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## Membership

*During a search on membership statistics for organizations, an interesting trend emerged: the growth of young professional organizations. Across all organizations, there was an explosion of groups for 20 and 30-somethings. In fact, the city Chamber of Commerce has a program geared entirely toward helping companies create groups for young professionals. There has been an equally large surge in young members joining unions or trade organizations.*



*Patrick Smith, Jim Schmidt, and Kyle Barchus of Mizpah Lodge #302 went to Target to buy Christmas presents for a family in need as a Lodge project.*

A closer look, however, reveals that affinity groups account for the overwhelming majority of this growth. This might be an emerging professional organization within an occupation like Young Bankers or Young Lawyers, but also affinity guilds for patrons in their 20s or 30s for organizations like the Friends of the Library, Opera, Symphony, or Art Museum.

Each of these young professional (YP) organizations share a well-defined purpose and vision, clearly mapped goals for their members tied to the groups' broader objectives, and an impact the members can make in the community. The members can enjoy social and networking opportunities, leadership development, civic engagement and involvement, and a philanthropic cause - all while benefiting the parent organization.

By the very diverse nature of Freemasonry, with multiple Lodges and

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## plan on it! new scholarships created

Thanks to the generosity of donors in Nebraska, the Supreme Council Development Office has been able to establish 2 endowed scholarships supporting students in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Charles V Sederstrom, Jr., 33° and Frank W. Kropp, 33° have been honored with an endowed scholarship to be awarded beginning in 2022.

Ill. Bro. Sederstrom served the state of Nebraska as Sovereign Grand Inspector General for almost 11 years, retiring in 2020. During his tenure as SGIG, Chuck was often found traveling throughout the Orient of Nebraska. He not only supported Scottish Rite functions, but he also frequented most other Masonic events.

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# Orient Calendar

- Mar 5 .....Hastings Spring Reunion (H)
- Mar 12 .....Corned Beef and Cabbage (H)
- Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ..... Hastings Valley Lunch (H)
- Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 ..... Lincoln Valley Lunch (L)
- Apr 8-9 .....Alliance Spring Reunion (A)
- Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 ..... Hastings Valley Lunch (H)
- Apr 7, 14, 21, 28 ..... Lincoln Valley Lunch (L)
- May 5, 6, 7 ..... Omaha Spring Reunion (O)
- May 4, 11, 18, 25 ..... Hastings Valley Lunch (H)
- May 5, 12, 19, 26 ..... Lincoln Valley Lunch (L)
- May 18 ..... Spring Outing at Papillion Gun Club (O)
- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ..... Hastings Valley Lunch (H)
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ..... Lincoln Valley Lunch (L)
- Oct 15 ..... Hastings Fall Reunion (H)
- Nov 17, 18, 19 ..... Omaha Fall Reunion (O)

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

**Lodge of Perfection meetings:**

**Alliance, 4th Friday of each month**

Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26

**Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month**

Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2

**Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month**

Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17

**Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month**

Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15

**For more information,  
contact the General Secretary in your Valley**

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- Phil Odom (Hastings) ..... (402) 462-5813
- Bruce Wood (Lincoln) ..... (402) 435-2144
- John Maxell (Omaha) ..... (402) 342-1300



**D**uring the winter months, it is easy to go into hibernation until things warm up. I spent some time over the holidays in Florida, and that warm Florida sun was just what the doctor ordered.

Community Table continues to address food insecurity in Box Butte County through the Scottish Rite kitchen, and we are proud to continue our partnership with them in Box Butte County. On February 3rd, the Masonic Center hosted a vaccine clinic for the hospital, and quite a few people who wanted it were able to get their COVID booster shots.

As we get into 2022, we are gearing up again for business in the Alliance Valley Scottish Rite. The Reunion is tentatively scheduled for April 8-9, 2022, and we will reach out should that date change. Invite Lodge Brethren to continue their Masonic journey as a Scottish Rite Mason. We welcomed six new Brethren last year at the Spring Reunion, and it would be great to have a class like that this Spring! Please reach out to Candidates and share a petition with them to join the Alliance Valley Scottish Rite. You can always reach me at (308) 762-4324 or gene123@mail.com.

~ Gene Gatti, 33°  
General Secretary



*(Left to right) Zach (Zee) Thompson, Gary (Homey) Jorgens, Jr., Nate (Res-Q) Holthusen, Tommy (Smoke) Yung, Andy (Lucky) Seachord, and Neil (Johnny 5) O'Connor*

**C**ongratulations to Nathan Holthusen, 32° installed as Master of Ogallala Lodge #159 for 2022. Nate was surprised with a visit from Brethren from members of the Widows Sons who came to his installation all the way from Lincoln, Grand Island, and Kimball. “True brotherhood for sure,” said Nate.





## Hastings Valley Installs 2022 Officers

The 2022 Scottish Rite Valley officer line is on the move. On Tuesday, January 4th, Dan Wellendorf, 33°, Deputy to the Supreme Council, served as Installing Officer for the Hastings Valley of the new and returning officers in each Lodge as several members participated via Zoom.

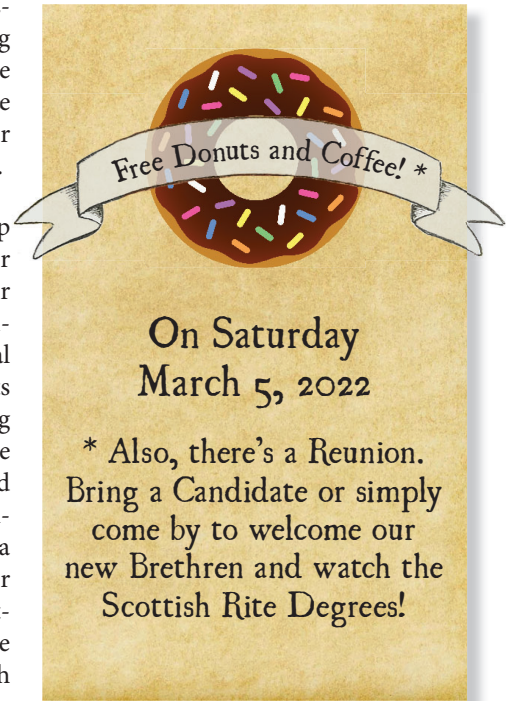
During the 2022 year, the Hastings Valley will have seven first-time officers serving in the Lodges. Two Broth-

ers, Bill Hohlen and Kirk McNeal joined the Scottish Rite in our Fall Reunion last September. Greg Seiler, Ron Nielsen, Dan Waldron, Richard Johnson, and Robin Koozer are all serving as officers for the first time, but have been members for a number of years.

In an effort to help all officers better understand their positions of leadership, each brother was given a copy of their individual Lodge By-Laws and a basic list of events each Lodge is responsible for during the year. "Our hope is to encourage more interaction of our officers and members as events take place throughout the 2022 year. We believe that a better understanding of which officer and Lodge is responsible for contacting members about events, will have a long lasting impact on the growth

of the Hastings Valley," said George White, 33°, Personal Representative.

The evening also saw the approval of our 2nd annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, now set for Saturday, March 12, 2022. Brother Bill Carson, 32° KCCH will again organize the event and cooking the Corned Beef.



## Elizabeth's Progress *by Meghan and Justin Hope*

### Thanks to Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons

In December of 2016, at two months old, our daughter, Elizabeth Hope, was diagnosed with a very rare genetic condition called Trisomy 9 Mosaic Syndrome (T9M). We were armed with two very small studies on 60 individuals with T9M and a Facebook group with under two hundred families with the same diagnosis. We literally had no idea what to expect, but it was fairly evident that many individuals with T9M were non-verbal or had limited language. There is a very high level of anxiety when you realize there is a strong chance that your child may never be able to meet typical milestones, especially speech. We started asking everyone for advice, to make sure we were doing everything that we could to set Elizabeth up for success given the challenges that lay ahead.

A friend of mine suggested that we call the RiteCare program at the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI). I was determined to do everything in my power to help her have the best possible quality of life, so I made the call!

By the time Elizabeth was old enough to enroll in the program, she was still non-verbal. Her delays and low muscle tone were also impacting her ability to sign. Elizabeth began attending MMI just before she began attending preschool. We loved the RiteCare program so much that we actually arranged Elizabeth's school schedule around her MMI schedule! Watching Elizabeth engage with the teachers each week was an incredible experience, for both her and for us! We picked up on some of the tactics



*Beth Hughes, M.S., CCC-SLP*

they used in class and soon we had some basic signs at home. Shortly after beginning, our Clinician Beth Hughes introduced a communication device to Elizabeth and to our excitement, Elizabeth started picking up on it!

When COVID hit, there were so many things up in the air, but Beth's commit-

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# Valley of Lincoln

## Lincoln Installs Officers for 2022 Year



With the Lancaster County mask mandate in effect, the Valley of Lincoln has had to make a few adjustments to observe social distancing guidelines. Installation was originally scheduled for Saturday, January 15th, followed by a Ladies at the Table table lodge, but was rescheduled for the business meeting on Wednesday, January 19th.

With Dan Wellendorf, 33°, Deputy to the Supreme Council for Nebraska in attendance, Personal Representative Mike Gray, 33° served as Installing Master, installing Cody Carlow, 32° KCCH as Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection, David Bloomquist, 32° KCCH as Wise Master for the Chapter of Rose

Croix, Dennis Hecht, 32° as Eminent Commander for the Council of Kadosh, and Andy Seachord, 32° as Venerable Master of Kadosh for the Lincoln Consistory.

## Lincoln Knights of St. Andrew Reschedule Burns Dinner

With the severity of COVID-19 cases and the Lancaster County mask guidelines, the Knights of St. Andrew voted to reschedule the annual Robert Burns Dinner to Saturday, July 23rd. Knight Master Nick Furchert, 32° said that he anticipates being able to host the kind of events members have come to expect, and that he hopes conditions will be better by July for this beloved evening.



**REVISED DATE**  
**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Join us as we celebrate Scotland's favorite son with a gourmet dinner, inspired by the cuisine of Scotland, entertainment, and the poetry of Robbie Burns*

**\$45/person**

[ScottishRiteLincoln.org/events](http://ScottishRiteLincoln.org/events)

## Meet the Venerable Master: Cody Carlow, 32° KCCH



Cody Carlow, 32° KCCH was installed as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection on Wednesday, January 19th at the Lincoln Scottish Rite.

Cody was born in Creighton, NE and grew up attending school (K-12) in Schuyler, NE. He attended college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and

graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and majored in Economics.

While attending college, Cody worked for Pinnacle Bank and while there gained knowledge of their computer system. He went to work for Information Technology Inc./Fiserv for 13.5 years serving in various roles and most recently at Nelnet in Information Technology.

Cody is currently studying Computer Information Technology/Application Development at Southeast Community College.

Cody was raised in Hickman Lodge #256 on October 20, 2005. He became a plural member of Highland Lodge #194 in Cortland, NE on May 11, 2010. He is a Past Master and currently the Secretary of Highland Lodge #194, and is now a

plural member of Geneva Lodge #79. He also serves on the Grand Lodge Public Relations committee. Cody became a member of the Lincoln Valley of the Scottish Rite on October 31, 2009, and was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 27, 2017.

Cody has most recently served as Junior and Senior Warden of the Lodge of Perfection prior to being elected to Venerable Master. He is also a member of the Sesostris Shrine and a member of the Iron Nobles and last served as Secretary of the Sesostris Gun Club.

Cody is also a member of the Omaha Chapter of the National Sojourners and currently serves in the Nebraska Air National Guard and Air Force as a Logistics Readiness Officer, and was recently promoted to Captain.





**Fall, 2021 Reunion**

Back Row: Jeffrey D. Coleman, 32° KCCH, Assistant Class Director; Donald (Wally) Farley, 32°, Matthew W. Parker, 32°, Jon Osborne, 32°, Brian Wigger, 32°, Jason Sullivan, 32°, Mike Akins, 32°, Anthony J. Hebert, 32°, David Fachman, 32°, Richard E. Gilmore, 33°, Class Director; Christopher Sebastian Nigro, 32° KCCH, Assistant Class Director

Front Row: John T. Maxell, 33°, General Secretary; James O. Wolfe, Degree Director 33°; Gary H. Williams, 32° KCCH, Eminent Commander of the Council of Kadosh; David C. Norton, 32°, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix; Schadd D. Gray, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh for the Consistory and Personal Representative to the Deputy; Curt M. Edic, 33° G.C., General Secretary-Emeritus; Daniel J. Wellendorf, 33°, Deputy to the Supreme Council, Frank W. Kroupa, 33°, Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, SGIG Emeritus; Robert S. Ma M.W. Robert W. Moninger, 33°, Orient Representative to the Deputy; Robert S. Maline, 33°, Tyler; Micah I. Evans, 33°, Orient Development Director; Paul D. Rutherford, 33°, Class Director



The annual Christmas holiday banquet is one of the best meetings of the Scottish Rite year. 150 Scottish Rite Masons, their ladies and guests came for a rollicking evening on Monday, December 20th.

The evening was hosted by Mike Stuhr, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and his 2021 officers. Chris Carter, 32° KCCH served as emcee for the evening. The theme of the evening was the 1989 movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Chris stepped onto the podium dressed as Cousin Eddie, to great laughter.

The Christmas Vacation movie was referenced throughout the evening, with quotes from the movie, costume changes, and a few awards based on the movie. Mike Stuhr presented M.W. Ron Stites, 33° the "Clark Griswold Award," for Ron's service as Grand Master of Masons

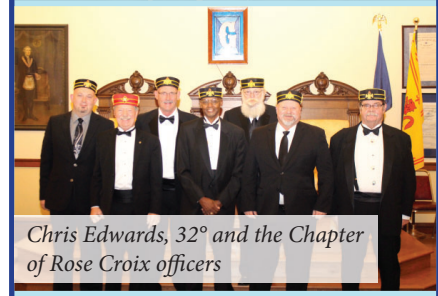


in Nebraska in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mike noted that Ron "exemplified the best qualities of Clark Griswold. . . [for] his ability to be hit time and time again with the unexpected, and he just keeps moving forward undaunted." The officers presented T.J. Brumfield, 32° with the Squirrel award, as "one of the smartest men we know, and like the squirrel in the Griswold tree, does not give up easily," thanking him

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Paul Rutherford, 33° installs the 2022 Officers



Chris Edwards, 32° and the Chapter of Rose Croix officers



Kyle Beckner, 32° KCCH and the officers of the Council of Kadosh

## 2022 Officers Installed for the Omaha Scottish Rite

On January 17th, the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite installed the officers for the four bodies, the Knights of St. Andrew, Cathedral Board, and Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha.

Paul Rutherford, 33° served as Installing Master and Frank Kroupa, 33° served as Installing Marshal, installing the four Masters and officers in a beautiful ceremony in the theater. Bennie Kugler, 32° was installed as Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection; Chris Edwards, 32° as Wise Master for the Chapter of Rose Croix; Kyle Beckner, 32° KCCH as Eminent Commander for the Council of Kadosh; and Michael Precella, 32° KCCH as Venerable Master of Kadosh for the Omaha Consistory.

The Culinary Masters served an excellent dinner of sauerbraten, spaetzle, and red cabbage. Afterward, Bennie Kugler served as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet, recognizing the newly installed officers and Past Masters of the four bodies.



# A Scottish Rite Christmas ... continued from page 5

for thinking outside the box and for his tenacity.

During the course of the evening, the Lodge of Perfection officers presented a check for \$1,200 to the Skoda-Thurber Foundation, which provides financial assistance to children who have lost one or both parents, so they may remain in youth athletics.

Gary Unger, 33° announced that two scholarships had been endowed through the House of the Temple, honoring Frank Kroupa, 33° and Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°, one of which will be directed toward a Nebraskan learning skilled trades.

The line officers presented ladies with



Scottish cashmere scarves as a gift from the Scottish Rite line officers. Santa Claus joined us, as well, sitting for photos with families throughout the evening.

Members enjoyed a great evening of laughter, fellowship and fun, and the annual Christmas banquet is definitely not an evening to miss!



Photos: (page 5) Chris Carter, 32° KCCH emceeding the event as 'Cousin Eddie'; (top center) Santa Claus (Steven Barchus, 33°) and Jeffrey Coleman, 32° KCCH; (top right) Kendall Eveland, 32° and family; (bottom right) Chris Carter, 32° KCCH



## Omaha Knights of St. Andrew Recognize 2021 Dennis Samuelson Leadership Award at Annual Membership Dinner

Omaha Knights of St. Andrew celebrated the annual Dennis Samuelson Dinner on Saturday, December 18th, recognizing members for their accomplishments during the year.

The Culinary Masters served a fantastic dinner with shepherd's pie, roasted Brussels sprouts, and homemade Scotch eggs made by T.J. Brumfield, 32°. T.J. served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, welcoming guests and speaking about the servant-leadership of The Knights of St. Andrew.

Venerable Master Carl Simmons recognized Mo Krishna, 32° as the Dennis Samuelson Service Award recipient for 2021, thanking Mo for volunteering at KSA gigs and serving as Secretary be-

ginning in 2022. The award honors Dennis Samuelson, 32° KCCH who served as Venerable Master in 2005 and passed away in 2013. The award recognizes a Knight of St. Andrew who has been a Scottish Rite Mason for less than 5 years, and has distinguished himself through his service and leadership.

Carl also presented out-going Secretary Alan Boulter, 32° an engraved silver tankard in recognition of his three years as Secretary for the KSA. T.J. presented Carl a similar tankard in appreciation for his leadership as Venerable Master.

Carl also knighted Matthew Parker, 32° and Wally Farley, 32°, both of whom joined in the Fall Reunion, as members of the Omaha Knights of St. Andrew and



Photos (clockwise from top left): Carl Simmons and Alan Boulter; Carl Simmons presents the Dennis Samuelson Award to Mo Krishna; T.J. presents a KSA patent to Wally Farley; and Dan and Yong Alati celebrating her birthday with roses and cake

presented them with a patent as Omaha's newest KSA members.

During the evening, Dan Alati, 32° surprised his wife Yong with a birthday cake and roses. Dan led the guests in singing Happy Birthday to Yong; Dan and Yong recently celebrated their 51st anniversary as well.

## Elizabeth's Progress, *continued from p. 3*

-ment to helping Elizabeth's speech progression wasn't one of them! Each week we met and each week Elizabeth started picking up on a little more, sometimes it was sounds, sometimes signs, and sometimes she would use her device more.

Elizabeth was gaining the ability to communicate. I was floored that we were able to continue one-to-one sessions during the entirety of the pandemic! The ability to meet virtually also meant that Elizabeth's nurses and therapists were also exposed to utilizing a speech device, as well as the skills to engage and encourage Elizabeth. Beth gave us an incredible amount of confidence, knowledge, and skills for pushing Elizabeth to learn and grow, as well as how to advocate for Elizabeth during her individual education plans.

Elizabeth keeps adding to her sign language vocabulary and is close to having thirty signs she uses. It is rewarding to see her identify colors or animals, and independently make declarations about

wanting to play outside, or telling her older sister she wants to cuddle. In addition, she's continuously growing in her capacity to use her communication device.

We've been given the gift of being able to help Elizabeth find her "voice," as she learns and communicates. Without these services and guidance, we never would have been able to steer her this far. Because of what we have learned through the RiteCare program, her education experience is that much richer and her speech therapy is progressing at an increasingly positive rate!

I can not tell you the number of times I've heard compliments from teachers and therapists about how Elizabeth was already learning how to use a speech device at 4 years old. Each time I hear that it both breaks my heart and makes me so incredibly thankful for the RiteCare program. I wish that every non-verbal child could have as strong of an advocate as Beth is for Elizabeth.



*Beth Hughes with several of the RiteCare preschool group therapy children*

We never, ever could have imagined just how impactful the Scottish Rite program would be for Elizabeth and our family, but we are so truly grateful! There is so much joy in finding ways to communicate with your child, and to provide them the skills and abilities to communicate with the world around them. This experience has been a most valuable gift to our family, and has been beautiful to witness! Please pass our extreme gratitude along to the wonderful supporters who had the forethought to provide such a wonderful program for children, like Elizabeth, in our community!

## Membership, *continued*

appendant bodies, each with their own leadership structure, hierarchy, different philanthropies or missions, creating a new young professional Masons organization would be impossible to organize and maintain.

But the lessons of how to engage young professionals most certainly apply to Freemasonry. Young professionals demand something more concrete than nebulous Masonic slogans like "brotherly love," "relief," and "truth."

They want a concrete value statement to define the purpose and direction of Freemasonry. They want measurable short and long-term goals to provide a sense of whether they are achieving those objectives. They want to see definitive deliverables offered by their membership: networking, community engagement or volunteering, education, social outlets for families.



*Family members and Brethren of Centennial Lodge #326 went to Sakura Bana, followed by seeing A Christmas Carol together at the Omaha Community Playhouse*

The beauty is that Masons already have this framework in place: our By-Laws provide specific structure, responsibilities for officers, committees, and outline how a meeting will be run. The leadership structure - Master, Wardens, Deacons, and Stewards - is already well-developed.

What remains to be done is to create programming based on what members, particularly younger members, actually

want. The existing structure already offers an outlet for the social opportunities, civic engagement, and charitable causes. It simply needs to be focused on what members actually want, rather than the eponymous spaghetti feed. For example, Mizpah Lodge #302 members created a book club, currently discussing Brené Brown's book *Dare to Lead*.

The young professional members want to know that their membership has achieved something or offers something that gives a value for their input of time, talent, and leadership. They want to know that the organization had some impact in the community beyond "greet, meet, and repeat."

There is a definite thirst among young men in society to be part of an organization, and Masonry offers the framework to give it to them!



# SUPPORTING OUR CHARITIES

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An attorney in his professional life, Chuck is known for providing sage advice when asked. The scholarship created in his honor will be available to graduate or undergraduate students in any course of study. Recipients of the scholarship will need to be related to a Mason or a Scottish Rite Mason, with first preference to a resident of Nebraska or South Dakota.



Announcing the scholarships at the Christmas banquet, December 2021

Illustrious Brother Frank Kroupa is a long-time member of the Cathedral Board of the Valley of Omaha. He recently completed his last term as President of the Board. A 50+ year Scottish Rite Mason, a Past Potentate (1997) of Tangier Shrine, Frank is the go-to man when the Valley needed funds raised. Throughout his years as the “mouthpiece for money”, Frank has probably raised well into the millions of dollars for multiple projects in the Valley of Omaha. He spearheaded efforts for the remodel of the theater, the repair of the pipe organ, the Grand Cross Room, He sold paving bricks for the mural garden.

In his professional life, Frank was an electrician, and his scholarship will be

for an undergraduate student in the trades. Recipients of the Frank Kroupa Scholarship will have a preference of residency of Iowa or Nebraska and meet the same Masonic affiliation requirements.

Each scholarship will be for \$1,000.00, awarded annually. Applications will be available on the scottishrite.org website under the Philanthropies → Scholarships tab.

So far, a total of 15 scholarships have been created, with 7 of the scholarships being fully endowed. Endowed scholarships require a minimum donation of \$50,000. An annual scholarship can be created for a donation of \$1,000.00.

Brethren wishing to make an additional contribution to either scholarship may contribute to them directly through the Scottish Rite Foundation, Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction or contribute to their Orient or Valley Scottish Rite Foundation earmarked towards their local scholarship program.

For more information or assistance with making a donation please contact Gary Unger, Donor Officer at [gunger@scottishrite.org](mailto:gunger@scottishrite.org) or 402-651-9710.

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## SGIG Circle Donors (\$300+) to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

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Kenneth Beebe	Lincoln
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Schadd Gray	Omaha
Peter Hartwig	Lincoln
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James Heinke	Lincoln
Virgil Johnson	Omaha
William Kimme	Omaha
Mel Morton	Omaha
Terry Nelson	Omaha
Charlie Odorizzi	Omaha
Robert Pelletier	Omaha
Michael Roe	Lincoln
Charles Sederstrom, Jr.	SGIG Emeritus
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Ronald Stites	Omaha
Michael Stuhr	Omaha
James Turpen	Omaha
Gary Unger	Omaha
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George White	Hastings

Thanks to the generosity of Scottish Rite Masons, RiteCare children receive all the speech therapy they need, without regard to a family's ability to pay. SGIG Circle donors have pledged \$300 or more toward speech therapy for the year. Please consider a donation or pledge and make a significant impact on our ability to provide exceptional Speech Therapy for Nebraska children.

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