



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:

April 3rd

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

April 4th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

April 8th

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

April 11th

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

April 13-14

Reunion-McAlester Scottish Rite Center

April 17th

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

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

MARK THESE DATES !

Fri, Sat, Sun, April 12,13,14, 2019
For The



S.R. REUNION

McAlester Masonic Center

(Please send your "candidate" petition in early)

What does one get for his fee: Your candidate will receive, during the Reunion, a 14th Degree ring pyramid, an 18th Degree Rose Croix lapel pin, the book, "Bridge to Light", various reading materials about our activities and 2 days of education on the subjects of morality, ethics and philosophy in such a way he has not heard before.

CANDIDATE BENEFITS

As a Scottish Rite Mason, he is able to attend Leadership Conferences; have access to the latest Masonic books; nationally known speakers at meetings Orient wide and across the Southern Jurisdiction; receive the b-monthly "Scottish Rite Journal" and access to the Scottish Rite Research Society, local Societies and clubs.

WHAT DO SCOTTISH RITE MASONS DO?

The Valley of McAlester has one of the premier scholarship programs in the Orient which is funded by a trust fund and member contributions. (continued on next page)

Charitable & Education Foundation

R. Bruce Hall, 33 President
Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
Advisory Council Trustees
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

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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](#)

WHAT DO SCOTTISH RITE MASONS DO?(continued)

Through the McAlester Charitable and Educational Foundation, the Valley maintains a childhood language program with its support of the RiteCare Clinic in McAlester and the Teacher Education program for Oklahoma continuing education.

PLUS : As a member of the Valley of McAlester Scottish Rite, you become a part of Oklahoma Masonic history.

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Sat. Mar. 30, Perpetual Pathway

Host: S. McAlester #96 Lodge
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Blue Lodge Room, west door



Thur. ,April 4, 11:30 a.m., S.R. Luncheon

Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OKC
Candidates Welcome!
John Salisbury, 33, Chairman

Mon. April 8, 7:00 pm, L.O.P. stated mtg.

Richards Room; McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Members welcome;

Fri. April 12, 6:30 pm, Ducks Dinner

Richards Room; McAlester S.R. Center
Pre-Reunion Event; Candidates and
"unhatched eggs" welcome!

Join us for good food and a "quacking"
good fellowship!

Sat./Sun. Apr. 13-14 , McAlester Reunion

AMERICAN HERITAGE REUNION

7:00 AM - Registration

8:00 AM - Open Ceremony

8:45 AM - 4th Degree

Breakfast available in Dining Room after

6:30 a.m. both days

"Early petitions speed up the process!!"

NOTES FROM THE MARCH LOP MEETING

-- Membership Retention: The General Secretary is now working a special "retention" program for members who have been suspended for 3,5, & 7 years That is not to say that a member who has been suspended for 4 or 6 years may benefit too. To be reinstated , the brother must be current with his Blue Lodge dues and pay the 2019 dues plus 30 dollars.

-- DUES OWING: There are presently about 225 members still owing their 2019 dues.

-- BUILDING MAINTENANCE-- Plans are progressing for repairs of the east roof and "tuck" pointing of the walls. The committee is waiting for a second bid for a new boiler.

--The subject of candidate participation was discussed.



QUICKIES:

Q.: How many chiropractors does it to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but it takes 6 visits.

Q: What did the green grape say to the purple grape?

A. "Breath, stupid."

Q: What kind of exercises do lazy people do?

A. Diddly-Squats

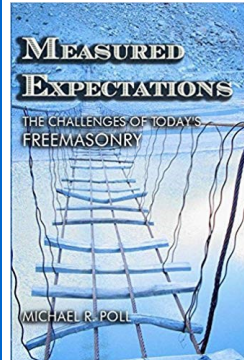
Q: Why do they lock gas-station bathrooms?

A. Cause they're afraid someone will clean them.





BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST



Measured Expectations The challenges of Today's Freemasonry

by Michael Poll

This quick read reminds experienced Masons how to carry on a casual, but informative, discussion with an interested and lively new member

The book is a welcome change of pace from what Poll calls "high-brow" style of writing about Masonry.

Available on the [Internet](#).

...OR IS IT "TWO FOR ONE?"

A frugal widow goes to the newspaper to take out an obituary notice for her late husband. "How much?" she asked the fellow behind the counter.

"One dollar per word.," he says. She says, "Make it, MacGregor died." "It's a five-word minimum," he replies. "Very well, make it, ' MacGregor died. Volvo for Sale."

Pride is not the heritage of man; humility should dwell with frailty, and atone for ignorance, error, and imperfection.

Albert Pike

MASONIC CENTER ACTIVITY

STAGE: Mark Halyard, 33, and Tom Poss, 33 have been busy changing out the old mikes for the new and latest microphones. The change was required by the latest FCC regs to prevent Frequency "bleed over."

RICHARDS ROOM: New appliances are being installed in the kitchen and the old carpet is being replaced. Funds for these improvements come from a grant by the Richards Family.



RULES FOR RETIREMENT

1. Sleep as long as you like.
2. Have a leisurely breakfast with a trendy coffee.
3. Do not sit on a park bench.
4. Remind yourself that you can now do those things you always wanted to do.
5. Now you may use these words, "tech illiterate, grandchildren , colonoscopy."
6. Call friends you haven't seen for years.
7. Now you can do movies in the afternoon.
8. You can go grocery shopping during the off-peak hours.
9. Do not use Facebook to find old girl friends.
10. Take a slow drive in the country and enjoy the scenery.

(AARP Bulletin

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The next annual (or biennial) session was held at the House of the Temple beginning Oct. 27, 1927.

Remember, this was 2 years before the Stock Market Collapse of 1929. These events may all ready be on the minds of some citizens.

As usual, G.C. Cowles began his Allocution with membership numbers. During the period from 1925 to 1927, the Lodges of Perfection had initiated 34,500 candidates ad the Consistories had 28,000 new members. These numbers were down from the previous "biennial" . In addition, the Rite had lost over 63,000 members in the past 20 years. The majority of his Allocution was to cover the membership situation.

Cowles went on to give the reasons for his concern. He stated that there was a noticeable "lack of enthusiasm" and "falling off of interest" in Masonry. He said that, "may joined for the possibility of service, watched the Degrees and attended the meetings only to become 'dues-paying' members." For this , Cowles placed blame on the "older" members for not keeping the new members's interest in the tenets and principles of the Rite. He expressed his concern that the Rite had become a source of "degree-mills"; the members no longer took the degrees as an individual experience thereby marginalizing it. (It was made to be too easy. My words). Theatrical presentation had "supplanted" "the attraction of philosophical learning and allegorical interpretation." Cowles felt that a "loss of interest in Freemasonry" overall and "indifference by the 'non-Mason'" . (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The G.C. did not miss the growing presence of other fraternal societies and civic clubs. Community service was a factor in the growth of these to the extent that Freemasonry was falling behind.

Cowles cautioned the Rite that their own creation of philanthropic organizations was more than the dues-paying member could support. He also spoke about the construction of larger, grander temples which later would drain treasuries of the Valleys and Orients. He included the charitable work of building hospitals and other pursuits. Personally, Cowles was opposed to the "assistance of non-Masonic charities."

In effect, Cowles was calling for Masonry to face up to the reality of the membership question . He felt, (and I think this was important) that the Scottish Rite should only build temples with the possibility that there could be a future use for community or business use, for no one knew what the future held. The Crash would not occur for another two years but the signs were beginning to appear.

to be continued.

Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"

by William Fox

"I look back and reflect on my journey and ask myself; Have I represented Masonry like the respected men of my community."

Joseph Wells, 32; on the 31st Degree

Editor Don Jones, 33°

