



McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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FALL REUNION DATES

Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21, 2018

Valley office is receiving petitions now.

The SCOTTISH RITE continues a Master Mason's education in many ways:

- 4 - 32nd Degrees
- Leadership Conferences
- Publishing Masonic books
- Speakers for meetings
- Scottish Rite Journal magazine
- Scottish Rite Research Society



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 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

August 2nd

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

August 13th

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

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
Jack Inman, 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

JACK INMAN, 33, APPOINTED TO McALESTER ADVISORY CONFERENCE

S.G.I.G. Joe R. Manning, Jr. 33, announced his appointment of Jack Inman, 33, to the Advisory Conference at the Conference meeting last week. Bro. Inman replaces the vacancy left when Doug Auld, 33, retired in order to devote more time to his professional offices in dentistry.



Jack served the Valley for several years as the Building Committee Chairman. His replacement has not yet been announced. During his years as Building Chairman the Temple has had restoration and preservation work done. (continued on next page)

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](#)

Jack Inman (continued from previous page)

A key project at the Temple was roof replacement and or repair, stage scenery restoration, pipe organ preservation. and other major projects. Working with Building Superintendent Clem Peppers, 33, plumbing, electrical and other utility improvements have been made to the Temple.

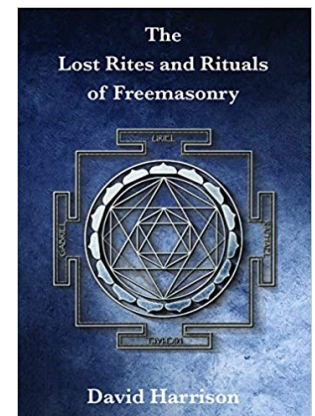
Bro. Inman is a member of So. McAlester 96. He served as the lodge treasurer for several years and has promoted the restoration work in the blue lodge room.

Bro. Inman was employed for many years as the manager of the McAlester Wal-Mart superstore. He is devoted to his family and enjoys his participation in family activities.

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Lost Rites and Rituals of Freemasonry" by Dr. David Harrison, English author

The Reviewer of this book is rather ambivalent in his criticisms of the book's contents. Since the book contains rites of an obscure nature written not only by Masons but some non-Masons, the Reviewer asks the question, "Why?". However the books may be interesting to those Masons who want to know more about what may possible be described as, "a darker side of fraternity."



NOTE: Have you paid your 2018 DUES?



Reminder: Dues may be paid with your credit card. Call the Valley office at 918 423-6360 with your card in hand. Office is open Monday through Thursday.

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Wed. July 18, 7:00 p.m.; RITE NIGHT
Scottish Rite Night Education (More Light)
Lone Grove Lodge, Lone Grove, OK
Robert G. Davis, 33, G.C. Presenter



Sat. July 21, 8:00 a.m., Statewide Reunion
ONE DAY; 5 obligatory degrees at the
Tulsa Scottish Rite Masonic Center
51st & Mingo St., Tulsa, Ok. McAlester
teams presenting 14th A& 32nd Degrees

Mon. Aug. 13, 7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting
Lodge of Perfection
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center.

Fri/Sat, Sept. 28-29, Fall Migration
Royal Order of the Duck gathers at the
mulberry rook on Lake McAlester
fun, food and fellowship

Fri. Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m., Recognition Banquet
Guthrie S.R. Masonic Center
Celebration of 50 years of membership in
the Guthrie Scottish Rite for Ill. Joe R.
Manning, Jr., 33, S..G.I.G. in Oklahoma.

October 20 & 21; McAlester Fall Reunion

"HOW I BECAME A MASON" Jeffrey Morris, 32, Guam, USA

I was 13 or 14 years old , walking among an old graveyard. I saw the square & compasses on so many headstones. You couldn't miss it! I remember thinking that the symbols must have meant a lot to these men for it to be on their grave. That thought sat in my mind heavily until I got a little older and could make the connection.

(The above is taken from the latest "Scottish Rite Journal". It is on page 24 with several other interesting persona; stories.)

Why did YOU become a Mason?



TEN RULES TO BE "SMART" WITH MONEY

1. Do not forget that skillful sales people can manipulate the emotions.
2. Do not buy an investment before completely understanding it.
3. Remember, there is no such thing as a free lunch.
4. Do not put yourself in the seller's shoes before buying.
5. Do not believe that you are too smart to fall for a bad investment.
6. Do not accept the stated word, but always instead get it in writing.
7. Do not buy anything that is too good to be true.
8. Avoid limited-time offers.
9. Do not depend on a financial regulator for protection.
10. Remember, that people wish to separate you from your money.

(AARP June/July, 2018)



On April 6, 1918, just a few months before the end of World War One, the U.S. Congress adopted the following "Creed" as an expression of our national faith and purpose. It represents an official definition of patriotism in this republic.

(I think this Creed was mentioned in our Supreme Council history series. It was designed to stimulate the American citizens/ support of the war in Europe.)

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people , for the people'; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and in-separable 'established upon those principles of freedom , equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

(taken from the "Knights Templar:)



PLEASANT MEMORIES

An elderly couple with memory problems were advised by their doctor to write notes to help them remember things.



One evening, while watching TV, the wife asks her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "Sure," he said.

"Write it down," she suggested.

"No," he replied, "I can remember a simple thing like that."

"I also want strawberries and whipped cream," she said, "and write it down."

"I don't need to write it down," he insisted, heading to the kitchen.

20 minutes later he returned with a plate of bacon and scrambled eggs. "I told you to write it down," his wife said. "I wanted fried eggs."



DALE CARNEGIE

"If you want to gather honey -- don't kick over the beehive."

PROVERBS

"The desire for knowledge increases its acquisition."

Jeff Cooper

"A smart man only believes half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half."

"WHAT ARE SUPREME COUNCIL ORIENTS AND VALLEYS"

The governing body of the Scottish Rite is the Supreme Council. It is composed of active and deputy members of the 35 states several overseas that make up the Southern Jurisdiction.

Each state or jurisdiction that belongs to the Southern Jurisdiction is called an "Orient". the local Scottish Rite body is called a "Valley." Each Valley has up to 4 Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

While the 1919 biennial session was not Grand Commander Moore's last one, it was a rough one for him. In my opinion, while the Active Members continued to show respect for the office, they were beginning to demonstrate no respect for the man in the office.

His request for an appropriation to complete the Egyptian figures at the entrance of the House of the Temple was denied in an act of spitefulness . He also made a recommendation to change how the Honors system is done. It didn't pass either.

The tax problem with the District of Columbia was still not resolved. Moore was basically told that would no longer be his problem to work on. Plus his authority to publish a Pike manuscript on an eastern religion was denied by the Council.

G.C. Moore expected to present his education program at the 1919 session but was informed that the Supreme Council was calling for a "special session". This session would be held in the spring of 1920.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The program would be on the agenda there as well as other items the Council would choose to discuss. One item to mention here would be a proposal by Moore for ritual revision in conjunction with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Of course, this would not be acceptable to the Council.

Going back to the House of the Temple, Secretary General Cowles reported that the pumping system in the basement was now repaired and working properly. The roof had been repaired. Cowles stated that with the size of the building and the need for constant repair and maintenance would eventually get more expensive. However, no one proposed a building endowment to be established for this..

In the G.C.'s Allocution, Moore informed the Council that the the planning for the next International Conference of Supreme Councils for 1920 had begun. The Council did set aside \$9,000 for delegates to attend. In addition to the G.C., , Secretary General John Cowles and the Grand Swordbearer Perry Weidner were elected to be delegates. The conference was to be held in Switzerland.

Despite the tone of the session, Librarian William Boyden gave a long, but good report. He reported that the library now had grown so that it needed more space. Several valuable collections had been donated to the Rite. Among them were a Robert Burns Collection; Carl Claudy's collection of German literature and art and sold his Goethe Collection to the Council for \$1,000; the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution contributed their entire library, In addition to these donations, the library had purchased Albert Pike's handwritten manuscript of the poem, "To the Mocking Bird." In response to 2 recommendations of the librarian, the Council agreed to publish the recently acquired "Bibliography of the Writings of Albert Pike". The Council also elected to establish an "Albert Pike Memorial" room to hold and display the collection of memorabilia.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Additionally, the Council approved the placement of bronze tablets be placed at the atrium in regard to the cornerstone and the dedication of the Temple. Also approved was a proposal to have Pike's famous quote etched over the door at the entrance.

Before accepting the Grand Commander's Allocution, the Supreme Council required some revisions, an action which had never been done before. Those were a "report of all reported bond purchases" and a list of the deaths of Inspectors General Honorary since the last biennial. As a final rebuff to Bro. Moore, the Council accepted the report of the Committee of "The New Age" magazine in which Moore had been criticized for not recognizing the magazine as the official organ of the Supreme Council.

Just before adjournment the Council officially expressed its "deepest sympathy" to President Wilson who was severely ill. The Council also officially recognized its oldest member, Inspector A.L. Fitzgerald on his birthday. For this occasion they gave him the honorific of "Dean" which was used only twice. Bro. Fitzgerald and later to Bro. Cowles.

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

"And this (Royal Secret) teaches , above all, to reverence our selves as immortal souls, and to have respect and charity for others....."

32nd Degree, Morals & Dogma

Editor Don Jones, 33°

