



# McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



[www.mcalesterscottishrite.org](http://www.mcalesterscottishrite.org)

**Newsletter Date**

**August 19, 2019**

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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 21st

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite  
Masonic Temple Noon

### August 29th

McIntosh County Scottish Rite Chapter  
Eufaula, 6:30 PM

### September 4th

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

### September 5th

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,  
OKC 1100

### September 9th

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,  
Meeting at 7:00 pm

### September 12th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon  
McAlester Scottish Rite Centre

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

## SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTS NEW SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER IN EXECUTIVE SES- SION, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019.

Ill. James Dean Cole 33, was elected Friday, by the Supreme Council to fill the office of Sovereign Grand Commander left vacant by the retirement of Ill. Ron A. Seale, 33. Bro. Cole is an Active Member of the Council and was the Lt. Grand Commander. He also was the active Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Virginia. Bro. Cole was installed in ceremonies at the 2019 biennial session on Monday, August 19, 2019.



Ill. Brother Cole has an extensive Masonic record. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He was raised a Master Mason in Craighill Lodge #160 in 1983 and served as Worshipful Master in 1987. He also has served as a District Deputy Grand Master, District Educational Officer and chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

In the Scottish Rite, Brother Cole is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Virginia. He was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33, in 2001. His many Masonic memberships include the Blacksburg Royal Arch Chapter, #65, the Blacksburg Commandery #32, the Fort Lee-Richmond Camp #72 of the National Sojourners, Kazim Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., .(continued on next page)

Charitable & Education Foundation

R. Bruce Hall, 33 President  
Dave Donathan, 33 Vice-President  
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee  
Advisory Council Trustees  
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

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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](#)

## **NEW SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER** (continued)

St. Thomas Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Wilderness Rock York Rite College and the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana. He is an honorary member of several Virginia lodges. Currently, Bro. Cole serves as the G.L. Representative to the G.L. of North Carolina, on the board of the Scottish Rite Research Society, the Code Commission of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, the Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Committee, the Advisory Board of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, and a charter member of the Hanging Rock DeMolay Chapter.

Brother Cole is an honorary member of the International Council of DeMolay and received the Legion of Honor award. Other awards have been the Brand Cross of Color from Rainbow for Girls and an Honorary Membership in Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council of Virginia. Among his honors has been the Pierpont Edwards medal from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for Masonic Service, the George Washington Distinguished Service Award from the G.L. of Virginia, and an Honorary Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky. The Virginia DeMolay Foundation in 2006 presented Bro. Cole with the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award.

In November, 2000, Brother Cole was elected Grand Master of the G.L. of Virginia. In 2003, he was appointed a Deputy of the Supreme Council to the Orient of Virginia and elevated to S.G.I.G. in October, 2003. Once the Supreme Council, Ill. Cole was appointed General Grand Treasurer in 2006 and elected Lt. Grand Commander in 2013.

Ill. Brother Cole was born in Ashville, No. Carolina in March, 1958. He moved with his parents to Shawsville, Virginia in 1969 where he and his wife, Mary Ann, now reside. They have 2 children, a daughter and a son.

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## **NEW SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER** (continued)

Professionally, Bro. Cole is a CPA. He has worked in public accounting and administrative positions at Virginia Tech. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Virginia Tech. He is currently employed as the CEO of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Throughout his life, Bro. Cole has been active in his community and his church. He has been a Sunday School teacher and lay speaker. He has helped several community non-profits as an adviser and consultant.

We offer Ill. James D. Cole, 33, Sov. Grand Commander our "best wishes" in his new endeavor. He is a "gentleman and a scholar" and is worth our generous support!

## **OKLAHOMAN RECEIVES HIGHEST AWARD OF THE SCOTTISH RITE-S.J. AT SESSION.**



During the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite-S.J. , it was announced that Ill. Joe Williams, 33, of Sand Springs, OK was the recipient of the Scottish Rite's Grand Cross of Honor award.

Bro. Williams is a member of the Tulsa Scottish Rite and appointed member of the Advisory Conference. He has served as a Trustee of the Charles Page Sand Springs Home for 50 years and is the current president of the Board of Trustees. He is a 50 Year Mason and labored with the Masonic youth groups, Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite and in community and his Church.

Congratulations Bro. Williams. "Well done."



## ONLY 8 WEEKS UNTIL THE OCTOBER REUNION

October 19-20, 2019  
Saturday and Sunday

Early petitioners receive a Free Gift! Degree fee is still \$175, call the Valley office 918 423-6360 for info & petitions.

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### DID YOU KNOW THAT WE.....

- Fund scholarships for students and teachers.
- Provide programs for young people and services for the aged.
- Assist young people to overcome Language and Learning disorders.
- Help crippled children to walk with advanced medical centers as the Scottish Rite Hospitals in Atlanta and Dallas.
- Support and created patriotic programs to remind Americans of our great national heritage and the importance of maintaining it.
- Advocate absolute separation of church and state as a mainstay of freedom.
- Advocate the public school system as a guarantee of intellectual liberty for today and tomorrow.
- Champion the family as the cornerstone and solid building block of our nation.
- Combat substance abuse through educational programs aimed at youth and anti-drug campaigns directed to the public.

Our programs are funded by the McAlester Scottish Rite Charitable & Educational Foundation. The Foundation is funded through YOUR gifts and contributions. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank You.



## VALLEY ACTIVITIES

**Sat. Sept. 7**, 10:00 a.m., Symposium on Masonry  
Grand Lodge Building, Guthrie, OK  
M.W. Mike Dixon, Host'  
"The Future of Oklahoma Freemasonry"  
(This may be an eye-opener for some)

**Sun. Sept. 9**, 1:00 p.m., Degree Practice  
Guthrie S. R. Masonic Center Auditorium  
33rd and KCCH degree teams

**Mon. Sept. 9**, 7:00 p.m., Stated Meeting  
Lodge of Perfection  
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center  
Richards' Room, west door

**Fri./Sat.; Sept. 27-28**; Fall Migration  
Royal Order of the Duck; Bluebill Flight  
Lake McAlester; ,  
Food, Fellowship, Quacking?

Don't forget to check the Chapter & Club  
meeting on the Margin for a meeting in  
your area. Support your local Scottish Rite!

### "EDUCATION PAYS ?"

"Last night , I blew 5,000 bucks on a reincarnation  
seminar. I figured, what the hell; you only live once."



**CONGRATULATION  
TO THE 2019  
KCCH AND 33°  
ELECTS**



## **DUES NOTICES ARE A-COMING**

If you have been laying aside \$10 per month, as of September 1, you would have \$90 saved for your Valley dues. The Office will also accept credit card payments.

Your membership is important to us and to the Programs listed earlier in this newsletter. As a Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Masons, our youth depend on us.

### **"THAT'S MY STORY"**

The wife came home to find her husband on the couch watching TV.

"I thought you were going to mow the lawn," she said.

"I'm waiting for a part," he replied.'

"What part is that?"

"The part of me that wants to do it."



### **FOODS THAT PROTECT THE PROSTATE**

-- EAT THE GREENS, like spinach & collards, to have a 34% lesser chance of developing prostate cancer.

-- ORDER THE TOMATO SOUP and cooked tomatoes, in general, for a lower chance of prostate cancer.

-- STOCK UP ON ORANGES and other citrus fruits that lower the risk of prostate cancer.

-- SWAP BUTTER FOR OLIVE OIL to reduce intake of 'saturated fats' that have a 51% more chance of developing aggressive prostate cancer. (A.A.R.P. Magazine)



## BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

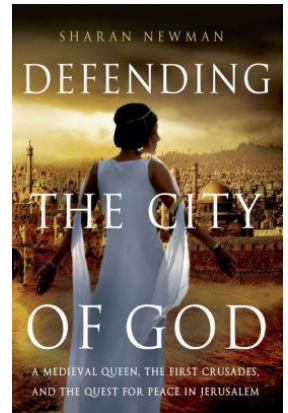
### "Defending the City of God: A medieval Quest...."

by Sharan Newman

The book covers events in the Holy Land during the lifetime (1105-1161) of the queen of Jerusalem, Melisende.

The book is interesting in that the life and actions of Melisende and her family are interwoven with the battles, cities, personalities and politics of Outremer during this period. The book is thus more than just a biography-it is a very good recount of what was happening in the Holy Land during this remarkable woman's lifetime.

It is a lively story of a Queen who ruled the Holy City of Jerusalem, told on the basis of thorough and up to date research.



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### RESPECT THE ELDERLY OR.....

One winter day the 90 year old grandfather was in the supermarket trying to pay for his groceries. Bundled up against the cold, his gloved hands were having trouble retrieving and counting the exact change.

The transaction evidently took too long for the man behind him in line who muttered a curse. The old fellow turned around and warned, "Be quiet or I'll write a check."

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### SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

From late 1943 on, it was becoming evident that the Allies would likely win the war against the Axis powers. While monetary relief was still being given to Freemasons in the occupied countries, thoughts began to turn the restoration of the Grand Lodges and Scottish Rite Supreme Councils of those countries.

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## **SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY** continued:

The Mother Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, felt that it was natural that its Supreme Council be the implement of the restoration project. Apparently this was suitable to the former Councils of the Occupied countries since most of their Brethren had been murdered or sent to the gas chambers. Therefore plans were in progress to fund the proper officials expenses overseas after the war.

With all of this activity and a disagreement between G.C. Cowles and Vice-President Harry Truman, G.M. of Missouri over how restoration was to be accomplished; Cowles decided he want to be buried in the House of the 'Temple.

Cowles had lived in the Temple since 1915 and felt that he "deserved" the honor, or perhaps he just didn't want to leave. Anyway,, for this to happen, Albert Pike's remains would have to be removed and it would take an act of Congress to inter human remains in other than a cemetery. After completing the required paperwork, Cowles received the proper waiver from the U.S. Congress. G.C. Pike's descendants removed his remains which had been in the House of the Temple for 135 years.. After a proper ceremony with and appropriate remarks by Cowles, Albert Pike's remains were then placed in a new crypt which had been prepared for him.

The previous two decades had not been idle ones for the Northern Jurisdiction. In 1943, the Norther Grand Commander presented G.C. Cowles with a proposition that he thought Cowles would not refuse and it concerned President Roosevelt.

(to be continued )

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





## From the Statutes of the Supreme Council

**ARTICLE IV SEC.1.** This Supreme Council consists of not more than thirty-three Active Members (Sovereign Grand Inspectors General) and such Emeriti and Honorary Members as the Supreme Council may elect. The Active Members shall be so distributed that no Orient within its general jurisdiction shall have more than one Member.

**ARTICE VI SEC. 1.** The dignitaries and officers of the Supreme Council are as follows:

ELECTIVE 1. Sovereign Grand Commander 2. Lieutenant Grand Commander 3. Grand Prior 4. Grand Chancellor 5. Grand Minister of State 6. Grand Secretary General 7. Grand Treasurer General 8. Grand Almoner

APPOINTIVE 9. Grand Chaplain (may be an Honorary Member) 10. Grand Orator 11. Grand Master of Ceremonies 12. Grand Chamberlain 13. First Grand Equerry 14. Second Grand Equerry 15. Grand Standard Bearer 16. Grand Sword Bearer 17. Grand Herald

*"Trust that Divine Spark within you; and let  
God lead your Life."*

*Rev. Bob Long,*

*First United Methodist Church, OKC*

