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Calendar

Nov 8 & 9Lincoln Fall Reunion (L)
 Nov 15 & 16Alliance Fall Reunion (A)
 Nov 6, 13, 20.....Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
 Nov 7, 14, 21,Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Nov 21, 22, 23.....Omaha Fall Reunion (O)
 Dec 4, 11, 18.....Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
 Dec 5, 12, 19Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Dec 16.....Scottish Rite Holiday party (O)
 Jan 8, 15, 22, 29Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
 Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Feb 6 - 8.....Grand Lodge, Kearney, NE
 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26.....Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
 Feb 6, 13, 20, 27Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Mar 5, 12, 19, 26.....Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
 Mar 6, 13, 20, 27Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.....Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
 Apr 3, 10, 17, 24Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 May 1-3Omaha Spring Reunion (O)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month
 Nov 22, Dec 20, Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month
 Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month
 Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 16

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month
 Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24, Apr 21

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Membership

I write this having just returned from the Scottish Rite Supreme Council's 2013 Biennial Session. I'm fired up to be a better Mason, and I want to repay the extraordinary faith shown in me by my brethren by being better at my degree work, supporting our philanthropies, and volunteering for upcoming events. In short, I return to the Masonic quarry ready to labor harder than ever.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Brother Ronald A. Seale, 33° is truly an extraordinary person and an inspirational speaker. Brother A.J. Johnson said that, as an attorney, Ronnie could find a toothpick on the ground and on that slim piece of evidence alone, weave an extraordinary case before a judge and jury. I would hate to be up against him in the courtroom, A.J. said!

During the Biennial Session in Washington, D.C., the Grand Commander called upon Brent Morris, 33° GC, editor of *The Scottish Rite Journal*, to perform one of his celebrated magic tricks, and he used the trick to note the difference between illusion and reality.

FREEMASONS



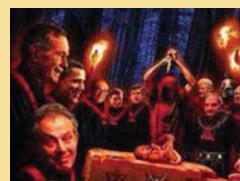
What my friends
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What my mom
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What society
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What conspiracy
 nuts think I do



What I think
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What I really do

That is what Masonry is, he said: Illusion and Reality. The illusion was 1,000 Scottish Rite Masons and our wives in tuxedos and gowns, sitting in a beautiful ballroom enjoying a fantastic dinner, hearing an engaging speaker, and applauding the achievements of extraordinary men. As much as we want that to represent the reality of Masonry, that is simply the illusion. The reality, as Ronnie said, is the simple ham sandwich we have after a Lodge meeting downstairs, and the ubiquitous canned green beans on the side.

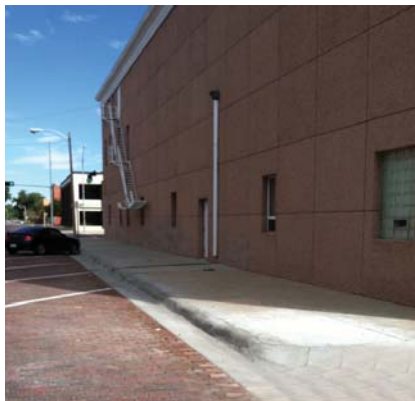
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Valley of Alliance

Brothers from the Alliance Lodge #183 have been busy working on the elevator, which required some custom-made repair parts. The elevator is now up and running and runs quietly and smoothly. Some repair work had to be done to the drywall on the outside of the elevator equipment room in the basement, repairing damage done by someone misusing the lift. They also did some clean-up work after several hard rains which flooded our roof. We had some stains on the wall in the lodge room, which they cleaned up.

Lodge brothers doing the work are also members of Alliance Valley Scottish Rite, and they take pride in our building and are always available to make repairs or clean-up projects. For this help, the Valley recently made a donation to the Blue Lodge for all they do for us.

This year, we have three brethren who travelled to Lincoln and Omaha to receive honors in October. Please extend congratulations to Brothers Richard Reisig of Morrill and Brenton Van Patten from Bridgeport, who received their KCCH,



and Scott Phillip from Longmont, Colorado, who received his 33rd.

We are currently collecting 2014 dues and the response has been brisk. This past Spring at our Reunion, we had 8 new candidates, which was the largest number in the Orient. We are proud of the brothers that recruited this great reunion class. Our Fall Reunion will be November 15th and 16th, and we are hoping to have another good showing.

The City of Alliance just replaced the entire curb on the west side of our building and it now looks great. The old one was cracked and broken and the weeds were constantly growing through it.

I'd like to thank the Brethren who have been active and involved in the Western Nebraska Valley at Alliance, whether you attend meetings or volunteer at Reunions. And I'd like to extend an invitation to all Brethren to join us at the upcoming Reunion and Scottish Rite events.

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Membership, continued

No matter how much we dress up Masonry in tuxedos and fancy banquets and portray it as such to prospective members, the fact is that our dinners are, as often as not, a simple affair prepared by the Stewards, shared in fellowship in the lodge dining room.

Our job is not to get caught up in the illusion. We have to take the rose colored glasses off and see the reality. And frankly, that is the better option. If we make the reality better, whether it is creating a better experience through our degree work, working harder for a more successful spaghetti dinner or raffle, or putting the effort into a more successful event, we bring our reality a step closer to the ideal portrayed by the illusion. We become a stronger Craft with better men, and not only do we move closer to being the symbolic Perfect Ashlar, but we show prospective members the value of being amongst us as members.

A number of Brethren made a point of seeing the House of the Temple, which is an extraordinary building, rich with history and symbolism. It is also part of the illusion. I encourage each Brother to value the reality of Masonry, whether your Lodge is equally ornate or in need of a good coat of paint and a plumber, and make the reality better for yourself, your members, and for our future members. We can't live in the illusion, but we can make the reality of Masonry something to be proud of, and something to hand to a new Brother.

Tuxedos and banquets like this 1915 Scottish Rite banquet are an illusion of Masonry we get to enjoy a few times per year, representing the ideal of what Masonry might be.



Green beans and chicken represent the reality of Lodge, giving us the opportunity to practice fellowship and make the experience better for ourselves and for prospective brethren

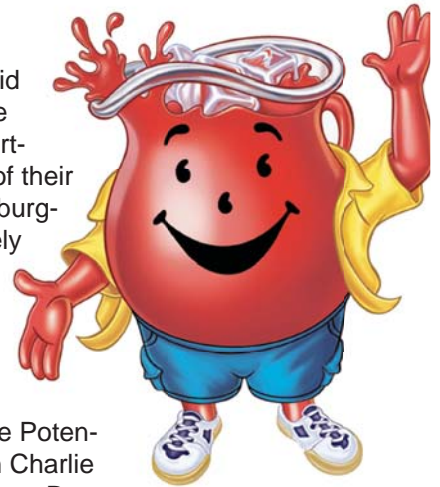


Valley of Hastings

Oh yeah! Kool-Aid Days in Hastings!



Perfect weather prevailed for the 2013 Kool-Aid Days in Hastings. On Saturday, August 10, the Central Nebraska Scottish Rite in Hastings partnered with Bubba Burgers, selling about 400 of their signature original, grilled onion, and jalapeno burgers as a fundraiser for the Valley. Approximately \$2,000 was raised for the Valley. Richard Johnson, 32° and William "Doc" Carson, 32° KCCH spent the day grilling with volunteers from Bubba Burgers, while Monte Malouf, 33°, George White, 33°, and Phil Odom, 33°



sold tickets and met the crowd. Tehama Shrine Potentate Kent Priest, 32° KCCH and Chief Rabban Charlie Haskell, 32° KCCH sold raffle tickets for Tehama. Don Rasmussen, 33° promoted the September 28th WalkRite for RiteCare and the October 11 Dinner with Tom Osborne the Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation. Inside the Hastings Masonic Center, Tyson Wademan and members of Mid-West Lodge #317 hosted a CHIP event, providing discs for 198 families during Kool-Aid Days.



Held annually, Kool-Aid Days celebrates the internationally-known soft drink mix, invented in Hastings by Edwin Perkins. Kool-Aid was originally called "Kool-Ade," and by 1927, was packaged in envelopes and sold in grocery stores.



The first Walk for RiteCare in Hastings was held on September 28, raising over \$6,000 for RiteCare through the Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation. What was expected to be a rainy day turned out to be a perfect day, with fantastic weather and cool breezes. About 100 walkers showed up to support the RiteCare Clinic. Walkers received a Walk for RiteCare t-shirt, and kids (of all ages) got RiteCare rub-on tattoos and enjoyed cookies donated by Eileen's Cookies. Tehama Shrine brought out the Model T firetruck, motorcycles, and a giant bicycle, which kids enjoyed climbing on. After the walk around the Hastings Ma-

Walk for RiteCare

sonic Center, families enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs. Families bid on several silent auction gifts, including a tool bag, a Cornhuskers tailgate

bag and supplies, golf outings, and a Hastings College bag with Broncos gear. Hastings College radio station KFKX 90.1 broadcast live during the Walk, and interviewed George White, 33° and RiteCare clinician Emily Johnson about RiteCare services and the Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation. The Walk for RiteCare committee included Deb Wilhelm, M.S., Emily Johnson, M.S., and RiteCare mom Inde Wissing. If you'd like to join the Walk committee for 2014, please contact Phil Odom at the Hastings Masonic Center.



Valley of Lincoln



Despite gray skies and morning rain, over 50 walkers turned out for the first annual WalkRite for RiteCare, benefitting the Barkley Memorial Center's RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic. WalkRite for RiteCare was held on the UNL East campus, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013. The women of the Nebraska Student Speech Language Hearing Association turned out early to set up signs along the UNL East campus, marking parking and the walk route. Registration began at 9:30, and many RiteCare families turned out to support the RiteCare services. For a \$25 donation/registration, walkers received a WalkRite shirt.



Jackson Lipka, one of the children who have received services from Amber Jara at the RiteCare clinic, cut the ribbon and led the half-mile walk at 10:30. Mark Kinsey, 32° KCCH, Master of the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection, brought a grill from Sesostri Shrine, and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, and guests returned to enjoy a great picnic lunch, with chips, potato salad, and cookies and brownies donated by one of the RiteCare families. Walkers also bid on several silent auction packages, raising an additional \$180 for RiteCare services. Al Lipka, a RiteCare dad and Brother Wade Kendle, 32° both spoke about what RiteCare services have meant for their boys.

Over \$2,500 was raised for RiteCare services for our first WalkRite for RiteCare! There are still some WalkRite shirts available, which can be had for a \$25 donation to the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us next year for the 2nd annual WalkRite for RiteCare in Lincoln!

Architect of the Temple

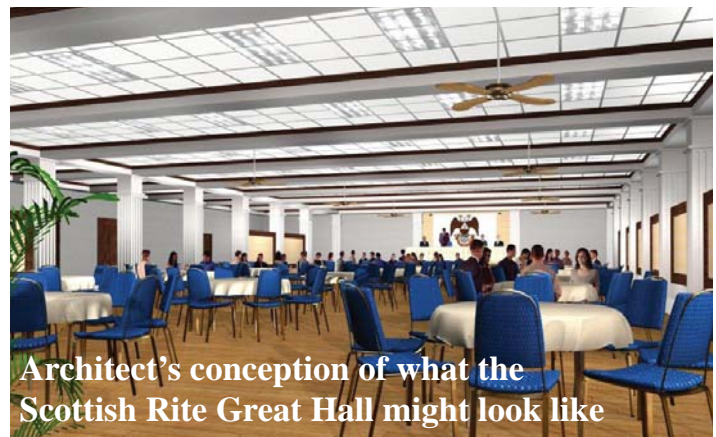
Dennis J. Lyon, Architect, prepared this drawing of what the Scottish Rite Great Hall might look like. His notes for the Great Hall renovation include::

- adding a cove molding around the ceiling panels to tie into the other woodwork
- adding columns at the north end of the room to frame the double eagle
- spreading out the head table
- darkening the perimeter walls

In this drawing, the raised table has been removed, but the stage remains for speakers, performances, or a wedding table, and could accommodate a dance floor in front of it. The ceiling would be lowered with sound-absorbing tiles and improved lighting. The vision for ballroom includes increasing rental opportunities in the Valley.

This gives the Scottish Rite the dual advantage of rental income and positive exposure in the community with guests using the building. Knights of St. Andrew members can be on-hand as an added benefit to renting the Scottish Rite Great Hall, greeting and welcoming guests, while answering questions about Masonry or giving tours of the building.

The Capital Campaign committee continues to meet with groups to talk about plans for our nearly 100 year old Scottish Rite. If you have ideas of brethren, Scottish Rite wives or widows, or others in the community, please let us know and help us make a connection or arrange a meeting.



Architect's conception of what the Scottish Rite Great Hall might look like

Membership is an integral theme of the Capital Campaign, too. The Reunion is coming up in a few short days. If you know Brethren who would enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry (or Masonry in general), reach out to them. Talk to them and invite them to join. A great Lodge is as much about the Brethren as it is about a great building, and we want both!

Around \$70,000 has been donated and pledged to date. Members are asked to make a pledge. Donations can be given over a 3 year period, and credit cards can be accepted. All donations are through the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation and are 100% tax-deductible. Please call General Secretary Bruce Wood, 33° at (402) 435-2144 or e-mail scottishrite@windstream.net if you are interested in making a donation or a pledge toward the Scottish Rite's Centennial Capital Campaign.

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Chairman, Centennial Capital Campaign

Valley of Omaha

The 5th annual WalkRite for RiteCare was held on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Lake Zorinsky in Omaha. About 100 walkers were in attendance on a perfect Sunday morning. This year, our Honorary Team Captain was Jacob Gehringer and his parents Denise and Jeff. Jacob is active in the Papillion-LaVista marching band, bowling team, and was crowned Homecoming King the night before! With his mother Denise, they welcomed guests and led the walkers on a mile walk, followed by burgers and hotdogs prepared by AJ Johnson, John and Cheryl Wonder, Tom and Randy Brummett, and Curt Edic. Tom and Mary Begley helped register guests, and Jim Wolfe, Armel MacDonald, and Jim Flowers were also on-hand during the day to help set up. Tangier clowns Strypes (Scott Robertson) and Shambles (Tony Dutcher) entertained the kids with balloons, and children got to pet therapy sheep from True Buddy Farms. Nearly \$7,000 was raised for RiteCare through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. Pictures from WalkRite are online at www.facebook.com/RiteCareNE.

Left: Jacob Gehringer is interviewed by KMTV-3 before the Walk. Center: Kim Bainbridge from UNMC's Munroe-Meyer Institute walks with son Justin. Right: AJ Johnson and John Wonder grill burgers and hotdogs for walkers.



DR SAN GUINARY'S CREATURE FEATURE



The Scottish Rite played host in July, September, and October to local legend Dr San Guinary and "Creature Feature." Many may remember John Jones who donned the bloody lab coat and green face paint as Dr San Guinary on KMTV3 in the 1970s and 1980s, introducing a late night scary movie. John passed away too soon from cancer in the 1980s. Chris Palmer was always fascinated with Dr San Guinary and was told he bore a striking resemblance to Dr San Guinary. A few years ago, with the blessing from the Jones family, he took up the mantle and resurrected Creature Feature. Until recently, the Creature Feature skits which are shown during breaks in the movie were filmed at Crossroads Mall. This year, they have been performed live in the Scottish Rite theater during Creature Feature.

A few months ago, Palmer approached the Scottish Rite about hosting Creature Feature in our recently renovated

historic theater, donating the profits to RiteCare through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. Along with Chris Nigro, 32°, Dr San Guinary brought his show to our stage. On July 20, he showed Lon Chaney's 1941 classic *The Wolfman*. On September 14th, he brought actor Tyler Mane (Sabretooth from *X-Men*) to Omaha to show *Compound Fracture* and sign autographs. And on October 26, Doc was joined by Stephen Geoffreys from the 1985 thriller *Fright Night*. Each time, over 100 people attended, with over \$3,000 donated to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. Guests enjoyed popcorn and soda, and in October, the movie was followed by a Halloween ball and live music in the ballroom.

Doc and Patrick Graves on his crew have been so impressed by the spirit of fraternity, they have petitioned to become Masons. Josh Jones, son of the original Doctor San Guinary, has also recently joined Chris Palmer as a newly raised Brother.



Pictures:

Top: Armel and Maxine MacDonald and guests with Dr San Guinary in July.

Center: Zack Sinsheimer (back left) and Chris Nigro (front, 2nd to left) with Dr San Guinary and Tyler Mane (back right).

Bottom: Mason Carter (son of Chris (32) and Jennifer Carter) gets in the scary spirit



I have been an ordained Episcopal priest for almost 20 years, but a Mason for less than a year. When asked if as a Mason I've experienced anything that concerns me about being a Christian while at the same time a Mason, I emphatically tell people "Absolutely not!" If anything,

ative of a mainline Protestant church. There were no Lutherans, Methodists or Presbyterians present, nor anyone from the Roman Catholic Church.

After the meeting, some of those still present personally came up and enthusiastically welcomed me. Most of them were Pentecostals, Southern Baptists, or pastors of Free Evangelical congre-

In our rituals we express the same fundamentals as our Christian brothers, but in terms that are symbolically different. As an example, rather than saying "God " which is easily understood by Christians of every kind, as Masons we are more likely to use the term "Great Architect of the Universe" as our symbol of Deity as named and worshiped in all lodges. The words



Faith and Masonry



being a Freemason has affirmed my Christian beliefs and helped me to be a better Christian. So why do some Christian groups object to their members being Masons? I can't imagine.

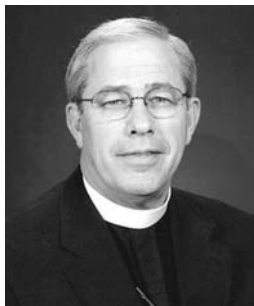
Back about ten years ago, while serving a church in North West Arkansas, some of the evangelical Christian churches in our area were thinking about sponsoring a Billy Graham Crusade. Letters were sent to all the Protestant and Catholic churches in the region, inviting pastors or lay leaders to attend an organizational meeting. When I arrived, introductions were made, with each of us stating our name and church affiliation. Of about 40 church and denominational leaders present, I was the only represent-

gations. And they admitted that they were surprised that any one from a mainline Protestant denomination bothered to show up and volunteer. When I asked them why they were surprised, one of them said, "Well, we don't exactly speak the same language do we?" His comment seemed like an odd thing for him to say. But you know what? He was right!

What I learned from that experience was that sometimes, two groups of people can be separated not so much by their guiding principles, but by the language they use to express those ideals. Once I learned the "lingo" of the evangelicals, not only could I speak their language, but I came to appreciate that even though the terminology was different, we were all expressing the same basic truths. And so it is with Freemasonry.

may be different, but as symbolic language, they both point to the same ideal.

In commenting on the relationship between his own country and his American allies, Winston Churchill said, "We are two nations divided by a common language." In the case of the relationship between Freemasons and some Christian bodies, I believe we are both attempting to express and live into the same fundamental truths, but because the words are different, the result is regrettable and needless misunderstanding. Masons are a fraternal organization attempting to be universalistic and inclusive – we are not a church with a particular theology – yet we are both expressing the same immutable and fundamental truths – just using different language and symbols. "So mote it be." "Amen."



Father Craig Gavin has been Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Lincoln, Nebraska since 2007. He joined the Scottish Rite in Lincoln in April, 2013.

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Perhaps it is a story we'll never know, but somehow a Past Grand Master's apron turned up at Tangier Shrine. Families bring in Dad's old Masonic books, apron, or fez all the time. Tangier Shrine Recorder Don Larson (32°) gave it to Micah Evans, who contacted Fred Wisdom, Past

A Masonic apron returns home

Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. As



archivist for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, M.W. Fred Wisdom knew that Hugh Embrey was not just Grand Master, but also an Imperial Shrine officer out of Zaha Shrine Temple #52, and a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason with Joshua David Kelley Consistory #27. Embrey was a Methodist minister with churches in Grand Island and Lincoln, and served as the 13th Most Worshipful Grand Master from 1964-1966. His contributions to Masonry are still felt today.

After a recent Omaha Home for Boys board meeting, Grand Senior Warden John Maxell presented the apron, 33rd degree Scottish Rite cap, and ornate Shrine jewel and collar to M.W. Fred Wisdom and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



M.W. Hugh L. Embrey, Grand Master of Masons (P.H.A.), 1964-1966

RiteCare ... *making a difference*

RiteCare mom Mindy Mahoney, writes:

We had a terrific experience at the Munroe-Meyer Institute. We believe that our daughter Jaden has benefited a great deal from her time at the Institute. She was educationally diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. After the two year mark, we began to notice that she wasn't quite developing the same as other kids her age. Physically she was right on pace however her language and social development lagged behind. She really didn't have very many words. None really that she used consistently. She had great difficulty staying on task, transitioning from one task to the next, and communicating what it was that she wanted. With an inability to communicate, and understandably so came frustration and emotional control issues. It's easy to imagine how frustrating it would be to not be able to tell someone what you wanted, especially when you saw other kids your age doing just that.

At this point we were exploring every possible avenue that we could to help our daughter. Fortunately we had learned about the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute. We were ecstatic when we learned that we were accepted and couldn't wait to see how our daughter would improve.

The teachers worked with her on all of her developmental issues. They explored many different avenues to nurture and develop the children's ability to communicate.

These included electronic sound boards with corresponding pictures, verbal prompting to say what they wanted in order to get an object they wanted. There were several fun and beneficial activities such as singing and instruments. Transitioning, self-sufficiency, and order-following were worked on as the children moved from one station to another. The class numbers were always small while the teaching staff was always just as many in order to give each student much needed personalized and focused attention.



Today, Jaden makes use of many words, transitions much better, continues to improve on staying on task, emotional control, and communication in general. While Jaden still has a long road ahead, her progress at Munroe-Meyer has been noticeable and important. We believe in what they do so much so that we continue to support WalkRite for RiteCare, even now that Jaden is through going there.

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Caleb is working with Miss Deb in the Hastings RiteCare clinic. Here, he is matching the upper case letters and the lower case letters to his name. Other exercises included matching the colored hats to pictures with the names of the colors. In this activity, Caleb is actually mastering multiple skill sets, including memorization, reading and comprehension, and mastering the spoken sounds letters make. And you thought he was just playing!



Trevin came to the Hastings RiteCare Clinic when he needed to work on a few sounds. One of those sounds was the "v" sound. Trevin would say, "b," for "v" as in, "Trebin." Next, Trevin worked on the "th" sound so that he could talk about "Darth Vader"; Trevin would call him, "Dark Vader," when talking about "Star Wars". Trevin recently graduated, and wanted to thank Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons for supporting his speech therapy at RiteCare!

Development

With the spirit of the holidays fast approaching, I want to start by thanking you both for being a Scottish Rite Mason and for supporting our fraternity and our philanthropies through your gifts and your participation.

Between your children or grandchildren, work, hobbies, travel, and the other things happening in your lives, thank you for continuing to be a Scottish Rite Mason. Whether you attend meetings each month, participate in Reunions, or just partake in a sporadic event here and there, you've still made a commitment to remain a member, and I appreciate it.

Regardless of how you support the Scottish Rite - as a degree member, an officer, a volunteer, a committee member, a donor, attending events, or simply sharing the spirit of our fraternity with family and friends - thank you for what you do. Our fraternity truly could not do it without you.



I'd also like to ask you to consider your Valley's Scottish Rite Foundation as you think about year-end giving. Whether it is your local Valley, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska which has the ultimate fiscal responsibility for our RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics around the state, the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation - or Grand Lodge, York Rite, the Shrine's Transportation Fund or the Shriners Hospitals - please think about your favorite Masonic organization during this holiday season.

We have been very blessed this past year with a number of bequests which have come in to support RiteCare through the local Valleys, but this is a seed which needs constant tending as we look toward an uncertain future. Again, please talk it over with your family, and after you've provided for your wife, children, grand-children and your favorite charities, please consider the Scottish Rite in your estate planning.



BY THE NUMBERS. . .

One of things I was tasked with during 2013 was spending more time in the Valleys meeting the membership, understanding what makes each Valley different, and working with the leadership to improve our fundraising initiatives for the local Valley foundations. Looking back over the course of the year, I have travelled nearly 10,000 miles:

3,730 miles to Hastings for 2 Foundation meetings, 8 Lodge of Perfection meetings, 2 Reunions, Walk for RiteCare meetings and Kool-Aid Days

2,710 miles to Lincoln for 1 Reunion, 4 WalkRite meetings, the Robert Burns dinner, 2 Capital Campaign meetings, 8 Lodge of Perfection meetings, 6 Thursday lunches, and a membership event

1,912 miles to Alliance and Scottsbluff for 1 Reunion (November) and to help recognize Bob Phillip for 66 years of membership (March)

639 miles in Omaha for the Golf Committee, WalkRite for RiteCare meetings, UNMC Munroe-Meyer meetings

616 miles, including visits to the RiteCare Clinic in Kearney, Grand Lodge, and other travel in Nebraska

But miles driven is no more the real story of the fraternity than saying the size of a Lodge room describes the health and well-being of the membership. The real story is the number of brethren I've met to talk about the Scottish Rite and our philanthropies in your community. My goal is to spend more time in your Valley in 2014 meeting members, talking about RiteCare and how we can support the Scottish Rite. If you see me running around and I happen to miss the opportunity to say hello, stop me and introduce yourself.

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***"Our dues may change the light bulbs,
but our philanthropies change the world."***

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