



McAlester Scottish Rite

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PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2024 HAUNTED HOUSE



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

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

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

5th Thursday of the Month

McIntosh Chapter Scottish Rite
6:00 pm Lake Country Dinner

Note: Scottish Rite Chapters and Societies, be sure to notify the office of any changes in meeting place and times.

Advisory Council and Officers

Wade Massey, 33°, Chairman
Mike Ebert, 33° General Secretary
William C. Cox, 33°, Member
Phillip Johnson, 33°, Member
Harrison Bartlett, 33° Member
Greg Stiedley, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master
Mike Echols, 32° KCCH, Wise Master
Paul Larcade, 33° KCCH, Commander
Bryan Pumphery 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh



Planning on the 2024 Haunted House at the Scottish Rite in McAlester has already started. So far there have been three planning meetings held, each on the first Wednesday of the month. Last year's Haunted House was a great success under the leadership of Brother Steven Gregg, KCCH. This year Brothers Jake Tannehill and Joshua Amos have taken the lead. They have plans to make it bigger and better on October 24th, 25th & 26th, 2024.

They already have secured the help of the Drama Department at the high school and the Rainbow Assembly. They have the rooms planned out and are securing the supplies. What they need now is **YOU**.

Funds from last years Haunted House kept the Lodge of Perfection in the black and are going to be needed again this year. This is your Lodge of Perfection, not just the members out of Pittsburg County.

To facilitate the out-of-town brothers, the dorms will be open for you to stay in. While reunions are fun, they are busy and we do not get to fellowship as much as we would like. Come help this year and enjoy the stay. You can sleep in late, go to Krebs for a relaxing lunch, see the sights of the area and still be there to help that evening. Don't worry about dressing up for the house, there are all kinds of jobs that do not require being in costume

If you can help, please contact Jake at jtannehill84@gmail.com or Josh at josh@wav11.com.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



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 Advisory Council Trustees
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You can petition the Scottish Rite for membership online at the following link:

[Online Petition](#)

Or scan this QR Code



Upcoming Reunions:

- 2024**
October 12-13
- 2025**
April 12-13
- October 11-12

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](#)

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[Scottish Rite Research Society](#)

THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN -- COLLEGE AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



"Since its founding in 1801, the Scottish Rite has existed with but a single purpose: to provide more light in Masonry. Its degrees are steps of initiation, intended to usher candidates into a mythical sphere, where the lessons virtue and morality are portrayed in a traditional setting, by legend and metaphor. The Scottish Rite degrees are lessons in practical living, presenting in dramatic form a reminder of how we may overcome these obstacles and temptations which may otherwise prevent us from living an honorable life.....

.....When studied in conjunction with other publications of the Supreme Council, the reader will have at his disposal a complete exposition of Scottish Rite ritual and philosophy. Contained within the pages of the "Scottish Rite Ritual: Monitor and Guide," you will find light, and more light, and further light in Masonry."

Ronald A. Seale, 33°
 (Past) Sovereign Grand Commander

For more information about the "Master Craftsman" program go to the Supreme council web site, click on Education, go down and click on Master Craftsman, Online.

The program may be done On-line or in the privacy of your home or in group sessions.

The "textbook", Supreme Council ritual: Monitor and Guide: is available from the Supreme Council or your Valley office.

There are presently two courses, the First and the Second. Either may be done On-line.

Knowledge is Power

THE "233" CLUB

The 233 Club --- also known as the Two Thirty-Three Club ---- was an organization of Freemason actors, directors, producers and others in the Hollywood film industry. It had more than 1,000 members and in 1926 it announced plans to construct a \$1.5 mil, 13 story Lodge building in Hollywood. The building was to contain a theater, swimming pool, gymnasium, library and bank plus several floors of guest rooms and a roof garden with a dance floor and promenade.

Famed architect H. Roy Kelley was retained to design it, but it was never completed.

Famous Hollywood Freemasons

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| Bud Abbot | Gene Autry | Clark Gable |
| Ernest Borgnine | George M. Cohan | Michael Richards |
| Cecil B. DeMille | W. C. Fields | Roy Rogers |
| Red Skelton | John Wayne | |



SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY

Mon. May 13; 7:00 pm Stated Mtg
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
McAlester S.R. Center
Richards' Room; 2nd floor, west
All members are welcome

Wed. May 15; 12 Noon, Luncheon
Muskogee Scottish Rite Chapter
Muskogee Masonic Lodge Basement Dining Room, south
door All Masons & friends welcome

Thur. May 16; 3:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite
C & E. Foundation's Scholarship Committee
Jay White, 33°, Chairman

Mon. , May 27; Memorial Day
Temple office closed
Enjoy a safe holiday.

Wed., May 22; Birthday
Arthur Conan Doyle was born on this day in 1859.
"It was elementary, my dear Watson."

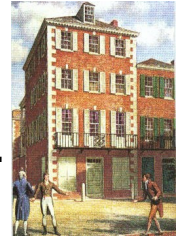
Fri., May 31; Anniversary
The Supreme Council (Mother Council
of the World) was founded on this day in 1801 at
Charleston, So. Carolina

Oct. 11-12, 2024; Fall Reunion
McAlester Scottish Rite
2--Day Reunion
Make plans now to attend.



MAY 31, 1801; SHEPHERD'S TAVERN

On May 25, 1801, Colonel John Mitchell, as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in South Carolina, conferred the 33rd degree on Dr. Frederick Dalcho, a Charleston physician.



It was 6 days later, on May 31, 1801, that he and Dalcho opened a Supreme Council under the "Constitutions of 1778". The location was in Charleston at Shepherd's Tavern at the corner of Church and Broad Streets. (The old tavern building has long ago been gone, but there is a historical marker in its place.) Since there were no minutes taken, it is not known if others were in attendance. Another meeting was held on June 15, 1801 to appoint seven other men to make up the constitutional number of nine.

The first Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States was composed of: Col. John Mitchel, (who became the first Grand Commander); Dr. Frederick Dalcho, (the first Lieutenant Grand Commander); Rabbi Abraham Alexander, Sr., (the first Grand Secretary General); Emmanuel de la Motta (first Grand Treasurer General); Major Thomas B. Brown, (first Grand Master of Ceremonies); Isaac D. Kieben, (S.G.I.G. of South Carolina); Dr. Isaac Auld, (Senior Warden of Lodge of Perfection); Aguste deGrass, (Grand Inspector General of French West Indies); and Jean Baptiste Delahoge, (Lieutenant Grand Commander of the French West Indies).

And the rest is history.

H A P P Y
Mother's Day
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STORY THAT SHOWS WHY MOTHERS DESERVE A SPECIAL DAY.

---- After catching her 5 yr old son trying to pull a fast one, his mother demanded, "Do you think I have idiot written on my forehead?"

The boy answered, " I don't know. I can't read."



A "MEMORIAL DAY" POEM

The Great Adventure

*"When I go forth upon the Great Adventure
And those who knew me speak of me as
"dead,"
"T'will be full recompense for all life's trials
If in my memory then it should be said:
"he did his best in every field of labor,"
"He was a steadfast, faithful friend, "
"He was a kind and sympathetic neighbor,"
"Whate'er he had, he gladly give, or lend,"
"His life touched mine and I am the better"
Dear friends, if all these things you well may
say,
The grave for me will be no prison fetter---
My soul shall quick go singing on its way!"*

J. Alfred Taylor

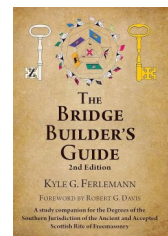
BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Bridge Builders Guide," 2nd edition
by Kyle G. Ferlemann

Review by Robert G. Davis, 33°, G.C.

This book is aptly named for the textual path the book offers for the student of Masonry. It recognizes that one of the greatest challenges the new Scottish Rite Mason encounters: how one goes about studying and thinking about the Degrees of the Rite when he only had an occasional opportunity to observe them. Informational bridges are needed to connect the Mason to the major themes practiced in the Rite to help him on his individual path of study toward enlightenment. Bro. Ferlemann offers us an excellent tutorial for explaining the truths and philosophies of our great work.

Available from the Oklahoma Lodge of Research



HISTORY: "THE FIRST CLASS" (Continued)

The "Movers and Shakers " of the First Class

(continuing the story of Boone Williams)

In addition to his activity as a business man, Bro. Williams was an outstanding citizen of what became Coal County. He served the towns of Coalgate and Lehigh by making himself available to be a member of several civic organizations.



Boone Williams

Among his progressive and patriotic endeavors was the construction of school houses. He worked with commercial organizations in the development of their business activities, especially the coal fields. He served as president of the Cattlemen's Association in the Choctaw Nation.

Bro. Williams activities as a citizen went to politics when he became a member of the executive committee of the single statehood association. The purpose of this organization was to promote the admission of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory as one state in the Union. In addition, he was a Democratic delegate to the constitutional convention from Lehigh and Coalgate. Later, in 1910, Bro. Williams was appointed by Governor Haskell to be a member of the Capitol Commission.

Afterward, Bro. Williams was engaged with the insurance and real estate business when Governor Williams appointed him to be the Warden of the Granite, OK penitentiary. Boone held this position for 4 years after which he returned to Coalgate and resumed his insurance and real estate business.

In 1924, he moved to McAlester, OK and worked as the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1925, he moved to Tulsa, OK where he was a broker for oil and gas leases.

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His health failing, in 1927, he retired from business. He passed away on January 12, 1930 and was buried in Lehigh cemetery with Masonic honors.

At his death, Boone Williams belonged to several fraternal organizations. On May 9, 1901, Savanna Lodge No. 20, was granted a dispensation to confer the Master Mason degree on Bro. Williams two weeks early so that he could take the Lodge of Perfection degrees as a member of the Alpha Class. He was also a member of the York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks Lodge.

Burial was in Lehigh, OK. He was survived by his wife, Agnes Lemmour Williams, whom he married in 1910.

(Resources: Find a Grave, Grand Lodge Proceeding, of 1901, Chronicles of Oklahoma, vo. 9, No 3, 1930)

Mission Statement of Scottish Rite

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.

***"Even if you're on the right track, you'll
get run over if you just sit there."***

Will Rogers

Don Jones, 33° Editor

