



# 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 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, 32° KCCH Member

Samuel Box, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

Brent Heilman 32°, KCCH, Wise Master

Mike Wright, 32°, KCCH, Commander

Russell Davis 32°, Master of Kadosh

## CELEBRATING THE "FOURTH"

### The American's Creed



I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

By

William Tyler Pate

## Patrick Henry's "CALL TO ARMS."

.....The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is the vigilant, the active, the brave.

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentleman may cry, "Peace, peace." ---But there is no peace. The war is actually begun! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?

Forbid, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

### Editor note:

Every July 4th we honor the men who risked life and fortunes to sign the document of independence. Let us not forget to pray for the souls of the men, and women, who fought with musket and bayonet.

# V. M. A. P.

## (Valley Membership Achievement Program)

Valley Membership  
Achievement Project

VMAP



### #10: Valley Organizations

#### ---Knights of St. Andrew---

This service organization was established to assist the Director of Work in his official duties and to recognize worthy members of the rite.

The Knights perform ceremonial duties, wearing traditional Scottish costume and assist in presentation of the degree work.

Members of the McAlester Scottish Rite who have not been honored as Knights Commander of the Court of Honor are eligible for membership. And membership is by invitation only.

#### ---The Royal order of the Duck-----

(Chartered by the Dallas S.R. Bodies)

This organization (the Bluebill Flight) This organization has but one purpose and that is the staging of the degrees for presentation. There are several departments from Electrical to I.T. to Wardrobe. To be eligible for membership the member must work in a department for 2 or more Reunions and sign the Work Sheet each time. Then the member is eligible to be "hatched" and to become a Duck. (quack, quack)

#### ---Order of the Symbolic Chain-----

(Chain Gang)

Organized in 1933, membership in the "Chain Gang" is by invitation only. The new will, after acceptance, be "linked" for one year upon which he is then eligible for initiation. Members under 40 yrs. of age wear a red ribbon supporting the "chain medallion". Members older than 40 yrs. of age wear a purple ribbon supporting the "chain medallion."

The Chain Gang operates the concession and sell Masonic jewelry and 32nd Degree caps. The income from these sales is used for Temple projects. The members also "man" the Information Booth and assist the Office Staff when needed.

#### --- Rose Croix Funeral Team-----

Performs the Rose Croix Masonic Funeral service for Scottish Rite members who request the service.

Permission must be given to the family by the Scottish Rite brother, prior to his death.

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#### Upcoming Reunions:

2022

October 22-23

2023

April 1-2

October 15-16

#### 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](#)

## SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY

### MASONIC ACTIVITY

**Wednesdays**, weekly; Social Hour  
9:00 a.m.; coffee & rolls; Fellowship  
McAlester Scottish Rite Center  
Open to all Masons & Friends, Use South door of Temple

**Mon. July 11;** 7:00 p.m., Stated Mtg  
Lodge of Perfection –Richards Room  
McAlester Scottish Rite Center  
All members welcome  
Use West door.

**Wed., July 13;** 12 Noon, Luncheon  
Indian Chapter of the Scottish Rite  
McAlester Temple Dining Room  
All Masons & friends welcome  
Use South Door of Temple

**Wed. July 20,** 12 Noon; Luncheon  
Muskogee Chapter of Scottish rite  
Muskogee Lodge dining room  
All Masons & friends welcome  
Use south entrance

**Thur. July 28,** birthday of  
William Preston; b. 1742  
Compiled & printed & taught the  
"Preston's Masonic Rituals"  
Rituals and Masonic Lecturer

**Sat. & Sun., October 22-23,**  
Fall Reunion; McAlester Valley  
Please get Petitions in early.



## "THE BINDING TIE" (For you cigar smokers)

A letter from James White, 33, K.T.

Interestingly, "The Binding Tie" cigar was a good cigar but it fulfilled a niche market among collectors who catered to the unique artwork. "The Binding Tie" cigar box was imagery printed by O.L. Schwencker in New York. This label was printed between 1887 and 1908 and depicts a Masonic Temple with altar wrapped in red velvet illuminated by candlelight. The altar holds a Holy Bible and the Square and Compass symbolic of peace and harmony. It also has an evergreen wreath, a slipper, and the 'keystone' emblem of the Royal Arch. Great Architect is omnipotent, omnipresent and watching over all of us. My great grandfather 33rd and Knight Templar, had one "The Binding Tie" cigar box which he bought at Pittsburg, Kansas, in 1903, the year his youngest son, Raymond was born. My family still owned it when it was destroyed in a house fire at Agra, Kansas, in the year 1820.



The Byzantium (Spring 2022)

### DALE CARNEGIE ON HUMAN RELATIONS

--- "You can make more friends in 2 months by becoming interested in other people than you can in 2 years by trying to get other people interested in you."

--- Remember that a man's name is to him the most important sound in any language."

--- "Be a good listener. Encourage other people to talk about themselves."

---- "Cause the other person to feel important, and do it sincerely. "

### FRENCH PROVERB

*"Some of your griefs you have cured,  
And the sharpest you still have survived:  
But what torments of pain you've endured  
From the evils that never arrived."*



## BUILDING THE TEMPLE Installing the Switchboard Oklahoma Mason October, 1930



It was a great sight to see them hoist the 4-ton switchboard over the wall and pull it in on the stage through the back stage door. It is now safe in place and the electricians are now busily joining the wires which connect with the lights, floods, spots and borders of all colors that go to make up the lighting effects of the stage and auditorium. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism, this modern switch-board. It is just about ten times as large as our old one, and if our stage manager is an artist, he will have no trouble in getting any kind of effect he needs to bring out the wonderful beauties of Bro. Moses drops and properties.

Wm. P. Freeman, Gen. Sec.

### THE WORKPLACE

\*\*\* I guess this is what happens after you've worked at the same place a while. I was eating at a fast-food place when an employee began his shift by walking into the kitchen and calling out,

"Honey, I'm home!"

\*\*\* Analyst: "I can give you the numbers, but you can't go public with it."

Marketing Manager: I'm not going to go public with it. I'll just present it at a meeting.

Analyst: Who's going to be at the meeting?

Marketing Manager: It's a stakeholder meeting. So whoever wants to come. You Know, It's open to the public.

\*\*\* A court stenographer turned in the transcript at the end of the day. He had typed "I hate this job; I hate this job; I hate this job, over and over. After that he still hated the job but thought Unemployment might be worse.

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## Reflection on the Masonic Apron and a Mason's character

The innocence of a Mason is his gentleness, his chivalrous determination to do no moral evil to any person, man or woman, or babe.

The lambskin apron presented to the initiate during his entered Apprentice Degree should be for all his life a very precious possession; the outward and visible symbol of an inward and spiritual tie.

Our Masonic Aprons are a shield against the vices and impurities of life.

While we physically wear them when we are in Lodge, from the minute we are presented with the Apron in our Entered Apprentice Degree we symbolically wear it every minute of our lives.

It is intended that your Apron, both real and symbolic be forever spotless and pure as an ever present and conscious reminder of your conduct as a Mason

From Davy Crocket Loge No 1225 AF & FM Masons Texas. Newsletter, Nov 2018

### More Bad Jokes

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.

What does a nosey pepper do?

It gets jalapeño business.

Why should you never trust stairs?

They're always up to something.

When does a joke become a 'dad' joke?

When it becomes apparent.

Why did the bullet end up losing his job?

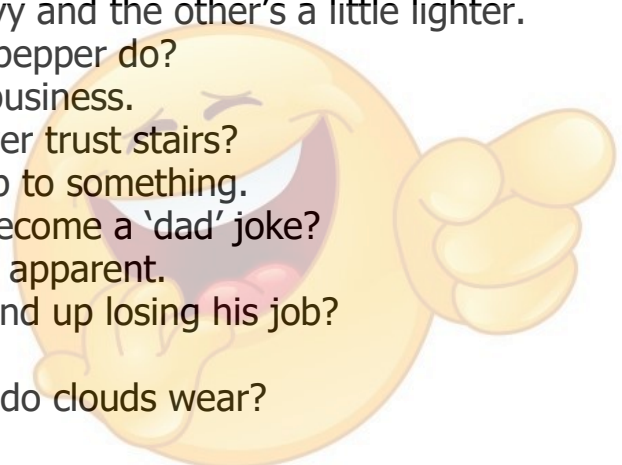
He got fired.

What kind of shorts do clouds wear?

Thunderpants

I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win.

No pun in ten did.



## HISTORY; FREEMASONRY AND OKLAHOMA

(continued)

The town of Doaksville (has) long since passed away. Only a few crumbled walls and briar-covered mark the spot where Fr. Towson once stood but stories of relief in sickness and pain, and reform movements and projects of public enterprise which originated in the beautiful Lodge Room survive the Lodge and the struggles of the Civil War which laid all in ruins.

Bro. E. H. Winfield, Grand Master in Arkansas in 1852, and for many years Grand lecturer, paid an official visit to the Lodges of Indian Territory. In his annual address he reported that he had found many intelligent Masons among the Indians and at Doaksville found a good Lodge. "The Lodge Room was elegantly furnished," he said. In this connection, it may be recorded that the beautiful Lodge Room was, in fact, the pride of the Post and community. Social life at Ft. Towson was not so brilliant or interesting as at Ft. Gibson and the Lodge offered a most welcome relief from the humdrum life at the Post.

The Lodge was host in many brilliant entertainments given in honor of visiting brethren from Ft. Smith, Ft. Gibson and distant Army Headquarters.

The 3 Lodges prospered. They were made instruments for the betterment of the Territory

. Within the precincts of their walls, plans for the engagement of teacher, the constitution and maintenance of schools and the building of churches were laid. Some of the most enterprising and substantial contributions to the development of the Territory originated in the Lodges.

Charity was dispensed without reserve. The year 1858 was marked by a hard dry summer, followed by a most severe winter. The story is often told of a Sergeant in charge of a small detain on special duty who had on occasion in January, 1858, to penetrate far into the "Pototoc Hills", a short range of the Kiamichi Mountains. Overtaken by night with bitter storm raging out of the north, they followed a dim trail which they believed would lead to shelter. They came at last to a small cabin where a Choctaw family had established a home. Passing through a small clearing they approached the cabin without windows but light shone dimly through the crack under the door which was opened in answer to their call. The Choctaw could not speak English nor could they speak his language but they were given to understand that they were welcome to shelter for themselves and their horses, but that there was no food.

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Resource: "History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma."  
Oklahoma Lodge of Research

***"Every tomorrow has two handles. You can take hold of tomorrow with the handle of anxiety or you can take hold of it with the handle of Faith."***

***---Henry Ward Beecher---***

***Editor Don Jones 33°***

