



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 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
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John Cunningham 32°, KCCH, Wise Master
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Bobby Peters 33°, Master of Kadosh

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Supreme Council Elects the 2023 Honors Recipients in Executive Session.

During its Executive Session held during the Biennial Session of 2023, the Supreme Council A.A.S.R. elected the brethren for Honors.

The Valley of McAlester have four Brethren elected for the 33rd Degree and eight Brethren to be invested as Knights Commander of the Court of Honor.

The recipients are as follows:

Johnny Alford, 33rd Elect
Shaun Callahan, 33rd Elect
Seth Culbreath, 33rd Elect
Phillip Johnson, 33rd Elect



Trasen Akers, K.C.C.H. Elect
Chris Bott, K.C.C.H. Elect
James Butler, K.C.C.H. Elect
Edward Dixon, K.C.C.H. Elect
Leonard Howard, K.C.C.H. Elect
Charles Manning, K.C.C.H. Elect
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Brad Oliver, K.C.C.H. Elect
Kevin Pope, K.C.C.H. Elect
Timothy Self, K.C.C.H. Elect
Dennis Wilson, K.C.C.H. Elect



The Orient of Oklahoma Honors Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023. Invitations will be in the mail in October.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?



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Upcoming Reunions:

2023

October 21 & 22

2024

April 13 & 14

October 12-13

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](#)

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[Scottish Rite Research Society](#)

SUPREME COUNCIL ASSISTS WITH FUNDS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

At the Biennial session, the Grand Commander announced that a fund drive for the victims of the Hawaii fire disaster would be conducted during the Session. He requested the assistance of the attendees in this fund drive.

If you were not able to attend the Biennial Session, you can still contribute to help the Scottish Rite be a factor in assistance to Masons affected by natural disasters.

Just go to the web site, Supreme Council, S.J. Click on the "[donate now](#)" button. Click on the "[Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, United States America](#)". Next be sure you click on the button for "[National Disaster Relief](#)" and make your contribution.

Remember, your contribution doesn't just help Scottish Rite Masons in disaster areas; it will help those Masons who need help in overcoming their loss.

Marquis de Lafayette, Freemason **"Good men made Better."**

There is some debate as to what compelled the Marquis De Lafayette, of France, to take up the cause of the American Revolutionaries. Was it because the young man was disposed to hate the British for his father's death? Or was it because at the dawn of the American Revolution, the Marquis had recently become a Freemason? Biographer Harlow Unger wrote in his biography of Lafayette, that when he first heard talk of the rebellion, it "fired chivalric -- and now Masonic -- imagination with descriptions of America's people fighting for Liberty.



Whatever his motivation may have been, his journey to America and living a long and active life, made him a legend in both countries. For his role in pursuing change for both France and the United States of America, he became known as "the Heart of Two Worlds."

The Grand Lodge of Ohio

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY

Weekly, Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.
Social Hour at the McAlester Temple
Free coffee and rolls or donuts.
McAlester Scottish Rite Center
Masons and friends welcome
Use south door.

Mon. Sept. 4; Labor Day Holiday
Office closed for holiday
McAlester Scottish Rite Temple

Thur. Sept. 7; Scottish Rite Luncheon
McAlester Scottish Rite, OKC
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OKC
10:30 a.m. -- meeting 11:30 a.m. -- lunch
All Masons welcome to join us.
good food; fellowship; education

Mon. Sept. 11; 7:00 p.m., L.O.P.
Stated Meeting
McAlester S.R. Lodge of Perfection All members welcome

Sat. Sept. 16; Lafayette Birthday
Marquis de Lafayette born on this
day in 1757. See article in this issue.

Wed. Sept. 20; 12 Noon; Luncheon
Muskogee Scottish Rite Chapter
Muskogee Masonic Lodge
basement Dining Room; South Door
All Masons & friends welcome

Fri., Sat., Sun.' Sept. 20, 21, 22; Reunion
McAlester Scottish Rite Reunion
Friday: 50 Yr. Membership Awards
Fish Dinner

"Ducks" Gathering
Saturday: Registration, 7:00 a.m.
Opening - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday: Reunion ends 5:00 p.m.
Petitions available from Temple Office or a Scottish Rite
Mason.



IS IT TRUE THAT A WOMAN HAS NEVER BEEN A FREEMASON?

Not necessarily. The best-documented case of a female Freemason is that of an Irish aristocrat named Elizabeth St. Ledger (or St. Leger; later Mrs. Richard Aldworth.). As a teenager, she walked in on a Lodge meeting being conducted by her father in their home. Apparently, Elizabeth saw and heard too much for an outsider, so the Brethren decided to make her a Freemason, which would obligate her to secrecy.

There's a portrait of Elizabeth St. Ledger Aldworth wearing masonic regalia, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster, in Cork, Ireland, has her Masonic apron in its collection. Within Freemasonry, she's known as "Brother Elizabeth."



Another case of a female Freemason invokes Helena, Countess of Hadik Barkcoczu of Hungary. In the mid - 19th century when her father died, Helena was his only heir. The Hungarian court ruled that she was entitled to a full inheritance---precisely the same as what a son would have received -- and included in her inheritance was a library of Masonic literature. Helena started reading and she became fascinated by Freemasonry. She asked for admission to a local Masonic lodge and she was admitted in in 1876.

However.....the Grand Orient of Hungary , which over-saw the Lodge that admitted Helena , was furious about the decision, which it said violated the basic laws of Freemasonry. The Grand Orient immediately issued a demand for her to return whatever documents or gifts she had received from the Lodge and it expelled the Lodge leadership from Freemasonry forever.

Now here is a twist for you. The Lodge that admitted Countess Helena was called Lodge Egyneloseg. It still operates in Budapest., Hungary., today. The word Egyneloseg means, "Equality "in English.

From: "Little Big Things; Freemasons"



A STORY ABOUT LODGE ATTIRE

Dwight Smith, PGM; Indiana

Let's lay it on the line. I am talking about the lack of respect shown by the Masons for their Lodge as reflected in the attire they wear to its meetings.

It was a Past Masters' Night. As an invited guest, I sat on the sidelines to witness the always pleasant conferring of the Sublime Degree by those veterans who had borne the burden of the day.

At first all went well. The ritual that only Past Masters know was executed as only Past Masters can. The King Solomon approached the East. The man who represented that wise and noble ruler wore a slouch felt hat a half-size too large that caused his ears to drop forward. Coatless, his loud patterned sport shirt was buttoned at the throat without benefit of a necktie. Taking his place in the oriental chair, he had the heel of a yellow right shoe on his left knee, and began chewing his gum thoughtfully.

I mused to myself, "Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The Father and Son Talk

*He asked his father
Where the birds had come from,
And Father thought, "Ah,
Yes, the right time has come."
He began to explain
The story of life.
(They've been expecting this--
Both he and his Wife.)
The father talked on.
The boy soon looked bored.
Still Dad continued.
(Now largely ignored.)
At last, a pause, then
With tolerant affection,
The boy said, "But, Dad,
I meant 'which direction?'*

--Anne MacCarroll



From Genes to Jeans

*As I study both my offspring
In patched-up, faded jeans,
And cope with their rebellion
In angry, tearful scene,
I wish that I could analyze
The chemistry of teens--
Which hang-ups can we blame on 'peers',
And which ones came from 'genes'?*

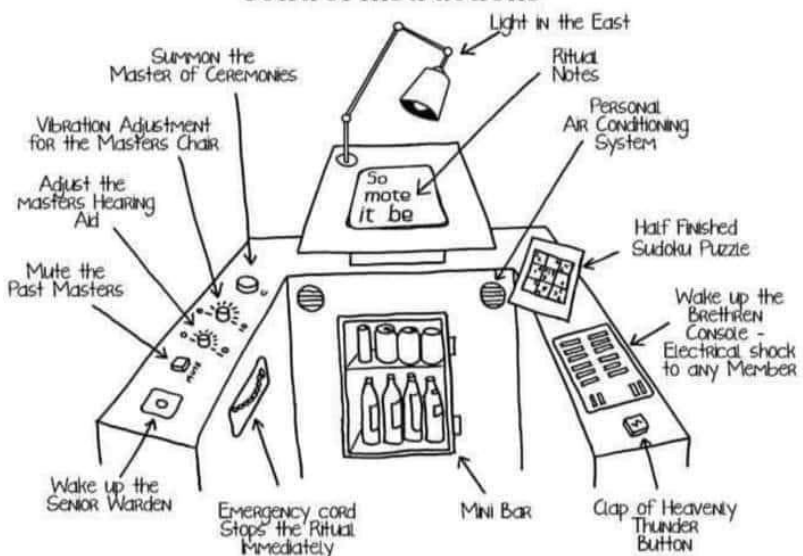
Corinne A. Bariteau

Potpourri:

- **Some things you just have to tell in confidence; other-wise no one would listen.
- ** Every young man should learn to take criticism. He'll probably be married someday.
- **Some couples live together with never a cross word. Then there are couples who are still on speaking terms.



The Worshipful Masters Chair Control Instructions



HISTORY: "THE FIRST CLASS" (Continued)

The "Movers and Shakers " of the First Class

We continue our discussion of the members of the first class of Scottish Rite Masons who took their Lodge of Perfection degrees in McAlester in 1901.

Millard Fillmore Campbell

Born: August 6, 1856, New Jersey

Died: May 6, 1902, Wilburton, I.T.

We are not sure when Bro. Campbell joined the Wilburton Lodge #108. The Grand Lodge proceedings indicated that Wilburton #108 received its UD status in 1899 and Bro. Campbell's name is not listed with the other members. So, it isn't sure if he was a mason before coming to Wilburton or transferred from Ft. Scott, Kansas, where he came from.

His Scottish Rite petition in 1901 listed his occupation as the Weight master for the Wilburton Coal and Mining Company. In a 1910 issue of the "Wilburton News", it was stated that at the time of his passing in 1902, Bro. Campbell was the Wilburton Postmaster.

His death was noted in the 1902 Grand Lodge proceedings.
To be continued



"Charity itself is not confined to the giving of material things. It is genuine when we give of ourselves to others."

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