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Nov 4	Feast of Tishri (H)
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26.....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27.....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Nov 14 & 15.....	Alliance Fall Reunion (A)
Nov 20, 21, & 22.....	Omaha Fall Reunion & Banquet (O)
Dec 3, 10, 17, 21, 31.....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Dec 4, 11, 18	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Dec 12.....	Christmas party and dinner (L)
Dec 15.....	Christmas party and awards banquet (O)
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Jan 19.....	Installation of 2015 Officers (O)
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25.....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26.....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Feb 16	Ladies Night at the 'Rite (O)
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25.....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26.....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month
Nov 28, Dec 26, Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month
Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month
Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 22

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month
Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20

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Membership

I came into my office not too long ago, and someone had left a folder with news clippings from past Reunions on my desk. All of them were interesting, but one caught my eye from the Sunday *Omaha World-Herald*, dated November 25, 1962. In the article, three brothers joined the Scottish Rite, alongside their fourth brother (already a member) and father.



The three brothers were Stanley Jensen, Jr., Marvin Jensen, and Marion Jensen. Their father and other brother were Stanley Jensen, Sr. and Charles R. Jensen. This hat trick of Jensen brothers represented 100% Masonic membership amongst father and sons.

I had to check the records, and I found that both Stanley Jensen, Jr. and Marvin Jensen are still current members. According to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Stanley Jr. has been a Master Mason for 61+ years, and Marvin has been a member of Covert Lodge #11 since 1958! To both of these brothers, now 52 year members, thank you for being life-long Scottish Rite Masons. It means a lot that you have been a member of our fraternity for so long.

I did a bit more digging, and I learned that the Jensens paid \$160 to receive the degrees of the Scottish Rite in 1962, which had the buying power of \$1,263 in today's dollars.

Think about that for a moment.

For a special Centennial Reunion, the Valley of Omaha reduced their petition to \$150.00 for the Fall, 2014 - \$10 less than it was 52 years ago! We struggle to fill our Reunions today with new members, while according to records, 110 men joined in November, 1962 at the equivalent of \$1,263. That shows the importance of Masonry to Stanley Jensen, Sr. and his four sons! 7

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The Valley of Alliance has been dark the past two months, but as of this writing, we are looking forward to our first meeting for the Fall. We plan to move meetings around, and on September 25, we will meet in Bridgeport, NE. The Central Nebraska Scottish Rite at Hastings has met in different locations, and members enjoy both social opportunities to meet and representation of their home town as a meeting place.

Our Fall Reunion is on November 14th and 15th, and of course we need candidates. The cost to petition the Scottish Rite is \$125 for 30 and under and \$150 for 31 and over. Annual dues are \$70. I'd like your help reaching out to potential brethren at your Lodge meetings. Any Brethren who signs two petitions and attends the Reunion will have their dues forgiven for the coming year.

We are also presenting the Mason and non-Mason of the Year Award, tentative-

ly on October 18th. We will present a 50-year pin to Robert Knight, who is treasurer of both his Lodge and the Scottish Rite, and a 60-year pin to J. Oliver Crom.

The Scottish Rite Supreme Council has recently released the Valley Membership Achievement Program, based off the membership workshops held this Spring. Among the goals of VMAP is to encourage Scottish Rite participation. I encourage you to visit: <http://scottishrite.org/vmap> and download the VMAP workbook for ideas on projects you might want to lead or support in the Valley. This might be a Scottish Rite

degree team among 32° members in your Lodge or a social event for fellowship among Scottish Rite Brethren. Thank you again for being a Scottish Rite Mason, and I hope to see you at the meetings and Reunions.

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Membership, continued

Stanley Sr. operated Stan's Cafe at 1919 Cuming Street, and we can safely assume that a \$160 fee for three sons was a lot of money then, as now. It was important to him, and we can see the pride in his eyes as he pinned the class ribbon on brother Marion E. Jensen in this newspaper clipping.

Times were different in 1962, and being a Mason - or Knight of Columbus, Elk, or Rotarian - was part of being a member of the business community, and was often part of a family tradition. If the company didn't pay for Masonic membership, a man saved up to petition for Masonic degrees. An average man who earned \$6,000 in 1962 had to work roughly 55 hours to save \$160 for the Scottish Rite degrees. Today, an average man earning \$42,000 has to save for 7 hours for the Fall Reunion dues.

In 1962, Blue Lodge degrees might take 3 months to receive, a few months before the Fall Reunion, and then the Shrine Ceremonial a few months later. Today, you can get your Master Masons' degree in October, join the Scottish Rite in the Fall Reunion in November, and go down to the Shrine and take the Cold Sands the next day. I won't try to convince you that being a Mason was so hard that they walked to and from Lodge uphill both ways

in a snow storm, but I would say that Masonry wasn't "easy." But Masonry was earned through both a financial and time commitment, and it meant something significant to men like Stanley Jensen, Sr. and his sons.

Not that Masonry doesn't carry significance today, but the Lodge experience is less formal. As we lost members, we jettisoned the traditions that made Lodge unique and special. Blue jeans and sneakers often replace slacks and ties in Lodge. Carry-out fried chicken and canned green beans have often replaced dinner served on china and linen.

If we are going to make Masonry something to be valued, to be passed from father to son as a tradition and an heirloom, perhaps we need to look back to the Jensens, and make the Masonic experience something to be remembered. We need to up our game. Try a catered dinner once or twice, rather than a bucket of KFC. Make sure the opening and closing ritual are done very well, without the bantering and jokes that often accompany it from the sidelines. The Jensens have been proud to be Masons for more than 50 years. Let's keep Masonry something for them to be proud of, and an institution to hand to their grandsons.



The Spring and Fall "Class of 1962" at the September, 2012 50-year presentation.

SHREK COMES TO HASTINGS

Around 800 guests attended *Shrek: the Musical* over the course of 6 performances at the Hastings Masonic Center in August. The musical was underwritten as a joint project by the Hastings Scottish Rite Foundation and the Hastings Community Theater, with each organization splitting the net proceeds. In addition to the actors, local children had parts in the musical, inspired by the 2001 movie. The musical was directed by Donna Hastings, with musical direction and choreography by Blake Thompson, and produced by Patrick Crawford. Numerous local businesses sponsored the musical, and Masons donated considerable time volunteering at the shows taking tickets, ushering, manning the lights and sound, selling cookies and water, and working backstage.

For the benefit of the few Masons who haven't seen the Shrek movies with children or grandchildren: *Shrek The Musical* tells the story of a swamp-dwelling ogre who goes on a life-changing adventure to reclaim the deed to his land from the diminutive Lord Farquaad. Farquaad, who schemes to be king, will give Shrek the swamp in exchange for rescuing a princess from a dragon-guarded castle. Joined by a wise-cracking donkey, Shrek rescues Princess Fiona, and as the two fall for each other and we learn Fiona's dark secret, Shrek learns that real friendship and true love aren't only found in fairy tales.

The production took advantage of the Scottish Rite's impressive theatrical backdrops and numerous costumes and props. The Scottish Rite Foundation has partnered with the Hastings Community Theater on several productions in the past, and General Secretary Phil Odom, 33° is confident that the two organizations will work together on future productions, which have potential to be lucrative for both.



Photos (top to bottom): Corey VomWeg as Shrek, Travis Brock as Donkey, Summer Lukasiewicz as Princess Fiona, local singers and performers among the cast, including Patrick Crawford as Lord Faarquad. Scottish Rite member Erik Nielsen, 32° KCCH manned the light board for the performances.



TAKING AIM AT MEMBERSHIP

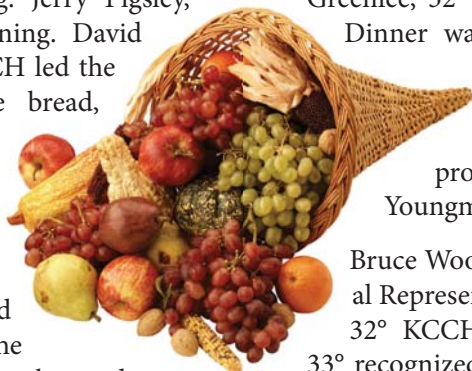
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The Hastings Valley Scottish Rite has been taking aim at recruiting new members by having quality fellowship in each of the towns the Valley serves. Over a dozen members and family gathered for a picnic and shooting experience the evening of August 6th at the impressive Heartland Shooting Range in west Grand Island. A couple potential Scottish Rite Masons joined in the fun: grilling great food and shooting revolvers, pistols and shotguns. No members were shot or injured in the process!

(Left) Cowboy Bob enjoying his Ruger Vaquero .45 Long Colt Revolver at the evening gathering at the Scottish Rite at the Heartland Shooting Range in west Grand Island, NE. (Middle-top) Members and guests enjoying a picnic at the Shooting Range. (Middle-bottom) Rory Ryan doing target practice with Bob's Ruger.

50 Year Masons Honored at Feast of Tishri

Sixty guests attended the Feast of Tishri in Lincoln on Friday, September 26th, marking the traditional feast of thanksgiving. Jerry Pigsley, 32° emceed the evening. David Bloomquist, 32° KCCH led the invocation over the bread, as guests enjoyed freshly-baked challah bread and honey butter, representing their commitment to brotherhood and the fraternity. The menu included a cucumber and dill salad, beef brisket and smothered chicken, garlic and cheese potato casserole, corn casserole, and a citrus dessert.



Catered by Country Pines, menu items reflected traditions surrounding the Feast of Tishri. After dinner, Tom Greenlee, 32° KCCH led toasts.

Dinner was served by Job's Daughters, Beth-el #27, and entertainment was provided by Nancy Youngman and friends.

Bruce Wood, 33° and Personal Representatives Mike Gray, 32° KCCH and Ken Beebe, 33° recognized Brothers **Edward Binder, 32°, Darrell Bryceson, 32°, Richard Everett, 32°, Fred Guggenmoss III, 32°, Mervell Bumgarner, 32°**,



Charles F. Noren, 32°, Charles Perdew, 32°, James Preston, 32°, Stephen M. Ruth, 32°, Gene L. Salisbury, 32°, and Robert F. Yeager, 32° for their 50 year service to Scottish Rite Masonry. Brother **Benjamin Novicoff, 32°** (pictured above) was presented with a certificate, recognizing 63 years of Scottish Rite membership.

2nd annual WalkRite for RiteCare in Lincoln raises nearly \$3,000 for RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic

Saturday, September 7th was a perfect day for the second annual WalkRite for RiteCare, benefitting the Lincoln RiteCare clinic at the UNL Barkley Memorial Center. About 60 walkers, families, and volunteers turned out at Mahoney Park for a fun walk around the park raising money for the Rite Care Clinics through the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation.

Mark Kinzie, 32° KCCH and Todd



Tinnean, 32°, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for the WalkRite families. RiteCare clinician Amber Jara and several RiteCare families donated raffle baskets, which raised an additional \$400 for RiteCare services. In total, Lincoln's WalkRite raised about \$3,000 for the RiteCare, an increase over last year's walk held on UNL's east campus.

WalkRite for RiteCare continues to bring families - many of whom have children who have since graduated from the RiteCare program - back to support the clinics. The common theme expressed by parents was gratitude for RiteCare services, which many would not have been able to afford otherwise.

Insurance may only cover a limited number of therapy sessions, and some

speech therapy is beyond the scope provided by the school system. The Scottish Rite's RiteCare services are a true blessing for families who have nowhere else to go. Lacey Gloystein, Honorary Chair, along with son Hudson, came from Henderson, NE and spoke about how much services have meant to her family. "We aren't a success story yet," she said, but Lacey says Hudson continues to make extraordinary progress with Miss Amber.

Next year's WalkRite will be in the springtime to avoid conflicting with the Buddy Walk for Autism, and the committee is seeking greater participation from Scottish Rite Masons. Please let Bruce Wood, 33° know if you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering for WalkRite.



WalkRite for RiteCare walks raise \$7,500 for RiteCare clinics in Nebraska, engaging clinics and families in our philanthropy



The Valley of Omaha held the 6th annual WalkRite at Lake Zorinsky on August 16 at the Picnic Pavilion.

The weather was gray and overcast, but the clouds broke and the weather was perfect for the walk. Approximately 120 RiteCare children and families turned out to support WalkRite for RiteCare. The clinicians and RiteCare families donated numerous raffle items, which raised an additional \$400 for the clinics. RiteCare mom Jen Shannon served as honorary chair, and spoke about how the clinic has helped her son Brady. After the walk, the Scottish Rite's Culinary Masters were on-hand to grill hamburgers and hotdogs. Clowns from Tangier Shrine made balloon animals for the kids, and took them for rides in the clown's truck. The Walk raised \$7,500 for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha.

The next WalkRite in Omaha is tentatively set for Sunday, June 7, 2015, which will avoid conflicts with the Nebraska footballs schedule, the beginning of the school year, and other Masonic conflicts. In addition, this will avoid conflict with Autism's Buddy Walk, which many of our RiteCare families generously support.

WalkRite for RiteCare was originally designed to engage RiteCare families in the fundraising process, and has grown to walks in the Lincoln and Hastings Valleys. RiteCare families and the clinicians are engaged through planning and organizing WalkRite. Since the first Walk in 2009, WalkRite has raised a combined total of about \$60,000 for the Valleys' Foundations.



SPARE TIME

Do you have spare time during the day and want to assist the Omaha Valley? Here is an opportunity as there is a small cadre of men – and sometimes their ladies as well – that gather to stuff envelopes for mailings. The group years ago named itself the Zippers – I have no knowledge as to why, but they are a group of men who come together to sip coffee, have a donut or two, and like to give each other a hard time while preparing mailings. The need for “stuffing mail” has diminished over the years due to automation and now occurs four to five times a year.

Depending on the size and complexity of the mailing and availability of volunteers, anywhere from four to ten stuffers assemble at the Scottish Rite on a weekday at 9:00 AM, meaning all on the Zippers volunteer list are not needed every time. The day starts off with coffee and donuts and if the mailing



goes through the lunch hour the Scottish Rite provides lunch – who says there are no “wages” in Masonry?

If you are interested and would like to be added to list of Zipper volunteers contact Cathy at (402) 342-1300 and she will added to the Zipper Committee. Do not worry if you are not contacted right away, because the Zipper Committee lead works through the volunteer list and when enough volunteers say “yes,” we stop calling. Currently there are ten Zipper Committee members, and the Committee would like to increase by five more members. Thank you for your consideration!

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Grand Lodge of Nebraska- Scottish Rite Leadership Conference

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Nebraska Scottish Rite hosted the first Leadership Conference in Hastings, Nebraska in mid-September. The goal of this conference, chaired by R.W. John Maxell, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, was to present sessions on the qualities and skills needed for effective Lodge leadership and participation.

The evening began with a catered banquet at the Hastings Masonic Center with Tami Soper, Director of

Development for the Omaha Home for Boys, speaking about the Home's young men residing there from around the state. She spoke about the continuum of care services for residents, helping them build sustainable skills for an independent adulthood.

Saturday morning sessions began at 9:00 a.m. with about 45 Masons in attendance from around Nebraska. Michala Stricklin began with a presentation exploring the social dynamics of women and Masonry, including a history of women's involvement in the fraternity. Engaged to Travis Bader, Master of Mizpah Lodge #302, she has written about her involvement and experiences with Freemasonry on her online blog "The Mason's Lady" at <http://themasonslady.com>.



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2014 Scottish Rite Fellows Meet at the House of the Temple

This past August, 79 Scottish Rite Masons from around the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction were vouched for by their Valleys, and designated by their SGIG to serve for two years as a Grand Commander's Fellow. Humbly, I was asked to stand up for our Orient. It was truly an honor to have the opportunity to represent Valley of Omaha and the Orient of Nebraska.

Arriving safely in Washington, D.C on Friday August 15, I met up with Michael Atkins, Sr., 32° and Edwin Willeman, 32° from Richmond, Virginia for lunch prior to our short walk to the House of the Temple.



The 2014 Scottish Rite Fellows on the steps of the House of the Temple in August, 2014.

A social hour provided the occasion to meet brothers from the different Valley's around the country. Dinner was served in the Banquet Hall of the one hundred year old headquarters of the Mother Council of Scottish Rite. An extraordinary tour of the building ended the evening.

Saturday's breakout sessions focused on and discussed the circumstances and operational challenges of the new Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). James Cole, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, ran a question and answer session which highlighted the importance of the project.

The Supreme Council new members' 'Welcome Packet' was presented and explained to all. These packets include a 32° lapel pin, permanent plastic dues card, coupons for special offers and a personal "Welcome to the Scottish Rite, A Quick-Reference Guide" all of which will be forwarded directly from the Supreme Council to each new Valley member.

The event ended with a motivational demonstration lead by the Grand Commander which concluded in the historic and inspirational Temple Room. In the evening all attendees were given the opportunity to attend the MLB Washington Nationals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game, which was determined in the 9th inning by the home team.

All of the attending fellows revealed their zeal, enthusiasm and passion about our Fraternity. I look forward to connecting with everyone and working on everything that was discussed at the Conference.

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RiteCare . . . *making a difference*

Laura Moody, MS.Ed., RiteCare clinician at the University of Nebraska at Kearney sent a letter of appreciation from one of our RiteCare parents, whose son worked with Laura through telepractice from Fremont:

Dear Mrs. Moody,

I would like to thank you and all of the student clinicians who worked with Brogan this year. Brogan has struggled with speaking clearly since he was small. He had difficulty with many sounds and blends, but by the age of 9 he was able to conquer all of them except the "r" sound.

While receiving speech services in second through fourth grade at area public schools, he was finally able to pronounce the sound in certain, isolated situations. However, in grades 5-7 he made little to no progress and was struggling socially due to his inability to speak clearly and understandably.

An area speech pathologist recommended we contact Laura Moody at the University of Nebraska - Kearney Speech and Language Clinic. Brogan began receiving services through the tele-health practice in January and continued through the summer. The student clinicians were patient and worked to keep Brogan engaged. They tailored their exercises to hold his interest, and patiently worked with him when he grew discouraged.

In May, we finally began to hear the "r" sound slipping into his daily speech (something I had worried might never happen), and by the end of the summer the "r" sound was present in nearly everything he says!

In July, Brogan graduated from the program. We are so very thankful for the help he received from UNK! Brogan still struggles to slow his rate of speech, but he is much more understandable to others now that he can say his "r" sounds. Family members and teachers have commented on Brogan's improvement, and Brogan seems more confident when speaking to others.

Thank you very much for providing this service, and for helping Brogan learn to speak correctly. I am so thankful that the UNK program and the tele-health service is available to help provide services to children across the state.

*Hillary Harm, RiteCare Mom
Fremont, Nebraska*

Grand Lodge Leadership Conference, continued. . .

Jeffrey Coleman addressed effective facilitation, particularly regarding the traits of a good facilitator and how to run a successful meeting. John Fairlie spoke about Lodge Leadership and Renewal and engaging members' talents.

Former Omaha Mayor, Congressman, and fourth generation Mason Hal Daub was keynote speaker for the morning session, and spoke about 10 points he regularly checks in himself for his

success, including not being in a hurry, sharing leadership opportunities



Above: Dean Alban, 33°, Membership Director from the House of the Temple. Below: RiteCare kids, Campbell and Caleb Schukei

with others, and remembering to say Thank You.

Participants broke for lunch, followed by a report on the Hastings RiteCare clinic by clinicians Deb Wilhelm, M.S. and Emily Johnson, M.S. We were joined by Campbell and Caleb Schukei two of our RiteCare children and by Carlee and Cole Wissing and Madeline Johnson, who sold "power pills" for the afternoon session - large packages of M&Ms. They raised \$200 for the RiteCare clinic! After

lunch, we resumed our conference focusing on the Scottish Rite. Matt

Szramonski, 33°, Development Director for the House of the Temple, joined us via Skype to talk about Planned Giving and Intendant of the Building Society opportunities, charitable gift annuities, and the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign.

Jason Van Dyke, 32° KCCH, Assistant Director of Education for the Supreme Council and Dean Alban, 33°, Director of Membership Services were in town from the House of the Temple to talk about the Master Craftsman program and the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). VMAP was created based on discussions from the 2014 Leadership workshops, and designed to spur membership engagement through improving the Reunion experience, creating opportunities for Scottish Rite education, bolstering the responsibilities and engagement of officers, and promoting the public image and philanthropies of the Scottish Rite Valleys.

Making a meaningful holiday

Micah I. Evans, 33°, Orient Development Director

I appreciate opportunities to meet with our RiteCare families throughout the course of the year, and each shares an individual story. Some have been turned down for therapy sessions by their insurance carrier or only receive a few sessions before the insurance runs out. Other families need services for severe speech and language services, or their children are too young for services provided by the schools. Some children's RiteCare services will always be a "work in progress," while others' therapy ends as a success story and the child moves on to normal childhood activities. For many families, RiteCare is their only option and they would have no where else to turn, either financially or geographically.



RiteCare kids at WalkRite for RiteCare in Lincoln



UNO scholarship recipient thanking Scottish Rite Masons for helping her realize her educational dreams

In addition to RiteCare, I am proud to see college students who might otherwise be unable to afford higher education supported by our scholarships. Some of our students are the first generation of their family to pursue education beyond high school. Others simply can not afford college without the Scottish Rite's support. In Hastings and Lincoln, teachers are recognized for their extraordinary dedication to their students as educators.

The one thing college students, teachers, and RiteCare families have in common is their genuine gratitude toward Scottish Rite Masons who make these philanthropies available year after year.

I've heard Freemasons donate \$2 million a day toward our charities as a whole, including the Templar Eye Foundation, Shriners Hospitals for Children, RiteCare therapy, scholarships, Band Camp, and so many other Masonic philanthropies. I don't know what the true dollar amount is, but when you see the families whose child can now say "I love you Mommy," or "Read me a story," the real value is incalculable.

I know that you are inundated with requests for giving from your church, your college or high school foundations, and a million other charities as the holidays approach, but I ask you to think about a year-end gift to your Scottish Rite Valley's Foundation or to the Masonic charity of your choice.

shopping for ritecare

I am pleased to share a new way to support our RiteCare Clinics simply by shopping online! The Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska has partnered with the Amazon Smile program. Amazon.com will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Scottish Rite Foundation Of Nebraska Inc whenever you shop on Amazon.com.

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Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com> when you shop

Amazon.com and search for Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska, or start at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7449602> and start shopping. If you spend \$500, for example, the Scottish Rite Foundation will receive an automatic donation of \$2.50. That's not a lot by itself, but multiply that times 2,750 members and the dollars and cents add up!

So please remember to "smile" when you shop Amazon.com during the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays or for major purchases during the year. You shop, and our RiteCare children benefit!

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