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## Calendar

Apr 30, May 1, May 2 ..... Omaha Spring Reunion (O)  
 May 6, 13, 20, 27 ..... Weds Masonic Lunch (H)  
 May 7, 14, 21, 28 ..... Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)  
 May 16.....Scottish Rite Breakfast (L)  
 May 16..... Celebrating the Craft (A, H, L, O)  
 May 20.....Spring Outing (O)  
 June 3, 10, 17, 24 ..... Weds Masonic Lunch (H)  
 June 4, 11, 18, 25 ..... Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)  
 June 6..... NE Shrine Bowl (Kearney)  
 June 6..... WalkRite for RiteCare (O)  
 June 26..... RiteCare Classic Golf Outing (O)  
 July 3-9 ..... Shrine Imperial Session (Houston, TX)  
 July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ..... Weds Masonic Lunch (H)  
 July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ..... Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)  
 Aug 5, 12, 19, 26..... Weds Masonic Lunch (H)  
 Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 ..... Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)  
 August 7-9..... Kool Aid Days (H)  
 August 17 ..... Scottish Rite Family Picnic (O)  
 August 22-25 ..... Supreme Council Biennial Session  
    Washington, D.C.  
 Sept 19..... WalkRite for RiteCare (H)

### Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month  
 May 29 (June-July Dark)

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month  
 May 5, June 2, July 7  
 (see page 3 for meeting locations)

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month  
 May 20 (June-August Dark)

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month  
 May 18, June 22, July 20, Aug 17

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## Membership

# HE SAID *THIS* IN LODGE, AND THE MASTER'S RESPONSE WAS *PRICELESS!* BUT YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT THE SENIOR WARDEN DID

**D**oes this get your attention? If you have been online anytime in the last 5 years, you've probably seen "click-bait" headlines like this, with shocking headlines designed to get you to click on the article and generate advertising revenue for the website. These headlines exploit the curiosity of the reader, and they have to click the headline to learn more.

Think of a Masonic event as "clickbait."

The prospective member comes to an event, and sees Masonry at it's best: the best china is laid out, the catered meal, a speaker or entertainment at the Lodge dinner, brotherhood and friendship on display, a great speech, followed by a generous check presented to a local philanthropy. The prospective brother can't help but be impressed and curious about this extraordinary fraternity, and he wants to know more. He submits his petition eagerly!

Three months later, he is raised a Master Mason. . . and having "clicked on the link," he finds a business meeting reading the phone bill and a half-hour discussion about the phone bill, followed by an argument over \$27.12 reimbursed to Brother Jones for a bucket of paint.

And then we wonder why these guys don't come back!

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**C**amp Clarke Lodge #285 in Bridgeport, NE is now having a monthly lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, and members gather to discuss different aspects of Masonry at lunch as a type of combined fellowship and education.

Lodge members decided they should start with the Blue Lodge and combine with the Scottish Rite information so as not to exclude those who are not Scottish Rite brethren. Perhaps through this we will start to get the brothers back into the activity of the Valley. Slow now, but it is meaningful for those of us attending!

**J**ock Faris reports that **Alliance Lodge #183** is having a busy month. Several brothers have attended the proficiency class in Sidney. The Lodge initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in March, and hosting a ChIP program as well.

**S**cotts Bluff Lodge #201 was given notice from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that their request to have Mitchell Lodge #263 consolidate into Scotts Bluff #201 has been approved. Previously, both lodges recognized that opening lodge, conducting business, and making a difference in the community had been difficult with the declining numbers of members attending regular meetings. It was quickly and with much enthusiasm decided that these two storied lodges in the Nebraska Panhandle could achieve so much more together as one lodge than they could as two separate lodges, and votes taken from both lodges to consolidate were unanimous.

With a renewed excitement and enough active members to even fill the sidelines, Scotts Bluff Lodge #201 can now plan to

raise new members, focus on proficiency, and make a difference in our community. W. M. Devin Charles is most excited, as he tells the story: "My mother's family was from this area, and growing up I did not hear all the stories of our family's involvement. Once I moved my family here, I learned more of my family history. It turns out that our family was very involved in both the Scotts Bluff Lodge and the Mitchell Lodge. I have past family members who were previous Masters of the Mitchell Lodge, and two of my aunts were involved in Job's Daughters in the Scotts Bluff Lodge. And now, it comes during my tenure as W. M. of Scotts Bluff Lodge #201 to unite both lodges together, become a stronger presence for our craft and provide better opportunities to become a partner within our community."

**R**obert W. Furnas Lodge #265 recently raised two Brothers to Master Mason (our first in two years) and has several candidates to raise this Spring. W.B. Dennis Dubry will head up 2 CHIP programs - March 21<sup>st</sup> in Alliance with Alliance #183 and on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Scottsbluff. The Lodge is also selling burgers and brats at the Annual Oregon Trail Days Food Fair in Gering on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



*Alliance Lodge #183 in Alliance meets on the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.*



*Camp Clark Lodge #285 in Bridgeport meets 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.*



*Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265 in Scottsbluff meets on the 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m.*



*Scotts Bluff Lodge #201 in Gering meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.*

## Membership, continued

On a website, a click does not necessarily lead to a meaningful engagement. The new measurement is time engaged on a website.

Every prospective member is a "click" - whatever the reason: idle curiosity or a genuine interest about Masonry, social involvement, love of the historical or esoteric symbolism - but until he is meaningfully engaged, he is at risk of turning his attention elsewhere.

So how do we create meaningful engagement? Like a website, the content must be useful. If we subject a brother to the reading of the minutes and the bills, followed by stale cookies and coffee, why would he come back? We need to engage the new brother by finding out what he wants to do or by offering him options of ways to get involved.

The website industry talks about creating a positive user experience. Masonry can learn from this as well by evaluating the Lodge experience from the perspective of a new member. Did someone greet him by name when he came in the door? Are the officers sitting together or sitting amongst the membership, talking to everyone? Is there a process to orient a new brother to the traditions of the Lodge and to Masonry so he doesn't have to figure it out himself? Is someone helping him learn degree work if that is his interest?

The true challenge is continually involving Brethren - new and old - or risk losing their interest to the next thing that grabs their attention. Just like the internet, getting a member's interest is the easiest part. Retaining that interest and creating a long-term relationship leading to repeat visits . . . that's the challenge!

## 2015 Meeting Schedule

In an effort to involve brethren from around the Central Nebraska Valley, Scottish Rite meetings will be held in different locations in 2015. Please check with the Scottish Rite office for times/locations.

May 5 . . . . . Hastings Masonic Center

6:30 p.m. Master Craftsman Study Group

7:30 Lodge meeting

June 2 . . . . . North Platte

6:30 dinner at local restaurant TBD

July 7 . . . . . Hastings Masonic Center

6:30 p.m. Master Craftsman Study Group

7:30 Lodge meeting

August 4 . . . . . Burwell

6:30 dinner at local restaurant TBD



Hastings Lodge #50 hosted a Master Masons' degree dressed in Colonial-era costumes. From left to right: Bob Scott, Senior Deacon, M.W. John T. Maxell, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, Hastings Lodge #50's newest Master Mason Joe Whitely, and George White, Worshipful Master.

## SAVE THE DATE



A family-friendly fun walk for the Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation, benefitting the Hastings RiteCare Clinic

**September 19, 2015**

(rain or shine)

- Open to the entire community
- Choose your own distance to walk
- Lunch provided by Scottish Rite
- \$25 registration fee, with t-shirts for all registrants
- Donations are tax-deductible

## MASTER CRAFTSMEN

The Central Nebraska Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection met in Hastings on March 2nd, beginning with the Master Craftsman program. Once again, we had a great discussion about Scottish Rite history and philosophy.

We began the business meeting at 7:30 with George White, 33° installing Jeff Herber, 32° KCCH as Wise Master and Larry Wood, 32° as Senior Warden for the Chapter of Rose Croix. Thank you for your service as Scottish Rite line officers this year!

We have a busy year planned, and I am excited for 2015. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are meeting in North Platte at a local restaurant, in an effort to strengthen local clubs. I am also excited about Celebrating the Craft, which both supports the Central Nebraska Scottish Rite and supports the renovations at the historic Scottish Rite House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. We are looking into the potential of a wine tasting this May.

Jim Horsham, 32° is chairing the 2015 WalkRite for RiteCare, which will be on Saturday, September 19th. Please come



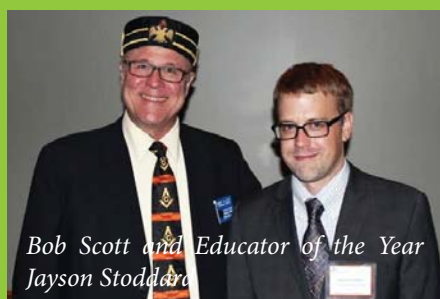
*Don Rasmussen, 33°, Almoner, George White, 33°, Personal Representative to the SGIG, Larry Wood, 32°, Senior Warden for the Chapter of Rose Croix, Jeff Herber, 32° KCCH, Wise Master of Rose Croix, and Bob Scott, 32°, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection*

out and help support our Hastings RiteCare Clinic!

Great things are happening in our Valley, and I am honored to be part of it. If you can't make it to Hastings each month, e-mail either Phil Odom or myself about starting a Scottish Rite club in your town, and we'll work with you to get it going!

*Bob Scott, 32°*

*Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection  
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*Bob Scott and Educator of the Year Jayson Stoddard*

Venerable Master Robert Scott had the privilege of presenting the Educator of the Year award to Jayson Stoddard, 7th grade science teacher at Hastings Middle School. The award also includes \$1,000 from the Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation.

Mr. Stoddard has been with the Hastings Public Schools for 12 years, and was instrumental in the creation of the Middle School Garden and continues to lead innovative programming. He

also created and coordinates the Men's Club, a program that mentors and guides young men at HMS in an environment not possible in the classroom.

The parents nominating Mr. Stoddard write, "I appreciate the way Mr. Stoddard challenges his students to excel in life. . . Mr. Stoddard has the ability to take science curriculum and use it to teach his students about real life issues and inspire them to use their knowledge to make the world a better place."

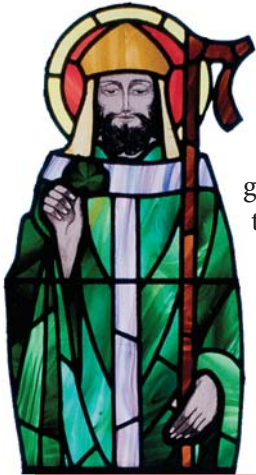
Jayson Stoddard is married to the granddaughter of M.W. Don Rasmussen. The Educator of the Year award has been presented by Central Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons, thanks to donations to the Valley of Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation.



# Got Green?

## Valley of Lincoln

Scottish Rite's annual Corned Beef and Cabbage feed a great success!



According to legend, Corned Beef first turns up in the Vision of MacCon-glinne, a 12th-century poem which describes Irish food as it was eaten at the time. The poet tell us that Corned Beef is a delicacy given to a king, in

an attempt to "conjure the demon of gluttony" out of his belly.

Whether true or not, Lincoln Masons ate like a king at the annual Corned Beef and Cabbage feed on St. Patrick's Day. 250 tickets were sold, and food was served beginning at 11 am through 7 pm. Sharon Moeller prepared fresh corned beef while Sandy Shires cooked cabbage, potatoes, and carrots. The Line officers shared the duties of serving, cleaning dishes, taking tickets, and

manning the drive-thru station outside the Scottish Rite.

"It's all made fresh, and we get a lot of compliments each year," said Merv Moeller, 32° KCCH. "People come from all over Lincoln, and they really look forward to Corned Beef and Cabbage here!"



Top: Rich Bales, Jr., 32° KCCH and Sharon Moeller in the kitchen. Bottom: Eric Bachenberg, 32° and Merv Moeller, 32° KCCH taking tickets.

### SCOTTISH RITE AND SESOSTRIS SHRINE'S

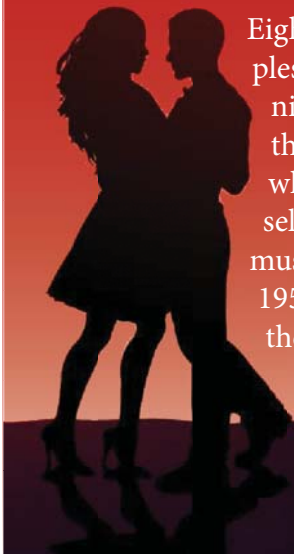
## Valentine's Day DINNER & DANCE

The Valley of Lincoln Scottish Rite hosted sweethearts old and new at the annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance with Sesostris Shrine on February 14th.

Chances 'R catered the dinner, serving Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, fresh vegetables and peach crisp.



Eighty-six couples danced the night away to the FabTones, who played a selection of music from the 1950s through the 1980s.



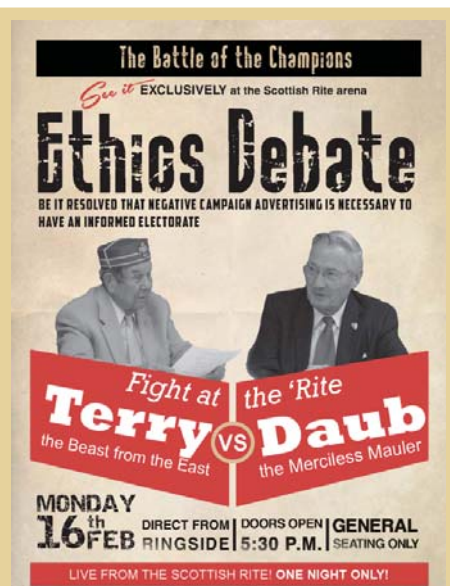
Photos: (Top) Barbara and Don Gray, 32°; (Middle) Cindy Arnold, Keith Houfek, 32°, Bette Cummins, Bill Cummins, 32° KCCH; (Bottom) the FabTones play a variety of great music as guests danced the night away.

On Thursday, May 28, the Lincoln Community Foundation will be sponsoring *Give to Lincoln Day*. During this day of online giving, we can raise thousands of dollars to support the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation. Every donation received on *Give to Lincoln Day* will increase, thanks to a challenge match of \$300,000. Gifts received on May 28<sup>th</sup> will be matched based on dollars received by participating non-profits.

This is about providing for the things that make Lincoln great, like our RiteC-care Clinic. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Please visit <http://www.razoo.com/story/Scottishritelincoln> to make an online donation on May 28th!



## Ladies Night at The 'Rite



### The Fight at the 'Rite: Ethics Debates

One of the goals of the Scottish Rite for has been to be known as an organization known for Ethical discussion and thought. To carry out that mission, the Ethics Committee has held Ethics on Trial for two years as an external program. Internally, Chris Carter, 32° KCCH and Lee Terry, 32° KCCH have worked on the Ethics debates before several Lodge of Perfection dinners. Past presentations have included debate regarding capital punishment and raising the minimum wage. But the best debates have been between Lee Terry and Hal Daub, 33°.

Always spirited, but never mean-spirited, Lee and Hal give us plenty of fireworks as they draw on their extraordinary knowledge of Nebraska politics and politicians to debate an issue. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Hal and Lee debated whether negative campaign advertising is necessary to have an informed electorate. The consensus of the 35 members and guests present was that Hal continued as the undefeated champion of these debates. If you have missed the debates, you are missing quite a show with men of extraordinary political knowledge. And a great fight, too!

Love seems to be in the air at the Scottish Rite. The February Scottish Rite Lodge dinner - Ladies Night - has become a long-standing annual tradition, as Scottish Rite Masons honor the loved ones in our lives.

After the Ethics debate with Lee Terry, Sr., 32° KCCH and Hal Daub, 33°, members sat down to a fantastic dinner of chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh vegetables, and a lobster salad prepared by the Culinary Masters.

Omaha's velvet voiced crooner Michael Walker serenaded guests with tunes taking us back to a time when the Rat Pack ruled Las Vegas and crooning was cool. For several years, Michael has joined us for Ladies Night, and his popularity is no less diminished. Scottish Rite couples

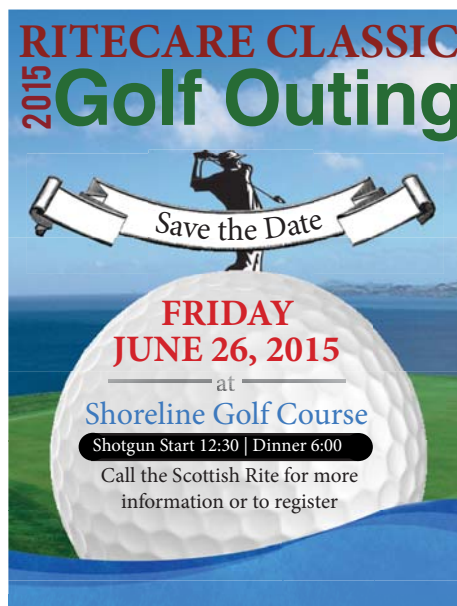
danced the night away as Michael worked the crowd, singing to our ladies. In addition, Scottish Rite ladies were presented with chocolates from the brethren. Mark your calendars now for Ladies Night next year, again on February 16, 2016!



Michael Walker



Lisa and Doug Lewis, 32° and Michael Walker | Dick Chilton and Rosemary Thomas



**7th annual WalkRite for RiteCare**

**Saturday, June 6**

Zorinsky Lake Picnic Pavilion #5  
(156th and F Streets)

Registration begins at 9:30  
Walk beginning at 10:30  
Lunch follows

<http://walkrite.kintera.org/walkrite2015>



# Celebrating Brotherhood: 25 years of Joint Recognition with the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska



*Top: M.W. Norman C. Hall and M.W. Charlie Amidon reflect on how the joint recognition resolution came about. Below: Our emcees for the evening were M.W. Johnny Cummings and M.W. Phil Lorenzen*

**O**n February 3, 1990, delegates at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska considered a resolution to extend full recognition to the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The vote was almost unanimously approved. On the same day, the same resolution was unanimously approved by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge under the leadership of M.W. Grand Master Norman Hall. Nebraska Masons, A.F. & A.M. and F. & A.M. extended the “fraternal hand of fellowship” to one another, the beginning of “never ending and always expanding respect for the principles and tenets of our fraternity.”

On March 14, 2015, twenty-five years later, over 150 Nebraska Masons celebrated this historic event with a banquet commemorating a quarter century of friendship and fraternal relations. Presided by M.W. John Maxell and M.W. Tommy Blan, Jr, Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges, and emceed by

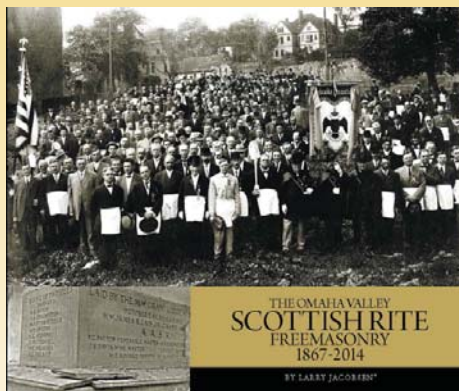
M.W. Johnny Cummings and M.W. Phil Lorenzen. During the evening, M.W. Norman Hall and M.W. Charlie Amidon reminisced about the work to make recognition happen, and the events both Grand Lodges have done together in common. Perhaps the only event of its kind, both Grand Lodges joined together to dedicate a cornerstone at the Omaha Home for Boys.

In a poignant moment, M.W. John Maxell reminded guests that while he might not be present for the fiftieth anniversary of joint recognition, it is incumbent on the young men in attendance to hear the story of how brothers did “that which it is right to do” 25 years ago, and continue the positive relationship between the Grand Lodges.



*Top: R.W. Freddie Clopton, Grand Junior Warden of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska presents an apron from African Lodge #459, where Prince Hall received a charter from the United Grand Lodge of England on September 29, 1784. Bottom: M.W. John Maxell presents a plaque to M.W. Tommy Blan, Jr. celebrating 25 years of recognition.*

## the Valley of Omaha CENTENNIAL HISTORY 1867-2014



**A**fter two years’ research and writing, Larry Jacobsen, 33° has finished a history of the Valley of Omaha Scottish Rite. Drawn from first hand accounts of Nebraska Scottish Rite Masonry’s earliest days, original records and minutes, primary records and sources, and numerous photographs, Larry recounts a history of the Masonic body that almost didn’t survive beyond the 1870s, yet by the 1920s, major events hosted hundreds

of Scottish Rite Masons and the membership swelled into the thousands!

Call the Omaha Scottish Rite office at (402) 342-1300 to order, or drop by for your copy. The book is \$40 and shipping is \$8, if you would like it mailed. When this limited edition run is out. . . this book is history!

# Nebraska RiteCare . . . *making a difference*

## Justin's Story

by Kim Bainbridge  
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RiteCare Mom

My son Justin was born with Down Syndrome. When Justin was six weeks old, my husband and I went to the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute for the first time. We were young and scared, and by this time I was completely frazzled both emotionally and physically. We saw Dr. Bruce Buehler, the director of MMI at that time.

Dr. Buehler went on to explain that we had to have high expectations for Justin in everything in his life, especially behavior. Justin's behavior as a child and an adult would determine his acceptance into society.

We started the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Program at MMI about two and a half years later, receiving additional speech

therapy for Justin, supplementing the speech therapy he was receiving through the school system. I still have the letter from April 10, 1992.

I can remember that my double stroller and I were great friends, as not only did I have Justin, but also his younger sister and older brother that also came along for Justin's sessions, too! It was a lot of work and exhausting to this young mother of three children under 5 years of age to come to the program – but totally worth it!

Justin came back to the Rite Care program in 2011 and 2013-2014 to work with Beth Hughes on his reading and the ability to sound out words.

Now at age 22, Beth believed he could learn to sound out words and improve his reading and writing. What did Justin learn in those three years with Beth?

- He can read the recipes that he uses to prepare meals in his apartment.
- Instead of just looking at sports scores in the paper, he also reads the first couple of sentences and calls me to tell me if his beloved Huskers won (any Huskers sport – men or women's)
- He sends text messages to me, his sister and anyone else he wants to contact. Some of his text messages include:
  - “love you mom baby” – when I sent him a picture of his nephew baby Max.
  - “what time Saturday” – what time will I pick him up from his apartment.
  - “I here work” – to let me know what he has arrived at work when he rides the bus.

I was told by two school speech therapists and our pediatrician that Justin, who was then 5 years old, would never talk and never be understood by anyone other than his immediate family.

With RiteCare, I have only received positive encouragement

from his speech therapists. Today, Justin lives on his own in an apartment, works two jobs, takes continuing education classes, volunteers at the Omaha Food Bank and our church, and has an active social life. Thanks Rite Care for believing that Justin can learn to speak and to read and write!



Top: Kim and Justin at WalkRite for RiteCare in 2013. At right: Kim, Justin, and sister Kristin, who has worked at MMI's Camp Munroe since 2010. She is now at the University of Washington in Seattle getting her Master's degree in speech language pathology. Justin's life influenced her career choice, Kim says.

When Justin attended school it was believed that he would only be able to learn site words. For 21 years, he was never given the opportunity to learn how to sound out words.



Please join Scottish Rite Masons in Nebraska who help young men like **Justin Bainbridge** by supporting RiteCare Clinics' evaluations, therapy, and education. In July, we are sending all Scottish Rite Masons in Nebraska the 101-Club Appeal letter, asking for \$101 which represents one session of therapy. Your donation provides RiteCare services to young men like Justin, and first-time 101-Club donors receive a lapel pin to show your support for RiteCare services throughout Nebraska.



## Legacy Society Spotlight: *Midwestern Brethren Making A Difference*

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The Supreme Council's Development Office works primarily to raise awareness and funding for two foundations: the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc., which raises money for childhood language clinics, higher education scholarships and natural disaster relief; and the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc., a campaign to renovate and restore the national headquarters for the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., USA.

Working every day at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., it becomes second nature to bring attention to the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the exciting future renovations for our national headquarters. Though this is a vital campaign for the future of the House of the Temple, it is also crucial to recognize the value of local Scottish Rite campaigns, and the impact with which leaving a donation can influence an entire community.

The House of the Temple Development Office recognizes *all* planned giving donations given to local Masonic 501(c)(3) charities with membership in the Intendant of the Building Society. Charities chosen by Intendant of the Building Society members must be 501(c)(3) charitab-

le non-profit foundations, and must hold a Scottish Rite and/or Masonic affiliation. Members of the Intendant of the Building Society leave planned gifts such as bequests in a Will or revocable living trust, charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts, name a Scottish Rite 501(c)(3) charity as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy, IRA or retirement fund.

Quite a few of our Intendants of the Building leave part of their estate not only to the Southern Jurisdiction's national philanthropies, but to 501(c)(3) charities in their local Orients. The following are a few midwestern Brethren who joined the Intendant of the Building Society through donations to local campaigns:

- A Brother from the Valley of Minneapolis, made a bequest in his will to the RiteCare Language Clinic of Minnesota
- A Knight Commander of the Court of Honor from the Valley of Wichita gave 1% of his estate to the Wichita Consistory, Albert Pike Masonic Lodge #3, and the Kansas Masonic Foundation.



*8th Degree Intendant of the Building: Purity, Zeal, and Hope for the Future. Intendant of the Building members are giving that hope.*

- An Illustrious Brother from the Valley of St. Paul left a generous portion of his residual estate to the Scottish Rite Foundation of St. Paul

- An Illustrious Brother from the Valley of Omaha, made the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha one of the primary beneficiaries to his life insurance policy

Make a planned gift to a local Scottish Rite charity and/or one of the Supreme Council's national foundations and enjoy membership in the Intendant of the Building Society. IOBS members are invited to special receptions at events such as Biennial Session, and are gifted with special IOBS items such as a signed certificate and an 8th degree pin and scarf/tie. For more information on the Intendant of the Building Society or planned giving in general, feel free to contact Alyssa Weiner, Planned Giving Coordinator at aweiner@scottishrite.org or (202) 777-3196.

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“Your dues change the light bulbs.  
Your donations change the world.”

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