



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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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 4th
Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan
Comanche County SR Chapter dinner mtg.,
Salsa Mexican Cafe, Lawton
April 5th
Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100
April 9th
Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
April 14-15
Spring Reunion, McAlester Scottish Rite
Center
April 18th
Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

Note:

Scottish Rite Clubs 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
Dr. Doug Auld, 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

HEY, YOU!!

**Don't wait! Don't hesitate!
Don't Meditate!
Get those Petitions in NOW**

**McALESTER SPRING SCOTTISH RITE
REUNION**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018
Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Schedules and information have been mailed out,
but if you need more call Cherie at-- 918 423-6360, (a class
schedule is attached to the end of this News Blast.)

Don't Wait!

Free Dormitory beds are available at the Temple.

CANDIDATES WHO GET THEIR petitions **IN BY April 12** and
who complete the degrees will receive, free, a new 32d Degree
Scottish Rite cap!!

**WHAT IS THE
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY**

*and why should a man who is a Master Mason become
a member?*

To seek that which is of the most worth in the world.

To exalt the dignity of every person.

To maximize our service to humanity.

To aid the individual's search in God's Universe
for identity, for development, for destiny.

AND thereby to achieve better men in a better world,
happier men in a happier world, and wiser men in
a wiser world.

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:

2018

April 14-15, 2018

October 20-21, 2018

State Wide Reunion

July 21st Tulsa

2019

April 27-28

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](#)

RITUAL AND REASON

Let's think ritual for a moment. Actually, what does ritual do for us in our daily lives.

1. Ritual gives us a sense of national identity.
2. Ritual provides a means of preparation for worship.
3. Ritual helps our relationships with others.
4. Ritual links us with our past and with our heritage.
5. Ritual allows us to feel comfortable in situations that are new to us.
6. Ritual allows us to handle situations in an orderly fashion.

In Masonry, all of the above apply.

DON'T WAIT for extraordinary opportunities, seize common occasions and make them great!

O.S. Marden

CAN YOU (or your LADY) HELP YOUR SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE?

a. Hostess for Ladies' Lounge'

A Lady is needed to host the Ladies Lounge during Reunions. Includes helping the SGIG.'s lady to stage Saturday morning coffee for visiting ladies. Also arrange for light refreshments & coffee.

Call Cherie at 918 423-6360 for more info.

b. Blue lodge Reps

Bro. Mike Bibee, VMAP Director and Membership needs representatives in the SE and southern counties of the Valley to help implement the VMAP program. See Bro. Bibee at the reunion or check with Cherie at the office for Mike's contact information.

What is the VMAP plan. It stands for Valley Achievement Membership Program. It is part of the Supreme Council's membership plan and Valley development.

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Thur. April 5, 11:30 a.m., SR Luncheon
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OK
Fellowship & best buffet in town.
Always a program of Masonic interest.



Fri, Sat, Sun, April 6,7,8, Guthrie Reunion
29 degrees, Guthrie S.R. Temple
Guthrie, OK

Fri. April 13, 6:00 p.m. Ducks Dinner
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center, Richards Room
Dinner and Hatching.
Join us for food, fellowship & fun.
Here is where the Reunion starts, QUACK!

Sat & Sun. Apr. 14-15 Scottish Rite Reunion
McAlester S.R. Masonic Temple
Sat. 6:30 a.m. Breakfast, Elmer Hale Dining Room
7:00: Candidate Registration
Sunday- 6:30a.m., Breakfast
7:30 a.m.-Degrees begin
Organizations meeting during the Reunion"
Knights of St. Andrew
Chain Gang
Lions of Judah
Ducks (at the Ducks' Nest) get Quacking

Wed. Apr 18th. Rite Nite for Education, McAlester
Hartshorne/Haileyville Lodge, 7:00 p.m.
Robert G. Davis, 33, GC- presenter
Nationally known Lecturer on Freemasonry.
If you have not been making these, you are
missing out on the "promise" of Masonry.

May 18,19, Ducks Spring Migration at the
Mulberry Patch on Lake McAlester.
Fun, Fellowship and Food, spend the night
and enjoy our luxurious nest.



VALLEY ACTIVITIES (continued)

Sat. July 21, Statewide One-Day Reunion
Tulsa S.R. Masonic Center, Tulsa, OK
The 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees
will be exemplified. McAlester teams are doing
the 14th and 32nd Degrees.



THE OTHER SON

CONTRIBUTED by Wendy Silvey

Thanks to reruns, my kids discovered the old Ozzie & Harriet TV show. My 11-year old son was take with Ricky Nelson. He wanted a guitar like his , wanted to sing like him, and decided to hunt down some of his old recordings.

After a long search, he came home and announced, "I couldn't fine any Ricky Nelson albums so I got some by his brother."

"David?", I asked, not recalling that that he had a musical career.

"No, Willie."

RITECARE CLINIC HAS MOVED.

The RiteCare Clinic has moved to the Speech Pathology of McAlester Clinic last week and is still open the business of HELPING CHILDREN COMMUNICATE.



This past year the clinic helped 102 children with speech needs. The new office is located at 1415 Wade Watts Ave in McAlester and will continue to offer services to children in need

To contribute to the RiteCare, make your check to the "McAlester C. & E. Foundation" and write "RiteCare Clinic" on the Memo line. Show that Scottish Rite Masons help children to communicate.

EDUCATION!

Teacher: "Jimmy, can you define nonsense?"

Jimmy: "Yes, teacher it is an elephant hanging over a cliff with his tail wrapped around a daisy."

A schoolteacher from the city was questioning her small nephew to see how his country school education was progressing. "If a farmer had 5,000 bushels of corn," she asked, "and corn is worth 40 cents a bushel, what will he get."

"A government loan," promptly replied the nephew.

The young daughter loved to go to performances at the local high school, so when her brother was in a spelling bee, she happily came along.

But halfway through, she lost interest. Leaning in to Mom, she whispered, "This is the most boring play, I have ever seen."

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS BUILDING IS?

from the Sept. 1930, Oklahoma Mason
(as published)

"Our Dormitory at Norman"

It is the duty of Masons, especially our brothers of Indian Consistory, to keep in mind our Dormitory at Norman, built for the accommodation of the sons of Masons attending the State University. Not only sons of Masons may be accommodated but young men who com well recommended.

Applications for admission must be obtained from Bro. H.L. Muldrow, chairman of the board at Norman.

Do you know of a deserving young man who desires to attend the University? If so, recommend to him the Masonic Dormitory.

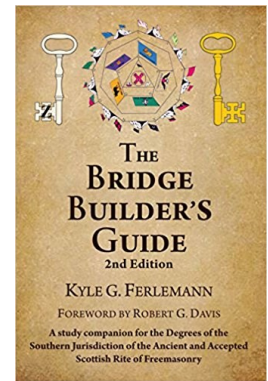


(Now known as the Whitehand Hall Administration Building. The outside still has its Masonic symbols).



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Bridge Builders Guide," by Kyle Ferlemann



The author divides Freemasonry into 3 general areas-- Ceremonial Arts, Tenets of Freedom, and Esoteric Studies.

The book has been referred to as a "teacher's guide" by Bro. James Tresner, 33, GC.

Available on the internet.

7 BAD THINGS YOU CAN DO TO YOUR HEART.

1. You sneak a smoke.
2. You skip your walk.
3. You have an extra cookie.
4. You eat dinner out of a box.
5. You shun your veggies.
6. You lose your cool.
7. You overdrink alcohol.



(AARP magazine, Feb/Mar 2018)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

When the biennial session of 1915 was held in October, the world was experiencing the changes that would bring in the 20th Century. The effects of World War I, which began in 1914, would lead to the fall of monarchies, the use of airplanes, armored tanks and development of more destructive weapons of war. Governments would be formed that would be either be democratic in nature or dictatorships. Progress was being made in transportation, communication and forming a world that later generations, including ours, would enjoy.

The ideas and causes that changed the Scottish Rite of the turn of the century into the one that we know now was about to be formed. The Orient of Georgia lead with the building of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Decatur. The Tax Code literally forced the Supreme Council to consider "charity" as an important part of the existence of the Scottish Rite.

The dedication of the House of the Temple started the session of 1915 and was held with "peace and harmony". The tensions among the Council members began to show during the session.

The Allocution of Grand Commander began with the ritual. He proposed that the 4th through the 14th Degrees be updated to reflect the new discoveries of science and archaeology. In regard to ritual, he suggested that a part of the 20th Degree that was the same as the Northern Jurisdiction be removed to better suit the Southern Jurisdiction. The G.C. suggested that a complete revision of the "Statutes" was necessary in order to clarify and bring them up to the present "status of the Rite." Perhaps in Moore's mind was the fact that Masonry, including the Scottish Rite, was subjected to an abundance of legislation. This was especially a problem for the higher elective officers in that the "Committee of Administration". It was being used by Council members to the extent that the "Committee" was usurping the powers of the offices, mainly the Grand Commander's. This was a "boil" that would eventually fester and burst. (The account of the actions of the Committee and the officers is too long to cover in this space. It will be done at a later date as its own story.)

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The G.C.'s Allusion reported that for several years he had been paying the Dist. of Columbia, a tax bill of \$7,000. He felt that the assessment of \$500,000 for the Temple, plus personal property. was excessive. He further stated that he had hoped for a tax-exemption for the fraternal organization. This opinion was supported by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation This subject brought a long discussion and took years to resolve. This is where the "charitable purpose" came in and that, is where the Hospital in Georgia became the forerunner in Masonic philanthropy. (The events which arrived at the tax-exempt status will be discuss in a separate article.)

(the 1815 session will be continued in next issue)
(to be continued)

Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"
by William Fox



".....Masonry places before us the "rough" ashlar and the "smooth" ashlar and urges us to remain faithful and steadfast in the work."

Grand Commander Ron A. Seale, 33.

Editor Don Jones, 33°

McAlester Scottish Rite
2018 Tentative Spring Reunion
Class Schedule
April 14-15, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018

6:30 AM	Breakfast	Main Dining Room	
7:00 AM	Candidate Registration	Main Lobby	
7:45 AM	Assemble Class/Introduction	Class Supervisor	
8:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies	Donnie Higginbotham, KCCH	
9:00 AM	Open Lodge of Perfection	Venerable Master	
9:05 AM	Break	10 Minutes	
9:15 AM	Candidate Education Session	Bob Davis, 33°, Grand Cross	10
9:25 AM	4th Degree	Lone Grove Team	35
10:00 AM	5th Degree	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
10:05 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
10:10 AM	6th Degree	Ardmore II Team	25
10:35 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
10:40 AM	7th Degree	Knights of St. Andrew Team	40
11:20 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
11:25 AM	8th Degree	Garvin County Team	30
11:55 AM	9th-13th Degrees	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Main Dining Room	
1:00 PM	14th Degree	Oklahoma County Team	45
1:45 PM	Candidate Education Session	Bob Davis, 33°, Grand Cross	10
1:55 PM	Open Chapter Rose Croix	Wise Master	
2:00 PM	15th Degree	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
2:05 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
2:10 PM	16th Degree	Ardmore Team	45
	2:30 PM MEMBERS ONLY EDUCATION / Bob Davis, 33° GC - Richards Room		
2:55 PM	17th Degree	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
3:00 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
3:05 PM	18th Degree	Nolen Watson Degree Team	70
4:15 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
4:20 PM	Open Council of Kadosh	Commander	
4:25 PM	19th-Degree	Shawnee Boys Degree Team	40
5:05 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
5:10 PM	20th Degree	Bryan/Atoka County S.R. Assoc.	40
5:50 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
5:55 PM	21st Degree	Stigler Team	45
6:40 PM	Approximate Class Dismissal	Class Supervisor	

Sunday, April 15, 2018

6:30 AM	Breakfast	Main Dining Room	
7:30 AM	Assemble Class	Class Supervisor	
7:40 AM	22nd Degree	Scottish Rite Society Team	30
8:10 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
8:15 AM	23rd Degree	Carter County Workers Team	30
8:45 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
8:50 AM	24th Degree	Shawnee Team	40
9:30 AM	25th Degree	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
9:35 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
9:40 AM	26th Degree	The McAlester Boys	40
10:20 AM	27-28th Degree	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
10:30 AM	Break	5 Minutes	
10:35 AM	Rose Croix Service (Open Public)	McAlester Team-Auditorium	
11:00 AM	Awards Ceremony (Open Public)	Auditorium	
11:30 AM	Class Picture	Larry McManus, KCCH	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Main Dining Room	
	1:00 PM MEMBERS ONLY EDUCATION / Bob Davis, 33° GC - Richards Room		
1:30 PM	29th Degree	Muskogee Team	45
2:15 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
2:20 PM	30th Degree	Pottawatomie County Team	60
3:20 PM	Open Consistory	Master of Kadosh	
3:25 PM	31st Degree	Communicated/J. Whitfield, 33°	
3:30 PM	Candidate Education Session	Bob Davis, 33°, Grand Cross	10
3:40 PM	Break	5 Minutes	
3:45 PM	32nd Degree	Indian Consistory Team	60
4:45 PM	Class Certificate Presentation	Auditorium	
5:00 PM	Approximate Class Dismissal	Class Supervisor	