



McAlester Scottish Rite

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www.mcalesterscottishrite.org

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REUNIONS, REUNIONS, REUNIONS



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

Beginning the last weekend of March and for the following 3 weeks the Valleys in Oklahoma will be at work with their respective Reunions. What is the one thing in common with them; they all will need CANDI-DATES!



Well, here is the Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP) response to two questions:

1. How does a non-Mason join the Scottish Rite?

A. Freemasonry welcomes members from all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Before you can join the Scottish Rite, you must first become a Master Mason in a Lodge which is a part of a Grand Lodge recognized by the Conference of Grand Masters in North America (<http://www.cogmna.info/>)

For further information: mcalesterscottishrite.org.

2. If you are a Blue Lodge Mason, what then?

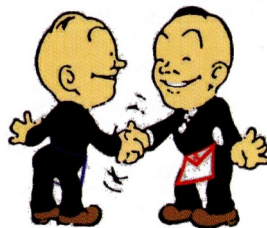
to join the Scottish Rite

Be a Master Mason in good standing

Complete a petition and include the appropriate fee (\$175.00); and

Attend a "McAlester" Reunion where the Scottish Rite Degrees are being presented.

Petitions may be downloaded from "Supreme Council, SJ" or "mcalesterscottishrite.org" or call 918-423-6360.



***Let me welcome you to the
Scottish Rite, Brother***

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

REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS



VMAP, Valley Membership Achievement Program, is designed to help every Valley provide its members with a superior Scottish Rite experience and is the result of the 2014 Scottish Rite Regional Leadership Workshops. The Supreme Council took the input from the attendees to develop VMAP so that the Valleys can exceed our candidates' and members' expectations in the Scottish Rite membership.

MCALESTER MEMBERSHIP TEAM



Valley Chairman, Mike Bibee, 32°, KCCH

Area #1, Chairman John Salisbury, 33°

Counties - Cleveland, Oklahoma, Pottawattamie

Area 2, Chairman William Cox, 33°

Counties- Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah.

Area #3, Chairman Clem Peppers, 33°

Counties - Coal, Hughes, McIntosh, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Seminole.

Area #4, Chairman Rodney Ryder, 32° KCCH

Counties -- Comanche, Carter, Garvin, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, Murray, Stephens.

Area #5, Chairman Charles Manning, 32°

Counties - Atoka, Bryan, Pushmataha,

Area #6, Chairman Joe Morgan, 32°

Counties -- Choctaw, McCurtain,

However, Membership is every member's job, so, "How do you get new members?"

GO TO WORK!

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY

Wednesdays, weekly 9:00 a.m.

Free Coffee & Donuts at the McAlester Scottish Rite Center. All welcome for fellowship & treats

Sat., March 12, Birthday

Albert Mackey's birthday; author of the Mackey Masonic Encyclopedia
Past Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council.
AASR

Mon. Mar. 14; 7:00 p.m. L.O.P.

Stated Meeting; McAlester Valley
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center

March 19; Order of DeMolay
founded in 1919.

Sat. Mar. 19; Noon; 50 Year Presentations;
Luncheon at noon will precede the
50 Yr Award presentations.

Please call the Temple at 918-423-6360 for reservations.

Sat./Sun. ; March 26-27, Reunion

Tulsa 2-day Spring Reunion
Tulsa Scottish Rite Center
1630 S. 101st East Ave.

Sat. Sun. April 2-3; McAlester

McAlester 2-Day Spring Reunion

The Reunion is EARLY this year. Mark your calendars. Petitions are available.

"Somewhere a Master Mason is wondering
how to join the Scottish Rite. DON'T
disappoint Him!



SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY (continued)

Fri. April 8, 6:30 pm; Dinner & Bingo
Central Okla. Scottish Rite Society
Italian cuisine by Chef Chris West, 32°
Fellowship, Food, Bingo, Fun.

Thur, Fri. Sat.; April 8, 9, 10; Reunion
Guthrie 3-day Scottish Rite Reunion
All 29 Degrees to be exemplified. Guthrie Scottish Rite
Center Guthrie, OK

**Congratulations to the Indian Chapter
of the Scottish Rite for McAlester
The Presidents Day dinner and
program had 90 plus Masons, wives
and friends in attendance.**

FAMOUS MEN; FAMOUS ANSWERS

Bernard Shaw

He was a master at ready retort. A young woman sitting next to him at dinner, remarked: "What a wonderful thing is youth."

"Yes and what a shame to waste it on children," Shaw replied.

Abe Lincoln

At one time during the American Civil War, Gen. George McClellan, then in command of Union forces, was conducting a waiting campaign. He was so careful to avoid mistakes that little headway was evident. President Lincoln wrote him a letter: "My Dear McClellan, if you don't want to use the Army, I should like to borrow it for a while. Yours Truly, A. Lincoln.

Woodrow Wilson

Someone asked President Wilson how long he would prepare for a ten-minute speech. He said, "two weeks." "How long for an hour speech?" "One week." "How long for a two-hour speech?" "I am ready now."

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



BeAFreemason.org



IT WAS NOVEMBER, 1930

"Alpha Class to have Silver Anniversary Reunion"

One of the most zealous and hardworking members of Indian Consistory is Bro. William Fuller, 33°, president of the first class taking the degrees in Indian Consistory, which its members named Alpha Class, March 30, 1905.

The class had 96 members originally, and Bro. Fuller has kept the organization intact. He has had several reunions of it before and has issued invitations to every living member to come to McAlester on the occasion of our first reunion in the New Temple on the 17th day of November, 1930 for a Silver Anniversary Reunion.



It is not necessary to say that Bro. Fuller, who is Almoner of the McAlester Bodies, is enthusiastic in the matter of his Silver Anniversary, and is expecting to meet his brethren taking the Scottish Rite Degrees with him a quarter of a century ago. Let every Mason of the Scottish Rite of Indian Consistory give a glad hand to Daddy Fuller.

BOOKS OF GENERAL INTEREST

"Lodge Tercentenary Conference," or
"Reflections on 300 years of Freemasonry"
compiled by Lewis Masonic Publishers

For a book this important, it is hard to pin down at the moment. Various Internet sites list what is supposed the same book with different ISBN's, different page counts, etc. Best bet is to go to Lewis Masonic and order it there.



This is a very important book, with articles by today's leading and most respected Masonic authors. Unlike many books, you can browse papers, find excellent information for education and programs to do in your Lodge, and much more. It is worth the effort to find the book.

Review by James Tresner, 33°, G.C.



WORTH OF MASONRY

A leader in Masonry, at a lodge gathering recently, cited the case of a man, a Mason, who had come to his notice.

The brother, he said, had received his degrees 10 or more years ago and now claims that Masonry had never done him any good.

An analysis of his cause showed that whenever he had been made a Master Mason that he had pinned an emblem of the Order on his coat label. The new brother visited lodge once or twice shortly afterward and then became too busy to attend his or any other lodge since, has learned nothing of the ritual, and has forgotten even the password and including other essentials to gaining admission. In addition, he does not know the officers of his lodge nor do they know him, and yet, he measures only the good of Masonry by what it has cost him in dollars and cents.

Unfortunately, there are many who call themselves Masons, and it is hoped the words printed here will awaken within some of them the desire and sense of duty to return to the pathway of usefulness which they have so carelessly -- perhaps thoughtlessly -- abandoned, and to again remind himself of his serious declaration made upon his honor was promoted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived to the institution, a desire of knowledge and a sincere wish of being serviceable to his fellow creatures

So, Brothers, are we fraternizing with the rest of our brethren by attending lodge -- are we giving our moral support and good counsel to our lodges?

Duluth Scottish Rite Bulletin

LAUGHING IS GOOD FOR THE HEART

--- After finishing our Chinese food, my husband and I cracked open our fortune cookies. Mine read, "Be quiet for a little while" His read, "Talk while you have a chance." (True story)

-- I broke if off because,

*She wore the same deodorant as my mother.

*She pronounced it "cold slaw."

* His head was just away too big for his body."

*She ate her peas one at a time."

-- I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother.

-- I told my girlfriend that she was painting her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.



THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere, the end of our contention.

Supreme Council, 1962

HISTORY; FREEMASONRY AND OKLAHOMA

(continued)

Chief Ross, who maintained an elaborate establishment in the wilderness sometimes entertained his Masonic brethren at his home. There were occasional dinners and other social affairs at the Fort for the exclusive entertainment of Masons. There is a story of vague authenticity but of probable truth, that there was a Masonic club at Fort Gibson which remained active until disturbances in Texas and on the Mexican border sent Army men to the southwestern frontier.

The influence of the Masons whose duty sent them into the Territory was wholesome and lasting. Particularly useful among these, beside Col. Arbuckle, were the Choteaus, the Reverend Doctor Wright, and Chief Ross. The important treaty of August 7, 1846, as already noted, was an Achievement of Master Masons whose Lodge membership for the most part was Alexandria, VA and Washington, D.C. where the Indians were initiated into the Order while at the capital on official business for the Tribes.

Thus, the tiny seed of Masonry planted in the Great Southwest by Jefferson and Lewis and Clark and Choteau and Pike sprouted and grew. Slowly they took root in the fertile soil of courageous, noble hearts. They thrived and continued to grow. Along with education, peace, industry, tolerance, liberty, Masonry flourished and blossomed into a veritable garden in the wilderness.

to be continued

Resource: "History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma."

Oklahoma Lodge of Research



Has a Masonic Coin ever been used as legal tender?

Yes! In 1794 Bro. James Sketchley, Birmingham, England, issued a private copper token with this legend, "24 Nov. 1790 Prince of Wales Elected G. M." This was George Augustus Frederick who later reigned as George IV, 1820–1830, and he was Grand Master of the premier Grand Lodge of England (Moderns). The token was 28mm diameter and 9g in weight and had the value of 1/2 penny. It is remarkable that the Sketchley token, apparently issued as a pocket piece, was accepted and circulated as a 1/2 penny coin! No other Masonic token is known to have been used as in this way (From Scottish Rite News, Valley of Davenport March 2018)



Don Jones 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander C. Fred Kleinknecht and SGIG Paul T. Million Jr. This photo was taken in the late 90's and we can only wonder what the Grand Commander was telling Brother Jones. He says he does not remember or is it locked in the faithful heart?

FINAL THOUGHTS

***"Standing to be judged before
the Great White Throne
Where I could hear the righteous
sing and the sinner moan,
I'd want no better advocate
to make my final plea
than just some brothers who'd say
"Gee, he did a lot for me!"***

Editor Don Jones 33°