



McAlester Scottish Rite

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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.
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Office is currently closed to Public 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

D. Larry Roberts, 33 Chairman
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John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master
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GRAND MASTER PETERS CLARIFIES EDICT

Though the government is relaxing of the precautions that protect us from the COVID-19, our Grand Master finds it necessary to give a clarification to his Edict the applies to Oklahoma Masons.

They are as follows:

- === lodges may open on the Entered Apprentice degree.
- === lodge meetings are to conduct the business, e. paying the bills, on issues that require only a hand vote, etc.
- === no voting that requires the ballot box
- no proficiency lectures, degrees, degree practices or schools of instruction

Any activity in the lodge that does not allow for: social distancing" (at least 6 feet of space from other people)

BRETHREN; the edict is to protect YOU from this Virus. Following these recommendations gives you a measure of protection.

WHY ALL THE PRECAUTIONS JUST TO AVOID A VIRUS?

Social distancing, face masks, avoiding large crowds, etc. These things get in our way of having a good time. What's the deal?

Well, when one considers the alternative, perhaps a bite of reality needs to be taken. Brethren, do we really want our current COVID-19 pandemic make the list below.

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Upcoming Reunions:

2020

October 10-11

2021

April 17-18

October 23-24

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](#)

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THE TOP 5 PANDEMICS, OR EPIDIMICS, IN HISTORY

1, The Black Death or Bubonic Plague. 1338 A.D.

Caused by the bacteria, V. Pestis, transmitted by the bite of fleas and rats. Killed over 1/2 the population of Europe, including England, Ireland, Northern Countries, parts of the Middle East and wester Asia. Called the "Black Death" because the blood death and the corpse appeared to be black. Wagons patrolled through the cities and villages to collect the dead for mass graves.

2. Spanish Flu pandemic, 1918 A.D.

Killed millions in Europe Asia, Australia, Africa and South America. This flu is why we have flu vaccines

3. HIV, 1981 to present.

A sexually transmitted disease that took the world by surprise. The virus jumped from lesser primates to humans. As of yet there is no cure or vaccine.

4. Plague of Justinian, 541 A.D.

Another epidemic of bubonic plague. Primarily in southern Europe, the Middle East, western Asia.

5. Third Plague, 1855 A.D.

Another epidemic of bubonic plague. Primarily in central & western China, Mongolia and central Asia.

Isolated case of bubonic plague has occurred in the western desert areas of the United States eg. New Mexico and Arizona.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



BeAFreemason.org



VALLEY ACTIVITY



Scottish Rite meetings:

The S.G.I.G.'s Advisory Conference will meet on **July 20, 2020.**

The Lodge of Perfection will hold its regular stated meeting in July. (**Second Monday, 7:00 pm**)

Meetings will be in the Richard's Room in order to ensure "social distancing"

Temple Maintenance

Most of the lights in the Temple have been replaced with LED bulbs. Some new fixtures were required by necessary. We will enjoy the more economical and brighter rooms at the next Reunion.

Area Lodge Destroyed



Brothers, it is sad to report that another S.E. Okla. lodge has been destroyed by an act of Arson. The Wright City #483 Lodge was set afire by a person or persons unknown at this time. This is the 2nd lodge to be burned in the past decade.

Please be alert and make sure that YOUR lodge's insurance is paid up and covers such acts.

Donations are reaching their goal, but all will be appreciated.





BBQ canceled

The Central Oklahoma Scottish Rite Society BBQ dinner planned for June 19th has been canceled.

The 1st Thursday luncheons of the OK McAlester membership region have been canceled until further notice.

MASONIC LIGHT BURNS AGAIN OVER McALESTER



Many of the brethren have observed the ball on the pole on top of the McAlester Temple and may have wondered what it represents. Well, here it is.

Brother John T. Liebrand constructed the ball which contains 33 colored railroad glass lenses. For many years a 300 watt light bulb, inside the ball, lit the night sky with its fascinating light effect. Scottish Rite Masons called it the "Great Light of Masonry."

For many years the bulb has been burned out so there was no Light. Frankly, it is a dangerous job to replace the bulb. No brother has elected to be the electrician who can climb with the confidence of a monkey.

However, occasionally there comes along a man who is determined that the Light shall shine again. That brother is Mike Sexton. Bro. Sexton has braved the mountain, placed the LED bulb, and made it down successfully. But wait! Does it work?

Yes, yes, and yes. Bro. Sexton has faced the high monster and, with modern technology, Masonic Light shines every brighter over S. E. Oklahoma.

Thank you, Mike!



FATHER'S DAY -- WHY AND HOW

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Clayton. The service was to honor all fathers, especially those who were killed during a devastating mine explosion in Monongah the previous years. However, the observance did not become an annual event and it was not promoted.

In 1909, Sonora S. Dodd of Spokane, Washington, also was inspired to create a holiday honoring fathers. William J. Smart, her father, was a farmer and Civil War veteran who raised Sonora and her 5 brothers by himself after his wife died giving birth. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora came up with the idea.

Sonora, with the help of others, convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. So it was, that on June 19, 1910, the first annual Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

The widely publicized events in Spokane eventually found their way to Washington, D. C.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson's family observed the day. Later, in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure favoring making the celebration a National holiday. In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order making the 3rd Sunday in June as Father's Day.

In 1982, under President Richard Nixon, Congress passed an act making Father's Day, the 3rd Sunday in June, a National Holiday.

And that is how Fathers gained "equality" with Mothers.

This year Father's Day is JUNE 21, 2020



FATHER'S DAY QUOTES:

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

Clarence B. Kerlland, author

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us . We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."

Umbro Eco, Italian writer

"His heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father."

Will Rogers, Jr.

IT'S ALL ABOUT DADS



It was a typical noisy at my parent's home, and Dad was having trouble following the conversations. He kept jumping in with off-topic comments and asking for things to be repeated . I finally told him he needed to get a hearing aid.

Looking at me as if I were crazy, he said, "What would I do with a hand grenade. "

I asked my brother-in-law, the father of 4 boys, "If you had it to do all over again, would you still have kids?"

"Yes", he said, "Just not these four."

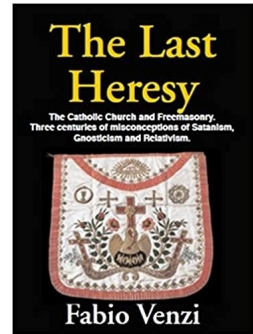
The biggest change after having kids was putting a swear jar in the house. Whenever I said a bad word, I had to put a dollar in the jar and at the end of every month , I take all the money and buy myself a nice steak for being such a good dad.



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Last Heresy: The Catholic Church and Freemasonry.

Three centuries of misconception, Satanism, Gnosticism, Relativism ."



This book is one that requires a careful reading. The author, who is the grand master of the Regular Grand Lodge Italy, presents the background of the conflict between the Catholic Church and Freemasonry in Europe in general and in Italy in particular. He applies examples from historical and ritual sources in an attempt to demonstrate where the Catholic Church has been, and is, in error regarding its conceptions of the Masonic Order.

The book is an effort of the author to dispel and set straight the erroneous issued by the Church and others regarding the philosophies of Masonry.

[\(Amazon, 286 pages, c. 2019\)](#)

HISTORY (CONTINUED)

INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

Aside from adoption of the original Code, the important transactions of the Grand Lodge was resolutions fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$25 per year and the Grand Tyler's \$1.50 per diem. Committees were appointed to devise and purchase a Grand Seal, record books, blanks and supplies and fixing the time and place for the First Annual Communication as the First Tuesday in September, 1975, at Eufaula, Creek Nation, the home of Musco-gee Lodge No. 1.

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HISTORY (CONTINUED)

INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

On August 16, 1875, the first proclamation was issued as follows:

Office of the Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge, Indian Territory
A.F. and A.M. Caddo, C. N. I.T.
August 16, 1875

"T. W.M. and Wardens
Mus-co-gee Lodge No. 1
A.F. and A.M.

Dear Sirs and Brethren,

"I am directed by the M.W. G. McPherson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge Indian Territory to Notify you to be present at Muskogee, Creed Nation on the 18th day of August, 1875 at 10 O'clock with your Lodge in force to take part in Ceremonies at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Indian Agency building.

"Of which you will take due notice.

Fraternally,

R.P. Jones Grand Sec.

On the same date a communication was addressed for Brother Murrow at Atoka appointing him Special Deputy Grand Master to perform the ceremony of the laying of the Corner Stone. Brother Murrow reported later to the Grand Lodge that pursuant to the above quoted proclamation, "A called meeting of the Grand Lodge was held in the Church House at Muskogee, Creek Nation" and given at account of the proceedings.

To Be Continued:

*"The Supreme Architect.....gives us the motivation and the strength to this blessing to the fullest."
Bro. James Cole, Sov. Grand Commander*



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