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Calendar

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Sept 7 Wine Tasting (O)
 Sept 8 WalkRite for RiteCare (O)
 Sept 19 Fall Outing (O)
 Sept 28 Feast of Tishri dinner (L)
 Oct 5.. Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner & Auction (O)
 Oct 5 & 6 Hastings Fall Reunion (H)
 Oct 12 & 13 Lincoln Fall Reunion (L)
 Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Nov 1, 8, 15, 29 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Nov 2 and 3 Alliance Fall Reunion (A)
 Nov 15, 16, 17 Omaha Fall Reunion (O)
 Dec 6, 13, 20 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Jan 26 (2013) Robert Burns Dinner (L)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, last Friday of each month

Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec 28

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month

Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month

Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month

Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17

For more information, call the

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Membership

Fifty years ago, men were joiners. Fraternal groups were a social outlet. This was a place where men learned leadership skills - managing volunteers, budgets, committees, and practiced speaking publicly before large groups. A man might be a bank clerk or electrician or salesman by day, but King Solomon, a Prophet, or a Knight by night.

I could write twenty pages on why men stopped joining fraternal orders, but suffice it to say, they don't anymore. A Mason once told me that when he was an apprentice electrician many years ago, all the electricians socialized with one another. They picnicked with one another's wives and families and constituted one big family. Today, his electricians go home after work and don't see each other until morning. This is indicative of the way things are now. Managers are discouraged from socializing with the staff. Staff members are ready to get out of work and go home to be with families. Families rarely socialize with co-workers' families outside their own narrow networks.

So why should men join Masonry? The reasons are numerous, but let me bring up a few that I think are fundamental to attracting young men beginning their careers.

Most important, we offer a **social outlet**, (and we are doing a better job including wives and families in that definition). In the modern world, we go home, we spend time with family, but we barely know

our neighbors. We don't even necessarily live in the same town in which we were raised. Masonry gives us a chance to build a network of friends, to attend picnics and dinners, to sit in harmony with Brothers in Lodge whom we might otherwise never meet. Lifelong friendships are cultivated in the Masonic Lodge, through shared interests, shared convictions, through inside jokes and dinners and committees and meetings.



Brothers Dan Wellendorf, 33 °, John Williamson, 32 °, and Marcus Micheli, 32 ° at the Spring Outing in May, 2012.

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Valley of Alliance



Congratulations to our new Brothers from the May, 2012 Reunion in Alliance, NE

First row: Gene Gatti, 32° KCCH, Don Loos, 33°, Les Evert, 33°, **Gary Fuchser, 32°**, **Ed Morava, 32°**, Jack Nichols, 33°, Gary Goodell, 32°

Second row: John Ferguson, 33°, Richard Reisig, 32°, Henry Ferguson, 32°, Dwight Smith, 33°, Gene Frizell, 32° KCCH, Mark Gwin, 33°, Scott Phillip, 32° KCCH

Third row: Bob Phillip, 33°, Micah Evans, 32° KCCH, Joe Belden, 32°, Goeffrey Phillip, 32°, Dale Anderson, 33°, Walt Phillip, 33°

200 Year Old Apron on Display in Alliance, Nebraska

The Valley of Alliance recently received an antique Masonic apron from Brother John T. Adam, a member of Alliance Lodge #183. This apron, hanging in the Scottish Rite Masonic Center was made for William Watkins (died, 1843) of Bayou Lafouche, Louisiana. It was probably worn at the organization of Perfect Union Lodge #1, which was organized April 28, 1793.

William passed the apron on to his daughter, Mary Sophia Watkins Fuqua (Mrs. Nathaniel D. Fuqua, born 6/26/1810; died 1/19/1874) of Assumption Parish, Louisiana. Her husband wore it in 1843 at the celebration for Mr. Mitchell, author of *Mitchell's History of Masonry* at Grand Gulf, Mississippi.

It was then passed on to Mary's daughter, ElizaAnn FuquaDunn (Mrs. James Bateman Dunn, born 11/22/1839; died 1/17/1919),

and was worn by her husband in 1893 at the Centennial Celebration of Perfect Union Lodge #1. Eliza wrote the story of the apron through 1919.



The apron then went on to Eliza's grandson, Joseph Watkins Spearing in 1918. Joseph Watkins Spearing, MD (born 5/9/1890; died 11/11/1960) was a member of lodges in Commaron and Columbus, Kansas.

The apron then went to Joseph Hall Spearing, the son of Mrs. Joseph Watkins Spearing (born 5/4/1920; died 1/25/2005) in 1960. Joseph Hall Spearing was a member of Parian Lodge #321 in Harlan, Iowa.

Joseph H. Spearing, MD passed the Masonic apron on to his son-in-law John T. Adam of Alliance

Lodge #183. The apron is approximately 219 years old.

HOW TO CARE FOR ANTIQUE MASONIC APRONS

AIR – Old Masonic aprons should be stored in an environment that makes YOU comfortable! Not too humid and not too dry. Humidity will cause the most visible damage quickly. Extremely dry air causes fibers to become more brittle.

LIGHT – UV rays aren't good for you and they aren't good for fabrics, either! Light causes fading and also contributes to the breakdown of fibers. Did you know that florescent lights also give off UV rays? Although they do give off small amounts of UV rays, incandescent bulbs are much safer for textiles.

STORAGE – The safest, most conservation-minded method is flat storage in acid-free containers. Acid-free cardboard boxes and papers are the most common materials used for textile storage and protection.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER
FEAST OF TISHRI
Feast in the East
Friday, September 28, 2012
5:45 p.m. social time • 6:30 p.m.
\$30/ticket or \$50/couple

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
 301 Centennial Mall South
 Lincoln, NE 68508

Call (402) 435-2144 or e-mail
 scottishrite@windstream.net for reservations.

Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner & Auction
 A BENEFIT FOR THE RITECARE SPEECH & LANGUAGE CLINICS
 AND THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF OMAHA

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Friday, October 5, 2012
 Time: Doors Open at 5:30 P.m.
 Location: Scottish Rite Masonic Center
 202 South 20th Street, Omaha, NE
 Tickets: \$100/Person
 (\$55/ticket is tax-deductible)
 RSVP: Call (402) 342-1300 for tickets or
 e-mail micah@SRNE.org

Membership, continued from page 1

We offer a chance to **network**. Where else can you talk to Brothers with decades of experience in a field and ask his advice and wisdom? Where else but in Masonry can you join such a wide and varied group? True, a Square and Compass pin on the lapel won't guarantee a young man a job these days, but membership opens the door to conversation with men who have the depth of experience to advise a young Mason on his path.

Just as in the past, a Mason learns **leadership**. Whether or not you serve in the East, you can't help but learn to order your thoughts, prepare your arguments, and speak before a group of men. Sooner or later, an active Mason sits on a committee, handles a budget, manages volunteers. All while having a lot of fun! If nothing else, these are skills that can go to the office on Monday morning.

Membership in a fraternal order creates a **bond** like nothing else. How many Masons can talk about running into another Mason while at a convention somewhere, seeing his ring or lapel pin, and striking up a friendly conversation? We've all travelled to the East. That's something personal that can only be understood by someone else who has made that journey himself. Once you've started that journey, the bonds of brotherhood with others also on that road are inestimable. Masons can recount dozens of stories where they learn of a Brother or his widow facing hardship, and a dozen hands reach into a dozen wallets to help out. Why? Simply because a Brother or his family was in need.

Masonry encourages **the art of manliness**. The fraternity turns young men into men. Again, it is hard to quantify this to someone who hasn't joined a fraternity. Manliness comes in all shapes and sizes and forms, but when you can look a stranger in the eye, shake his hand with a firm grip, engage in conversation, call on committee members and put them to work, while moving with ease around a room of other men who were once strangers, you've made a difficult step. Masons carry themselves a bit taller, stand a little straighter, and those who wear their Masonry in their heart strive to move to the symbolic perfect ashlar. Masons constitute men who want to have fun, but they are dependable men who seek to improve themselves as husbands and fathers, as members of society, and employees and employers. Masonry is one of the last arts that can not be practiced electronically. It is men taking the time to practice the art of communication face-to-face and mouth-to-ear.



Is your Valley reaching out to potential Masons, such as our young men in DeMolay? Pictured: DeMolay officers Luke Castner, State Senior Councilor, Dalton Kock, State Master Councilor, and Adam Medley, State Junior Councilor

There are a hundred other reasons to join Masonry beyond these. We have to speak to young men - sons and grandsons, sons-in-law, co-workers, neighbors, our DeMolay members, and young men of promise and tell them why they need to be a member. We can't wait for them to ask about the square and compass on our tie-tack or ring.

We've said before that membership isn't the General Secretary's job. It's a committee on which we all belong. So get

going. Have the conversation. Talk to a young man today and help him take the first steps to an organization which will positively impact his life. Remind them why they need Masonry more than ever. ♣

As the White Lambskin is the badge of a Master Mason, so is the regulation cap the badge of a Scottish Rite Mason.



The Capping Ceremony

The Lincoln Valley capping ceremony started out as a nugget of an idea that would increase new members' ties to the Lincoln Valley, Scottish Rite. We wanted an event tied to the Reunion that would attract members and their wives, and give them something special to encourage our new brothers to come back and get involved.

The capping ceremony recognizes the candidates who attend the Reunion, as well as their families. Scottish Rite members create a formal setting in which we thank the degree cast and more importantly, thank the stage crew...the often unsung heroes of any Reunion.

The text of our ceremony was drawn from various sources and adapted for the Lincoln Valley members. The Master of Ceremonies is a Knights of St. Andrew member who gives a brief history of our 32nd degree cap, its meaning and origin. The hats are placed on a "Masonic blue table" and if the spouse is in attendance, we ask that she place the new members' badge of a 32nd degree Mason on his head. This makes it all the more special for the new Brother, while serving to remind the wives that they, too, are part of our Masonic family.

Our class reunion reception is provided by the wives and families of Knights of St. Andrew members. The food and beverages are served in an elegant setting with silver trays and crystal dishes. Realizing everyone has had a full day and at the conclusion, a few closing remarks are given by the Valley's Personal Representative, Ken Beebe, 33°, and our new Brethren are left to enjoy the evening and get acquainted with the members. Hopefully they come away realizing that the Reunion they've just been through is special on many levels - part of a fraternal group with roots extending back to the 18th century, a Reunion that requires more than 100 guys on the degree teams, stage crews, down in the kitchen cooking, and working behind the scenes, and an organization that seeks the participation of not just the members, but wives and families as well.

The capping ceremony reminds us that our Scottish Rite cap isn't just a hat, but a passport to an extraordinary fraternity.

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A purple cap indicates that the wearer is a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Active Member of the Supreme Council.



A white cap indicates a 33° Inspector General Honorary.



A red cap means 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH).



A light blue cap means that the wearer has been a Scottish Rite Mason for 50 years or more.



THE SCOTTISH RITE CAP is patterned off a British regimental "pill box cap," (left) and is considered a prayer cap. They are worn in Lodge to show our respect and devotion to God, and to identify ourselves as Scottish Rite Masons. The

Supreme Council has set forth a rule

for the correct wearing of the cap. When wearing a cap it shall be considered to be a part of the apparel of the wearer and shall not be removed. At the presentation of the flag, the cap shall remain in place, and the members shall stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. During prayer, the cap shall remain in place and the hands and arms shall be crossed as in the 18°. The wearing of caps is considered proper at Reunions and Scottish Rite meetings. It is improper for the cap to be worn in public places.



The Lincoln Scottish Rite presents a traditional

Burns Dinner

Celebrating the life of Scotland's favorite Son, the Ploughman Poet and Freemason

Robert Burns

Saturday, January 26, 2012

Cocktails beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Call (402) 432-2144 for more information.



Summer Vacation

Summer.

A time to slow down, enjoy the hot weather by the pool, take a vacation, and spend time relaxing before the busy fall season.

Not at the Scottish Rite!

The Omaha Valley has kept up at full tilt for the hot summer months with the Golf Outing and Benefit in June, which raised \$6,300 for the RiteCare through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. At the July Lodge of Perfection dinner, Brother Darrel Draper joined us in character as President Theodore Roosevelt. We hosted the 33rd annual Century Club dinner for Foundation donors, followed by the Scotch Tasting, and the Centennial ground breaking re-enactment. In August, we took a break for the members picnic at Cooper Farm, a beer tasting, and an Orient Council and membership meeting. In the meantime, numerous KCCH and 33° members have volunteered to call Brethren to simply wish them Happy Birthday and ask how they are doing. Don't be surprised if you get a call during your birthday month!

If you have not noticed in the courtyard, the cornerstone of the old Masonic building on 19th and Douglas Street was made into a beautiful bench in the courtyard patio. Work will begin on making a more inviting entrance from the parking garage on the west side.

The Ethics committee has continued to meet to plan events within the Valley highlighting our commitment to ethical thinking. Externally, Arnel MacDonald, 32° KCCH has worked on our second year of supporting Ethical Literacy education at Nathan Hale Middle School and Northwest High School. Chris Carter, 32° KCCH has developed a plan for some very interesting upcoming ethical education programs, including placing Ethics on trial, with prosecuting and defending attorneys, a judge and jury. Keep watching the Valley news for more information. Larry Jacobsen, 33°, invited University of Nebraska at Omaha marketing students to prepare a plan

detailing how Scottish Rite Masons can better market ourselves and our historic building in the community, and we are working on implementing several suggestions based on their proposals. We have also spent time meeting with the Douglas County Historical Society, Restore Omaha, and Clear Channel radio to develop partnerships both to promote the Valley during our 2012-2014 Centennial as

well as to promote Scottish Rite Masonry in the greater community. Curt Edic, 33° arranged for Scottish Rite Mason and award-winning country musician Brad Paisley, 32° to meet a RiteCare family and sign a few autographs.

In the meantime, the Knights of St. Andrew have volunteered to adopt a highway in Elkhorn. In return for several cleaning projects along the median, the Scottish Rite will be recognized on signs along the highway.

Now, as we slide into Autumn, we are gearing up for WalkRite for RiteCare on September 8 at the Lake Zorinsky Picnic Pavilion (sponsored by C&A Industries and Pharmaceutical Technologies, Inc.), a wine tasting on September 7, the Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction on October 5, and the Fall Reunion on November 15, 16, and 17.

If all that doesn't make you pause to catch your breath, I don't know what will! Thanks to the hundreds of Brothers and wives who have supported our events, fundraisers, and dinners! If you haven't been to the Scottish Rite, plan to come on down in the Fall. There's always something happening, and the welcome mat is always out for you!



Pictures above:

- 1) Brian Zahm at the Golf Outing and Benefit
- 2) Don Perry and Gary Unger working the grills at the Spring Outing at the Papillion Gun Club
- 3) Darrel Draper performing as Theodore Roosevelt

Brother Mike Kult (also known as Crash the Clown) first became involved with youth wheelchair sports through the City of Omaha and Karin Madden from the City of Omaha Department of Parks and Recreation, who wanted to start a wheelchair sports camp for kids. At the time Mike was playing multiple wheelchairs sports and agreed to volunteer to be co-organizer and help start the camp.

One Brother. . .

The first Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp was held in 1990, offering children with physical disabilities the opportunity to participate in group sports and recreation activities. This camp was the first of its type in the area and continues to attract participants from across the Midwest.



The camp introduced young people to a wide variety of sports and recreation activities while helping improve strength and endurance. All activities were geared toward improving self-esteem and confidence in the campers. An added benefit of the camp is that young people have an opportunity to meet others with similar disabilities, and experience independence, teamwork and fun.

making a difference

"The growth you see as a person, more than the team, is what is most rewarding," says Mike. Players practice from September through March at the University of Nebraska

at Omaha where Mike is Assistant Director of Campus Recreation. Kids come from Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Missouri to practice. *(Continued on page 7)*

Golfing Fore! a great cause

Nearly 60 golfers turned out on a beautiful June day at Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, Iowa for the 15th Annual Golf Outing and Benefit, supporting the RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. The golfers played 18 holes of golf, followed by a great dinner prepared by the Culinary Masters at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Title sponsors for the Golf Outing were **RBC Wealth Management**, the **Garlock Foundation**, and the **Munroe-Meyer Institute**. Numerous companies and individuals supported the Golf Outing as hole sponsors. Thanks to their generosity, as well as hole sponsors, donors, and players, the Golf Outing raised approximately \$6,300 for the RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha.

Golf committee Chair Pete Larson awarded prizes for top flights, putting contests, hole contests, as well as the raffle prizes. First Flight winners were the teams of Robert

Mead, Arnie Nelson, Mark Toman, and Tim McQuire, scoring 60, and Randy Kathol, Trey Mytty, Michael Hupp, and Larry Tennyson, also scoring 60. Second Flight winners were Greg Swinarski, Dan Wellendorf, Schadd Gray, and Chuck Wood with a score of 65, and Buzz Garlock, Andy Garlock, Lauren Faist, and Brian Zahm with a score of 68.

Buzz Garlock, Co-Chair for the Golf Outing, thanked Pete for his years of service as Chair and led the gathering in a round of applause for another successful year.

This year,

the Culinary Masters prepared thick, delicious 14 oz. pork chops, freshly grilled on the Scottish Rite patio, served with cheesy potatoes, fresh corn, and pasta salad.

For a package on how to plan a golf outing to benefit your Valley's Foundation or the RiteCare

Clinics, e-mail Micah Evans at micah@SRNE.org or call Micah at (402) 342-1300.



Masonic Treasure: the Nebraska Masonic Home

Over 100 years of Caring

Incorporated in 1888 and founded in 1903 in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, the Masonic Home is one of the treasures of Nebraska Masonry. Thousands of brothers and their wives or widows have been cared for at the Masonic Home. Multiple wings ensure that each level of care is independent in order to maintain the residents' dignity and self respect. Please read on to learn about the Masonic Home's latest project.

Residents and staff alike are excited about the construction/renovation project that is in progress at The Nebraska Masonic Home. The \$6.4 million project is scheduled for completion by year's end. Included in this project is the renovation of the 1924 Wing into six 820 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartments, and three 657 sq. ft., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartments. A 10,700 sq. ft. addition to the Spencer Wing will include new dining/activity rooms for the second and third floors.



The Nebraska Masonic Home continues to offer a full continuum of health care for assisted living, 24-hour nursing care, and Alzheimer's/dementia special care for eligible Masons and their eligible female relatives --- wife, widow, mother, sister, daughter, grandmother and granddaughter---in a dignified and loving environment funded totally through private donations of the Masonic families, bequests and other friends of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Home provides a variety of activities that play a big part in the daily lives of our 99 residents. These activities may range from going on field trips to various places of interest, live entertainment, sharing holidays and family celebrations, various religious services, having a day at the spa, enjoying an ethnic meal, or participating in a morning exercise routine.

As the Nebraska Masonic Home approaches our 110th year of providing a loving, caring and dignified home environment for our residents, we want to thank you, our donors, for making this possible. To learn more about admission to our beautiful facility, call Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director, at (402) 296-7300. Many Lodges in eastern Nebraska schedule a typed business meeting at the Masonic Home in the chapel, and Mary has always been

gracious about offering members and wives a tour of the home after an excellent dinner. The Home provides care in large measure thanks to the philanthropic generosity of Nebraska's Freemasons. To give a gift, contact Jo Peters, Foundation Director at (402) 296-7334.

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Making a Difference (continued)

There was a competitive group for veteran campers and those who participate in sports activities throughout the year, and there are introductory and basic skills groups for those who are not as experienced. The overall goal is for campers to have a great time, make new friends, and improve their athletic skills. When people watch long enough, they stop seeing wheelchairs and start seeing good basketball played by talented athletes who are up to any challenge, Mike says.

The Nebraska Red Dawgs Wheelchair Basketball and Nebraska Junior Barons grew out of the Wheelchair Sports Camp. The campers wanted more than just a summer program so in 1992, Mike began the Nebraska Red Dawgs, which is part of the Eastern Nebraska Basketball Wheelchair Athletic Association. For the first two years, the team consisted of several very young players and we competed in the 8 ½ foot and Junior Varsity divisions. As the program grew, the Red Dawgs developed teams in the 8 ½ foot, Junior Varsity and Varsity levels. Under Mike's coaching, the Red Dawgs have experienced success on the

court with a National Championship in the 8 ½ and Junior Varsity levels as well as a two-time national champion at the Varsity Level. Several of athletes playing have gone on to play with the national teams and one playing professional wheelchair basketball in Europe.

Mike continues to be most proud of the players off-court success. Many of the athletes come from smaller towns and are often the only child in the school who may have a disability. By being with the team, they realize they are not alone and they can build friendships and develop confidence and pride. Every athlete who has entered the program has finished high school with approximately 75% going on to college, many receiving scholarships. The Red Dawg team has also helped many of the athletes adjust to being a person with a disability by showing them what can be accomplished instead of what they cannot accomplish.

Mike has always brought his Masonic principles to his coaching Red Dawg players. Like Masons coming together from different backgrounds, Mike says that the players are also building lifelong bonds and friendships through shared differences.

Development

Little is known about William Luther Seybolt. He was born on April 15, 1890 in Cass County, Nebraska. For all of 45 days between December 1908 and January 1909, he was appointed mail carrier in Murray, Nebraska. Bill joined Plattsmouth Lodge #6, and joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Lincoln in 1918 and passed away in March, 1959.



William L. Seybolt in March, 1918 at the Lincoln Reunion

Bill deeded his farm to the Scottish Rite with the condition that his heirs continue to farm the land until they passed away. The Valley of Lincoln inherited the land in 2011, and the Valley receives rental income from the land.

We don't know whether Bill was an active Mason or not but we do know that something in the fraternity touched Brother Bill, and he remembered the Valley in his estate planning. He made

a significant difference in Scottish Rite Masons' ability to continue serving our philanthropies and our members.

Bill Seybolt left his Masonic legacy in a meaningful way that will be remembered and felt more than 50 years after his passing. The income received from his bequest helps maintain the Lincoln Valley's historic building, as well as underwrites RiteCare services for Nebraska's children.

Have you thought about your Masonic legacy in your estate planning? When you talk to your wife and family about your will, please consider the Scottish Rite as part of your plan. Whether you dedicate a set dollar amount or a percentage, you know that your donation will make a difference for years and years to come. Please talk to your spouse and family about including your Valley's local Foundation for memorials and bequests.

By including your Valley or your Valley's Foundation in your estate plan, you help us continue to serve our fraternity, our members, and our communities. For questions about estate planning or how to include your Scottish Rite Foundation, please call or e-mail Micah Evans at micah@SRNE.org or (402) 342-1300.

By now, you have received a letter for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska's 101 Club appeal. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska is the means by which we support the RiteCare Clinics in Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, and now in Alliance and the Panhandle. For 2012, our budget is about \$675,000, which includes the cost of 9 speech and language



101 signifies the cost of one session of therapy for a child with a speech and language disorder. Please consider supporting the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska and helping us provide these services to our children.

clinicians in Nebraska and the operating costs for the RiteCare programs. We are fortunate to have a significant endowment which has supported these programs for many years, but like too many Masonic organizations, we have nibbled away at our "seed corn" for too long.

By supporting the 101 Club with a tax-deductible gift, you help us reduce the amount we have to take out of the endowment while directly supporting our contributions to the RiteCare clinics plus the new satellite clinic in Alliance. This year, the money raised helps support the cost of technology for the Alliance satellite clinic. The plan is to build a room within the Valley where parents can bring their children and meet with Laura Moody, our clinician at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. If this proves successful, Alliance will serve as a hub for children in the Panhandle who can not easily get to a RiteCare clinic in Hastings, Lincoln, or Omaha.

As Masons, we receive many requests for our philanthropic support - the Plattsmouth Home, the Shrine's Transportation Fund, the Scottish Rite, the Omaha Home for Boys. And Masons are nothing but extremely generous! Thank you for what you have done to make Freemasonry in Nebraska, in all our bodies and organizations, successful and thriving.

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