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Membership

I've always been interested in why so many people joined Freemasonry in the past. Among the fellowship and sense of belonging, one Mason suggested that the members joined for the experiential learning experience, a method in which a student learns through direct experience and focused reflection, developing knowledge and skills through a progressive commitment. The Degrees of Freemasonry necessarily include coaching, mentoring, and support as a member progresses through the Degrees of Blue Lodge, and the Candidates become increasingly



The experiential nature of Masonry develops members' abilities to speak publicly, act with integrity, and behave with honor.

familiar with the symbols, lectures, memory work, and skills of the Craft.

Nobody joined to learn about King Solomon's middle chamber. They joined in some measure because Masons naturally developed those skills which are now purposefully taught in management and leadership programs, Toastmasters Clubs or Dale Carnegie seminars. Men develop the skills of leadership, which include the mental preparation to make a speech, and the value of such preparation time. Masons learn to commit things to memory, to

speak extemporaneously and formally. Masonry hones the skills of tone, pitch, modulation, and volume when delivering a lecture. At the same time, Masons developed the soft skills of protocol, giving - and receiving - respect and gratitude.

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plan on it!

a RiteCare vision for the future

A seed planted today may bear fruit a month from now. . . or 25 years later.

The Scottish Rite Foundation received a letter from a law firm that we would be the beneficiary of a trust, established decades ago. Sure enough, a check arrived in the mail for \$632, 948.10.

Brother Jay G. Quick, Jr. was born June 11, 1915 and passed away November 4, 1999. He made his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and was a postal clerk working for the railroad. We know little of his life. He married Evelyn Quick, and had two children. In 1946, he was raised a Master Mason at Mizpah Lodge #302.

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Alliance Valley

Orient Calendar

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27Wednesday Lunches (H)		
Sept 29RiteCare Classic (O)		
Oct 6State RiteCare Retreat (at Lincoln Scottish Rite)		
Oct 7Hastings Fall Reunion (H)		
Oct 4, 11, 18, 25Wednesday Lunches (H)		
Oct 20KCCH Investiture (Lincoln Scottish Rite)		
Oct 21 Thirty-Third Coronation (Omaha Scottish Rite)		
Oct 27-28Alliance Fall Reunion (A)		
Oct 29Friends of RiteCare Dinner & Auction (O)		
Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29Wednesday Lunches (H)		
Nov 3-4all-Nebraska Fall Reunion (O)		
Special Nebraska Scottish Rite Reunion, welcoming		
James D. Cole, 33° and Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°		
Grand Commanders, Scottish Rite (SMJ) and		
Scottish Rite (PHA., NMJ)		
Dec 6, 13, 20, 27Wednesday Lunches (H)		
Dec 18Christmas Banquet (O)		

Please check with your Valley for most current updates to Scottish Rite events

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22 Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5 Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20

Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 20, Apr 17, May22

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month Sept 15, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 18 Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20

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LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEWS

You don't often hear that phrase in Freemasonry, and we are notorious for doing what we've always done and getting what we always got.

When we reached out to members about the Spring Reunion, scheduled for late May, it turns out that one Brother was out of town, and another Brother had other commitments that weekend. You know how it goes. . . we simply couldn't get all the troops together for one reason or another to pull off the Spring Reunion.

But that's no reason to just hang our caps up and say "Let's try again next Fall." I thought we'd try something new, and have a banquet instead of a Reunion. And I'm pretty pleased with the results! We had 25 Brethren come from Alliance, Scottsbluff, Kimball, Bridgeport, Mitchell, as well as Dan Wellendorf, 33° from all the way out in Omaha.

Whitney Baldwin, Coordinator from Community Table prepared a great pork tenderloin dinner, mashed potatoes, green beans, with a brownie and ice cream for dessert. After dinner, Nancy Reiber spoke about how Community Table continues to serve 200+ people each week out of the Scottish Rite, addressing food insecurity for anyone, regardless of their income. Meals are served each weekday, serving kids, families, and a great many seniors who not only come by for a meal, but as an outlet for loneliness.

Afterward, we heard from Michael Dunn, who coordinates the Foxhall Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) chapter which meets at the Alliance Masonic Center. Foxhall is one of the few suit-and-tie AA meetings, and one of the oldest chapters. He spoke about how his mentors came to him at his lowest point, and rushed him from one event or meeting to the next and then to the next and then the next. The meetings and staying so busy saved him, and turned his life around. Mike said he is now in a position to provide that same mentoring to others who need help.

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Valley of Central Nebraska at Hastings

Recognizing Dan Deffenbaugh, 33°-Elect

It is with great pride that the Central Nebraska Scottish Rite at Hastings congratulates Daniel G. Deffenbaugh as the Valley's 33° Inspector General Honorary-elect for 2023

Dan was raised on August 4, 2012 at Hastings Lodge #50. He has been active, serving as Senior Steward, Junior Dea-

con, Junior Warden, and three years as Worshipful Master from 2016 through 2018. For the last three years, Dan has served as Chaplain.

He joined the Scottish Rite in March, 2013 and has also jumped into the Valley as an officer, serving as Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Dan has taken a part on the 18° Degree Team at Reunions, and communicates Degrees.



Dan received his Bachelor of Arts from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He was ordained a minister, receiving his Masters in Divinity from Western Theological Seminary. Dan earned both his Masters of Arts in Theological Studies as well as his Ph.D. in Constructive Theology/Philosophy from Vanderbilt University in Nash-

ville, Tennessee.

Professionally, Dan served as Professor of Religion and Chair of the Religion Department at Hastings College, and has been recognized as the Outstanding Nebraska Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Outstanding Professor by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. He currently serves as the Associate Dean of Arts and

Sciences at Central Community College on the Hastings Campus.

Dan brings his extraordinary breadth of knowledge to Masonic education tying the story being told in a Masonic degree to the Bible, drawing on the times when the story takes place, as well as bringing in philosophy, history, and even the stories about the figures in the Degrees. Masonic education reaches a new level when Dan speaks!

For the last few years, Dan has been co-host of the Lyceum Education series, a Zoombased Masonic





Top: Dan discusses the history of the Feast of Tishri in Hastings; Bottom: Dan speaking at the Royal Order of Scotland lunch in 2020

education program for Nebraska Ma-

Remembering the very beginnings of the Lyceum education series, Don Albrecht, 32° KCCH remembered, "During the Royal Order of Scotland lunch and meeting at Annual Communication in 2020, Dan gave a presentation entitled 'Nothing.' It had to do with the rational number zero, explaining where the number zero was first used in mathematics and then related it to the point within the circle, which Masons learn about as Entered Apprentices in the lectures of the Degree. I was impressed with his presentation and poised, and wondered if the Scottish Rite could disseminate online Masonic education of this caliber to the entire state by way of Zoom. That's how the Lyceum education series was born, and Dan graciously stepped up with new topics whenever we needed a presentation."

Phil Odom, 33° thanked Dan, recognizing him for "bringing a wealth of knowledge to his educational discussions. He has lead a Master Craftsman program, and continues to look for new ways to grow Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Hastings"

In his spare time, Dan enjoys bluegrass music and gardening.

LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEW

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Nancy Rieber speaks about Community Table and food insecurity.

Both Nancy and Michael expressed profound gratitude for Scottish Rite Masons, who so generously share the building.

Finally, we heard from "Deputy Dan" Wellendorf, 33°, who came in from Omaha. Dan spoke about his role as steward for the Nebraska Scottish Rite, managing the resources

to provide long-term RiteCare speech therapy services for Nebraska children. He shared his pride at seeing the Valley of Alliance not just serve our RiteCare children, but demonstrate the value of being relevant in our own communities through support for Community Table and Foxhall.

Even though we didn't have a true Reunion, we had a group photo of the Brethren attending, and we will display that with Class photos in the lobby. Even when we might not be able to come together for Degrees, we can still come together for the fellowship our fraternity provides.

~ Art Stricker, 33° General Secretary artstricker77@gmail.com

Valley of Lincoln









Photos - (Front Cover) John Willis; (top left) Nathanael Gabel; (top right) John Lange; (bottom left) Turner Cox; (bottom right) Michael Kovarik - with "Deputy Dan" Wellendorf, 33° and Mike Gray, 33°

Lincoln Valley Presents New Brethren with Scottish Rite Caps at June Meeting

The Valley of Lincoln welcomed six new 32° Scottish Rite Masons at the April Reunion. On June 21st, "Deputy Dan" Wellendorf, 33° welcomed members and introduced Mike Gray, 33°, Personal Representative to the Deputy, who presented them with their Scottish Rite caps in an informal ceremony, followed by dinner afterward, with their ladies and families in attendance.



Spring 2023 Class members and the Knights of St. Andrew after the 29°

drew, confers the lessons of humility, patience, and self-denial. The Candidate, presenting himself for admission to the Order, is suddenly confronted by the Holy Inquisition who seize him and charge him with being a Mason. He admits it, and they demand he renounce his Masonry and name his associates and superiors. He steadfastly refuses, even in

The Qualities of a Knight of St. Andrew

In days of old, knights valued virtue, truth, and honor as the greatest qualities of character. When Albert Pike re-ordered, amended, and adapted the Degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, he tapped into these Victorian values of manhood as key concepts of the 29th Degree, Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew.

The Degree, hosted by the members of the Lincoln Valley Knights of St. Anthe face of torture. With his courage and honesty, his accusers reveal themselves to be Knights in disguise, testing his loyalty. He is then left on guard, in charge of the Knights banner. Three ruffians challenge him, demanding his banner. He refuses, and they attack him but he drives them off. His brother Knights relieve him and accept him as a member, explaining the qualities of a Knight.

Toleration of religion is a central lesson



Long Pine Lodge Brethren Support Reunion in Yankton, South Dakota

Long Pine Lodge #136 members traveled again to Yankton, South Dakota and took roles in the 5°, 14°, and 31° Degrees. Above, Long Pine Lodge members in the 31°: Stan Weidner, Alvin Benemerito, Garrett, Weidner, and James Taylor. The Fall Reunion in Yankton will be November 18-19th, and all Scottish Rite Brethren are invited to attend.

of the 29th Degree. Henry Clausen, 33° writes in Clausen's Commentaries, "Masonry welcomes all religions that observe its basic principles and asserts that no mere man may dictate what another shall believe. Freedom of thought is essential for man's exercise of free will."

Within the Scottish Rite, the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) are an organization of 32° "black hat" Scottish Rite Masons. They volunteer in the Valley where needed, and the KSA also offers social events for members. The KSA also provides members with leadership responsibilities, such as planning the annual Robert Burns dinner. Only 32° Scottish Rite Masons may hold office or vote, though any Scottish Rite Mason is welcome to join.

This year's Knight Master is Justin Williamson, 32°. Any Brother, including our newest Scottish Rite Masons, are eligible to join. Contact Justin at justin@justinwilliamson.net for a petition or more information.

Valley of Omaha



Capping our new 32° Scottish Rite Masons

The June Scottish Rite dinner was a relaxed evening, but members welcomed our newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons from the Spring Reunion with a capping ceremony.

The Culinary Masters grilled hamburgers and bratwursts, and served potato salad and beans. After a great dinner, John Maxell, 33° and Venerable Master John Hardy, 32° KCCH presented an endowed perpetual membership certificate to Terry Nelson, 32°. John explained that the true value of a perpetual membership is that not only does a member not have to pay dues again, but the Valley receives interest income on the life membership in perpetuity. With a dues increase beginning in 2024, John encouraged members to consider getting a perpetual membership this year.

Afterward, our new 32° Scottish Rite Masons were welcomed to the podium. John Hardy explained the significance of the different Scottish Rite caps, and our new Brethren - Brian Pickett, Mitchel Deuter, Scott Christensen, and Eric Jones received their 32° caps.

John Hardy welcomed Scott Christensen to the podium as Class Orator for the April Reunion. Scott, a retired





Photos: Brian and Sherry Pickett; Mitchel Deuter receiving his cap from Matt Schell, 32°, and Scott Christensen receiving his cap from Dan Wellendorf, 33°

Nebraska State Patrol officer, spoke about missing the fellowship he found in law-enforcement over his 25 year career, as well as following a family tradition of Masonry with his grandfather being a member of Covert Lodge #11 and active at Tangier Shrine. Scott thanked members for an "amazing experience" with the Reunion, and looks forward to getting involved. In fact, he has already joined the Knights of St. Andrew and was serving ice cream at the June meeting!

1914 -SOCIETYDONORS

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John Williamson, 32°

1914 Society donations of \$250 or more for the 2023-2024 year will be recognized on the Omaha section of the Nebraska Scottish Rite Journal through the May-June, 2024 edition. 1914 Society donations support the upkeep of the historical Scottish Rite through the Building Fund. (Donations can not be considered tax-deductible for tax purposes.

Steven Zimmerman, 32° KCCH-elect



SCOTTISH RITE HOSTS 15TH ANNUAL WALKRITE FOR RITECARE

The Scottish Rite hosted the 15th an-I nual WalkRite for RiteCare on Saturday, June 17th at Chalco Hills Recreation Area. More than 110 RiteCare kids and their families, Scottish Rite Masons, UNO Nebraska Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and Clinicians from the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute.

The Walk kicked off with some remarks from Hope Kircher. Hope was a Rite-Care kid about fifteen years ago. She was born with Apraxia of Speech, a motor planning speech disorder that affects coordination of the tongue and lips. She knew what she wanted to say, but had a bit of trouble getting her mouth muscles to cooperate. "We could understand what she was saying, but not everybody else couldn" her mother, Patty, said back in 2008. Today, Hope is a poised young woman, graduating from Millard North High School. She thanked the RiteCare





PHOTOS Top; walkers at Chalco Hills; top right: Beth Hughes, Hope Kircher, and Korey Stading; bottom right: UNO NSSLHA students

Clinic and the Scottish Rite Masons for helping her find her voice.

With her greeting and words of welcome from RiteCare Clinician Korey Stading, families walked a loop around Wehrspann Lake, returning to freshly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs served by the Culinary Masters, and games hosted by the UNO NSSLHA students. Overcast skies kept the morning cool, and a light sprinkling of rain did not stop anyone from enjoying themselves.

Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha Board Chairman Don Leu, 32° KCCH said, "So many families tell us how their lives have changed when their children can speak, can express themselves clearly. The fact that so many families came here today to support us makes all the work we do to raise money for speech therapy worth the effort!"

WalkRite for RiteCare was started in 2009 by Ben Harvey, 33° as a family-friendly picnic for our RiteCare families, and has raised around \$100,000 over the past 15 years, all of which supports speech therapy services for Nebraska children. This year's WalkRite for RiteCare raised about \$5,600 for speech therapy services.

WORKING ON THE



The Omaha Knights of St. Andrew 'Chain Gang' were at it again! On May 20th, Alan Boutler, 32°, Rob King, 32°, Wes Agar, 32°, Bob Pelletier, 32° KCCH, and Dan Alati, 32° covered 2 miles of Highway 36, cleaning up 14 bags of garbage. In return for their work, that section of Highway has a sign acknowledging that the clean-up is sponsored by the Omaha Scottish Rite.



Tor many years, the KCCH d Club in the Valley of Omaha hosted a dinner for our new KCCH and 33° honors Brethren. This past year, Don Leu, 32° KCCH, President of the KCCH Club, approached John Maxell, 33°, General Secretary, about ways the KCCH Club could both be more active and support the Omaha Valley Building Fund. Through monthly meetings and brainstorming, Omaha KCCH members have come up with several ideas, including the 1914 Society. Movie nights have been proposed, welcoming members and neighbors from the surrounding apartments. On December 3rd, the KCCH Club will host a recital on the 1926 Kilgen pipe organ and the Tangier Shrine Chanters for a concert with donations supporting the Building Fund.

2023 Honors Men

Dan J. Wellendorf, 33°, Deputy to the Supreme Council for Nebraska, announced the Brethren who had been elected by the Supreme Council to receive Honors in 2023. 13 Brethren in the Valleys of Alliance, Hastings, Lincoln and Omaha will be invested with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and 7 KCCH Brethren will be coroneted 33° Inspectors General Honorary this October. Please extend congratulations to:

KCCH-elect:

Alliance:

• Peter G. Lapaseotes

Hastings:

- Thomas S. Stewart
- William P. Taylor

Lincoln:

- Edward W. Boone
- Dennis J. Hecht
- · Andrew H. Seachord

Omaha:

- Thomas J. (T.J.) Brumfield
- Christopher V. Edwards
- Cannon P. Kinchelow, Jr.
- Mark L. Miller
- Carl F. Simmons
- Wayne A. Stuberg
- L. Steven Zimmerman





33rds-elect:

Hastings:

Daniel G. Deffenbaugh

Lincoln:

- · Rodney D. Poskochil
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Mike Precella, 32° KCCH and Bob Pelletier, 32° KCCH represented the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha at the OHB golf benefit this past May.

Membership, continued

The skills Freemasonry developed were innumerable: decorous behavior when in the company of gentlemen, conducting oneself with honor, and acting with integrity and diplomacy. Working with volunteers, fulfilling commitments, and enabling others to reach their own potential. The capacity to commit names, titles, preferences, and even the quirks or particular circumstances of other members to memory. The ability to gauge deception, and how to deal with it with tact and discretion. The art of preparation, and the patience to start at the bottom and work one's way up through hard work, competence, commitment, and perseverence. The list goes on and on.

The shopkeeper, the farmer, or laborer presided as Worshipful Master with the same polish and leadership abilities as the banker, lawyer, mayor, or minister.



I am reminded of Brother Charlie Amidon, a 25 year old sheet metal worker with Olson Bros. in Omaha, who joined Florence Lodge #281 in 1949. He served as Master in 1967, and went on to become Executive Director of the Omaha Home for Boys, and later Grand Master of Masons in 1985. Charlie always credited Masonry with building his skills and confidence to take on greater roles and responsibilities in the community. Those who knew Charlie remember a highly accomplished lecturer and leader.

None of these skills men developed in Masonry are any less valuable today - Masons just don't talk about them. Or maybe we don't prize these skills as we used to, living today in an age where "anything goes" and men show up to Lodge in cargo shorts and t-shirts. Look at those old photos on the Lodge wall; everyone - everyone - is in a suit and tie, and you can't tell who a blue-collar worker from a banker!

Today, we simply chalk up the absence of etiquette and the competencies Masonry promotes as the result of "an all-volunteer organization." We are losing an incredible opportunity to promote the extraordinary value of Masonry as developing the tools of civility and leadership, initiative, and influence in today's men. These skills seem to be in short supply, and as much in demand now than ever.

Giving the Gift of

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Jay was a Master Mason in good standing for 53 years. He joined the Scottish Rite in the April, 1948 Spring Reunion, a class of about 111 men.

Searching the archives, Jay does not appear to have been an officer. He didn't serve on a Degree team, nor the sound, stage, or lighting crews. He was never Coroneted a 33° or invested a 32° KCCH. There is no record of him even attending a Reunion, based on a cursory scan of the register for the 1980s and 1990s. We don't even know if Jay attended Scottish Rite meetings each month.

But something made an impression on Brother Jay Quick. His Trust specified that his children would receive income from his estate, and when they passed, the remainder would be divided among three charitable organizations.

Twenty-three years after Jay Quick passed "into that celestial temple not made with human hands," the Scottish Rite Foundation received a sizable bequest, providing speech therapy for children for years to come. Perhaps Jay knew that a great oak would grow from this tiny seed planted 30 years ago.

We may not even remember Jay Quick's name, but his legacy lives on through innumerable children who will receive speech therapy across the state. What an incredible legacy to have left!

Whether you leave a set amount, percentage, or create a charitable remainder trust as Jay did, I ask you to think about your Masonic legacy. Like Jay, that small bequest in your estate today may provide vast benefits for our philanthropies 20 or 30 years later.

Jay never sat in the shade of the tree he planted so many years ago. He never got to see first-hand how many children he would help across the state. But his legacy will live on for years and years to come through our philanthro-

The holidays are coming on us, and I ask you to visit with your family and consult with your tax professional or attorney, and think about a bequest or gift made to your Scottish Rite Valley, Valley's Foundation, or your favorite Masonic philanthropies. Think about that seed you plant today, which will bear fruit for future generations.

Micah I. Evans, 33°

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SGIG Circle Donors (\$300+) to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska: Sept. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023

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