



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 31st

McIntosh Scottish Rite Chapter, Checotah
Lodge 6:30 PM

June 6th

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

June 7th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

June 11th

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

June 20th

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
Dr. Doug Auld, 33, Member
William C. Cox, 33, Member
Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member
Richard Lerblance KCCH, Venerable Master
Ryan Bibee, KCCH, Wise Master
Tom Keenze 33, Commander
James Harlow III, KCCH, Master of Kadosh

ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY Let Us Not Forget Our Departed Brethren

O, just once more to get to Lodge again
As in the old times when I sat with you
Before the East and learned; dear dead days
When our life was young and Masonry was new.
So many faces between "now" and "then"
So many faces gone beyond our view,

O, just once more to go to Lodge again,
As in the old time when I sat with you.
Nor can my halting speech or limping pen,
Tell how the seeds of Freemasons plante
grew,

Or all the joy there is in love of men,
The grief that weeps when brethren say "Adieu",
O, just once more to go to Lodge again,
As in the old times when I sat with you.



Carl H. Claudy

REMINDER!

The hours at the Temple have CHANGED. The new office hours are Monday -Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

TOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

918 423-6360

*Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights
to all people everywhere our ultimate goal. —Scottish Rite Creed*



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Upcoming Reunions:

2018

October 20-21, 2018

State Wide Reunion

July 21st Tulsa

2019

April 13-14

October 19-20

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](#)

MASONIC CATCH--E--KWISM

By M. J. Barrett, 33

1. What are the most common devices displayed by Masons?
2. When you crave for Light, to what support of the Temple to you go?
3. What key locks & unlocks the inner door of your Lodge?
4. If the saints are marching in, for which two would you look?
5. For what do the initials V.S.L. stand?
6. If you met a man carrying a suitcase on a dark night, how would you know his name was Hiram?
7. What makes a Lodge just?
8. What makes a Lodge Perfect?
9. What makes a Lodge Regular?
10. When does the Pillar of Beauty oversee a Lodge?
(answers are in this issue.)

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

A prison inmate who was enrolled in the school, kept missing classes. First, it was it was because he had a tooth pulled; then his tonsils were removed; Finally, he cut off the tip of his finger in the workshop. All of this led one guard to comment, "We better keep an eye on this guy,. He seems to be trying to escape one piece at a time."



SECRET SERVICE JOB??

Two requirements for a security position advertised online raise the question, "why one if you have the other." "Must be able to carry a weapon and have excellent customer service skills."

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Wed. June 20, 7:PM, Rite Nite Education
Durant Lodge, Durant, OK
Robert G. Davis, 33, G.C., presenter



Fri. June 22, 6:30 p.m., BBQ & Bingo
Central Okla. S.R. Society, OKC
India Shrine Center
Jones Lodge catering, "Umm, Good"

Sat. July 21, 8:00 a.m., 1-Day Reunion
S.R. "Perpetual Pathway" 32nd Degree
Tulsa Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Obligatory Degrees exemplified. McAlester
teams doing 14th and 32nd Degrees

Aug. 8-10, 2018 Natl. Conference of the
RiteCare Speech Language Program
Los Angeles, CA
Supreme Council Foundation sponsors

October, 2018 - 25th anniversary of the
Knights of St. Andrew, a "black cap"
organization. Created 25 yrs ago in the
Valley of Tulsa, OK .

October, 2018, Fall Reunion
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
McAlester, OK

Valleys in Area

Thurs. May 31, 11:30 am, Membership Luncheon
Wichita S.R. Masonic Center
Wichita, KS

Tues. June 5, 6:00 pm, Pot-Luck Dinner
Wichita S.R. Masonic Center, Wichita, KS
Open meeting.

Blue Lodge Notice

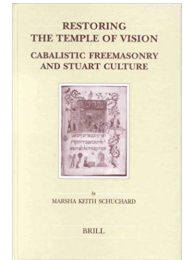
Sat. June 9, Noon; Annual Picnic
Broken Bow Lodge #441; Next to the Lodge
Always a good time for fellowship, fun and
good food. Activities for all ages.
Open to all Masons, families and friends.



BOOKS OF MASONIC SCHOLARLY INTEREST

"Restoring the Temple of Vision: Cabalistic Freemasonry and Stuart culture."

by Marsha Schuchard



There are several reasons why this book will be of most interest to Masonic researchers. First is its price \$364.00 - and its length - 845 pages.

However, the book is, in fact, possibly the most significant book on Masonic history. It breaks new ground; times that likely fostered what we know as "Speculative Masonry" and provides a considerable, but circumstantial, evidence for an underground stream of Masonry.

Meanwhile, it is a literary lineup of certain ideas and ideals, certain myths and glyphs that would materialize, eventually, into more concrete forms.

from: "The Plumline", 2009

THINK ABOUT IT!

The owner of a specialty grocery shop was watching a woman walking up and down the aisles. "We're having a sale on tongue," he said, "would you like some?"



"Eeeu," shuddered the woman, "I would never eat anything from an animal's mouth."

"In that case," the owner said, "how about a dozen eggs?"



PATRIOTISM, RITUAL AND FAMILY

When the National Anthem is played, the pledge of allegiance to the flag, standing when the flag passes, are all examples of ritual behavior which "binds" us with a sense of being one nation because they are shared. They are important for that reason. A nation without national rituals would be a very weak nation.

One of the most important functions of ritual is to "link" our past with our heritage. Certain ritual "links" us with our childhood -- perhaps a certain way of celebrating Christmas or certain foods eaten on certain occasions -- perhaps certain words or phrases used in common. It is not surprising that when a person is trying to discover his or her cultural roots, one of the most important actions is to create folk dances, celebrations, etc. which come from the past. This sense of "We do it this way" is important us in asserting and relating to our heritage.

MORE QUOTES

"A belief is not merely an idea the mind possesses; it is an idea that possesses the mind."

Robert Bolton

"There is not spectacle on earth more appealing than that of a beautiful woman in the act of cooking dinner for someone she loves."

Thomas Wolfe

"Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form."

Andre Maurois

"A man who is too big to study his job is as big as he will every be."

William North



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The United States entered the war in April, 1917. A few months prior to this date, G.C. Moore and the Supreme Council had offered their support to President Woodrow Wilson if the nation went to war. The patriotic programs of the Rite, "America First" were promised to stimulate patriotism throughout the U.S.

Moore's Allocution in October at the beginning of the 1917 biennial session, began with an update as to what had been done for the war effort to date.

A committee led by Herbert Hoover, was appointed by Wilson to gather all the major nation's fraternal organizations together. The purpose of the meeting was to seek their help with "food" conservation. The fraternities were to publicize the need of food for the troops. These groups had access to community leaders and were to conduct educational programs to prevent food waste. G.C. Moore was elected by the committee to be president of the organization. The fraternities were also to raise funds. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction had pledged one million dollars. The Supreme Council pledged \$30,000 from its Treasury and contributions from the Bodies would be added to this amount.

Continuing his Allocution , the G.C. reported that a final settlement had been reached with the Washington, D.C. S.R. Bodies. The Dispute had arisen with the property exchange the two had made so the Supreme Council could move to 16th Street and the House of the Temple. Moore also reported that the Comm. on Administration had approved the action of the Executive Comm. to pay the Temple architect, (Pope) the money owed him for "services rendered." However Secretary General Cowles expressed his opinion that the architect & contractor had used inferior materials, did shoddy work, overran the costs and, besides, the Executive Comm. lacked the authority to authorize the payment. (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Cowles then refused to issue the check. Grand Commander Moore exercised his authority and ordered Cowles to write the check. The total was \$1,803,339.

In other action the Comm. of Administration authorized the G.C. to give whatever aid would be necessary to the U.S. Bureau of Education. This was a promotion of the Bureau's program for the "Americanization of foreign born residents (immigrants)". Called the "American First" campaign, the program promoted "only English" in schools, instruction in American History, the manner of dress to wear and traditions of the nation.

Moore, in his Allocution, reported that he had earlier in the year appointed the S.G.I.G. and Grand Master of Maryland, Thomas Shryock, to Treasurer-General. The Council later elected the bother to the office. Also in the Allocution, Moore requested authorization to contribute \$10,000 to the George Washington National Memorial Monument committee. Since he had already done this prior to the Session, the Council approved it.

The Supreme Council also approved the hiring of an Organist for the ritual work of the Council when in session. The Executive Comm. gave its final report on the House of the Temple. The Comm. report stated some minor work of a decorative nature was needed, but, basically the building was done. After accepting the report, the Supreme Council, before discharging the Committee, expressed its gratitude to the Committee for its work. The members of the Committee received a "standing ovation."

Finally, realizing that the new structure was receiving some criticism from the public for its "Egyptian" motif, the Comm. of the House of the Temple suggested that public tours be available and the hiring of a guide for that purpose. It took a year for this suggestion to be acted upon and permission giving to be "open to the public."

On the final day of the session, the Comm. on Finance and Education recommended calling for the establishment of an "agency" to deal with "problems of poverty and charity for indigent brethren." (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The Comm. also submitted the "budget" for the next biennial. The budget was approved but not included in the "Transactions" for 1917.

(to be continued)

Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"
by William Fox



*"Thus will you be faithful to yourself, to your fellows,
and to God. and thus will you do honor to the degree
of Secret Master.*

Albert Pike, "Morals & Dogma"

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- 1. Square and Compass**
- 2. Pillar of Wisdom**
- 3. The Ballot**
- 4. The Saints John**
- 5. Volume of Sacred Law**
- 6. By His Grip**
- 7. The 3 Great Lights**
- 8. The Constitutional number of members.**
- 9. A warrant or charter, emanating from a legal authority.**
- 10. When the Lodge is at refreshment.**

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