



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:

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 21st

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

August 29th

McIntosh County Scottish Rite Chapter
Eufaula, 6:30 PM

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

"HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU"

With those words, our Sovereign Grand Commander announced his retirement in a stirring editorial in the most recent "Scottish Rite Journal." He has served as the leader of the Southern Jurisdiction from 2003 to 2019 and served it well.



I recall the biennial session of 2003 when Brother Seale had been elected to the highest office in the Scottish Rite of the S.J. My wife, Jean, and I were at a luncheon in the House of the Temple when a lady sitting at our table remarked: "This is like a breat of fresh air." All at that table agreed. And, we have not been disappointed.

G.C. Seale has quietly accomplished many things in his time to bring the Scottish Rite into the 21st century. With the aid of his staff and many of our brethren, he has led the Rite to be more open with the financial side of the organization, updated the I.T. areas where needed, inspired new and innovative fund-raising programs, and with all of this and more, he found time to visit many of the Valleys in the S.J. Brethren, Bro. Seale has done us well and we owe him a debt of gratitude.

G.C. Seale wrote: "Now, I know how it goes in the movie theater at the end of the Show. No one stays for the credits...But please stay with me for just a moment as I say those things that need to be said." Then he thanks all who helped through those years, including his best supporter, His Spouse." (continued on next page)

Charitable & Education Foundation

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Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
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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](#)

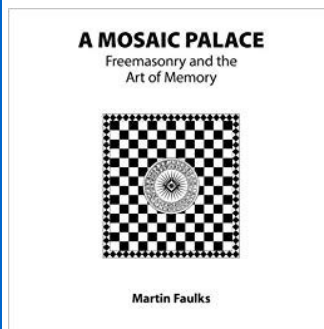
"HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU" (continued)

--- "So that's about it. Time to go. Thanks so much to all for everything. I'll leave the light on and the key under the mat. Lift the Banner High.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU."

Sov. Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST



"A Mosaic Palace; Freemasonry and the Art of Memory." by Martin Faulks

This book is reader-friendly as the text is large and easy to read. It is a thin volume with a handful of black-and-white illustrations. Perhaps these pictures are employed not only to make the book accessible to everyone but also as "memory palaces" by which to remember the author's valuable far into the future!

OBSERVATION AND DEDUCTION

Before the cup of coffee even touched the table, the customer told the waitress, "Take it back. It's cold." The waitress poured him another cup and returned a minute later only to be told,, once again, "Take it back. It's cold." The third cup, however, he accepted, which prompted the waitress to ask, "How did you know the first two cups were cold without sipping them?"

The customer said, "Because with the first two, your thumb in the coffee."



VALLEY ACTIVITIES

July, 2019; Masonic Center Preservation'
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Roof replacement and repairs at
now completed, thanks to dry weather.
Boiler installation still waiting on
asbestos removal by a contractor.



Thur. August 1, 11:30 a.m., S.R. Luncheon
OKC McAlester S.R. luncheon resumes for
the fall reunion.

Golden Corral at I-40 & MacArthur, OKC
Master Masons welcome
John Salibury, 33, will preside.

Mon. Aug. 12, 7:00 pm, Stated Meeting
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
Richards Room, 2nd floor, West door of
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
All S.R. members welcome.

August 18/23; Biennial Session
Opening Ceremony, Capital Hilton Hotel
See Ad in Scottish Rite Journal for
information.

Sun. Sept. 9, 1:00 pm. Practice Session
Guthrie S.R. Masonic Center Auditorium
33rd Degree & K.C.C.H. teams

Fri./Sat.; Sept. 27-28; Fall Migration
McAlester Bluebill Flight of the Royal
Order of the Duck.
Mulberry Rook on Lake McAlester
fellowship-food-Quacking

Sat/Sun.; October 19-20; Fall Reunion
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Petitions are available from any Scottish
Rite Mason and the Valley Office at
918-423-6360; Monday thru Thursday.

Sun. Nov. 3; 1:00 pm, 33rd Degree & K.C.C.H.
Investiture and Conferral Ceremonies
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center



SOME MASONIC LODGES NAMED FOR WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Mozart Lodge #49 (Lisbon, 1991)

Recently mentioned in connection with a Portuguese government scandal.



Mozart Lodge #85, (Tel Aviv; 2006)

First Russian-speaking Masonic lodge in Israel.

Mozart Lodge #121 (New Jersey; 1871)

Founded by German-born and German-American Brethren in Camden, New Jersey.

Mozart Lodge #436, (Philadelphia; 1869)

Founded as Philadelphia's first primarily music Masonic Lodge.

Mozart Lodge # 192, (London; 1881)

The first Mozart Lodge in England, its motto is "Let Harmony Prevail."

FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL WEBSITE

--Ill. Bob Chase, 33, has begun a weekly audio podcast of articles in past Scottish Rite Journals. News story is on the web site, [just click](#).

--- [For men's razor and shaving tool collectors. An interesting story, with pics, of Masonic straight edge razors, mugs, etc.](#)

---[Article featuring a veteran beginning his Masonic life in Afghanistan and being raised in Nebraska.](#)

--- [Arts and Craft Masonry,,,Those brethren attending the biennial session will be treated to a display of the House of the Temple's collection of artifacts.](#)



A FRIEND IN NEED

My friend at the singles club was blithely chatting away, oblivious to the fact that her nametag had slipped down over her breast. I asked another friend if I should say something to her.

"Like what?" she asked.

"What she named the other one?"

HAVING A BAD DAY? IT COULD BE WORSE.

--- Today, I finished a 700 page book for my law exam. It was the wrong book.

--- Today I went to a McDonald's drive-through in just a shirt and underwear , thinking I wouldn't be seeing anyone. In got into a car crash.

--- Today I broke my nose by falling on the cast I have on my arm.

--- Today at a rock concert, a bunch of guys accidentally knocked down a porta-potty while acting out. I was in that porta-potty.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

G.C. Cowles devoted a considerable portion of his 1935 Allocution to the anti-Masonic behavior of Hitler and Mussolini in Europe. In Hitler's mind, the Freemasons were part of the Jewish conspiracy to rule the world. So Freemasonry was banned in Germany , Austria and the countries the Nazi Germans conquered. Mussolini did the same in Albania and the countries his Italian armies overtook.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Previously Cowles had included the Roman Catholics among the anti-Mason movement, but he was pleased to report that the Swiss Legislature, composed mostly of Roman Catholic legislators, had voted down a referendum to ban Freemasonry and other similar organizations in Switzerland. The Grand Commander also continued to send relief funds to Masons in Europe who were being persecuted.

Hitler's programs of "racial purification" added to the persecution of Scottish Rite Masons all over Europe. The European Supreme Councils were unable to save their members from the Nazi forces. As the American Scottish Rite Masons became more aware of the persecution of brothers in Masonry and talked about relief for Europe. G.C. Cowles, at the House of the Temple, was receiving calls for aid every day from Europe.

Cowles informed the G.C. of France that if the Masonic leaders in Europe would form a "Masonic Relief Society" then he and other American Masons would have a place to send funds. By 1939, under Cowles leadership, American Masons had contributed over \$36,000 for Masonic relief in Europe. By 1943, the Mother Supreme Council had distributed \$512,000 for European Masonic relief in the war zones.

The Pacific war also produced a policy of persecution for Freemasons by the Japanese armies. G.C. Cowles sent \$5,000 to China. Another \$1,000 was sent to Rangoon to help the Allied army there to buy supplies. We should not forget that the Philippines,, a former U.S. Territory, has a large number of Freemasons under the Japanese rulers.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The Venerable Master's lecture in the Scottish Rite 4th Degree refers to the persecution of Freemasons. The reference is not there for effect; it tells an unfortunate truth. During the war, Masonic leaders were assassinated in their homes. Freemasons were shot, killed and bodies bulldozed into open pits. Freemasons were among the thousands of German Jews, Poles, Czechs, French, Dutch, Austrian, Romanian, Hungarian, and other European countries who were persecuted. Brethren, the lectures of the Rite's 4th Degree are not to be taken lightly.

(to be continued)

Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"

by William Fox

"Thus you will be faithful to yourself, to your fellows, and to God; and thus you will do honor to the name and rank of "Secret Master" which like other Masonic honors, degrades if it is not deserved."

4th Degree; Morals and Dogma

Editor Don Jones 33°

