



# McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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**Newsletter Date**

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## **FALL REUNION DATES FOR McALESTER**

**Saturday and Sunday**

**October 19-20, 2019**

Send petitions in early for free gift.



**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 17th**

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite  
Masonic Temple Noon

#### **August 1st**

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,  
OKC 1100

#### **August 7th**

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

#### **August 8th**

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon  
McAlester Scottish Rite Cente

#### **August 12th**

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

#### **August 29th**

McIntosh County Chapter  
6:30 PM , Belle Starr Grill Eufaula

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  
Brett Cable, Venerable Master  
Jimmy Whitfield, 33°, Wise Master  
James Dulin, KCCH, Commander  
Michael Bibee, Master of Kadosh

## **THE CHANGING WORLD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Free, Public Education has long been a staple of support for the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. Scottish Rite Masons provide scholarships, grants, and program support through the years for the instruction of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Added to these have been advanced math and other courses to prepare a student for college. Even the advent of the computer to the classroom did not change the basic method of teaching.

Now comes VIRTUAL SCHOOL! Just for us "old fogies" :  
What is Virtual School??

Virtual School refers to an instruction that is not "brick and mortar" bound. All student services and courses are conducted through internet sources.

The Virtual School differs from traditional school through the physical medium that links administrators, teachers and students.

The teachers are remotely located and are responsible for the instruction and management of each student.

Parents and students like the flexibility and convenience of the system.

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Upcoming Reunions:

2019  
October 19-20

2020  
April 18-19  
October 10-11

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

## Public Education (continued)

"Epic" is the name of a new free, public virtual school in Oklahoma City. There are others but this is the only one, that is advertising its services.

Personally, I have 3 grandchildren in elementary virtual school and one grandson finishing junior college. He hopes to attend Okla. University via virtual school, graduate from O.U. and never leave Kansas. I also have a niece who is a virtual school teacher.

In my opinion, the Scottish Rite, if it hasn't all ready, needs to start now to decide how it will support this type of "free public education."

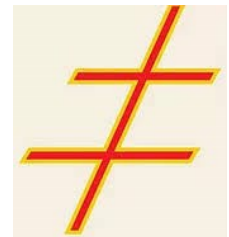
The Editor

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### 2019 HONOREES FOR SCOTTISH RITE HONORS FROM McALESTER NAMED

33rd Degree, Inspector General, Honorary

- Gerald M. Faulk.....Walters, OK
- George P. Nigh.....Edmond
- Bobby J. Peters.....Shawnee
- Robert G. Reynolds.....Prague
- Gary L. Stenson.....Duncan



Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

- William R. Banfield.....Tulsa
- Michael G. Bibee.....Hoyt, OK
- Ronald L. Boyer.....McAlester
- John E. Caman..... Duncan
- Kim D. Crissler.....Muskogee
- Stephen F. Dawson.....Shawnee
- Daniel D. Earley....., Durant
- Kyle V. Halyard....., McAlester
- John W. Hamilton....., McAlester
- Kelley R. Mullenix.....Oklahoma City
- Bryan J. Pumphrey.....Midwest City
- Clayton D. Roberts.....Ardmore
- Grady R. Taylor.....Wynnewood



**Congratulations! Thank you for your dedication and personal commitments to Masonry.**

## VALLEY ACTIVITIES

**Mon. July 15;** Work on Temple McAlester S. R. Masonic Center Work is scheduled to begin this week on roof replacement which has been delayed due to rain.



**Mon. Aug 12,** 7:00 p.m., LOP stated Mtg. McAlester S.R. Masonic Center Richards; Room, Upstairs on west side Enter at West Door.

**Aug. 17-20;** Biennial Session House of the Temple Washington, D.C.

**Fri./Sat., Sept. 27-28;** Fall Migration Royal Order of the Duck Lake Hut next to Camp Craig (Shrine) Lake McAlester, McAlester, OK

**October, 2019;** Fall Reunions for McAlester, Guthrie & Tulsa Scottish Rite Bodies.

### **THE EXAMPLE**

Teacher: Can you give me a good example of how heat makes things expands and how cold contracts them?

Student: Well, the days are much longer in the summer.



## THERE'S A TIME

There's a time to to part and a time to meet.  
There's a time to sleep and a time to eat.  
There's a time to work and a time to play.  
There's a time to sing and a time to pray.  
There's a time to that's glad and a time that's blue.  
There's a time to plan and a time to do.  
There's a time to grin and to show your grit.  
But there never was a time to quit.



## THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE



It was the doctrine of the alchemists, that there was a certain mineral, the discovery of which was the object of their art, because being mixed with the baser metals, it would transmute these into gold. This mineral, known only to the adepts, they called "the philosophers stone. Written in 1857, the book ("Alchemy and the Alchemists) maintains the proposition that its subject was MAN., and its object the perfection of men, asserts that the Philosopher's Stone was a symbol of MAN. Hancock, the author, quotes the old Hermetic philosopher, Isaac Holland, as saying that, "though a man be poor, yet may he well attain unto it (the work of perfection), and may be employed in making the Philosopher's Stone. And Hitchcock in commenting on this says: "That is every man, no matter how humble his vocation, may to the best he can in his place -- may 'love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly with God': and what more does God require of a man?"

If this interpretation be correct, then the Philosopher's Stone of the alchemists, and the spiritual temple of the Freemasons are identical symbols.

Mackey's Encyclopedia

## ASTRONAUTS THAT WERE FREEMASONS

### **Buzz Aldrin, Jr. 33**

Manchester Lodge #14, New Jersey

### **Edgar Mitchel**

Tejon Lodge ##104, Colorado Springs

### **Donn Eisle**

Carbondale Lodge #82, Colorado

### **Virgil Grissom**

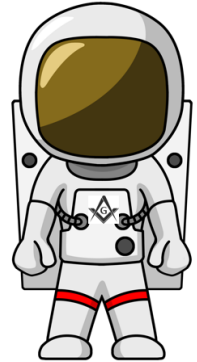
Mitchell Lodge #229, Indiana

### **Paul Weitz**

Lawrence Lodge #708, Pennsylvania

### **Walter Schirra**

Western Star Lodge #138, Oklahoma



Those astronauts whose fathers were Masons'

Neil Armstrong                  Allen Shepherd

William Pogue                  Vance Brand

Anthony England

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## MORE EDUCATION

Teacher: Johnny, can you tell the difference between perseverance and obstinacy?

Johnny: One is a strong will and the other strong won't.

Teacher: Now, Robert, what are you doing — Learning something?

Robert: No sir, I'm listening to you.

Teacher: Take  $13 \frac{1}{2}$  from  $29 \frac{1}{4}$  and what is the difference?

Student: Yeah, that what's what I say, who cares anyway.



## SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

In the early years of the Great Depression, G.C. Cowles blamed the membership losses to Masons' apathy, lack of more public parades and events, and a lackadaisical attitude of the leadership. As the years progressed the losses increased. He, at one time considered approaching the Council about admitting Prince Hall Masons to the Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. However, after bring up the subject to a few Active Members, Cowles gave up that ideal.

About the mid-30's, the Grand Commander became more aware of the Anti-Masons and their unrelenting disparagement of Freemasonry. His let his personal prejudice against the Roman Catholic Church and include the Church with Anti-Masonry. Cowles criticism of the Anti-Masonic movement became very vitriolic at times. Then, near the end of the decade he came to the following conclusion.

(Quote from the source) Cowles, at this juncture, discovered an incipient danger in nagging rivalries inside and outside the fraternity. He understood that where differences were written large, they spelled out new terms of enmity for Freemasonry worldwide. Masonry could now afford no enemies and therefore, should reject the use of scapegoats to compensate for feelings of defeat in world society to the fraternal world. Not only that, but Cowles, in 1937 saw this invisible enemy, intolerance, becoming a destroyer of Jews, Gypsies, Jehovah's' Witness, disabled human beings and even in some instances, Roman Catholics. (Unquote)

What made the difference, Adolph Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Japanese atrocities in China and the Pacific countries.

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## SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

I think, a feeling of helplessness caused, not only G.C. Cowles, but the Sov. Grand Commanders of several Supreme Councils to make "official" visits in the U.S. and Europe. During his 30 year tenure, Cowles traveled over 708,000 miles. He was in Scotland, Great Britain, France, Spain, Sweden. In Scotland, he was made an Honorary Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Such honors were given to him and the Mother Council in the U.S. treated visitors in the same manner. When the Grand Commanders would travel, meet, greet and discuss world events, they were also preparing for a post war future.

In July, 1939, Cowles represented the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the installation of the Duke of Kent to the East as Grand Master of the G.L. of England. King George VI presided in the East and performed the ceremony of induction. At the reception, following the ceremony, Cowles was introduced to the Duke of Windsor, the man who gave up the Crown for his American wife.

Men of note from Europe were also being welcomed to the U.S. by G.C. Cowles. He received King George of Greece, and it was noted that the Greek Orthodox Church was a supporter of Masonry. After the Spanish Civil War, which was won by forces led by Franco the dictator, began a purge of Freemasons from Spain. When the Grand Lodge of Spain moved to Brussels, Belgium, Cowles sent \$2,000 to cover their expenses. He later sent \$3,000 to Spain for aid to Spanish Masons. Franco's attitude did not change after the world war and he continued to persecute members of the fraternity.

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Source: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle."

By William L. Fox

*"After all, there is but one race -- humanity"*

*George Moore*

Editor Don Jones 33°

