



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:

July 5th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

July 9th

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

July 18th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

August 1st

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

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

THERE IS MORE TO MASONRY THAN THREE DEGREES.

Do YOU have a brother Mason who wants to learn more about Masonry but doesn't have time to take a full weekend off? While you are telling him about the Scottish Rite, don't forget that the Scottish Rite in Oklahoma is holding a ONE-DAY reunion in Tulsa on Saturday, July 21 2018

Don't hesitate, don't meditate, don't wait?
Talk to him today (and have a petition with you)

UPDATE ON TEMPLE REPAIRS

Work has been progressing the past few weeks on repairs that the "flood of 2017, made necessary. The plumbing has been replaced, the ceiling in the kitchen is finished and being painted, and the crew is looking to the east, where the old conference room walls are being replastered and painted. One can see that the job is beginning to come together.

General Secretary Mike Ebert, KCCH has informed us that everything will be finished by the Fall Reunion.

During this period, the Advisory Conference is meeting in the empty clinic area on the west side. There has been discussion on the future use of this clinic area. Some suggestions have been to make it a new Conference Room and to move the museum to the former meeting room.

DID YOU hear about the Mermaid and the Fisherman??

"They met online"



Charitable & Education Foundation

R. Bruce Hall, 33 President
Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
Advisory Council Trustees
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

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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 FACTS QUIZ

1. Do Masonic lodges in the U.S. open the Bible at the same passages?
2. How many Bibles are used in Lodges in Ireland?
3. Has the V.S.L. always been a part of the furniture of the Lodge?
4. American Freemasonry came from what country?
5. Between what years were the first 13 Grand Lodges in the U.S. founded.
6. Who did more to establish Freemasonry in America during Colonial times than any other of his time?
7. Has any President of the U.S. ever been Master of his Lodge while President?
8. What famous Southerner's Library was saved by a Union officer during the siege of Little Rock?
9. Who published the first Masonic Monitor in the United States?
10. What Russian novelist gave a description of the initiation of a candidate?

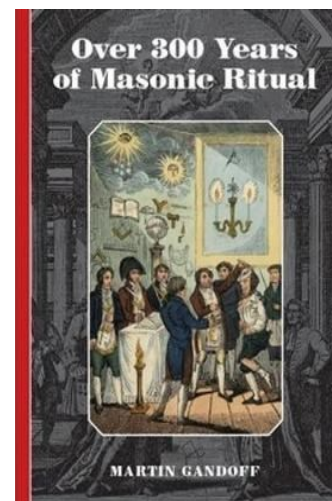
(answers are the end of this issue.)

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"Over 300 Years of Masonic Ritual" by Martin Gandoff

This book celebrates the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Premier Grand Lodge of England in June, 1717 by reviewing the historical bases of English ritual workings from the earliest records to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in December, 1813 and beyond. It begins at 1400 A.D. and goes onward.

The book is for those readers who are interest in the more absorbing aspects of English ritual history.



VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Reminder: the Temple office is not open on Fridays and holidays and will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4th.**



Monday, July 9, 7:00 p.m., Lodge of Perfection Stated Meeting, McAlester S.R. Masonic Center

Sat. July 14th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; practice for the 14th and 32nd degree teams at the Tulsa Scottish Rite Center.

Wed. July 18, 7:00 pm, Rite Nite Education Lone Grove Lodge, Lone Grove, OK Robert G. Davis, 33, GC, presenter. Join us for Fellowship & more Light.

Sat. July 21, 8:00 a.m., ONE-DAY REUNION Tulsa S.R. Masonic Center Obligatory Degrees will be exemplified . This is a statewide, or Orient, reunion McAlester 14th & 32nd teams will be participating.

Fri-Sat. Sept. 28-29. Royal Order of Ducks Fall Migration at the Mulberry Rook Put the date on your calendar now! Food, fellowship & just relaxing. Quack!

HOW DID THAT WORK FOR YOU?

When the talk was about "downsizing" the U.S. Postal Service the union steward passed the word to all the letter carriers that they needed to be proactive.

"Save our jobs," he urged, "E-mail your Congressman."



REQUEST BEING MADE FOR ARTICLES FOR NEXT "McALESTER SCOTTISH RITE NEWS"

The Valley Office is preparing to begin work on the next newspaper for the Fall Reunion. They are requesting articles to be submitted from members of the Craft. If you have an idea, historical knowledge or other subjects of interest, please contact Cherie Hamilton at 918 423-6360 or by Facebook.

The newspaper has been in publication since "time immemorial" and the Craft has always had a part in its contents. So, get your pen and paper and start writing. You may be surprised at how good you are putting your thoughts and ideas on paper.

WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC

A customer walks into an auto parts store looking for a flat washer. "That'll be 15 cents," the clerk said.

"15 cents for a washer? Are you crazy?" the customer yelled. "I'll drill a hole in a quarter and make my own!"

"CHARACTER AND CORE VALUES"

The headline here is for an article from the May-June issue of the "Scottish Rite Journal". Such a "timely" commentary on its subject only comes along once in awhile.

It may be found on Page six (6) of the magazine.

This quote from a famous American author sums it up pretty well: "*It is curious that Physical Courage should be so Common in the world and moral courage so rare.*"

Mark Twain



VALLEY ROSE CROIX FUNERAL TEAMS

McAlester Team

Director - Mark Halyard, 33
Acting Wise
Master/Orator - Mark Halyard, 33
Wise Master - Don Higginbotham, KCCH
Senior Warden, John S. Clagg, KCCH
Junior Warden - Richard LeBlanc, KCCH
Junior Warden - Mike Dixon, KCCH
Chaplain - Don Whitman, KCCH
Candle Lighter - member of the Craft

Duncan Team

Director - (whoever answers the phone)

Senior Warden - Harry D. Cooper, 33
Senior Warden - Richard Heelan, KCCH
Junior Warden - Brent Heilman
Orator - James McNair, KCCH
Orator - Maurice Faulk, KCCH
Chaplain - James T. Allen, 33
Chaplain - Gary Scarber, KCCH
Ushers - Jason Smith, Richard Heelan, KCCH
Committee - Richard Ahalskog,
Blain Smith and Dustin Leper



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Halfway between the 1917 and 1919 biennial sessions, Grand Commander Moore decided that the Supreme Council needed to have a Special Session. With World War I in its 4th or 5th year, the United States came into the war and sent the American Expeditionary Force with General John Pershing commanding. Since American was now in the fight, Moore thought the Scottish Rite needed to begin a program to support the Masons in the military while in Europe.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

G.C. Moore, therefore, called for a special session of the Supreme Council for Sept. 23, 1918 to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. In his Allocution, Moore presented a 4-step program by which the Scottish Rite would express its "service to the nation and humankind." He began with the purchase, by the Supreme Council, of "Liberty" Bonds. Secondly, that the Council support only a peace accord that the President had proposed. Thirdly was to promote Masonic Relations with the countries of the British Empire, France, Italy and the neutral European countries. Lastly, and important, to "engage in distinctive work for our soldiers in France." The Supreme Council approved all of the proposals.

After approving \$10,000 for the Bonds, the Council agreed to pay off the balance owed on the House of the Temple and appropriated another \$10,000 to the Education Bureau, which was scheduled to present its organizational plan at the next biennial.

Per the suggestion of the G.C., the Council approved the funding of a trip to France for Moore and two other Masons to accompany him. The delegation was also authorized to devise "a social outlet for the benefit of Masons in the A.E.F. in France." The idea was to be of benefit to all Masons in the army, not just the Scottish Rite ones. \$5,000 was approved for the mission.

The Council then authorized the G.C. to purchase additional property around the House of the Temple to help make the Temple more accessible and to be next to an alley for other purposes. Any purchases by the G.C. for this action were to be approved by the Finance Committee first. However, properties were acquired and occupied by the Temple, even today.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

To be a called "special session", this one in 1918 was a busy one. Before its conclusion, the G.C. was given the authority to release the Council's patriotic decisions to the "public press." Normally, the Rite avoided publicity, but felt that the public should know about its patriotic work.

The war ended 6 and 1/2 weeks after the session, but it was too late; Moore and his companions were already in Europe. The influenza epidemic caught up with the G.C. and confined him to a hospital in London for several days. On his recovery, Moore sailed on to France accompanied by Sam Cochran, S.G.I.G. from Texas and Hugh Stevenson, Grand Chaplain of the G.L. of Washington, DC The 3 returned from Europe in April, 1919. The results of the overseas trip were announced in the Allocution of the 1919 biennial session later that year.

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

"Sit down around a pot of coffee and discuss how the Valley will function, say, in the next 3 to 5 years."

Grand Commander Ron A. Seale, 33

Quiz answers:

1. No. In some jurisdictions the Bible is opened at random.
2. 3, one at altar, one at each Warden's station.
3. Yes
4. England
5. 1777 to 1796
6. Benjamin Franklin
7. Yes, Washington
8. Albert Pike Library
9. Thomas Smith Webb in 1797
10. Count Tolstoy in "War and Peace"

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