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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 32ND DEGREE SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

The Statewide Tulsa Scottish Rite Reunion anointed 11 Master Masons to more Light in the Scottish Rite Degrees. The day was an enjoyable one both for the candidates, members and degree teams.

Thanks to the McAlester 14th Degree team and the 32nd Degree teams for exemplifications that made your Valley Proud.

Thanks to our S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma, Ill. Joe R. Manning, 33 for his continuous effort to create more S.R. Masons for Oklahoma.

"Newly Formed ACACIA GUILD"



The Acacia Guild , a new organization, was introduced in late May and already 50 brethren have joined its ranks.

The organization was created to recognize members of the Southern Jurisdiction who contribute \$1,000 cash gift to support national philanthropic efforts. The donation can be made in a single payment or in monthly installments of \$93.33. The gift will be split between the Scottish Rite Foundation, S.J., U.S.A. (for scholarships and disaster relief;) and the House of the Temple Preservation Fund for Temple Preservation.

Congratulations! to Bro. Dr. Robert Leonard, the first contributor from Oklahoma. Dr. Leonard is a Past Master of Edmond Lodge and a Scottish Rite Mason in the Guthrie Scottish Rite. (for more info, see page 8 of the S.R. Journal.)



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 13th

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

August 15

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

August 30th

McIntosh County Chapter, Scottish Rite
Angler Resturant, Eufaula 630 PM

September 5th

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

September 6th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

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
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Upcoming Reunions:

2018

October 20-21, 2018

State Wide Reunion

July 21st Tulsa

2019

April 13-14

October 19-20

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](#)

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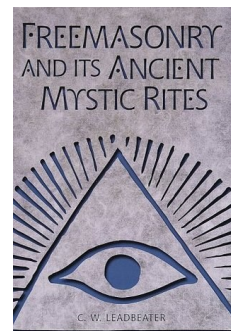
BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"Freemasonry and Its Ancient Masonic Rites"

by Charles Leadbeater

Review by W. Bruce Pruitt, PGC

In reading this book, one should not expect a tight flow of subjects, one to another. In spite of that habit, the reader is still given a large "basket of information" that is always interesting. He gets into the Middle Ages and stonemasons and finally develops the transition from operative to speculative Freemasonry.



IT COULD HAPPEN!

An insurance agent was busy reading claim forms for auto accidents and came across the following:

"An invisible car came out of nowhere. struck my vehicle, and vanished."

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Mon. Aug. 13, 7:00 p.m. Lodge of Perfectio Richards Room; West Door
McAlester Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



Wed. Aug. 15, 7:00 p.m., Rite Nite
Ada Lodge #119; Ada, OK
Scottish Rite Education presented by
Robert Davis, 33, GC.

This series of programs fulfills one of the "promises" of Masonry.

Fri./Sat., Sept. 28-29, Fall Migration
at "the Hut" on Lake McAlester
next to Camp Craig. Quack!
Food Fellowship, Lies & bragging
Quack! Quack! Quack!

VALLEY ACTIVITIES continued

Upcoming autumn events:

October 20 & 21; McAlester Fall Reunion

Feast of Tishri Observance

Education Week Observance

S./R. Reunions, 2019 in Oklahoma will
be in honor of Ill. James Tresner, 33, G.C.



From "THE MORAL COMPASS

John Smith at Jamestown

Like all pioneers, English colonists in America quickly discovered that survival meant self-reliance. It is doubtful the settlers at Jamestown, VA would have lasted long enough to learn the lesson without the stern voice of John Smith, who bluntly warned the "idle and sloth" would be the colonists' ruin, and they must be more industrious, or starve." Drawing from St. Paul, Smith laid down his famous dictum: "He that will not work, shall not eat." The settlers' sudden change of heart and habit proved us with one of the earliest lessons from American history. Sometimes the best way to ease the path is to accept no excuse, and let it be known that people must pull their own weight.

The Happy Prince

There is no greater Mystery so great as Misery. The Happy Prince finds that the greatest mystery and miracle of life, was his own charity.

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MODERN MEDICINE

A patient was talking to his doctor about a weight-loss patch he had seen advertised. Supposedly, you stick it on and the pounds just melt away.

"Does it work?" the patient asks.

"Sure," he said, "If you put it over your mouth."



From "THE MORAL COMPASS" (continued)

Molly Pitcher

It was the 28th day of June, 1778. Two great armies which were engaged in one of the world's most decisive struggles, were on the plains of Monmouth, New Jersey. Riding up and down the line of the American forces was the great Washington, urging on the soldiers of freedom with words of encouragement and command.

The brilliant uniforms of the British glittered in the sunlight and the famous General Clinton was in command.

The fighting was fierce and determined. Shell and shot mingled with the roar of cannon, and the best of every instant left more wounded on the field.

In the midst of the fight, a cannoneer fell, shouting, "I shall not retreat!". By the side of this brave man stood a young woman, scarcely out of her girlhood. It was Molly, the cannoneer's wife, Her face was set with determination.

"Molly Pitcher, she stood by her gun
And rammed the charges home, sir'
And thus on Monmouth's bloody veiled
A soldier she did become, sir.

WHAT HAPPENS IN STILLWATER.....

Looking down the stairs at T. Boone Stadium, a Cowboy fan spots an open seat on the 50 yrs line. He asks the man sitting next to it if the seat is taken.

"No," he replies, "I used to take my wife to all the games, but since she passed away , I've gone alone."

"Why don't you bring a friend?"

"I can't. They're all at her funeral."



Nite education sessions. What would be YOUR answer?

Possibly the Degree that most impressed you as a Candidate? A Degree that is your favorite and you see it at every Reunion? The 19th Degree? or, the 32nd Degree? or the 27th Degree? maybe the 31st Degree which you saw in Guthrie?

Well, our presenter said, without hesitation, the 18th Degree. Why: Because it teaches LOVE. How explained?

From the New Testament, when the lawyer asked the master Teacher what was the greatest Commandment, what was the Master's answer.

(paraphrased) The Master responded, "The Greatest Commandment of to Love God with all your soul, " heart and mind.....AND the 2nd is like this: to Love your neighbor as yourself....."

BRETHREN, the 18th Degree reinforces this teaching of the Master Teacher.

*"With the Gospel of Love, He sealed His life."
Morals & Dogma*

QUOTES:

You grow up the day you have the first real laugh -----at yourself.

Ethel Barrymore

A clear conscience is the sure sign of a bad memory.

Mark Twain

The fears we don't face become our limits.

Jim Kwik

You've got to go out on a limb sometimes because that's where the fruit is.

Will Rogers



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

Grand Commander Moore's presence at the special held on May 17, 1920 was limited. The "Loss of Confidence" that had been exhibited by the Council for some time was becoming more pronounced. His Allocution was never printed, not published in the 1920 Transactions and, in fact, a copy of it has never been found. It is as if it never happened.

When the special session was first requested, its "purpose was for education." Education was still the main agenda item but other business was included, as is usually the case for a "special" meeting. When the Supreme Council opened in executive session, Secretary General Cowles and Grand Minister of State Edward Day, in an effort to make better known the Rite's "resolve to make service to our country and humanity the keynote of our labors", presented a resolution full of proposals.

The first was that "a strong statement in support of a free, compulsory education with instruction in English only, financed by public taxation." The second "called for the establishment of a national dept. of education headed by a secretary of cabinet status." Number 3 was for, the "founding of a national university by the federal govt in Washington, D.C.. Fourthly, "the establishment of a news service for the Supreme Council" and \$20,000 to fund it. Also included in the resolution was a proposal for "an allowance of \$1,000 per month for each S.G.I.G. and Deputy for putting these proposals into effect. Also included was an appropriation of \$60,000 to fund the resolution. The resolution was approved, in full, by the Council with only two voting against.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The subjects of the above resolution had been approached in an article from "The New Age" magazine. The article had been written by Edward Day His article had called for a public school and a library in every town throughout the United States. Seeing that the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction wanted to get into education, the Government had asked for charitable organizations and especially the Masons to get involved.

"This was the opportunity for which Masonry had labored for years in secret " was now coming to fruition.

Also, it should be noted, that one of the dissenting votes was by Grand Prior Ernest Hussey. Bro. Hussey almost immediately submitted his resignation from the Council and no amount of argument could change his mind. He felt that by becoming more public, the Rite was changing its original purpose of fraternity and brotherhood.

As mentioned earlier, the special session did take up some non-agenda items before closing. On behalf of the Southern Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council accepted a bronze bust, of Grand Commander Moore from the Supreme Councils of Italy and following his election as Honorary Grand Commander of the Italian Supreme Council. . The Council Authorized Moore and Cowles to purchase \$500,000 worth of Liberty bonds. For those Active Members attending the session, \$10,000 was funded to pay their mileage and per diem expenses for the session The Council set aside a fund of \$100,000 for any expenses insufficient amounts needed to pay bills, These large sums of money in the Treasury were there due to the increasing membership of the Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction. Then the special session was ended.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

FYI: In late 1919, the U.S. Congress had passed the Smith - Towner Bill which established the Dept. of Education with a cabinet secretary at its head. The Act legislated the national public school system to be run by the states. The Act also covered most of the items of support that the Scottish Rite had proposed. One exception was a national university. Instead Washington University was created with both govt. and private support.

However, the years from 1920 to 1990 saw changes in the public school systems due to social pressures and increased recognition of the 1st and 2nd Amendments.

The Scottish Rite's educational support at present is scholarships, childhood language clinics, ROTC and Jr. ROTC and primarily done THROUGH the Orients and Valleys.

(to be continued)

Resource: "The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle"
by William Fox

"The search after the great man is the dream of youth and the most serious occupation of manhood....."

Ill. Robert G. Davis, 33, G.C.

Editor Don Jones, 33°

