



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:

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

Jack Inman, 33, Chairman
Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary
Vacant, Member
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Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member
Michael Sexton, KCCH, Venerable Master
John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master
Shaun Callahan, KCCH, Commander
Donnie Higginbotham II 32°, Master of
Kadosh

LETTER FROM JOHN ADAMS TO WIFE, ABIGAIL, DATED JULY 3, 1776.



"Yesterday, the greatest question was decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater, perhaps, never was nor will be decided among men.

A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, "that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, and as such they have, and of right ought to have, full power to make war, conclude peace, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which other States may rightfully do.....I am apt to believe (this day) will be celebrated by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival."

(Though the Declaration was finished on July 2, 1776t was not completely signed and released until July 4, 1776) and "hiss, bang, boom", he was right! Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



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Upcoming Reunions:

2021
October 23-24

2022
April 2-3
October 22-23

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

SGIG MANNING RELEASE NAMES OF HONOREES



Ill. Joe R Manning, Jr. 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma has announced the names of the 2021 K.C.C.H. and 33rd degree Honorees from the Valley of McAlester.

33° IGH

Michael Allen Ebert

Stephen Joseph Peters

Gary Douglas Scarber

Stanley Gene Wallace

Curtis Edward Working

32° KCCH

William Harrison Alexander

Cecil Wayne Bryant

Brett Daniel Cable

Richard Edward Gragg Jr.

Ronald James Gragg Jr.

Charles Vernon Hunt

James David Love

Danny Lee Maxey

Matthew Michael McGowan

Chase Alan Ross



Congratulations!



The date of Investiture and Conferral for the Orient of Oklahoma has been sent for October 31, 2021 at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Invitations will be in the mail soon.

Congratulations to all the Honors recipients. The recognition is well deserved.

WHAT IS THE 33rd DEGREE?

The 33rd Degree is conferred by the Supreme Council upon members of the Rite who have been recommended for the Honor by the Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals of the Orient. The Honor is a recognition of outstanding or selfless service to the Rite, or in public life, and adherence to the principles taught by the Rite. The Degree may not be asked for and if asked for must be refused; it must be earned. The 33rd Degree Mason becomes an honorary member of the Supreme Council and holds the title of Inspector General Honorary of the Supreme Council. The Active members of the Supreme Council are selected from among them. Generally, the member has had to be a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor for ten years to be eligible for the 33rd Degree.

WHAT IS THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOR?

Also, at its biennial session, the Supreme Council, certain 32nd Degree Masons who have been members at least ten years, and have rendered outstanding service to the Rite are chosen to receive the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. This is not a degree. If they continue to demonstrate outstanding service to the Rite and the community for ten years they "may" be recommended for the 33rd Degree.

A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The SIX most important words:

"I admit I made a Mistake."

The FIVE most important words:

"You did a Good Job."

The FOUR most important words:

"What is your Opinion?"

The THREE most important words:

"If You Please."

The TWO most important words:

"Thank You."

The ONE most important word:

"We."

The LEAST most important word:

"I".



SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY

July & August 1st Thursday

Membership luncheons have gone dark; to resume again in September



Monday, July 12, Stated Meeting
McAlester lodge of Perfection
7:00 p.m.; McAlester S.R. Masonic Center

Thurs., July 15, Supreme Council
Announcement of Honors
Check the S.C. web site.

August 20021; Biennial Session
Supreme Council Deputies and
Active members only.
House of the Temple

Thurs. , Sept. 2; 11:30 a.m. McAlester
Scottish Rite Membership Luncheon
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OKC

October 23-24; McAlester Fall
Reunion. 2-days; more degrees

Sun. Oct. 31; Orient of Okla. Honors
Investiture & Conferral
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Guthrie, OK

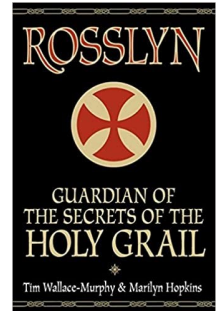


BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST "Rosslyn, Guardian of the Secrets of The Holy Grail"

**Co-authors: Tim Wallace-Murphy and
Marilyn Hopkins.**

This is the first book to explore the existence of a configuration of seven pre-Christian sites which formed the route of pilgrimage of initiation used by Druids, Knights Templar and Christian mystics in their search for true knowledge and enlightenment. Beginning at Compostela in Spain, the voyage of discovery proceeds to Toulouse, Orleans, Chartres, Paris and an Amiens, taking us deep into a mysterious world where hidden streams of spirituality flow beneath the surface of European history, profoundly influencing the evolution of Western thought. The journey ends at Rosslyn, where the history of the founders, the Sinclair family, sheds light on the revelations of Rosslyn and their significance for us today.

(Barnes & Noble's Books, New York)



DEACONS & THE SYMBOLIC LODGE

The deacons are the first true "positional leadership" roles in the lodge. Positional leadership is defined by John Maxwell as "the lowest level of leadership - the entry level. "The only influence a positional leader has is that which comes with the job title." The goal here is to build leadership potential and move on to the other levels of leadership by improving your influence in the lodge.

The deacons have great responsibility. The junior deacon is responsible for guarding the inner door of the lodge, and the senior deacon has the responsibility to guard and conduct candidates. The Lodge relies on them to keep the meetings secure, while candidates entrust entry in the Lodge on the senior deacon. These are not trivial duties, and perhaps the element of trust is the key to building leadership ability as a deacon.

.....When you are a deacon, make note of your Lodge's traditions and work to build the trust and influence you will need to be the worshipful master.

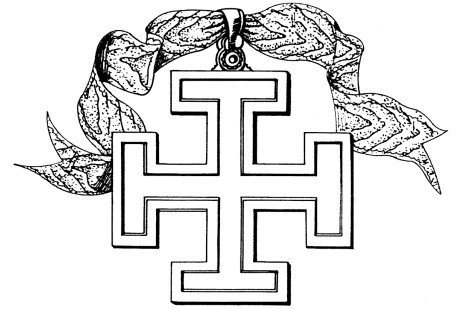
(from York Rite Leadership Training Program)

McALESTER's NEW TEAM

The 31st Degree - Inspector Inquisitor

DURANT TEAM

Director - Shawn Springer, 32
Senechal - Jim Whitfield, 33
Squire - Mike Echols, KCCH
Isis - John King, Jr. 32
Horus - Ryan Summit, 32
Anubis - Chris Engle, KCCH
Nephthys - Evan Ward, 32
Thoth - Joe Seaborn, 32
Osiris - Mike Wright, KCCH
Maat - T.C. Collins, 32
Atum - Charles Manning, 32
Mutef/Tua - Butch Scalf, 32
Hapi - Don Higginbotham, II, 32nd
Kebseuf - Jason R. Smith, 32
Amset - Butch Pingleton, 32
(Thank you, brethren, for taking on
the 31st Degree) "



LET THERE BE LIGHT

A brother was lecturing when all the lights in the lodge room went out. He asked the Brothers to raise their hands. As soon as they complied, the lights came back on. He then said, "This proves the wisdom of the old Chinese saying 'Many hands make light work.'"

A MATTER OF TIME

We hear of a Master who was a real stickler for opening the lodge on time. In his announcement, he always emphasized that the lodge would open "promptly at 7:30." Invariably, however, the Junior Deacon was late, arriving after the lodge was opened.

Knowing that the Junior Deacon had been in the Army for more that twenty years, the Master discussed the situation with him one night. "I understand that you were in the Army and I know that the Army insist on promptness. What did they say to you when you came in late?"

The Junior Deacon smiled and replied, " Well is was usually, 'Good morning Colonel.'"

ESSAY:

"What We Live By"

Who am I? Why am I here? What should I do? What is my destiny? What does it all mean?

These are some of the profound questions we ask ourselves as we undertake life's journey. The search for meaning is intrinsic to human nature. As thinking creatures, we want to understand why we find ourselves on this road and where this journey is taking us. Will that place make us truly happy and fulfilled? "If we could first know where we are, and whither we are treading, we could better judge what to do, and how to do it," Abraham Lincoln observed. Without answers to these questions, we feel a bit disoriented. We are wanderers, searching and striving for end and aim, for purpose and connection.

And clearly, if we are to be true to ideas, like courage and perseverance and responsible and loyal, it helps to know why we should go to the trouble. What ultimate good does it do? What do the virtues have to do with our place in the universe, our reason for being here, and our nature as human beings? Why should we be moral creatures?

This final chapter does not give all the answers. But it helps us think about the questions. It challenges us to think deeply about our actions, reminding us that in many respects life is an inward journey. The ancient Greek philosophers believed that self-knowledge is the highest end: "The unexamined life is not worth living," they told us. It is easy to assume that you know quite a bit about your own life. But in fact, a feeling of being adrift in the world can be in no small measure the result of failing to live by the ancients' dictum: "Know thyself." Knowing yourself takes effort, and for that reason we prize it highly enough to place it in that category of knowledge we call wisdom

(to be continued)

(from "The Moral Compass")



You Might Be Involved With The Freemasons If

by Thomas George (Carrollton, Ky, US)

1. ...If your yearly dues are bigger than your car payment.
2. ...If you are looking for a new degree team, because you feel you do not get enough practice with two.
3. ...If the only day of the week you do not break bread at a lodge is Sunday.
4. ...If in any year, you can find yourself in more than one chairs.
5. ...If you ever had to turn down joining a Masonic appendant body because you could not find a day in your schedule for another organization.
6. ...If, on your calendar, you have written the hat and ring you need to bring with you for the evening.
7. ...If you have driven to hear the talk on the cup of brotherly love more than once.
8. ...If you are listed as a master ritualist in more than one grand lodge.
9. ...If you have been asked more than once to give a degree lecture for a lodge at the last second.
10. ...If you do not pass an open lodge without visiting.

***"Let us, my Brother, in this, and in all else, endeavor always to perform the duties of a good Mason and a good man."
Morals and Dogma***

Editor Don Jones 33°

