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Membership

When Masons talk about Freemasonry, we love name-dropping Famous Masons. We speak about prominent men in history, famous actors, military men, politicians, authors and musicians who have been members of the Craft - George Washington, Paul Revere, Theodore Roosevelt, Audie Murphy, John Wayne, John Glenn, Ernest Borgnine, Wolfgang Mozart, Brad Paisley, and so many others. We practically speak about them as if they're members of our Lodge and we were there the night they were raised!

We share an extraordinary bond with those men, all of whom took the same obligations as we did. That's why Masons like to point out that these men were also Freemasons. I certainly like to make the connection when I talk about Masonry with prospective members. But I also

realize that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Paul Revere were not down in the Lodge kitchen making sandwiches for the Brethren after they finished the Fellowcraft degree. John Glenn did not return from space and zip on over to make meatballs for the Lodge spaghetti feed. He wasn't floating around in

space with his cipher book, brushing up on the obligation for next week's Entered Apprentice degree. You just know Clark Gable wasn't at the Shrine pancake feed in the morning before heading out to collect his Academy Award in the evening!

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Apr 28-29.....	Omaha Spring Reunion (O)
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.....	Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
May 4, 11, 18, 25.....	Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
May 5-6.....	Lincoln Spring Reunion (L)
May 6.....	Kentucky Derby Party (O)
May 20.....	WalkRite for RiteCare (L)
May 20.....	Celebrating the Craft (A, H, L, O)
June 7, 14, 21, 28.....	Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.....	Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
June 3.....	Nebraska Shrine Bowl (Kearney, NE)
June 4.....	WalkRite for RiteCare (O)
June 21.....	Beer Tasting (L)
June 21.....	RiteCare Classic Golf Benefit (O)
July 12, 19, 26.....	Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
July 6, 13, 20, 27.....	Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
July 19.....	Family Picnic (L)
Aug 18-19.....	Lincoln Summer Reunion (L)
Aug 20-22 ...	Scottish Rite Biennial Session (Washington, D.C.)
Sept 9.....	Shooting at Big Shots (L)
Oct 13.....	Feast of Tishri (L)
Oct 27.....	Nebraska KCCH Investiture in Lincoln
Nov 11.....	Hastings Fall Reunion (H)
Nov 2, 3, and 4.....	Omaha Fall Reunion (O)
Dec 1.....	Scottish Rite Christmas banquet (L)
Dec 3.....	RiteCare Christmas party (L)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month

May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 27

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month

May 2, June 6, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month

May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug 23, Sept 20, Oct 18

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month

May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug 21 (Picnic), Sept 18, Oct 16

For more information

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BETTER TOGETHER

Just out of curiosity, I looked up the number of clubs, groups, and organizations listed on the Alliance Chamber of Commerce website. 36 organizations are listed, representing Kiwanis, Rotary, Rifle Club, the Shrine Club, the Archery Club, and plenty more. Add to that the same number of associations and organizations in the dozen of communities the Alliance Valley represents.

What this indicates is that we naturally seek to come together in organizations of mutually shared interests. Freemasonry is no different. We value the friendships, shared values, philanthropies and the purpose.

In the book *Better Together*, authors Robert Putnam and Lew- is Felstein tell stories of people who are renewing social ties by bringing the community together and connecting with others. For example, one summer arts program brings together dock workers and suburban families. Even social media, which in many way separates people, brings us together to share our own stories and events on group pages. Many of our Lodges have pages which we "like." The Grand Lodge of Nebraska Facebook page has 2,077 "likes," or roughly 20% of our statewide membership.

Freemasonry is one of the best organizations for bringing together members for a shared purpose. More important, Freemasonry transcends one community and connects diverse members across Nebraska and the nation. I will never deny that we have unique challenges in western Nebraska with Brethren coming together as Scottish Rite Masons across literally hundreds of miles. For many Brethren, work on the ranch, farm, or railroad take precedence over the request to participate in Lodge work, even as we still share our brotherhood and those core values of our fraternity.

When your time allows - within the length of your cable tow - make an effort to share that friendship and brotherhood at a Scottish Rite Reunion or Lodge meeting, and invite friends to petition to share those same experiences. Your participation strengthens our communities and our family of Brethren across the region, the state, and the nation.

Gene Gatti, 33°
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Scottish Rite Masonry works best when we come together from across western Nebraska to share the brotherhood, shared values, and the community of Freemasonry.



As you have heard, we cancelled our Spring Reunion, originally scheduled for March 11th. These decisions are not made lightly, since so many Brethren study their degree parts all year in preparation for the Reunions and Brethren commit to participating from all over central Nebraska.

Since we represent Brethren from Broken Bow, Thedford, North Platte, Holdrege, Geneva and dozens of other communities throughout Nebraska, it is a challenge to ask Brethren to donate two days for less than 3 candidates. That is why we are asking your help to reach out to potential Scottish Rite Masons for the Fall Reunion, scheduled for November 11th and 12th.

Explain to candidates that the Scottish Rite is the "University of Freemasonry," continuing their search for Masonic light, expanding on the symbolic and allegorical wisdom of the Craft degrees.

A petition for membership in the Scottish Rite is \$175.00. Call the Scottish Rite office at (402) 462-5813 or e-mail Phil Odom, 33°, General Secretary at podom@hastingsmasonic.org.

We offer the Master Craftsman program, which goes into greater detail in Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite degrees. Additionally, Scottish Rite Masons expand their leadership, serving as mentors to younger Brethren or serving as leaders themselves on degree teams, as line officers, with our philanthropies, or serve on committees.

Most important, you are part of a fraternity of men, representing all backgrounds and professions, with more than 250,000 members across the nation. Your membership supports speech and language therapy for Nebraska children, a professorship in Speech Pathology, and world-class museum and meeting space at the House of the Temple in our nation's capital.

Now is the perfect time to help Brethren continue the journey for more light which they began in their Blue Lodge. There is room for their leadership, participation, service, philanthropy, and even degree work. Please help them get on that path!



Tehama Shrine and the Central Nebraska Scottish Rite hosted a Rocky Mountain Oyster, Shrimp, and Cowboy beans dinner on March 11, 2017. More than 30 members, guests and family members gathered for social time and an excellent dinner prepared by Casey Nuss, Jim Horsham, Wayne Vian, Jeff Herber and Chad Kuil. Bob Scott writes, "I'd never had any Rocky Mountain Oysters before..... and dang they were good. I went back for a second serving!"

Below: Rocky Mountain Oysters for the brave or Shrimp for the rest; Bottom: Casey Nuss, 32° KCCH is photobombed by Bill "Doc" Carson, 32° KCCH.



Kearney Speech Students Host Spaghetti Fundraiser for RiteCare Speech Therapy

The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic (KSSLHA) student organization held a spaghetti dinner on February 19th to benefit RiteCare services. Approximately 20 KSSLHA volunteers enjoyed preparing and serving a spaghetti dinner and interacting with the Masons, UNK Communications Disorders faculty, and other community members at the Kearney Elk's Club. Students reported that they were pleased with the turnout, and were pleased to present a

check for \$350 to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska.

The UNK Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic provides opportunities to graduate clinicians to work with both face-to-face and telepractice clients through the RiteCare Speech Clinic for one full semester as part of their clinical practicum experience. KSSLHA members chose to donate the proceeds from the dinner to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska as their way of



KSSLHA students at the Kearney Elk's Club spaghetti dinner raised \$350 for RiteCare services.

showing their appreciation to the Scottish Rite Masons' support of children who have communication needs.

2017 Lincoln Calendar

May 5 & 6.....	Spring Reunion
May 20.....	Walk for RiteCare
May 20.....	Celebrating the Craft
June 14	Beer Tasting
July 19.....	Family Picnic
August 18 & 19.....	Summer Reunion
September 9.....	Shooting at Big Shots
October 13.....	Feast of Tishri
October 27	KCCH Investiture
December 1	Lincoln Scottish Rite Dinner
December 3	RiteCare Christmas Party

Section	Row	Seat
May	5-6	2017

SAVE THE DATE



LINCOLN SPRING REUNION



Fletcher, a volunteer at the House of the Temple and Library of Congress, took Flat Stanley to the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, and sent him back to Lincoln with a few gifts for Aislynn. Here, Flat Stanley visits the House of the Temple's Supreme Council chambers. Read more about Flat Stanley's travels at www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org/news or the March-April *Scottish Rite Journal*.



Merv Moeller (left) and Jerry Pigsley (right) recognize Jim Batten and Ward Shires for completing the Master Craftsman program.



Don Albrecht presents Scottish Rite Masonic education at February's business meeting

BUSINESS AS USUAL AT SCOTTISH RITE LODGE MEETING

This past February, the Scottish Rite met for a great evening of fellowship. The evening began with relaxed social time in the banquet hall, with Andy Seachord, 32°, Knight Master for the Knights of St. Andrew, tending bar for members.

After opening the Lodge of Perfection, Venerable Master Jerry Pigsley, 32° welcomed RiteCare Clinicians Holly Schlautman and Carrie Kenny, who both spoke enthusiastically about programs they've instituted at the Barkley Memorial Clinic and their plans for the coming year. They were excited to begin planning the Walk for RiteCare on May 20th, coinciding with Celebrating the Craft.

Jerry called up Jim Batten, 32° KCCH and Ward Shires, 32° KCCH, along with Merv Moeller, 32° KCCH who moderates the Master Craftsman program. Jim and Ward were presented certificates and pins in recognition of completing the Master Craftsman program. Master Craftsman is comprised of six to nine open book quizzes, requiring reading and study of Scottish Rite and Blue Lodge ritual, history, symbolism and philosophy, along with a short essay about the meanings of the degrees.

After reading the bills and the required business, Jerry focused the meeting on upcoming events with conversation about support needed for \$2 Burger Night, Thursday luncheons, St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage, the Table Lodge, Spring Reunion, and Celebrating the Craft.

Finally, Don Albrecht, 32° stood up to present Lodge education, referencing Albert Pike's belief that symbolism rather than ritual is the heart of Masonry. Don also discussed Sufi philosophy, which we see in the 25° and 32°, generating excellent discussion among the Scottish Rite Masons attending the meeting.

The evening ended with an excellent dinner prepared by Sharon Moeller and Linda Wood and great conversation!

If you have not attended a Scottish Rite meeting in a while, you'll find a Lodge infused with optimism, the spirit of philanthropy, and a calendar full of fun events for the year.

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and reacquaint yourself with your Scottish Rite.

FLAT STANLEY VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Flat Stanley is a series of stories by Jeff Brown about a boy who gets flattened so he can be mailed, beginning a series of adventures. Schools read the stories, and

children make cut-outs of themselves, which are mailed to different locations and photographed at various sites around the nation. Aislynn Bloomquist, daughter of David Bloomquist, 32° KCCH, mailed her Flat Stanley to Dean Alban, Director of Membership Services at House of the Temple. Dean photographed her "Flat Stanley" all around the House of the Temple. Dick



INSTALLATION OF LADIES NIGHT AT THE 'RITE

On Monday, February 20th, 38 officers of the Valley of Omaha Scottish Rite, along with the Cathedral Board and Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha board members, were installed in an impressive ceremony at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. The original installation date in January had been rescheduled due to icy weather at the time.

Paul Rutherford, 33°, served as Installing Officer, with Frank Kroupa, 33° as Installing Marshal, and John Parsons, 33° as Installing Chaplain. The incoming Masters thanked the 2016 Masters and started a new tradition, presenting them with a Past Master's jewel representing their line. The impressive ceremony in the theater also included a few laughs, and everyone enjoyed the installation ceremony.

Additionally, February's installation coincided with the annual "Ladies Night at the 'Rite," an annual tradition celebrating Valentine's Day. Sam and Louie's catered the evening, serving herb-covered grilled chicken, pasta, vegetables, salad, and cheesecake. Michael Walker, Omaha's own Vintage Vocalist, sang to guests during the evening. Ladies were presented with beautiful potted plants and chocolates from the Lodge officers.

After dinner and remarks from Charles Sed-erstrom III, Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection, numerous guests danced the evening away as Michael Walker sang.

Mark your calendars now for January 15, 2018 for the Installation of Officers and February 19 for next year's Ladies Night.



At Left: Lodge of Perfection, Council of Kadosh, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Omaha Consistory officers

Top right: Freddie and Karen Clopton
Center: Marnie Corsaro and Amanda Beckner
Bottom: Chuck and Anita Sohm

For more photos, visit
www.ScottishRiteOmaha.org/news

THE 00:01:00 MASONIC MINUTE

When John Maxell, 33° became General Secretary in 2016, one of his goals was to expand public awareness of the Scottish Rite. Advertisements for rentals were expanded in Womens' Edition magazine, Chamber of Commerce publications, and the Omaha Community Playhouse programs which promoted membership. John partnered with KPTM Fox-42 for "the Masonic Minute," a series of minute long videos during the year, which promoted the Scottish Rite history, membership, and our RiteCare

philanthropy. These air each month in the evenings on Fox-42. To date, four Masonic Minutes have been aired. You can watch our Masonic Minutes online at <https://vimeo.com/NEScottishRite>.



RITECARE CLASSIC 2017 Golf Outing

Save the Date

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 21, 2017

Pacific Springs Golf Course
(16810 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska)

Lunch 11 AM | Shotgun Start 12 PM

Visit www.ScottishRiteOmaha.org/Golf or call the office to register

THE SGIG'S VMAP CONFERENCE

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska played host to the 2016 Conference of Grand Masters of North America on February 18-21, 2017 at the Omaha-LaVista Conference Center. Grand Lodge officers from every state, Canada, Mexico, and around the world came to Nebraska. Sessions included Best Practices in Grand Lodge Leadership, Identifying and Assisting Lodges in Distress, and Rethinking the Stated Meeting.

As part of Conference, visiting VIPs were treated to a bus tour of Omaha, including a stop at the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian bridge and Lewis and Clark Landing, followed by a lunch at the Omaha Scottish Rite. On Sunday, the Scottish Rite hosted a cocktail reception, and guests could ride Ollie the Trolley to Johnny's Cafe, one of Omaha's oldest family-owned steakhouses.

With visiting Grand Lodges and SGIGs from many Scottish Rite Orients in town, Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33° requested the Omaha Valley host a VMAP Leadership conference on Friday, February 17th. More than 50 guests included General Secretaries, Personal Representatives, and Valley leadership from around the midwest states. Stan Dodd, 33° and Dean Alban, 33° (*photo, above right*) spoke about membership, particularly focusing on retention and engagement.

Armel MacDonald, 32° KCCH spoke about using the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) as a tool to recruit and engage members and create the best member



date education, philanthropy, public image, degree work, officers' responsibilities, and Valley organizations. When used strategically, VMAP is a powerful tool to help Valleys truly connect members to the Scottish Rite fraternity.

Matt Szramoski, 33°, Development Director at the House of the Temple, spoke about successful ideas for this year's Celebrating the Craft, an online web-a-thon on May 20th, raising funds for Scottish Rite Valleys and the House of the Temple. Over the years, it has both supported local and national philanthropies, educated members about RiteCare, as well served as an event

“ Birthday calls or cards, social media, e-mails, the Journal, and personal communication help Brethren feel connected to the Valley. We don't want members to only hear from us when we want dues. The effort is paid back tenfold when Brethren promote Scottish Rite membership, support RiteCare, and are proud to be active Scottish Rite Masons. ”

ship experience for Scottish Rite Masons. Additionally, VMAP subject areas serve as a guideline to cover scope of membership: recruitment, engagement, Reunions, candi-

to attract prospective members.

Attendees reported that they felt inspired to engage their Valley leadership with best practices shared during the day's sessions.

An Offer You Can't Refuse...



When a conversation begins with those words, you just know someone will be “sleeping with the fishes.” Or so John Maxell, 33° and Micah Evans, 33° feared when called to a meeting with Dr. Karoly Mirnics, Dr. Amy Nordness, and Melonie Welsh, Director of Community Engagement (*pictured above at the Omaha Scottish Rite March Lodge dinner*) at the Munroe-Meyer Institute.

Fortunately, Dr. Mirnics' proposal was far more friendly. In fact, he proposed that the Munroe-Meyer Institute would fund three quarters of the year's RiteCare expenses from other operational revenue sources. In return, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska would dedicate the same quarterly payments toward fully funding a professorship in Speech-Language Pathology at UNMC.

For many years, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha had been donating \$10,000 each year toward a professorship in Speech Pathology. Dr. Mirnics' proposal would allow the Nebraska Foundation to quickly build up a reserve of \$500,000 with the funds already donated, fully endowing the professorship. The new permanently-endowed professorship, to be known as the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska Professor of Speech-Language Pathology, recognizes all Nebraska Scottish Rite Masons whose donations have made this possible. Dr. Amy Nordness will be the first Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska Professor.

Dr. Mirnics was certainly right - this was an offer we could not refuse!

Skyler's Story: RiteCare Mom Writes About Son's Progress

My son Skyler is a 4 year old who was born with a cleft and has participated in the RiteCare Clinic program, since June, 2016.

Skyler has a speech problem that we have always received help through the local school district, but I was scared that during the summer his speech would go backwards without have someone else helping my husband and I with his speech.

The school had told me about the RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic at Lincoln's Barkley Memorial Center, and that they could provide additional support for my family to supplement school services for him. At the end of the last school year, Skyler's son's speech was determined to be 40% understandable to those who are not his family or classmates.



Skyler and his speech-language therapist, Miss Carrie at Lincoln's Barkley Memorial Center.

Thanks to his work with Carrie Kenny at the RiteCare Clinic, his speech was evaluated to be 70% understood by people outside of the family and his class, if not more!

The RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic has been a big part of my family life. My son looks forward to every Wednesday when we see Carrie. Over the last few weeks my husband has been taking my son while I work, and when I pick him

up after work all he talks about is what him and Carrie had worked on that day! He love showing me what they did and how they did it!

We are very appreciative of this program and what it has done for our son and family! Thank you Scottish Rite Masons for supporting speech programs and believing in Skyler!

-Amanda
RiteCare Mom

WHEN READING IS FUN!

Reading books is more fun when we can do an activity while reading. Kids in the clinic love to



"feed" our old lady the silly items that go with the "There Was an Old Lady..." books by Lucille Colandro.

There are many "Little Old Lady" books that focus around different holidays or seasons. This can help to target vocabulary specifics for that time. It is functional vocabulary which the child can use in daily life during that season or holiday. The pictures help to solidify the concepts for the child, and it is fun to feed the pictures to the "old lady." These books also target rhyming on every page, which is an early literacy skill.

Membership, continued

In addition to the fact that these Famous Masons very rarely labor in the quarries alongside the Brethren, Masons have a glaring shortage of modern Famous Freemasons. Once we reference that well-known country musician or the famous actor who are members of the Craft, we've pretty much run out of prominent men to show off until you reach back to Presidents Harry Truman or Gerald Ford. The potential Mason is left thinking, *Your claim to fame is that George Washington was a Mason 200+ years ago in another Lodge in another state? Big deal! Who have you had recently?*

So while it is cool to share this connection with prominent men, I'm just as likely to point out that the fraternity is truly a universal brotherhood of man. Sure, the Governor might be a Mason, but so is the retired electrician who is chairing a fundraising committee. The doctor entertain-



At the Feast of Tishri: a business owner, a city councillor, a teacher and a Reverend - they might not be famous, but this is where men of all backgrounds come together as Brothers

ing children as a clown at the Shrine circus is a Mason. The insurance agent is serving as officer of his Lodge, the letter carrier and the city councilor are making dinner after tonight's meeting, and the business owner is helping another Lodge confer a degree before driving 250 miles to get back to his shop tomorrow morning.

Those men, truly representing every walk of life, who are down in the trenches of Freemasonry - be it in the Lodge, in the Shrine, York Rite, Scottish Rite - are as impressive to me as any prominent actor or politicians. I point them out along with the prominent Masons as being truly indicative of the universality of Freemasonry.

I like to think of (Brother) Rudyard Kipling's poem, "The Mother Lodge," which recounts a humble Lodge in India where men came together as Brethren, regardless of their background, class, or prominence in the community.

Sure, it is great to point out that we share this fraternal bond with famous men, but we have to show our prospective members that we truly represent and welcome men of every background, faith, and profession.

Are you Celebrating the Craft?

On May 20, 2017, the Scottish Rite will Celebrate the Craft (CTC). This annual, broadcast live from the House of the Temple via their website has raised over \$5 million dollars for RiteCare Clinics across the nation and the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation.



Last year, donations topped \$1.1 million, with Nebraska donating about \$38 for each Scottish Rite Mason in the state. These donations help the House of the Temple renovate the historic Scottish Rite headquarters to highlight world-class museum space and meeting space. More important, donations come back to the Orient of Nebraska, and help us continue to serve children with speech disorders.

101 Club

For several years, I have written about \$101 as the cost of one session of speech therapy for a child in Nebraska. By and large, that amount has held true over the years (it's a bit higher now if you want to split hairs), but you won't find more cost-effective therapy elsewhere. More important, our RiteCare therapy supports as many sessions of therapy as a child may need. Insurance may provide a few sessions of therapy and then a child is on their own. RiteCare services children, whether he needs five sessions or fifty. Our parents are genuinely grateful for these services, and many could not afford it otherwise.



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significance to Brethren, co-workers and friends. For donations of \$300 or more, you will be a member of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Circle and receive a beautiful 101-Club challenge coin and the lapel pin as thanks for your generous support. Your donation can be done at once or just as easily in a \$25/month pledge for the year.

Please read the letter when you receive it in July. Think about the kids we are serving and the profound difference we are making for a family whose child might not be able to say, "I love you Dad!" Your donation pays for a session of therapy, but each dollar also saves - without exaggeration - \$7,000 - \$10,000 down the road

in remedial education or special educational services for a child who falls behind in his or her education, who needs social services later in life.

Whether you log on to www.scottishrite.org from home or join in the festivities at the Scottish Rite, please support our Nebraska RiteCare Clinics and the historic House of the Temple.

Alliance, Hastings, Lincoln, and Omaha will again participate with a Celebrating the Craft event in each Valley and an invitation for members to log on to www.scottishrite.org at home to participate. You can support CTC by making a donation to your Valley or by calling the House of the Temple at (202) 777-3143. Donations will be split 50-50 between the donors' Valley and the House of the Temple.

In July, you will get the 101 Club appeal letter, asking for your support for \$101 to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska. I know Masonic fundraisers are coming at you from all directions, but please consider a donation of \$101 for a child right here in Nebraska. This year, we will send all \$101 donors a new 101-Club lapel pin and invite you to wear it proudly and explain the

On a more direct level, when a child goes from expressing frustration at being unable to communicate to being able to make himself understood, parents universally report that their children's personality begins to truly shine. The families are truly grateful for these services, and they all understand that these are from Nebraska's 2,500 Scottish Rite Masons.

Thank you for your generous support and for your membership in our fraternity!

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Your donations change the world."*

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