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Construction Update . . . from Mary C. Stapp



I have really enjoyed keeping all of our readers updated on our building/renovation project that is at its two-year mark. So many very important things have happened since our last publication of *The Hour-Glass*.

On November 6 the beautiful new kitchen was occupied. The employees have thoroughly enjoyed the new equipment and the spacious layout. Yes, the meals are still delicious and beautifully presented.

On January 21st the solid construction wall on 3rd Floor Nursing Care area in the Spencer Wing that concealed the new dining room was taken down. I would have to say Tuesday, January 22nd, was the most exciting day since the project started for our residents and employees.

The residents residing in the 3rd Floor Spencer Wing were escorted into their beautiful and spacious new dining rooms for breakfast. Seeing all the new furniture in place and beautiful window coverings installed made all of us speechless. I cannot put into words the happiness and joy that all of the dear residents displayed as they were seated at their special spots and could look around and see how much room they had as well as see outside.

The two dining rooms on 3rd Floor were designed to meet the needs of all of our residents at meal time. The



moment is definitely imprinted in all of our minds, because it was a moment for which we had all been



waiting.

Enhancing the residents' dignity at meal time has been one of the primary goals of this project.

The grand opening for the 2nd Floor

Dining Room took place at the evening meal on February 4th. Again, the residents were thrilled to be welcomed into their new dining room by the employees. With the 2nd Floor Dining Room now open, all the activities



are also held in this area. It is so pleasant for our residents to go into an area that is spacious and will accommodate every resident comfortably during meal time and activities.

Having dining rooms that are private and spacious is one of the most important results we wanted to achieve for our dear residents and families who have waited so patiently for the new dining rooms to be completed.

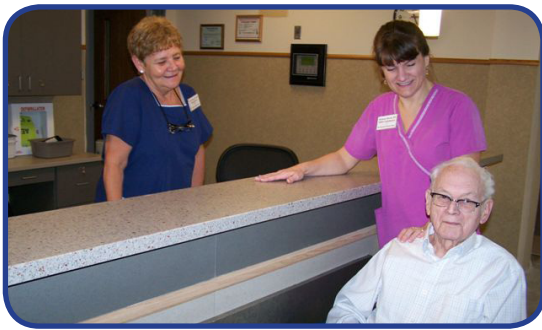
Our families are really enjoying taking their loved ones into the dining areas just for visiting and spending time together.

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Last week more exciting things happened . . . more construction walls were removed on the 2nd and 3rd Floor Spencer Wing. When they were removed, beautiful new

nurses stations were revealed. The nursing staff very much enjoy their new



workspace. The old nurses stations have been removed, and those areas will be renovated for comfortable sitting areas for our residents.

The new service elevator installed in the Spencer Wing is really appreciated by everyone. The previous congestion and waiting to use the elevator for residents and guests no longer exists.

The 1924 Wing where all three floors are being renovated to make three large



single bedroom apartments and six 2-bedroom 2-bathroom apartments is coming along great.

Another long-awaited step was taken when the construction wall, that has been up for two years on 2nd Floor 1924 Wing to accommodate the needs of The Home and Lueder Construction, was taken down. Now we have our nice wide hallway back on 2nd Floor in the 1924 Wing area. The contractors continue to work on all four floors to finish the final ceiling work, carpets, and wall coverings.



So as you can tell, things are changing dramatically. The last two years of construction are now being enjoyed in many areas. The results are breathtaking, and we look forward to all of you being able to come and visit us soon to see why we are all so excited.

Again, I would be remiss if I didn't compliment every resident, family member, and employee for the patience and flexibility they have shown during this time to accommodate weekly construction changes.

The anticipated completion date for the entire project has been moved to the end of May 2013.

We are definitely looking forward to the Cornerstone Ceremony and Grand Opening on August 11, 2013 at 2 p.m. 🕒

Mary C. Stapp

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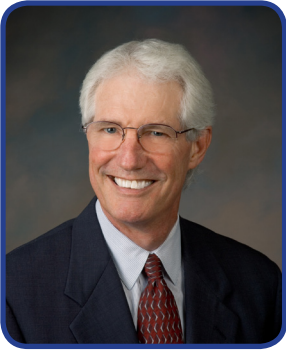
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New Board President



John McHenry of Lincoln, Nebraska, was elected at the January Board of Trustees meeting to serve as President of the Board. John has served on the Board of Trustees for a total of 16 years. He is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He succeeds James R. Erixon

of Omaha, who continues to serve as a Board of Trustee member and was President of The Nebraska Masonic Home Board from 2002-2012. Erixon was the former General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Omaha.

John encourages all Masonic-affiliated individuals interested in long-term care or assisted living to contact Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director, for more information on The Nebraska Masonic Home. . . where active senior lifestyles are promoted through activities and a contemporary living environment and where all care is provided with passion and professionalism.

The residents and staff congratulate John McHenry on becoming Board President and thank Jim Erixon for his many years of leadership. 🏠



Happenings Around The Home



The new dining/activity room on 2nd Floor Spencer is the perfect place for any group to gather.



The Dancing Grannies provided a fantastic show in the spacious new activity area on 2nd Floor Spencer Wing.



Wildlife Encounter Day is exciting. The residents enjoy watching and touching the wild animals.



The employee dog show was a huge hit with the residents.

“I couldn’t be in a better place . . . ”

Here is our Home’s Dorothy Carper



Family has always played an extremely large part in Dorothy Carper’s life. She and her twin brother were born in 1931 in Emerson, a small Nebraska town southwest of Sioux City. They were schooled in a country school and graduated from Emerson High School in 1948.

Dorothy attended Wayne State College briefly and taught in Thurston. In June of 1949 she married Earl Carper, a local farmer who was four years older and had served in the Philippines in WW II.

Dorothy helped Earl on the farm when she could, particularly at harvest time, and she kept busy at home raising the two boys and three girls who were born to their marriage.

Earl was a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 220 at Emerson, Nebraska as well as Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine in Sioux City. “Masonry did a lot for him, it made a better person of him” Dorothy states.



Earl loved the meetings and the ritual and ceremony in Masonry and took every opportunity to keep active. Dorothy and Earl were proud when their sons became Masons as well.

Dorothy and Earl enjoyed travel. They traveled in their RV all over the United States including Alaska and Canada. “We had a lot of get up and go” says Dorothy. They also took overseas trips to Europe.

Once, Dorothy’s sister June (who happened to be visiting The Home at the time of our interview with Dorothy), called and said “We’re going to Nova Scotia . . . are you in?” The next thing they knew they were driving all over that northeast Canadian province.

Finally, it was time to leave Emerson . . . Dorothy and Earl moved to Fremont in 2005. Earl passed away two years later and Dorothy moved to a retirement village in Omaha.

Eventually, daughter Lisa, who lives with her family near Plattsmouth, did the groundwork to explore the idea of Dorothy moving to The Nebraska Masonic Home. The move to her comfortable 4th Floor apartment came about last year as a result.

“I have never known of a place which was so cooperative” Dorothy says, “whatever you want or need they’ll work with you. I couldn’t be in a better place.”

Truly special occasions take place when the family gets together for celebrations like Dorothy’s 80th birthday party a time back or Christmas celebrations which include Dorothy, her 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Her family is in Lincoln, Omaha, Plattsmouth, and Missouri.

Dorothy’s hobbies include weaving, especially rugs and placemats, and painting with oils. There are art activities here, “but I haven’t gotten involved, (pause) but I should, (pause) I WILL GET INVOLVED.”

That’s our Dorothy Carper. She couldn’t be in a better place, and we couldn’t ask for a nicer resident. 🏠



Dorothy (lower left) with her family.

The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

3 Ways You Can Help . . .

Dear Friends,

Have you seen that first little green sprout making its way up through the remains of winter? Most often it is a tulip or a crocus yearning to stretch upward toward the warmth of the sun's rays.

Have you wondered how you can help The Nebraska Masonic Home experience new growth this spring?

First, you can start by making sure all your **Masonic friends and acquaintances know** about the gracious assisted living and quality nursing care available at The Nebraska Masonic Home to Masons and their eligible female relatives--wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters and grandmothers.

Second, **you can become a recurring donor--one who makes a monthly gift** to the fund of your choice. Your monthly gifts, no matter how modest or how large, add up over time to make a significant difference to The Home. Automatic payments can easily be set up through your bank or by using a credit card. Making a gift to The Nebraska Masonic Home can become a monthly payment you make when you pay your other bills.

Making a bequest, a provision in your will, is a third way to help. When calling to thank donors for their gifts many of you have said, "I wish it could be more." Making a bequest to The Nebraska Masonic Home is a way to help us more by growing our endowment. A bequest doesn't affect your current lifestyle because it takes effect only after your other obligations have ended.

You can make sure The Nebraska Masonic Home continues to provide the excellent, dignified care to the residents who call this their home. **Making a gift today is a way for you to share your love of Masonry.**

With Warm Regards,

Jo Peters

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P.S. Won't you please help The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation grow?

A Special Thank You . . .

Thank you for making a difference. The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Foundation would like to thank all of our supporters for their commitment to The Home in 2012.

Our residents and staff truly appreciate each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness and willingness to make sure that all of our residents are well taken care of here at The Home.

We look forward to your continued support and thank you for all that you do. 🙏

Take a look at our new website!




We are happy to announce that we have a new website: www.thenebraskamasonichome.org.

Take a minute to learn about all that The Home has to offer Masons and their eligible female relatives.

Scroll through photos of all of our facilities, new dining areas, new apartments and much more.

The Hour-Glass is available for download on our news page. Learn about all the ways that you are able to give a gift to The Home on our giving page.

The Nebraska Masonic Home provides gracious assisted living and quality nursing care. 



THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

A Caring Testimonial . . .



"The Nebraska Masonic Home is based on the ideals of Masonry: love and brotherhood as well as the care of fellow brothers and sisters.

All gifts no matter how great or how modest are used to achieve this means.

The Home certainly uses our donations wisely and efficiently."

*Dr. and Mrs. Terry Marc Theis
Omaha, NE
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Narcissus OES #269*

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Caring Club Guidelines

Caring Club Guidelines effective for the 2013 Caring Club year--September 1, 2012 thru August 31, 2013.

Yearly Caring Club memberships are now available at two levels of giving:

1. A Caring Club donation of \$250 or more will be acknowledged with a recognition plaque with yearly date plates for each consecutive year of membership.
2. A Caring Club donation of \$500 or more will be acknowledged with a recognition plaque with yearly date plates for each consecutive year of membership and an invitation to attend the annual Donor Recognition Event in the fall.

In order for your gifts to be counted in the yearly Caring Club total they must be marked. We have three options: Caring Club, Caring Club Memorial and Caring Club Honorarium.

Our Caring Club members are very important to The Masonic Home. Your continued support to this very worthwhile annual fundraiser will be greatly appreciated. 