



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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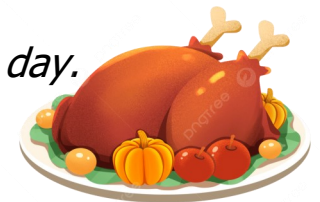
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MORE THAN A DAY

*As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
 It brings up some facts quite profound.
 We may think that we're poor,
 Feel like bums, insecure,
 But in truth, our riches astound.
 We have friends and family we love;
 We have guidance from heaven above.
 We have so much more
 Than they sell in a store,
 We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.
 So, add up your blessings, I say;
 Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
 Enjoy what you've got;
 Really, it's a lot,
 And you'll make all your cares go away.*



Karl Fochs

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



BeAFreemason.org



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 11:00 AM McClintocks, Stockyards

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

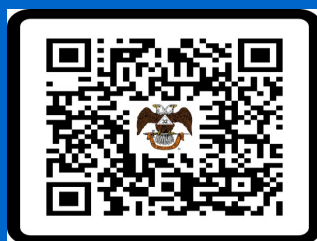
Bryan Pumphery 32° KCCH , Master of Kadosh

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:

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](#)

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[Scottish Rite Research Society](#)

VETERANS HONORED AT TEMPLE

On November 11th the McAlester Scottish Rite hosted a Veterans Day luncheon at the temple. Veterans from the surrounding areas and their family's attended. Keynote speaker for the luncheon was Col. Gabriel W. Pryor, the commanding office of the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant.

Master of Ceremonies and organizer of the event was Brother Dennis Wilson, KCCH. A table of Scottish Rite Masons were present including SGIG Joe R. Manning Jr. 33° and WWII Veteran Ralph Perona 33°. Other Scottish Rite Masons worked in the kitchen or help serve.



The invocation was given by American Legion Chaplin-Mr. Donald Brown and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Brother Jim Mercer, 32°. The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Ave Rose Johnson, a Junior at Kinta High School and a Native American Recording artist.

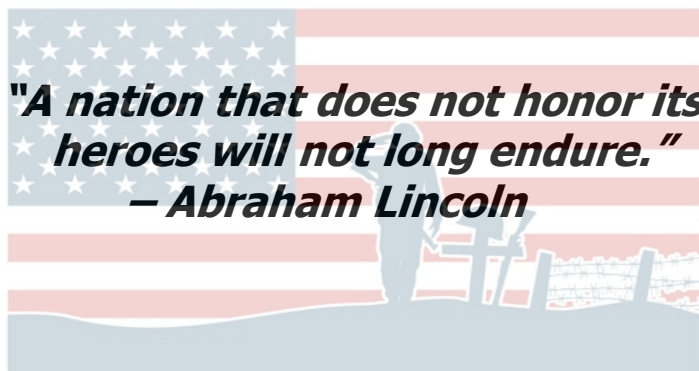
A short speech was delivered by McAlester Mayor John Browne before he read and signed a proclamation declaring it Veterans Day in McAlester. Also present at the luncheon were representatives of the VFW, the American Legion and the DAV.

Col. Pryor spoke on the importance of the Ammunition Plant in the defense of the country and the role that Vet-



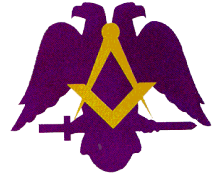
erans continue to play in operation of the plant. He also spoke of how veterans play a role in community development and ended his speech by thanking all present for their service to the country.

(Left: Col. Gabriel W. Pryor and SGIG Joe R. Manning Jr. have a quick word after the ceremonies)



SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY

Thur. Nov. 29, Holiday
Temple office closed.
Happy Thanksgiving



Thur. Dec. 5, 11:00 a.m., S.R. Luncheon
McAlester Scottish Rite Area A, OKC
McClintock Chop House
2227 Exchange Ave., OKC

Join us for good food and fellowship at our last meeting of a good year, 2024.

Fri. Dec. 6, 6:00 PM
East Central State Band Concert
McAlester Scottish Rite Center Auditorium
Free– Open to public.

Mon., Dec. 9; 7:00 pm, Stated Mtg
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
McAlester S.R. Center
All Members are welcome.

Sat., Dec. 21; Winter begins
Winter Solstice: shortest day of sunshine for 2024.

Wed. Dec. 25, Christmas Day
Temple office closed on both the 24th and 25th holidays.
Merry Christmas

Fri. Dec. 27; Observance
St. John the Evangelist Day
observed by blue lodges.

Sun., Dec. 29, Birthday
Albert Pike was born on
this date in 1809.

Mon., Dec. 30; Birthday
Rudyard Kipling was born on this day in 1865.
Author of the book, "The Man Who Would be King."



The 28th Degree Knight Commander of the Temple



In many of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, the candidate is styled a knight; this however is the first of the Chivalric Degrees. The flourishing of knighthood during the Crusades of the Middle Ages has been the subject of legends, epic poems, books, theater, art and song for over 600 years. Perhaps the best-known story is that of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

This idyllic world would not last. When the foibles of men, lust, greed, avarice, corruption, etc., the goodness of knighthood became just a memory.

DUTIES;

Be devoted to truth, honor, loyalty, justice and humanity.

LESSONS:

Masonry is practical and requires its members to be actively involved in life.

Virtue and duty have been the same in all times.

FOR REFLECTION:

It is nobler to err and to make amends than never to err at all. Is this statement contrary to the virtue of prudence?

In reality, as the age of knighthood came to an end as a result of human weaknesses -- greed, political and religious corruption and, in general, the loss of the selfless attitude held by knights and demanded by the rules of chivalry. Despite the fate of knighthood, the chivalric ideal has survived as one of the noblest conceptions of the human spirit and provides the support for the ideals of freemasonry, moral education, honor and courtesy all of what Masonry teaches as its duties.

from "A Bridge to light"

THE ROSY CROSSES ON THE TEMPLE



.....the new picture we print will be taken from the east will show the new Temple will appear in all its glory. On the east and west walls of the stair towers (located) on the north and south sides of the Temple, architect, Bro. W.E. Schmitt, has worked out a beautiful Rosy Cross in Igonite with green vineland red roses --- which is the admiration of every Knight Rose Croix who sees it. You will be able to see the Rose Croix emblem on the west wall of the north stair tower. On the top of the Temple the lighted golden glove of the Leibrand Light may be seen.

From 1931 Oklahoma Mason

(And now, 85 years later they still brings awe and pleasure to all who see them.)

TWO OKLAHOMAN MASONS ELECTED TO NATIONAL OFFICES

Two well-known Oklahoma Scottish Rite brethren were elected to offices at the 2024 annual meeting of the Red Cross of Constantine's United Grand Imperial Council.

Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° was elected to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Council. In the Scottish Rite, Bro. Manning holds the office of Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. and is the S.G.I.G. in the Orient of Oklahoma.

Bro. John L. Logan, 33°, was elected to the 2027 class of Grand Trustees. Bro. Logan is a member of the Guthrie Valley where he serves on the S.G.I.G.'s Advisory Conference. Bro. Logan serves the Fraternity in Oklahoma in the office of Executive Director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. He also has another Red Cross office as Intendant General over the three Conclaves in Oklahoma; St. Luke, St. Omer and Prince of Peace.

Congratulations to our Brethren! You do Oklahoma proud.

Just goes to show, if you want a job done well, get a man who is busy.



WHERE WAS THIS LODGE? DO YOU KNOW?

Queen City Lodge, No. 57 located at _____ Oklahoma, recently enjoyed the unique experience of initiating, passing and raising a father and son at the same time. The father is Clarence Henry Upton and the son, Ezra Burrell Upton. Hint: was in 1931

(Please do not respond to this email with your guesses. Send all guesses to pastgs0540@gmail.com.)

BAD DAD JOKES

What do you call someone with no body and no nose?
Nobody knows."

My girlfriend keeps accusing me of cheating. She's starting to sound like my wife.

Have you heard about the restaurant on the Moon? Great food, no atmosphere.

HISTORY: THE BIOGRAPHY OF DR. DANIEL M. HAILEY (Continued)

AT McALESTER

Dr. Hailey moved his family from Perryville to McAlester in 1872. Once there, he opened the first drug store in Indian Territory. This was in addition to his medical practice. It was about this time that he entered into a joint venture with J.J. McAlester to open the first coal mine in the district. The mine, which was in Krebs, was called Old #5. Hailey also joined with another Colonel McPherson in establishing the first newspaper in the area, the "Star-Vindicator".

Dr. Hailey purchased for his wife's parents a house which was next to his house. He later gave the house to Tobuckey County for a courthouse. It is now located near his old house in North McAlester.

COAL DELIVERY

Dr. Hailey and a friend, William Pulaey, discovered coal near Savanna in 1876 and, and inducing Jay Gould (owner of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas or M.K.T. railroad) into joining them. This group of men developed the largest mining operation in the Choctaw Nation.

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In 1881, Dr. Hailey moved his family to Savanna, then the largest town in the coal belt. He gave up his medical practice and opened a general mercantile store. In 1887, he moved the stock of goods to Krebs and established the Osage Trading Company.

Soon after, retiring from his mercantile business, Dr. Hailey bought a tract of land and established the town of Haileyville, which would later become a division point of the Rock Island railroad.

Hailey continued to open up coal mines in that area. By 1900, he owned the Haileyville Coal Mine Company, which was later consolidated with the Ola mines to become the Hailey-Ola Mines. Years later at the time of his death, he owned several of the largest coal producers in Pittsburg County.

When he had first come to the area, Dr. Hailey bought a farm for \$50 from a Choctaw named Couhbbee which constitutes much of the present city of McAlester.

This property included the only house in South McAlester, a log cabin by the famous pine tree. (?) A good spring was on the land and water from it was hauled by wagon to the village of McAlester.

TELEPHONES RING (to be continued)

(written by Clyde Woolridge)

"The practical object of Masonry is the physical and mental improvement of the intellect and spirituality of the individual and society."

The 14th Degree, "Morals and Dogma"

Don Jones, 33° Editor

