



# McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



[www.mcalesterscottishrite.org](http://www.mcalesterscottishrite.org)

**Newsletter Date**

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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 Wednesday of the Month**

Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,  
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan

### **1st Thursday 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, 33° General Secretary  
William C. Cox, 33°, Member  
Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member Emeritus  
Wade Massey, 33°, Member  
Phillip Johnson, 32° KCCH Member  
Samuel Box, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master  
Brent Heilman 32°, KCCH, Wise Master  
Mike Wright, 32°, KCCH, Commander  
Russell Davis 32°, Master of Kadosh

## **THE REUNIONS ARE OVER, NOW WHAT?**

To our new 32nd Degree Masons and members of the Rite, Now is the time to reflect on what you observed and heard on the Stage. Reflection may bring up questions that you still have regarding the degrees of the Rite.

Now, while fresh on your mind, is the time to talk to your S.R. Brethren and ask questions, enquire about what you might not understand. and remember, as you were told in the 4th Degree, "much is to be sought elsewhere.

Check the list of Clubs and Chapters listed to your left on this page. Find one nearest you and go enjoy the fellowship and develop your knowledge of the 32nd Degree.

Can't find a Club or Chapter in your area? Start one! Mike Ebert, 33°, our General Secretary, will be glad to assist you.

Remember, YOU are now on the Rite Way!

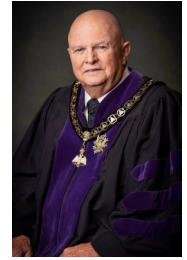
## **DO YOU KNOW?**

That when you Top-Line a candidate's petition or Reinstate a Brother whose membership has elapsed that the Temple office is keeping a record of these. And when you get enough "membership points", the Lodge of Perfection will present you with a Perpetual Endowed Membership, at no cost?

In the Valley's membership program, a membership Reinstatement is worth 1/2 point. Twenty (20) points, whether obtained from candidate petitions or reinstatements gets you the L.O.P.'s gift of your Perpetual Membership.

Our General Secretary, Mike Ebert, 33°, will be pleased to assist you with this project. the Temple Office phone is 918-423-6362. or contact via Facebook.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERS & IMPERIAL POTENTATE



If you do not wish to receive this email, please send an email to [enews-unsubscribe@mcasr.org](mailto:enews-unsubscribe@mcasr.org). For questions or comments email [news@mcasr.org](mailto:news@mcasr.org).

### 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](#)

Grand Commander James Cole, 33°, issued a letter last week in which he expressed his appreciation to all the Scottish Rite brethren for their continued commitment to the Fraternity. And we should not neglect our Blue Lodges for that is where our Masonic journey began.

In addition to the above accolade, Bro. Cole told of an important gathering of the Grand Commanders of both the N.M.J. and the S.M.J. and the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International.

The result of this gathering of leaders was a "Statement of Principles". This statement does not interfere with our Grand Lodges authority, to whom we are all subject.

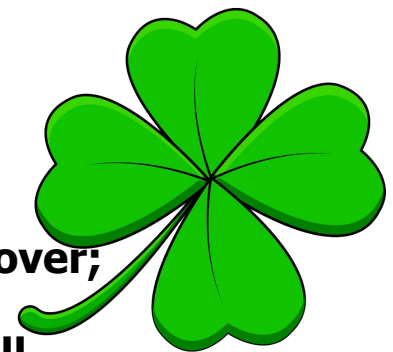
Attached to Bro. Cole's letter was a copy of the "Statement of Principles". The full "Statement" is also attached to the end of this issue of the Blast.

The statement is to be read at the stated meetings of the Rite.

(See attachment following "History")

## THE FOUR LEAVES

**What we call Luck  
Is simply Pluck,  
And doing things over and over;  
Courage and Will,  
Perseverance and Skill---  
are the four leaves of Luck's clover.**



## SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY

**Wednesday of each Month.** 9:00 A.M.  
McAlester Scottish Rite Center  
Free coffee & donut fellowship gathering  
hosted by the Indian Chapter of the  
Scottish Rite Societies.  
Stop by for refreshment & Masonic  
fellowship to start your day.

**Fri. May 6, 12:00 noon;** Banquet  
Armed Forces Day in McAlester; banquet  
will follow a downtown parade.  
McAlester S.R. Center; Elmer Hale  
Dining Room; Meal, guest Speakers  
Indian Chapter is hosting.

**Sun. May 8;** Mother's Day  
Treat your Mom on this special  
day. She will appreciate it.

**Mon. May 9,** LOP stated meeting  
McAlester Scottish Rite Center  
Lodge of Perfection meets.  
All members are welcome. The  
Valley is run by those who show up!

**Mon. May 30;** Memorial Day holiday  
Remember your loved ones and don't  
forget our departed Brethren.

**Tues. May 31;** Anniversary date  
Supreme Council Founding on this  
date in 1801., 221 years ago.





## McALESTER'S "1000 Club" HAS THIRTY MEMBERS!

Congratulations to the brethren who have joined the Consistory's "1000 Club!"

How to be a member of "the Club"? One needs to pledge \$1,000 to "Temple Restoration".

Make payments in a timely way, or with a lump sum payment, and your name will be engraved on a special plaque and placed in the Temple and know that you have a part in preserving our beautiful and historical Temple.

Contact Mike Ebert, 33° or Cherie for more information. 918-423-6362.

## KIDS V.S. TEACHERS

----- When one girl had finished the English portion of the state exam, she removed her her glasses and started the math questions.

"Why aren't you wearing your glasses?" she was asked.

The girl responded, "My glasses are for reading, not math."

----- The assistant principal called in one of her under-performing Spanish pupils to ask why he was having trouble with the subject.

"I don't know. I just don't understand Mrs. Behr's", the boy said. "It's like she is speaking another language."

-----For Columbus Day, the teacher assigned the 3rd grade class the task of drawing one of Columbus's three ships. She had no sooner sat down when a boy came up with his paper, which had a lone dot in the middle.

"What's that," she asked.

He replied, "That's Columbus way out to sea."

*The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.*

**Winston Churchill**

## YES, THERE WAS A "WHIZBANG!!



Bro. Joe Jennings, 33°, retired S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma, who lived in Tulsa, when asked, "Where were you born?" would reply "Whizbang, Oklahoma". He always answered the question this way. Brethren, he wasn't teasing.

Whizbang, officially called Denoya, was an old petroleum boom town located in Osage County in 1920 and 1921. It was 1.5 mile west of the present town of Shidler.

At its peak, Whizbang had a population of 10,000 people and 300 businesses. Also in its heyday, Whizbang was considered the rowdiest oil boom town in Oklahoma.

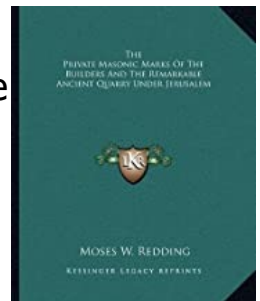
We suspect that the town "calmed down" when Bro. Jennings and his family moved to Tulsa.

(May our brother and Whizbang rest in peace).

## BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Private Marks of the Builders and the Remarkable Ancient Quarry under Jerusalem."

By Moses W Redding



This book is a reprint of a much earlier book. Any imperfections, mistakes and/or exposed by more recent technology and exploration have been left in the book.

The publisher considers the book, and its story, of cultural importance for our current time. Only 50 books therefore are available for \$20.99.

The book is available from Amazon.



## A Recipe to be Miserable.

The best recipe we know, if you want to be miserable, is to think about yourself; how much you have lost, how much you have not made, and the poor prospects for the future. A brave man with a soul in him gets out of such pitiful ruts and laughs at discouragements, rolls up his sleeves, whistles and sings, and makes the best of life. This earth never was intended for a paradise, and a man who rises above his discouragements and keeps his manhood will only be the stronger and better for his adversities. Many a noble ship has been saved by throwing overboard its most valuable cargo, and many a man is better and more humane after he has lost his gold.

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### Lodge Numbers

Massachusetts lodges have no numbers.

Pennsylvania has eleven lodges with numbers but no names. Georgia has two lodges identified as number 1, Social #1 and Solomons #1. Neither Maryland, Pennsylvania, or Tennessee has a lodge with the number 1.

Source <http://www.mastermason.com/STTM-Emag/Jan12.pdf>



### **HISTORY; FREEMASONRY AND OKLAHOMA**

(continued)

The native American loves symbolism. It appears in his religious ceremonies and he has always been a firm believer in a Supreme Being whom he has worshipped in various forms and rites. He has his own secret societies. One of them was "Hussee Vhvke" or "Moon Order" an institution which had flourished among the Seminoles long before their transfer to their new home. The emblem of the Order was a half-moon usually carved from pieces of shells and polished. Chief John Jumper displayed one of them, made of gold, wherever he appeared in his official capacity. Only a limited number of Seminoles were admitted to the Order which seems to have vanished with the death of the great Seminole Chieftain. (continued on next page)



## **HISTORY** (continued)

A secret society which came to be known among the white people as "Horse Masonry", was popular among the early Choctaws. Its secrets were communicated from father to eldest son. This seems to have been abandoned in about 1860, for the better organized if not ancient Masonry which we recognize.

The Cherokees had their own secret society also. Ceremonies of initiation, modes of recognition, declarations of principles, and purpose were similar to accepted Masonry. In later years it was somewhat corrupted by the Night Hawks who borrowed many of the symbols and practices of the older Order. The progressive Cherokees preferred the standardized system of Masonry and became its votaries as soon as the door of the Lodge was opened to them.

Territory Masons tired of the inconveniences and being naturally a proud people, they determined to found a Lodge of their own. The Cherokees were leaders in this movement. With the assistance of brethren at Ft. Gibson, they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for a dispensation to open a Lodge at Tahlequah, seat of the dignified Cherokee government. The request was cheerfully granted. The efforts of the brethren were so satisfactory that a charter issued from the Grand lodge of Arkansas to Cherokee Lodge No. 21 on Nov. 9, 1848. Its jurisdiction under the charter was practically unlimited. The charter itself mysteriously disappeared along with other Lodge furniture and property, none of which has ever been recovered.

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Resource: "History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma."  
Oklahoma Lodge of Research

***"It is this adventure of a lifetime which defines  
us as a man..."  
Robert G. Davis, 33°, G.C.***

***Editor Don Jones 33°***



