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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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

To our Brethren:----

*We send you Christmas, and New Year Greetings. May an
Abundant Portion of the Good and Perfect Gifts Bestowed by
our Father, who is in Heaven, upon His Children be yours
throughout this Happy Season and the coming Year.*

*Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General*

*Wade Massey, 33°
Personal Representative*

*Mike Ebert, 33°
General Secretary*

And

*Masters of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter
of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and McAlester
Consistory.*



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



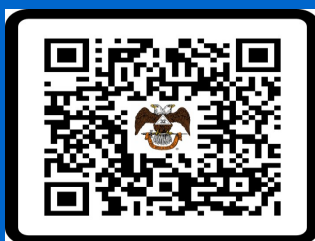
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[Online Petition](#)

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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](#)

[Scottish Rite, Valley of Guthrie](#)

[Scottish Rite, Valley of Tulsa](#)

[Scottish Rite Research Society](#)

PROVOST and JUDGE

The 7th Degree

Originally called Irish Master, this degree was worked in France, by Masonic Lodges claiming possession of a charter from Ireland. The members of these Irish lodges asserted jurisdiction over ordinary lodges and maintained they had the right of inspection. The jewel of the Irish Masters was a key symbolizing this authority. When the Rite of Perfection was formed in the middle of the 18th century, this degree was incorporated as the seventh and its name was changed to Provost and Judge. The ritual was modified by Pike to teach the moral lesson of justice.

DUTY

Let justice be the guide of all your actions.



LESSONS

All actions have consequences. Be just in judging others' motives.

FOR REFLECTION

Are the duties of a judge a burden or an honor?

The heavy burden of Provost and Judge forms the basis for the following instruction:

1. The Judge must himself be impartial, cautious, merciful and of pure morals.
2. Only a false judge error in himself and not others.
3. A judge must be aware of the grave responsibility he bears.
4. A judge must inform himself fully of the law he is called upon to enforce.
5. An unjust judge will be smitten by God.
6. Remorse will pursue the corrupt judge beyond the grave.
7. Judge not unless you are willing to stand under the same judgement.

From "A Bridge to Light."

Technology

I just got a GPS for my car, and my first trip with it was to a drugstore. Since the manual said not to leave it in the car unattended, I brought it with me into the store. While there, the GPS came alive, and a voice stated, "Lost satellite contact."

I wasn't embarrassed until a woman turned to me and said, "Your ankle bracelet is talking to you."

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY



Dec. 21; Sat. Winter Solstice
Winter begins Today.

Dec. 25; Christmas Day
Religious Holiday
Temple closed.

Fri., Dec. 27; St. John's Day
Blue Lodge observance of
Freemasonry's Patron Saint,
St. John the Evangelist

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

Sat., Dec. 30; Birthday
Rudyard Kipling was born
on this day in 1865
Poet, novelist, Freemason
Masonic novelist
See article in this issue.

Wed., Jan. 1, Yew years Day 2025
Office Closed

Mon, Jan 13, Lodge of Perfection 6:30 PM
Installation of 2025 officers for all 4 Bodies to follow LOP
meeting

Matter of Perspective

My husband placed a perfectly good set of used tires
outside his garage with a sign that read,

"Free".



After a few with no takers, he changed the sign to, "\$20".

The next day, they were stolen.

RUDYARD KIPLING, 1865-1936



Rudyard Kipling was well known for his poems and novels. One of his first novels, "The Jungle Book" won him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907. But he was also known for his active interest in his Freemasonry.

It is said that Kipling's interest in his Masonry was built on its tenet of "Equality". To him this meant everything. Everywhere he traveled, from England to India to South Africa, he attended Masonic lodges, made friends and fellowshiped with brethren from all races.

Kipling was born in India and later lived in the United Kingdom. He became a Mason, at the age of 20, when he was initiated in the Lodge of Hope and Perseverance No. 782 in London in 1886.

He was immediately appointed to the office of Lodge Secretary because, as a journalist, he owned a typewriter. He later joined the Lodge of Independence and with Philanthropy, No. 391 at Allahabad. (I suspect this was in India.)

During the First World War he received a commission and was a "Graves Commission" officer. During the War in 1922, he was a charter member of the Builders of the Silent City, Lodge No. 12, (Grand Lodge Nationale Francis.) Later, in 1925 at London, he was a founding member of the Builders and Silent City Lodge No. 4948.

Following the war, Kipling became an Honorary member of the Motherland Lodge No. 383 in London. He was also a member of a Craft Lodge in Allehebad, India, Aluhbis Lodge No. 346.

He must have affiliated with every lodge that he visited or saw. We have listed only a few.

Rudyard Kipling was also the Poet Laureate of Canon-gate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2 in Edinburg, Scotland.



WHAT HAPPENED?

From the 'New Age' magazine, Dec., 1963

The Supreme Council favors

-- The American public schools, nonpartisan, nonsectarian, efficient, democratic, for all of the children of all the people

--- The inculcation of patriotism, for law and order and loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.

--- Adequate provision in the American public schools for the education for the alien populations in the principles of American institutions and ideals of citizenship.

--- The entire separation of Church and State, and opposition to every attempt to appropriate public moneys -- Federal, state, or local -- directly or indirectly for free support for sectarian or private institutions.

APOLOGY & ANSWER

In the last issue of the Blast, there was an article from 1931 about degree work at Queen City Masonic Lodge # "57". The question was (in which Oklahoma town was the lodge located?" Problem was, I left one digit out of the lodge number, which is "507".

Here is the answer: Slick, Oklahoma. The community still exists but the Masonic lodge does not.

"Slick" is a town in Creek County, OK. The population was 151 at the 2020 census, a 15.3% increase over the population in 2010. Slick is growing!

Slick was an oil boom town in the 1920's and as with so many other towns during the area's oil boom, people left when the boom was over. However, Slick is still with us.

If you have ever driven through Slick, you should remember it. The church is practically sitting on the highway and there is a speed limit.



HISTORY: The biography of Dr. Daniel M. Hailey (Continued)

Telephones Ring

Dr. Hailey was an organizer and principal officer of the South McAlester and Eufaula Telephone Company, on the board of trustees of the Carnegie Library in McAlester and an organizer and vice-president of a McAlester bank.

A leader in political life, Dr. Hailey was always a staunch supporter of the democratic party, having firm belief in the principles of the party as factors in good government. Although he stood foremost in the party's ranks, he never used his position to claim any public office for himself.

Dr. Hailey was on one of the committees that told William Jennings Bryan of his nomination every time he ran for the presidency. He also was on the committee that informed President Wilson of his two nominations. Hailey's last office was that of president of the board of control for the Confederate Home in Ardmore.

As a veteran of the Civil War, having fought on the Confederate side, Hailey was very supportive of the welfare of Confederate veterans. His support included the office of Commander of the Oklahoma Division of the Confederate Veterans. He never missed any of the annual reunions of these old soldiers until his death. As the commander, he held the rank of major-general and was buried wearing his officer's uniform.

Meanwhile, back to the year of 1896, the Hailey family lived at 225 East Adams in South McAlester, where he resided until his death. The home was located just west of the water tower. and across the street from the old McAlester high School building. A parking lot replaced the home but the stone retaining wall is still standing.

Masonic Roots

As one of the most eminent members of the Masonic Fraternity, Dr. Hailey was instrumental in building the first Masonic Lodge in the area in 1877. He achieved every high office, and at the time of his death was Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Oklahoma and a member of the Supreme Council over the Southern Jurisdiction.



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HISTORY: The biography of Dr. Daniel M. Hailey (Continued)

He was also a Shriner and held a national office in the Elks, having been a charter member.

(A more complete Masonic History will be at the end of this biographical account.)

A Gala Event

Dr. and Mrs. Hailey celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 24, 1918, a gala affair that included a reenactment of their wedding by the grandchildren. William Perry Freeman, father of Dr. Lucy Smith, expressed a sentiment that pretty well summed up his (Dr. Hailey) life.

"Doctor, you are the father, the patriarch of a wonderful family. Not only that which has sprung from your loins, the numbers of us which meet at every turn here tonight, but that great family, your fraternal children if such a term may be used, which in numbers literally by thousands, spreading over the whole state, and join with these of your home in congratulations upon this happy occasion, expressing their love and veneration for you and your dear wife."

At The End

To be continued; with Masonic history.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

The Staff

Don Jones, 33° Editor

