



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:

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

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

Michael Sexton, KCCH, Venerable Master

John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master

Shaun Callahan, KCCH, Commander

Douglas R. Worden, 32°, Master of Kadosh



Brethren,

While there are no Masonic meetings taking place and the offices of the Grand Lodge, Orient Valleys and Lodges are closed that does not mean that some Masonic activity is taking, or has taken, place. We will try to mention those as they come to our knowledge.

We may not be meeting in a building as a group, but every time a brother picks up the phone to call and check on another, picks up a prescription for someone or mows the lawn for another, a lodge is opened in our hearts and Masonry thrives. We look forward to the day we can meet again as a group to celebrate the passing of this trial, but for now Masonry is alive and well.

"Meanwhile"

We hope that you and your families enjoyed an Easter of prayerful celebration and joy. If nothing else this thing we are living through is bringing families together in ways that otherwise were not possible. May the Blessings of Heaven rest upon us. May Brotherly Love prevail and every and every Moral and Social Virtue cement us." Amen.

Charitable & Education Foundation

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Upcoming Reunions:

2020
October 10-11

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](#)

MASONIC ACTIVITY

-- According to all the e-mails passing through my computer, there is Masonic activity happening.



Video-Conferencing, Conference call, Facebook and other technological wonders have enabled our Officers of all the Bodies of Masonry to keep in touch. (Please see Grand Masters letter of April 13 for guidance on what is permissible in online communications)

Except for balloting, some Bodies were able to hold committee meetings and discuss selected topics of interest to the organization. This would not have been possible just a few years ago. It just shows that Masons can adapt and live with change!

ITEMS:

--- Trasen Akers, 32° Valley of McAlester, has a presentation on Freemasonry among the Five Tribes posted by the Oklahoma Historical Society on "YouTube". Click [here for a link](#) to the video. Bro. Akers serves the Valley as the Museum Director.

--- John Salisbury, 33, Valley of McAlester, did not get to make his annual winter vacation trip to Jupiter, FL on account of the COVID-19 restrictions. John is the Central Oklahoma membership Chairman for McAlester.

--- St. Johns Day Celebration; June 7, 2020, Krebs, OK, Solomon Lodge #32; picnic and raffle, Call this number for more info: 918-916-6165.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



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REGIONAL VALLEYS NEWS

Joplin Scottish Rite

--- The Joplin RiteCare has entered into a partnership with the Children's' Medical Network.

--- Joplin S.R. Family Picnic July 12, 2020; 10am to 5pm, Finley River Park, Ozark, MO.

Ft. Worth Scottish Rite

---Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast, October 5, 2020 Ft. Worth Masonic Center.

---Grand Annual Banquet usually in June has yet to be scheduled for 2020.

BUILDING

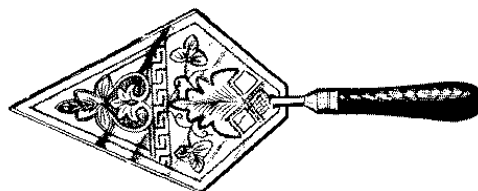
We are building every day,
In a good or evil way,
And the structure as it grows,
Will our inmost self-disclose?

Till in every arch and line,
All our faults and failings shine,
I may grow a castle grand,
Or a wreck upon the sand.

Do you ask what building this
That man show both pain and bliss,
That can be both dark and fair?
Lo, its name if Character.

Build it well, whatever you do'
Build it straight and strong and true;
Build it clean and high and broad;
Build it for the eye of God.

April, 1930; "The Oklahoma Mason"



CURIOUS

"These rock formations," explained the guide, "were piled up by the glaciers.

"But where are the glaciers?" asked a curious old lady.

"They've gone back, madam, to get more rocks." said the guide.

THE IMPORTANCE OF 'THE STEP.'

The Candidate is told to take One Step with the Left Foot and begins his approach to the altar where he will take his oath. Following that First Step every movement is "to the left or "with the left." Why the left?

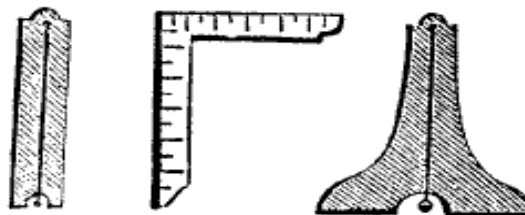


The Left Brain of Man is associated with the Heart. So, Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason? And since the Candidate may be approaching the Altar for the first time that "Step off on the Left Foot", is actually his first step to Masonic Light. All that has happened previously has been to prepare him for this "Step."

IT HAS TO BE HEARD

A music critic wrote: "Here is Tchaikovsky at his best. Music so beautiful that it has to be heard to be appreciated.

Comment: "A lot of music is like that."

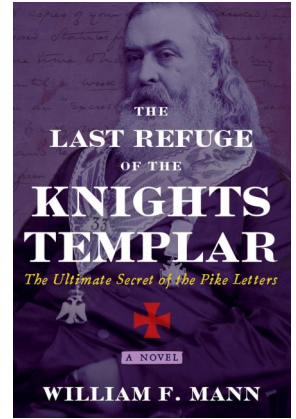


Books of Masonic Interest

"The Last Refuge of the Templars - The Secrets of the Albert Pike Letters."

by William F. Mann

The author, a noted writer of Masonic literature, has used the recent rediscovery of letters between American , Albert Pike and Canadian, B. MacLeod Moore during the 19th century. The cache of Letters turned up in the archives of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada.



With his intimate knowledge of Freemasonry, Templary, Rosicrucianism, alchemy and Native American culture, he weaves a compelling story of adventure. If you are a fan of Dan Brown, or are looking for a pleasant diversion, this novel is for you. The book is published by Destiny Books and available in April, 2020.

**MIKE BIBEE, KCCH,
VALLEY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
Introduces the Valley's Membership workers
by Area.**

Area #1
Chairman --- John Salisbury, 33, OKC

Cleveland County, Lodges
Lexington-Baxter #72...Ricky Colell
Moore, #539...Tom Bayless
Hampton-Noble, #291...Ricky Colwell
Norman #38...Riicky Colwell
Veritas #556...Rep. needed

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Oklahoma County

OKC #36.....Chris Harper
Edmond #37....Mike Dixon
Myrtle #145....Rep needed
Uriah #227....Ferlin Warner
Siloam #276....Danny Maxey
Britton #43.4...Shawn Nault
Amity #473....Chris West
Hiram #494.....Andrew Todd
Midwest City #532...Reb needed
Del City #536...Rep needed
Jones City #537....Rep needed
Nicoma Park #541...Bryan Pumphrey
Day #547...Chris Harper
India #551....Tim Carpenter



Pottawatomie County

Tecumseh #69....Bobby Carter
Maud-Konawa #106...Ken Kiker
Composite #197..Bobby Peters
McLoud #126....Rep needed
Macomb #310...Ricky Colwell

How to get New Members:
"Go to Work!"

SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGES

"We can only know the fullest joys of Masonry when we truly walk the paths of service and of hard work in the quarries." – George E. Burow

If you want to know where the future of Freemasonry will grown and prosper it's simple in the heart, in your heart, in my heart, and in the hearts of those who follow is. - Conrad Hahn

HISTORY (CONTINUED)

INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

Among those who declined to join in the movement, was Bro. Joseph S. Murrow, of Ok-La- ho-ma Lodge. In his letter of July 8, 1874, in acknowledgement of the invitation to be present at the Convention, Murrow expressed serious doubt as to the "propriety" of the attempt to organize a Grand Lodge and reported that that he had opposed the movement in his Lodge. As his grounds for assuming this position, Murrow urged:

1. ... that we lack Masonic ability to obtain and maintain a respectable character in the sisterhood of the Grand Lodges.
2. .. That we do, indeed, lack the money.
3. ...It would be a misnomer to call it the "Grand Lodge of Indian Territory" unless Cherokee Lodge would enter into the organization.
4. ..Than our present relationship with the Grand Lodge of Arkansas are pleasant and satisfactory.
5. ..That we would cut ourselves off from all claims to St. Johns college at Little Rock, which are large, if we would only stir ourselves to enjoy them.
6. .. In short, the whole thing is premature. We are yet in our swaddling clothes. Let us wait at least until we can stand alone. When I wrote to Bro. McPherson last year to push the matter I did so without thought. Reflection has convinced me that it is premature and reflection will convince him also.

Continuing his interesting letter, Bro. Murrow offered this much encouragement and counsel :

“However, I will say this --- if it is the wish of a majority of the Brethren in the different Lodges, I will cheerfully yield and do all I can to promote the same. Like Alex Stephens, "I am a Georgian and will go with my state. “

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INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

"Dear Brothers, you are young at Caddo and I advise that you that you do not attempt more than you can perform. Temperance and Prudence are Masonic virtues and should be practiced. Caddo has just finished her Hall. She needs all the time and funds at her command to drill her members and furnish her Hall. All of our Lodges have as much to do, if they will, as they can accomplish for some time to come. Our Territory is in a state of uncertainty --- things are unstable I advise that we wait while and not go too fast ---lest we repent. To cut loose from Arkansas now, I fear, would be hazardous. Our young Lodges might legislate wildly, if not disastrous. I have written in Brotherly Love and trust this will be so received. "

to be continued.

Source: "History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma"
Prepared by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Oklahoma.

"...the 10% of us attend (lodge) meetings regularly owe a great debt to those who do not attend and still pay dues."

James Cole, 33, Sov. Grand Commander

Editor Don Jones 33°

