



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.
McAlester, OK 74501
918-423-6360

Upcoming Events:

1st Wednesday of the Month

Duncan Scottish Rite Chapter, 11:30 AM, Jimmie's Egg, Duncan

1st Thursday 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 Wednesday 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

Jack Inman, 33°, Chairman
Mike Ebert, 33° General Secretary
William C. Cox, 33°, Member
Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member Emeritus
Wade Massey, 33°, Member
Phillip Johnson, 33° Elect Member
Stephen Gragg, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master
John Cunningham 32°, KCCH, Wise Master
Rodney Ryder, 32°, KCCH, Commander
Bobby Peters 33°, Master of Kadosh

2023 BIENNIAL YEAR HONORS RECIPIENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Inspectors General Honorary, 33rd Elects:

Johnny Allford.....McAlester, OK
Shawn Callahan.....Shawnee, OK
Scott Culbreath.....Noble, OK
Phillip Johnson.....Moore, OK



The 33rd Degree is the last and highest degree conferred by the Supreme Council. Recipients are determined by outstanding, continuous service to the Rite and Masonry in general; and who in their public life exemplify the principle of the Degrees of the Rite.

Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor; to be Invested:

Trasen Akers.....Okla. City, OK
Chris Bates.....Hartshorne, OK
James Butler.....Prague, OK
Edward Dixon.....Okla. City, OK
Leonard Howard.....Alderson, OK
Charles Manning.....Paris, TX
Mark McFadden.....Muskogee, OK
Brad Oliver.....Idabel, OK
Kevin Pope.....Houston, TX
Timothy Self.....Atoka, OK
Dennis Wilson.....McAlester, OK



To be eligible for the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, the recipient must have been a 32nd Degree Mason for 4 years and have rendered signal service to the Rite. Attainment of this Rank is not a guarantee of future honors

The candidates listed above will receive their Degree and/or Rank and Decoration at the Honors Day activities on November 5, 2023 in Guthrie.

Congratulations Brethren!!

If you do not wish to receive this email, please send an email to enews-unsubscribe@mcasr.org. For questions or comments email news@mcasr.org.

Upcoming Reunions:

2023

October 21 & 22

2024

April 13 & 14

October 12-13

Masonic Website on 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](#)

SHRINERS ENTER 2ND CENTURY OF CHILDCARE WITH POSITIVE ATTITUDE

We (Shriners) have kept our promise to improve the lives of children and families--to provide medical care regardless of their ability to pay, to conduct innovative research to improve that care, and to offer educational opportunities for medical professionals--for 100 years.

Throughout that time, (Shriners) adapted and developed treatment techniques and procedures to best serve (their) patients and, ultimately, become recognized the world over as a leader in pediatric care.

As (the Shrine) begins its 2nd century these principles continue to guide (them). (The Shrine has put) several initiatives in place to ensure (they) deliver care as efficiently and effectively as possible, and reach the children and families who need (them), regardless of where they live.

Congratulations to our Brethren Shriners.

ACACIA GUILD ADDS ANOTHER OKLAHOMAN TO MEMBERSHIP



Michael J. Prock, 32, KCCH, a member of the Valley of Tulsa is the latest Oklahoma Scottish Rite Mason to join the Acacia Guild.

The Guild is a fund-raising project of the Supreme Council for preservation of the House of the Temple. Several Oklahomans have contributed to this fund to help the Council in this effort.

For more information about the Guild, check page 16 of the latest "Scottish Rite Journal."

BOB HOPE said it, so it must be true

@ "I will never be an old man. To me, old age is 15 years older than what I am."

@ "Beautiful young people are works of nature but beautiful old people are works of art."

@ In the end, old age is not the years in your life that counts; it's the life in your years."

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY



Weekly, Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.
Social Hour at the McAlester Temple
Free coffee and rolls or donuts.
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
Masons and friends welcome
Use south door.

Wed., July 19; 12 noon; Luncheon
Muskogee Scottish Rite Chapter
Muskogee Masonic Lodge
Dining room; south entrance

Fri, July 28; Birthday
William Preston was born on
this date in 1742.
See article in this issue.

Mon.-Wed; Aug.21-23; Biennial Session
Supreme Council Public opens at 9:00 am
Watch the Public Session LIVE on Monday
starting at 9:00 am, east coast time.
Streamed on our Scottish Rite Freemasons
You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ScottishRiteMasons> (don't
forget the "s")

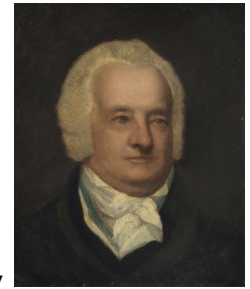
Check the back cover of your latest
Scottish Rite Journal for more info.

Sat/Sun, Oct 21-22 2-Day Reunion, McAlester
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
McAlester, OK
Send petitions to McAlester Scottish Rite
PO Box 609, McAlester, OK 74502
or call 918-423-6360.

Sun Nov 5 2023 Honors Day
Guthrie, OK
Honor Men and those elected to receive Honors
33° Conferral and KCCH Investiture



WILLIAM PRESTON (1742-1818) **Author and Lecturer**



When we hear the name of William Preston we are at once reminded of the Preston Lectures in Freemasonry. It is to Preston we are indebted for what was the basis of our Monitors of the present day. The story of his literary labors in the interest of the Craft, are how they aided in making Freemasonry one of the leading educational influences during the closing decades of the 18th century, is one of interest to every member of the Fraternity.

William Preston was born in Edinburg, Scotland on July 28, 1742.

Wikipedia

FIRST OF ALL, MASONRY NEEDS TO REGAIN A SENSE OF BALANCE

For many Masons, fellowship is the most precious jewel in the Masonic diadem. It is necessary to the very existence of our Fraternity. If Brethren cannot find it in their Ancient Craft Lodge, they will find it elsewhere, and the officers and workers who howl to high heaven when new members desert their Lodge in favor of appendant organizations might reflect on the fact that Brethren simply may be in search of that which the Lodge denies them. We need to cultivate Masonic fellowship with all our zeal--not to choke it with trivialities, nor speak of it with supercilious scorn. We need the Hour of Refreshment in all its beauty and dignity; we need to revive those noble old traditions of our Craft. We haven't outgrown them; we haven't found anything better; we have lost something and haven't discovered what is wrong!

But if the Festive Board is to serve its purpose, it must be dignified! It has been said before, and I repeat. A Masonic gathering is neither the proper time nor place for dirty language or suggestive stories. And just as lacking in propriety is the sectarian preaching, and the rabble-raising, and the political speech disguised as "patriotism".

Dwight Smith, P.G.M., Indiana



SELECTIONS FROM OUR OBSOLETE "YELLOW PAGES"

- *** Changing Times Diaper Service
- ***Conclusion Jumper Co.
- ***Couth or Consequences School of Etiquette
- ***Goldie Lox and the Three Bagels Deli
- ***Hamm and Eggs, Atty at Law
- ***Mutton Jeff Butcher Shop
- ***Sketch-as-Sketch -Can Art School
- ***Upson-Downs Elevator Co.
- ***Wild & Wooley Underwear



THE GREAT SECRET OF FREEMASONRY

Acknowledgment: from an Article posted in: <http://masonictravels.com/the-great-secret-of-freemasonry/>

Recently I called at the home of a friend and found his wife reading a Masonic Paper. Since she and her people had long been a bitter anti-Masonic family, I asked her the reason for her change in reading material. She replied she had discovered the grand secret of Masonry; and related to me (the original writer) as follows:

"Soon after you were here last, I learned to my mortification, my husband had become a Mason. I felt it was because of you and I need not say how I felt toward either of you. I at once decided that my domestic happiness had come to an end. Some time later a circumstance occurred that for the first time gave me reason to doubt his integrity. Late on one of the coldest nights last winter my husband came in and asked, "Margaret, can you do without your blanket shawl?" I answered yes and he asked me to get it, also a bed comforter. I handed them to him and he left the house to join a friend who was waiting for him with a very large basket. My husband returned shortly with no explanation, either then or later for his actions. I decided to watch for my shawl, for if I once caught sight of it I could unravel this whole mystery. Soon afterward a female whisked past me on the street wearing my shawl.

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THE GREAT SECRET (continued)

"The good for nothing huzzy, I thought; and excitedly started in pursuit. I followed closely from street to street and into the fourth story of a bindery. As she sat down to work I immediately set about locating her residence to get a clue to my husband's perfidy. On arriving at her home I saw that I was not mistaken for I found my comforter there.

"The who secret flashed on my mind at once, as clearly as if it had been written with a sunbeam from heaven. There I found a widowed mother in the last stages of consumption, and three children dependent upon the scanty pittance earned by the elder sister, whom I had followed. I learned from the dying woman a lesson, that in all my philosophy I had never dreamed of—such a tale of sorrow as I had never before listened to—and when she had related the deed of charity that had been the cause of all my unhappiness, I felt there was not room in my bosom to appreciate the disinterested benevolence of my husband. She said, "I do not know how we should have lived, but for the kindness of two persons who came here late one night, and left a basket filled with provisions, some bedclothes, a shawl and five dollars. They just opened the door and set in the basket, saying, "Accept this and ask no questions"; and left before I had time to inquire their names. I do not know who they were, and I have some doubts from where these things came. But I never forget in earnest prayers to Him, Who opened His hand and filleth the poor with bread, to ask, if these were men, He will keep them and theirs from the sorrows and afflictions with which I am visited. I left the house a better woman than when I entered it."

"But the grand secret of Masonry," said I, "I thought you were to tell me what it is." She replied, "It is this—to do good and not tell of it."



HISTORY: "THE FIRST CLASS"

The "Movers and Shakers " of the First Class

We continue our discussion of the members of the first class of Scottish Rite Masons who took there Lodge of Perfection degrees in McAlester in 1901.

Robert Thurman Breedlove

Born: March 25, 1865, Jefferson City, MO

Died: August 7, 1919, Tupelo, Coal County, OK

We don't have any record of Robert Breedlove's education however, we do know that early on, he was a cowboy on a ranch in Indian Territory. When he died, he was a merchant and rancher.

In 1889, Mr. Breedlove married Sally Beach and they moved to Benton County, Arkansas. where he clerked in a store. The couple was in Arkansas for only a short time, when they returned to Indian Territory.

On their return to Coal County, Breedlove found work at the M. K. & T. Mining Company. He worked for the M. K. & T. for a short period of time, then went into business for himself.

He established his general store in Owl, a post-village in the Choctaw Nation near the Clear Boggy Creek area. The small village did have a post office and Robert took on the duties of postmaster.

In 1899, the settlement of Tupelo got a post office and became Tupelo, Indian Territory. Breedlove relocated his general store to Tupelo. Once there he made his sons partners in the business and changed the name to "R. T. Breedlove and Sons." In 1912, they opened another store in Bromide but it only lasted a few months.

Over the years Breedlove had gradually built up a sizeable herd of cattle so when the Coal County Livestock Association was established, Breedlove was a Charter Member.

Mr. Breedlove was an active member of his community. He served the Coal County Election Board as its secretary for seven years. He was a Vice-President and Director of the First National Bank of Tupelo. In addition to being a Freemason his was a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias.



HISTORY: FIRST CLASS (continued)

We have no record of his blue lodge degrees, but he was a member of Coalgate Lodge #211 and the Tupelo Lodge #273. He was the Worshipful Master of Tupelo in 1906. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the India Shrine at Oklahoma City. Bro. Breedlove and his wife were active in Eastern Star and he served as the Worthy Patron in 1906 and 1910.

to be continued

Our next Brother: Jean Baptiste Bucher, Jr.



**The Human brain
is an amazing
organ. It
functions
24 hours a day
from the day we
are born and only
stops when we
are performing
ritual**



**"Life is a battle, and to fight that battle heroically
and well is the great purpose of existence."**

Morals and Dogma

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