



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

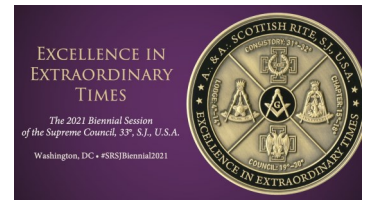
Note: Scottish Rite Chapters and Societies,
be sure to notify the office of any changes in
meeting place and times.

Advisory Council and Officers

Jack Inman, 33, Chairman
Mike Ebert, KCCH General Secretary
William C. Cox, 33, Member
Thomas S. Crowl, 33 G.C., Member
Wade Massey, 33, Member
Michael Sexton, KCCH, Venerable Master
John Carter, KCCH, Wise Master
Shaun Callahan, KCCH, Commander
Donnie Higginbotham II 32°, Master of
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SUPREME COUNCIL ENDS 2021 BIENNIAL SESSION VIRTUALLY SUNDAY, AUGUST 21.

While the pandemic limited the 2021 Biennial Session to Deputies and Active members, it did not prevent the Council from functioning.



On Saturday, August 20, the Council met in Executive Session. The Sunday session was open to the public via YouTube and many brethren across the Jurisdiction watched. On Sunday, the pomp and ceremony were still impressive and the activities went off without a hitch. With the close of the 3-hour open session, the 2021 biennial was closed.

Some of the reports and decisions were, as follows:

Virtual Reunions

This program presented a standardized communication of all degrees, from 4th to 32nd, with audio-visual aids 35% of the Valleys participated in the program in 2020.

Ritual and Ceremonial Forms

Valleys held 1.5 Reunions in 2019, which decreased due to the pandemic to an average of 0.7 Reunions in 2020.

An average Valley performed 10 degrees live or in person and communicated the remaining degrees.

Number of Valleys performing the:

Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal: 86%.

Feast of Tishri: 84%.

14th Degree ring ceremony: 65%.

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



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Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

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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

BIENNIAL SESSION (Continued)

There were 14 Resolutions before the Council. The results are, as follows:

1. The 44-month waiting period for election to 33rd Degree begins at date of election to KCCH.
2. It now eliminates duplicated reports of the death Active or Deputy Members of the Supreme Council.
4. It adjusts the list of Supreme Council Committees (Modernizes the names and aligns with statutes.)
5. Changing per capita assessments now requires a resolution to be passed by a 3/4 majority vote.
6. Not adopted.
7. It documents the current process for Grand Cross nominations and establish a deadline consistent with other honors.
8. Scottish Rite Valleys may consolidate.
9. The position of Treasurer is appointed.
10. Valleys elect their trustees and establish terms limits for them.
11. Governing boards for our Scottish Rite Charitable entities now have term limits.
12. Reunions may now be named in honor of living persons.
13. It clarifies the distribution of membership Cards.
14. It codifies the reviewal process of an honor man's action pursuant to possible withdrawal of honor (s).

Offices and Committees:

The S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma, Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° retains the elective office of Grand Prior.

S.G.I.G. Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, retains the position of Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation.

S.G.I.G. Manning is also a member of several other Committees.

Our Brother Manning is to be congratulated by every Oklahoma Mason for his dedicated service on the national level of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction.
Thank you, Joe

THE OKLAHOMA POET, AND MASON, YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF.....

Last issue we published the poem, "The Changing of the Colors" by David Randolph Milsten, 33°. To quote Paul Harvey, "Here is the rest of the Story" about the author.

David Randolph Milsten was born in Coalgate, Indian Territory, on Sept. 29, 1903. He graduated from Coalgate High School in 1920 and went on to attend the University of Oklahoma, where he received a bachelor of arts in 1925. Milsten attended law school at Yale University. He received a law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1927.

At some time before he graduated law school and opened a practice in Tulsa, he appears to have dabbled in vaudeville. This from comments he made about working with another famous vaudeville actor who he would later write a biography on.

He practiced law in Oklahoma while serving a variety of civic duties. Milsten was instrumental in the formation of several civic groups, including Tulsa Little Theatre, Tulsa Opera Inc., The Salvation Army's Red Shield Club, and what is now the Tulsa Philharmonic and Thomas Gilcrease Institute American History and Art, serving as chairman or president of the board for each. He was a public speaker, lecturer. Founder, chairman Benevolent and Welfare Fund and conceived establishment of Juvenile Court of Tulsa County, 1934. He was a member of the Will Rogers Commission in Oklahoma, 1978-1993. He was elected honorary president of Temple Israel and served two terms as president of the board of directors of the Temple Israel of Tulsa.

He was the author of biographies, "Thomas Gilcrease: Founder of the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art," "Will Rogers: The Cherokee Kid" and "An Appreciation of Will Rogers" (This was the famous vaudevillian referenced above.) He authored books of Poetry including "Before My Night" and "The Morning After."

Mr. Milsten is the author of the Official State Poem of Oklahoma, "Howdy, Folks," which is written from the perspective of Will Rogers.

In 1990, he was awarded the Oklahoma Heritage Distinguished Service Award for the preservation of state and local history

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Brother Milsten joined Indian Consistory in April 1930, received his KCCH December 1939 and his 33° in 1949. He demitted to Tulsa in October 1958 when that valley was formed.. He was a member of Pilgrim Lodge No. 522. He was Potentate of Akdar Shrine in 1942. Brother Milsten passed away on July 5, 1996.

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY

Wednesdays; weekly, 8-9 a.m. McAlester free Coffee & Donuts at the Temple
Join your Brethren for Fellowship and Refreshment. Use south door and turn Right at top of stairs to the office break room. There were almost 20 at this weeks gathering.



Thur. Sept. 2; 11:30 a.m. S.R. Luncheon, OKC Golden Corral, I-40 ;and MacArthur, OKC We love to meet new prospects and new Members. Join us for good food & fellowship.

Mon, Sept, 13th 7:00 p.m. LOP stated mtg McAlester Scottish Rite Center Richards Room; use West Door and go upstairs. All Scottish Rite Masons are welcome.

Sun. Sept. 26; 1:00 p.m. Practice KCCH & 33rd degree teams Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center Use the south state door.

Sat./Sun, Oct. 23-24, McAlester Reunion McAlester Scottish Rite Masonic Center Please send YOUR petitions early.

Sun. Oct. 31; 1:00 p.m., Honors Day Degree teams practice before lunch. Conferral & Investiture begin at 1:00 p.m.



THE THREE DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP

Teddy Roosevelt, President

The good Citizen will:

1. be involved in politics
2. do that work in a practical manner.
3. it shall be done in accordance with high principles of honor and justice.



CORPORATE TIME EQUIVALENTS

- Just a sec = 5 minutes
- Just a minute = 10 minutes
- A quick meeting = 3 hours
- Could use a hand = 1 week
- Cool little project = 6 endless months
- Interesting opportunity -- 2 years
- Job = crap, has it really been X years?
- Let's review this later = Never shall we speak of this again.

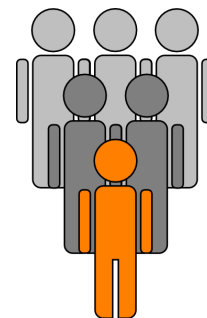
"I ain't got time for that!"

LEADERSHIP NOTES

Before we can lead others, it is important that we learn to lead ourselves. The principles of individual leadership are the focus of Leadership 101.

Consider the following ten traits of personal effectiveness:

1. Time management
2. Self-confidence
3. Determination
4. Persistence
5. Optimism
6. Problem solving
7. Planning
8. Self-motivation
9. Managing stress
10. Creativity



These are the ten. May I suggest that you select just one a week, look up its definition, study and understand it and then for that week, try it out. Even if you just master half of them, you are ahead of your peers. Try it.

(York Rite Leadership Program)

CAN COWS FORECAST THE WEATHER?

Animals, particularly those that live outdoors, are generally affected by weather changes. Cows, for instance, are usually seen every day on farms or ranches. Let's check it out.

-- If a cow stands with its tail to the west, the weather is said to be fair.

-- If a cow grazes with its tail to the east, the weather is likely to turn sour.

-- If the bull leads the cows to pasture, expect rain; if the cows proceed the bull, the weather will be uncertain.

There is some truth here. Animals graze with their tails toward the wind so that if a predator sneaks up behind them, the wind will help catch the scent of the predator and prevent an attack.

Cows are considered to be dumb; but they are not stupid!



A FULL MASONIC NAME

Hiram Abiff Boaz was born on December 18, 1866, at Murray, Kentucky. He moved to Texas at an early age. In 1891 he was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1922 he was elected a Bishop of the church. He became a member of Granger Lodge No. 677 of Texas. When he received his third degree, a large attended because of the unusual name of the new member. He served as Grand Chaplain of Texas in 1953.

This brother had many interesting experiences connected with his name. He never tired of telling of the time he was traveling in the Holy Land and arrived at a Mosque in Hebron on the wrong day for visitors. When he told then his name was Boaz, it seemed as if he had given a magic password. Others were not admitted that day, but they opened the gates for him.

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FREEMASONRY AND OKLAHOMA

Before Oklahoma was a state, or a territory, it was just an area north of the Red River located in the center of the North American continent. It was the home of various native American tribespeople, the buffalo and prairie chicken. But Masons were important in its early history.

The story begins on April 30, 1803. On that date, Robert Livingston and James Monroe, both Master Masons, negotiated with the Minister of France for the purchase of the Louisiana Territory. The diplomatic triumph was achieved upon the authority of Thomas Jefferson, President of the U.S. and, at the time, supposed to be a Freemason. The French government was represented by the famous François Barbé-Marbois who may not have been a Mason at the time he signed the Treaty, but was reported to have been an initiate. Witness to the signature of the President, was Meriwether Lewis, a Master Mason.

The ceremonies were held in New Orleans in 1803 and at St. Louis in 1804 when sovereignty over the vast territory passed formally to the United States. In attendance and officiating at both public functions, were Army and Territorial officials, missionaries, traders, adventurers and the organizers of the Grand Lodge from which thereafter sprang practically the whole system of Masonry west of the Mississippi.

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"Let us, my brothers, in this, as in all else, endeavor always to perform the duties of a good Mason and a good man."

31st Degree; "Morals & Dogma"

Editor Don Jones 33°

