



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
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Upcoming Events:

December 10th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite Center

December 19th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

January 2nd

Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan
Comanche County SR Chapter dinner mtg.,
Salsa Mexican Cafe, Lawton

January 3rd

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

January 31st

McIntosh County SR Chater

Belle Star Restaurant, Eufaula 6:30 PM

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 Mas-
ter
Ryan Bibee, KCCH, Wise Master
Tom Keenze 33, Commander
James Harlow III, KCCH, Master of Kadosh



**"In the beginning was the Word; and
the Word was with God;
and the Word was God."**

John 1:1

The approach of the Christmas Seasons should stir each
our hearts and attune them to Love the Great Cardinal Vir-
tue of our Brotherhood.

*"May we so live today that
when tomorrow comes
We will not cloud the day
with vain regrets."*

*But let our hands and hearts
commit those deeds
Which faith in God and
Love for Man begets."*

Such is the sincere wish of:

Your Brother,
H, L. MULDROW, 33RD
Master if Kadosh
M.W. Past Grand Master

The Valley Office Staff, General Secretary, Mike Ebert
KCCH, S.G.I.G. Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33 and all of us wish
you a merry Christmas ad Happy New Year for 2019!



Charitable & Education Foundation

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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

Mon. Dec. 10, 7:00 , Stated Meeting
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
Richards' Room; west side of Center
Valley members welcome.



Thur., Dec. 20, 6:00 p.m., Christmas Party
Host: S. McAlester Lodge 96; Dining Room of the Scottish Rite Center. Spaghetti dinner will be served, \$10 charge for meal.
For Kids: games, toys, a visitor from the North Pole will distribute gifts.

Mon./Tue., Dec. 24-25; Christmas Holiday
Office will be closed.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Mon., Dec. 31, Final Day for 2018 DUES

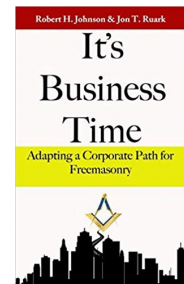
Mon. February 11th ,
ANNUAL MEETING OF ALL BODIES
6:00 p.m. -- Dinner
7:00 p.m. Meeting
Installation of 2019 officers.

If you hold an elective or appointive office in the LODGE OF PERFECTION; CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX; COUNCIL OF KADOSH or CONSISTORY, Your attendance is required.

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

" It's Business Time: Adapting Corporate Paths for Freemasonry."

by: co-authors Robert Johnson & Jon Ruark



Written by 2 MBA's and brethren who love the craft. This short work enhances one's appreciation of Masonic fundamentals while suggesting the business model to improve the Craft.

This is a new publication of 74 pages. Not difficult to read and doesn't take long. The time may be used to improve the blue lodge experience. Recommended for all officers of the Symbolic lodge. Cost is only \$15.00



What is the "Royal Order of the Duck?"

It is a subordinate Body of the Valley that was chartered in 1944 as the Bluegill Flight. The members of the organization are commonly referred to as the "Ducks."

The purpose of the Order is to provide service relating to the staging of the degrees, assisting the degree teams in the communication and exemplification of degrees and such other duties as the Director of the Work and other proper authority.

There are requirements to be a member of the Flight; one of which is that Every Duck Must be Hatched. Are you a good Egg? Ask a Duck? Quack, Quack

REGIONAL SCOTTISH RITE EVENTS

Wichita Scottish Rite

November 26--December 8, 12 Days of Christmas

Arts and Crafts Gift Market

Rhatigan Student Center

December 11th Ft. Worth Scottish Rite

BBQ Lunch Club cookout; Pantego, TX

(check web site for address)

Joplin Scottish Rite

January 27, 2019; Robert Burns Supper

Hickory Hill Country Club, Joplin, MO

(check out Joplin's new web site)

Dallas Scottish Rite

February 2, 2019; Robert Burns Supper

Dallas S.R. Center

Notice:

"Every Valley I checked for this section has a plea for membership dues for 2018 to be paid. PLEASE Support Your Valley by paying your dues."

"ARTS & CRAFT MASONRY"

The above is a title for an article in the latest Scottish Rite Journal. Upon reflecting on the contents of the article I thought, "We have skilled artist in our Oklahoma Masons.

If you have ever visited Valley Lodge #6, you may have noticed the paintings on the walls of the lodge room. The paintings depict scenes from the Symbolic degrees. These paintings were done by a member of the lodge. It's worth a trip to visit the Pauls Valley lodge.

Often times, I have seen paintings in a lodge that depict the "sheaf of corn, suspended from a tree, near a waterfall". One of the most unusual is the scene painted on a circular blade from a sawmill. I think this is unique to the Talihina lodge.

Many lodges have ship models above the door to the lodge room. However, I have only seen one model that represents the actual of a ship that the may be more "historical". The is a model of an Egyptian ship from Egypt, B.C.E.

Finally, but not the last, there is a retired metal worker in S.E. Okla. who uses his craft to build metal, or brass, 3 to 4 feet tall "square and' compass" symbols. He has presented his work to lodges that have done something exceptional for the fraternity. You may seen them either on the outside wall or inside wall of a lodge.

There are many more talented Masons in our state that have used their talent to benefit their lodge and Masonry. How are they found? By visiting your Brethren & lodges in Oklahoma.

IT BEGAN WITH THE GREAT DEPRESSION

According to a 1931 Ohio newspaper, women are now buying their dresses on the installment plan. We seem to have seen some of them wearing their first installment.



WHY I BECAME A MASON

Michael Laidlaw, 32nd

Valencia Lodge of Pasadena, CA



I came to Masonry through a friend. After asking him how to join finally said, " I want to be a Mason." I got an application shortly after and my friend had one request; that before he signed it he wanted me to talk to my uncle. No clue as to why. But I did. That weekend I had a discussion with my uncle and I said, " What do you know about Freemasonry?" His reply was, " I know a little bit, I've been a Master Mason for 50 years." Long story short, I found my Top-Line-Signer.

DUES PAYMENT PLANNED AHEAD ARE DUES PAID!

May I suggest, beginning in January, that the Mason set aside \$10 each month. By the end of the year he can not only pay his dues, but will have \$20 to \$30 left for Christmas.

Something to think about.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

As a result of actions taken in the 1921 biennial session, the Council met in Sale Lake City the following year for the "annual" meeting.

The report of the Comm. on Fraternal Assistance and Education stated that since the Supreme Council had voted to be more active in those pursuits, not much, if anything had been done. The resolution which had been passed in earlier sessions, required that more support for a compulsory public education be promoted; that a national university be formed in Wash. D.C. and that lobbying the Congress to pass legislation that would create a Dept. of Education. (continued on next page)

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

In order to facilitate this business the Committee, "of necessity" formed an executive committee composed of the Grand Commander, Secretary General, Treasurer General and 2 other Active Members. Later, members of the Scottish Rite, S.J. had no problem politicking for the Smith-Turner Bill, but the Bill never passed.

The Comm. on Foreign Relations had not been idle. It put forth its recommendation that the "Grand Commander renew recognition of the Supreme Council of Spain". The original vote to "not" recognize Spain had been the result of Spanish Scottish Rite activity in the Caribbean; a problem which had since been resolved. The Committee also suggested that the "Grand Commander investigate activities of the Supreme Councils of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland and give his report at the next session."

Over the years, the increase in membership had led to an increase in Honors. Some of the newer KCCH and Inspectors General Honorary apparently did not understand the meaning of "hierarchy". This lack of understanding was leading to complaints about the way the Supreme Council operated, decisions it made and, probably, unhappiness with certain members in the upper echelons of the Rite. In their response to this activity the Supreme Council, in 1922, passed the following resolution. "That any adverse criticism of the of the Supreme Council or any Members thereof, made by any brother except in the proper form of the Rite, is un-masonic and violative of obligation, it is hereby condemned." (Quote) The Grand Commander was to report "any disloyalty or insubordination" by an recipient of the 33rd Degree within the Southern Jurisdiction or by a K.C.C.H. to the Supreme Council for appropriate action. So long as a man was still aspiring to receive Scottish Rite honors, a natural discipline existed that ensured cooperation (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

and allegiance. (Unquote) In passing this resolution, the "Rite's Masonic right to protect the dignity of the Council and the Grand Commander was affirmed."

FYI: The hierarchy form of organization has "little' room for parliamentary procedure of the 'loyal opposition.'"

(to be continued)

"Our challenges may be great; but our Will will be greater."

Pres. George H.W. Bush

Editor Don Jones, 33°

