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**CAPTAIN  
SCOTT  
KELLY**

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## **2023-24 Membership Renewal**

**Deadline: May 1, 2023**

No payments will be accepted past deadline, membership opens to waitlist after May 1st

[See Details Below](#)

ISSUE #4: April 2023

### **Captain Scott Kelly Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

Former NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Navy Captain Scott Kelly shares the remarkable story of his “Year in Space” mission. He holds the record for the single longest mission of an American astronaut in space; previously he held the record for the total accumulated number of days spent in space.

When he and his twin brother Mark were selected to become astronaut candidates in April 1996, they were the first relatives ever selected. After completing his training, Scott became the first American in his class of 44 prospective astronauts assigned to a space flight as the pilot of STS-103, an emergency repair mission to the Hubble Space Telescope.

On his second mission, Kelly was assigned to command space shuttle mission STS-118, a rare feat given that most shuttle commanders are assigned after two flights as a pilot. He describes the effects of isolation, the physical impact on the body, and the psychological pressures of living in a confined space, as well as the many dangers.

Chief among the lessons Scott shares: the importance of preparation, attention to detail and teamwork—any of which can mean the difference between life and death, or success and failure.

# Luncheon at Happy Hollow Club with Captain Scott Kelly

Immediately following the lecture and featuring an informal Q & A session

*Happy Hollow Club*  
*1701 South 105th Street*  
*Cost \$28 - advance reservations required*

Reservations **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or after **Tuesday, April 4th**  
We will **STOP** accepting reservations on **Tuesday, April 18th**  
Seating is assigned as reservations are received

For group reservations (2-10), please submit only one check,  
and include all names in your group to avoid double seating.

\*We have a limited number of tables for groups of 11-12,  
please contact Kathy Mrla at [mrlaomaha@aol.com](mailto:mrlaomaha@aol.com) for availability\*

Tickets for each group will be under the name of the individual who  
made the reservations

Make checks payable to **OMAHA TOWN HALL LECTURE SERIES**  
Send to: Kathy Mrla, 14010 Grand Circle, Omaha, NE 68164  
**Questions?** [mrlaomaha@aol.com](mailto:mrlaomaha@aol.com) or 402.445.8941

## **Please Note:**

- Include your email and phone number on your check
- Pick up all tickets at the luncheon table at the lecture and distribute to your group
- No tickets will be sold the day of event
- If your luncheon plans change, your ticket may be used by a friend
- There are no cancellations or refunds

## **President's Letter**

Dear Omaha Town Hall Members,

First! A friendly and important reminder:

**Membership renewal remains open, and this year, the May 1<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline will be strictly enforced.**

Members have two different ways in which to renew membership:

(1) by visiting the membership table at the April lecture, or

(2) by mailing the renewal form and payment to Tami Giitter, 2916 N 160<sup>th</sup> Ave Omaha NE 68116.

After May 1<sup>st</sup>, membership opens to our waitlist. Questions? Please contact [omahatownhalllectureseries@gmail.com](mailto:omahatownhalllectureseries@gmail.com).

I have enjoyed serving as president and am so pleased with our accomplishments, including publishing a new website, collaborating with new community organizations, donating much needed soap to a treasured nonprofit, offering self-nominations for board service from our general membership, introducing a new virtual pilot program to increase our membership (and decrease our 450+ waitlist!), and most of all, featuring inspiring, equitable, and forward-thinking lecturers, each of whom is a leader in their respective fields of investigative journalism, international humanities, professional sports, and outer space.

Not one of these accomplishments would have been made without our outstanding volunteer board of directors, all of whom worked together tirelessly and with so much dedication to our beloved Omaha Town Hall. And a special thanks to the outgoing members who will finish their board terms in May: Beverly Austin, Dawn Dinsdale, Katie Guenther, Victoria Halgren, Shelli Klemke, Cydney Koukol, Kim Lubeck, and Kathleen Neary.

We look forward to seeing you in September for the start of our 58<sup>th</sup> season, featuring Frank Abagnale. Take good care. Happy Summer!

Jill Thomsen  
President, Board of Directors  
Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series

## 2023-2024 Membership Renewal

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**Frank Abagnale - Wednesday September 27, 2023**

**Candice Millard - Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

**Jeff Corwin - Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**Molly Bloom - Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

### Membership Pricing

#### Season Membership

**\$120**

- Admission to all four lectures
- Option to watch lecture online
- Option to make reservation for lunch featuring Q&A with speaker (advance payment required)
- Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series e-newsletters
- Transferability of membership card if unable to attend lecture

#### Bronze Patron Membership

**\$200**

- Season Membership privileges plus...
- Reserved seating at the front of the

### Payment Options

Please print Member Renewal Form by clicking on **red button** below and return with payment

#### BY MAIL

(include Renewal Form below)

\*Must be postmarked by May 1st to be processed\*

Checks payable to:  
*Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series*

Mail to:  
Tami Giitter  
2916 North 160th Ave  
Omaha, NE 68116

lecture hall

- Two lecture guest passes (must be used during 2023-24 season)
- Patron members will be recognized in monthly e-newsletters

#### **Silver Patron Membership**

**\$350**

- Bronze Patron Membership privileges plus...
- Four lunches with optional seating at patron table (non-transferable & must be used during 2023-24 season)

#### **Gold Patron Membership**

**\$500**

- Silver Patron Membership privileges plus...
- Dinner for two at one of four Board of Directors speaker dinners (non-transferable & must be used during 2023-24 season)

**\*OR\***

#### **IN PERSON**

(include Renewal Form below)

Membership table at

the April lecture

\*Checks Only\*

**Print Member Renewal  
Form Here**

## **\*Important Information\***

### **NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters are electronic and sent via email. **If you know someone who is NOT receiving this newsletter, please tell them to check their spam and junk folders.**

### **ATTEND IN PERSON**

- We continue to monitor Covid in our community. Please consider how you feel the morning of the lecture and please stay home if you do not feel well.
- For those who join the lecture in person, masks and sanitizer will be available.
- The 2022-2023 membership card that is **fuchsia pink** is needed for entry.

### **WATCH VIRTUALLY ONLINE**

- For those who would like to watch virtually, **please email Jennifer Peterson at [j-n-peterson@cox.net](mailto:j-n-peterson@cox.net) by Friday, April 21st** to reserve your space.
- **If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours, please email your request again.**
- Last minute virtual viewing requests are very difficult to accommodate.
- **Please check your email Tuesday evening after 8:00 p.m** for the distinctive link to the lecture. **Be sure to check your junk folder.** If you have not received an email from Omaha Town Hall, please email Jennifer Peterson.
- **Please do not share the link**, Omaha Town Hall is charged for use of this service.
- Omaha Town Hall's legal contract with our speakers **prohibit recording** of lectures, which must viewed live and in real time.

### **SEAT SAVING**

Saved seats are limited to **one per person**. Large groups must enter the lecture together.

### **KEEP MEMBERSHIP CARDS ON HAND**

Many members find seats early and then leave the lecture hall to purchase a book, visit with friends, or use the restroom. Ushers check membership cards **each time** a person enters the lecture hall.

## HEARING IMPAIRED

St. Andrew's has a comfortable room at the back of the lecture hall with volume control.

## QUESTIONS?

**Membership:** Bev Austin, 402.484.7846, [baustin9637@gmail.com](mailto:baustin9637@gmail.com)

**Luncheon:** Kathy Mrla, 402.445.8941, [mrlaomaha@aol.com](mailto:mrlaomaha@aol.com)

**General Information:** [omahatownhallelectureseries@gmail.com](mailto:omahatownhallelectureseries@gmail.com)

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## Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series


St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 15050 West Maple Road, Omaha, NE 68116  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.**  
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.


**Please bring your Fuschia Pink membership card to all lectures.**



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