



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:

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

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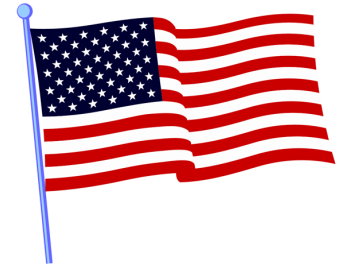
Shaun Callahan, KCCH, Commander

Douglas R. Worden, 32°, Master of Kadosh

IN COMMEMORATION OF JULY 4, 1776

"The Flag of Humanity:"

I am the symbol of Liberty ---the
Liberty that unfolds individual
freedom to bless others,



I am the symbol of Democracy--
--the Democracy that holds
humanity in the bonds of brotherhood,

I am the symbol of Justice---the justice that
metes out to all righteously,

I am the symbol of Love---the Love that
embraces all tenderly,

I am the symbol of Peace---the Peace that
governs man with unselfishness,

I am immortal because I image forth these
attributes of Heaven,

My tongue is the language of the Sprit.
The Truth of which I speak heal the animosity
of men and nations,

My mission is universal . Humanity is my
field,

That is why I, the Stars and Stripes,
am the Flag of Humanity.

-----B. K. Baghdigian

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Upcoming Reunions:

2020
October ????

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](#)

[Scottish Rite, Valley of Guthrie](#)

[Scottish Rite, Valley of Tulsa](#)

[Scottish Rite Research Society](#)

Grand Master's EDICT #7; effective July 1, 2020

(The following is a summary; see your lodge Secretary for a complete letter.)

There are several things that must be to help with the safety and well-being of the Craft.

The following MUST be done"

- Social Distancing (mandatory)
- Wearing of masks (mandatory)
- Hand sanitizing (mandatory)
- Temperature testing (mandatory)

1. Lodges may hold Stated Meetings, Degrees on any degree
2. All business of the Lodge may be done.
3. Social Distancing MUST be maintained at all times.
4. Masks MUST be worn properly at all times.
5. Hand Sanitizer MUST be available at the doors to all rooms, including Lodge room, inside the building.
6. No-Touch Thermometers may be used of check the body temperature of EVERY one who enters the lodge
7. A Brother stationed at the Door of the Building, who is wearing a Mask and Gloves will check temperatures and provide Hand Sanitizer for their use.
8. When Balloting, a Brother standing 6 feet away from the altar and wearing a Mask and Gloves will have Hand Sanitizer for Brethren to use after Balloting.
9. Brethren doing Degree Work will wear Masks and Gloves and maintain Social Distancing, when possible. Wearing of Mask and Gloves includes the Candidate.
10. EVERY MASON attending MUST Sign the Tyler's Record legibly with Name, Lodge & Contact Information. This is IMPORTANT, if COVID-19 virus should later be diagnosed for ANY Attendee.
11. Visiting Lodges other than your own is Discouraged. Any Brother should know that Masks & Gloves apply to ALL OKLAHOMA LODGES.

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12. At ALL Masonic functions in Oklahoma, indoors or outdoors MUST comply with the Social Distancing, Masks and Gloves,
13. Until Further Notice, District Meetings, District Schools, can be held inside Oklahoma lodges.
14. NO Food/Meals may be Catered, Prepared, Served or Eaten inside the Lodge. NO EXCEPTIONS.
15. All Rooms, Equipment, Working Tools, furniture of the Lodge SHALL be Sanitized after each use or meeting.
16. The Heads of the Appendant, Affiliated or any other Masonic organization are requested to follow State and Local Guidelines for their Membership.
17. Lodges that don't want to meet during the Pandemic of COVID-19 virus will NOT be penalized. However, the Lodge Secretaries must still complete their Reports. Copies of the Grand Master's Edicts should be attached to the Secretary's minute book.

Grand Master Bobby Peters has requested that the Craft find ways to stay connected. This may be accomplished with phone calls, greeting cards and electronic devices such as computers, etc.

Brethren, I urge you to read the Grand Master's Edict for yourself. It is more comprehensive and will contain anything missed in the above summary.

The Editor

LETTER FROM JOE R. MANNING, JR. 33° S.G.I.G. IN OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH RITE

(Letter is summarized)

.....the Lodges of Perfection will reopen in July. The Grand Master, health professionals and the CDC guidelines MUST be observed in regard to Social Distancing, wearing of Masks and Hand Sanitizer, etc.

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LETTER FROM S.G.I.G.

Attend your L.O.P. meetings, if possible, but remember that all precautions must be observed. Those meetings will be conducted differently, (to accomplish this.)

On Sunday, June 28, the S.G.I.G. met with the Advisory Conferences and Foundation leaders of the 3 Valleys in Oklahoma. Fall Reunions for 2020 were the subject of much discussion. This decision must consider the situation with the Pandemic at the time. Any Reunion would be a one-day, obligatory degrees only and (probably in McAlester) the precautions could be more easily observed and maintained.

After a thorough discussion, the Scottish Rite leaders of the Valleys made the decision to Cancel the Fall Reunions. If the Virus appears to be receding in the Fall, this issue can be revisited in the coming weeks. However, this does not seem likely.

In the meantime, WE must remember our Scottish Rite obligation in regard to our Brethren. We must check on them regularly and if we find a Brother in distress, needing help, the Valley Almoners are to be notified and aid is available.

Submitted by: Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
of the Orient of Oklahoma.



"Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man." – J. F. Newton

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



BeAFreemason.org



ALBERT PIKE STATUE IS TORN DOWN

The night of June 19, 2020 the Albert Pike statue in Washington, D.C. was toppled from its pedestal and destroyed. Once on the ground the figure was covered with red paint and other liquid substances.



It had been thought for some time that since Pike had been a General in the Confederate Army during the Civil War that the statue could be a target.

That was the end of a week that saw many Confederate memorials destroyed by protesters.

The Official Statement from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the A.A.S.R.'s Southern Jurisdiction is on the [Supreme Council's website](#). G.C. Cole's letter gives a good explanation of the incident, who owned the statue and the humanitarian nature of Pike's nature.

Bro. Cole encourages all Scottish Rite Masons to remember our mission as Scottish Rite Masons.



MASONIC ACTIVITIES

Oklahoma

Thursday, July 2nd Cancellation

McAlester luncheon, in OKC

Monday, July 13, McAlester L.O.P.

Stated Meeting, Richards Room

COVID-19 Precautions necessary

Saturday, July 18, Cornerstone

Maud-Konawa #106, Maud, OK

5 pm-- Open Grand Lodge

6 pm Cornerstone, Outdoors

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MASONIC ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Regional - Scottish Rite

Valley of Joplin

The RiteCare program has joined with the Children's Medical Network of Missouri.

Feb. 6, 2021; Robert Burns Night Banquet and program

Sunday, July 12, 2020; Family Picnic 2 pm, Finley River Park, Ozark, MO

Valley of Wichita, KS

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Honor Men Calling Committee

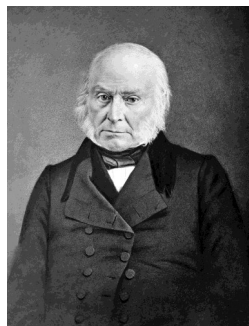
Each man gets a list of 20 members to call this evening.

Valley of Dallas, TX

Wed. July 1, 2020. Natl Sojourners mtg 9 a.m.; use of Kitchen & Dining Room Meeting in Green Room

S.R. Center is open for the Blue Lodges that meet there.

AN ANTI-MASON? JOHN QUINCY ADAMS?



During the past 300 years, those who have opposed Freemasonry have been small in number and stature. One exception has been the 6th President of the U. S, John Quincy Adams While historians have speculated on this, no one apparently ever asked Adams his opinion when he was alive.

Writers have described Mr. Adams as being of a "cold and forbidding" nature. As with other politicians of his time he was caught up in the intrigue of the failing Federalist Party. With the western expansion and populations moving west, the desertion of the towns and cities occurrences like the "Morgan Affair" quickly became political This resulted in his public and zealous anti-Masonic activity. His letters, which later were published as a book, provided fodder to the political tools of his enemies. (Continued next page)



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. (Continued)

As the Secretary of State, Adams had helped write the Monroe Doctrine and after his presidency, he was an ardent advocate for anti-slavery. It was during this time that he slid into political populism fell into the murkiest popular campaign of his day -- anti-Masonry.

It was Adams election for the 6th President that actually had a notable effect on his career in politics afterwards. His election to the highest office in the land had been decided by the "President of the House of Representatives" and the opponent who lost was Andrew Jackson.

In the next presidential election, his opponent was again Jackson, a Mason, who won. Adams was aware of the irony of the results.

So, was John Q. Adams an anti-Mason. In the American history that I was taught, Adams party had gone defunct and the Anti-Mason Party, Their argument must have been good, because he ran as their candidate for his 2nd term. Andrew Jackson was not only a Mason; he was a Past Grand Master of Tennessee!

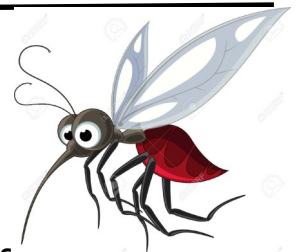
Now, having read Adam's biography, written by a noted historian, I believe that he ran for the party, but did not make the platform a part of his beliefs. He was, after all, a politician.

A confirmed anti--Mason? Does one really know?

THE MOSQUITO

Why do mosquitos bite?

Actually, not all mosquitos feed on blood. The male mosquito drinks only water, but the female needs the protein rich blood for the development of her eggs. And the females prefer the ankles and wrists area because the veins are closer to the skin surface



THE MOSQUITO (CONTINUED)

Why do mosquito bites itch?

When a mosquito bites you, it injects a small amount of saliva which contains an anti-coagulant. This prevents the blood from clotting. It also causes the body to release "histamine" to the area. The histamine causes an inflammation as a defensive mechanism, but this also causes itching.

"They" say the occasion is rare, but the mosquito's saliva may also deliver the viruses that cause malaria, encephalitis, West Nile disease and yellow fever. If you should have complications from a mosquito bite see a doctor immediately or go to the E.R.

Mosquito Repellants

Note: A higher body temperature and sweat are attractants for mosquitoes. A first step is to rinse off sweat and reduce body temperature. (cold liquids, ice, etc.)

Apple Cider Vinegar -- If you put apply cider vinegar on foods you eat, you will develop a body odor that repels mosquitoes and other insects. A refreshing summer drink will help the same way.

The CDC recommends lemon eucalyptus oil on the skin as a repellent.

DEET repellent -- If you use DEET, do not use more than a 25% product. Higher concentrations are not helpful and may do harm.

When bugs and mosquitoes bite.

ICE- Ice placed on the bite will constrict blood vessels near the surface and reduce swelling.

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THE MOSQUITO (CONTINUED)

Topical Medications -- Do not use Caladryl or calamine lotions. Use a topical hydrocortisone cream, Lanacane cream, or rhulidream. the hydrocortisone is best recommended but may take a little longer to reduce itching.

DO Not scratch an insect or mosquito bite. This can lead to infection and serious consequences. Meat tenderizer or lemon juice used on the bite will reduce the itching. Full strength "white vinegar" may also be used safely.

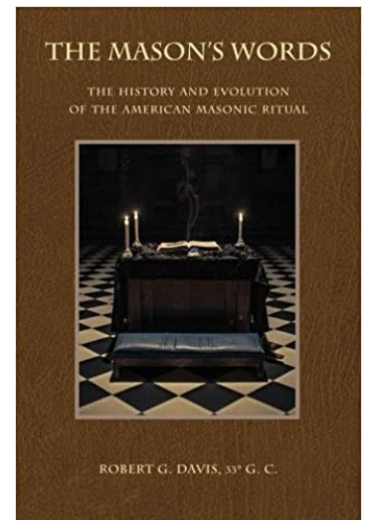
Enjoy your summer!



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Mason's Words" by Robert G. Davis, 33, G.C., D.G.M.

This is the story of the Masonic ritual, the language and ceremonial forms that have evolved into the present structure of American Freemasonry. The Order has defined its lodge space. It offers its members the same stabilizing influence of instruction that has prevailed on every continent for nearly 400 years.



The reader will discover that the language of the world's oldest fraternal society has also made its own interesting journey. It has been tested by the most powerful and most humbling of men. In Masonic lodges, men from every walk of life, of all ages, every social category and every spiritual and philosophical conviction are able to find a basis for reflection on who they are, where they are going, why they are here and what has meaning to them.

(Available from: Oklahoma Lodge of Research and Amazon)

HISTORY (CONTINUED)

INDIAN TERRITORY GRAND LODGE

Considerably more pomp and circumstance attended the First Annual Communication, although only 7 of the Grand Lodge Officers were present at the opening. Six Lodges now composed the Grand Body, Ok-La-Ho-Ma, having taken allegiance to the Grand Lodge and dispensations having been issued to Pauls Valley and Vinita Lodge in the Cherokee Nation. Representatives from the Lodges U.D. were later seated in the Grand Lodge.

Before delivering his Opening Address, the Grand Master announced appointments to the usual Committees, most interesting of which was that of EDUCATION to which Brothers J.B. Jones, J.S. Murrow and H.G. Buckner were assigned.

In his first address the Grand Master expressed regret that both Alpha and Flint Lodges,

"Still stand aloof, notwithstanding they have been notified of the necessity of affiliating with us and I would now recommend that you take some decisive action with regard to them. I would suggest that a brief space of time be given them to make returns to the Grand Secretary, failing in which, it will be the imperative duty of the Grand Master to arrest their Charters."

The Committee to which this was referred sustained the Grand Master in his recommendation but insisted that a "reasonable" time be afforded the 2 Lodges to affiliate.

(to be continued)



The Masonic Trowel

... to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble emulation of who can best work or best agree ...

Oklahoma State Parks New Fee's

On June 15th, a new fee went into effect at Oklahoma state parks. Now residents with an Oklahoma or tribal license plate will be charged \$8 per vehicle to park at the 22 state parks. Out-of-state residents will pay \$10 for the one-day parking pass.

What was less well publicized is that resident 62 and older are exempt from the fee. The next time you are by a state park, stop into the park office with your drivers license and your license plate number and they will register you for a year. (not sure why it is not good for more than that unless they think you are getting younger.) Your license plate number will serve as a pass for the year.

There are some other discounts such as annual passes and discounts for persons with disabilities. Please refer to the Oklahoma State Park's webpage for more details or inquire at one of the State Park Offices.

"As Scottish Rite Masons we prefer to step forward with our fellow citizens consistent with our Scottish rite Creed:

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.

Sov. G.C. James Cole, 33°

"at the conclusion of his Official Statement on the Albert Pike Statue"

Editor Don Jones 33°

