



# McAlester Scottish Rite

Orient of Oklahoma, AASR Southern Jurisdiction



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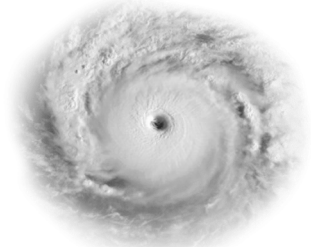
**September 24, 2018**

**Editor : Don Jones, 33°**

## **ATTN: DISASTER RELIEF**

The Scottish Rite of the S.J., U.S.A., Inc. is collecting donations to be sent to the Orients affected by natural disasters. 100% of all donations will go to the relief of deserving families affected by recent natural disasters.

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Donations may be made on-line on the web site: [The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.](http://TheScottishRiteofFreemasonry.com)



**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:**

#### **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

#### **October 8th**

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

#### **October 17th**

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite  
Masonic Temple Noon  
October 20--21st  
Fall Reunion, McAlester

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  
Richard Lerblance KCCH , Venerable Master  
Ryan Bibee, KCCH , Wise Master  
Tom Keenze 33, Commander  
James Harlow III, KCCH , Master of Kadosh

## **ONLY 4 WEEKS LEFT TO REUNION**

### **Question:**

What is the Scottish Rite?

Why should a man who is all ready a Master Mason become a member?

Somewhere, in your lodge, town or district a Master Mason is asking HIMSELF these 2 questions. Have you seen or talked with him? He is waiting for you to "read his mind" and talk with you about the Rite. Time is "flying" by. Be a Mentor.

## **AUTUMN REUNION 2018**

**Sat.-Sun. October 20,21, 2018**

Candidates who get petitions in by Wednesday the 19th will receive a free gift from the Lodge of Perfection.

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:

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

**Fri.-Sat., Sept 29/30**, Fall Migration; Ducks  
McAlester Royal Order of the Duck  
Mulberry Rook on Lake McAlester'  
Food, Fellowship, Fun  
Quack, Quack, Quack,

**Sept. 29; Tulsa S.R.** Fall Reunion  
Tulsa Scottish Rite Center  
Courtesy Candidates Welcome



**Sat., Oct. 6, Guthrie S.R. Fall Reunion**  
Banquet: Ill. Joe R. Manning, Jr. 33 S.G.I.G.  
in Oklahoma; celebration of his 50th  
Anniversary in Masonry.  
Courtesy Candidates Welcome

**Mon Oct. 8**, Lodge of Perfection  
McAlester S.F. Masonic Center  
Richards' Room; West Door

**Wed., Oct. 17**, Rite Nite Education  
Pauls Valley; Valley Lodge #6: 7:00 p.m.  
Robert Davis, 33, GC presenter

**Fri. Oct. 19**; 6:00 p.m. Ducks Dinner  
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center  
Richard's Room;  
food, meeting, Hatching (quack)  
This is the FIRST event of the  
Fall Reunion.

**Sat./Sun. Oct. 20,21**; Fall Reunion  
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center  
Sat.; 7:00 A.M., Registration  
Courtesy Candidates Welcome



## REGIONAL SCOTTISH RITE EVENTS

**Sat. Sept. 25**, Dallas Fall Reunion  
2-days

**Sat. Oct. 6**, Dallas Fall Reunion  
3-day

**Sat. Sept. 22**, Ft. Worth Fall Reunion  
2-day

**Fri. Sept. 28**, Wichita Fall Reunion  
2-Day



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### NOT THIS TIME

A little girl, sitting in church watching a wedding, suddenly exclaimed:

"Mommy! "Has the lady changed her mind?"  
"What do you mean?" the mother asked.

"Well," replied the girl, "She went up the aisle with one man and came back with another."

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### "AM I AFRAID?"

(Nov., 1910 Oklahoma Mason)

*"Am I afraid?" I will admit I am;  
Afraid to judge my fellows or to damn,  
A man or woman; or to speak  
A scornful word of creature weak,  
Who faint and fall along the way.  
For whom am I that I should say,  
The path or road that he and you  
Should travel? It is a job for any man  
To keep himself unspotted.*

\_\_\_ Grant Utley

## MASONIC CENTER ACTIVITY

-- Each Wednesday you will find Bro. Wade Massey, 33 working in the Library. Since he moved to Eufaula last year, Bro. Massey has been cataloging, cleaning, and sorting the inventory. He is in contact with the House of the Temple Library and is using their system of book cataloging for a uniform system. Sometime in the future there may be a book sale at a reunion for over-stocks.

-- Bro. Trasen Akers continues to inventory, expand and prepare displays for the McAlester museum. I have heard some talk about moving the part of the museum upstairs to the ground floor for more exposure and easier access.

-- You may read in another publication about the boiler situation. How serious a situation this may be will be better known in a few months.

-- Now that the repairs and restoration work is completed from the water damage, the Conference Room may be moved to another site in the Center. A possibility but a subject of much discussion.

-- To better know what is happening at the Masonic Center, the Lodge of Perfection meets the 2nd Monday of each month. That is where many of these things are considered. Meeting is open to Scottish Rite members.

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## MEMORIES

Neighbor: "My wife has the worst memory I ever heard of."

Other neighbor:, "That bad, huh,"

1st neighbor: "No, remembers everything."



# IF MASONS AREN'T ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT FREEMASONRY TO THE PUBLIC, HOW DOES ONE IDENTIFY A MASON?

The 1st thing to look for is a ring, lapel pin, watch fob, necklace or other accessory bearing the Masonic square and compass. Only Brethren who have reached the degree of Master Mason are permitted to wear such items bearing Masonic symbols, so if you spot one you can expect the wearer is a member of the Craft. In fact, one reasons Master Masons wear Masonic rings is so members of the public can identify them as Masons.

Many Master Masons also wear Masonic rings to make themselves known to other members of the Craft and to remind themselves of their commitment to Freemasonry.

The way a ring is worn can indicate the Brother's intention. If the ring is worn with the compass tips pointing to the tips of the fingers, the wearer wants others to recognize him as a Mason. If the ring is worn with the compass tips pointed to the wrist, he wants to remind himself that he is a Master Mason.

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## 2018 K.S.A. GATHERING A SUCCESS!

The Knights of St. Andrew 2018 Biennial Gathering in Waco, Tx has been call a "wonderful" success by both attendees and organizers.



On July 20, over 100 K.S.A. members from Valleys across the U.S. and Tokyo Japan came together at the Waco Scottish Rite in central Texas.

By all counts those present were impressed. The week-end began Friday night with a Texas BBQ and a live band. The next morning the traditional ceremonial march, to the tune of the bagpipes, was made under the Arch of Swords. (continued next page)



## 2018 K.S.A. GATHERING A SUCCESS! (continued)

The Day's planned activities began with, what else" Introductions". Among those introduced was Ill. Mike Wiggins, 33, S.G.I.G. of Texas, formerly the Guthrie Scottish Rite Foundation's president and a Past Grand Master of Texas.

Then a day filled with meetings began. The theme for the day was Masonic education and seminars for Leadership training. Most of the sessions were conducted by national Scottish Rite leaders and the Membership Committee of the House of the Temple.

The event ended with the bagpipes leading the ceremonial parade. A banquet of, probably an Arkansas Razorback Hog, was served.

When one looks at the success of the event, we are looking at the "grassroots" of the future.

The next Biennial Gathering of the K.S.A. will be held in 2020 and will be hosted by the Valley of Law Vegas.

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### MORE QUOTES

\_\_Frank L. Wright

The only thing wrong with architecture is architects.

\_\_Henry L. Menchen

The war on the privileged will never end. Its next great campaign will be against the special privileges of the underprivileged.

\_\_Woodrow Wilson

The most conserve persons I ever met are college undergraduates.

\_\_Frank M. Colby

A "New Thinker" when studied closely, is merely a man who does not know what other people have thought.



## SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

As the time for the 1921 biennial session neared, and Grand Commander George Moore's interest in keeping his "Fellowship Forum" in publication persisted, several Active Members came to the same conclusion. Moore's activities in politics and his the arrogant and obstinate attitude which he used with the Active Members finally forced them to made their decision. The Active Members began to call for a "special' session for the following January to force Moore's retirement.

Apparently, Moore knew their intentions and announced his resignation to take effect in October.

In his Allocution in October, 1921, with his official resignation on the table, Moore recounted the "progress" the Rite had accomplished under his leadership. On the 2nd day of the session, the Council officially received Moore's resignation. Then the Council followed that up by giving him a pension for life that was equal to his salary while G.C. and gave him the official title of "Past Grand Commander." This generosity may seem unusual, but our author, William Fox, indicated that Moore's attitude toward the Council may have meant more than the political activity. This action was followed by the "election of officers."

The Grande Commander, Elect, was John H. Cowles; Grand Prior, Horatio Plumley; Grand Chancellor, T.W. Hugo; Grand Minister of State, Edward Day' Secretary General, Perry Weidner; and Grand Almoner, Melville Grant. As a gesture of continued fraternity, Moore was requested to preside over the "executive session" and the presentation of KCCH and 33rd Degree honors.

Reports of Committees was the next agenda item. For the Secretary General's office, Cowles reported that his office had begun an information service called "Capital News Service." The "New Age" committee reported that, with approval, they hoped to increase the number of pages in the publication. The change was approved. The Librarian William Boyden reported that "all of Pike's writings had been moved to the Albert Pike Memorial Room." The Committee on the House of the Temple reported (take a guess), "leaks in the roof." After several inspections, it was determined that the roofing contractor was not at fault; the problem was a design flaw by the architect. Minor changes and repairs would about \$5,500. The amount was approved.



## **SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY** continued:

The Committee on the Doings of the Inspectors and Deputies, "commended the Texas Scottish Rite brethren' for their resolution to "donate 50% of their (degree) fees for 3 years and 33.3% for 2 years thereafter for benevolent work in providing dormitories at state educational institutions." (The Indian Consistory in McAlester, was a beneficiary of this action when the Valley built a men's dormitory at Oklahoma University. It is now used for university administrative offices.)

The next report also affected the Valleys of the Southern Jurisdiction. The Committee on Fraternal Assistance and Education, in a recommendations to increase efficiency of the local bodies, recommended that "the G. C. request the uniform implementation of a standard system of organization composed of an executive committee and an executive secretary whom the Inspector General in each state (or Orient) would appoint. No doubt, it was approved.

Before closing, the Council considered, starting with the next biennial session, to move the Pike Memorial from the close of a session to the Sunday prior to the opening of a session. It was approved. (This memorial is now called the "Vesper Service" and is on Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. in the Episcopal Church.)

This was followed by the traditional "passing the Box of Fraternal Assistance and formation of the Chain of Union. Then the Albert Pike Memorial was observed.

It should be noted, that soon after the closing of the biennial session of 1921, it was agreed to hold the 1922 international conference in Lausanne, France and gave approval to spend \$25,000 for the G.C. and 4 others to attend.

(to be continued)

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





## Netflix showing "Inside the Freemasons"

From the website "[Freemasons for Dummies](#)"

"Netflix has started streaming availability of "Inside the Freemasons," the five-part documentary shown in England on Sky1 network during the United Grand Lodge of England's 300th anniversary celebration last year. The program was that rarest of television treatments of the fraternity - calm, even-handed, truthful - and features numerous Masons throughout England discussing their membership. It was created with the cooperation of the grand lodge."



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***"....I would hope that that others will find their Masonry in you ---Your attitude, your humility, and your grace and kindness."  
Ill. Ron Seale, 33, Grand Commander***

Editor Don Jones, 33°