



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:

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 Firday 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 Thursday 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
Vacant, Member
William C. Cox, 33, Member
Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member
Michael Sexton, KCCH, Venerable Master
John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master
Shaun Callahan, KCCH, Commander
Donnie Higginbotham II 32°, Master of
Kadosh

SUPREME COUNCIL ANNOUNCES CHANGES FOR 2021 BIENNIAL SESSION



Saturday and Sunday
August 21, 22, 2021



---Attendance will be limited to the current Active and Deputy members of the Supreme Council.

---- Active Members and Officers of the Supreme Council will meet in Executive Session on August 21st to conduct business and election of KCCH & 33rds. (The 33rd Degree will not be conferred at this Session.)

---The formal assembly will take place Sunday, August 22nd that will be informational & educational on Sunday afternoon. This part of the Session will be streamed live via internet at 2:00 p.m., EDT.

---The Council offers its apologies to all those Masons and organizations that are usually invited to the Biennial Sessions. This limited Session takes COVID-19 precautions into account.

The Supreme Council, SJ, AASR

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Upcoming Reunions:

2021
April 17
October 23-24

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

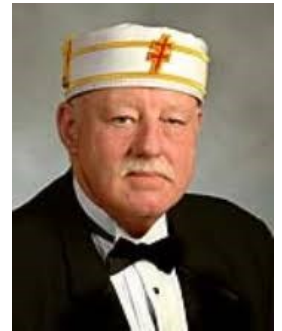
Scottish Rite, Valley of Tulsa

Scottish Rite Research Society

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MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR R. KEITH MADDEN, 33

Bro. Madden was the Past General Secretary of the Valley of Tulsa. He was a Certificate Lecturer instructor. He was Past Master of two lodges, Pilgrim Rock Lodge and Guild Hall lodge.



In northeast Oklahoma and especially the Tulsa area Keith was "Mr. Mason." He active on many Grand Lodge committees and also served on the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation. In the community he was active in civic programs that promoted the education and welfare of children. Keith and his wife, Sue, were active members of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa. Their daughter, Amanda, and husband, Matt, blessed them with four grandchildren who knew Keith as "Pop,Pop."

I have put Keith's story here because he was, to me, not only a brother Mason but a close friend. The Valley of McAlester reunion classes have watched him in 18th Degree as the "Wise Master." He filled in for this part for many McAlester reunions. Bro. Madden was unselfish with his time and his talent.

Thank you, Brother.

(The memorial service is on YouTube for anyone who would like to see it)

EPIGRAMS:

Man isn't so smart. Thousands of years before he began to have afternoon headaches from trying to think, the turtle had a streamlined body, hard top, retractable landing gear, and a mobile home.

The first essential for leadership is a group of dumb guys to follow you.

There is nothing more difficult than the art of making advice agreeable.

At age 20 the will reigns, at 30 the wit, and at 40 the judgement.

VALLEY ACTIVITY

Mon., Mar. 8; 6:00 p.m. Installation
2021 Officers of the Bodies will be
installed into their offices.

Masters of the Bodies
Lodge of Perfection - Mike Sexton, KCCH
Chapter of Rose Croix - John Carter, KCCH
Council of Kadosh - Shaun Callahan, KCCH
Consistory - Don Higginbotham, II

Mon., Mar. 8; 7:00 p.m. Stated Mtg.
Lodge of Perfection meets in
the Richards Room.
Open to members only.

Sat., April 17; McAlester Reunion
One-Day Scottish Rite Reunion
4th, 14th, 18th, 30th & 32nd Degrees

OBLIGATORY DEGREE TEAMS

18th Degree, Knight of Rose Croix

Nolan Watson Memorial Team

Director -- Donnie Higginbotham, KCCH
Wise Master -- Tom Dafforn, KCCH
Wise Master -- Gary Scarber, KCCJ
Sr. Warden -- Mike Wright, KCCH
Jr. Warden -- Kim Crissler, KCCH
Orator -- Mark Halyard, 33
Temple Guardian -- Don Jones, 33
M. of C. -- Donnie Higginbotham, II
Jesus -- Jonathan Eakman



GEORGE WASHINGTON on MASONRY

(King David Lodge #1; August, 1790)

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother."



(St. Johns; Lodge #2; April 1791)

"My best ambition having ever aimed at the unbiased approbation of my fellow citizens, it is peculiarly pleasing to find my conduct so affectionately approved by a Fraternity whose association is founded in justice and benevolence."

(Grand Lodge of South Carolina; May, 1791)

"Your sentiments, on the establishment and exercise of our equal government, are worthy of an association, whose principles led to purity of morals, and are beneficial in action."



LEARN ME, DURN YA

--For Martin Luther King Day, the teacher asked her 5th graders how they would make the world a better place. One student said, "I would make potato skins a main dish rather than an appetizer."

--Just before the final exam in a college finance class, a less-than-stellar student approached the teacher.

"Can you tell me what grade I would to make on the exam to pass the course?" he asked.

The teacher gave him the bad news. "The exam is worth 100 points. You would need 113 points to earn a D."

"Ok," he said. "And how many points would I need to get a C?"

LEARN ME, DURN YA (Continued)

(Actual answers)

Q. What is the opposite of main?

A. New Hampshire

Q. Who was Joan of Arc?

A. She was Noah's wife.

Q. Use etiquette in a sentence.

A. I don't know the meaning of etiquette.

Q. Which state is a peninsula?

A. Pennsylvania

Q. What percentage of the European population died following the outbreak of the plague?

A. 100 percent eventually.



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

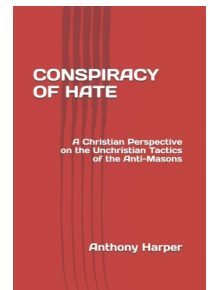
"Conspiracy of Hate:

a Christian perspective on the

Unchristian Tactics of the Anti-Masons"

by Anthony Harper; self-published

Review by: George Marshall, Jr. PGC



This is the 2nd printing of this book, the first being in 1995. The author is a Wisconsin Mason who belongs both the York and Scottish Rites and is a member of several Masonic appendant bodies. The book, while interesting enough in its own right in several instances, does labor under some rather serious defects. Among which are: there are no page numbers; there are grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors in various places, some of the material is dated or no longer valid and the title is somewhat misleading.

(Regardless), The primary issue I have with the book is its scope--it simply tries to cover too much ground in too little space.....

Ed. note: And the reviewer goes on to write a page and on-half covering the book. I included this book review because it is concerned with the subject of our condense History of the Scottish Rite and anti-Masonry in the 1990's.

MARCH (the month)

--- Named for Roman god of war, Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

---March 1st is the meteorological beginning of spring

---March is the month we spring forward our clocks for daylight saving time.

What is Daylight Saving Time:

--- D.S.T. is the practice of changing the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months, and changing back again in the fall.

The general idea is that this allows us

all to make better use natural daylight; however, D.S.T. has many detractors.



----Credit for Daylight Saving Time is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who suggested the idea in 1784 as a joke. George Hudson, a New Zealander, proposed the concept in 1885 but was ridiculed. The idea was revived in 1907, when William Willet, an Englishman, proposed a system in the pamphlet, "Waste of Daylight."

The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War I. The British switched one year later and the U.S. followed in 1918 with passage of the Standard Time Act by the U.S. Congress. Since then, DST has been on and off in the U.S. but currently uses 8 months (spring, summer and fall) out of the year.

(Set your clocks one hour forward at 2:00 A.M. on the 2nd Sunday of March)

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THE SCOTTISH RITE & ANTI-MASONRY DURING THE 1990'S (continued from last issue)

After the furor over "The Morgan Affair" of 1826 began to wane. The Anti-Mason political party had tried to politicize the anti-Masonic movement with little success. Many small towns and cities had Masonic lodges which, after a few years, began to be looked upon with little interest shown by the public.

However, toward the end of the 19th century the Scottish Rite Masons began to draw more attention. As the membership began to have a sudden spurt of rapid growth, the Rite began to build almost ostentatious buildings. The Rite was beginning to attract men of wealth and prominent gentleman of society. All of this led to the impression of big money and power. The perception was that if a man was a 32nd Degree Mason, he assured to be success and prosperous. So, when people began to grumble against the Masons, the Scottish Rite inadvertently had made itself a "big" target. It seems that the appearance of big buildings and the allusion of big money and powerful men, plus a "secret society", must be up to no good.

By the 1990's the Masonic Order was facing the accusations of planning to take over the world, create a New Order and bring about a New Age. And the Scottish Rite Masons, being the richest and most powerful of the Masonic organizations had the ability to accomplish that goal.

When fundamentalist Christian leaders began to attack the Masonic fraternity, primarily the Scottish Rite, with accusations of being anti-Christian, they used Pike's "Morals and Dogma" as their proof. They used passages in the book "out of context" and twisted the meanings of words and phrases to give credence to the accusations.

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THE SCOTTISH RITE & ANTI-MASONRY DURING THE 1990'S (continued)

One organization led by Lyndon LaRoche, a "right-winged libertarian," attempted to link the Rite with the Ku Klux Klan while a prominent Protestant denomination, at its annual Convention, came out against Freemasonry. Pat Robertson, a television evangelist told his fundamentalist Christian followers, that the Scottish Rite Masons were responsible for the problems of our society. Accusations of satanism, "devil-worship", murders and crimes against nature were made. Masonry and the Scottish Rite became "scapegoats" for all the problem.

Masonry and the Rite generally remained silent in the face of all the adversity. While untrue, all this negative publicity did have an effect of the fraternity. Middle-aged men, once the source new members, were looking for male-bonding organizations. Masonry, with its world-wide membership and lodges, was being painted as possibly being un-American or unpatriotic even though Masons promoted good citizenship and patriotism.

Meanwhile, American Masonry seemingly was unconcerned about the situation, but this was not true. The fraternity was taking this very seriously.

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This is from William Fox, author of "Lodge of the Double Eagle"

"Again, we find the idea of only the good, maybe even the best of men, being the stone from which Masonry is to carve its Perfect Ashlar."

Cliff Porter; Colorado Mason

Editor Don Jones 33°

