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Let's Celebrate!



125th Anniversary Reunion Banquet

Sunday, November 19, 2006

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

5:30 PM Social Time followed by

Dinner and Entertainment

by the "Average Joe Band"

\$25 per person - Plan to attend!

Reunion information can be found on Page 6

**Council of Kadosh
Eminent Commander**



Donald P. Ellenberger, 32°

Bro. Don Ellenberger, 32°, is the second oldest of four boys was born in Denver, Colorado in April of 1961. His father, a construction man, moved Bro. Don and his family around the country quite often. He graduated from Toms River North High School and Building Trades School in Toms River, New Jersey in 1979. Bro. Don joined the Carpenters Union in the fall of 1980. In 1991 he moved to Omaha to be with family. He currently is a construction Superintendent for Charles Vrana and Sons Construction Co. in their building division.

Bro. Ellenberger is not only active in the Omaha Valley of Scottish Rite, but in other Masonic bodies as well. Don's Uncle, Worshipful Brother Hugh Ellenberger, 32° KCCH, Past Eminent Commander Council of Kadosh of the Omaha Valley, asked Don if he would like to be a Mason. Brother Don accepted the invitation to petition and was raised to a Master Mason of Springfield Lodge in January of 1993. That same year he joined the Scottish Rite and Shrine. In January of 2000 Brother Don became Worshipful Master of Springfield Lodge #112, and now currently serves as Lodge Secretary. Don, besides serving as Commander, volunteers on the Stage Crew, Wrecking Crew, and plays a part in the Thirtieth Degree, at the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Tangier Clowns unit, better known as "Stinky", the Clown. Don is a Past Camaxtli for the "Order of Quetzalcoatl", a fraternal group that works to raise money for the Children's Hospital in Mexico.

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**Omaha Consistory
Venerable Master of Kadosh**



Steven C. Smith, 32° KCCH

Bro. Steve Smith was born Sept 1948 in Lincoln NE into a family of five boys and one girl. He graduated from Pius X High School where he lettered six times competing in wrestling, football, track and baseball .He accepted a scholarship to the University of Nebraska Wrestling program, but as fate would have it, within two weeks after enrollment, he was injured in a motorcycle accident. His injury wouldn't let him pass the medical exam but he entered school for a semester but then decided leave school and enter the workforce. Bro. Steve worked as an Iron Worker for The International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Local # 21.

He married his lovely wife, Connie Haar, in June 1969, drafted into the Army in August 1969 and served in Viet Nam January 1970 to December 1970. Returning home from Viet Nam, life for Steve got easier. Steve had made the Army All Star Wrestling Team and traveled the country competing in various tournaments until his Army life was completed.

Never losing his passion for wrestling, Bro. Steve returned to Lincoln to enroll again at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. While completing his school work in Marketing and Psychology, he lettered in wrestling as a heavy weight. In June 1975 Steven C. Smith II, their only child, was born. Bro. Steve (Sr.) worked part time as an Iron Worker and used his GI Bill to pay for his education. After college in 1976, Steve returned to iron work full time.

In Jan 1980, Steve started a new career in home improvement sales with the largest home improvement

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Editor's Column

The activities in celebration of the Omaha Valley's 125th anniversary continue to unfold. I hope most of you in the Omaha area have seen the commercials on Scottish Rite carried by Cox on the cable network. These commercials have been responsible for some new petitions, both in the Scottish Rite and in the Blue Lodges. There was an open house on October 22nd, and we thank the Omaha Valley members who served as tour guides and docents for the visitors. Finally, the Fall Reunion is coming up this month, so get those petitions in. A special 125th Celebration Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 19th to honor our newest members and to celebrate Omaha Valley's 125 years in the Omaha community. Please plan to attend. We need to make this a banner year.

Among the many activities at the Omaha Valley this fall was a play presented on the 20th and 21st of October in the auditorium by Bro. Chris Carter, and under the sponsorship of the Omaha Valley and G.W. Lininger Lodge. A portion of the proceeds from this play, and the dinner that preceded it, were donated to the maintenance campaign of the Omaha Home for Boys. A tip of the hat to Bros. Chris Carter (the organizer) and Bro. Kelly Adams (one of the two stars of the play) for their efforts.

Coming up in December are Chili and a showing of the movie, "Da Vinci Code", so get your reservations in now. The Lion King is on tap in January, but I understand that the tickets allotted to the Omaha Valley have been sold out. These are terrific opportunities to

Dates to Remember	
Nov 10	Friendship Dinner @ SRMC
Nov 11	Fourmel' dyhides Concert/Reception
Nov 13	Lodge Meeting/KSA Silent Auction
Nov 17-18	Fall Reunion
Nov 19	125th Celebration Grand Gala
Nov 22-24	Office closed
Dec 8	Chili-n-"The DiVinci Code" movie
Dec 17	Performing Arts "Holiday Fanfare"
Dec 18	Lodge meeting
Dec 22-25	Office closed

have some fellowship, and I hope many of you take full advantage of them.

We had a great program in October to mark the Feast of Tishri, and the education program continues to rock along. Mark your November calendars for another installment of "Happy Hour at the Goose and Gridiron" during our educational session.

There continues to be a lot of activity at 20th and Douglas. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
John T. Parsons, 33°, Editor

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Don's lovely wife Sue is a member of the Daughters of the Nile, and in line to become Queen. Don has three wonderful children, Holly 19, Hunter 16, and Kylee 12. Don and his family are thankful for the wonderful friends they have made over the years through the Masonic Fraternity. Brother Don is most thankful to his beloved Uncle, Father-figure, Brother Hugh Ellenberger, who encouraged his membership. The Omaha Valley is happy to have Brother Don serving as Eminent Commander.



Bro. Charles Marchand, 32° KCCH, Vice-President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha presents a check to Bro. John Maxell, 32° KCCH, Chairman of the Nebraska CHIP program.

MASONIC FAMILY ACTIVITIES - OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METRO AREA

2006
 NOV 4 Coffee on the Square 8am Papillion
 NOV 4 Masters & Wardens Meeting 9:00am Papillion
 NOV 5 York Rite Brunch OCC 11am Reservations
 NOV 5 Pancake Feed by Trinity OES 8am-1pm West Omaha Temple
 NOV 10 Membership Dinner 6:00pm SRMC
 NOV 11 Style Show by D of Nile Tangier 11am-3pm
 NOV 11 Soup Supper by RAM 5-7pm Papillion
 NOV 12 Ham Dinner by Ak-Sar-Ben OES 11 am-2pm Mizpah Temple
 NOV 18 SCATT 9am Papillion
 NOV 18 OES Visitation at Papillion Chapter 7:00pm
 NOV 28 Vamaflont at Council Bluffs #441 6:30pm Council Bluffs Temple (change of Location)
 DEC 2 Coffee on the Square 8am Papillion
 DEC 2 DeMolay Grand Masters class 8:00am Hastings
 DEC ?? Installation Commandery & Beauceant
 Dec 16 SCATT 9am Papillion

2007
 JAN 17 Unity Meeting 4pm Tangier
 JAN 27 One-Day-Degree 7:30am TBA
 JAN 28 "The Lion King" reservations-SRMC
 FEB 1-3 Grand Lodge Holiday Inn Kearney
 FEB 9th "A Night to Remmber" by D of Nile
 FEB 16 Membership/Friendship Dinner SRMC-6:00pm
 MARCH 3 Chapter degrees (York Rite) at Benson
 MARCH 4-10 JOB' S Daughters Founder Week
 MARCH 24 Council & Commandery Degrees - Benson
 MARCH 24-25 Job's Spring Workshop—Aurora
 MARCH 30 Membership Dinner 6:00pm Council Bluffs
 APR "All Shook Up" Orpheum reservations-SRMC
 APR 14 One-Day-Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 *APR 18-21 Grand York Rite, Columbus
 APR 18 Unity meeting 4pm Tangier
 APR/MAY Installation Omaha Chapter #1 & Council #1 Benson Temple Date/Time TBA
 APR/MAY R.A.M Florence #61 Installation 2pm Papillion Date/Time TBA
 MAY 5 Mid-America HIKE—Jobs at Topeka, KS
 MAY 8-10 Grand Chapter OES Lincoln
 MAY 18 Friendship Dinner at Tangier Center 6:00pm
 JUNE 1 "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Orpheum reservations through SRMC
 JUNE 8-10 Grand Assembly(Rainbow)—Crete
 JUNE 20-23 Grand Session(Jobs) Kearney
 JUNE 28 Membership Dinner 6pm Council Bluffs Temple (Tentative)
 JULY 14 One-Day-Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 JULY 25 Unity meeting 4pm Tangier Center
 AUG 10 Friendship Dinner at Tangier Center 6:00pm
 SEPT 21 Grand Lodge Celebration of 150 years Lincoln 3:00pm Dinner following(Change of date)
 SEPT 22 Chapter degrees (YR) at Papillion
 SEPT 27 Membership Dinner 6pm Council Bluffs Temple
 OCT ?? Unity Meeting 4pm Tangier Center

OCT 20 Council and Commandery degrees (YR) at Benson Temple
 CHANGE OF DATE
 OCT 27 One-Day-Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 NOV 9 Friendship Dinner at SRMC 6:00pm

2008
 JAN 16 Unity Meeting 4pm Tangier Center
 JAN 26 One-Day Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 FEB 1—Feb 4 Grand Lodge Ramada Inn Kearney
 FEB 8 Membership Dinner 6:00pm SRMC
 FEB 23 Chapter Degrees (YR) at Plattsmouth
 MARCH 22 Council & Commandery degrees at Benson
 MARCH 28 Membership Dinner 6pm Council Bluffs
 APRIL 16 Unity Meeting 4pm Tangier Center
 APRIL 19 One-Day Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 MAY 16 Membership Dinner 6:00pm Tangier Center
 JUNE 26 Membership Dinner 6:00pm Council Bluffs Temple (Tentative)
 JULY 12 One-Day Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 JULY 23 Unity Meeting 4pm Tangier Center
 AUG 15 Membership Dinner 6:00pm Tangier Center
 SEPT 20 Chapter degrees (YR) at Benson Temple
 SEPT 25 Membership Dinner 6:00pm Council Bluffs
 OCT 15 Unity Meeting 4pm Tangier Center
 OCT 18 One-Day-Degree 7:30am place—TBA
 OCT 18 Council and Commandery Degrees (YR) at Benson Temple
 CHANGE OF DATE
 NOV 14 Membership Dinner 6:00pm SRMC

2009
 Feb 5-7 Grand Lodge Kearney
 Square and Compass Club of Omaha has been cancelled effective June 2, 2006 by a voice vote of the membership because of declining interest and participation. There will be no further meetings at Tangier Shrine Center.

This is an informational service offered through the Omaha Metro Area Masters & Wardens Club to all of the Masonic family members in the Greater Omaha Area via e-mail. Updates are tentatively planned for mid-month and near the end of each month. This is also found on the Scottish Rite web site. The Tangier Shrine incorporates part of the list in their monthly publication—The Hot Sands.

For additions, corrections or the adding of people to receive the list, please contact Phil Edwards, Chairman of Masonic Activities List for Masters and Wardens at 895-3781.

For other activities see the following websites:

- Grand Lodge— www.glne.org
- OES ——— www.neoes.org
- Scottish Rite www.scottishriteomaha.org
- Tangier Shrine www.tangiershrine.com
- Jobs Daughters www.nejd.org
- DeMolay www.nedemolay.org
- Rainbow www.nebraskarainbow.com
- York Rite www.yorkrite.com/ne



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company of custom built windows and doors in the United States, The Pacesetter Corporation. His first year, he was nominated for rookie of the year, in his second year he was Sales Manager of the year and his third year promoted to a General Manager. In 1990, he was promoted to Assistant Vice President Of Sales and after almost twenty four years of service, he retired in July 2003.

Steve's Masonic affiliations include: Raised to a Master Mason in Union Lodge # 287 at Palmyra NE, member of Saint John's Lodge of Education # 331, Dual member and Past Master of Geo W. Lininger Lodge # 268, Past Chairman of the Membership committee for the Nebraska Grand Lodge, Past Samsar for the Tangier Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, member of the House Committee for the Omaha Home for Boys, Royal Order of Scotland, Nebraska College of Masonic Societas Rusiccuriana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, York Rite College, Knight Mason, Knight of the York Cross of Honor, Past High Priest of Omaha Chapter # 1 Royal Arch Masons, Past Illustrious Master of Omaha Council # 1 Cryptic Masons, Past Commander of Mount Calvary Commandery # 1 Knight Templars, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knight Templars of NE and Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in NE. At Scottish Rite he serves on the Membership Committee and is Director of the 13th Degree. He received his Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2003.

Honoring a 50-Year Member



Bro. Charles Marchand, 32° KCCH presents a 50-year certificate and pin to Bro. Morton L. Glass, 32° at the September Lodge of Perfection meeting.

A Change of Life...

We live our lives as nothing can ever change but in the last 30 years we all have seen so many changes. Changes from a land line telephone to cellular, fax to email, hardwired computers to WYFI, fully prepare meals to microwave "pockets", the changes go on and on. Some changes are quick some are very subtle. Sometimes we can adapt to the change quickly sometimes we take our time.

I started this article while sitting in a hospital room with my son, Chyle. Four days before, while out running he was hit by a pickup traveling over 40 miles per hour. He was thrown several feet and fell into a deep ravine. Fortunately the driver stopped and helped with his rescue. He has multiply broken bones and internal injuries. Everyone says he is lucky to be alive and probably wouldn't be except for his great physical condition. Amazingly, the hospital staff sat him up yesterday and will soon start reconstructive surgery of his knee, ankle and hand. He may even get to go home within a few days.

To give you a little background about Chyle, he lifted weights, swam competitively and as recently as last spring ran a marathon. At 39-years old to say he was physically fit is an understatement. He has an excellent job with Intel Corporation, a nice house in Portland Oregon and a wonderful wife named Jana. Everything was going his way until his life was changed. Not only has he lost these few days in the hospital but there will be many months of physical therapy and recuperation. Today he has all the bones back in place and is recuperating. There were a lot of prayers spoken on his behalf. I realize his life has taken a direct right (or left) turn. The change was not predicted, planned or expected, they just happened (within a heartbeat).

Masonry is looking at change as well. Mostly in a more subtle way but there is change going on. Recently I've read the book "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry," by Bro. S. Brent Morris, 33° GC and have met the author of "Freemasonry for Dummies" by Bro. Christopher Hodapp, both have given us great history and understanding of our fraternal organization. As I read I tried to put Scottish Rite Masonry in perspective as to where it had come from and how it fits into today.

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244th Fall Reunion



Friday, November 17, 2006

5:00-6:00 PM.....	Registration & Dinner
6:00.....	Class Assembles
6:00-6:30.....	4°
6:35-7:05.....	5°
7:10-7:40.....	7°
7:45-8:15.....	8°
8:20-8:50.....	13°
8:55-9:50.....	14°

Saturday, November 18, 2006

6:45-7:45	Breakfast served by Kts. of St. Andrews (\$5.00 per person-candidates free)
7:30-7:45.....	Class Assembles
7:45-8:45.....	15°
8:55-9:25.....	16°
9:25-9:40.....	Break
9:40-10:50.....	18°
11:00-11:40.....	20°
11:40-Noon.....	Class Picture
Noon-12:45.....	Lunch
12:45-1:40.....	21°
1:50-2:35.....	29°
2:45-3:35.....	30°
3:35-3:50.....	Break
3:50-4:35.....	31°
4:45-5:30.....	32°
5:30-6:00.....	Order Pictures/Rings
5:30-6:00	Reception

This a special Reunion celebrating our 125th Anniversary in the Omaha Community.

It will be a wonderful time to bring new men into Scottish Rite Masonry.

Don't forget the 125th Celebration Banquet on Sunday, November 19, 2006

WE NEED PETITIONS!

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My son's injuries were a quick life change but Masonic changes more slowly. We have seen lengthy memorization of ritual replaced with workbooks, individual degree presentations giving way to one-day conferrals and a newer generation of men who say, "I'm interested in Masonry because my Grandfather was a Mason." The changes continue.

Our Lodges and Valleys are going through financial change too. Once we had more than enough money to maintain our buildings and do everything for our members. But because we didn't keep our fees in line with inflation, we now have to create fundraising ideas so the shortage of income from dues doesn't turn a member off to the fraternity when we make a minimal dues increase. Masonry has made these changes very slowly. My pastor gave me the analogy of the PT boat and the Aircraft carrier. The PT boat, like my son, will make quick turns in life but the Aircraft carrier, like Masonry, will take 20 miles (or years) to make its turns.

Brother Hodapp stated we don't need to change the core of Masonry; a new recruit is looking for what we have. But I believe we need to change the introductions of Masonry as an enticement to the recruit. One of the best ways is through an informative website. It must be attractive, easy to navigate and linked to as much information as possible. It currently is, and will be for near future, our most important way to find a new member.

Another media is TV. In the Omaha Valley we ran advertisement for Scottish Rite Masonry in May with almost 200 paid 60-second ads and the same amount of PSA's (Public Service Announcements). Again in late August and September we ran over 800 30-second paid and PSA ads targeting 35 to 50-year old men, \$45,000 median income, family oriented with civic involvement. Our success depends on how you look at advertising. We had several requests for information, petitions signed and voted on. For the first time in a long time we made the Omaha community aware of the Omaha Scottish Rite Valley and it will make an impact on men interested in Masonry in the future. We also made a short video highlighting Omaha Scottish Rite Masonry and its activities. I showed it recently at a Friendship Dinner and received the best reception I had ever received. Change can make a difference.

Sitting here in my office I receive many emails from interested young men that have already searched the Internet for information about Masonry. They are well versed on Masonry and the questions are very direct. They are usually looking for a specific point of interest or more importantly they want to know what the added value will be to them by becoming a Mason. My first reaction is the social side of getting to know men of like mind but sometimes I forget these men found us, in a personal way, through the web or reading. They may be looking for the ritual ideology rather than a new friend. They may be looking for an organization with "religious" experience because they may not be associated with a church like most older Masons have been. We must keep these ideas in front of us at all times.

We, as Masons, have always been an eclectic group of individuals from all walks of life. We must make sure we continue to fill the needs of our membership and our new generations.

My son's life is changed; Masons must be ready to do the same.

Curtis Edic, 33°, General Secretary

Of Current Interest....

Ill. Bro. Robert A. Falk, 33°, Former Personal Representative to the SGIG in Nebraska, and Ill. Bro. Curtis Edic, 33°, General Secretary for the Omaha Valley of Scottish Rite attended the 100th Anniversary Reunion Banquet for the Valley of Sioux City, Iowa on Saturday, October 28, 2006. The Banquet was attended by more than 330 members and guests including several from out of state. That Saturday, (the last of four days in two weekends) the Valley completed the 203rd Semiannual Reunion with 40 men becoming 32° Masons. The new 32° Masons were enthusiastic and enjoyed sharing their experience with wives and friends.

The Valley's special guest speaker was Ill. Bro. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Mother Supreme Council of the World. He was accompanied by Ill. Bro. Gene Sizemore, 33° Grand Cross, Executive Director of the Supreme Council and Ill. Bro. Earle Ihle, 33° Grand Cross, Supreme Council Director of Development.



Gurthrie Oklahoma KSA Members

Road Trip to Guthrie..

After many months of talking and planning a trip to Guthrie Oklahoma for the Scottish Rite Reunion, Oct. 27, Friday, finally arrived and off we went in the early morning light. Three KSA members, Dennis Samuelson, 32° KCCH (Past Master) Phil Harris, 32° (Line Officer) and Jim Wolfe, 32° KCCH (KSA charter member) set out on a short road trip to Guthrie, Oklahoma. We arrived in the afternoon just in time to check into the Temple with the Inn Keepers (a service unit). Yes, we stayed in the Temple. They have around 300 rooms !!!! Several have 2 to 4 beds which would mean they could put up 600 to 1000 men for a reunion. The building is made up of two large buildings connected with a hall. The dorm rooms are housed in the old Oklahoma Chamber room. This building was the first territorial Legislature of Oklahoma. Oklahoma gained statehood in 1907. The main floor is used for dinners and the second floor balcony rooms (old offices) are turned into bedrooms.

We had a quick dinner then back in the main building just in time for the KSA (170 - members strong !!) march through the large hallway and into the Grand Hall. Leading the march was a piper followed by the banner bearer, sword bearers, the KSA Candidates and four squires. That evening the KSA Candidates were knighted and the squires were starting their year of labor. Yes they must work one year in the temple before they are knighted. The Knighting took place in the Egyptian theatre, yes the second theatre in the Temple (seating for about 500).

After a breakfast in the basement café of the Temple, served by the Chain gang (another service unit), we attended the opening ceremonies led by the KSA and

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The Challenge of Human Architecture - (Or, Building Ourselves)

We learn, in the craft degrees, about the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar, those two stones represent what we are, personally and what we are, as Masons, working to be “The Stones” are represented differently in different lodges; some are tall, some are short; some are of stone, some of different materials; some of the rough ones are rougher than others; some of the “perfect” ones have a mirror finish while others are a duller matte finish.

This is a lot like us, isn't it? Some of our brethren—or some of us—are a little rough in spots, some are a little smoother in places. Some of us have particular areas of improvements we work on, others have other areas. When I was taught about the ashlar, I imagined in my mind a guy, a stonemason, sitting cross-legged on the floor with a hammer and a chisel, chipping off a little here, a little there. Tap, tap, tap, and there goes one rough spot, one prejudice, one perceived need; tap, tap, tap, there's a smoothing of attitudes, ideas, a realization, an awakening to new possibilities. It's continuous.

It's also time-consuming. As anyone who has remodeled his own house knows, remodeling, rebuilding, and renovating are not easy jobs. Perhaps the hardest part is the demolition part, breaking down and getting rid of the debris, a job that has to be done before any rebuilding can occur. But it's worthwhile; once we've finished the job, we look at it and take pride in what we have done—or in the case of Masonry, what we have become.

And then we go on to the next job. That's what Masonry's about—continuous, improvement, continuous rebuilding, remodeling, and re-examination. It takes patience—something that, in it, we may need to work on to accomplish. But it's worth it.

Robert D. Whipple, 32° KCCH

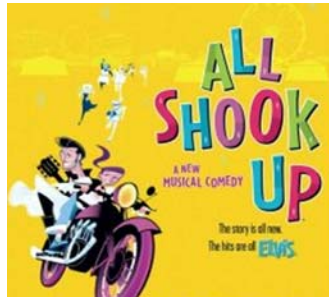
Don't forget to join us for Chili-n-a Movie on December 8th. Bring a gag gift, have soup and enjoy “The Da Vinci Code.” Call for reservations, we hope to see you December 8th!

2006-2007 Scottish Rite Show Schedule

Lion King
January 28, 2007
1:00 PM - \$87



SOLD OUT!



All Shook Up
April 1, 2007
7:30 PM - \$67

Jesus Christ Superstar - June 1, 2007 8:00 PM-\$72



The Fabulous Fourmel'dyhides
Return for Omaha Engagement

November 11, 2006
7:30 PM

Finalizing a much anticipated return to the Midwest by Omaha's own *Fabulous Fourmel'dyhides*, a concert has been scheduled for 7:30pm, Saturday, November 11, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, located at 20th & Douglas.

Curt Edic, General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha was successful in his efforts to schedule Omaha's first and only appearance in over 6 years by this much beloved doo-wop quartet. All original members, Clark Eide, Doc Martens, Shepard Berry and Danny Boy Humphrey will provide an evening of timeless 50's and 60's favorites, along with their good natured banter.

Since a couple of the group have been involved with Freemasonry for many years, a portion of the concert proceeds will be donated to the Scottish Rite charitable activities.

The concert is open to the public, with advanced sale tickets priced at \$20, (\$25 at the door if any remain), secured only by calling the Scottish Rite office—(402) 342-1300. Tickets are limited and available on a first come basis. The concert commences at 7:30, and will be followed by a reception.



Left is Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33° speaking at the Sioux City Scottish Rite Valley 100th Anniversary Reunion Banquet. Right is Dennis Samuelson, 32° KCCH & Phil Harris, 32° leaving Guthrie OK Scottish Rite Valley after their Reunion. Stories on page 7 & 8 respectively.



2006 Spring Reunion Class



MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET 32° A.A.S.R. SPRING REUNION APRIL 21-22, 2006 242ND REUNION

Top row, l to r: James Chapin, 33°, Assistant Class Director; James O. Wolfe, 32° KCCH, Property and Stage Director; James D. Baxter, 33°, General Director of Degrees; James A. Leedham, 33°, Sound Director; John C. Hoagland, 32° KCCH, Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix; Donald P. Ellenberger, 32°, Eminent Commander of Kadosh; Charles F. Marchand, 32° KCCH Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection; Richard L. Corwine, 33°, Almoner; Paul D. Rutherford, 33° Class Director; George C. Eckert, 33°, Assistant Class Director; Curtis M. Edie, 33°, General Secretary.

Bottom row, seated, l to r: Richard C. Voshell; Andrew R. Frost; Michael P. Elias; Matthew R. Deaver, Class President; Leland W. Blankenship; Phillip G. Pilakowski, Class Secretary; Robert J. Brown; Charles J. Odorizzi, Class Vice President.

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bagpipes. Each Lodge Line Banners was carried to the front and the Master of each body was presented. A welcome was given to the new candidates. This was followed by the Fourth Degree.

The evening was a prime rib buffet (wine served by the KSA). Through out the reunion all, yes, all KSA wore kilts of their tartan. After the dinner, a Mozart concert was performed in the main theatre. The concert was made up of three coral groups. A high school coral group (best in the state) and the high school conductor was given an award by the Scottish Rite for his outstanding work with youth. Another coral group was from Oklahoma City and a coral group from Guthrie. The Music was performed by the local symphony group.

Sunday morning we enjoyed breakfast and visiting with many members from around the state. The café leads into a museum with a room for each of the major Masonic bodies including each of the youth groups in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is the International Headquarters for Rainbow as Omaha is for Job's Daughters. Out another door of the café leads to the game room with at least 6 pool tables, 8 card tables. Not much time for playing pool but we did see a few ladies enjoying time in the game room. Ladies watched the Friday night

KSA March, the Knighting Ceremony of the new KSA Members, the buffet and concert.

A group of new KSA members were there from Lincoln, Nebraska. They had brought their wives and were stayed in a motel near by. Another KSA Chapter from McAlister, Oklahoma had a booth set up in the Grand Hall selling Masonic books.

A small room leading into the Egyptian theatre had KSA pictures of all the Past Masters of KSA and a picture of KSA founder Bro. Cook, 33°. He started KSA in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1993 and it has grown to over 75 chapters nation wide. Omaha chapter is number 72 and Lincoln is 73. A map of the United States hung nearby with many KSA pins stuck to it. Also on the map were stick pins showing the locations of all the known Chapters of KSA. Two new pins were added while we were there, one for Lincoln and one for Omaha.

Sunday afternoon we loaded the car, waved goodbye to new friends and went away remembering all the great ideas learned from Oklahoma KSA Brothers. It was a super trip! Next year would be a great time to visit the Guthrie Temple and the celebrations planned.

James O. Wolfe, 32° KCCH



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