



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

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 11:30 AM McClintock Chop House

2nd Monday of the Month

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

5th Thursday of the Month

McIntosh Chapter Scottish Rite
6:00 pm Lake Country Dinner

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

Advisory Council and Officers

Wade Massey, 33° , Chairman

Mike Ebert, 33° General Secretary

William C. Cox, 33° , Member

Phillip Johnson, 33° ,Member

Harrison Bartlett, 33° Member

Greg Stiedley, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

Mike Echols, 32° KCCH , Wise Master

Paul Larcade, 33° KCCH , Commander

Bryan Pumphery 32° KCCH , Master of Kadosh

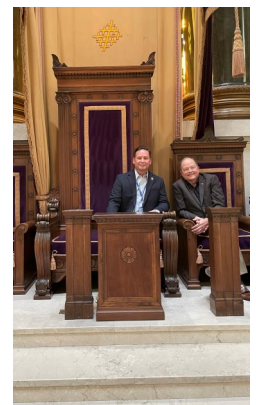
"For the Good of the Order"

Have you ever been in a Lodge and near the close the brethren are asked the question, "does anyone have anything for the good of the Order?" and you wanted to say something but couldn't think of anything. How about the Scottish Rite? Especially with a Reunion coming up. And there might just be a Master Mason in the Lodge who has questions about the Scottish Rite. Well, don't disappoint him. After the close of the lodge, tell him about the Rite and 'by the way' there is a reunion next month.

You know what to do.

JOSHEB ENGLISH, 32° . ATTENDS THE FELLOWS SUMMIT

The Grand Commander's Fellows' Class of 2024 August Summit, was held in Washington, D.C. August 16 and 17. Staying at the Washington Hilton, the Class gathered and were transported to the House of the Temple. The Class attended a Welcome Reception where Bro. English was relieved to see a familiar face, our S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma, Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°.



Josheb English with
Grand Commander
Cole in Council Room

Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole, 33° , welcomed the Class. He gave the Class of summary of the weekend's events after which they went to the George Washington Memorial Banquet Hall. Following their meal, the Fellows were taken on a Tour of the impressive Temple.

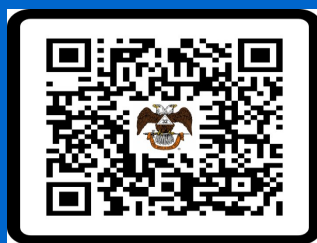
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Dr. G. David Donathan, 33° President
Brett Cable, 32° KCCH Vice-President
Jeremy Warren, 33°, Trustee
Bruce Hall 33° Trustee Emeritus
Advisory Council Trustees
Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° SGIG

You can petition the Scottish Rite for membership online at the following link:

[Online Petition](#)

Or scan this QR Code



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Upcoming Reunions:

2024

October 12-13

2025

April 12-13

October 11-12

[Masonic Website on Interest](#)

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[Scottish Rite Research Society](#)

ENGLISH(CONTINUED)

The next day, Saturday, was a full day of instruction. A select group of the S.G.I.G's began the day with "Going to Work as a Fellow" , then moved on to "Membership Ideas, Challenges, and Success," and finished the day of instruction with their "Involvement as a Fellow". The Grand Commander presented a "Biennial Update" and concluded with membership and the status of the Southern Jurisdiction. The day of instruction concluded with a Town Hall.

Following the Town Hall, the Class was escorted back to the Atrium of the House of the Temple. Once there they were told to turn off all phones and leave all belongings in the Atrium.

Bro. English reports that the Class was then given a "Once in a Lifetime Experience!"

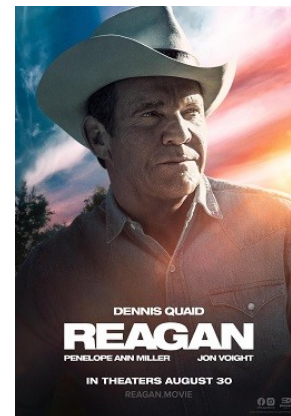
(If you are curious about this event, please look up Bro. English at the Fall Reunion and he will share it with you.)

Later, after a marvelous dinner, the Class was informed by the Sov. Grand commander James Cole, 33° that they were now Grand Commander's Fellows Class of 2024.

Bro. Josheb English, 32° is extremely appreciative for this opportunity to be of Service to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

PREVIEW OF "REAGAN" MOVIE

The Guthrie Scottish Rite brethren and their guests were treated recently to a preview showing of the movie "Regan" on August 29th. Bro. Preston Doeringer, 33°, made arrangements with the Warren Theatre in Moore. The movie went into general distribution the following week.



The interest in this particular movie stemmed from the fact that the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple was the setting for almost the entire filming.

It is not known how many people were in the audience but it was very well attended.

The movie is now in general distribution, Check your favorite theatres; list of movies or the Warren Theatre in Moore, OK for dates and times.

IF YOU HAVE A PETITION FOR THIS REUNION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFIE AND LET THEM

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY MASONIC ACTIVITY

Wed., Sept. 18; S.R. Luncheon
Muskogee Scottish Rite Chapter
Muskogee Masonic Lodge Dining
Room (basement), use south door.

Sun., Sept. 22; Fall Equinox
Autumn begins.

Thur., Oct. 3; 11:00 am, OKC Luncheon
McAlester Scottish Rite, Okla. County
McClintock Chop House, OKC 2227 Exchange Ave., OKC
Temple update, food, fellowship. All Masons are welcome.

Fri., Oct. 4; 6:00 pm, Feast of Tishri
Central Okla. Scottish Rite Chapter
India Shrine Center, 3601 NW 36th
good food, fellowship, bingo
All Masons, Spouses and friends welcome to join in the
fun.

Fri., Oct. 11; reunion activities
11:30 a.m., 50 Yr. Award Presentation
1:30 pm, Advisory Conference mts.
6:00 p.m., Duck dinner & hatching

Sat. & Sun. Oct. 12/13; REUNION
6:30 a.m. - Dining Room
2-Day Reunion schedule at the end of this Blast.

Thur./Fri./Sat; Oct. 24 25,26; Haunted House
McAlester Scottish Rite Temple
Public is welcome to be "scared"

Mon. Nov. 11; Veteran Day Luncheon
Tours, lunch, program, music!

Support your Blue Lodge
(Reunion schedule at end of this Blast)



BOOKS OF MASONIC INTEREST

"The Path of Civility: Perfecting the Lessons of a President by Applying the Wisdom of a Buddha "

By Robert Sachs, 32°, KCCH

In this book, Bro. Sachs has written an interesting and insightful volume. It may at first seem far-fetched to compare George Washington and the Buddha of ancient India. There are however many universal values that the two extraordinary men share.

Our Bro. Albert Pike in his book "Morals and Dogma" in the 18th Degree Lecture, "Knight Rose Croix" states that the first Masonic Legislator preserved in history was Buddha.

"The Path of Civility" is a road map to self-improvement as both Washington and the Buddha's varying ways, Bro. Sachs combines them with "Masonic and Buddhist philosophy.

"As Masons we are enjoined that we should constantly improve ourselves. This book tapping into the wisdom of East and West, is one of the many wonderful tools available to accomplish this noble goal."

Review by Steven D. Klein, 32°, KCCH
Valley of Pasadena, California

The author resides in Winchester, UK.

John Hunt Publishers 2020 128 pp.

Available on Kindle and The Christian Book Store

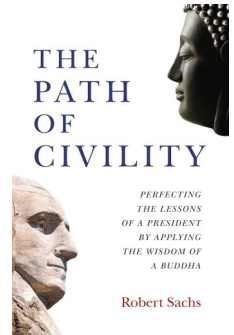
OKLAHOMA BROTHER EXTENDS HIS ACACIA GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Bro. Michael L. Dixon, Sr., P.:G.:M.:., 32° KCCH, continued his membership in the Supreme Council's Acacia Guild with a recent contribution to the House of the Temple Preservation Fund.

M.:W.: Dixon is a Dual member of the Valleys of McAlester and Guthrie. Our Brother is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma. At present, he is the Grand Secretary of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge.

In the McAlester Valley, Bro. Dixon is the Director of the Edmon Lodge 37, 12th Degree Team and assists in the Alter Properties dept.

The Acacia Guild was formed by the Supreme Council for the recognition of those members of the Rite who contribute to the House of the Temple preservation.



LEADERSHIP 101 with Kyle Brisco

"A Servant's Heart"

Everyone wants to be great. We are all striving for greatness. Jesus said, "If we want to be leaders, we must be servants. (Matthew 20:26). True leadership is servanthood. If serving is Beneath you, then leadership is beyond you.

Leaders must have a servant's heart. The heart of a servant places the needs of others before their own. Leaders aren't looking to be served, they're looking to serve others. Leaders are to be of service to others. When you have a servant's heart, the people come first before your own personal agenda.

People need to be in the care of leaders that actually care about them. Before you make any decisions, you have to take the people you lead into consideration. You don't put the business before the people that help you run it. To have a servant's heart, you must be humble and selfless.

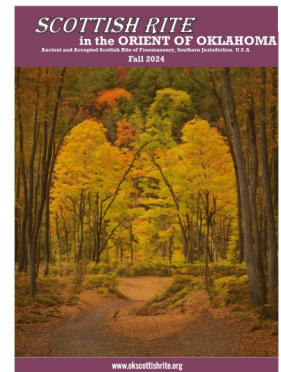
True leaders don't want anything from people, they want something for people. To be the leader that God wants, requires Having a Servant's Heart!

FALL ORIENT MAGAZINE IS OUT

The fall issue of the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Oklahoma is now appearing in mail boxes around the state. This publication covers topics of interest to all Oklahoma Scottish Rite Masons. In this issue our SGIG Joe R. Manning, Jr. tells how the Supreme Council took an asset that was not generating any revenue and made it into a long term source of funding. Our own T.S. Akers, 32° KCCH has an article on Albert Pike in the Indian Territory. There is also a review of this years leadership conference.

The magazine includes information from all three valleys. In addition to this years, you can find all of next years reunion schedules for all the valleys.

The Orient will soon be starting work on the spring issue and is looking for submissions for articles and cover work. If you have anything to submit, please give it to the General Secretary.



HISTORY:

E. T. Dunlap, 33°

Educator, Legislator, Administrator, Mason

Elijah Thomas Dunlap, (E.T. as he preferred to be known) was born in 1914 in the small community of Cravens in Latimer County, Oklahoma. He was the oldest boy of 16 children.

His education began in a 2-room school house in Cravens. The school only went to the 8th grade. He and three other students graduated in 1929. He then attended and graduated from the Red Oak High School.

After high school, Bro. Dunlap received an elementary teacher's certificate and returned to Cravens in the school where he began his education. This started him in a career path in education. This path included the offices of Latimer County Superintendent, Red Oak Superintendent, and eventually President of Eastern Oklahoma A & M College (now known as Eastern Oklahoma State College.)

Bro. Dunlap was still the Superintendent at Red Oak when he was elected to the office of State Representative of Latimer County in the Oklahoma State Legislative House of Representatives.

If you graduated from a college or university in Oklahoma from 1961 to 1981, you will find Bro. Dunlap's signature on the bottom of the diploma as the Chancellor of Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

His professional accomplishments and honors are too numerous to list here, but one that must be noted is his election to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1981.

Please refer to the excellent article in the May 1, 2020 McAlester News Capital titled "Looking at the legacy of Dr. E.T. Dunlap" by Mike Chathy.

https://www.mcalesternews.com/news/local_news/cathy-looking-at-the-legacy-of-dr-e-t-dunlap/article_bed65671-df61-56f1-8753-7e6e16b4e7cc.html

In addition to his professional activities Bro. Dunlap was an active Mason. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice, April 9, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on May 17 and raised a Master Mason on June 20, 1938 in Red Oak Lodge No. 66. The next year he started at the bottom of the officer line to become the Worshipful Master in 1944.

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HISTORY: Dunlap (continued)

In 1952 he demitted from Red Oak Lodge to Wilburton Lodge No. 141. This was after he moved to Wilburton to become the President of Oklahoma Eastern A&M College. In 1965 he moved to Oklahoma City and demitted to Siloam Lodge No. 276. He was a member of Siloam when he died. He had been a mason for more than 58 years.

While living in southeast Oklahoma Bro. Dunlap became a Master of the Royal Secret, 32nd degree, in the McAlester Scottish Rite Valley in May, 1942. An active member of the Rite he was vested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on December 9, 1967 and was coroneted with the 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary on November 10, 1972.

Bro. Dunlap was active in the degrees and served as the Director of the 32nd Degree Oklahoma City Team for several years. For a brief time, he directed the annual Palm Sunday Program.

In 1982, Deputy of the Supreme Council, Judge Fred Daugherty, 33°, appointed Bro. Dunlap to be his "assistant" in the performance of his official duties in the Orient of Oklahoma." He served in this capacity until S.G.I.G. Daugherty retired in 1986.

Bro. Dunlap also belonged to other Masonic organization such as Bedouin Shrine, Amrita Grotto in Ft. Smith, Ark and Aiohihoyo Chapter of Eastern Star in Wilburton. He also served on the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation from 1977 to 1978.

E.T. Dunlap, 33°, lived a full life and Masonry was a big part of it. Brother Dunlap laid down the Working Tools of this life on January 31, 1997. He was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Farewell, Brother, Farewell

"A boy will always follow his Father's example; but never His advice."

Ray Ketterling

Don Jones, 33° Editor



349th Class Reunion Schedule October 11-13, 2024

Friday, October 11, 2024

11:30 AM...50 Year Awards.....Richards Room
1:30 PM...Advisory Conference.....SGIG Conf. Room
6:00 PM...Ducks Dinner-Masons and guests are welcome

Saturday, October 12, 2024

6:30 AM...Breakfast.....Main Dining Room
7:00 AM...Candidate Registration.....Main Lobby
Single Candidate Pictures.....Main Lobby
7:45 AM...Assemble Class.....Class Supervisor
8:00 AM...Opening Ceremony.....Auditorium
9:00 AM...Open Lodge of Perfection....Venerable Master
*9:05 AM...4th Degree.....Lone Grove Team
10:00 AM...5th Degree.....McAlester-Kiowa Team
10:55 AM... 12th Degree.....Edmond Lodge No. 37 Team
12:00 PM...Lunch.....Main Dining Room
1:00 PM...Membership Man Presentation.....Auditorium
1:15 PM... 13th Degree.....Bryan County Team
2:00 PM... 14th Degree.....Oklahoma County Team
3:20 PM...Open Chapter Rose Croix.....Wise Master
*3:25 PM... 17th Degree.....Duncan Team
4:30 PM...Approx. Class Dismissal.....Class Supervisor

Sunday, October 13, 2024

6:30 AM...Breakfast.....Main Dining Room
7:45 AM...Assemble Class.....Class Supervisor
8:00 AM... 18th Degree.....Nolen Watson Team
9:30 AM...Open Council of Kadosh.....Commander
9:35 AM...21st Degree.....Stigler Team
*10:30 AM...28th Degree.....Duncan Team
11:30 AM...Class Picture.....Larry McManus, KCCH
12:00 PM...Lunch.....Main Dining Room
1:00 PM...30th Degree.....Shawnee Team
2:15 PM...Open Consistory.....Master of Kadosh
*2:20 PM...31st Degree.....Durant Team
3:15 PM...32nd Degree.....Indian Consistory Team
5:00 PM...Approx. Class Dismissal.....Class Supervisor

* **Passport Degrees**