



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
918-423-6360

Upcoming Events:

February 19th

President Day Observance
Wine Tasting 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM

February 20th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

March 6th

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

March 7th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

March 11th

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

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
Brett Cable, Venerable Master
Jimmy Whitfield, 33°, Wise Master
James Dulin, KCCH, Commander
Michael Bibee, Master of Kadosh

"AMERICAN HERITAGE REUNION

Two Days
Saturday and Sunday
April 13 and 14, 2019

(Make your reservations and other plans to attend now.
Remember: it is requested that "petitions" be sent in early)

"Heritage" is another word for "inheritance". In addition to our inheritance of our "freedom and governance" documents, the United States Flag is a symbol we see every day.

There is a Flag Code which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, and also contains specific instructions on how the flag is "not" to be used.

Standards of Respect

1. The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
2. The flag should not be used as drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general.
3. The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. Advertising should not be attached to the pole or hal-yard.
4. The flag should never be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform. A flag patch may be used on uniforms of military personnel, firemen, policemen and patriotic organizations.
5. The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
6. The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

The United States Flag is part of Our inheritance. To show the flag respect is to show respect for the men and women whose lifeblood was freely give to preserve Our American Heritage.

Charitable & Education Foundation

R. Bruce Hall, 33 President
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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. Feb. 18, Presidents' Day
McAlester Center office closed.

Tue, Feb. 19, Presidents' Day Observance
Indian Chapter of the S.R. , host
Elmer Hale Dining Room
Center open at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m.
Catered by "the Meeting Place"
\$15 for one person; \$25 for two people
Patriotic Program follows.



Mon. March 11, 7:00 pm, Stated Meeting
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
Richards' Room; Scottish Rite Center

Sat. Mar. 30, Perpetual Pathway
So. McAlester Lodge #96
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center

Fri. April 12, 6:30 pm, Duck Dinner
Richards' Room/ McAlester S.R. Center
All Ducks & candidates are welcome.
Hatching usually follows dinner & meeting.
Quack, quack, quack!!

Sat./Sun., April 13-14 S.R. Reunion
McAlester S.R. Center, McAlester, OK
Registration-7:00 a.m. Saturday morning
Please have "petitions" in early.

LIFE'S CHANGES

The older sister told her little brother how his voice would eventually change as he grew up. He grew excited at the prospect. "Cool," he said, "I hope I get a German accent!"



2019 OFFICERS OF THE 4 BODIES VALLEY OF MCALESTER

Lodge of Perfection, 4th -- 14th Degrees

Venerable Master - Brett Cable,
Sr. Warden -- Mike Sexton, KCCH
Jr. Warden -- Samuel Box, KCCH
Prelate -- Charles Holt
M. of C. -- Stephen Gregg, KCCH
Expert -- Greg Steidley, KCCH
Asst. Expert -- Kim Crissler
Capt./Host -- Chris Bots
Tiler -- Ronald Gregg, Jr.
Orator -- Bob Padgett, KCCH
Almoner -- Billy Erkin, 33

Chapter of Rose Croix, 15TH-18TH DEG.

Wise Master -- Jimmy Whitfield, 33,
Sr. Warden -- John Carter, KCCH
Jr. Warden -- Clay Roberts
M./C. -- John Cunningham, KCCH
Expert -- Scott Stahl
Asst. Expert -- Brent Heilman
Standard/Bearer -- Gary Stinson, KCCH
Guard/Temple -- Ron Gragg, Sr., KCCH
Tiler -- Chris West
Orator -- Bob Padgett, KCCH

COUNCIL OF KADOSH, 19th - 30th Degrees

Commander -- James Dulin, KCCH,
1st Lt. Comm. -- Larry McManus,
KCCH
2nd Lt. Comm -- Shaun Callahan,
KCCH
Chancellor -- Mike Wright, KCCH
M./C. -- Rodney Ryder, KCCH
Turcopilier -- Paul Larcade, 33
Draper -- Brian Engleman, KCCH
1st Deacon -- Afton Smith, Jr.
2nd Deacon -- Michael Deaton
Bearer/Beauseant -- Jason Smith
Bearer/White Stand.-- James
McNair, KCCH
Bearer/Black Stand. -- Daren Gillick
Orator -- Bob Padgett, KCCH
Almoner -- Billy Erkin, 33
Treasurer -- Bruce Hall, 33
Secretary -- Mike Ebert, KCCH

McALESTER CONSISTORY, 31st- 32nd Deg.

Master of Kadosh -- Mike Bibee,
Prior -- Douglas Worden
Chancellor -- Russell Davis
Prefect -- Don Higgingbotham, II
Minister/State -- Bobby Peters,
KCCH
Prelate -- Bob Reynolds, KCCH
M./C. -- Bryan Pumphrey
Expert -- Marshall Harrington
Asst. Expert -- Tyler Burnett
Capt./Guard -- Craig Smith
Tiler -- Bradley Ross
Almoner, Billy Erkin, 33
Treasurer -- Bruce Hall, 33
Registrar -- Mike Ebert, KCCH

The Masters of the Bodies serve for one year on the S.G.I.G.'s Advisory Conference and as Trustees of the C. & E. Foundation. They also are responsible for opening their respective Body at Reunions and presiding over that Body at meetings during the year.

ANY MORE QUESTIONS, DOC?



The 4 yr old boy was rushed to the E.R. with a terrible cough, high fever and vomiting. The doctor did an exam, then asked the boy what bothered him the most.

After thinking it over, the boy said hoarsley, "I would have to say, my little sister."

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST



"Myths, Magick, & Masonry: Occult Perspectives in Freemasonry" by Jaime P. Lamb

The book certainly presents some very interesting and novel methods of, and approaches to understanding and interpreting our Craft by considering what is has possibly inherited from early wisdom, religion, esotericism and philosophy. Although not the easiest read, for the Mason willing to invest time and thought to reflect upon and study what is presented, the effort is well worth it and should enhance his appreciation of our ritual and our symbols.

TEMPLE RESTORATION FUND RECEIVES GRANT

General Secretary Mike Ebert, at the 1st Thursday S.R. meeting in OKC, informed those in attendance that the L.O.P.-Restoration Fund for Temple Preservation had received a \$200,000 grant from the Charity Foundation. Terms of the grant require that the funds be used within the 12 month period following their reception. The grant will allow the Masonic Center to have some necessary repairs and restoration work.

No doubt a new boiler is at the top of the list. Also the roofs that were not replaced with the grant from the Kerr Foundation are on the list. Of the 14 roofs, I think 3 or 4 remain to be done. The north wall leaks at the auditorium level and needs maintenance work. I am confident that much else needs to be restored and repaired.

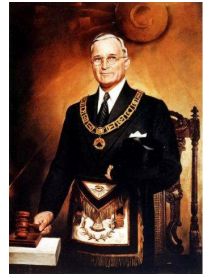
This grant has come at a good time. Our historic building always needs preservation work. Next year it will be 20 years since our 100 Year anniversary. We only have 80 more years to make the 2nd one hundred. Whether or not our Valley makes that goal will depend on us, and the next 2 to 3 generations of "candidates."

Brethren, those candidates are just now being born. Let us continue a HERITAGE they will be proud of. Just like our early Brethren did for US.



U.S. PRESIDENTS WHO WERE MASONS

Harry S. Truman, 1884-1972



Of the several Presidents who were Masons, Brother Truman was probably the most active in the Fraternity. He was a Certificate Lecturer and instructor and, even as President, he attended Lodge. He even slipped out of the White House on occasion to walk to the nearest Lodge meeting. On the campaign trail, he once stopped his train in a small Missouri town to attend the Master's Degree of a friend's son and he "raised" the young man. On my last visit to his Library & Museum in Independence, MO, his Masonic activities had been reduced from a mannikin of him in his tux and G.M. regalia to his G.M. apron on display. (A sign of our times?)

Bro. Truman was initiated, passed & raised in 1909 in Belton Lodge #450 at Belton, MO. While being more active in the blue lodges, he was a member of the York Rite and the Kansas City Valley of the Scottish Rite. He served as the Grand Master of Missouri while in the Senate and is known to have said, "the only reason G.C. Cowles elevated him to the 33rd Degree is because he was the President."

Bro. Truman's down-to-earth manner, and "the buck stops here attitude" earned him the nickname of Harry S. {ass) Truman. So, my brethren, it was a Mason who signed the order to drop the atomic bomb then ended the war in Japan. Indeed, he earned his nickname.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, the child.

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now Joey, do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

Joey: "Because George still had the axe in his hand?"



A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS:

The 6 most important words: "I admit, I made a mistake."

The 5 most important words: "You did a good job."

The 4 most important words: "What is your opinion?"

The 3 most important words: "If you please."

The 2 most important words: Thank you."

The one most important word: "We."

The least important word: " I ".

(From Scottish Rite Journal, 2001)

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The House of the Temple was the location for the regular (biennial) session which opened on Oct. 19, 1925. The session began with membership reports. The books showed that the Lodges of Perfection in the S. J. had 290,000 members and the Consistories had 248,000 members. The G.C. reported that the Council finances were sound. However, in his Allocution, he informed the Active Members that several Valleys had built new, large buildings and were beginning to suffer from indebtedness. Our author says this "was a sign of the times."

Further into Cowles Allocution, he reported something else that was a development of the times. He informed the Council that the Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, had spoken out against Freemasonry. In response the Grand Lodge of Italy had closed over 700 Lodges. This also affected the Italian Scottish Rite. Cowles said, "No freedom-loving people will submit long to such" (actions).

Continuing the Allocution, the G.C. said that he had ordered a bronze bust of "General" Pike to be placed at the entrance of the Temple Room. The Council approved the purchase and recommended that John Pope, Temple architect, be hired to design a pedestal for the bust. Pope accepted the job and only charged the Temple for materials.



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

During the 1920's the Washington National Cathedral was under construction. Including in the G.C. Allocution, he wrote of a visit by Episcopal Bishop, Freeman, who was a 32nd Degree Mason. Bishop Freeman had a request of the Supreme Council. It was that the Scottish Rite Masons furnish a full length statue of George Washing in his W.M. regalia to be placed in a designated area of the new Cathedral. The Council approved the the request. The funds were to be raised by the Bodies of the Rite with donations of individual members of 25 cents per member. The proposal also went to the Grand Lodges who likewise requested donations from all Master Masons. And to ensure Masonic involvement, Bishop Freeman appointed G.C. Cowles to chair the "committee on remembrance." The project finally was completed in 1947 with the placement of the statue in the Cathedral.

In reminding the Council of an earlier recommendation by the Committee of the Library, Cowles proposed that a history of the Mother Council be written and published. The history would attempt to cover "all" the actions of the jurisdiction as well as a biography of each Grand Commander. The Council adopted the project. The Active Members selected Librarian William Boyd to lead the project. The history would cover the first 125 years and and be as complete as possible.

Under the subject of committee reports, the Committee on Jurisprudence & Legislation recommended a total of 45 amendments to the Statutes. This brought up a long standing problem. Many Active Members had complained about the use of amendments to make minor changes to the Statutes. Apparently no action was done to make the situation better, but former, present, and future Grand Commanders complaints continued.



