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Calendar

Mar 1,8,15,22,29 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Mar 5,12,19,26..... Monday 7:30 AM Coffee (L)
 March 10Hastings Spring Reunion (H)
 Mar 14-18..... Sesostris Shrine Circus
 Mar 17..... Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner (L)
 Mar 23-24Grand Commander's
Leadership Conference (St. Louis MO)
 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Monday 7:30 AM Coffee (L)
 April 5, 12, 19, 26... Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 April 20-21.....Lincoln Spring Reunion (L)
 April 19-21 Omaha Spring Reunion (O)
 April 28Sesostris Shrine Potentate's Ball (L)
 May 5.....Alliance Spring Reunion (A)
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursday Masonic Lunch(L)
 May 7, 14, 21, 28..... Monday 7:30 AM Coffee (L)
 May 12Sesostris Spring Ceremonial (L)
 May 29-June 1 Masonic All-Star Band Camp (L)
 June 9 (tentative).....Cornerstone laying
Re-enactment (O)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, last Friday of each month

Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 29, Jul 27, Aug 31

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month

Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month

Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month

Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20

Membership

Membership Planning

In order for the Scottish Rite to grow, we must assess where we have been, where we are, and where we want to go.

The Line Officers and the membership team need to set goals, including

- Masonic Relations to improve relationships with area Blue Lodges.
- Recruitment to increase the number of new members in your Valley each year for the next five years.
- Retention - reduce suspensions by 1% each year, until the number is below 1%.
- Restorations - reach out to suspended or demitted members, and invite them back so we can restore more members each year than in the prior year.

These goals can be accomplished with good communication, technology, mentoring, promotion, and Brother-to-Brother contacts.

Here are some questions regarding membership for your Valley to consider:

- Do you have a membership recognition program?
- Do you have a membership presentation for prospective candidates?
- Do you have an amnesty program to restore members?
- Do you have a Masonic Guest night or Friendship Program?
- Do you have meetings with appendant bodies to avoid schedule conflicts?
- Do you have a membership team, and is it active?

Remember, membership is the key to success and Membership is an attitude. When you wear your Masonic attitude in a positive, can-do spirit, you are selling Scottish Rite Masonry. Most important, don't wait for "the other guy" to be the membership committee. Be the membership committee yourself, and help us grow the Scottish Rite.

Robert Maline, 33°
 Orient Membership Chair

Around the Orient



Congratulations to the new Scottish Rite Masons, joining the Alliance Valley (November, 2011)

Front row: Les Evert, Roscoe Bills, Gene Gatti, **Justin VanPatten**, Frank Wooden, Brian Jerred, Don Loos, Jack Nichols, Bob Phillip, John Ferguson

Second row: Don Phillip, Gene Frizzell, Ron Jensen, Matthew Shoup, Chris Baas, Mal Minshall, Thomas Hauder, Dwight Smith, Joe McBride, Joel Zilmer

Third row: Dale Anderson, Bruce Baker, Micah Evans, Scott Phillip, Richard Reisig, Art Stricker, Dennis Rix, Walt Phillip, Brent VanPatten, James Henry Ferguson



Congratulations to the new Brothers joining the Valley of Omaha (November, 2011)

Top row, l. to r.: John T. Maxell 33°, Asst. Class Director; **Joseph B. Stom, Class President**; Larry D. Moody; **Charles B. Radil, Class Secretary**; Michael D. McCracken; Robert C. Seiler; Curtis M. Edic, 33°, General Secretary

Second row, l. to r.: **Christopher Davidson**; Don Larson; Roy N. Walton, **Class Orator**; **Allen D. Patton, Class Vice President**; L. Cecil Smith; John H. Watkins, **Class Treasurer**; Richard E. Gilmore, 32° KCCH, Asst. Class Director.

Bottom row, seated, l. to r.: Dean F. Skokan, 32° KCCH, General Director of Degrees; Gary W. Bunnell, 32° KCCH, Eminent Commander Council of Kadosh; Marvin Johnson, 33°; Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, SGIG in Nebraska; Gary Radil, 33°; Ralph V. Joos, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master, Omaha Consistory; Paul D. Rutherford, 33°, Class Director.

Registered Student Organization forming on campus of UNL

From December 2011 Masonic News



Lincoln Freemasons have been instrumental in the formation of a Registered Student Organization (RSO) on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln called "The Freemasons of UNL". As of today, a Letter of Intent has been filed and

accepted with the student government with 5 student signatures, all Freemasons, and the organization's faculty advisor, M.W.B. James F. Brown Jr., Professor of Accounting. We have two other UNL faculty lined up who will be secondary advisors to the organization. From the acceptance of the Letter of Intent, the organization has 90 days to file a constitution with the student government. Within 14 days after the constitution is received, a committee from the student government (ASUN) will decide whether the constitution is in good order and the group can meet as an official RSO. Assuming all goes well with the constitution, the Freemasons of UNL should be approved and meeting as an RSO early spring 2012.

It has been many years since there was a student organization comprised of Master Masons on UNL's campus. In fact, Acacia Fraternity, founded in 1904, was the last to have such a membership requirement and Acacia dropped its Masonic membership requirement in 1933. The Acacia Chapter on UNL's campus is the oldest existing Acacia Chapter, being the fourth Chapter founded. Recently, Nebraska Chapter has run into hard times, having to rent out the Fraternity's house due to low membership. In speaking with the national office, they are living once more in their house on Vine Street, but there are currently less than ten active members of Acacia in the house. Hopefully the RSO and Acacia can work together in some way to the benefit of both organizations. Attempts have been made to contact the Acacia Fraternity Chapter Advisor concerning the RSO but they have not yet responded to calls.

Membership in the RSO will not be limited to Freemasons. It will be open to any student who is interested in learning more about the Masons, their history, the appendant bodies, and, if so motivated, joining the larger Fraternity. Per UNL RSO guidelines, non-students may also be members, though only UNL student members have voting rights and are allowed to hold office. Currently, Freemasons of UNL intend to allow non-student members but require members to be dues paying members of an adult body, either Blue Lodge or Eastern Star. Quite a bit of thought has gone into developing the structure of the organization. Our founding members hold Masonic memberships in Lincoln, Weeping Water, and Las Vegas, NV.

The benefits of having a student group on campus are enormous! A RSO can sponsor events on campus and have a booth at Big Red Welcome. I've been a member of the Grand Lodge's Public Relations Committee and the Grand Chapter's Youth Committee when conversation turned to how we can engage Masonic Youth on college campuses across Nebraska. We seem to lose our Youth during the college years and relatively few of them go on to join our adult bodies. Hopefully the RSO will be a place Masonic Youth can congregate and help bridge the gap between the youth groups and adult organizations. We also hope UNL's RSO can serve as a template for the formation of others at UNO, UNK, Peru State, Wayne State, and Chadron State. Though, assuming RSO requirements are the same from campus to campus, the largest hurdle to overcome will be finding enough college students who are Master Masons to sign the Letter of Intent. My Blue Lodge is in the process of raising one attending Peru State, but that's only one.

If you are a college student or know of a college student who would like more information about "The Freemasons of UNL", contact myself or chapter advisor M.W.B. James F. Brown Jr.

Wade Kendle, 32°

All in the Family

Lincoln celebrates generations of Masons



Donald Rauch, 32° and his father Jerry Rauch, 33°



Charles (Chuck) Spohr, 32° KCCH and his grandson Matthew Spohr. Matthew's father, Michael Spohr, is also a member of Lincoln

2012 A Great Year to Support the Century Club

As I write this article it is a brand new year - the perfect time for getting centered and choosing new directions. Get 2012 off to an inspiring start by joining your brothers in the Century Club. The men listed below are those that as of December 31, 2011, have pledged to make a minimum annual tax-deductible gift of \$100 to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation Century Club.

Micheal Birnstihl
Kenneth Beebe
James F. Brown, Jr.
Marlo Burg
Jimmie Delp
Micah Evans
Donald Gray
Michael Gray
Michael Lagueux
James Leslie
Dale Lueders

Jack Lorenzen
George McCabe
Homer Puderbaugh
Rodney Poskochil
Warder Shires
Charles Sederstrom
Donald Stephens
J. L. Spray
Herschel Talley
Warren Weber
Bruce Wood



This Century Club pin will be presented to donors supporting the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation.

As Freemasons, we have always been benevolent and charitable. For nearly twenty years, the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation has supported educational programs for children in Lincoln, including the annual teacher's award and scholarships.

Through our Foundation,

Scottish Rite Masons have supported hundreds of children with speech and language disorders through the UNL Barkley Memorial Center's RiteCare Clinic, providing diagnosis and treatment without regard to a family's ability to pay. I hope you are as proud as I am over our long record of philanthropy in our community.

I encourage each of you to join the above mentioned brothers in supporting our Valley as a member of the Century Club. Your support will make a significant difference in our ability to continue serving our community and our RiteCare kids.

*Bruce Wood, 33°
General Secretary*

We Need Your E-mails!

If you are not receiving periodic e-mails from the General Secretary, please e-mail the Secretary at scottishrite@windstream.net. We will add your e-mail to the database, and you will receive periodic updates about upcoming events activities in the Valley. Please help us keep our records up to date and send us your e-mail address, changed phone numbers, and other contact information.

Lincoln Welcomes New Speech Pathologist



Amber Jara, Speech Pathologist at the Barkley Center in Lincoln, NE

My name is Amber Jara and I am excited to begin working as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the RiteCare clinic in Lincoln, Nebraska. I wanted to share with everyone a little about myself as I am beginning this wonderful relationship with Scottish Rite. I joined the military at age 17 and was a member of the National Guard for eight years. I learned a lot about myself during this time developing a strong moral and ethical foundation. I received my bachelors degree at the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln and my master degree at Wichita State University. Let me add I am very excited to be back in Nebraska!

I have spent the last year and a half working with adults and children in Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont and York. Ever since I was young, I have imagined myself working with children. I could not be happier knowing I will now be spending my entire day with preschoolers! I am passionate about making sure that each and every child has the ability to communicate effectively and believe early intervention is key. I am eager to begin working with the kids and their families; providing them with the tools and encouragement needed on their journey to success! I want to say thank you to the Scottish Rite Foundation for allowing me the opportunity to provide speech and language services for those in and around the Lincoln community.

Think Membership for Spring & Fall Reunions

The new year has just begun, but it is already time to start thinking about our Reunions! The Spring Reunion will take place April 20 & 21.

The Fall Reunion will take place October 12 & 13. Please mark these in your calendars, planners, Outlook, smart phone, post it note or whatever you use to save the dates.

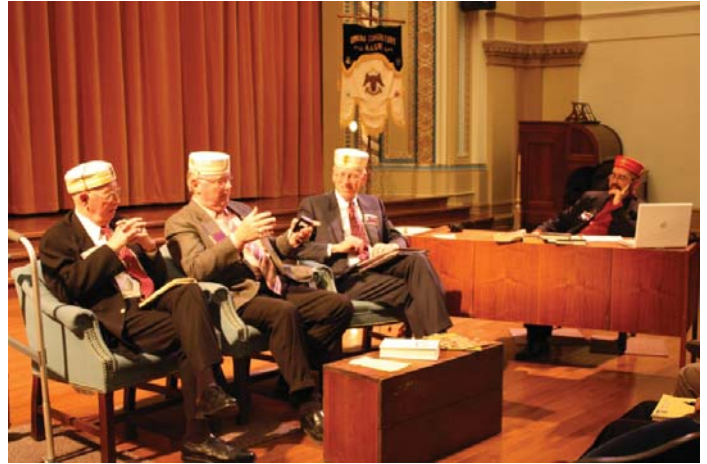
Exact schedules will be available closer to the Reunion. It is definitely not too early to start recruiting new members. Any proficient Master Mason is eligible to join the Scottish Rite. A petition is available for download at www.scottishritelincoln.org/membership

We look forward to you attendance and participation

David Bloomquist, 32° KCCH



This past winter, Scottish Rite wives met to inaugurate a new annual program, assembling numerous care packages for troops serving overseas.



Charlie Amidon, 33°, Ben Harvey, 33°, Larry Jacobsen, 33°, and Chris Carter, 32° KCCH

At the Valley of Omaha business meeting in November, members focused excerpts from, and discussions about, the 14° ("Grand Elect, Perfect & Sublime Mason") for our Internal Ethics program. Paul Rutherford, Charlie Amidon, Ben Harvey, and Larry Jacobsen spoke about how the Scottish Rite motto, "to do that which it is right to do", comes directly from this degree.

The "talk-show" portion of the event engaged the audience (Masons & non-Masons) in a discourse about ethics; over 80 people were in attendance and many engaged in a lively and informative conversation about the nature of ethics.

As Albert Pike states in *Morals & Dogma*, "Masonry labors to improve the social order by enlightening men's minds, warming their hearts with love of the good, inspiring them with the great principle of human fraternity, and requiring ... that their language and actions shall ... enlighten each other, control their passions, abhor vice and pity the vicious man as one afflicted with a deplorable malady."

Chris Carter, 32° KCCH
Ethics Committee



In December, the Omaha Scottish Rite welcomed singer Jill Anderson for the annual Chili dinner. Jill performed a selection of holiday favorites, followed by a chili dinner, and a gag gift exchange among the members.

The Omaha Spring Reunion will be on Thursday, April 19, Friday, April 20, and Saturday April 21. Please help bring new members to the Reunion and plan to join us for great ritual work, fraternity, and fun!

We Need Your E-mails!

Of about 1,400 members in the Omaha Valley, we have 374 valid addresses for members. If you are not receiving periodic e-mails from Curt Edic, General Secretary or Micah Evans, please e-mail Micah Evans at micah@SRNE.org. We will add your e-mail to the database, and you will receive periodic updates about upcoming events activities in the Valley.



Please help us keep our records up to date and send us your e-mail address, changed phone numbers, addresses, and other contact information.

“On being a Man; On being a Scottish Rite Mason “

Let's face it. It's not easy being a man! On TV, men used to be portrayed as “Father Know's Best,” and today we're seen as Homer Simpson. Part of it, I believe, is that we aren't really trained at an early age to deal with the emotional, physical and spiritual changes that happen to us as we travel from youth to middle age to our most seasoned age. But I have to tell you that it's easier to learn how to cope with the inevitable changes that come as your mind, emotions and spirit grow and change...when you are a Mason.

As a Mason we are accepted into a group where we can find another man, husband, father, grandfather that's been through, or is going through, the same stage of life that we are going through at the time. Masonic philosophy and heritage aside ... it's just nice to have somewhere to go where you can find solace and comfort with a friend ... or to go somewhere where you can develop a friendship for that purpose. When you need support from someone that understands your troubles and that knows what you really need to hear ... you only have as far to go as your local Scottish Rite. Being a Mason doesn't mean we're better men than non-Masons; it's just that your Fraternity can provide you with the opportunity to be better equipped to handle life through friendship instead of doing it alone; you have a place to go. Come to Scottish Rite and you'll find friendship.

Why is this important? After-all, “we're men, dammit!” Who needs friends? As you know, “life happens” as it unfolds, there's no fighting fate, you will change. There are lots of books available to help us men cope with it (“The Seasons of a Man's Life” by Daniel Levinson, “Understanding Men's Passages” by Gail Sheehy, et al). Fortunately, for a Mason, it turns out that the best reference book for us to use to help us cope can be found within the cover of your own Scottish Rite. Each man there represents a page within a book about life and change; you have everything from the ancient library of Alexandria to the Internet available to you; old and young. We all spend our journey from life to death thinking about things we have done, or should do, until, as the years pile on, we sometimes find that we have a lot more “should” piling up than we realized. Perhaps we find that we should spend more time with our families, or more time on our career, or more time on whatever is making us feel “out of balance.” Your Scottish Rite isn't a place to feel “out of place”; it's a refuge that if you take the time to develop will give you a place to go where you know the troubles are all the same and everyone knows your name. It's a terrestrial house made with stones called friends and held together with the cement of friendship.

When you choose to become engaged in fostering true friendships with the men in the Scottish Rite, you are choosing to be in an adult Fraternity. You may not feel an immediate connection when you walk through the doors ... but that's because all quality relationships require time. It's not easy to find men you connect with, to develop some of them into meaningful friendships and to become a better man yourself as a result. It's at the core of our philosophy and it's not just about a spiritual journey; it's also about an emotional/maturing journey as well. The Scottish Rite is where a man finds a diverse group of men with diverse ideas, diverse personalities, diverse demographics and diverse diversions (ie golfing, clowning, wining, dining, scotch tasting, fundraising, laughing, etc).

So, I challenge all men and Masons to look at their Scottish Rite a little differently than they may have in the past. I challenge you to view your Scottish Rite as the patrons of the television show *Cheers* viewed their home:

*“Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got
Taking a break from all your worries sure would help a lot.
Wouldn't you like to get away?
Sometimes you want to go
Where everybody knows your name,
And they're always glad you came. . . “*

Like *Cheers*, your Scottish Rite is a place you will find a man to talk to who's gone through the same thing you are going through; you won't find this guy right away, but you will if you are patient. Maybe you'll just find an attentive ear; maybe you'll just find a place where, for a time, your troubles simply don't matter. But, just like “you'll always miss 100% of the shots you don't take”; you'll also never find 100% of the friends you never attempt to meet. Don't cheat yourself of an opportunity that you know you need.

So what's my point?

If life has thrown you a storm, you will find an attentive ear somewhere in Masonry. If life hasn't thrown you a storm, come to Scottish Rite and seek out the man who is going through a storm ... they/he are looking for you and needs your help. Or ... perhaps it's just as simple as ... wanting to go somewhere where everybody knows your name.

At the end of your days ... when the working tools fall from your lifeless hand ... ultimately ... that's what you'll carry with you “on being a Mason”. You'll remember the friendships, relationships and people you helped; you'll remember how good it felt to be in a fraternity of friends. “On being a man,” we are taught at an early age that a man sacrifices, suffers privately, and should be alone with his feelings. “On being a Scottish Rite Mason,” however, we learn that we have a refuge.

Chris M. Carter, 32° KCCH

Development - A Year in Review

It is early January as I write this column, and I am looking back at the past year. I work for the four Valleys, supporting our fundraising initiatives, and that means I inevitably work for you, the approximately 3,000 Scottish Rite Masons of the Orient of Nebraska. So it's only fair to report to you how I've spent this past year.

I have been very fortunate to have met numerous dedicated Scottish Rite brothers in Hastings, Alliance, Lincoln, and Omaha who have freely given their time, talent, and treasure to our Craft, and I will tell any Brother who may think otherwise that Freemasonry - particularly Scottish Rite Masonry - is alive and well in this Orient.

As you've read, RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics are the primary charity of Scottish Rite Masons. In September, I sent an appeal to the membership to support RiteCare through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska. Almost 100 Brothers have answered the call, and we've raised \$9,400 through the state foundation in support of our clinics. I am also very proud to report that as of January, thanks to the hard work of Les Seiler, Chuck Sederstrom, Chuck Hastings, Curt Edic and others, the RiteCare Clinic will be running at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. At UNK, our telemedicine technologies allow us to serve Nebraska's children however far they may live from a RiteCare Clinic. This represents a significant investment of our resources, and more important, significant faith in the services we have offered to children for nearly 40 years.

My goal in 2012 is to find new grant opportunities to support RiteCare both through the Nebraska Foundation and through our local Valley's.

In November, an appeal letter was sent to the brothers of Alliance, Hastings, and Lincoln. Lincoln has inaugurated a Century Club, and members are asked to pledge \$100/year to the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation. As of January, \$3,500 has been raised with more members joining each month. Members will be recognized throughout the year and receive a beautiful Century Club pin. By making a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, members are supporting RiteCare, the Teacher of the Year, and other philanthropic initiatives of the Lincoln Valley.



I wrote about Ben Kendle in the September letter, and Ben has made considerable progress in his speech and language skills . . . thanks to the Scottish Rite's RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics!

The Omaha Valley has recorded a year of growth, with increased support for the annual Golf Outing and Benefit. Special thanks is due to the committee, chaired by



Paul Laikko and Marsha Sullivan, RiteCare Speech Pathologists and 2011 and 2010 Friend of Scottish Rite award recipients

Pete Larson, 32° KCCH, who met to plan the outing. In September, the 3rd annual WalkRite for RiteCare was hosted at Lake Zorinsky, grossing \$13,000 for the Omaha Foundation, a significant increase over 2010. Numerous RiteCare families generously supported family teams in support of the Clinics, and enjoyed a beautiful morning and lunch prepared by the Culinary Masters. In October, the Scottish Rite hosted the Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction, chaired by Congressman Lee Terry and his wife Robyn.



In the past year, I have been fortunate to spend time to visit all 4 Valleys for their Reunions, and my Brothers, the spirit of Scottish Rite Masonry is very much alive and well in this state. We should be proud to call ourselves Scottish Rite Masons.

But there is more work to do. I ask you to continue to think about how you can support the great and good work we do everyday in our Valleys and around the state. We give over \$700,000 per year to RiteCare, and untold thousands of dollars toward local charities, awards, scholarships, and philanthropies like the Masonic Home, the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, the CHIP program, the Masonic Youth Foundation, and so much more.

Please consider an annual gift to your local Valley's Foundation, and please consider your local Scottish Rite Foundation in your estate planning. You are helping thousands of children today while building a strong foundation for the continued growth of our philanthropies and our fraternities. I am proud of what we do, and I am proud of the more than 3,000 men I call "Brother."

Micah I. Evans, 32° KCCH
Development Director, Orient of Nebraska

To Hear - To Speak - To Understand

These are the basic steps of speech and language development in a young mind. Listen to a 2 year old. She may hear you say "cat" or "yellow" or "ball" and she tries to repeat it. As her brain develops, she masters the ability to make the right sounds for words, and to string these words together for sentences.



Yet, there are otherwise healthy children who are shut off from communication. These children's hearing, speech, language, and learning

problems may arise from a variety of different causes. Research continues on the causes of poor speech and language development. Because there is a wide range for children to begin talking, parents may not at first recognize communication disorders. As they wait for their child to utter his first words, they may gradually become concerned that something is amiss.

Speech and language disorders affect as many as 6 million children in the United States. However, many of these childhood problems do not mean that a child has a mental deficiency or emotional disorder. Often, these children are of at least average, if not superior intelligence. What they lack is the ability to exercise this intelligence through normal speech and language channels. Today, at RiteCare clinics in Hastings, the Barkley Center in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and at the Munroe-Meyer Institute in Omaha many children with communication disorders can be helped to hear, to speak, to understand.

If you suspect that your child, grandchild, or even the children of your friends, co-workers, or neighbors has a speech or language disorder, simply call your nearest RiteCare clinic for a speech and language assessment. The trained speech pathologist can diagnose and assess the child, and make a recommendation for the best program for advanced treatment. You've heard a great deal about RiteCare over the past months for two reasons. First, as everyone realizes, the economy is still shaky. But more important, Scottish Rite Masons have been committed to supporting RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics 100%, without regard to the economy. In fact, we are launching RiteCare services at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2012, which include telemedicine technologies. These services allow speech pathologists to serve any child in Nebraska, regardless of how far he or she may live from the RiteCare clinics.

In addition to new services, the numbers of children needing speech and language services have consistently grown over the last few years. In 2007, speech pathologists saw about 300 children in the 3 clinics. In 2011, an estimated 1,000 children will have been seen by RiteCare professionals, more than a threefold jump! This is due to greater awareness on the part of parents and pediatricians about speech and language disorders, and earlier diagnosis and therapy. The fact that Scottish Rite Masons have provided the resources for every one of these children to have received therapy, without regard for their families ability to pay is something about which we should be extremely proud!



101 Club pin received by donors who contributed \$101 to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska, representing the cost of 1 therapy session for a child.

I hope you will continue to support RiteCare through the 101 Club appeal, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska, or through donations to your Valley. On behalf of the 1,000 children we've served this past year, thank you for your philanthropic donations, thank you for your membership in our fraternity, and thank you for your continued faith in our mission.

*Micah I. Evans, 32° KCCH
Orient Development Director*

Be the Editor!



A number of Brothers have asked why the Scottish Rite news has changed formats, appearing as an insert to Nebraska Scottish Rite Masons in the *Scottish Rite Journal* every other month. Certainly, it is an opportunity to save significant costs of printing and mailing newsletters, but more importantly, it is an opportunity to reach the mem-

bership on a more frequent basis with news about what's going on in your Valley.

This is your newsletter, my Brother, and we welcome your ideas, submissions, articles and stories. The Journal appears every other month: Jan, March, May, July, September, and November and your submissions are due at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the month. You can e-mail them to the General Secretary or to Micah Evans, Orient Development Director, at Micah@SRNE.org. If you need help writing a story, or even if you have an idea, call me at (402) 342-1300.