



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

**Office is currently closed
due to Pandemic**

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.

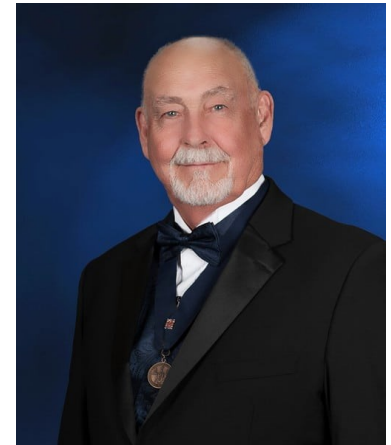
Advisory Council and Officers

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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Most Worshipful Bobby J. Peters,
33° Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of the State of Oklahoma
has extended his edict of cancel-
lation of Masonic meetings and
events to MAY 18, 2020.

(Please mark your calendars
accordingly.)



BORED == TRY THIS:

If social distancing has given you some time on your hands, you might want to consider listening to a Masonic Podcast. Below is a list of some that are available. You can listen to them on your phone, computer, tablet and even your smart home devices like the Amazon Echo or Google Home. The podcasts originate from all over so you may hear things that differ from how they are done in our jurisdiction and others that you may not agree with, but I bet they will give you something to think about just the same.

[After Lodge podcast](#)

[Winding Stairs](#)

[Masonic Radio Theatre](#)

[Masonic Central](#)

[Craftsmen Podcast](#)

[Historical Light](#)

[X-Oriente](#)

[Masonic Lite Podcast](#)

[The Tyler's Place Podcast \(Scottish Rite's Podcast\)](#)

[Whence came you?](#)

[The Masonic Roundtable](#)

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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](#)

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Masonic Activities

May 30, 2020 --Delta Lodge, Tulsa, OK

The Grand Lodge has scheduled a Leadership Conference for this date,,, however, in the current pandemic, the event happening is questionable. Keep checking the Grand Lodge website and/or OKMason for notices.



May 30, 2020-- Edmond Lodge, Edmond, OK. the York Rite College #775 of Oklahoma has ternately scheduled its spring meeting for this date.

June 5,6,7, 2020 annual Grand Lake Outing of St. Luke Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Still scheduled unless the Intendant General says otherwise or facility isn't available

'NEW VIEW' IS GRANT RECIPIENT

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma recently awarded NewView Oklahoma with a grant totaling \$256,650. This gift will offset costs for capital needs for the NewView Center for Low Vision and Blindness and will cover expenditures for building improvements, including greater accessibility and security. A generous donor to NewView Oklahoma since 2017, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has been an enthusiastic supporter of New View's effort to improve the lives of visually impaired Oklahomans.



(As a client of NewView's services, I also express my appreciation of our Masonic Charity Foundation)

Don Jones

FROM THE McALESTER SCOTTISH RITE CHARITABLE & EDUCATION FOUNDATION "It's Scholarship Time!"

The McAlester S.R. Charitable and Education Foundation scholarship program is for college level juniors, seniors and graduate students in Masters programs, who are attending college in the McAlester Valley jurisdiction. The Foundation is able to provide its scholarships with the income from the John T. Liebrand Trust Fund. and Your contributions. Also, in accordance with the conditions of the Trust Fund, students must be attending Oklahoma colleges and universities. The Trust Fund is maintained by the Southwest Trust Co. of Oklahoma City which oversees the Funds' investments and its stipulations.

SCHOLARSHIP Committee of the Foundation

Chairman -- Jay White, 33°
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AUTO-CORRECT: You're not helping.

Tried to Type: "Correction"
Autocorrect: "Erection"
As used in Text: "No, I can't go out, my boss
needs me to do a bunch of erections."



Tried to Type: Santa"
AutoCorrect: "Satan"
As used in a Text: "Only 4 days until Satan comes."

Tried to Type: "Sorry"
AutoCorrect: "Sore"
As used in this Blast: "There are lots of these jokes,
but someone would be "sore" if we used them."



LODGE ARTIFACTS

It always amazes me that Oklahoma Lodges have so many historical artifacts. With its place on map at the crossroads of the nation, it shouldn't surprise, but it does.

There is on display a sword, or cavalry saber, in Cherokee Lodge #10 that was presented by General Sam Houston to Cherokee Chief Bowlegs. It has an interesting journey to the Lodge.

In 1835, with the start of the War for Texas Independence, at General Sam Houston's request, Chief Bowlegs and a small army of Cherokee warriors went to Texas to assist Houston and his Texas army. Chief Bowlegs and his warriors performed so well that at the end of the War, the Cherokee were rewarded for their help.

On February 23, 1836, the Cherokees and the Texans signed a treaty which entitled the Indians to land in East Texas. At the signing of the treaty, Chief Bowlegs was presented the cavalry saber and a hat, silk vest and a red sash.

Three years later, the legislature of the Texas Republic declared the treat null & void and cancelled it. In the dispute that followed, Chief Bowlegs and his warriors met the Texas Army in the Battle of the Neches in East Texas. Chief Bowlegs was killed in the battle on July 16, 1839.

The history of the sword comes from the State of Texas. After Chief Bowlegs death, the sword was presented to Masonic Lodge #23 in Henderson, TX. Then it was loaned to Colonel J. H. Jones for his use in the Civil War. In 1890, the sword was presented to Judge W. H. Barker for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Since Tahlequah is the capital of the Nation, the sword was placed in Cherokee Lodge #10 where it is on display today.



WITTICISM OF THE "too much to drink"

- Everyone seems interesting until you get to know them.
- Its only the evil chicks that lay deviled eggs.
- If it ain't broken, just drink until it is.
- whiskey is never the answer, but take a shot anyway.
- A well-balanced diet is a drink in each hand.
- There's a reason monogamy and monotony sound the same.



ANCIENT ALTARS OF FREEMASONRY

Altars among the ancients were generally made of turf or stone. When permanently erected, they were generally built in regular courses of masonry, and usually in a cubical form. Altars were erected long before temples. Thus, Noah is said to have erected one as soon as he came forth from the ark.

With the ancients, the altar was always invested with peculiar sanctity. They were places of refuge, and the supplicants who fled to them were considered as having placed themselves under the protection of the Deity to whom the altar was consecrated, and to do violence, even to slaves and criminals at the altar or to drag them from, it, was regarded as an act of violence to the Deity Himself, and was hence a sacrilegious crime.

After the creation of the Tabernacle, altars were of two kinds, altars of sacrifice and altars of incense. The altar of Freemasonry may be considered as the representative of both these forms. From thence the grateful icons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, is ever rising to the Great I AM: while on it, the unruly passions and the worldly appetites of the brethren are laid, as a fitting sacrifice to the genius of our noble institution.

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ANCIENT ALTARS OF FREEMASONRY

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The Masonic altar, which, like everything else in Masonry, is symbolic, is an altar of sacrifice for on it the candidate is directed to lay his passions and vices as an obligation to the Deity, which he offers up the thoughts of a pure heart as a fitting incense to the Grand Architect of the Universe. The altar, is therefore, the most holy place in the Lodge.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



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HISTORY (CONTINUED)

INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

True to the principles of "Temperance and Prudence," to which Bro. Murrow committed himself, he withheld opposition to the Grand Lodge enterprise except in his own Lodge which unanimously decided not to participate. And in order to assure himself, he addressed letters to Past Grand Master Dr. Duval, of Ft. Smith, to the Grand Secretary and to others, reciting what was proposed and asking advice. Dr. Duval cautioned prudence and deliberation. But so persistent were the efforts of the leaders for a Grand Lodge that within a year, Ok-la-ho-ma Lodge surrendered her Arkansas Charter and became Number 4 in the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

Flint and Alpha Lodges, however, stood steadfast in their allegiance to their mother Lodge. They afterwards accepted charters from Indian Territory, but this action followed serious clashes and a change of attitude upon the part of Indian Territory under the leadership of Bro. Murrow. One effort to induce Flint Lodge to recede from her position as early as January 18, 1875 elicited the following reply from the Worshipful Master:

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HISTORY (CONTINUED)

INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

"Flint Lodge, No. 74, A.F. & A.M.
Flint, C. N., Jan. 10, 1875

"To the R.W. Grand Secretary
Caddo, C.N.

"We received a communication from you some time since requesting us to send up our charter to the Grand Lodge at Little Rock and asking us to unite with the Indian Territory. We considered the matter and the decision of the lodge was that we would remain where we were for the present feeling at the same time a great anxiety for your success while the kindest wishes and brotherly feelings of the Lodge await and attend you.

"I have the honor to be yours,
By the order of the Lodge
W.M. Adair, Secretary, pro tem."

(to be continued.

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

***"Let us my Brothers, in this, and in all else,
endeavor always to perform the duties of a
good Mason and a good man."
Albert Pike***

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