



McAlester Scottish Rite

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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

D. Larry Roberts, 33 Chairman
Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary
Jack Inman, 33, Member
William C. Cox, 33, Member
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John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master
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Douglas R. Worden, 32°, Master of Kadosh

THE SONG ON THE WAY

Any way the old world goes
Happy be the weather!
With the red thorn or the rose
Singing all together!
Don't you see the sky o' blue!
Good Lord painted for you!
Reap the daisies in the dew
Singing all together!
Springtime sweet, and frosty
Happy be the weather!
Earth has gardens for us
Going on together!
Sweet the labor in the light,
To the harvest's gold and white--
Till the toilers say "good night,"
Singing all together!



from: "Cherry Thoughts"
(We are all in this world together.)

GRAND MASTER'S EDICT # 8

By now, most of the Brethren should have received this Edict either on their PC or I-Phone. It extends the previous restrictions beginning on Sept. 1, which is next Tuesday. Those restrictions were primarily: social distancing at lodge meetings or any Masonic function in Oklahoma, hand sanitizers at the door of the lodges and elsewhere about the lodge, wearing of masks, and, if available, no-touch temperature testing. Lodges are still prohibited from having meals prepared, served or eaten in the lodge. Meals may Not be catered into the lodge. No pastry, rolls or doughnuts either. Continued on Page 2

Charitable & Education Foundation

R. Bruce Hall, 33 President
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Upcoming Reunions:

2020
October ????

2021
April 17-18
October 23-24

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](#)

GRAND MASTER'S EDICT # 8

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The one thing different is the allowance of lodges having visitors from other lodges. This allows help to be available for degree work, etc.

Please take these precautions seriously, Brethren. As they say, "We are all in this together. I don't want your germs and you don't want mine."

MASTER CRAFTSMAN" PLANS FOR ONLINE GROUP STUDY



SCOTTISH+RITE
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN

Are you staying a little closer to the house these days? Attending a few less breakfasts and fish fries? Not even getting to break bread with brothers before the meeting! Are you missing Masonic Fellowship? Why not participate in an online education class and catch up with some brothers while you are at it?

Several brothers of this valley have proposed to have a Master Craftsman class online using the Zoom program. The Master Craftsman Program is through the Supreme Council. You must purchase each of the modules from the Supreme Council. The first module is Program I: Symbolic Lodge and the one proposed for this class.

The cost is \$60.00 and includes the book: Albert Pike's ESOTERIKA which is used in completing the class. There are 7 quizzes and it is envisioned to take 7 to 8 weeks. [Here is a link to the class.](#)

If you are interested in participating in an online class, email edu@mcasr.org with your name and on what evenings you would be available for zoom meetings. Best guess at this time is the class would start in early October.

Fellowship and learning. You can't beat a combination like that.

MASONIC ACTIVITY

Sat. August 29, Statewide Forum



The Oklahoma Grand Lodge has scheduled on-online Forum for Oklahoma Masons. This will be a ZOOM project via your PC or Smart Phone.

Participants must Register for the Forum, Information and details for registration are on this line: https://ok.grandview.systems/public_members/seminars and you will need to login to the Grand View database. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all who register.

Sat. September 26, Perpetual Pathway Day
India Shrine Center, 3601 NW 36th, OKC
8:30 a.m. - Registration
9:00 a.m. - Degrees begin

Applications and forms are available from the Grand Lodge or their web site. No meals will be served at the Center so lunch will be "on your own."

Fall issue of the "McAlester Scottish Rite News" to be mailed to the Members in September.

MORE "CHERRY THOUGHTS"

Do not worry; eat three square meals a day; say your prayers; be courteous to your creditors; keep your digestion good; exercise; go slow, and easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but my friend, these I recommend will give a good life.

Abraham Lincoln

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



BeAFreemason.org

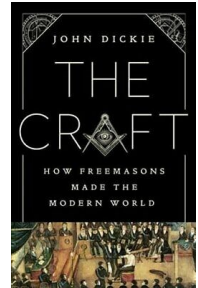


BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Craft; How the Freemasons Made the Modern World."

by John Dickie

(Review by John Dickie in "Time" magazine, Was entitled: "What the Freemasons taught the World about Secrecy.")



Last paragraph of the review:

Quote; "Is that really all there is to it? Even many early Craftsmen were underwhelmed.They were all missing the point. Masonic secrecy is not a way of hiding anything at all. It is the warping and not what it contains, that is key. Secrecy is a way of empowering bonds of fellowship in solemnity and sacredness. Born during the Enlightenment, when the grip of religious orthodoxy on private and public life was beginning to be relaxed, Freemasonry offered a passage to a more secular world. It was a halfway house: its secrecy made it 'like' a religion

,.....The lesson of their fascinating history is simple: make yourself misunderstood.

[Click here to see the whole review.](#)

Available from PublicAffairs.

EARLY OKLAHOMA PUBLICATIONS

In 1923 the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery each made appropriations for the purpose of publishing a bulletin in which to report Masonic activities. Nothing came of the effort however and the monies appropriated reverted to the Grand Treasuries. A Masonic periodical "The Indian Mason" had been published at Vinita in the early nineties and it had been adopted as the "Official Organ" of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter but it was forced to discontinue for want of patronage.

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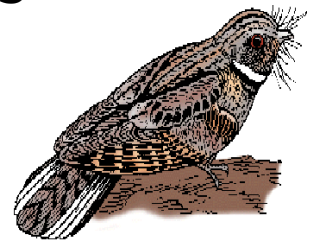
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"The Oklahoma Mason" published at McAlester was the only Masonic journal published in the State and covered the field very fully and satisfactorily until 1931 when it was reduced in size and purpose to a bulletin. Meanwhile the "Masonic Review", a monthly magazine adopted as official by the Grand Lodge was published by a Corporation. It is now in general circulation.

History of Freemasonry in Oklahoma, 1935

"WHEN WHIPPOORWILL CALLS"

"When whippoorwill calls; and evening is nigh; I hurry to My Blue Heaven." This is the first line of the song, "My Blue Heaven" which was popular when I was young,,, about 50 yrs ago.



Well, what makes the whippoorwill so popular? All of us have probably heard its call at one time or another. A cousin of the "nighthawk", it was given special characteristic from no one other than the noted philosopher, Aristotle.

Aristotle had a sense of humor too. He had convinced his fellow Greeks that if they had a dry she-goat, it was because a whippoorwill had sucked all her milk. It Aristotle said so, then it must be true.

There is a lot of folklore about a whippoorwill call in regard to good or bad omens of the future but I like the Native American's lore. If a member of the Omaha Tribe heard a whippoorwill's called invitation, he, or she, was advised to decline it. If the bird then stopped calling, a person who had answered would die. But if the calls continued, the person would have a long life.

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"WHEN WHIPPOORWILL CALLS"

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The Utes of Colorado believed that the whippoorwill was one of the gods of the night and could transform a frog into the Moon.

The Iroquois believed moccasin flowers were the shoes of whippoorwills.

Whippoorwills range east of the Mississippi, the Canadian border south to northern Louisiana and in the Southwest United States. The males have an elaborate courting ritual with a lot of strutting and showing off. The birds are mostly a night bird but still can occasionally be heard during the daytime.

OKLAHOMA FREEMASONRY DURING THE SPANISH FLU OF 1918

by T.S. Akers (continued)

Ira C. Bryant, District Deputy Grand Master was born at West Point, Mississippi, October 23, 1877 and was educated in that state. He was a member of Marysville Lodge No. 233. A.F. and A.M. , Pauls Valley Chapter No. 30, R.A.M. He received his Scottish Rite Degrees in Guthrie Consistory and his Shrine in India Temple, Oklahoma City.

He enlisted in the officers' Training Camp Zachary Taylor , Kentucky, August 26, 1918, contracted Spanish Influenza and died October 7, 1918. He was buried at Vardeman, Mississippi , October 12.

Maysville Lodge, unable to attend the burial, wired the Master of Vardeman Lodge to take charge of the body and bury with ceremonies of the fraternity.



OKLAHOMA FREEMASONRY DURING THE SPANISH FLU OF 1918

by T.S. Akers

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Brother Bryant was not the first Oklahoma Mason to succumb to the Spanish flu and he was far from the last. The fraternal dead reported in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma for the year 1918 strangely number 1,918. While the cause of death for those men in 1918 is not identified, the same accounting for the year 1917 was only 392. There was of course a war on at this time and the proceedings noted that 8,800 Oklahoma Masons were serving in the nation's military.. While there does not appear to be an accounting of Oklahoma Masonic dead from the Great War, a total of 726 Oklahomans gave the last full measure. The Spanish flu claimed the lives of 7,500 Oklahomans.

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WHAT'S IN A TITLE?

At a very small country lodge, the Tyler was, by chance, a newly initiated apprentice. One night, the Sovereign Grand -Inspector General of the 33rd degree in full regalia, came to join the lodge members. Awed by the regalia and apron of the Sovereign, the Tyler came into the Temple and said, "Worshipful Master, at the Temple door, waiting to be granted entrance, is the Great Architect of the Universe

""The threat to our Constitution today is domestic. If it is ever destroyed, it will be by us."

**Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady
Scottish Rite Journal, Nov. 2000**

Editor Don Jones 33°

