgiving
to abound, to the glory of God."
2 Corinthians 4:15-16***

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