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Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°  
S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma

**The Faithful Servant Reunion  
to be held October 6-7, 2018**

**Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33°  
to be in attendance**

**Honoring Our Faithful Servant**

As the focal point of our Fall Reunion festivities, we will honor Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° for his 50 years of service to Masonry and the Scottish Rite. Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33° will be visiting our Reunion and will be on hand to present Brother Manning's Scottish Rite recognition on Friday evening. The weekend schedule can be found on page 4.



Ronald A. Seale, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Commander

It is truly a privilege to have such a dedicated public and Masonic servant represent the Oklahoma Scottish Rite. You are invited to participate in our celebration of his 50th Anniversary by attending the banquet scheduled for Friday evening, October 5th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Tickets are \$15.00. All Masons and their ladies are welcome, but seating is limited, so reservations will be required and can be obtained by contacting the Guthrie Scottish Rite, (405) 282-1281 or gsrite@sbcglobal.net.

Brother Joe began his Scottish Rite journey in the Claude M. March Memorial Reunion Class in November 1968. He received the designation of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) in October 1981 and received the 33° in October 1987. He was named the Deputy to the Supreme Council for Oklahoma in January 2010 and was named Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Oklahoma in August 2011. He is currently Grand Prior of the Supreme Council.

Ill. Manning served the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as its Grand Master in 1985, and served as Chairman of the Masonic Charity Foundation for 26 years. He is a member and Past Master of Cushing Lodge No. 111, a Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master, and Past Commander of the York Rite Bodies, and holds the Knight York Cross of Honor in Oklahoma Priory No. 9. He is a charter member, Past Governor and Past Grand Governor of the Oklahoma York Rite College and was installed as the Head of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 2010. He is also a Past Preceptor of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in Oklahoma and has also served as the Grand Preceptor of the Body nationally. He is a Past Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States, Mexico and the Philippines.

In addition, Brother Joe is a Past Master of the Great Chief's Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Washington, D.C. and is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, AMD of the United States. He is a Chief Adept of the Society of Masonic Rosicrucians in Oklahoma. He is a member of the Knight Masons of the USA; the Grand College of Rites; Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Great Priory of America, CBCS; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, India Temple Shrine, Saba Grotto, the Royal Order of Scotland, and the National Sojourners, and Heroes of '76.

Ill. Manning has also committed his life to the Order of DeMolay, serving as a Past State Master Councilor, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Active Member of the International Supreme Council, as well as being President of the Oklahoma DeMolay Trust, and Past Executive Officer in Oklahoma. He holds the Grand Cross of Colors in Rainbow.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma State University in 1969 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1973. Brother Joe served as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives in the 35th through the 38th Legislatures from 1974 to 1982. He served the Governor of Oklahoma as a senior member of his staff from 1987 through 1989. He is a Past Chairman of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and Past President of the Governing Board of Prevent Blindness Oklahoma.

Brother Manning and his wife Cindy reside in Cushing. He has been a long time member of the Cushing City Council, having served as Mayor for eight years. He is also the Vice-Chairman of the Cushing Regional Hospital.

**ON THE COVER**

♦ The Rose Room ♦

The eighteenth century style of Robert Adam is particularly accented in the Rose Room, with ornately painted and decorated furniture and ornamental plaster with Greek and Roman motifs. The room is light and comfortable, with soft shades of rose setting off the monochrome and blue stained glass windows. The stained glass window along the south wall was moved from the old Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie when our present Temple was built. The large oval ceiling medallion is typical of the Adam style, and presents a magnificent centerpiece for the overall grandeur of the room.



# THE FAITHFUL SERVANT REUNION

OCTOBER 6-7, 2018

## Friday, October 5, 2018

Banquet Honoring Illustrious Joe R. Manning Jr., 33°  
for 50 years of Masonic Membership  
7:00 pm

Knights of St. Andrew Processional 8:30 pm

*(Due to the scheduled banquet, the candidate registration and reception will not be offered on Friday evening)*

## Saturday, October 6, 2018

Breakfast (Snack Bar) ..... 6:00 am  
Registration of Candidates ..... 6:30 am  
Class Introduction to Scottish Rite ..... 7:30 am  
Opening Ceremonies ..... 8:00 am  
Ladies Reception (Pompeian Room) ..... 9:00 am  
Class Picture with SGC and Visiting SGIGs ..... 9:15 am  
Individual Candidate Pictures ..... 9:30 am  
Break ..... 9:45 am  
Introduction to the Degrees ..... 10:00 am  
\*4° Secret Master (Guthrie-Tennison) ..... 10:10 am  
Break ..... 11:00 am  
Member Education (Blue Room) ..... 11:00 am  
5° Perfect Master (Communicated) ..... 11:15 am  
6° Confidential Secretary (Communicated) ..... 11:20 am  
7° Provost and Judge (Communicated) ..... 11:25 am  
Candidate Education ..... 11:30 pm  
Lunch (Dining Hall) ..... 12:00 pm  
10 and 25 year pin presentations (Crystal Room) ..... 1:00 pm  
\*8° Intendant of Building (Cushing/Stillwater-Dunaway) 1:00 pm  
9-10-11° Elu of the Nine, Fifteen, and Twelve (Comm).... 1:25 pm  
Spring 2018 Class Patent/Picture Presentation ..... 1:30 pm  
Member Education (Blue Room) ..... 1:30 pm  
12° Master Architect (Communicated) ..... 1:40 pm  
13° Royal Arch of Solomon (Communicated) ..... 1:45 pm  
Break ..... 1:50 pm  
14° Perfect Elu (Del City-Steddum) ..... 2:10 pm  
L.O.P. Obligation ..... 3:10 pm  
Candidate Education ..... 3:15 pm  
Break ..... 3:40 pm  
Introduction to the Chapter Rose Croix ..... 3:55 pm  
Rose Croix Service in Honor of Dr James T. Tresner ..... 4:00 pm  
15° Knight of the East (Communicated) ..... 4:45 pm  
16° Prince of Jerusalem (Communicated) ..... 4:55 pm  
17° Knight of the East and West (Communicated) ..... 5:00 pm  
Break ..... 5:10 pm  
18° Knight Rose Croix (Okla City-Cloud) ..... 5:25 pm  
Chapter Rose Croix Obligation ..... 6:45 pm  
End of degree work for day ..... 6:50 pm  
Masonic Conversation (Optional) ..... 9:00 pm  
(Blue Room)  
Academy of Reflection Induction & Business Mtg ..... 10:00 pm  
(Assyrian Room)

*New for this reunion - An ATM will be located in the Snack Bar for the convenience of our members and guests.*

## Sunday, October 7, 2018

Breakfast (Dining Hall) ..... 6:30 am  
Class Election of Officers ..... 7:30 am  
Introduction to the Council of Kadosh ..... 7:45 am  
19° Grand Pontiff (Communicated) ..... 7:50 am  
20° Master of the Symbolic Lodge (Woodward-Kinsley) . 8:00 am  
21° Noachite or Prussian Knight (Communicated) ..... 8:45 am  
22° Prince of Libanus ((Communicated) ..... 8:55 am  
Break ..... 9:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting ..... 9:00 am  
\*23° Chief of the Tabernacle (Yukon – Smith) ..... 9:20 am  
24° Prince of the Tabernacle (Communicated) ..... 9:45 am  
25° Sufi Master (Communicated) ..... 9:50 am  
26° Prince of Mercy (Communicated) ..... 9:55 am  
Break ..... 10:00 am  
\*27° Prince Adept (SW Okla – Collier) ..... 10:20 am  
28° Knight Commander of the Temple (Communicated) .. 11:00 am  
Member Education (Blue Room) ..... 11:00 am  
29° Scottish Knight of St. Andrew (Communicated) ..... 11:05 am  
Break ..... 11:10 am  
Candidate Education ..... 11:25 am  
Lunch (Dining Hall) ..... 12:00 pm  
Class Memorial ..... 12:45 pm  
30° Knight Kadosh (Okla City-Schoolfield) ..... 1:05 pm  
Council of Kadosh Obligation ..... 2:15 pm  
Break ..... 2:20 pm  
Introduction to the Consistory ..... 2:35 pm  
31° Initiate of the Egyptian Mysteries (Comm) ..... 2:40 pm  
32° Master of the Royal Secret (OKC-Dixon) ..... 2:45 pm  
Greet Class in Atrium ..... 4:00 pm

\*Passport degrees (4°, 8°, 23°, 27°)

### Scheduled Events

#### Friday

Banquet Honoring Ill. Joe Manning, Jr. 33° ..... 7:00 pm  
KSA Processional (Atrium) ..... 8:30 pm  
Meditation (Rose Room) ..... 9:00 pm

#### Saturday

Meditation (Rose Room) ..... 7:00 am  
Ladies Coffee (Pompeian Room) ..... 9:00 am  
Member Education (Blue Room) ..... 11:00 am  
10 & 25 year pin presentations (Crystal Rm) ..... 1:00 pm  
Spring Class Patent Presentation (Crystal Rm) ..... 1:30 pm  
Member Education (Blue Room) ..... 1:30 pm  
Rose Croix Service for Dr. Tresner ..... 4:00 pm  
Optional Masonic Conversation ..... 9:00 pm

#### Sunday

Meditation (Rose Room) ..... 7:00 am  
Membership Meeting ..... 9:00 am  
Member Education (Blue Room) ..... 11:00 am

## Farewell to Our Brother and Friend

It will be a bittersweet time for reunion workers and long time members of the Guthrie Scottish Rite as we open a reunion without the presence of our beloved brother, James T. Tresner II, 33° G.C.

Dr. Tresner was born on November 11, 1941 in Enid, Oklahoma and passed from this life on July 12, 2018.

Brother Jim will be remembered throughout the fraternity as an accomplished Masonic author and statesman. But we know in the Scottish Rite the staging of the degrees was Jim's passion. Even before he was named Director of Work for the Guthrie Valley in 1989, he worked tirelessly to improve the costuming, staging and acting of all 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite. His background in community theatre brought an understanding of the theatre form of education to a level unsurpassed in the fraternity.

We will miss him dearly, but his brilliance will remain with us through his writings, direction and most particularly, his voice. When next you visit a reunion, listen for his voice as he continues to teach and guide each new generation of Scottish Rite Masons in the Guthrie Valley.

The Scottish Rite Rose Croix Memorial Service for Dr. Tresner will be performed at 4:00 pm on October 6, 2018, in the main auditorium.



*Dr. James T. Tresner II, 33° G.C.*

### Eulogy

*(Delivered by Tim Heaton, 33° at Brother Jim's memorial service)*



Brothers and ladies, many of you have had the pleasure of hearing Jim Tresner speak before and know he is eloquent and entertaining. If you are a Guthrie Scottish Rite Mason, you have certainly heard him give educational lectures. If you received your Scottish Rite degrees here you most certainly have heard his intro to the degrees. This is an important lecture because it prepares the mind to understand the Scottish Rite. Our degrees are rich, deep and full of information. My purpose is to prepare your minds to receive a Tresner talk because he too is rich, deep, and full of information.

When I first joined the Scottish Rite in 1986 I was 23 years old and had only started my Masonic journey a year and a half before. I had a lot of questions, but, at that time it wasn't easy finding answers. Remember, those of you who are old enough, in 1986 there was no internet. If you wanted to learn some obscure bit of knowledge you had to look it up in a book or find someone who knew. I was fortunate enough to meet Jim Tresner. He was 44 years old then and had already learned and taught Masonry for as long as I had been alive. He spoke as if an English professor had swallowed a dictionary. I don't mean he was condescending; he simply spoke as if you already knew these things too. And when he finished speaking, you did know them. He never said listen, I'm going to teach you now, and he just spoke of the truths of Masonry as if they were old, dear friends that you hadn't met yet.

Jim has done this for his entire 50 year Masonic career. In a moment he will speak, he will entertain, and when he is finished, you will have learned something.

For those of us who have known him for 10 or 20 or even 30 years he has been our Socrates, our Merlin, our Gandalf, Our Pike, and our Professor Dumbledore, but most importantly our friend.

Brothers and Ladies, Jim Tresner.



# Catching up.....

*John Church, KCCH  
General Secretary*



## CONTINUING THE RITECARE MISSION AT OSU



Although the impact of the Guthrie Scottish Rite's contribution to the OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic cannot accurately be portrayed by numbers, facts or figures, we are thrilled to report the success of this partnership.

Through the generous support of the Guthrie Scottish Rite, Ms. Lisa Ashley has been hired as a full-time Clinical Supervisor and is making tremendous impact on the program. Since she began her tenure at Oklahoma State University, Ms. Ashley has supervised **40 graduate students** (20 in the spring semester and 20 in the summer semester) who each work one-on-one with a child client. As such, the *Guthrie Scottish Rite Clinical Supervisor*, has been an instrumental part of treating **40 children** as well as educating the future speech-language clinicians of Oklahoma.

Ms. Ashley is supervising first-year students in our graduate program who will be graduating in May of 2019. These clinical students will be going off campus this year to fill two placements, one that is primarily child focused. Children throughout Oklahoma and beyond will be served through a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clients and schools.

We are excited to track these students as they enter the rewarding career of Speech Pathology. Our students are aware and incredibly grateful that they have the opportunity to be a part of the OSU Communication Sciences and Disorders program because of the generous support of the Guthrie Scottish Rite and the RiteCare initiative.

*I think Ms. Ashley is a fantastic supervisor who excels at fostering the student clinician's ideas and implementations. She is incredibly patient and allows her students the opportunities needed to grow. I'm so glad Guthrie Scottish Rite has provided a way for us to have access to such a wonderful supervisor.*

**Mackenzie Landis  
1st Year Grad Student  
OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic**

Last spring we featured a beautiful water color rendering of King Solomon's Arch on the cover of the *Oklahoma Scottish Rite Mason*. This painting was crafted by Marsha Hill, an Oklahoma member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Ms. Hill has completed six of these representations of our magnificent Temple. She sold the prints at Masonic events this past year and donated 100% of the proceeds to our Temple Improvement Fund at our Reunion in April. Even more, she has donated the prints to us so that we can continue to raise money for the Temple Improvement Fund!

The Valley currently has for sale prints of the watercolors. They are \$25.00 each or a complete set of 6 for \$100.00. There were only 50 numbered sets produced. If you would like to purchase a set, or would like to view the prints, please come by the Valley Admin Office.



*During the Spring Reunion, Marsha Hill and representatives of her OES chapter presented a check for \$2,300 to S.G.I.G. Manning. This represented the proceeds made from sales of her temple watercolors and will benefit the Temple Improvement Fund.*

### Brother Richard Allison, 33° Named Director of Work

Illustrious Rick Allison 33° of Enid has been appointed as the Director of Work for the Guthrie Valley.

Brother Allison joined the Guthrie Scottish Rite in December 1978 and has been active in the degree work throughout. Rick has served as a cast member of several degrees, including the 9-10-11th, the 21st, the 27th and the 30th degrees.

He was invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1983, and coronated a 33° in 1999. He also served as the Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2003.

Brother Allison served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma in 2017.

We are confident Rick will do a great job for the Valley, and we are pleased he has agreed to take on this responsibility in our behalf.



Richard Allison, 33°

# A Temple Set Upon A Hill, Part 3

As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the ground breaking for our magnificent Temple, we are printing excerpts from our book "100 Years of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Guthrie" as compiled by Frank A. Derr, 33° General Secretary of the Guthrie Valley from 1908-1946 and Robert G. Davis, 33°, G.C., General Secretary from 1986 to 2016.

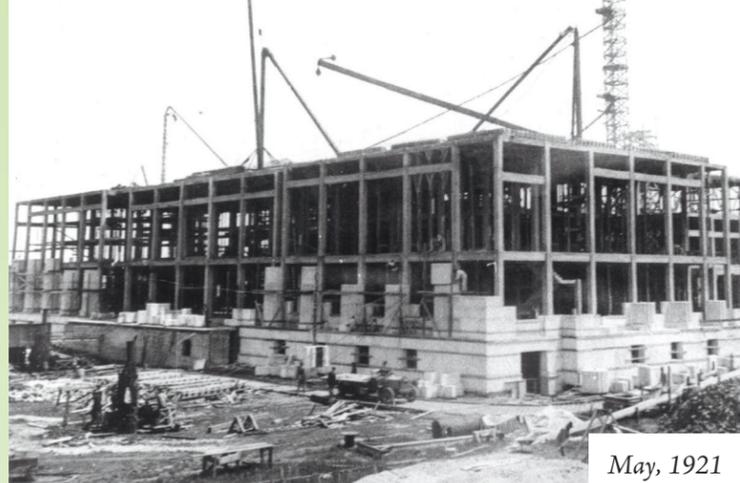
"The greatest Scottish Rite demonstration known to the history of the jurisdiction was staged Thursday afternoon when a parade, two miles in length, marched from the Rite Temple to the Cathedral site..."

Thus the editor of *The Oklahoma Consistory* began his write up in the February issue in describing the cornerstone ceremony conducted by the Grand Lodge on Thursday afternoon, January 20, 1921. It was a grand event indeed.

Led by the Shrine Band and patrol, the procession marched from the old temple site at Harrison and Broad streets, through downtown Guthrie and east on Oklahoma Avenue to the cathedral grounds. There were no vehicles in the parade. Everyone walked-even the 600 women.

Following the Shrine Band were the women of the Eastern Star Chapter #12, the Knights Templar, the Royal Arch Masons, the Cathedral Cornerstone Class of 430 candidates, Masons of the two Guthrie Lodges, followed by the Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite officers. Arriving at the new temple site, the cornerstone ceremonies were carried out by the Grand Lodge officers as prescribed by the ritual. Grand Master Frank Derr presided. The oration was given by Henry S. Johnston. The Shrine band, under the direction of Leslie Swan (who was also the Senior Grand Warden) presented a number of engaging selections. The speakers included Johnston, who was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, George Schwabe, Speaker of the House, William Freeman, Deputy of the Supreme Council, and William Anderson, Grand Secretary.

More than 8,000 people witnessed the ceremony. James Stewart and Company, General Contractor for the construction, presented Grand Master Derr with a beautifully engraved silver trowel, which Derr used in the ceremony. White Jewelry Company gave the Grand Master two silver goblets and one gold goblet as containers for the elements of consecration-the corn, wine and oil with which the cornerstone was consecrated. The corn was presented to the Grand Master by the Agrarian members of the Carmen Oklahoma Consistory Club. The working tools were made by Charles D. Long and presented by Hawk and Parr, architects for the building.



May, 1921

The cornerstone itself was a perfect cube of dark gray Oklahoma granite from Cold Springs, Oklahoma and weighed 3,500 pounds.

### Contents of Temple Cornerstone

Perhaps in another two hundred years when the Scottish Rite Masonic Center is razed to make room for a larger building, the Scottish Rite Masons of that day will examine with interest the following collection of artifacts deposited in the cornerstone which is located at the northwest corner of the west Temple porch. The items and donors are listed here:

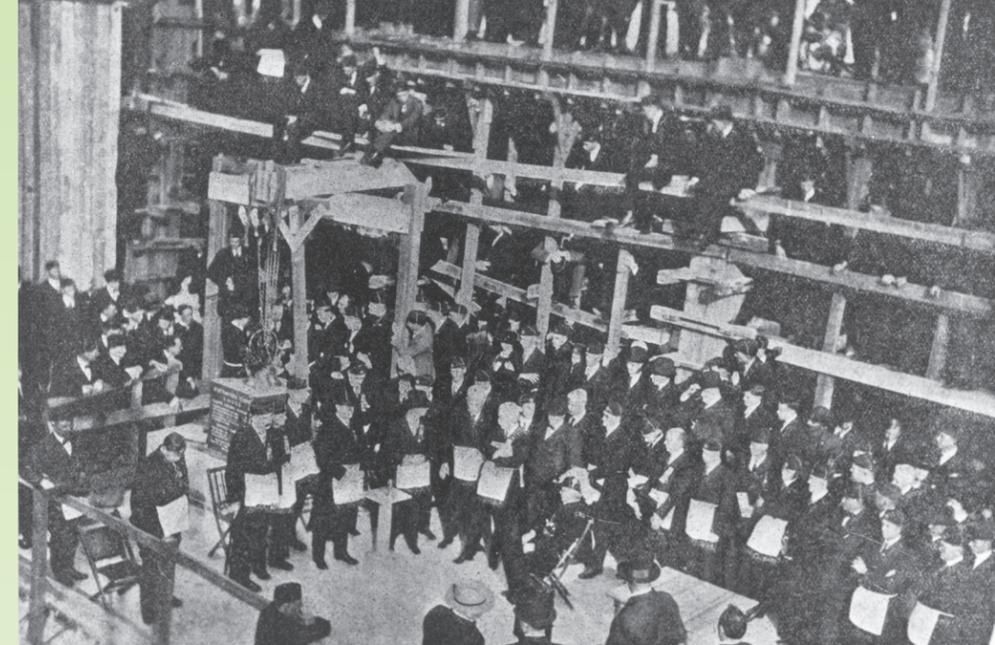
- Holy Bible, Square and Compass..... John R. Abernathy, 33°
- Proceedings of 1919 Supreme Council Session.....Wm Freeman, 33°
- Proceedings of 1920 Grand Lodge Session..... William Anderson, 33°
- Proceeds of 1920 Grand Chapter, OES..... Marion M. Madsen
- History of the Guthrie Scottish Rite..... Teague Ray, 33°
- Roster of Albert Pike Lodge #162..... Gus Borgman, 32°
- Roster of Guthrie Lodge #35 ..... E.M. Bamford, PGM
- Roster of Guthrie Chapter #12, OES ..... Mrs. J.S. Shearer
- Roster of Oklahoma Consistory ..... J.E. Woodworth, 33°
- Roster of Class and Officers, January 1921 .....I.N. McCash, 32°, President
- Certified copy of City ordinances, election returns and proceedings incident to City's transfer of property to the Masons.....C.C. Smith, 32°
- 14° ring of Building Superintendent ..... J.A. Roberts, 32°
- History of the Masonic Home..... Arther Weir, KCCH
- Constitution and By-Laws, Grand Lodge..... Otto Featheringill, 32°
- By-Laws of Albert Pike Lodge #162 .....J.W. Bickell, KCCH
- By-Laws of Oklahoma Consistory .....J.W. Bickell, KCCH
- 1921 Reunion Program..... H.T. Swearingen, 33°
- Masonic Service Assn Bulletin.....D.A. Rainsburg, KCCH
- Enid Chapter R.A.M. pamphlet.....Lou Randall, KCCH
- Chip from stone of King Solomon's quarries ..... William Noble, 33°
- Letter by John Abernathy ..... Mrs. C.B. Derr
- History of the P.E.O. ladies organization .....Mrs. J.W. Bickell
- Roster of Carmen Consistory Club..... Winterberg, 32°
- List of employees who constructed Temple.....S.P. Hendricks, 32°
- Masonic History of D.S. Mitchell

By April 1921 all the basement and first floor concrete columns had been formed and poured, with the forms in place for the second floor. Over one million brick had been ordered. The firm of J. Hoadley & Son had been contracted to provide Oolitic limestone from the Bedford, Indiana quarries as cut stones for the building. One strolling past the property could already see the superstructure of the entire building and could get a good sense of its overall size. It laid out at 228.5 feet east to west and 256 feet north to south.

### Financial Woes Threaten Construction Project Early On...

With building, comes financial accountability. It wasn't long until Guthrie's focus had to turn to the practical side of things-how to pay for the monument they had conceived. The audit report issued for the 1921 fiscal year showed that the original \$750,000 which had been set aside for the new Temple had already been expended. The first fiscal year of construction had taken its toll on available resources.

Less than a year into the construction, the Building Association sharpened its pencil and began looking for ways costs could be cut. They decided on a compromise plan with Hoadley & Son to eliminate cut stone from certain areas of the building and to also employ a cheaper grade of stone in some portions of the building. For example, it was decided the enclosed causeway between the new building and the old Convention Hall would be faced with brick instead of granite. The elimination of limestone along the south side of the auditorium above the low room over the Blue Room and the omission of the cornice above the Blue Room north wall were directed in an effort to save costs. A hard buff Indiana limestone was ordered for the west steps and landings of the temple. The Board also asked the architects to provide an underground causeway and not erect the above hallway at all. (It was later determined that such an option would not be practical.) As for the limestone, when the final contract was settled, the limestone facing for the Temple came to \$312,510. As an overall cost control maneuver, the architects were ordered to furnish a complete set of plans for both the new temple and the old convention hall restoration at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500,000. Further, Anton Classen was



asked to formulate a plan and get propositions from available experts to develop and launch a publicity campaign with the purpose of raising sufficient funds to prosecute the completion of the building program.

In the meantime, all was not well with the labor force. A special committee of the Board had been appointed to adjust the wage scale on the work. The committee reported that all carpenters had been notified the scale of wages would be reduced from \$1.00 to \$.87 per hour. Upon notice, all carpenters quit work under the claim that their wages could not be reduced without thirty days notice and then only after approval from their union headquarters. It was agreed that, in the future, all settlement of wage disputes be left in the hands of the general contractor, with orders to require the carpenters to resume work at the present scale of \$1.00 per hour, with the notice that wages would be reduced to \$.87 per hour as per the notice terms of the contract.

By June 1921, the outlook for completing the temple



was bleak. After due consideration of the present financial condition, the lack of available funds to pay for the work already under contract, and the fact there seemed to be no immediate prospect for obtaining available funds, the Building Association voted to terminate the contract with James Stewart and Co. just as soon as the building could be adequately enclosed to prevent vandalism and damage. The general contractor's representative, Mr. Frederickson, informed the Board in July that he had presented the committee's request to James Stewart and Co. and it was rejected. The Board decided to employ a person to serve as the representative on the committee on the works. The brick Masons employed on the work were reduced to six men, and the services of Frederickson, who was the concrete foreman, were terminated.

In August, the Board disposed of Victory Bonds which had been held by the Association. Yet, the vision of a grand temple that would work for the production of the degrees was never compromised. In September, the Building Committee directed the architects to arrange the proper support so that a revolving stage could be installed at a later date. (*The revolving stage was never actually built, but the superstructure is in place to the current day to effect the same at any time it is so desired.*)

By December, the Building Association realized that additional funds would have to be raised and recommended the Lodge of Perfection pass a referendum selling another \$400,000 in first mortgage bonds to the membership at 6% per annum, payable in 10 years. Secretary Frank Derr, while voting to sell the bonds to assist in financing the construction, announced to the Board that he was fed up with the unpleasant relations between the Board, the contractor and laborers, and would resign as a member of the Building Association immediately, directing that J.W. Bickell be the liaison between the construction project and the Temple. Derr would not return to the Building Board until the project was almost completed.

#### Temple Construction Proceeds on Schedule Through the 1920s...

In March 1922, the Building Association rescinded their action in December, calling for a bond issue at a lower level, and obtained authority to float a ten year \$500,000 bond issue at 5% per annum. The vote of the membership was held in April, with 5,882 in favor and 52 opposed. Members were given the option to subscribe to the bonds in denominations of \$100, \$500, and \$1000, with interest paid semi-annually. The Temple construction project was back on line. Derr was given absolute authority to proceed with floating the bond issue and securing any help he needed to accomplish the task. By year's end, Derr had all by \$100,000 of the bonds sold.

In 1922, kitchen equipment was installed in the old convention hall at a cost of \$718; three boilers were installed in the temple, costing \$11,505. Glass was purchased for the exterior windows of the old convention hall and the models and casting for the plastering of the dining hall were purchased for \$820. Ceramic tile was placed in the kitchen, bathrooms and dining room at a cost of \$3,985. Radiators were purchased for

the old building. The five ceiling lights and ten circular lights were purchased for the dining hall from Jacoby Art Glass Co. at a cost of \$850. The steel framing for the ceiling light in the atrium of the new building was installed, indicating the roof structure for the new building was in place by year's end.

In fact, an article published in the *Daily Oklahoman* in November 1922 included a report from S.P. Hendricks, manager of the project, giving a number of interesting facts about the temple which gave the reader a glimpse of how much had already been completed during this early construction period. He reported, "It contains 640 miles of reinforcing steel, 58 miles of pipe and conduits, 136 cars (rail) of crushed stone, 101 cars of limestone facing. The girth of the building is almost exactly half a mile and 3,800 electric lights are required to illuminate the building." He added, "The heaviest pieces of stone in the building weighed 30,000 pounds each. These were the two buttresses in the front of the building. The largest piece of steel is the huge girder over the proscenium arch of the stage and weighs 38,000 pounds...the balcony of the big auditorium is one huge slab of reinforced concrete weighing 1,250 tons. The brick would make a sidewalk five feet wide and ten miles long, and the cement, sand and crushed stone would construct a four-foot sidewalk thirty miles long."

The writer of the article suggested that King Solomon's Temple would only be a garage by comparison with the mammoth new \$2,000,000 Temple being completed in Guthrie.

1923 would be another year of great progress for the new Temple building project. Almost three years under construction, the Temple looked essentially completed to the passerby. Much work had been done on the superstructure of the building and most interior wall were prepared for the ornamental plaster and artwork which would come later. In March, all marble that would be laid throughout the building, with the exception of the floors, was purchased from Vermont Tile Co. for \$47,695. This included all stairs and wainscoting. In April, terrazzo and tile for the floors was purchased from Taylor Marble at a cost of \$8,450. The revolving door that had been commissioned by the "Cathedral Groundbreaking Class" was installed at a cost of \$960. In May, a contract was awarded to C.C. Clothier for opera chairs in the amount of \$21,160. In July, the fifteen tile emblem panels which would be placed in the floor of King Solomon's Arch were purchased at a cost of \$475. Kitchen equipment from Albert Pick and Co. was bought for \$18,567. The stage switchboard and stage equipment was purchased from Universal Stage Lighting Company of New York City. In August, the art glass for the Great Gloria spot and the ceiling light glass in the Atrium were purchased from Jacoby Art Glass Co. for \$2,475.

Before the year ended, the marble for the walls in the public restroom was purchased at a cost of \$2,600. One can easily see that the work progress was moving close to a level that would accommodate the production of the degrees in the new facility. The Scottish Rite leadership was anxious to make the move to their new home; and the Grand Lodge needed the old building as soon as possible. Time was becoming of the essence in keeping all the agreements in place. (*To be continued.*)



### GUTHRIE SCOTTISH RITE "Ascent to Perfection" Reunion April 6-7-8, 2018

- ROW 1: Richard Massad, 33° Class Director; John L. Logan, 33°; Anthony Annable, Class President; Brian Driver, Class Vice-President; John D. Church, KCCH, General Secretary; Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma; Frank Loui, 33° S.G.I.G. in California; Lewis Keefer, Class Secretary; Jeffrey Gumming, Class Chaplain, B.F. Rowland, Jr., 33°; Jack Painter, 33°
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- ROW 3: Wayne McConnell, KCCH, Wise Master; Jesse H. Gomez; Frank D. Fowler; Edmond Booker; Danny K. Houck; Galen D. Cottrell; James Luttrell; D. Everett McPhail; Chris Perry; Douglas A. Wright II; John Stahl, KCCH Class Director
- ROW 4: David Altland, KCCH, Commander of Kadosh; Roland Morales; Alexander Fordyce; Eric Sundby; David Milks; Zoen Finch; Ryan Frederick; Michael Stetka; Steve Hanna, 33°, Class Director
- ROW 5: Brian Reid; Evan Williams; Jason W. Parkhurst; Jared McConnell; Bobby Hutchens; Kane Wendel; Matthew Elerick; Mathew Walker; David Williamson, Class Director
- ROW 6: Steve Guerrero, KCCH, Master of Kadosh; Edward N. Shields; Jacob Brice; John Murphy; Edward H. Stuart; Ronald J. Phillips; James W. Bullard; Christopher Beck; Scott E. Airington; D. Forrest Wilson; Jeremy W. Calfy; Charles H. Gray
- ROW 7: Jack O. Freeman; Aaron M. Pearson; Britt T. Stewart; Joshua Ready; Joshua Peebles



### 50 Year Honors

A special luncheon was held during the Spring Reunion to recognize our newest 50 year members. They were present with their families to be honored by Ill Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, S.G.I.G. in Oklahoma. In attendance were seated: Roy Lindsey, Foy Sellers and Bobby Warfield. Standing: Jim Patterson, KCCH, Anibel Pratts, Joe Perks, Dale McWaters, KCCH and Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33° S.G.I.G.

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## RECOGNITION BANQUET

Friday, October 5, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple

## PRESENTERS

M..W.. C.W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr., Grand Master  
Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander



R. S. V. P. by September 20, 2018  
by calling (405) 282-1281  
Scottish Rite members are asked to wear caps  
Coat and tie suggested  
No gifts please

The banquet is being held in conjunction  
with the Fall Reunion of the  
Guthrie Scottish Rite  
Opening Ceremonies will be  
Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.