

The benefits of being a **Scottish Rite Mason**

As a Master Mason, you have achieved the highest degree in Masonry. However, there is great value in continuing your Masonic journey as a Scottish Rite Mason.

Belonging— As a Mason, you will be able to develop a bond with your fellow members. Many will become lifelong friends. The Scottish Rite expands that network of men with Brethren from all around Nebraska and the world.

Networking— Long before bits and bytes, Facebook and Twitter, men networked. We're told that "networking" is the key to success, and to be networked you've got to be logged in 24/7. However, people have been networking for centuries, long before it was done online. We may seem like the '57 Buick of networking -- your grandfather's idea of networking, so to speak. But our members include men from all walks of life who are connected not just with the Omaha community but throughout the state and the nation. Whatever you do in life, you will meet men who have "been there and done that" in your field and can offer the wisdom of their experience.

Develop Leadership Skills— As a Scottish Rite Mason you will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles as an officer, committee member, or volunteer which will help in your personal and professional life. Additionally, you help other Brethren realize their own potential as leaders.

Social— Scottish Rite Masons host social events, open to members, their families, and friends. From beer and wine tastings, Broadway shows, concerts, picnics, and outings, there are events for every taste.

Philanthropy— Scottish Rite Masons support the RiteCare Speech and Language Disorder Clinics throughout the state. Scottish Rite Masons fund need and merit-based scholarships at UNO and endow a professorship in speech-language pathology.

All on your time— Sure we want you to be active, but nothing we do should come between your faith, family, and your vocation. We will always welcome you in the Scottish Rite, whether it is as a regular participant or just once in awhile .



If the apron is the badge of a Mason in Blue Lodge, the cap can be said to be the public badge of a Scottish Rite Mason. They are patterned off a British regimental cap and are worn during the Scottish Rite Lodge meeting.



A black cap with a black silk band, identifies the wearer as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason.

Scottish Rite Masons get involved in many ways, finding friendship and their Masonic passions along the way.



A red cap with a red silk band identifies the wearer as a 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH)

Knights of St. Andrew (KSA)—The KSA is a group for 32° "Black Hat" Scottish Rite Masons. Knights are highly visible, greeting at rental events, tending bar, and supporting Scottish Rite events



A white cap with a white silk velour band identifies the wearer as a 33° Inspector General Honorary (IGH).

Royal Order of the Duck—The "Ducks" manage the Scottish Rite theater, donating time and talent to building sets, touch up the backdrops, and maintaining technical aspects of the sound and lighting.



A purple cap with a purple velvet band identifies the wearer as a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and an Active Member of the Supreme Council.

Degree Teams—Whether we welcome five candidates or sixty, it takes around 250 to stage a Reunion. We always welcome Brethren who want to join a degree team as an actor (acting experience not necessary).

Committees—We welcome your leadership and input on a variety of committees, including the RiteCare Classic golf committee, Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction, WalkRite for RiteCare, or our Ethics committee.

How do I become a Scottish Rite Mason?

First, you must be a Master Mason in good standing. If you are not yet a Master Mason at a Lodge, we can help you with that!

Talk to a Scottish Rite Mason, ask a few more questions and once you are satisfied we are a good fit for each other, ask for a petition. If you are ready after reading this brochure, send us an email at contact@scottishriteomaha.org for a petition or a meeting to learn more.

There is a \$250 fee to petition, which also includes your first year's dues. After your petition has been voted on, you will be initiated as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason during the Spring or Fall Reunion, usually in May or November.

Over the course of two evenings and a Saturday, you watch several of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, which convey the symbolic lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry in dramatic plays. These degrees are performed live on stage. Each degree conveys a specific lesson; however, every individual will take something different away from the degrees.

Learn more about the Scottish Rite degrees and bodies by visiting:

www.ScottishRiteOmaha.org

or call (402) 342-1300

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The Scottish Rite IS Freemasonry

Many people erroneously think the Scottish Rite is an organization for those of Scottish descent. In fact, the Scottish Rite has its origins in 18th

century French "haute degree (high degree)" Masonry, and is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry which any Master Mason in good standing may join.

Scottish Rite bodies were first chartered in the United States in 1801 in Charleston, South Carolina. After the Civil War, Scottish Rite Freemasonry quickly spread across the United States in an era of fraternalism. Men joined Freemasonry - and other fraternal groups - in the tens of thousands across the nation.

Beginning in the 1890s, the symbolism and allegorical lessons of Scottish Rite Freemasonry began to be conveyed to candidates in the form of plays. Theatrical supply companies quickly capitalized on this, selling elaborate backdrops, beautifully embroidered and detailed costumes, and extraordinary props which heighten a sense of mood or a particular time or place.

The Scottish Rite has served thousands of Nebraska Masons since 1867, representing men of every background. The Scottish Rite offers something for everyone, and you will make lifelong friends here and always find a warm welcome.

ABOUT THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION AND THE RITECARE™ SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CLINICS



The Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska was formed to support the Nebraska Rite Care Speech and Language Clinics. In Lincoln, Omaha, and



Hastings, these clinics are run in partnership with the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute. In other parts of the state, children are served in partnership with the University of



Nebraska at Kearney. Speech-Language Clinicians at the Nebraska RiteCare clinics provide evaluation, assessment, and therapy for children with a variety of speech and language disorders.



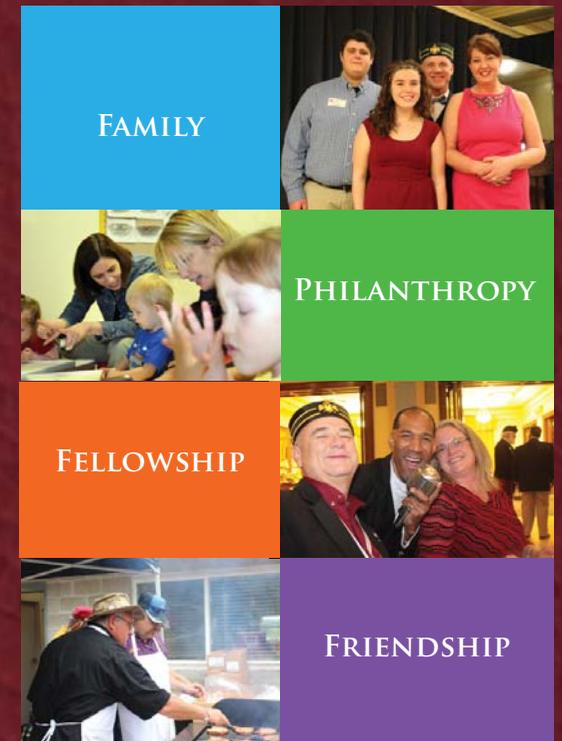
These services are provided at no cost to families. The annual budget, entirely provided

by Scottish Rite Masons, is over \$680,000. Since 1975, Scottish Rite Masons have donated nearly \$20 million toward Nebraska RiteCare services.



THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

"to do that which it is right to do. . ."



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