



Rite for Kansas

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Kansas RiteCare -- Helping Children Communicate

Nationwide, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has implemented a very successful program to help children with speech and language disorders. The Scottish Rite RiteCare® clinics provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities. Today, there are 178 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. Facilitating the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved dramatic successes. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

In Kansas, seven Scottish Rite organizations, called Valleys, are organized and coordinate their philanthropic speech, hearing, language, and learning disabilities programs in conjunction with the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinics at KU Medical Center, University of Kansas, Wichita State University, and Ft.

Hays State University. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valleys in Kansas include the: Armed Forces Scottish Rite Bodies, Ft. Leavenworth; Scottish Rite Temple, Ft. Scott; Scottish Rite Center, Lawrence; Northeast Kansas Scottish Rite Center, Prairie Village; Scottish Rite Center, Salina; Scottish Rite Center, Topeka; and, Scottish Rite Center, Wichita.



Orient of Kansas

"Expanding the Footprint of RiteCare"

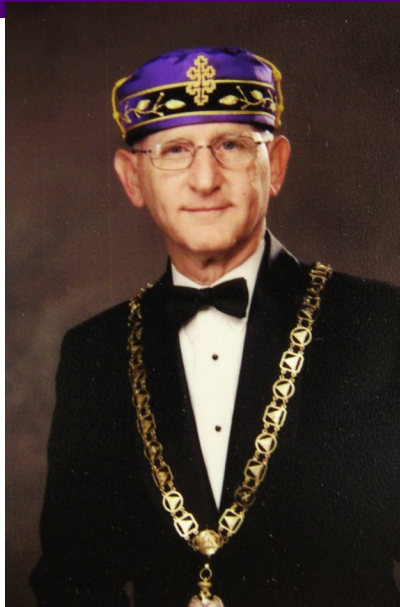
As Deputy, then as Sovereign Grand Inspector General, I assumed the Presidency of the Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation. It was through the Foundation that I became more knowledgeable of our Clinics and personally committed to RiteCare in Kansas. It did not take long for me to realize there was a big gap in the geographical coverage by RiteCare within the State. Essentially three quarters of the state, the entire western half of Kansas and the SE quarter were not served. Rather a backward way of saying RiteCare existed in the NE quadrant only. I hoped that could be corrected and expansion made to include a RiteCare presence throughout the Orient of Kansas.

Part of that goal was accomplished with the assistance of Don Mahrle. Don's involvement with KSHA brought to my attention the speech and language department at Ft. Hays State University, and their interest in becoming a member of the RiteCare network. Through his efforts, those of Dr. Amy Finch and Marla Staab at Ft. Hays, and I acting as the facilitator between Ft. Hays and the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C., we succeeded in dedicating a new Clinic in 2008.

Along the way, I had noticed Kansas State University and its Speech and Language Department was not represented. I am hopeful that we are on the path to having all of our Kansas Universities' speech, language and hearing departments in RiteCare.

The western half of Kansas, because of the long distances involved, is only lightly represented by Ft. Hays State University. While attending a national RiteCare conference I attended a breakout session in which was presented the work Colorado had been doing to develop a telepractice outreach by RiteCare. That struck me as a viable opportunity for Western Kansas. As you know the Foundation and all our Clinics are now in the initial stages of discussing how we might take advantage of the opportunities afforded by telepractice and how to incorporate telepractice into expanding our ability to reach and treat children.

The remote screening clinics envisioned by Steve Kempf at Ft. Leavenworth and his dedication to bringing the concept to fruition on Post at the Fort was totally unexpected. Steve has nearly done the impossible. Not only working through the blockade of US Army Regulations and wariness, but gaining the support of Debbie Daniels and her clinic in Kansas City



to conduct the screenings. The victory for RiteCare and the children of military families owing entirely to the determination of Steve to see it through to reality.

In my travels throughout the State, visiting Valleys, I came to the realization that beyond the cadre of a few dedicated Scottish Rite Masons, our own membership had little knowledge of RiteCare. An awareness by the public at-large of RiteCare was even less. I felt that needed to be remedied. Our Scottish Rite membership and the public needed to be told about RiteCare and understand what it was doing. I kept thinking RiteCare could be much more if we all worked together for the common good. What I had thought was nearly beyond the realm of possibility, became

possible through the synergistic impact of this newsletter. Together, our shared accomplishments will provide greater understanding. I'm convinced we have only begun on the road to a greater RiteCare in Kansas.

Ill Hugh W. Gill, III, was an Air force Pilot and aircraft Commander serving a tour in Viet Nam. He earned a B.A. in Accounting and an MBA in Finance from Wichita State University. He enjoyed a long career of 34 years as a financial analyst for the Boeing Company and its successor company Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita, Kansas. He recently retired in March 2013.

While his career was progressing, Hugh contributed a great deal of time and energy to various Masonic Bodies. He served as Past Master of Albert Pike Lodge No. 303. He was a member of the Wichita York Rite Bodies and Midian Shrine. He worked diligently as Past Advisor to The Order of DeMolay and was awarded the Cross of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor. Currently, the Ill Hugh Gill, serves as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kansas, President of the Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation, and Grand Equerry of the Supreme Council.

FT. LEAVENWORTH SCOTTISH RITE MASONS HAVE DONATED A TOTAL OF \$7500 TO FUND DIAGNOSTIC AUTISM CLINICS

In March 2013, Scottish Rite Masons from the Fort Leavenworth Masonic Lodge donated another \$1500 to fund a KU Medical Center diagnostic outreach clinic for Fort Leavenworth children and raised the total they have donated in support of this critical program for military children to \$7500.

The Armed Forces Scottish Rite Bodies at Fort Leavenworth (Armed Forces Consistory) provide support and funding for KUMC Outreach clinics at Fort Leavenworth. The KUMC Hearing and Speech Clinic is part of a multi-disciplinary task force currently conducting Autistic and learning difficulty diagnostic clinics for children at Fort Leavenworth as part of the KUMED Center for Childhood Assessment. They handle two groups of children - from birth to 3 years and 3 years and older - and a diagnosis is provided the same day. This allows the children to get into therapy programs quickly—particularly important to transient military families such as Command and General Staff course student families who are at Fort Leavenworth for only 10 months. It normally takes from 4 to 9 months to get children into the regular diagnostic clinics. It is very important to begin Autism therapy at the earliest possible age. Once diagnosed, some of the therapy programs are handled by KUMC and Tricare and some by Special Education programs through the school districts.



L-R Brother Jose Marrero, Dr. Debbie Daniels (Director, KU Med Hearing and Speech Clinic), Brother Mike Tavares, Cathrine Mancina Smith, Col. Timothy Wulff (Garrison Commander), Dr. Chet Johnson (Chair of the KU Med Department of Pediatrics), Brother Herb Merrick, Brother Steve Kempf, Brother Tom Dials, Brother Hugh Gill, head of the

University of Kansas Hospital and because of costs they conduct about 6-7 across the state each year with two at Fort Leavenworth. Previously, the Armed Forces Consistory has donated funds for additional clinics, the latest two being on 14 December, 2012 and 29 April, 2013 for the Fort Leavenworth children as the clinic group said they could only take 6 children per clinic. The one day did not give them enough time for more. The clinical outreach team is headed by Dr. Chet Johnson who is also the Chair of the department of Pediatrics. He is a neuro-developmental pediatrician. He is accompanied by Dr. Debbie Daniels, the Director of the Hearing and Speech Center and other speech therapists and child psychiatrists. The clinics are conducted in the Pioneer Chapel. An alternative location is the Armed Forces Insurance building on post or the Masonic Lodge (Boughton Hall) on post.

The outreach clinics are funded by a grant from the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program of the Center for Child Health and Development at the



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ARMED FORCES SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF FT. LEAVENWORTH

Fort Leavenworth Funding to KU Med Center for Diagnostic Outreach Clinics



Fort Leavenworth Scottish Rite Masons provide needed support to the KU Hospital Diagnostic Outreach Clinic for Autistic and Learning Difficulties. The KU Hospital conducts two clinics each year for Fort Leavenworth children.

The KU hospital funds two clinics each year with their limited grant money. To augment these, the Armed Force Scottish Rite Bodies at Fort Leavenworth (Armed Forces Consistory) has donated funds for three additional KU clinics annually. In the conduct of these clinics, members of the Consistory brought lunch to the members of the KU Team and assisting them as needed.



A Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army ROTC program at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Tom Dials was commissioned Second Lieutenant, Armor, Regular Army, in 1970. Over the course of the next 25 years, Dials served one tour as an infantry officer in Vietnam and two tours in Europe in command and operational staff assignments with Armor and Cavalry units. He has commanded units to battalion level and served in key staff positions at all levels, including a tour with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, DC. Dials' final assignment was Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). He retired from active service in December 1994. Upon his retirement Tom accepted a position as Director, Market Research and Analysis

Personal Representative

Tom Dials, 33°

with Armed Forces Insurance Exchange, Fort Leavenworth, KS and progressed through various middle and senior management positions, culminating in his service as President of the Exchange from January 2003 to January 2009 and Chairman, Armed Forces



III Tom Dials, Personal Representative, Armed Forces Scottish Rite Valley

Insurance Corporation from January 2003 until his retirement in December 2011. Tom holds a MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and a MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He completed the requirements for the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation in 2004. Residing in Leavenworth, Tom and his wife Candy are the parents of two adult children and are the doting grandparents of four grandchildren. The Dials' home is guarded by two Labrador Retrievers (Jack and Trooper) who occasionally hunt upland birds, when they're awake.

Valley of Topeka Scottish Rite

Topeka Valley RiteCare Program

Our Pediatric Audiology Clinic is progressing well. It is being staffed by Dr. Angie Reader of Schiefelbusch Clinic 2 days per month. It will take some time to educate all our area hospitals and pediatricians about the diagnostic services we can provide.

Several meetings have been held with Elizabeth (Liz) Abby, State Audiologist, on how to develop the most effective educational program to accomplish these goals. The Schiefelbusch Clinic recently added an Audioscan Verifier so we can have a complete verification of prescribed hearing aids on our clients.

The Sound Beginnings Board of State Audiologists has conducted two Board Meetings (April and July) at our Conference facilities.

Dr. Jane Wegner and her staff at Schiefelbusch Clinic, along with the Trustees of the Scottish Rite, have held several meetings concerning the development of an early Intervention Speech/Language Program. The need became very apparent after testing our newborn clients that an early Intervention Program would have a greater impact in the future and continued development of these special clients.

Topeka Scottish Rite has begun working toward a long term approach on raising future funds through gifts, wills, bequeaths, and endowment grants. Meetings have been held with the Kansas University Endowment Department on common goals and ideas.

Our 2013 RiteCare Golf Tournament was very successful with the addition of several new golfers which will help to increase our number of players even more for next year's tournament, which is scheduled for August 8, 2014. For many years we have sponsored a speaker

for KHSA's annual meeting. Dr. Jane Wegner and Stephanie Meadow "A Story of Inclusion" was our 2013 Program. It has always been our pleasure to work and support KHSA; as we share so many common goals on children's communication disorders



III Donald A. Mahrle, 33rd
Personal Representative
Scottish Rite Valley of Topeka

III. Donald A. Mahrle, DPM, was appointed the Assistant Personal Representative for the Topeka Valley in 1989. He remained in this position until he was appointed the Personal Representative in May 1, 2003. Brother Mahrle was raised as a Master Mason in Topeka Lodge 17 on May 13, 1964. Don became a 32nd Mason in the Valley of Topeka on October 29, 1964. He was honored as a KCCH in November, 1975 and made a 33rd Honorary on November 19, 1983. Don has worked in the 4th, 18th, 20th, and 32nd degree. He has co-directed the 20th degree. He has served in the Topeka Valley as Almoner, Membership Committee Chairman, as Past Venerable Master, a Past Wise Master. He is a Charter Member of the Topeka Knights of St. Andrew, member of York Rite Bodies of Topeka, St. Augustine Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Past Potentate, in 1976, of the Arab Shrine of Topeka. He lives in Topeka with his wife, Arlene.



Northeast Kansas Scottish Rite Valley



*Ill David F. Kinzie 33rd
Personal Representative,
Scottish Rite Northeast Kansas Valley*

David Kinzie began his Masonic career on June 16, 1975, at St. Bernard Lodge # 222 in Dodge City, Kansas. Thereafter, he transferred to the Hutchinson Lodge # 445, in Hutchinson, Kansas in 1976, becoming Master in 1980. Change of residences caused his transfers to Lenexa Lodge #135 in 1989 and Henri Lodge #190 in 2003.

Ill David became a Scottish Rite Mason in May, 1976. He worked closely with various bethels of IOJD from 1977 to 1990. Also, he was a DeMolay Chapter Advisor from 1977 to 1985.

Continuing his search for Masonic light, he affiliated with Kansas York Rite in 1980. Ill David became a Shriner in 1985. Subsequently, David has held membership in numerous Masonic affiliated organizations, serving in leadership positions at the local, state, and regional levels.

Ill David has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Business Management from McPherson College and a Master of Science degree in Management from Baker University.

Ill David Kenzie served in the military, retiring as Operations Sergeant Major in the 35th Division Artillery after 27 years. Additionally, he managed a convenience store for Phillips 66; and ended his careers as a project manager and data safety monitoring board administrator for a clinical research organization. He has lived in Albuquerque, Clovis, and Roswell, NM, as well as in Dodge City, Hutchinson, Olathe, and Leavenworth, KS.

Ill David has been married to his wife, Jo, for 40+ years. They have five children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Northeast Kansas Scottish Rite RiteCare Activities

Providing Student Scholarships to KU Medical Center

**Through fund raising
events including:**

- ***“Rodders 4 RiteCare” Car and Motorcycle show***
- ***Spaghetti and Wine Dinners or Pork Chops and Wine Dinners***
- ***Annual Pancake Breakfast—these breakfasts provide for two scholarships of either \$1,000 or \$2,000 yearly, depending on profitability.***
- ***Contributions***



SALINA SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY

Mr. Hamilton is a native Kansan from Rice County. After graduating from Partridge High School, Mr. Hamilton attended and graduated from Kansas State University in Dairy Husbandry in 1957. He took a M.S. in Extension Education in 1960. Mr. Hamilton worked for the Kansas Extension Service, from 1960 to 1971. Don then became an agricultural commercial banker – lending for Agriculture Production. Subsequently he also served as a Branch Bank Manager from 1971 to 1999.



*Ills.: Donald F. Hamilton, 33rd
Personal Representative
Scottish Rite Valley of Salina*

Since retirement III Don Hamilton has worked as a volunteer at the Historical Masonic Temple in Salina, Kansas, active in Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine, also active in various service and civic organizations. He is a former member of Southeast of Saline Board of Education and the Southeast of Saline Education Foundation.

*Valley of Salina—
Successfully Partnering
with Ft. Hays State
Geneva Herndon
Speech-Language-Hearing
Clinic*

RiteCare in the Valley of Salina is relatively new having been dedicated May 9, 2008. This well established clinic, the Geneva Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, was made possible through a generous donation from its namesake. Through its traditions it has become well known by virtue of its graduates' performance. RiteCare will definitely become a "household word" in the very near future – the Administration, Faculty and Graduate Students will elevate the Herndon Clinic and RiteCare to great heights.

We, at the Geneva Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, are very pleased to announce that our 2013 Summer Courses were a success, due, in part, to the Valley of Salina RiteCare generosity. The \$2000.00 was used toward the speaker's fees. The presentations were excellent! The audience learned current evidence based practice for children with speech, language, and reading disorders. Attendance was:

Course # 1 SLPs and School-Based Practice: Curriculum-based Assessment and Interventions to Support the Common Core, provided by Dr. Sandy Gillam, Ph. D. Utah State University, June 3-4, 2013. Attended by 74 practicing professionals, students, and faculty.

Course # 2 Beacons of Best Practice: Sound Articulation Treatment, presented by Jennifer Taps, M.S. San Diego School District conducted on June 5-6, 2013. This course was attended by 62 practicing professionals, students, and faculty.

These courses reached a total of 136 participants who received course material on which were printed the RiteCare logo. Additionally, Dr. Brandel, Chair of the Department, publicly acknowledged the support from the Foundation and spoke about our "RiteCare Clinic" at the beginning of each course.



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Scottish Rite Wichita Valley

Ill Robert S. (Scott) Kailer, 33° and his wife Sue have been married for 46 years. They have two daughters—Shelley, who died of cancer in 1984, and Shannon who is an RN working at Larksfeld Place in Wichita.

Robert and Sue have two grandchildren, Ashley who is a Paralegal and Victor who is attending Butler Community College. They also have one great-granddaughter, Arianna who is about to turn 5.



Personal Representative
Ill Robert S. (Scott) Kailer, 33°
Scottish Rite Valley of Wichita

Ill Robert Kailer is a Past Master of Albert Pike Lodge No. 303 and a plural member of Wichita Lodge No.

99 both in Wichita. He is currently a Trustee of Albert Pike Lodge. He became a Wichita Scottish Rite Mason in May of 1984. He immediately became active in the degree work, primarily because of his father who was on the Director of Work staff. Ill Robert Kailer became Director of Work in 2000 and held that position for 10 years. He began working the rental program at the Scottish Rite Center in 2004 and eventually moved into the Office Manager position in 2005. Ill. Robert Kailer was appointed Assistant Personal Representative in 2006 and became Executive Secretary on January 1, 2007. He was appointed Personal Representative in December of 2009.



Over the years, the Wichita Scottish Rite Valley has served in collaboration with efforts of other Kansas Valleys in raising funds for RiteCare Clinics.

For a decade the *Champagne & Chocolate* event has grown from raising a few thousand dollars for RiteCare Clinics annually to raising over \$30,000 in its heyday. Ticket sales, and the live and silent auction items bring in the revenue as participants enjoy decadent chocolates, flowing champagne and a lovely time. The *Champagne & Chocolate* event has maintained its status as a lucrative fundraiser throughout the economic meltdown and continues to receive community attention raising awareness for our Scottish Rite philanthropy.

In addition to the *Champagne & Chocolate* event each year, the Wichita Scottish Rite Valley now hosts the "*Ride for the Rite*". In 2011 the "*Ride for the Rite*" was conceived to supplement the Valley's involvement in raising funds and awareness across different sectors of the community for the cause of RiteCare. This event operates like a Poker Run—classic cars and motorcycles riding to several different locations near Wichita to collect the winning poker hand. The "*Ride for the Rite*" grows in popularity each year and is taking root as an established fundraiser.

With *Champagne & Chocolate* happening mid-fall and the "*Ride for the Rite*" taking place early each summer, year 'round the staff and volunteers of the Wichita Scottish Rite have the Scottish Rite's Mission on their mind and continually work towards fulfilling the cause.



Lawrence

Scottish Rite Valley

A big change has just taken place in the A & A Scottish Rite Valley of Lawrence. The Orient of Kansas welcomes Ill Gerald (Gerry) Collie, 33° as the newly selected Personal Representative of



*Personal Representative
Ill Gerald (Gerry) Collie,
33° Scottish Rite Valley of
Lawrence*

the Lawrence Valley. Ill Gerald (Gerry) Collie, 33° has been a Mason for twenty-five years. He is a Past Master of Perry Lodge 415 and Past DDGM. He and his wife Kim have two daughters and three grandsons. He became a Scottish Rite Mason in 1996. Gerry received his honors as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1999 and was Coroneted with the Thirty-third degree in 2009. Prior to recently being appointed as the Valley's Personal Representative, Gerry Collie has served his Valley in the capacity of Special Project Coordinator and a Degree Director.

Valleys of Lawrence and Ft. Scott

Successfully Evolving for the Future

Ft. Scott

Scottish Rite Valley

The Fort Scott Valley is presently undergoing a sales of its Temple in Ft. Scott and a major relocation.



*Ft. Scott Scottish Rite Temple
110 S. Main Street
Ft. Scott, Kansas*



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Scottish Rite Valley of Ft. Scott*

Look for more information about the Ft. Scott Valley in a future issue.

Scottish Rite Foundation & Valleys of the Kansas Orient Working Together to Support RiteCare®



It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

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