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## Membership

One of the great pleasures I have as Orient Development Director is attending as many of the Reunions in Alliance, Hastings, Lincoln, and Omaha as I can each Spring and Fall. The Brotherly welcome is always genuinely warm and I enjoy catching up with old friends, meeting new Brethren, and solving the problems of Masonry over donuts between degrees.

Each Valley has its own twist on Reunions, its own traditions, plenty of in-jokes that only the members would understand, and degree work done very well. If you can make it to other Valleys for Reunions, it is worth the trip. You will not be disappointed for the day.

I like to look at those old Scottish Rite Reunion photos on the wall, back when 20, 50, 100 - even upwards of 200 men

received the degrees of the Scottish Rite. Back then, it was a big deal to be part of a family tradition as a 32° Prince of the Royal Secret.

But think about the men you aren't seeing in those class photos - the 100 or more Brethren it took just to do the Degree work, and the men behind the scenes on the stage, in the costume room, or setting up the stage and drops Degrees. It was truly a REUNION - whether Brethren were active Scottish Rite Masons or only came back once or twice a year for those degrees, they came back, caught up with old friends, made new



**Banquet in Lincoln Scottish Rite ballroom, 1949**

friendships, and like today, sat around behind the scenes to solve the problems of the world, eat donuts and drink coffee, and shared a

laugh while welcoming the new Brethren.

When you look at these banquet photos and class photos - when 50, 75, or 100 or more Brethren joined the Scottish Rite, it is easy to conceive of nearly as many Brethren present to watch the Degrees with the Candidates.

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## Orient Calendar

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Jan 21 .....	Installation of 2017 Officers (L)
Jan 27 .....	Robert Burns Dinner (L)
Jan 27 .....	Scotch Tasting (O)
Jan 29 .....	Broadway Series: <i>The Sound of Music</i> (O)
Feb 2-4 .....	Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Kearney)
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Feb 10 .....	Valentine's Dinner and Dance (L)
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Mar 9 .....	Broadway Series: <i>Jersey Boys</i> (O)
Mar 17 .....	St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage (L)
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Mar 10 .....	Hastings Spring Reunion (H)
Apr 7-8 .....	Alliance Spring Reunion (A)
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 .....	Weds Masonic Lunch (H)
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 .....	Thurs Masonic Lunch (L)
Apr 28-29 .....	Omaha Spring Reunion (O)
May 5-6 .....	Lincoln Spring Reunion (L)
May 16 .....	Broadway Series: <i>Something Rotten</i> (O)
May 20 .....	WalkRite for RiteCare(L)
May 20 .....	Celebrating the Craft (A, H, L, O)
June 21 .....	RiteCare Classic Golf Benefit (O)
Aug 18-19 .....	Lincoln Fall Reunion (L)

### Lodge of Perfection meetings:

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

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

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

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

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**Front row:** Micah Evans, Bob Phillip, Gene Gatti, Joe Massey, Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., John Ferguson, Dwight Smith, Don Phillip.

**Middle Row:** Richard Reisig, Geoffrey Phillip, Kurt Blazek, Art Stricker, James Ferguson, Brent VanPatten

**Back row:** Scott Phillip, Terry Phillip, Walt Phillip, Greg Carlson, Frank Wooden, Ed Morava, John Barrett

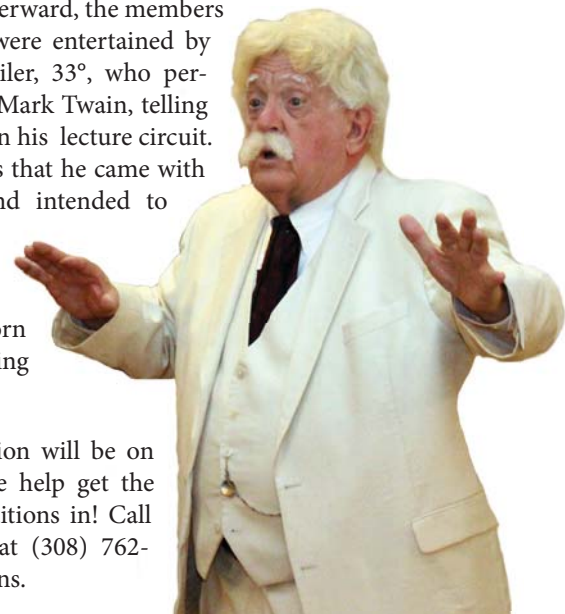
The Alliance Valley hosted the Fall Reunion, welcoming **Brother Joe Massey, 32°** as the Valley's newest Prince of the Royal Secret. As always, the Valley does good degree work, has a lot of fun, and is indebted to numerous Brethren who step up to take part in degrees on very short notice, including James H. Ferguson, 32° KCCH who always comes up from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for the 32°.

This year, the Valley of Alliance had the honor of presenting a 70 year pin to Brother Bob Phillip, 33°, who joined Alliance Lodge #183 in 1946. That same year, he joined the Scottish Rite, receiving his 14°. Bob is estimated to be the longest-serving Scottish Rite Mason in the Southern Jurisdiction!

Bob's mentor at the time paid for his Scottish Rite membership, with the admonition that he work on the stage crew at Reunions. "Well, he never told me to stop," Bob said, and he's missed maybe a single Reunion in the past 70 years! Bob was joined by Don, Walt, Scott, Terry, and Geoffrey Phillip.

At the banquet afterward, the members and their ladies were entertained by Brother Wally Seiler, 33°, who performs as Brother Mark Twain, telling stories as he did on his lecture circuit. He told the guests that he came with Haley's comet and intended to leave with Haley's comet - and Mark Twain did just that, being born in 1835 and passing away in 1910!

The Spring Reunion will be on April 7-8<sup>th</sup>. Please help get the word out and petitions in! Call Gene Gatti, 33° at (308) 762-4324 with questions.







Special recognition goes to **Mike Bruns of Big Dally's Deli**, who has graciously provided sandwiches and soup each year of the Walk. Above, Mike is preparing his excellent chicken noodle soup before the Walk.

Please stop by Big Dally's Deli and thank Mike for his generous support of Masonic events during the year!



## A Great Day to Walk for RiteCare

October 8, 2016 was a beautiful morning for the 3rd Hastings Walk for RiteCare! This year over 100 RiteCare children, family members, and community supporters turned out on a bright and sunny fall morning to raise money for the RiteCare Clinic in Hastings and services for children in central Nebraska.

vantage point in front of the Hastings Masonic Center. Even the Kool-Aid guy made an appearance, handing out packages of Kool-Aid to kids and posing for pictures.

Sponsors included:

- Landmark Implement/John Deere
- Hastings YMCA
- Big Dally's Deli
- Johnson Concrete Products
- Milt & Debbie Kennedy
- Dutton Lainson Company
- Highland Park Lawn Co.
- Jon & Ricki Yocom
- Krieger Electric Co.
- Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab
- Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning
- INKcredible Inc.



RiteCare Clinicians Emily Johnson and Kris Althouse along with Scottish Rite Masters Jon Yocom and Jim Horsham brought in numerous sponsors from the Hastings community and created stations along the sidewalk around the Hastings Masonic Center. As the children participated at each station, they received a stamp and could redeem their stamped cards for prizes.

Stations included:

- Registration and Walk t-shirt station
- Discovery Toys, hosted by Megan Paben
- Face painting
- Bean Bag Toss
- Bean Bag Bowling
- Bubbles
- Pumpkin Chuckin'
- Eileen's Colossal Cookies
- Corn Table

A silent auction also raised additional funds for RiteCare, with nearly twenty items to bid on including: family membership from Hastings YMCA, a "Grow Nebraska" themed basket, handcrafted cutting boards, a handmade seasonal porch sign, and one dozen cookies per month from Eileen's Colossal Cookies.

At the end of a great day, the Walk for RiteCare raised \$5,515 and supports the therapy and services for children in Hastings and central Nebraska. Additional tax-deductions are welcome, and donations can be made to the Hastings Scottish Rite Valley Foundation.



Top: RiteCare kids having fun in the corn table

Second: RiteCare Clinician Kris Althouse and daughter Shannon

Third: RiteCare clinician Emily Johnson with the Kool Aid man

Fourth: Beau Studley with son Lincoln





**Congratulations to the 11 new 32° Scottish Rite Masons from the October Reunion**

First Row L-R: Andrew LaGrone, Bill Short, Bob Nootz, Rick Clabaugh, Chuck Sederstrom, Alan Stall, Grant Jones, Jason Nielson, Doug Lottman

Second Row L-R: Rick Siebert, JR Bloom, Myron Coleman, Greg Mason, Mervyn Moeller, Don Albrecht, Eric Bachenberg, Dale Lueders, Mike Jones

## Scottish Rite Centennial Celebration: Grand Lodge of Nebraska Rededicates Scottish Rite Cornerstone, Followed by Fall Reunion



M. W. Dennis Rix and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska kicked off the centennial celebration of the Lincoln Scottish Rite Masonic Center with a cornerstone rededication on October 7, 2016. The event recognized the Lincoln Scottish Rite, dedicated on August 8, 1916.

After determining the cornerstone was (symbolically) laid true, corn, wine, and oil were applied to the cornerstone. Representing the produce of the land, corn, wine, and oil are used in hopes that the Lodge will prosper, "reaping the abundance of Masonic cultivation and a rich harvest of ripe character from the seeds it plants. . . The corn is poured as an emblem of nourishment; the wine as an emblem of refreshment and the oil as an emblem of joy and happiness."

Afterward, eleven Brothers received the degrees of the Scottish Rite, followed by a capping ceremony and reception in the grand ball room. Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, capped the new 32° Princes of the Royal Secret, welcoming them to the fraternity. This Reunion class is the largest class to have joined in a long time and a fitting way to celebrate the Lincoln Scottish Rite's 100th anniversary!

## 2017 Lincoln Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events in the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, and join us during the year!

January 21..... Installation of SR Officers  
February 10 ..... Valentine's Dinner & Dance  
March 17 .... Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed  
May 5 & 6..... Lincoln Spring Reunion  
May 20..... Walk for RiteCare  
May 20..... Celebrating the Craft  
August 18 & 19..... Lincoln Fall Reunion  
December 3 ..... RiteCare Christmas Party  
December 8 .... Lincoln Scottish Rite Dinner

## Meeting Dates:

January 18..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
February 15 ..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
March 15..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
April 19 ..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
May 17..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
June 21 ..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
July 19..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
August 16..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
September 20... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
October 20..... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
November 15... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting  
December 20 ... Scottish Rite Lodge Meeting

## First Phase of Renovation is Finished!

The new energy efficient HVAC system is completely installed and working. The old inefficient boiler will never be fired up again. This will provide your Scottish Rite a definite saving on heating and cooling costs.

Now that we are finished with Phase I, it is time to move on to Phase II. This includes a remodel of the large dining room and work in the lounge. The plans are to remove the old dark wood paneling in the lounge and replace it with dry-wall. Once painted, this will allow us to have a much brighter and inviting area.

Planning is under way for the remodel of the large dining room. This includes redoing the floor, new lighting, improved sound system, audio visual capabilities, and of course new paint. Your Temple Board hopes to start on this project around the first part of February 2017. Donations are still needed, so please reach out to Dale Lueders, 33° at [dglueders@aol.com](mailto:dglueders@aol.com) to support the renovations of YOUR Scottish Rite.





## Congratulations to our new Brethren in the Jack V. Schram, 32° KCCH Memorial Class

Top Row (l. to r.); Larry Jacobsen, 33°; Don Kavalec, 32° KCCH; *Todd K. Thomason*, 32°; John Hardy, 32°; *Thomas (TJ) Brumfield*, 32°; Micah Evans, 33°; *Charles A. Davis*, 32°; *Thomas J. Schmidt*, 32°; *Travis C. Drews*, 32°; *Tod S. McConahay*, 32°; *Joel A. Jacobs*, 32°; *William D. Raffloer*, 32°; Paul Rutherford, 33°; Richard Gilmore, 33°; AJ Johnson, 33°; Chris Nigro, 32° KCCH.

Front Row (l. to r.); Mike Gray, 33°; John Ferguson, 33°; Lee Terry, 33°; Jeffrey Coleman, 32° KCCH; Frank Kroupa, 33°; Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°; Dean Skokan, 33°; Gary Unger, 33°; Jonathan Paz, 32° KCCH; John T. Maxell 33°



In a very touching moment, Jack Schram's widow Judy and his daughters presented a check for \$82,606.87 to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha at the Fall Reunion banquet. Jack generously included the Scottish Rite in his estate planning, which will help serve Nebraska's RiteCare children in the coming year.

## Friends of Scottish Rite DINNER AND AUCTION

### More than \$40,000 Raised for RiteCare at 8th Annual Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner & Auction

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha hosted the 8th annual Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction on October 7, 2016 an event which supports the RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics, UNO scholarships as well as the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation.



The Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner was a wonderful success, boasting of a record-setting nearly 200 guests in attendance and raising over \$40,000 for RiteCare!

Beginning with having photos taken by Mervyn Reese Photography, guests bid on silent and live auction packages, which included a handmade rocking chair by A.J. Johnson, a football tailgate package donated by the Lodge of Perfection line officers, football tickets, jewelry, golf outings, wild game basket, and spa packages.

Our emcee for the evening was Chris Baker, a Mason and talk show host for 1110 KFAB radio. Chris welcomed our RiteCare speakers, Amy Wetjen and husband Matt, who spoke about their son Mason's progress through therapy with clinician Leslie Van Winkle. They showed "Masons Journey to Speech," showcasing his progress through therapy.

Afterward, Chris Baker recognized our 2016 Friend of Scottish Rite award recipient, Dr. Wayne Stuber, Associate Director from the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute. Besides a long list of credentials, Dr. Stuber serves as Associate Director, fostering a collaborative atmosphere at MMI, helping children receive the best care from all the departments and services. To continue the collaborative atmosphere within MMI, Dr. Stuber was joined by Munroe-Meyer Director, Dr. Karoly Mirnics and the directors and medical professionals from MMI.

Great Plains Auction Company auctioneer Randy Fleming, 32° raised several thousand dollars through the live auctions, and guests bid on a guitar autographed by Brad Paisley, a handmade Nebraska Cornhuskers fire pit, autographed posters from the Beatles and Johnny Cash, a case of exquisite red and white wines, and a VIP Jazz and Dining Experience in New Orleans. Afterward, Paul Rutherford led a special appeal, which raised an additional \$6,000 for RiteCare.

Next year's dinner is scheduled for October 13, 2017. If you are interested in serving on the Friends of Scottish Rite committee or donating items for the auction, please e-mail micah@SRNE.org.



Top) Wayne Stuber, Ph.D. accepting the 2016 Friend of Scottish Rite award; Middle) RiteCare clinicians Korey Stading and Amy Nordness, Bottom) Bill Christensen, 33° and Ed Ticknor, 32°

For more photos from the Friends Dinner, please visit: <http://www.scottishrite-omaha.org/news/>





*RiteCare Clinicians at the national RiteCare conference in Denver: top row (l. to r.) Carrie Kenny (Lincoln), Amy Nordness (Omaha) (Bottom row, l. to r.) Holly Schlautman (Lincoln), Leslie Van Winkle (Omaha), Kris Althouse (Hastings)*

## Reach for the **SUMMIT**: Nebraska Clinicians Attend National RiteCare Conference in Denver

Every two years, the Supreme Council hosts a national RiteCare conference, giving RiteCare Speech-Language Pathologists an opportunity to meet, receive continuing education, collaborate and exchange ideas.

This year, the “Reach for the Summit” RiteCare Conference was held at the Denver, Colorado DoubleTree hotel on October 13-15, 2016. About 200 clinicians and Scottish Rite Masons were in attendance, representing 28 states, along with numerous SGIGs and Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33°

Nebraska clinicians Kris Althouse (Hastings), Holly Schlautman and Carrie Kenny (Lincoln), and Leslie VanWinkle and Amy Nordness (Omaha) attended, as well as

Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, SGIG in Nebraska, Curt Edic, 33°, and Micah Evans, 33°. Micah sat on the Models of Service Provision panel, which covered an overview of RiteCare programs, challenges and opportunities. He also sat on a panel, presenting on how Scottish Rite Orients work to build a relationship between Masons, RiteCare families and Clinicians for long-term fundraising and financial support.

With 67% of our membership 65 years or older and 11% under the age of 50, we face the challenge of a diminishing base for fundraising from Scottish Rite Masons. Our biggest opportunity, however, are that Baby Boomers are the most philanthropically-minded of all age groups, providing a prime audience to raise awareness now for charitable gift annuities and planned gifts.



The clinicians sat in several educational sessions (photo, bottom left), including telepractice, behavioral strategies, and models for early intervention for dyslexia.

After the sessions, the Denver Scottish Rite hosted a first-rate banquet with a keynote address by Sovereign Grand Commander, Ron Seale, 33°, who eloquently related the importance of the conference to one of his earliest role models, his speech teacher. Afterward, the Denver 22° Knight of the Axe Degree team impressively performed the non-esoteric parts of the degree in their beautiful 400-seat theater, which was impressively conveyed in song. Colorado SGIG Steve Munsinger, 33° led many guests on a tour of their beautiful Consistory in downtown Denver afterward.

Both Scottish Rite Masons and Clinicians came away with great ideas for better collaboration, ideas to improve therapy, and thoughts on how to work together for long-term service provision for our RiteCare children and donor development among different stakeholders.



### *Photos:*

*Bottom (left): RiteCare Clinicians continuing education session.*

*Bottom (middle): 22° Knight of the Axe degree team (Photo by Scott E. Olson, Valley of Denver, Colorado)*

*Top (1st photo): Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33° speaking at the Denver Scottish Rite (Photo by Scott E. Olson, Valley of Denver)*

*Top-right (2nd photo): Nebraska RiteCare clinicians with Charles Sederstrom and Curt Edic*

## Across Nebraska, Parents Express Gratitude for RiteCare



**T**here are simply not enough Thank You's to be said to express our gratitude to your generosity!

We are truly so appreciative of all you have done for our family!

Two summers ago, we had a very sweet but also very frustrated two year old. He was not communicating like his peers. He was very much behind. He would grunt and cry and try so hard, but he just wasn't talking the way he should.

Sarah Burrus, his teacher, told us about your RiteCare program at the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute, and the next thing we knew we were in for testing.

The first few weeks with Beth Hughes were a little challenging but as soon as she taught him some sign-language and his trust in her grew every week. The progress and changes in our Creighton were obvious and exciting! He and his vocabulary grew leaps and bounds in a very short amount of time!

Now . . . today . . . two short years later, we have a strong, chatty, very verbal four year old who still asks to go see Beth and the trains!

Our weekly trips to see Rose Kratochvil and Beth Hughes were so worth every tear and every word he learned! His confidence and our family dynamics are forever changed!

Thank you for what you do and for the impact you have on so many children and their families.

Love,

*the Holloway Family*

**D**ominic was referred to the RiteCare Clinic by his school speech therapist in June. He is a three year old, who at that time could only say 'momma' and had no other spoken words. His mother had been told by many people to just wait, and her son would someday talk. She expressed that she had no hope that they would say anything different at RiteCare, and she was so worried about her son.

She drove over 45 minutes to the RiteCare Clinic with Dominic for their first appointment with Paul Laikko. At that point he was communicating mainly with gestures and reaching to get what he wanted. In that first session, he said more words with Paul's help than he had ever said before! Dominic continues to make progress in the sounds he can say and how he can put sounds together to make new words. With Paul's help, he is saying more words each session and tried to sing the ABC song in the car on the way to therapy today. They think Paul is fabulous!



Dominic was still not communicating independently and was not able to make sentences like typical 3 year olds. In July, RiteCare clinician Korey Stading also began working with Dominic to help expand his communication skills. In the first session, Dominic was able to use an iPad with a communication app on it to say sentences like "I want to eat chips" when "eat" might have been the only spoken word he could say. With the iPad he is now able to communicate more fully, saying "blow big bubbles." He caught on to using the pictures on the display to make sentences to communicate very quickly. His mother was so supportive and happy to have her child communicating and showing how smart he really was. Thanks to the support of the Scottish Rite Masons the RiteCare clinic was able to loan the family an iPad, so that he could use it at home and at school, as well as in therapy.

Dominic's mom wrote, "I honestly have so much hope now that one day he will be able to communicate with us! The therapists at RiteCare go out of their way to help my son. I want everyone to know how fabulous they are! Honestly I don't know where we would be without RiteCare!"

### Membership, *continued*

Just look at those old Reunion programs with all the degrees we haven't done in years. Perhaps you were in one of those classes or degrees!



*22° Degree Team, Valley of Omaha, circa 1960s*

Things sure have changed today. Today, you see a small handful of Brethren watching degrees on the sidelines with the Class. That's hardly a ringing endorsement for our incoming Brethren when they see a few Old Timers on the sidelines watching.

There are many good reasons to be involved, but in addition to your own Masonic growth, development, and education, you are part of the tradition of Freemasonry and your presence strengthens the bonds between our new Brethren and our Fraternity. He sees that his Reunion was important enough to bring Brethren back, and he will be involved and engaged himself for the next candidates.

It's a Reunion - but it needs the YOU in it to make it not just special, but remarkable!



# JACK'S LEGACY

**Micah I. Evans, 33°,**  
Orient Development Director  
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It was a very moving moment when Judy Schram and her daughters presented a check for \$82,606.87 to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha at the Fall Reunion banquet on November 19, 2016.

Judy's husband, Jack V. Schram, 32° KCCH, passed away last May after a courageous battle with cancer. His humor and good spirits will be dearly missed, particularly at Tangier Shrine, where he had been Circus Chairman for twenty years. To Jack, a stranger was merely a friend he hadn't yet met!

Jack had remembered the Scottish Rite Foundation in his estate along with other Masonic philanthropies, and his generosity will make a significant difference in our ability to serve Nebraska's children.

If Jack's family presenting a check for Nebraska's RiteCare children was not moving enough, the moment was all the more significant when our Class Orator T.J. Bromfield spoke about how this will help his daughter receive therapy at the RiteCare Clinic for Apraxia. The only reason she could get such good care was due to the generosity of Scottish Rite Masons who made it possible for her to get as many sessions of therapy as she needs.

It is moments like this - when the donor and the recipient can connect, and both see the impact our philanthropies have on children - that made even the strongest Mason wipe away a tear!



*Top: Jack and Judy Schram at Christmas*

*Bottom: Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, SGIG in Nebraska, receives the donation from Jack Schram's family at the Fall Reunion banquet.*

Gifts like Jack's have a profound impact on our philanthropies, and we simply could not continue to serve our RiteCare youth, support our Teacher of the Year awards, scholarships, or building maintenance projects without you, our members. That is quite a legacy, and Jack's family will know that he cast a Masonic shadow here at the Scottish Rite - to say nothing of the Shrine or the Masonic Home - which will be remembered for years to come.

On behalf of the children Jack Schram's bequest will serve, I am profoundly grateful Jack and Judy's generosity.

It is easy to sit back and "let Jack do it," but the fact is, we need each Brother to reflect on his own Masonic legacy. Think about the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska, your own Scottish Rite Valley or your favorite Masonic philanthropy when you review your will with your family. Even a small gift can have a profound impact.

Additionally, I can work with you to craft options tailored to your own financial needs. For example, a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) will provide income for life for you or for you and your spouse, with the principal reverting to your Scottish Rite philanthropy after you pass. There are certain tax advantages you gain now, as well as the value of your donation. You can also designate a set amount or a percentage of your insurance to benefit your favorite Masonic philanthropy.

Please consider the Scottish Rite in your own estate planning, and join many Scottish Rite Masons in Nebraska like Jack who have made a positive difference in the lives of children long after they have put down their working tools.

There are numerous options and ways to provide for Scottish Rite philanthropies, so please reach out to me. You can always reach me at (402) 342-1300 or at [micah@SRNE.org](mailto:micah@SRNE.org).

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