



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:

October 2nd

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

October 3rd

Oklahoma County Scottish Rite Chapter,
OKC 1100

October 14th

Lodge of Perfection Meeting,
Meeting at 7:00 pm

October 10th

Indian Chapter, Scottish Rite Noon
McAlester Scottish Rite Center

October 16th

Muskogee Chapter, Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple Noon

October 19-20 Fall Reunion

McAlester Scottish Rite Center

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
Brett Cable, Venerable Master
Jimmy Whitfield, 33°, Wise Master
James Dulin, KCCH, Commander
Michael Bibee, Master of Kadosh

THREE (3) WEEKS TILL REUNION

McAlester October Reunion

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Sunday, October 20, 2019

"Don't Meditate; Don't Hesitate"

Fill out that Petitions and mail it TODAY!

The \$175 Fee includes 2 days of Scottish Rite Degrees, 14th Degree Ring Paperweight, 18th Degree lapel pin, the book, "Bridge to Light, 2 commemorative Christmas ornaments, and \$15 per day for motel or free bed in the Dormitory. Also included is a 2020 dues card, free meals in the Dining Room of Temple and as 1 year subscription to the "Scottish Rite Journal."

VALLEY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF FOR FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

A. Royal Order of the Duck
(degree production and stage)



B. Order of the Symbolic Chain
(snack bar, Masonic jewelry, information desk)



C. Knights of St. Andrew
(dormitory, Open Ceremony, assist the Director of Ritual Work)



D. Lions of Judah
(Masonic education, charity)



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:

2019
October 19-20

2020
April 18-19
October 10-11

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

REUNION TRADITIONS

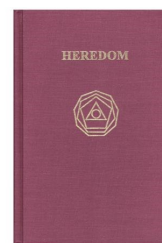
---The Ducks Nest: north of the stage, there is coffee, soft drinks and snacks for the worker and Old Quackers. Lots of quacking and BS'n. (Quiet, degrees are in session.)

---Kreb's Italian Restaurants: For dinner try Pete's Place, Isle of Capri, Rosanne's, or GiaComo's (across from WalMart.)

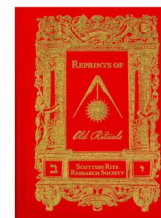
---Tailgating BBQ's; After 'work' gatherings of various groups. Ask around for locations.

SCOTTISH RITE RESEARCH SOCIETY BOOK OFFERINGS VIA THE SCOTTISH RITE STORE WEB SITE

"Heredom: Volume 1 -- If you missed it in 1992, this is an opportunity to complete a collection of the series. \$35.00



"Reprints of Old Rituals" -- For those of you doing research or just want to know more about Masonic rituals and their history. \$55.00



[Scottish Rite Store Home Page](#)

For a new membership or to renew a membership in the Research Society; check the web site or call 1-866-445-9196



VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Mon. Oct. 1; Dues Statements mailed.
The 2020 dues statements will be in the mail this week.

Thur., Oct. 3; OKC S.R. Luncheon
Golden Corral, I-40 & MacArthur, OKC
Candidates meals are PAID. Join us
and get acquainted.
John Salisbury, Chairman

Fri., Oct. 4; 6:00 pm, Feast of Tishri
Central Okla. Scottish Rite Society
India Shrine Center, OKC
Dinner at 6:00; entertainment
will follow. OPEN MEETING

Sat./Sun. Oct. 12-13; Guthrie S.R. Reunion
2-days Guthrie S.R. Masonic Center
Guthrie, OK

Mon. Oct. 14; 7:00 pm; LOP Stated Mtg.
McAlester Lodge of Perfection
Richards Room, west side
McAlester S.R. Masonic Center

Fri., Oct. 18 6:30 pm; **Ducks & Lions of Judah**
Fish Fry fund raiser for RiteCare Clinic
Richards Room; McAlester S.R. Center
Meal is \$10 per person; proceeds go to Clinic
Let's Quack and Roar for our Kids!!

Sat./Sun., Oct. 19-20; REUNION TIME!
McAlester Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Sat. a.m.-- 5:30- Breakfast in Dining Room
7:00 a.m.- Registration for Candidates; Lobby
8:00 a.m.-- Degree work begins; Auditorium\
Sunday -- 8:00 a.m., Degree work starts
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VALLEY ACTIVITIES (continued)

Sun. Nov. 3; Scottish Rite Honors
KCCH and 33rd Degree
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Main Auditorium

1:00 pm -- 33rd Degree
3:30 pm, KCCH investiture

Nov.6/7/8-- Oklahoma Grand School
Grand Lodge Building; Guthrie, OK

Sat. Nov. 9; Oklahoma Grand Lodge
Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center

WHY THE "FEAST OF TISHRI" IS IMPORTANT



In Sept./Oct. each year the Scottish Rite Masons gather to celebrate the Feasts of Tishri. The Feast was, at one time, fixed by the Supreme Council for observance by the Lodges of Perfection in the Southern Jurisdiction. Why was this old Jewish Festival chosen as the one for L.O.P. to observe.

Hint: In our S.R. degree system, we do not have a degree for the completion of Solomon's Temple, as does the York Rite.

With this in mind, we read from the Old Testament 1st Book of Kings, that when it came time to dedicate the First Temple, King Solomon set the date for the 15th day of the 7th month, the date of Tishri.

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WHY THE "FEAST OF TISHRI" IS IMPORTANT

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It therefore is only natural that we celebrate the dedication as a part of our Lodge of Perfection. Also, coming as it does, we recognize this time as the "time of Thanksgiving" as the Jewish people so to remember their freedom from Egypt. Thus we celebrate the day as a Masonic Thanksgiving. And we thank God for the great abundance which He has provided us.

So, as it is a time to be thankful to the Great Architect, let us rededicate ourselves wholeheartedly to our Masonic ideals. "

(The New Age, Sept. 1962)

HE SAID IT-----

"Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions."

Winston Churchill

"Idiot: A member of a large and powerful tribe whose influence in human affairs has always been dominant and controlling."

Andrew Bierce, American writer

"Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside."

Mark Twain

"Where so many hours have been spent in convincing myself that I am right, is there not some reason I may be wrong."

Jane Austen, novelist

"A newspaper consists of just the same number of words whether there be any news in it or not."

Henry Fielding, novelist



SOUTHERN OKLA. MASONIC HISTORY

"Bruce Lodge of Ardmore Formally Opens New Home."

Bruce Lodge No. 506 of Ardmore formally opened its new home in the magnificent new Masonic temple on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 7. This does not mean that the formal opening of the temple was held that date. A time for this important function has been set for a later date.

Bruce Lodge's new quarters were ready for use and the lodge proposed to give the roomy and beautiful hall a thorough tryout.

QUESTION? Does anyone from Ardmore know where this temple was,,,,,or is. (I think I know, but don't know the address.)"

SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

In 1942, the Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, Melvin Johnson, was faced with a quandary. Several Active Members of the North's Supreme Council proposed to give President Roosevelt the 33rd Degree. Aware of the political conflict between Republicans and Democrats from the 1930's, Johnson did a poll of his Active Members. He was 2 votes short of a unanimous result. He knew it would not be good to "blackball" a U.S. President. So this is where the Southern Jurisdiction came into the fray.

In October, 1943 (a biennial year), G.C. Cowles received a letter from G.C. Johnson in regard to his problem.

In his letter, Johnson requested of Cowles to include Pres. Roosevelt in his 33rd Degree conferral class with a vote of the "Mother" Council. Johnson would then send Cowles a "waiver of Jurisdiction" letter to make it legal. Johnson went on to say that this would be "good for Masonry" and the Scottish Rite in particular. G.C. Cowles reacted negatively to Johnson's problem.

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SUPREME COUNCIL HISTORY continued:

When Cowles refused Johnson's request. Johnson "began to press him to confer the 33rd Degree on Roosevelt." "It seemed to Cowles that Johnson was almost setting a trap." In February, 1942 Johnson took it to the Conference of Grand Masters and somehow got them involved.

Our author, Mr. Fox, says that Cowles was rankled by Johnson's actions. (to put it in stronger terms, I think Cowles was pissed!). So when the 1943 biennial session came and went without any action on Roosevelt by Cowles, who said he had misplaced Johnson's letter, ; there ensued a torn relationship between the 2 Grand Commanders.

The Roosevelt situation was resolved by his unexpected death in April, 1945.

At the 1945 biennial session of the Southern Jurisdiction, President Harry Truman was invested a KCCH one day and coronated a 33rd Degree Inspector General, Honorary on the next.

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

*"The duty is to seek Wisdom through Knowledge."
12th Degree; Master Architect*

Editor Don Jones 33°

