



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 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

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

Michael Sexton, KCCH, Venerable Master

John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master

Shaun Callahan, KCCH, Commander

Douglas R. Worden, 32°, Master of Kadosh

.....HAPPINESS.....

Tulsa World, 1972

Happiness is probably the hardest thing in our lives to define---we know so little about it. And yet, it is only elusive only because we look outside ourselves for it and happiness is not a result of what happens to us, but what happens in us.

Happiness is happy-in-us in spite of all the things that would try us beyond our endurance.

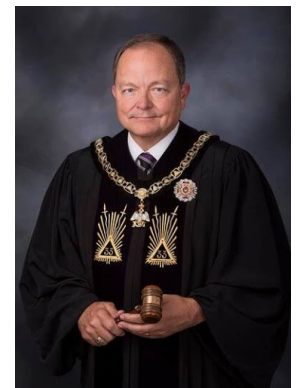
It is an inner spring that bubbles up in those quiet, serene moments or when that harmonious center within us attracts the joy of others and heightens the moment.

Happiness is something we do and we do not smother it with oughts, shoulds and if onlys. It simply is and we simply are.

WE CAN NEVER CHANGE

Sov. G.C. James Cole, 33

We are Scottish Masons.
We look out for each other.
We care for one another,
And we care for those in our
communities, whether Masons or not.
We can do that by visiting in person,
or with a phone call, or with an online
meeting, or with an e-mail.
That is living in a Masonic manner.
That is what WE CAN NEVER CHANGE!



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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](#)

MASONIC ACTIVITIES

Mon. July 13; 7:00 pm, McAlester LOP Stated Meeting, Lodge of Perfection

Meeting was a test for Zoom conferencing for future Business section of the meetings. Results were fair to good. S.G.I.G. Manning will make decision after further testing and reviewing the results.

Face Masks with the Square & Compass are now available from the McAlester Temple office. Only \$15.00. Mask is re-usable after cleaning and/or disinfecting.
Call 918-423-6363/



Sat. July 18; G.L. Cornerstone Maud-Konawa Lodge #105
5 pm - Open Grand Lodge
6 pm- Cornerstone Ceremony .

Sat. July 25; G.L. Cornerstone Macomb Lodge, Macomb, OK
5 p.m.-Grand Lodge opens
6 p.m.- Cornerstone Ceremony



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"THE VOLUNTEER"

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still, I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something
That I can do.

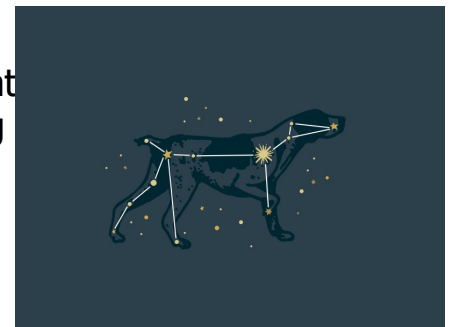
Edward E. Hale

"THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER"

What are they?

They are "not" just the days that
Dogs starts panting on a sweating
summer day.

These days once coincided with
the year's heliacal (at sunrise)
rising of the Dog Star, Sirius.



The rising of Sirius does not actually affect the weather, but for the ancient Egyptians, Sirius appeared just before the Nile River's flood season. They used Sirius as a "watch-dog" for the event. Because it also coincided with a time of extreme heat, the connection with hot, sultry weather was made for all time.

When are they?

According to "The Old Farmer's Almanac", the Dog Days of summer are traditionally the 40 days beginning on July 3 and ending August 11, which coincide with the dawn rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. This is soon after the summer solstice, which of course also indicates that heat will soon set in.

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Dog Days Folklore

Old-timers believe that rainfall during the Dog Days, was a bad omen, as foretold in this verse:

"Dog Days bright and clear,
Indicate a happy year;
But when accompanied by rain,
For better times, our hopes are vain"

Dog Days are here; you must, make both hay and haste while the Sun shines, for when "ole" Sirius takes command of the weather, he is such an unsteady, crazy dog there is no dependence upon him.

(The Old Farmer's Almanac)

HEADLINE: from The Scottish Rite Journal

["Baltimore RiteCare SRCLP Delivers Speech- Language Therapy via Tele Telepractice."](#)

Note: Your McAlester RiteCare was doing this six (6) years ago for the Ardmore Outreach Clinic. Thanks to our members who support Our RiteCare Clinic program. Just thought you should know.

The Editor

"Scottish Rite Masons help children communicate"



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"A Questioning Eye on Freemasonry"

by John Belton

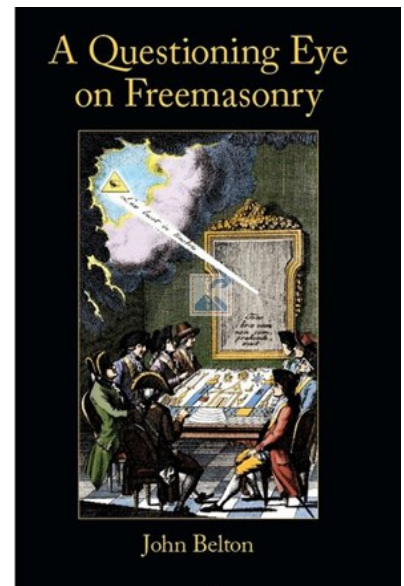
This book is a series of articles published by the author in a various Masonic journal and proceedings. It is slanted somewhat toward English Freemasonry, but this does not detract from its value to all students of Masonic history. In short, it is a most interesting and informative book.

It is an enjoyable book by the author, John Belton. Brother Belton is a well-known Masonic historian. He is a member of Quatur Coronati Lodge in London, England and a Fellow in the Philaethes Society in the United States.

It is a pleasant read and I think you will enjoy it too.

George L. Marshall, PGC, KGT

Available from [Macy Publishing](#).



"OUR LODGE"

One man, in speaking of his lodge will always think of it in terms of "we". "Down at our lodge we do so and so! We are making such and such progress."

Another man will speak of his lodge in terms of they." "Why don't they do this", and "If only they would do that."

"We" is inclusive, and shows a real, live interest. "They" is exclusive, and long excludes the man who uses it.

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Our Lodge (CONTINUED)

"We" indicates that one belongs, heart and soul. "They" signifies that one considers himself an outsider looking in.

Don't be a "They" man. Be a "We" man. Even the little rivet which holds the steel girders in place can say, "We make this building."

The world moves forward because of "We" men and women -- Virginia Masonic Herald.

(The Oklahoma Mason, June, 1930)



HISTORY: GRAND LODGE OF INDIAN TERRITORY (continuation of the 1st Annual Communication)

A number of visitors from other Grand Lodges were present, among them, Bro. J. J. McAlester of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. He could not remain during the entire Communication but before leaving Eufaula, he addressed a letter to Bro. Murrow in which, among other things, he said:

"I have been well pleased to see the order, system and zeal of the brethren composing the Grand Lodge now in session here, in the conduct of its business. It looked at first a hazardous venture to organize this Grand Body, and yet it looks like a difficult task to carry it forward to a successful prosperity

I enclose five dollars which sum you will please present to the Grand lodge.**

Under the Head, "Report on Foreign Correspondence," the following was submitted:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to submit the following as their excuse for failing to present a Report on Foreign Correspondence."

after which several explanatories followed over the signatures of Bro's C. M. Sloan and H. F. Buckner.

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HISTORY: GRAND LODGE OF INDIAN TERRITORY

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Brother J. S. Murrow as the Committee on Boundary offered a Resolution fixing the boundary lines of the Grand lodge:

"On the North by the State of Kansas, on the East by Missouri and Arkansas, on the South by the Texas and New Mexico and on the West by Texas, New Mexico and Colorado."

and this Resolution was adopted.

The Report of the Grand Secretary, in the light of present-day conditions in the Grand Lodge is indeed interesting. At the time of this first Annual Communication, there were 131 Master Masons, 3 Fellow Crafts and 8 Entered Apprentices under the allegiance of the Grand Lodge. The total expense of administration during the year was only \$119.62 which included the Grand Secretary's Salary, printing Proceedings, stationery and postage. To meet this expense, the Grand Lodge borrowed \$100 from Muskogee (now Eufaula) Lodge while Doaksville and Caddo Lodges each donated \$10, thus leaving a balance of 38 cents! The Proceedings for the year state:

"The Grand Treasurer submitted no report for obvious reasons."

Before closing the session, the Grand Lodge adopted Resolutions thanking the brethren and other citizens of Eufaula for the hospitality shown the visitors, the M. K. & T. Railroad and El Paso Stage Company for reductions in fares. Exemplification of the Master's Degree under the direction of the Grand Master closed the session.

(This concludes the Meeting of Formation and the First Annual Communication of the new Grand Lodge of Indian Territory)





ANNOUNCEMENT



Lincoln James Weatherford came into this world at 11:30 p.m. on July 14. He weighed 8 lbs,6 oz and if he could stand up, would be 22 inches tall.

Lincoln is the Great Grandson of Donald G. Jones, 33°. Parents are Haley and Andrew Weatherford of Edmond, OK.

MASONIC FACTS

Andrew McNair, a Philadelphia Mason, rang the Liberty bell in Independence Hall of July 8, 1776 to call the people together to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The bell developed a crack when it was rung for the death of Chief Justice Marshall, the Past Grand Master of Virginia.

Between 1890 (when it became a state) and 1951, every Governor of Wyoming, except one, was a Mason. The one, Mrs. William A. Ross, was the wife of a mason and a member of Eastern Star.

It was rumored Napoleon was a freemason but never proven, although he did adopt the title of "Protector of Freemasonry". However, his four brothers were masons, many of his Officers, members of his Grand Council for the Empire and 22 of the 30 Marshals of France were also Freemasons. Even his wife, was admitted into a French female lodge in 1804.

***"Masonry also has her mission to perform.....
.....May you prove a worthy soldier in a worthy cause:***

Morals & Dogma; Knight Rose Croix

Editor Don Jones 33°

