



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:

May 30th

McIntosh County Chapter
Belle Star Resturant 6:30 PM

June 5th

Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM,
Jimmie's Egg, Duncan
Comanche County SR Chapter dinner mtg.,
Salsa Mexican Cafe, Lawton

June 6th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

June 10th

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm
McAlester Scottish Rite Center

June 13th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Cente

June 19th

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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Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary
Jack Inman, 33, Member
William C. Cox, 33, Member
Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member
Brett Cable, Venerable Master
Jimmy Whitfield, 33°, Wise Master
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Michael Bibee, Master of Kadosh



MEMORIAL DAY USED TO HAVE A DIFFERENT NAME!

Before the 1880's saying Memorial Day would have probably gotten you a confused look. That's because the holiday was originally called Decoration Day. It was a day when family and friends would honor those who died while serving the country by decorating their graves with flowers. (Poppies are still the flower of choice.) It would take about a century for the celebration to officially be named by the government.

We hope you and your family had a happy, safe and dry Memorial Day weekend. And we know that it was the beginning of summer, cause all the municipal swimming pools opened for the season.

Memorial Day is a special time to honor and pay homage to all our veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We owe them a "duty" to maintain those freedoms. God Bless America.

FALL REUNION DATES FOR McALESTER

**Saturday and Sunday
October 19-20, 2019**

(Early petitions now being accepted)



Charitable & Education Foundation

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Upcoming Reunions:

2019
October 19-20

2020
April 18-19
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](#)

[McAlester RiteCare Clinic](#)

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Thur. May 30, 6:30 pm,
McIntosh Co. Scottish Rite Chapter meets at Belle Starr Restaurant; Texanna Road & Hwy 69 Program; Food, Fellowship and a program on the McAlester Scottish Rite Library

Mon. June 10, 7:00 pm, LOP Stated Meeting
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Richards' Room, 2nd floor West
Use the West Door entrance.



Fri. June 21, 6:30 p.m., BBQ & Bingo
Central Okla. S.R. Chapter, OKC
Catered BBQ dinner by Jones Lodge
followed by Bingo & 50/50 Pot.
No reservations required. Open meeting

August 17-20, 2019, Biennial Session
Supreme Council, House of the Temple
Washington, DC
Inspector General, Honorary, 33rd Degree
will be conferred.
Register Now; available on website.

Dates set for 2020 Scottish Rite Workshops
Sponsored by the Supreme Council
March 27-28, St. Louis, MO.
Current & future Valley leaders encourage
to attend.

(The Valleys are run by those who show up!
See web site for more info.)

Valley of McAlester
Orient of Oklahoma



THE ESSENTIAL DUTIES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE MASON



TO GOD: A Mason seeks to understand that he has been created to fulfill God's purpose for his life. A Scottish Rite Mason demonstrates his reverence and love for God by aligning his behavior with God's spiritual laws.

TO FAMILY: A Mason's moral obligation to care for his spouse and children. He provides food, shelter, and makes sure his children are taught how to survive in the world. What ever the circumstances, he always assumes responsibility for his obligations.

HIS GOVERNMENT: A Mason supports good government with his life if necessary. He resists tyranny. and unjust government by demonstrating the courage to bring about appropriate change.

TO HUMANITY: A Mason understands that he is a brother to all races, colors and creeds. The whole world is his country, and all mankind are his brethren. When he helps others he understands that he is really helping himself.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

A doctor tells his wife, "You're a terrible cook, you spend too much money and you're a lousy lover."

Two days later, he comes home to find her making out with his partner.

"What's going on here?" he demands.

"Just getting a second opinion." she replied.

May 13, REPORT OF LODGE OF PERFECTION

Membership: Two petitions for affiliation and one for reinstatement had been received in the office. Since the first of the year,, the Valley has had 18 initiations, 6 reinstatements, and 14 deaths have been reported. The Valley now has a Net Gain of 10 members for 2019.

Building: All the contracts have been signed. All work will be covered by the Charity Foundation grant money. Graffiti painted on the building continues to be a problem. The LOP approved a sum of \$1,000 be used to purchase cameras for the entrances deterrent to further abuse.

Education: The General Secretary reported that additional Education programs are planned. There has been a problem of getting "host" lodges.

Almoner Report: Contributions for the previous month totaled \$598 and he had dispersed \$160 so far for the month. The S.G.I.G. suggested that the Fund's school support program be extended to the area schools and not just local schools.

PROFESSORS DEFINE A KISS:

- In Math: Two divided by nothing.
- In Physics: The contraction of the mouth due to the expansion of the heart.
- In Accounting: It is a credit, because it is profitable when returned.
- In Economics: A thing for which the demand is higher than the supply.
- In Dentistry: It is infectious and antiseptic.



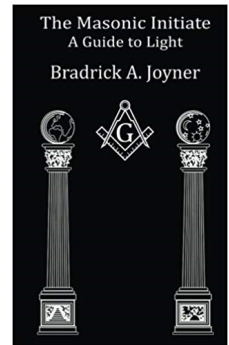
BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Masonic Initiation: A guide to Light." by Broderick A. Joyner

This book is an instructional guide, not just useful for newly initiated Masons, but for Masons of long-standing as well.

The author maintains that in modern Freemasonry, the deeper mystical meanings of the forms, symbols, and ceremonies are neglected to large extent. Internal self-study and contemplation of the true spiritual essence of ourselves and our relationship to the symbolic and esoteric aspects of the Craft is needed in order for us to receive the true benefits of the initiation process.

Note: The author is British, but the same process of the initiation is universal. (My opinion)



RELATIONSHIPS

My wife tole me that I twist everything she says to my advantage. I take that as a compliment.

A police officer jumps into his squad car, and calls the station.

"I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?" asked the sergeant.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

MEN OF MEDICINE & SCIENCE WHO WERE MASONS

Edward Appleton.....

Physicist and Nobel Prize; first to identify the ionosphere.

Luther Burbank.....

Botanist who developed the Shasta Daisy and Elberta peach.

Enrico Fermi.....

Nuclear physicist, Nobel Laureate

Alexander Fleming.....

Biologist, Nobel laureate for discovery of penicillin

Edward Jenner.....

Developed the cure for smallpox.

Joseph Lister.....

Pioneer of antiseptic surgery.

Hans C. Oersted.....

Physicist , pioneered in electromagnetism.

Joel Poinsett.....

Physicist and botanist for whom the flower, poinsettia, was named.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

With the closing of the 1928 annual, or even year, session, the author of our resource diverges from his format. The Depression Decade was a major "paradigm shift" in the United States. Mr. Fox covers those years, with the activity of G.C. Cowles rather than the Supreme Council sessions. We will cover some of that.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

But after 1929, the G.C. was extremely concerned about how the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction was affected. We all know of the loss of members during those years. At first the G.C. was blaming this on the decline in public Masonic ceremonies, a decline in attendance, distractions of so many other fraternal organizations and the Jazz, drinking and party the nation was having during the 1920's.

By 1931, Cowles realized that what he had been warning the Scottish Rite Bodies about had come to pass. Banks closed, financial markets collapsed and over 40% of the labor force was out of work.

The membership of Masonry in the nation fell by 1/3 from over 3 million to a few over 2 million. Our author uses our Valley of McAlester for an example. McAlester lost more than 1/3 of its members. Plus, McAlester had just finished a 138,000 sq. ft. building and had bills to pay. It was a good that when Kimball attempted to repossess the pipe organ, they realized that it was literally "part of the building."

The author describes Cowles attitude toward the ways and means the government will use to resolve the Depression. He, Cowles, was perhaps more critical than constructive.

In whichever way Cowles reacted to events, he always tried to keep the Scottish Rite viable as an institution for the betterment of men.

This is difficult to do when your organization has a decline in membership that is followed by a corresponding decline in influence.

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Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"

by William Fox



SPECIAL MEETINGS CALLED FOR A KING

On December 20, 1874, a special meeting of New York Lodge No. 330 was held to exemplify the third degree for the edification of a Brother. His Royal Highness David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands, and a member of Le Progres de l'Océanie Lodge No. 124 (Supreme Council of France) Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. After the degree was exemplified, the Bible on which George Washington had taken his oath of office was displayed. The royal visitor asked that the book be opened at the page where the oath was administered. He took the book in both hands and kissed the page saying "I thank God for this privilege." On January 15, 1865, the same royal visitor attended Chicago's Oriental Lodge No. 33 which had called a special meeting. Over four hundred distinguished visitors attended.



AN IRISH MESSAGE ON STONE

In 1860, at Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription:

"I will serve to live with love and care, Upon the level, by the square."

*"If the Masons of the United States are faithful to themselves, and to their ideals, they have nothing to fear."
S.G.C. Luther Smith, 33 1962*

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