



McAlester Scottish Rite

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FALL REUNION ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY

Have you talked to a Master Mason about enhancing his knowledge of Freemasonry?"

Time is running short; DON'T FORGET!

Candidates whose petitions are in the office early receive a gift from the McAlester Valley. Send to"

McAlester Scottish Rite
P.O. Box 609
McAlester, OK 74502
918 423- 6360
Open Monday thru Thursday

Dates: Sat./Sun. October 20-21, 2018
General Secretary Mike Ebert, KCCH
Director of Work Mark Halyard, 33

BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST "The Pocket A-Z of the Knights Templar: A Guide to Their History and Legacy" By Gordon Napier

This book responds to many questions that you may have about the Knights Templar. This is described as a "gem of a book." This book is not just about the Knights Templar, but is a nice reference book about happenings; persons and places. It makes a useful companion when reading other books or online stories.



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:

September 10th

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

September 19th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

October 3rd

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

October 4th

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

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Upcoming Reunions:

2018

October 20-21, 2018

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

Scottish Rite, Valley of Tulsa

Scottish Rite Research Society

McAlester RiteCare Clinic

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Mon. Sept. 10, 7pm, Lodge of Perfection
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Richards Room; West door

Wed. Sept. 19, 7 p.m.; Rite Night
Duncan Lodge; Duncan, OK
Education on the Rite Nite
Robert Davis, 33, G.C. is presenter
More Light in Masonry and good fellowship.



Thur., Sept 20 6:30 PM Feast of Tishri, McAlester Scottish Rite Center, \$15.00 per person, RSVP by Sept 18

Fri./Sat., Sept. 28-29 Fall Migration for the Ducks
At the Mulberry Rook on Lake McAlester
Food and fellowship
QUACK, calling all Ducks!!!

Thur. Oct. 4; 11:30 a.m., OKC Luncheon
Golden Corral, I-40 & Meridian in OKC
Candidates eat free. Join us for good food & S.R. fellowship.

Sat., Oct. 6; 50 Year Anniversary Celebration
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Ill. Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33,
Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma

Fri. Oct. 19; Pre-Reunion Festivities
McAlester S.R. Richards Room
DUCK'S dinner and hatching. bring your new "quacker" & "hatch: him!!

Sat./Sun., Oct. 20,21; FALL REUNION
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center
Candidate Registration, 7:00 a.m. Sat.
Petitions available if needed.



THE NEW JOB

My friend's 1 and 1/2-hour commute to work got old quickly --the time spent stuck in traffic was sending him over the edge. So, I was happy for him when he found a new job closer to home.

"That's great," I said. "What are you doing now?"

"I'm a bus driver."

SOME (of many) BANS AGAINST FREEMASONRY:

1737 - King Louis XIV banned Freemasonry in France.

1738 - Pope Clement XII issued a Papal Bull prohibiting Catholics from becoming Freemasons.

1775 - Bernard Tanucci banned Freemasonry in the kingdoms of Naples and Sicily.

1801 - Alexander I of Russia, confirms a 1797 ban on all secret societies. He rescinded the ban in 1803 when he became a Mason. Then he reinstated the ban in 1822.

1826 - Nicholas I of Russia, confirms the 1797 ban of Freemasonry.

1923 - Benito Mussolini demanded Masons in Italy to resign from Freemasonry.

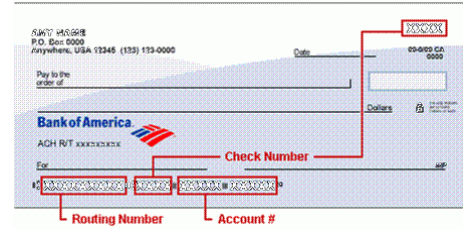
1939 - General Franco banned Freemasonry from Spain.

(Brethren, at your next Reunion, attend to the lecture of the 4th Degree!)



PAYING YOUR DUES CAN BE EASIER

Scottish Rite Members of the Valley will soon be receiving a letter informing them of another, perhaps easier, way to pay dues.



You can now pay your dues by ELECTRONIC CHECK, (ACH), all at once or on a Weekly, Monthly, etc basis.

It's simple. Just make the arrangements with Cherie Hamilton, Office Administrator, and she will, securely and safely, help you keep your dues paid on time. Just call the Temple Office at 918 423-6360 and she will set it up.

THE KIDS WILL BE OKAY.

Leaving a funeral, the mother's 13 yr old son asked his Mom, "What will happen to us if you and Daddy died?"

His little sister knew: "We will ride in the limo."

'CAUSE' MARK TWAIN SAID SO:

-- I was made in the image of God, but I am not necessarily mistaken for Him.

-- A man is never more truthful unless he acknowledges himself a liar.

--When I was young, I could remember anything whether it happened or not.

-- The only reason that God created man was that He was disappointed with the monkey.

-- It's curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare.



MASONIC APRONS OF FAMOUS MEN

The great circus entertainers, the Ringling Brothers, all 7 of them, were members of the Baraboo Lodge No. 34 in Baraboo, Wisconsin. On one special occasion, they were presented with matching aprons trimmed with pale blue silk, embroidered and decorated with silver thread, and stamped with each Ringling Brothers' name.



The Brothers' aprons dropped out of sight for a time. Then to everyone's surprise they came up for sale on the Internet. Today the Ringling Brothers' aprons are in the collection of Baraboo Lodge, No. 34.



THE BIGGEST LOSER

The biggest loser at the weight-loss club was and elderly woman. The other club members asked, "How do you do it?"

"Easy," she said. "Every night I take my teeth out at 6:00 P.M."

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued: THE RITE, POLITICS & KLU KLUX CLAN

In 1920, midway between sessions, G.C. Moore began working, on his own, to establish a newspaper entitled "The Fellowship Forum". It was to be, in his words, "a national, weekly newspaper devoted to the fraternal interpretation world's current events." Any fraternity would be allowed to submit articles and news about fraternal activity. The Ku Klux Klan leadership jumped on this almost immediately.

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

The first issue was printed and sent out in February, 1921. It was well received and became popular among the fraternal groups as well as the public. A noted author, Lynn Dumenil, later commented on the nature and purpose of "The Fellowship Form." He wrote, "Dedicated to the purpose militant Americanism, it included news of Masonry and other fraternal organizations. Within a very short time, although it continued its fraternal news, it became one of the most scurrilous KKK organs. It continually stressed the relationship between the Klan and Masonry, policy that brought criticism from Masonic officials and scholars."

While Moore intended for the Rite to be active in national politics, the "Forum", over a period of time, became a promoter of the Klan's policies of "white supremacy, anti-black, anti-Catholic, anti-Jew, anti-immigration, and the negative aspects in the way the Klan carried out their purposes.

Moore's association with Masonry & the Supreme Council put him in a spotlight which he enjoyed. He was of the opinion that a Masonic apparatus based through the Scottish Rite be established. Even Sec. General Cowles thought the Rite should have a lobby in D.C. to promote the educational effort of the Rite.

As the "Klan-Masonry connection" became more public (and Masons had joined the Klan in large numbers) the Grand Masters began to openly oppose what was happening to the fraternity as it became more political. (continued on next page)



SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

A majority of the Active Members of the Supreme Council did not like it either as it seemed as if the Scottish Rite was leading the entry into political activity. However, the "Scottish Rite's role as an Americanist agitator was looked upon favorably by many American Masons."

The Americanist movement also influenced the Rite's programs in "education and patriotism." As will see in the future biennial sessions. The political unrest of the country and confusion of purpose extended well into the 20th century. However, the Great Depression and then World War Two began to bring about positive change.

As we will see in the 1921 session, the Council began to take measures to repair itself from "bad publicity", the unintended consequence of the political climate.

(To read more of this period, go to our resource book beginning on page 193 through page 195)

(to be continued)

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

***".....for rashness, injustice, intemperance and luxury in prosperity, and despair and disorder in adversity, are the causes of the decay and dilapidation of nations."
Apprentice Degree, "Morals and Dogma"***

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