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Danny (32°) and Becca Whitlow

Membership

I received a Masonic publication in the mail recently with the call for MORE MEMBERS, with the rationale that it holds off dues increases.

I am all for increased membership in our Masonic bodies, but at the risk of making myself unpopular, I would rather pay dramatically more for my Masonic memberships than to create a degree mill of guys joining just because an increased membership creates the numbers that keep costs low.

Way back, when "worthy and well-recommended" men joined, the question wasn't whether his proposer liked him or he was a fun-loving fellow, but did he have the respect and standing in the community? This had nothing to do with whether he was a banker or a delivery man. It had to do with the strength of his character.



Shrine picnic, c. 1958 - about the high watermark of Masonic membership nationally.

By the 20th century, Masons moved from the humble space over the general store to luxurious quarters in a multi-story building downtown and began calling our buildings "temples" and "cathedrals." We began bringing in hundreds of men. Masonry was still a true investment and you certainly didn't join Masonry for a lark.

A Tehama Shrine program from 1930 records dues of \$12.00/year – the equivalent of \$173 in today's values. A man paid \$88 to petition Tehama Shrine in 1930, the equivalent of a whopping \$1,269 in today's dollars! In November, 1914, a member joining the Dedication Class of the Valley of Omaha Scottish Rite paid \$141.50, or \$2,128 in today's dollars! By 1975, petitioning the Omaha Scottish Rite cost \$150, or \$710 in today's dollars. Our own SGIG paid \$195 to join in February, 1980, or \$618 in today's values. Dues, however, stagnated at \$17.50 for most of the 1980s, decreasing from a value of \$63 to \$36.

If we are looking at MORE MEMBERS simply to play a numbers game to keep dues low, we are certainly going about it backwards. Instead, we need to look at the nature of the product, rather than the price tag.

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Orient Calendar

May 4-5	Lincoln Spring Reunion (L)
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
May 10.....	Give Hastings Day (H)
May 16.....	Spring Outing at Papillion Gun Club (O)
May 16.....	Table Lodge (L)
May 17, 18, 19	Omaha Spring Reunion (O)
May 19.....	<i>Celebrating the Craft</i> (A, H, L, O)
May 23.....	Omaha Gives (O)
May 31.....	Give to Lincoln Day (L)
Jun 6, 13, 20, 27.....	Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
Jun 7, 14, 21, 28.....	Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
Jun 2 (tentative)	Nebraska Shrine Bowl (Kearney, NE)
Jun 3	Broadway Series: <i>Wicked</i> (O)
Jun 13	RiteCare Classic at Pacific Springs (O)
Jun 20	Scottish Rite Club meeting in Friend, NE (L)
Jun 23	WalkRite for RiteCare (O)
Jul 4, 11, 18, 25.....	Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
Jul 5, 12, 19, 26.....	Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
Jul 15-19.....	Shrine Imperial Session (Daytona, FL)
Jul 18.....	Scottish Rite Family Picnic (L)
Jul 20.....	100th Anniversary Prince Hall Banquet (O)
Aug 12	Scottish Rite Family Picnic (Vennelyst Park) (O)
Aug 17	33° Banquet at Nebraska Club in Lincoln, NE
Oct 12-13....	<i>Nebraska Statewide Scottish Rite Reunion (at Hastings)</i>
Oct 19.....	Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction (O)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month

May 25, June 22, July-August (Dark), Sept 28

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month

May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month

May 16, June 20, July 18 (family picnic), Aug 15, Sept 19

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month

May 14, June 18, July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17

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ALLIANCE VALLEY WELCOMES POKEY DAVIS AS OFFICE MANAGER

Alliance Masonic Center has a new Office Manager. After thirteen years of running our office, we say goodbye with appreciation to Jana Osborn. She has moved to Mesa, Arizona, after training her replacement.



We welcome as her replacement Mrs. Gwen Davis, who is known to us as Pokey. Pokey was a teacher in the private Christian education field, mostly with lower elementary children. She taught in Los Angeles County and retired after thirty-four years of service. Last year, she moved to Alliance, Nebraska with her husband to start a new business in graphic art called Davis Designs.

Pokey was raised as a military kid, traveling and seeing many places. She attended nineteen different schools in her first 12 years of education, which made her well rounded and able to communicate with people. She has history to the Masons through her father John L. Jenkins. She remembers her Father as 32° Degree Mason, and was proud of being a charter member of the Shriner's in Anchorage, Alaska.

Freemasonry is more than Reunions - It is about the Brotherhood

You've heard by now that we cancelled our Spring Reunion, originally scheduled for April 13th and 14th. I am, of course, disappointed, because so many Brethren work so hard during the year learning their parts and practicing their Degree work.



32° from the Fall, 2014 Reunion

But I am not dispirited. The Scottish Rite is more than just Reunions. They are a major part of what we do, particularly here in the Panhandle, but I am reminded of a story about a Grandmother who dropped the Easter ham which was promptly gobbled up by the dogs right before the family dinner. She was naturally sad, but just as Easter isn't about the ham, the Scottish Rite isn't about Degrees. That's just a small part of it.

It's about YOU, the members. It is about fellowship, fun, and the social capital we develop as Scottish Rite Masons representing dozens of Lodges across hundreds of miles. We will continue to meet around the Panhandle over the Spring and Summer months. Please reach out to me at gene123@mail.com or call (308) 762-4324 if you want us to look at moving a Scottish Rite meeting to your Lodge or to a restaurant in your town. If you

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Remember when a Reunion was Really a REUNION?

Look at those old Scottish Rite Reunion photos on the wall, when 30, 50, 80 or even more than 100 men filled the theater to receive the Degrees of the Scottish Rite. Perhaps you were in one of those classes.

But think about the men you aren't seeing in those class photos – the 200 Brothers 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. Back then, the Bank had a degree team, the Railroad had a degree team, the phone company had a degree team, and the Lodges had degree teams (many travelling from far out of town) – it was a point of pride that the 23rd degree belonged to this Lodge and the 19th Degree belonged to that company!

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 and met new ones. Like today, they sat around behind the scenes to solve the problems of the world, ate donuts and drank coffee, and shared a laugh while welcoming the new Brethren.

Afterward, the Brethren stayed around for a banquet, and it was commonplace to serve 500 Brothers in the banquet hall (we can only assume the Fire Marshal was not

"I used to be Degree Director for the 32° and was on the 16° Degree team for years. This is the first time I've been to a Reunion in more than 20 years. I'm glad I came back to see the Reunion again!"

a Brother). Sometimes overflow seating would spill into a side dining room or the lobby. A speaker would be brought in to address a major theme of the day, and Brothers looked forward to the pageantry and spectacle of a Reunion.

The Orient of Nebraska Scottish Rite is working to bring back the tradition of the REUNION. All Scottish Rite Masons are challenged and invited to come down to see a few degrees or the entire Reunion, meet our new Princes of the Royal Secret, and stay afterward to welcome the brethren and enjoy a dinner or reception. True Masonic Brotherhood happens as often when Brethren break bread together, share a laugh and meet on the level as it happens in the Lodge room.

You are part of this 150 year old Reunion tradition in Nebraska. Come down for some of the degrees if you can or stay for all of the Reunion. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and welcome our new Princes of the Royal Secret into this tradition. If you haven't been back in a while, you may even find you want to get involved again yourself!

On Saturday October 13th, the Orient of Nebraska will be hosting a statewide Reunion in Hastings. Each Valley is invited to bring candidates for courtesy work, and we are hoping to welcome Degree teams from around the state. There will be a reception on Friday night and with the Degrees conferred on Saturday. A block of hotel rooms will be available for those staying the night.

Be part of this tradition that includes thousands of Brethren stretching over 125 years and across the state. Call the Central Nebraska Scottish Rite at Hastings at (402) 462-5813 or more information about the statewide Reunion!

Alliance Scottish Rite Masonry *continued from page 2*

want to form a Scottish Rite club or host a Master Craftsman program for Masonic education, please let me know, and I will help you arrange that. The Master Craftsman program has several classes, which can be done as group study or self-study, comprised of multiple choice questions and a brief essay. Programs cover Blue Lodge philosophy and symbolism and Scottish Rite philosophy, history and symbolism. These are a great way to provide education and get men in your Lodge interested and engaged in the Craft. Reach out to me and I will be happy to help you get the program or set up a group study program at your Lodge.

Of course, I do have to talk about membership. Membership isn't all we do, but it is the lifeblood of the organization. Please continue to reach out to prospective members and explain the value in continuing their Masonic journey as a Scottish Rite Mason. We will have an all-state Reunion on October 13th in Hastings, and I anticipate we will have a Fall Reunion here in Alliance. I hope to see you in between and at the Reunions!

- Gene Gatti, 33°
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Valley of Lincoln

Small Dining Room the Next Project for Renovation as part of Lincoln Valley Capital Campaign

After the successful first phases of the Lincoln Scottish Rite capital campaign, which included modern HVAC, renovations to the Great Hall and the lobby, the Temple Board has decided that the next project will be to spruce up the small dining room. The plans are to install a new ceiling with lights which can be dimmed, new paint and new carpeting. The project architects are exploring ways to potentially cover up the old doorways and the west wall. The wall on the east end has been patched and is ready for paint.



Next phase of renovations for the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite: the small dining room

After talking to a third party vendor about renting the building, they suggested the small dining room would make an excellent venue for small weddings, receptions or dinners, and would be very useful as a serving area for large events in the main dining area. All that is needed is some fresh paint on the walls and new carpet.

While the ceiling installers are here we may have them install a new ceiling in the coat room off of the main lounge area.

Another area of concern is the ceiling in the

main hall on second floor. Due to a steam leak when we were still using the old boiler system, some of the paint is peeling. At this time we do not have a bid or a price of the cost to do this.

By April, the new sound system in the large lodge room should be installed and working. This system was made possible through two very generous donations.

As always, we need your continued generosity and support. This is YOUR Valley and in the end, this is your building and an investment in you, so come down to see your Valley at our business meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, dinners and events, and Reunions!



The Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation has supported the Lincoln Boys Choir since 2002, providing resources for the choir and welcoming the boys for practice in the main Lodge room. This year, the Lincoln Boys Choir welcomed 300 guests to the Scottish Rite on February 25th for their 2018 Midwinter Concert. The Scottish Rite hosted a reception afterward with cookies, punch and coffee. The concert also supported the Lincoln RiteCare Clinic, which resulted in a \$740 donation to the Lincoln Scottish Rite Preservation Foundation.

2018 Lincoln Calendar

April 28 Walk for RiteCare
 May 4-5 Spring Reunion
 May 16 Table Lodge
 May 31 Give to Lincoln Day
 June 20 SR Club Dinner in Friend, NE
 July 18 Family Picnic
 October 13 Feast of Tishri
 December 1 RiteCare Children's Christmas party
 December 8 Christmas Banquet
 January 26, 2019 Robert Burns Dinner

Last Wednesday of each month
 Burger Night (5:30 to 7 pm)

Thursday Lunches at 11:45 (\$6)

SAVE THE DATE



LINCOLN SPRING REUNION MAY 4-5th, 2018



GAME 1
 LOWER BOX

www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org

Walk for RiteCare™

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Lincoln Children's Zoo
 Registration begins at 10:00
 Walk beginning at 10:30
www.ScottishRiteLincoln.org/walk



Tod (32°) and Julie McConahay

Susan and Bob (32° KCCH) Whipple

Celebrating Love: Scottish Rite Recognizes Our Ladies At Annual Ladies Night at the 'Rite Dinner

A bit of freezing rain was no deterrent for the heartiest Scottish Rite Masons. About 80 Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies turned out on February 19 for the annual Ladies Night at the 'Rite, our celebration of our ladies and all they do for us throughout the year.

The evening began with cocktails in the lounge and the Scottish Rite Ethics Series in the Middle Chamber. The topic was: Resolved that "Dreamers" shall have access to legal residency, including the essential rights and duties of citizenship. Our speakers were Richard Galusha, an Associate Professor of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Kirkpatrick Signature Series at Bellevue University, and Douglas Kagan, President of the Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom. Rick has done scholarly research on illegal "Dreamers" in the United States. Doug has been one of the leading opponents in Nebraska of illegal immigration.

Chris Carter, 32° KCCH served as moderator as Richard and Douglas debated Dreamers and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Lee Terry, 33° coordinated the speakers for the Ethics Series.

After the debate, the Culinary Masters served baked salmon with wild rice, mixed vegetables, salad and rolls, with ice cream served by the Knights of St. Andrew. Our entertainment was local legendary pianist Ray Williams, who played throughout the evening. After an excellent dinner, the line officers presented the ladies with gifts and potted plants from Mulhall's.

Ladies Night at the 'Rite has been a long tradition at the Scottish Rite, and definitely a fun evening not worth missing! Mark your calendar for next February and plan to be here for a great evening celebrating our ladies.



The Consistory officers recognized for their leadership among the Line Officer Guild

Moving at the speed of Masonry is often a by-word for moving slower than molasses in winter. But sometimes when you blink, you miss momentous events in Freemasonry. The March business meeting was certainly one of those evenings.

In addition to announcing the endowed Scottish Rite Professorship in Speech-Language Pathology (see page 6 for story), we began the evening celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Irish dance from Dowd's Irish Dance Academy. Dancers from age 4 to 11 wowed 80 Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies with traditional Irish step dancing. In the Irish theme, Chris Nigro, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection, "fined" anyone not wearing green, raising a tidy sum for the Almoner's Fund.

After dinner, John Maxell, 33° recognized the officers of the Consistory, presenting them with a traveling award. This award will recognize an officer line each year for attendance at Line Officer Guild meetings, visitations to Blue Lodges, programs and presentations, and leadership. Don Kavalec, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master for 2017 was recognized for setting the example for each of the four Scottish Rite bodies.



Bob Pelletier, 32° was also recognized for completing the three Master Craftsman self-study programs, covering Craft Masonry and Scottish Rite history and philosophy. Bob has diligently attended the Master Craftsman study groups, which Don moderates each month. Bob was presented with a certificate, a lapel pin, and a medal for completing the Master Craftsman courses.

RITECARE CLASSIC

Golf Outing

Save the Date

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 13, 2018

Pacific Springs Golf Course

(16810 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska)

Lunch 11 AM | Shotgun Start 12 PM

Call the office to register or visit ScottishRiteOmaha.org/Golf



Making News

Lee Terry, 33° arranged a tour last February at the KETV-7 television studios in the former Burlington train station. Lee was an anchor with KETV from 1959 until 1976. Members and guests toured the news station, built in 1898, admiring the renovations which modernized the building while retaining many original architectural features.



Left to right: Dr. Amy Nordness, Charles Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, and Dr. Karoly Mirnics

Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska Professorship in Speech-Language Pathology Awarded

The March Scottish Rite Lodge dinner and meeting was an auspicious occasion. After more than a year, the UNMC Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska Professorship in Speech-Language Pathology was fully endowed, with more than \$515,000 donated toward a professorship. Interest income will fund the professorship in perpetuity. Dr. Amy Nordness, Director of the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute's RiteCare program, was named the first Scottish Rite Professor.

Dr. Karoly Mirnics, Director of the Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI), joined Scottish Rite Masons to make the announcement with Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, SGIG in Nebraska. This professorship, Dr. Mirnics said, allows MMI to grow and brings national attention to the Institute. It helps future faculty recruitment and retention, attracting the best and brightest to the UNMC community. And as important, being named as the endowed professor represents a lifetime of exceptional achievement. In that respect, as Dr. Mirnics seeks to expand MMI's role, he applauded Dr. Nordness' "entrepreneurial spirit." "If you let her do her job, she does amazing things," he said. She has doubled the size of her department, taking on all of Nebraska Medicine's speech contracts. As MMI reorganizes in time to move into a new building on the AkSarBen campus by 2020, Dr. Nordness

will take on new roles. These include growing and expanding services, such as helping non-verbal children adapt technologies which allow them to write using their eyes.

Dr. Nordness thanked Scottish Rite Masons for their genuine support of children of all abilities, for a 40 year commitment to speech pathology, supporting therapy for kids who might otherwise not receive services, and to the speech therapists who receive funding and continuing education. As the Scottish Rite Professor, she will strive to higher levels of excellence in these areas.

The road to the professorship began years before when the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha began donating \$10,000 toward a professorship at MMI. Without an actual Speech Pathology Professor for several years, the fund grew. In 2016, Dr. Karoly made an offer we couldn't refuse - if the Scottish Rite Foundation would support the cost of the professorship with our quarterly donations to MMI, he would find alternative funding for the RiteCare operations for a year. This allowed the fund to be fully endowed in a year.

As Dr. Mirnics said, "[the Scottish Rite Masons] allows kids to lead fulfilling lives. We do this over and over again for thousands of kids. Thank you for caring for those without a strong voice."



Nebraska RiteCare Telepractice Serves as Model for Other RiteCare Clinics

When the UNK RiteCare Clinic began telepractice speech therapy services in 2012, Mr. Michael May, 32° KCCCH from the North Carolina Scottish Rite Foundation traveled to Kearney to learn more about telepractice in hopes of doing the same in North Carolina. The North Carolina Valleys have continued interest in offering telepractice speech therapy. Laura Moody, Speech-Language Pathologist from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, provided an online presentation to the Masons of North Carolina along with Dr. Gail Donaldson, Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders from Appalachian State University, about how the UNK RiteCare Clinic developed telepractice services and continues to provide them today.

Topics during the presentation included research showing the benefits of telepractice, the methods UNK used to get started, as well as, how to train graduate students at universities to provide telepractice speech therapy. The ability to provide telepractice services through RiteCare Clinics offers unique training opportunities for graduate students, which broadens their knowledge for future employment in rural communities. While telepractice can be beneficial for rural communities, it can also reach individuals in urban areas who have a physical limitation to travel to the clinic in their community. Thanks to the opportunity to initiate telepractice through RiteCare Clinics, speech therapy can be offered to individuals in all communities who may not have access to it otherwise.

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OWEN'S STORY

submitted by Kendal and Kyle
RiteCare parents

Owen was our first born son and so as new parents, everything was (and still is) a new adventure. We knew that babies develop at their own pace and we were warned against comparing Owen to others, but as his parents it was difficult as Owen was not hitting the same milestones as other toddlers his age. Specifically, Owen was not talking



and others were. However, there were other gross motor skills that Owen displayed with ease, in fact even surpassing others.

When Owen was 2 years old we enrolled him in the Early Development Network (EDN) through Omaha Public Schools. We participated with in-home services and the professionals were very kind and caring, but Owen still did not speak. In September, 2016, Owen received an educational diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and transitioned to a Pre-K program through Omaha Public Schools. Through this program, he has developed great social skills

but was still not speaking. The most frustrating feeling as a parent is watching your child not have a way to express himself and tell his parents that he does not feel well, someone hurt his feelings, he is hungry, he is tired, etc.

Although the EDN network was very helpful, we began

looking at other professionals to assist Owen with his speech. In September of 2017, Owen received a medical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder from the professionals at the Munroe-Meyer Institute. The recommendations from Owen's team of professionals included speech pathology services and also parent training for us. We began working with Leslie VanWinkle and since that time, we have seen tremendous progress with Owen!

Leslie recommended a communication device and since receiving it, he has begun speaking and now says nearly 2 dozen words. Leslie has been such an angel to our Owen and has gone above and beyond. For example, Leslie went to Owen's preschool to meet with his teachers to work together and give assistance working with Owen and his communication device. Leslie even programmed the lesson plans in the device for the teachers so it could assist them in class when working with Owen.

"We are so grateful for the Scottish Rite Masons and their support of children with language delays and their parents."

We have been so grateful for Leslie and have learned so much through our parenting training sessions. We are so grateful for the Scottish Rite Masons and their support of children with language delays and their parents. We have hope now that our son will speak and feel we have such a great support system with Leslie and others at the Munroe-Meyer Institute.

Your generosity is so appreciated!

Membership, continued

If "cheap" was the measurement, we'd all drive a \$4,000 Yugo. Instead, we value our car based on its performance, its reliability and its luxury. Thus, we take care of the investment in a car. If that 2018 Cadillac you just spent \$55,000 on was only \$500, you'd never bother with oil changes, car washes or maintenance. When it breaks down, you'd leave it on the side of the road, walk home, and get another.

Many fine Brethren treat their Masonry like the \$500 car. When they tire of it, they simply walk away from their minimal investment in the Degrees. We see this reflected in the suspension lists, particularly in that 3 to 5 year period after a man becomes a Mason.

The other side of this proverbial flapjack is that if we are advocating for higher dues,



These men believed in Freemasonry. Their dues weren't cheap. . . yet they joined in the thousands because they received value for their investment.

we better be providing an exceptional experience to justify the price tag. The Lodge meeting needs to be more than a tedious discussion, followed by a bit of fellowship over stale cookies afterward. A warm welcome starts the evening off on the right foot, followed by social activities which makes

men want to attend. Interesting programs, whether in Lodge or apart from the Lodge meeting, enrich the Masonic experience.

Masonic blogger Chris Hodapp writes, "Any organization that is cheap to join and belong to requires little sense of commitment, pride or belonging from its members. Any organization that is easy to join is also easy to walk away from. The act of joining the world's oldest, greatest gentleman's fraternity should be an achievement and require certain ongoing responsibilities."

Like our Masonic forefathers who built this enduring fraternity, we need to go back to a firm belief in Freemasonry and the greatness of our Lodges, and that includes re-evaluating how we price them and the value we give for those hard-earned dollars.

Giving the Gift of VOICE

When you read the stories about how our Scottish Rite philanthropy helps RiteCare kids across the state, do you realize that **you** are the hero of the story? When the proverbial Bat Signal goes up, you have leapt into action and answered the call time and time again! You've supported RiteCare services across the state, the Teachers of the Year awards in Hastings and Lincoln, scholarships, and the upkeep and renovations on our historical buildings. In fact, this past March, you endowed more than a half-million dollars for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska Professorship in Speech-Language Pathology. Future generations of speech pathologists will receive training and education thanks to you.

If that doesn't qualify as "super," I don't know what does!

To quote the 2004 movie *The Incredibles*, the problem with being a superhero is "No matter how many times you save the world, it always manages to get back in jeopardy again. Sometimes I just want it to stay saved!"

It would be nice if we could help the RiteCare children, dust our hands and return to the life of a mild-mannered Mason. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way and the need always continues. Rest assured, it is making a difference to thousands of children who would otherwise not have access to nationally-recognized speech therapy, would not be able to socialize with their peers, and continue their education as lifelong learners.



On May 19th, the Scottish Rite again joins in *Celebrating the Craft*, a telethon which supports the House of the Temple and your local Valley's philanthropies. You can watch through www.scottishrite.org or participate at your Valley. Your donation to your local Valley's Foundation as a Century Club donor or through the Community Foundation online donor days (Hastings-May 10th; Omaha-May 23rd; Lincoln-May 31st) continues to make a dramatic impact. In July, you'll receive the 101-Club/SGIG Circle appeal letter. 100% of your tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska goes to supports speech therapy. A charitable gift annuity or a planned gift will leave your long-term legacy for our RiteCare kids and our philanthropies.

You have done a lot for the Scottish Rite and our Masonic charities. *Thank you for continuing to answer that call!*

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Your donations change the world."*

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