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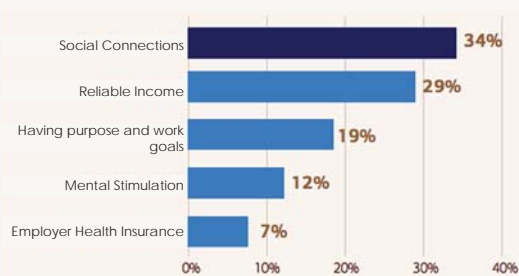
## Membership

Masonic author and blogger Chris Hodapp recently referenced an article from The Motley Fool, a financial website, which itself quoted a 2013 Merrill Lynch and Age Wave (MLAW) study of retirees. The study asked a group of currently retired folks what they missed the most about work.

Social connections, purpose and work goals, and mental stimulation ranked high among their responses. If the three variables are combined, they account for 65% of the most pressing losses retirees face in their post-work lives.

The article goes on to say: Which sounds like more fun in retirement: going golfing everyday, or cleaning up trash on the side of the road?

### *What Retirees Actually Miss About Work*



According to the MLAW study, *Leisure in Retirement: Beyond the Bucket List*, it could surprisingly be the latter. That's because the majority of retirees say their enjoyment depends more on *who* they do an activity with than *what* they are doing. If the choice is between golfing alone or cleaning up trash with your kids and grandkids, most retirees will gladly throw on a pair of gloves and collect the garbage.

Of course, this has great implications for Freemasonry as the Baby Boomer population ages and retires.

### *An Alternative Focus on Membership Recruitment*

The study indicates that perhaps we ought to share our membership focus as much on the valued Millennial Generation as with the men who are recently retired or about to retire and offer Freemasonry as an outlet to their need for social connections, purpose, and mental stimulation.

As I've heard from our own members who are retired, after six months of sitting at home after 40+ years of heading to the workplace, they need something to do!

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## Orient Calendar

Sep 9 .....	Wine Tasting & Catered Dinner (O)
Sep 12 .....	Masonic Charities Golf Tournament
	North Bend Golf Course
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Sept 21 .....	Fall Outing (O)
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Oct 7 .....	Lincoln Scottish Rite Cornerstone Rededication (L)
Oct 7 .....	Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner & Auction (O)
Oct 7-8 .....	Lincoln Fall Reunion (L)
Oct 8 .....	Walk for RiteCare (H)
Oct 21 .....	Feast of Tishri (L)
Oct 28 .....	KSA New England Seafood Boil (O)
Oct 28-29 .....	Hastings Fall Reunion (H)
Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Nov 3, 10, 17 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Nov 4-5 .....	Alliance Fall Reunion (A)
Nov 17, 18, 19 .....	Omaha Fall Reunion (O)
Dec 9 .....	Christmas Party & Banquet (L)
Dec 7, 14, 21, 28 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Dec 8, 15, 22, 29 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)

### Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month  
Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month  
Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month  
Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 15, Dec 21

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month  
Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

For more information  
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## Exciting Changes at the Alliance Valley Scottish Rite

At nearly 100 years young, the Alliance Scottish Rite sure looks great! We have hosted a few weddings, and a bit of additional income is never a bad thing. The ballroom looked fantastic at this wedding, and we hope to book more wedding rentals going forward.

The Scottish Rite is in the process of installing new carpeting in the Lodge room, probably the first new carpeting in over fifty years upstairs. You will love the new look. I will have before and after pictures of the Alliance Scottish Rite lodge room in the next Journal. Allo Communications has been installing fiber optics around Alliance, and we are switching carriers to take advantage of high speed internet at the Valley. This will be a big help for the RiteCare telepractice therapy handled at the Valley with our clinician in Kearney.

At the suggestion of members, we have begun opening and closing meetings with the formal Scottish Rite ritual, published in "Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite." Additionally, we include an educational presentation at meetings, and members appreciate learning something about our Craft and a bit more formality at the meetings. The Valley is dark in July and August, but plan to visit for a meeting in September (the 4th Friday of each month) and get involved!

We anticipate welcoming at least four new Scottish Rite Masons at the November 4-5 Reunion, and as always, new candidates are always welcome!





Our Trap Shoot was held on Sunday, July 17, 2016 in Grand Island, NE. We had nine people who came to shoot. This is the first time we have tried this type of get together for the Hastings Scottish Rite Valley. After several hours of shooting and fellowship we adjourned for the day. This is planned to become a regular event for our valley. Pictured are Les Seiler, Jim Horsham & Bill Carson shooting on Sunday.

## RiteCare

by Kris Althouse, M.A., CCC-SLP  
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# SUMMER CAMP

Here in the RiteCare Clinic at Hastings, we have been talking about what camping is, as well as camping vocabulary, what we might do or experience while we are camping, and using the tent and boat for dramatic play. We also used the boat during our "fishing game"...this game was purchased with funds raised during the Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction this last year in Omaha. The kids love to fish!

The fishing was also used for reinforcement when some of the students practiced their speech sounds (after saying their words starting with "sh" or "s" for example, then they had a turn fishing). The students enjoyed going into the tent, crawling into the sleeping bag, turning off the lights and using the lantern inside of the tent. Some students used a flashlight to "spotlight" their speech sound words that we taped onto the tent walls with a flashlight in the dark... great fun!



## 2016 Meeting Schedule

In an effort to involve brethren from around the Central Nebraska Valley, Scottish Rite meetings will continue to host meetings in different towns communities during the year.

Check with the Scottish Rite office for detailed information, but the remainder of the 2016 meetings will tentatively be:

September 6.....	Hastings
October 4.....	Hastings
October 8.....	Walk for RiteCare
October 28-29 .....	Fall Reunion
November 1 .....	Hastings (Feast of Tishri)
December 6 .....	Hastings

## Walk for RiteCare™

### Saturday, October 8

Hastings Masonic Temple  
Registration begins at 10:00  
Walk beginning at 10:30  
Lunch follows

## SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION OCTOBER 28-29, 2016

Top-line signers for two (or more) candidates get the next year's dues **FREE!** PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP \$175 (\$125 FOR MASONS 31 AND UNDER)



## BE A SUPER HERO ... BRING A CANDIDATE

Row	Seat	Section
OCT	7-8	2016

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**FALL  
REUNION**



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Scottish Rite Masonic Center

**FEAST OF TISHRI**

*Feast in the East*

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

5:45 p.m. social time • 6:30 p.m. dinner

Reservations: \$25/person

**Menu**

5 courses inspired by dishes  
of the Middle East

Recognition of 50-year mem-  
bers and new members

**Entertainment**

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Masonic Center  
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[www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org/events](http://www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org/events)

**15th Annual Masonic  
Charities Golf Tournament**

**"A Day of Golf with  
the Grand Master"**

**Monday, Sept. 12th**

10 AM Registration /  
11 AM Shotgun Start

**North Bend Golf Course**

4 player scramble  
\$125/player

**Open to Masons,  
Guests, & the Public**

Visit Grand Lodge  
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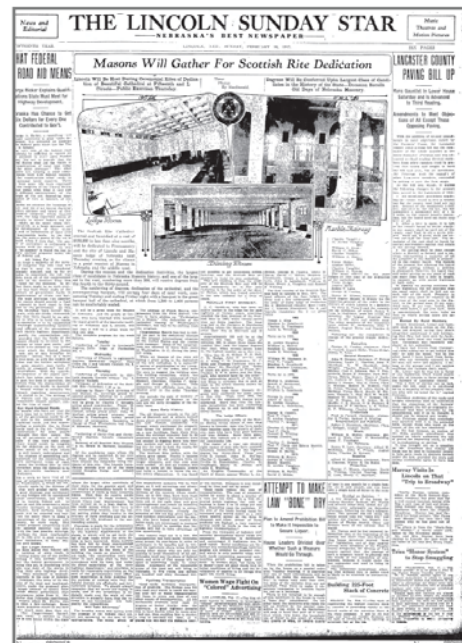
## Lincoln Scottish Rite Fall Reunion Celebrates Centennial with Cornerstone Rededication, Banquet

On August 8, 1916, M.W. Andrew H. Viele of Norfolk and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska laid the cornerstone for the new Scottish Rite Cathedral at 15th and L Street. Henry H. Wilson, Grand Orator, noted that "No history of Nebraska can be written without recording the public service of many of our members whose lives have been intimately interwoven with the history of the state.

At a cost estimated to be \$150,000, the Scottish Rite was completed in time for the Dedication Reunion on February 22, 1917, with a class of 200. At the time, the Great Hall extended from the back of the Scottish Rite (where the museum is today) to the far wall (where the library and pool tables are), and accommodated 1,400. Presumably the Fire Marshal was not a member.

One of the interesting architectural notes are the aluminum bannisters. By today's standards, they are not fancy, but in the 1910s, with advancements in aluminum alloys, they were the premium choice for architectural details.

Thousands of men have been Scottish Rite Masons since 1917. To commemorate the century since the cornerstone was dedicated, the Scottish Rite is hosting a Centennial Reunion. Grand Lodge will re-dedicate the cornerstone on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., followed by a cocktail reception and the beginning of the Reunion.



*February 18, 1917 Lincoln Sunday Star, announcing dedication of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral*

On Saturday, the Reunion continues with breakfast, degrees, and a reception and capping ceremony, followed by a Banquet. This is the perfect time to introduce a Brother to Scottish Rite Freemasonry and invite him to petition.

Petitions are available at [www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org](http://www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org) in the "Become a Member" section, or call Bruce Wood, 33° at (402) 435-2144.

## KEEP COOL AND CARRY ON!

You've heard of a 33° Mason, but when the summer heat is this oppressive, it feels like we're 95° Masons! It is hard to get excited about air-conditioning... unless you don't have it.

After nearly a century, the Valley of Lincoln Scottish Rite finally is cool throughout the building, particularly in the big Lodge room, small Lodge room, and hallways. Comfortechs finished installing the units in July, and Don Gray, 32° KCCH led our first comfortably cool Lodge meeting that same month.

A cool building is nice, but it also represents an important milestone for the Lincoln Valley. Thanks to you, we have raised \$250,000 for our Capital Campaign, and the Executive Board has given us the remaining match toward a \$250,000 grant. That gives us a good start on renovations in time for the Centennial this October.

We still have work to go and welcome your financial support. Please e-mail our Capital Campaign chair Dale Lueders, 33° at [dglueders@aol.com](mailto:dglueders@aol.com) for information about a donation.



## VMAP Committee Meets to Discuss 2016-2017 Goals and Objectives

The Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) committee met on Saturday, June 18 at the Omaha Scottish Rite. Committee members included Mike Thomas, Andrew Muska, Kyle Beckner, Don Leu, Rob Corsaro, Don Kavalec, Bill Cornell, Gary Williams, Mike Precella, Danny Whitlow, Mike Stuhr, Carl Simmons, Bill Kimme, Bob Pelletier, John Hardy, Chris Nigro, and Alan Boulter. Arnel MacDonald chaired the committee meeting.

Arnel's goals in selecting participants for the VMAP committee is that no members would be older than himself, and while several are already active as Line Officers, members were selected on the basis of having expressed an interest in becoming active in the Scottish Rite. For several members on the VMAP committee, this represents their first involvement on a leadership committee within the Scottish Rite.

After a catered breakfast, Arnel discussed the working points of the VMAP program. VMAP was designed by a Supreme Council committee based on input from hundreds of Scottish Rite Masons at the 2014 Scottish Rite Leadership Workshops. VMAP is designed to help Scottish Rite Valleys better engage members and create a positive, dynamic experience for membership. The 11 categories of VMAP are:

1. Membership Retention / Engagement
2. Scottish Rite Education for Members
3. Membership Recruitment

4. New Member Engagement
5. Reunion Experience
6. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates
7. Philanthropy
8. Public Image
9. Degree Conferral Proficiency
10. Officer Responsibilities & Engagement
11. Valley Organizations

Committee members are responsible for their own section, and can establish their own sub-committees if they want. Upon completion of these categories each year - or rather, continued advancement in each category since they are never truly complete - the House of the Temple will send an annual date tab which is mounted on a beautiful VMAP plaque presented to participating Valleys. Read more about VMAP at <http://www.scottishrite.org/vmap>.

Above: members of the VMAP Committee recreate the cover of the May-June *Scottish Rite Journal* (cover), taken at the Leadership Workshop in Phoenix, Arizona last April.



Will Barrett, Gary Unger, Bryan Kaufman, and Ernie Walters

### A Great Day for

## GOLF

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual RiteCare Classic Golf Outing raised \$6,000, all of which supports speech and language services at the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute through the Scottish Rite Foundation.

19 foursomes played golf on a warm but sunny day at Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, followed by raffle prizes and hole prizes awarded by golf committee chair Buzz Garlock, 32° KCCH. For dinner, Tim's Wild West Catering served pulled pork barbecue sandwiches.

"The RiteCare Classic's twofold goal is to prepare a top-notch event for our golfers," said Buzz, "and to raise funds for our RiteCare kids. Once again, we did both thanks to our sponsors and the leadership of our committee members."

RiteCare clinician Korey Stading spoke about how the funds support pre-school and therapy services for children, many of whom might not be able to afford services otherwise without the generosity of Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons.



Greg Swinarski, 32° KCCH, Bill Craig, 33°, Dan Wellendorf, 33°, and Charlie Marchand, 33°

# Andy's Story

by Kathryn and Greg Brockmeier  
RiteCare parents



Andy and Miss Carrie at UNL's Barkley Memorial Center RiteCare Clinic

When Andy was born five years ago and we received the diagnosis that he had Down syndrome, we wondered what developmental challenges he would face. We assumed he would require therapies to help him develop better speech skills. When he was three, we learned about the Scottish Rite RiteCare Clinic in Lincoln through our local Down Syndrome Association. There was a wait list for speech therapy at our top choice of local clinics, so we were excited to have the opportunity to have intervention through RiteCare. In the last two years, we have seen Andy's speech skills grow by leaps and bounds. We credit much of Andy's success to

the hard work he accomplished under Carrie and Amber's supervision. We are grateful for this opportunity to receive exceptional care in a fun, stimulating, and caring environment. *Thank you, Scottish Rite Masons for your investment in Andy's future!*



Sunday, June 26 might have been a hot 90° summer's day, but warm weather did not keep around 100 RiteCare children and their families from coming out to Lake Zorinsky for WalkRite for RiteCare. The Walk raised \$6,000 for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha and the RiteCare Clinics.

After a welcome by Honorary Team Captain Leslie Van Winkle, RiteCare Clinician, the kids made a short walk - most to the playground across the park - and back for hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by the Culinary Masters. The Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy brought two therapy ponies for the children to pet, and members of the Nebraska Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSHLA) ran a craft table for the children. Squiggles the Clown was also on hand to entertain the kids and let them climb on the Tangier Shrine Clown Unit's fire truck.

The Walk is now in its 8th year, and has raised more than \$60,000 for RiteCare services. Lincoln and Hastings Valleys have also started successful Walks to support their RiteCare Clinics, as well.



## Membership, continued

Whether it is rolling up their sleeves and getting to work in the kitchen, planning events or serving on committees, or just kicking back to smoke cigars with their friends, the social connections and friendships are critical.

One of the points we stress for Masonic membership are leadership opportunities. Many of these retired or nearly-retired men have decades of leadership experience. Whether they want to tackle Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) goals or committee work or take a backseat, serving as mentors to upcoming leaders, or take no role in leadership, Freemasonry has a broad range of events for every taste.

### \*Freemasonry Has Health Benefits

Chris Hodapp references Richard Putnam's much-cited book *Bowling Alone*,

*\* This statement has not been evaluated by the FDA*



*Never "too busy..." Don Kavalec, 32° KCCH, retired from a long career with Blue Cross Blue Shield and ConAgra, is active on the Ethics Committee, degree work, Past Venerable Master of the KSA, Shrine Corvette Club, an officer in the Consistory, Sr. Deacon at Pike Lodge #333 - as well as making plenty of Grandpa-time and time on the golf course! (Above, Don leads a breakout session at the KSA Gathering in May.)*

which concludes that socializing helps people live longer. Less stress, more physical and mental activity, as well as purpose and an added value both to and from an

organization, have health benefits and lead to a longer life.

I would in no way suggest we don't continue to reach young men seeking purpose and activities in lives. However, with this study showing that retired members continue to crave these things as well, we would be amiss not to reach out to men who have retired or about to retire.

From Chris Hodapp's "Freemasons for Dummies" blog, "The walls of a lodge are elastic, and in the best ones anyway, Masons across all age groups work together, govern their organization, assist each other, seek spiritual awakening, and socialize. The broader definition of the Masonic family has enough variation and sub-interests within it to appeal to just about anyone."

Invite a prospective Brother to an upcoming event. I bet we'll see the results proven with his petition at our Lodge!

# A Day in the Life: Miss Korey

Part 2: by John Keenan, UNMC Public Relations Office (john.keenan@unmc.edu)

In the semi-circle around Miss Korey, the children are using various assistive devices – iPads, tablets, and even laminated pieces of construction paper with various photos pasted on them, some of which they have brought with them, and some of which the preschool supplies.

“We try different things for different kids,” Miss Korey says. “Some of the students can even use their devices to make sentences.”

The devices are necessary because this preschool is designed specifically for students with language delays. Chase, Ezra and their classmates have trouble speaking. Miss Korey’s job is to help them communicate, through speech if possible, through other means if not.

Miss Beth and Miss Ellyn station themselves to the right and left of Miss Korey, sitting behind and between the children. (Miss Beth is Bethany Hughes, another speech-language pathologist from the Munroe-Meyer Institute. Miss Ellyn is Ellyn Kennedy, a graduate student from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.)

The class runs year-round, but on a university schedule, because of the graduate students such as Miss Ellyn that come in to help, resulting in an eight-week session in the summer, and a “college semester” sort of schedule, September to December and then January to May.

Miss Beth is sitting behind Trevyn, 3, who is styling this morning in a Ninja Turtles hoodie that the teachers make much of when he arrives. (“I like the Ninja Turtles, too, Trevyn!”) Miss Ellyn sits between Ezra and Chase – Chase is already trying to divest himself of his new glasses, which Miss Ellyn cheerfully and firmly puts back on his head.

From her spot at the center of the semicircle, Miss Korey leads the class in a loud version of “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider,” making the motions as she sings – walking her fingers together to show the spider climbing,

dropping her hands, fingers fluttering, to signify the rain. Several of the “friends” mimic her motions and sing along. When the song is over, Miss Beth shows Trevyn two cards. One has a star on it; the other a spider. Trevyn points decisively to the spider, and the class begins singing “The Itsy Bitsy Spider” again.

As Miss Beth and Miss Ellyn continue leading the song, Miss Korey begins to move, scuttling forward to take Trevyn by his hands, asking him “Do you want to dance?” She swings his arms gently back and forth in time to the music, then thanks him for the dance before sitting back and banging her feet on the floor in time to the music.

When the song ends, Miss Korey declares, “I need schedule helpers!” She looks around the circle expectantly.

Miss Ellyn retrieves a small metal wastebasket filled with plastic pointers, and each child is offered a choice of two different colors.

Trevyn chooses purple, but he has to work for it.

“I,” Miss Korey says, touching her chest.

“Uh,” Trevyn repeats gamely.

“Want.”

“Want.”

“Purple.” She purses her lips, popping the P sounds.

“Puh-pul!” Trevyn says triumphantly as all the teachers cheer. Ezra, who has chosen a red pointer, waves it above his head excitedly, as if to applaud his classmate as well.

Miss Korey’s use of sign language when talking to Trevyn – touching her chest for “I,” for example – is not accidental.



Sign language is another avenue of communication, and the teachers use basic signs throughout the class.

“All of our kids have expressive language delays of one form or another, so it’s another mode to allow them to express themselves, and obviously they can’t learn it if we don’t show it to them,” Miss Korey says. “So we model it all the time.”

The movements also can serve as a cue for the children who do use their speech. “Sometimes that sign will cue the word, so we’re not having to say it for them to imitate. It also is another visual, so it helps with kind of receptive understanding or directions or other things, too.”

Once everyone has a pointer, Trevyn speaks again. He’s been in the class slightly longer than his four friends, and he’s more outgoing.

“Up!” he demands.

Miss Korey is at his side immediately, lifting the white portion of his desk up so he can leave his seat and toddle to the schedule on the wall. (Miss Ellyn and Miss Beth help the other children to the wall, as well.) With the teachers’ help, the children use their pointers to pick out the next activity.

*concluded next edition. . .*

“SOMEONE IS SITTING IN THE *shade* TODAY  
BECAUSE SOMEONE PLANTED A *tree* A LONG  
TIME AGO.”  
-WARREN BUFFET

Not that long ago, non-profit organizations, particularly small ones (and I consider the Scottish Rite Foundations of Nebraska to be small) thought that talking about planned gifts and estate plans was something that only big non-profits could do.

Particularly after the 2008 recession, non-profits are more cognizant of the need to build endowments and avoid dipping into the principal. Planned gifts are a way to do that.

Demographics are telling us that the population is aging, and a concentration of wealth is changing hands.

Gift annuities, gifts of life insurance, bequests, charitable remainder trusts, pooled income funds, and many other planned gift options exist. These daunting names make a planned gift sound complicated, and deters many donors from thinking about including their favorite Masonic philanthropy in their wills and estates. Fortunately for smaller non-profits, the simplest planned gift to is also the most prevalent: a bequest left to a charity in a will to be administered after the donor dies.

This can be done with a set amount, a percentage, a gift annuity, or even as a beneficiary (in whole or in part) of an insurance policy. Your gift provides for the long-term stability of our philanthropies and will serve tomorrow's leaders for years to come.



*The Silent Generation  
(born before 1945) gave  
\$1,367 to 6.2 charities*



*Baby Boomers (born between  
1946-1964) gave  
\$1,212 to 4.5 charities*



*Generation X (born between  
1965-1976) \$732 to  
4.5 charities*



*Millennials (born between  
1977-1995) gave \$481 to  
3.3 charities*

The Silent Generation, born between the late 1920s and 1945, are called so because their generation was dwarfed by the generations that came before and after.

As they enter their 70s and retirement years, they are silent no more. They came of age during the period of great economic expansion in the United States, with many retiring before the recession of 2007-2008. As the value of stocks and real estate increased over time, many built a comfortable retirement nest egg, buttressed by Social Security, pensions and qualified retirement plans.

Not only are these men holding the wallet, they also represent 56% of the entire Scottish Rite membership in Nebraska.

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For these reasons, the Silent Generation is ready to be heard. . . and we're listening!

With an average of 39 years of Scottish Rite membership among Silent Generation members, there is a clear love for our Craft. Across the state, you have served as Masters, Degree Directors, worked in the kitchen, built shelves, repaired the HVAC and repaired a thousand things. You've quite literally built the foundation on which our fraternity rests.

***When you consider the Scottish Rite Foundations of Nebraska in your estate, your generosity is a "forever" gift, serving RiteCare kids and Scottish Rite philanthropies for years to come.***

In July, you received the \$101-Club appeal, representing the cost of one session of therapy for a child in RiteCare. Included was a flier about charitable gift annuities. Please reach out to me if you have questions about an annuity (which provides you income for life as well as tax advantages), or how to include the appropriate language in your estate plan. My phone number is (402) 342-1300 and my e-mail is micah@SRNE.org.

As always, thank you for being a Scottish Rite Freemason, and thank you for what you've done for our fraternity.

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Your donations change the world.”

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