



McAlester Scottish Rite

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OFFICERS SELECTED FOR 2022

With the recent resignations of Tom Crowl 33° GC and Bruce Hall 33°, Ill. Joe R. Manning Jr. 33° SGIG in Oklahoma has made the following new appointments:

Foundation President:

Dr. G. David Donathan, 33°

Foundation Vice-President

Brett Cable, KCCH

Treasurer - Shaun Callahan, KCCH

Advisory Conference appointment

Phillip Johnson, KCCH

Senior Advisor - Bruce Hall, 33°,

Rite Care Clinic Liaison

These and all officers will be installed into their offices at the Lodge of Perfection meeting on Monday, February 14.

REUNION 7 WEEKS AWAY; CANDIDATES NEEDED!

Let's not be fools on April 1 this year. Yes, our spring reunion is just after that date! It is time to "shake off" the winter hibernation and talk to those Master Masons who do not know the Royal Secret. And if they don't do it now or put it off again, they will regret those actions when, and if, they do become Masters of the Royal Secret!

Here are just a few things to jog your memory in talking to potential candidates:

Requirements to join the Rite

*Be a Master Mason in good standing;

*Complete a petition and include the fee or call the office with your credit card info.

*Attend the McAlester spring reunion and take the Scottish Rite degrees thru the 32nd Degree.

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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

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

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

1st Friday 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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Cente

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

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

Advisory Council and Officers

Jack Inman, 33, Chairman

Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary

William C. Cox, 33, Member

Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member Emeritus

Wade Massey, 33, Member

Phillip Johnson, KCCH Member

Samuel Box, KCCH, Venerable Master

Brent Heilman 32°, KCCH, Wise Master

Mike Wright, 32°, KCCH, Commander

Russell Davis 32°, Master of Kadosh

Charitable & Education Foundation

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

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Upcoming Reunions:

2022

April 2-3

October 22-23

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

Reunion (continued)

In addition to receiving the Degrees, the candidate receives 14th Degree Ring Pyramid, an 18th Degree Rose Croix lapel pin, the book, "Bridge to Light", and a Patent indicating that he is now a Master of the Royal Secret, 32nd Degree Mason. Candidates also get free meals in the Temple's Dining Room, when available.

There's Lots More:

The Scottish Rite continues a Masons education in addition to its degrees:

- the bimonthly "Scottish Rite Journal" with its excellent articles of Masonic and general interests
- Leadership Conferences
- Publishes the latest books on Freemasonry
- provides speakers for meetings
- at the local level, Scottish Rite Society Chapters and clubs.
- the Master Craftsman correspondence education programs
- maybe the best benefit: Fellowship!

MORE KIDS, (love'em)

---- Upon being reminded to use the toilet after waking up, my 4 yr. old was thoroughly dismayed: "You mean I'm going to have to go potty every day for the rest of my life?"

---- "So, I understand how a baby can look like its mother; " my 9 yr. old son told the school nurse, "But how can it look like its father?"

---- Unsure how much he knew about where babies come from, she deflected. "that's a good question," she said, "So who do you look like?"

"My uncle."

--- It was the first time my 4 yr. old granddaughter had ever been to church. The celebrant came out, flanked by the lector and the deacon. My granddaughter leaned over to her dad and whispered, "Which one is God?"

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY

Wednesdays, monthly, at the
McAlester Scottish Rite; free coffee & donuts and Fellowship 9:00 a.m. till ??



Monday, Feb. 14, L.O.P. & Installation
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
6:00 p.m. -- dinner in the Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.-- meeting and Installation of
the 2022 Officers for all Bodies.

Mon. Feb. 21, 6:00 p.m.; Presidents' Day
Elmer Hall Dining Room, S.R. Center
6:30 p.m. - Dinner, 7:30 p.m. - Program



Tues, Feb. 22. Washington's Birthday
First U.S. President born in Colony of
Virginia.

Fri/Sat, Mar 11-12; Leadership Conf.
St. Louis, Missouri

Registration available on the Supreme Council web site

March 12 Albert Mackey birthday
Born in 1807. Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council in
1800's
Wrote "Mackey's Masonic Encyclopedia"

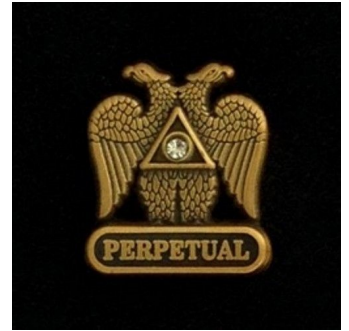
Sat./Sun, April 2&3; Spring Reunion
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Sat. 7:00 a.m., Candidate Registration
Sun. 4:30 end of Degrees
Petitions available from Temple Office
918 423-6360

Thurs., April 14; 12 noon; Maundy Thursday
McAlester Ladies Luncheon
Elmer Hale Dining Room
Display of John T. Liebrand Easter Lily

Perpetual Endowed Memberships (free?)

Think you can't afford to buy one. Read the following options and work it out:

Option 1 -- Members securing twenty (20) candidates who complete their Scottish Rite Degrees will receive a Perpetual Endowed Membership (PEM), paid by the Lodge of Perfection. Petitions must have been secured after January 1, 1989.



Option 2: Members securing twelve (12) candidates who complete their Scottish Rite Degrees in a twelve-month period of time will receive a P.E.M. paid by the Lodge of Perfection.

Option 3: Members may attain thirty (30) P.E.M. credits as follows will receive a P.E.M. paid by the lodge of perfection:

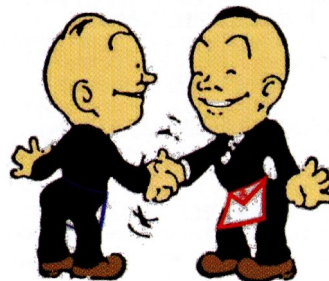
- 1/2 credit for Affiliations (from out of State only)
- 1/2 credit for Reinstatement
- 1/2 credit Dues Collection

These must be reported to and verified by the Temple Office personnel.

Option 4: Members who secure fifteen (15) P.E.M. credits and the balance by Affiliations, Reinstatements and Dues Collection to total thirty (30) P.E.M. credits will receive a paid up P.E.M. from the Lodge of Perfection.

Any of these Options can be done. Our Valley has a Past Grand Master who earned 2 P.E.M.'s using these Options. Several of those brethren wearing "white" caps accomplished this also.

SOMEWHERE a Master Mason is considering the Scottish Rite. Don't disappoint Him!.



SO, IS IT "PRESIDENTS' DAY" OR "WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY?"

Although the holiday is most often referred to as "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday."

Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to President's Day. And Congress has never declared a national holiday that is binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its own legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday's date.

Today many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day just as quite a few U.S. states do, too. Of course, all of the retail store sales are called President's Day sales, and this usage has also been influential in how we refer to the holiday.

Old Farmer's Almanac

BOOKS OF GENERAL INTEREST

"Freemasonry on the Frontier: by Dr. John Wade, editor

This book is reviewed in the latest S.R. Journal but if you missed it there, it is here to remind you to check it out.

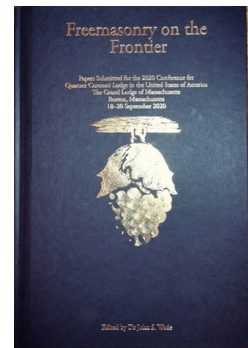
It is a collection of essays and reports from Masons throughout the U.S. in regard to the early history of Masonry in their area.

We are currently running a series on Freemasonry in Oklahoma. Part of this will, no doubt, be seen in this book. The book covers the spread of Freemasonry on the North American continent from the east coast to California.

In closing, the reviewer, 'William Parks, Jr., 33°' has this to say:

"This excellent collection of Masonic essays will not leave its readers "nodding, nearly napping, to quote a line from Poe's "The Raven"".

\$38.00 at McCoy, internet.



THE AUTHOR, ALLEN ROBERTS ON HIS REFLECTIONS OF HIS BOOK, "George Washington: Master Mason."

From one of those detractors of Washington as a Freemason, I have become one of his champions! I had asked myself, "What influenced him to become a Mason? What influence did Masonry have on his life? On his associates? On the decisions he made? In the letters he wrote? In the men he trusted? In his public service? In his life at home?"



In seeking the answers to those questions, and more, I found a man who put into practice the principles, the tenets and the philosophy of Freemasonry. I found a man, unschooled in the in the modern sense, a gracious father, far ahead of his time. His courage, his versatile mind, his sympathetic heart, his strength of will and body, and his unswerving determination to bring freedom to the American people are the reasons the United States won the opportunity to be free.

When he left the Presidency, he left his countrymen with a country based on a firm foundation. More important he left them with a program to follow for all time.All of us have our likes and dislikes. All of us are individuals. That's what makes our country and Freemasonry great. George Washington recognized this. He also realized that hatred that builds up becomes malignant and more deadly than cancer. He never let his anger linger. In this, perhaps more than in any other way, he proved his greatness. In this way he put into actual practice Freemasonry's greatest tenets -- "Brotherly Love."

For a chronology of Washington's activity in Masonic lodges check out:

<https://gwmemorial.org/pages/george-washington-the-mason>

PEOPLE; You gotta love'em.

--- As the hostess at the casino buffet showed me to my table, I asked her to keep an eye out for my husband, who would be joining me momentarily . I started to describe him, "He has gray hair, wears glasses, has a pot belly..."

She stopped me there. "Honey," she said, "today is senior day. They all look like that."

--- At the super market, I searched high and low for canned peanuts, with no luck. Spotting an elderly clerk stocking shelves, I asked, "Where do you hide the nuts?"

Looking around, she grumbled, "I don't hide them anywhere. They are all over the place."

--- While hosting a garage sale, I asked a man if he was looking for anything in particular. "Yes, " he said, "Place mats, the color of grape jelly."

IT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY, 1930

Headline: "Albert Pike dormitory is now a Standardized Hospital."

(The building was located on what is now the south parking lot of the Temple)

Soon after the transfer to the McAlester Scottish Rite Bodies the hospital was renamed the Albert Pike hospital and moved from where it was first located by the Episcopal Church in the Fourth Ward of the city of McAlester into the former dormitory built just south of the Temple to which additions had been made and the whole building remodeled to suit its new use, the dream to standardize began.

Now the dream has been realized. Albert Pike is a Standardized Hospital, and the brethren are as proud of that fact as they will be of the new Temple when it has been rebuilt.

(The Oklahoma Mason, Feb., 1930)



FREEMASONRY AND OKLAHOMA (continued)

In the early 1830's, the Indian Tribes began to arrive. Among the Masons who played the most important roles in that historic drama were John and William Ross, Cherokee Chieftains; David Carter, Pushmataha the famous Choctaw philosopher and patriot; Peter P. Pitchlyn; John Jumper, Seminole warrior; Yahoo, Creek leader.

By this time the centers of social and religious life in the early settlements, as well as of military and political activities had again had moved westward to Ft. Gibson in the north and Ft. Towson in the south and these in turn, depended upon Ft. Smith. The Mason is a builder. He builds character with the various materials of manly virtue quite as much as he builds Temples of stone and cedar and brass. He builds schools, and churches and establishes and maintains government. There was work for the Mason to do and that he built well, is conclusively evidenced by the great structure we love so well, our own Oklahoma.

Army officers, missionaries, teachers and traders came to the new country largely from Connecticut and Virginia, later from the Carolinas and Tennessee where Masonry had thrived for 100 years. Masons from the far eastern lodges met their brethren from beyond the mountains and through the medium of fraternalism were better and more quickly organized in their official duties as well as in their social relations and friendships. There were no Lodges west of Ft. Smith but on occasions of Masonic funerals or social functions or Communications of unusual interest at Ft. Smith, attendance was swelled by visitors from the Indian country. (to be continued)

Resource: "History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma."
Oklahoma Lodge of Research

***"Why does not someone suggest that we try Freemasonry?"
("Whither are we Traveling?"
Dwight Smith, PGM, Indiana)***

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