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## 2009 Fall Reunion

### Friday, November 20

5:00-6:00 PM.....	Registration & Dinner
6:00 PM.....	Class Assemblies
6:00-6:30.....	4°
6:35-7:05.....	7°
7:10-7:40.....	8°
7:45-8:15.....	14°

1:55-2:35.....	30°
2:35-2:55.....	Break
2:55-3:40.....	31°
3:50-4:50.....	32°
4:55-5:30.....	Order Pictures & Rings

### Saturday, November 21

6:45-7:45 .....	Breakfast served by KSA (\$5.00 per person-candidates free)
7:30-7:45.....	Class Assemblies
7:45-8:55.....	15°
9:05-9:35.....	16°
9:35-9:50.....	Break
9:50-11:00.....	18°
11:10-11:40.....	21°
11:40-12:00.....	Class Picture
12:00-1:00.....	Lunch
1:00-1:45.....	29°

### Saturday, November 21

### Fall Reunion Banquet

\$25/person

6:00 PM.....	Social time
6:45 PM.....	Dinner
7:30 PM.....	Program

Join us to honor our

Newest Members and the '9' Reunion Classes  
Entertainment - "The Amazing Arthur"

**Have you brought in a petition this year?  
You still have time, we need your help!**

### Ill. Bro. Sederstrom becomes a SGIG...

Ill. Bro. Charles Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Nebraska and his wife, Karen, were attending a reception at the Supreme Council Biennial Session on Thursday, October 1, 2009 when a gentleman stepped to his table and asked him to go outside the room with him. There Bro. Sederstrom was met by a gentleman in an apron and top hat who congratulated



*New Picture not available*

him on being nominated to become an 33° Active member of the Supreme Council. The following day Bro. Sederstrom received approval from the Supreme Council to fill one of the two vacant spots on the Council. He was then initiated into the Council, had his picture taken and congratulated by his fellow members.

Bro. Sederstrom's official title now is Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG) in Nebraska. His duties are much the same as when he served as Deputy in Nebraska but now he is able to vote on matters at the Supreme Council. He is preceded by only five men who held the title of SGIG in Nebraska. They are Ill. Bros. Henry Alverson, 33° (who served as SGIG in both Iowa and Nebraska in 1915), Frank Cargill, 33° (1917-1950), Joseph Seacrest, 33° (1951-1971), Herbert Ronin, 33° (1973-1990) and Warren D. Lichty, 33° (1991-2007). The gaps in between would indicate these men were Deputies during that time.

Since Bro. Sederstrom's appointment as Deputy in Nebraska by Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33°, he has established an Orient Council made up of Personal Representatives, Valley Secretaries and a representative appointed by the Venerable Master of Perfection from each Valley that have quarterly meetings either in person or via teleconference. They discuss Valley activities and opportunities to help Valleys with membership. Bro. Sederstrom makes these meetings enjoyable and asks the Valley leaders for input of how we could do things better. He had an Orient website developed to keep track of projects going on in each Valley, broadcast email news articles and maintain a database of Orient members' emails so that everyone can keep up with current events.

He has asked each Valley to review the bylaws of their Boards, Lodges and Foundations as many have been in place for several years. He asked that they be brought up-to-date. The first bylaws change was the

Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska. The RiteCare Clinics in Hastings, Lincoln and Omaha are the main focus of the Nebraska Foundation and letters of thanks from grateful parents made everyone realize that this program needed to be expanded. Nebraska is the second state in the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite to hire a Development person. A Foundation search committee interviewed several candidates finally hiring Ill. Bro. Ben Harvey, 33°. Bro. Harvey had recently retired as Director of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children where he had served for 28 years. He had experience in fundraising and is well known across the state. He has made great strides in bringing awareness of the RiteCare program to our communities.

Another project the Supreme Council asked Bro. Sederstrom to do at the 2007 Supreme Council Session was to hold dinner/auction events in the Orient as a fundraiser for both the Orient and the House of the Temple Foundation. It was a pilot program tried in four states and Nebraska was asked to participate. Three events have been held since it started, one in Hastings and two in Omaha. To date over \$50,000 has been raised in these special events. They are a lot of work to setup, but they turn out to be fun and give the Scottish Rite an opportunity to introduce non members to our RiteCare program and to the fraternity. At the last dinner held in Omaha, a Scottish Rite petition was taken by one of the parents of a child going to the RiteCare clinic. It also helps the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation in their campaign to update the beautiful headquarters in Washington DC.

Studies are ongoing to find ways RiteCare services can be re-established in western Nebraska at Alliance Valley and surrounding communities. One of the challenges is the great distances traveled if a clinic is in one location. Some research is being done to see the viability of using telemedicine to bring RiteCare services in that area.

A little about his background, Bro. Chuck was born in Deadwood, South Dakota. He attended Black Hills State College and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota and received his Juris Doctorate degree. He began practice in 1968 in Omaha, Nebraska with Donald H. Erickson; and they began the law firm of Erickson & Sederstrom. The firm currently has 32 members and is the fifth largest in the state of Nebraska. Bro. Sederstrom's area of specialization is in Corporate Law with a particular reference on Health

## EDITOR'S COLUMN...

Fall is again upon us with a flurry of activity. The annual pig roast at the Papillion Gun Club last month was again a rousing success with over 250 attending. Thanks to all those who helped by cooking, organizing things, taking tickets, tending bar, and a myriad of other tasks. The pig roast, together with the spring steak fry, have become two of the biggest Masonic events in the state, and are a great way to attract new members and to engage in fellowship. Similarly, the Scottish Rite Leadership Forum, held over the course of two weeks, was a hit. The attendees gained a better appreciation of many of the basics of leadership, including public speaking, organizing, team building, and communication from a variety of presenters. Future versions of the Leadership Forum will probably be presented in 2010 for those of you who missed the one this year.

Congratulations to all the new red and white hats in the Omaha Valley (a list of names is elsewhere in the Valley News). Hard work and dedication are the keys to obtaining those honors, and the brethren so honored richly deserve it. A dinner in honor of the new KCCHs was held on October 29<sup>th</sup>, while the Investiture Ceremony for the new KCCHs will be held in Lincoln on November 14. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be conferred on individuals from Nebraska and South Dakota at the Omaha Scottish Rite on December 5, 2009. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree ceremony is only open to brethren of that degree, but the KCCH investiture is a public ceremony, open to all. I encourage you to attend that investiture and help honor the new red hats.

There continue to be other numerous social activities occurring

## Dates to Remember

Nov 12 or 14	Leadership Institute - Master program
Nov 14	KCCH Investiture - Lincoln Valley 4:00PM
Nov 16	Lodge Meeting - Programs - Pampered Chef & Josyln Art Museum
Nov 20-21	Fall Reunion - Banquet on 21st
Nov 26-27	Office closed - Thanksgiving
Dec 5	33° Conferral - Omaha Valley
Dec 11	Scottish Rite Holiday Party @ SRMC
Dec 21	Lodge Meeting - Election of Officers
Dec 24-28	Office closed - Christmas
Dec 31	Office open 8:00 to Noon
Jan 18	Installation of Officers
Jan 30	One Day Blue Lodge

around the Omaha Valley. A wine and beer tasting, accompanied by a variety of foods, drew rave reviews. A scotch tasting is on tap for November 6, so you scotch aficionados better get your reservations in. The Grand Lodge held a Ladies Festival weekend in October at the Scottish Rite, featuring a performance of Masonic music and a dinner catered by the Culinary Masters. Ill. Bro. Craig Hummel, 33° in the Omaha Valley was elected Grand Master in Iowa in September. He held his Grand Masters reception and dinner here at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Our great building is an attraction to all. We even had Elvis and Marilyn Monroe entertain us at a KSA Dinner Theater enjoyed by 120 people. Finally, a well attended Friends of Scottish Rite fundraising dinner and auction was also held in October. The event raised over \$10,000 for RiteCare locally and for the House of the Temple Preservation Foundation. In short, there were a lot of activities over the

past two months with something for nearly everybody.

The plans to renovate the auditorium are still ongoing. You can still purchase a chair as a part of that remodeling effort. Contact the office for details.

The new Dan Brown book, "The Lost Symbol", has been the subject of much speculation ever since it was announced some time ago. We discussed some of the Masonic implications in the book at the last Scottish Rite education session. The bottom line is that the Masons in the book are the good guys, and Masonry is portrayed in a favorable light. I highly recommend that you get the book and read it, so that you may be able to answer any questions that may arise from prospective members.

Finally, get those petitions in for the fall Reunion to be held in November! See you around the building at one or more of the festivities!

*John T. Parsons, 33°, Editor*

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Law. He currently is General Counsel to Alegent Health, which is the largest nongovernmental employer in the state of Nebraska and the largest hospital in the state with 10 hospitals, 140 employed physicians, and several hundred separate points of entry into the health system. Bro. Sederstrom was the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in the Omaha Valley and has been active in Masonic bodies over the course of the past twenty-five years. He is a member of Mizpah Lodge, Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and Tangier Shrine, he served as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska, Warren Lichty, for several years and a member of the Cathedral Board of Omaha which oversees the operation of our Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Over the course of the past twenty years, he has been involved with the Salvation Army serving on the local Omaha Board and for over ten years on the National Board of the Salvation Army. He formerly served as Chairman of the Combined Health Agencies of America and on numerous civic Boards in the Omaha area. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska State Bank of Omaha, Nebraska before its sale in 2007. He has also served on other corporate Boards in our area over the course of the past fifteen or twenty years. Bro. Sederstrom is married to Karen Sederstrom and have four children (Charles V. Sederstrom, III; Scott I. Sederstrom; Bethany K. Stanford; and Jotham R. Sederstrom) and eight grandchildren. The children live in Omaha, Nebraska; Anchorage, Alaska; Brooklyn, New York; and Columbus, Georgia.

### 75 And Counting!



That's how many donations or commitments to purchase chairs have been made so far. Have you made your donation for a chair to help with the Auditorium Renovation?

Remember a chair with your nametag attached is \$500.

That may be paid all at once or in payments, you decide. Be a part of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center history, decide to buy a chair. Once we reach 100 another 20 have been pledged. Help us make our first goal.

## Broadway in Omaha & Omaha Performing Arts presents 2010 Season Shows

### ScrapArtsMusic

Friday, January 29, 2010 - 8:00 PM Show - \$47pp.

### Glen Miller Orchestra

Sunday, March 21, 2010 - 2:00 PM Show - \$60pp.

### An Evening with Garrison Keillor

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 - 7:30 PM Show - \$83pp.

### The Four Bitchin' Babes

Saturday, May 8, 2010 - 8:00 PM Show - \$56pp.

### Disney's Beauty and The Beast

Friday, June 25, 2010 - 8:00 PM Show - \$75pp

Social Time starts two hours before show  
Bus leaves approximately 45 minutes prior to show.

Reservations must be made 30 days in advance.

LIED CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS 20TH SEASON

## SCOTTISH RITE NIGHTS AT THE LIED 2009-2010

**Call Omaha Valley office for Reservations.  
If we get enough to go, we'll rent a bus.  
Let's have fun with our SR Brethren in Lincoln.**



### SOUTH PACIFIC FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" will light up the Lied Center stage. The musical swept the 2008 Tony Awards®, winning seven honors including Best Musical Revival. Considered by many the finest musical ever written, the score's songs include such classics as "Some Enchanted Evening," "Younger Than Springtime," "There is Nothin' Like A Dame" and "A Wonderful Guy."

INCLUDED: SHOW TICKETS, PARKING, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER BEGINNING AT 5:30PM. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE LIED CENTER PROVIDED. A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE.

ORDER TICKETS NOW FROM THE LINCOLN SCOTTISH RITE OFFICE AT 435-2144. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY OCT. 5 FOR RIDERS IN THE SKY AND DEC. 5 FOR SOUTH PACIFIC.



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## Supreme Council Elects 32° KCCH and 33° IGH

The good news from the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council not only had Ill. Bro. Sederstrom, 33°, being elevated to SGIG in Nebraska but nominations for Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) and the 33° Inspector General Honorary (33°) were elected to be invested 32° KCCH and to be conferred the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

The Investiture will be at the Lincoln Scottish Rite on Saturday, November 14, 2009 with pictures at 3:00 PM, Investiture at 4:00 PM and banquet to follow. This is an open ceremony and guests are encouraged to come and enjoy watching each elect becoming a KCCH.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral is a ritual and 33° Masons only are allowed to watch this ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Omaha Valley starting at 3:00 PM with a banquet to follow.

Listed below are the

### 2009 Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour elects



**Bro. James A. Artherton** is a very proud 62-year Scottish Rite Mason. He is active at Scottish Rite functions and Shrine activities. He is a very enthusiastic Mason.

**Bro. Gary W. Bunnell** is currently 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander of the Council of Kadosh. He is Past Master of his Blue Lodge, member of York Rite, a Knight of St. Andrew, Mobile Nobles and Chapter #19 National Sojourners. Bro. Bunnell is a good ritualist participating in many parts of Blue Lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite ritual. He is top line signer of one Scottish Rite petition.

**Bro. Greg W. Carlson** joined in 1973 in Oregon. Being a military chaplain kept him on the move. Bro. Carlson returned to Omaha in 2002 joining Mizpah Lodge #302, Tangier Shrine and the Omaha Valley. He serves as a Presbyterian pastor at a local Church and his wife Sally is a chaplain at an area hospital. He is currently Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Vice-President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha, and works on the sound crew during Reunions. He is top line signer of one Scottish Rite petition.

**Bro. Richard (Dick) T Chilton** is Past Master of BeeHive Lodge #184, Past President of Motor A Pa-

trol and Past Eminent Commander of the Council of Kadosh. Bro. Chilton is active at the Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is top line signer of two Scottish Rite petitions.

**Bro. Micah I. Evans** is Development Director for the Alzheimer Foundation in Omaha. He is a member the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Past Master of Florence Lodge #281 and Knight of St. Andrew, a Line Officer and member of Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner committee.

**Bro. Okley H. Gibbs** is a Past Master of G. W. Lininger Lodge #268 and Past Venerable Master of the Omaha Consistory. He is a member of the Ethics Committee, the Omaha Community Playhouse and been in several TV commercials. Bro. Gibbs is 29° Degree Director and works in several degrees.

**Bro. Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson** recently retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, is constantly busy with Masonic work. He is a defense contractor by day and serves a variety of Masonic organizations on his time off. He is Past Master of G. W. Lininger Lodge #268 and current Secretary, Patron of his Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, President of Omaha Chapter #19 National Sojourners and Past President of the Tangier Clown Unit. He was raised in Quincy IL and carries dual memberships in Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. Bro. Anthony is an active ritualist in Blue Lodge, three degrees in Scottish Rite and part of the Ritualistic Divan for Shrine. Bro. Anthony brought the "Benedict Arnold Degree" to Omaha presented by the local Chapter of National Sojourners. He is Master of Ceremonies of the Chapter of Rose Croix and a member of Knights of St. Andrew. He is top line signer of three Scottish Rite petitions.

**Bro. Philip F. Harris** is a Past Master J. J. Mercer Lodge #290, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander of the Council of Kadosh, Past Master of Knight of St. Andrew, an Advisor for Rainbow, an Officer in the Order of Eastern Star and Personal Aide at Tangier Shrine. He has joined the Guthrie Valley Knight of St. Andrew and is a member of the cast of the 13<sup>th</sup> Degree. He is top line signer of two Scottish Rite petitions.

**Bro. W. Leroy Kibby** is a member of G. W. Lininger Lodge #268, Tangier Shrine and Omaha Scottish Rite. He is involved in civic organizations and a member of the Omaha Home for Boys Board serving as Treasurer. He has volunteered many hours of time for cost cutting measure at the home during this economic recession.

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**Bro. Cary L. Manson** is a Past Master of Florence Lodge #281, a member of Nebraska Lodge #1, Chief Rabban at Tangier Shrine, Scottish Rite Culinary Masters and Chancellor of the Omaha Consistory. He is the top line signer of one Scottish Rite petition.

**Bro. William March** is a 60-year member of the Omaha Valley. Although his active days at the Valley are not as many he has been a yearly donor to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. He continues to support the RiteCare Language Disorder Clinic and the 13 scholarship at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Bro. Richard D. Myers** is Senior Warden of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He is Past President of Lions International and serves as Chairman of the Omaha Valley Retention Committee. He recently organized a Scottish Rite Leadership Institute. He is top line signer of two Scottish Rite petitions.

**Bro. Walter M. Price, Jr.** is retired former owner of an industrial engine sales and service business. He was a prominent businessman and was involved in civic activities. Since retirement he has made generous donations to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha for the local RiteCare program.

**Bro. Carroll E. Sefrit** is Eminent Commander of the Council of Kadosh, Past President of Tangier Provost, President of the Line Officers Guild, a member of the Scottish Rite Culinary Masters and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha Board. He is an active member who works much behind the scenes during events.

### 2009 33° Inspector General Honorary elects



**Ill. Bro. Robert L. Barchus** was invested a KCCH in 1995. He was Past Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Past Vice-President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha and served on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree team for over 40 years. He was Chairman of the Board of the Omaha Home for Boys.

**Ill. Bro. Thomas K. Brummett** was invested a KCCH in 2005. He is Past Eminent Commander of the Council of Kadosh, Scottish Rite Culinary Masters, Past Potentate of Tangier Shrine and Senior Warden of Covert Lodge #11. He organized the Omaha Valley Fish Fry during Lent, helps at the Spring and Fall Outings and Omaha Masonic Unity programs. He works

on the Stage Crew at Reunions plus being active in his Blue Lodge and Shrine. He is top line signer of five petitions.

**Ill. Bro. Robert S. Maline** was invested a KCCH in 2003. He is Past Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Orient Membership Chairman, a member of the Scottish Rite Culinary Masters, and helps with the Omaha Masonic Unity programs. Bro. Maline spends time behind the scenes calling and email membership inquiries and petitioners to welcome and remind them of the upcoming Reunion. He attends the One Day Masonic Lodge Conferrals to meet each new Mason. He also speaks at the Friendship Dinners and Orient Council meetings. He is a top line signer of seven petitions.

**Ill. Bro. Donnie D. Perry** was invested a KCCH in 2003. He is Wise Master of Chapter of Rose Croix, and Co-Director/Cook of the Culinary Masters. He is Past Potentate of Tangier Shrine, a member of the Corvette Unit and on the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation. Bro. Perry is always ready to help anyone. He is the top line signer of three petitions.

**Ill. Bro. George A. Rice** was invested a KCCH in 1993. He is the Valley's organist. He not only plays our 1926 25-rank organ but keeps it repaired. He once restored the entire organ after water damage for only the cost of repairs, saving the Valley over \$100,000. Bro. Rice comes to every Reunion to play beautiful music. He is the top line signer of three petitions.

**Ill. Bro. Daniel J. Wellendorf** was invested a KCCH in 2003. He is a Past Master of Springfield Lodge # 112 and dual member of G. W. Lininger Lodge #268. He is Venerable Master of Kadosh, Omaha Consistory, Co-Stage Director of Reunions, takes parts in the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> degrees. He is Vice-president of Builders Supply Co., involved in Shrine activities and on Executive Council of the Omaha Home for Boys. He is the top line signer of one petition.

**Ill. Bro. James O. Wolfe** was invested a KCCH in 2001. Bro. Jim was Past Wise Master of Chapter of Rose Croix, helped start the Knights of St. Andrew in the Valley and serves as Stage Director at Reunions. He is a member of York Rite, Tangier Shrine, Tangier Mobile Noble Unit, Royal Order of Scotland and helps Masonic Youth Groups. He loves to study Masonry and relay many different Masonic stories. He is author of a book on fishing in Yellowstone National Park and teaches computer science at a local university. He is the top line signer of two petitions.

## RiteCare 101 ... What does that mean?

Speech is so important in our lives we expect everyone to be able to speak and communicate. That is not always the case. We are saddened when an older friend or family member have a stroke and find it difficult to communicate as they did in the past. Scottish Rite Masons realized that language disorders are not limited to adults but also to some very young children who have difficulties communicating with family and friends. That's where you and your family come in as a Scottish Rite Mason.



RiteCare™ Language Disorder Clinics have been helping children in Nebraska learn to communicate for over 30 years. Clinicians in the RiteCare Clinics have attained a Masters Degree in Speech Pathology to work there. They are specialists in their field working with feeding and swallowing, augmentative devices for those that don't speak, apraxia (know what you want to say but can't) and many other problems that keep a child from communicating.

To watch a small child begin to speak, form sentences or carry on a conversation is a thrill as we watch them grow. But what if that child is three or four years old and still doesn't speak? How do you think the family reacts when that child can does begin to talk? There is euphoria!

The Nebraska Scottish Rite Masons have pledged, through RiteCare, free services to these children and families. In the recent appeal letter, you read a story of how RiteCare touched a family and gave a mission to two lives. One, the child receiving treatment in early life grew up to become a lawyer in an Omaha firm. And, two, a sister became a clinician at the Omaha RiteCare Clinic. With a little research of RiteCare families, I'm sure we would find many success stories created because a child was helped by RiteCare.

But this all costs money. A new fund has been started for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska by our Chairman of Development, Ill. Bro. Ben Harvey, 33°, called "RiteCare 101." Calculations of last year's budget discovered that one 90-minute session for a child cost approximately \$101, thus the name "RiteCare 101." Where do you fit in? How about making a \$101 donation for one session for one child this year? You'll receive a beautiful lapel pin showing you a RiteCare 101 member.

32° KCCH Investiture  
will take place on  
Saturday, Noveber 14, 2009  
at the  
Lincoln Scottish Rite Temple  
332 N. Centinell Mall  
Lincoln NE



Pictures 3:00 PM  
Ceremony 4:00 PM  
Social Time - Banquet (\$25pp) to follow Ceremony.  
There will be a bus leave (\$10pp)Tangier Shrine at  
1:00 PM to return after Banquet.  
Call office for reservations. (342-1300)

**A tale of Masonic men** surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up, "I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire.'

They did that.

"Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him." They did that, too.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?"

The face of a Brother Mason through the flames.

"What do you feel in front of you?" The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night.

"What do you feel at your side?" The warm hand of a Brother.

"OK. Now, drop the hands, and turn around." They did so.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?" Complete darkness.

"What do you feel, looking ahead?" A sense of loneliness, of being alienated.

"What do you feel at your side?" Nothing at all.

"What do you feel on your backside?" The warmth of the fire.'

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man.

"In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a Brother. When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."

-- Unknown

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- ~Can you offer a ride to someone who needs a ride?
- ~Call Maynard Tatelman at 402-393-2734.

E-mail: [ancienthumis@cox.net](mailto:ancienthumis@cox.net)  
He may be able to help you.



## IN MEMORIAM

Robert A. Bane  
Donald E. Olson  
Lloyd W. Willis Sr.  
Wesley R. Gabelhaus  
Stirling T Welker (6-20-05)  
Lester A. Hyland (10-27-87)  
Raymond C. Helgesen  
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## GIFTS TO THE OMAHA FOUNDATION IN HONOR OF - Charlie Amidon

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## ~ Help Wanted ~

The Omaha Valley Knight's of Saint Andrew is seeking Black, Red, and White Caps to join our team. We are a service organization of the Scottish Rite that labors as greeters, behind the scene workers, bartenders, wait staff, and whatever else the General Secretary requests. If you have questions and/or want to become a member contact the Knight's Secretary, Micah Evans, 32° KCCH elect at 553-5146, or via the internet at [mevans0424@cox.net](mailto:mevans0424@cox.net).