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Congratulations!

On behalf of the membership of Overland Park Masonic Lodge #436, please find enclosed a check for \$500.00 to be used for educational purposes in your pursuit of an advanced degree at the College or University of your choosing. Freemasonry, especially for those of us Masons in Kansas, pride ourselves in the continued journey toward enlightenment, both spiritually and mentally. We are excited to be a small part of your personal trek to seeking higher education.

Should you need further assistance with scholarships or know of anyone else in your class who might need such help, please keep us in mind. Both Overland Park Lodge #436 and the Grand Lodge of Kansas have resources available to provide monetary help to anyone seeking scholarship opportunities at a Kansas College or University. Feel free to learn more about these programs at www.kansasmasonic.foundation.

This year's Essay Contest was something that meant a lot to me personally. Charity is one of the main reasons I became a Freemason. Emanuel Swedenborg is attributed to saying "true charity is the desire to be useful to others with no thought of recompense." By simply writing an essay about the charity you wrote about, you made an impact on that organization. Overland Park Lodge will also be donating \$100 to your charity in your name. One of my favorite quotes from Aesop shows that the smallest act of kindness can have a positive impact and is never considered a waste of time or effort.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Again, congratulations on this great accomplishment!

Jonathan B. Allee

Sincerely,

Worshipful Master

Overland Park Lodge #436