



# *Sands through* **The Hour-Glass**



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## **The Power of 1 Mason!!!**

You probably know—

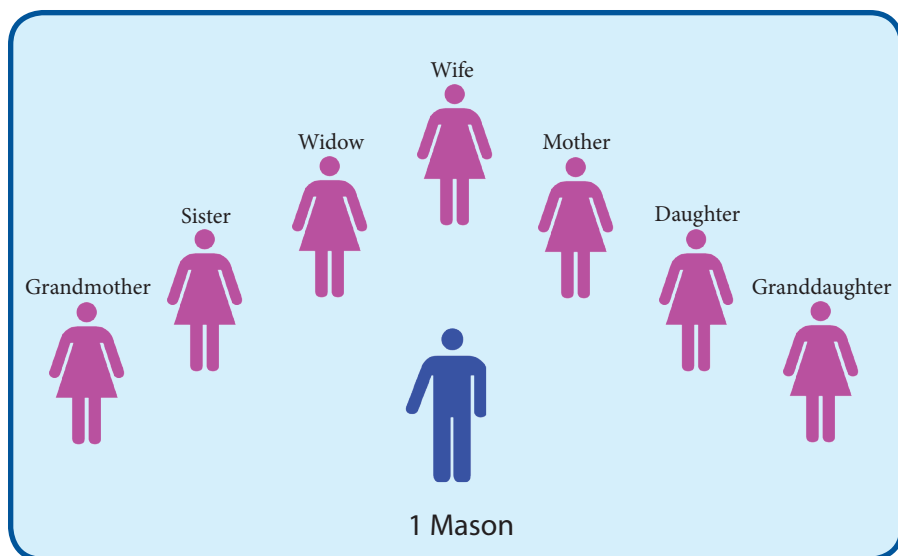
Masons are known for their generosity and charitable acts to mankind.

And maybe you know—


A tenet of Masonry is the commitment made by all Masons to provide for women and children.

But did you know—

Today, an eligible Mason in good-standing, whether living or deceased, makes the following ladies in his family eligible to apply for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home: his wife, his widow, his mother, his sister, his daughter, his grandmother, and his granddaughter.



Having the option to reside at The Nebraska Masonic Home means a Mason and/or the women in his life will have access to worry-free retirement living and high quality healthcare, all while residing in a lovely, historic facility with all the modern conveniences. This is an excellent reason to make sure every Mason continues to pay his yearly dues and remains in good standing.

So if you have never considered making a personal visit to The Home, do it now before you need our services. The pre-approval process can take place long before you choose to become a resident. Let us help you make a plan for your future. 



*"Take time now to visit The Nebraska Masonic Home to see for yourself how the staff can help you enjoy your retirement years to the fullest at our Continuous Care Retirement Community."*

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*"Call me to make an appointment for your personal visit, to learn more about the admission eligibility guidelines, or to request an admissions packet."*

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# Happenings Around The Home



Tehama Shrine Visitors



Florence Lodge Visitors



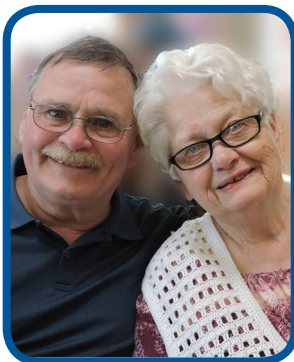
Ceri & Blanche Highfield  
Mother's Day



Vivace Choir performance by Weeping Water Middle School



James R. Erixon  
John M. McHenry



Bill Nelson & Mary Mayavski  
Mother's Day



Long-time friends Bob Keckler and Gene Geise



Kathryn Stapp & Kathy Renner  
Mother's Day

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## Meet Resident Phyllis Cain . . . She's Not your Typical Small Town Girl



Born in the small coal mining town of Jerome, Iowa, the oldest of four siblings, Phyllis Cain is anything but typical.

Following graduation from Seymour High School she worked a year to save for college then she headed off to Iowa State University.

Her summers were spent working in the kitchen at a resort in Connecticut. With a degree in Household Equipment from the College of Home Economics her first job after college was with the USDA in Beltsville, Maryland working in a lab doing a comparison study between bottled gas and electricity for kitchen appliances.

During that time Phyllis reconnected with a former classmate, Don Owen Cain, who was in the Navy. After their marriage in 1952 they lived in Long Beach, California, where their son Mike was born. Next came a short stint in Washington State. After leaving the Navy, they returned to ISU for Don to receive his degree in Business Administration. Their daughter, Martha, joined the family while they lived in Pammel Court, a historic married-student housing. Throughout these moves Phyllis babysat and typed envelopes while caring for her two children.

Their next move took them to Des Moines, Iowa, where Don began a long career with Employees Mutual Insurance Company as a field auditor. A year later they were transferred to Storm Lake, Iowa, where they remained for almost nine years.

Don had always been a Mason, so it was only natural that he served as Master of his lodge. Phyllis remained a housewife during this time, but some new neighbors began encouraging her to get involved with O.E.S. Then came the transfer to Omaha in 1969 so Don could work on getting his CPCU certification at UNO. It was here Phyllis finally became an active member of O.E.S. at Papillion Chapter No. 114 in 1970. She served as Worthy Matron in 1977 and again in 1981. She also served as Secretary twice for a total of 19 years. You might say she found her niche — working for her chapter. Even now she still writes chapter articles for Papillion's Trestleboard newsletter.

When asked about her favorite memory of serving her chapter, she quickly answered, "the building of the new temple in 1981."

Phyllis' husband Don passed away in 1996, but she didn't let that slow her down. She and her three siblings have been having reunions every year rotating between their homes in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Iowa and Nebraska. They have also traveled to England, Germany and Canada for more exciting adventures.



While living in Papillion, Phyllis held a variety of office jobs. She fondly recalls the day she asked her boss if she could have the instructions for the new computer that had arrived to simplify a task she had been doing by hand. His answer was simply, "Do you know how to run it?" Phyllis assured him that if he would let her have the instruction manual she would figure it out. Figure it out she did . . . today as you glance around Phyllis' apartment you can't help but notice her 17 inch computer monitor topped off with a skype camera and a laptop fired up next to it. She said her kids are responsible for all her techie stuff.

Phyllis is the proud mother of son Mike and daughter Martha, grandmother of two grandsons, two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter who is 2 1/2 years old.



Over the years Phyllis has managed to keep very busy attending numerous O.E.S. events, reading, traveling and sewing. And every year she joins her chapter for their annual tour and dinner at The Nebraska Masonic Home. She credits those tours with helping her choose to continue her retirement years in an apartment here at The Home.

We're glad you are here Phyllis. 📖

# Ceri Shreve . . . Activities Director Animal Lover at Heart!



Meet Chloe . . .  
Ceri's Chocolate Lab

Meet  
Charles . . .



Ceri's  
Holland  
Lop  
rabbit

Many of our residents  
have met. . . Ollie . . .  
Ceri's Goldendoodle.



As you can see from the photos above, it is evident that Ceri Shreve, our Activities Director, is an animal lover at heart—among other things!

Ceri was born in Sterling, Colorado, and later moved to Alliance, Nebraska, where her father is a large animal veterinarian (might explain her love for animals) and her mom is a nurse. Ceri enjoyed participating in art, theater, volleyball, track, dance and swimming. After she graduated from Elwood High School she went on to receive degrees in Art and Health Care Administration.

Prior to coming to The Nebraska Masonic Home in 2014, Ceri worked for the Shenadoah Medical Center at their Elm Heights facility as their Activities Director.

Ceri and her significant other, John Askew, live near Thurman, Iowa, where John is a 7th generation farmer and a Channel Seed salesman. Together they have tackled many home improvement projects around

their 100 year-old home. From refinishing the deck to landscaping the yard . . . Ceri admits some projects are more fun than others.

Ceri enjoys an active lifestyle. Having grown up on a lake, she is an avid swimmer, biker and jogger. One of her favorite places to bike is through the Loess Hills near the farm where they live. Besides her love for animals and her active lifestyle, Ceri has a great passion for art. She loves to paint with oils, draw with pastels and is especially fond of tie-dyeing. Her home and office reflect her love of art. It is easy to see why planning art projects for the residents comes naturally for Ceri.



Ceri will be heading to San Francisco to celebrate her 30th birthday about the time this edition goes to print. She's looking forward to walking the Golden Gate Bridge and visiting Napa Valley vineyards. We all want to wish her a Happy 30th!! 🍷





Dear Friends,



Here we are in the middle of summer--one of the most fun times of the year for us to enjoy celebrating America's freedom and entertaining friends and family. Here at The Nebraska Masonic Home we love entertaining guests. In the recent months--Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July, and birthdays have all been celebrated with our residents and their guests.

In May, The Home was a stop on the Tehama Shrine's "I'm an Owner" trip. What a delightful day we all had! From the time the bus unloaded shortly after 11 a.m. until they climbed back aboard at 2:30 p.m. the time was filled with questions and answers.

Several of the guests commented, "We haven't been here since 2004--wow, how things have changed!" Half-way through the tour they enjoyed a scrumptious meal in the main dining room topped off with homemade mile-high strawberry pie.



You might be wondering why the bus trip was named "I'm an Owner"? The answer is pretty simple if you ask Ron Nielsen, Tehama Potentate and organizer of the trip. "A small portion (\$2.50) of every Nebraska Mason's yearly dues are directed to The Home. Hence, each Mason is an owner. So that means you have a vested interest in the quality of care and maintenance of the beautiful facility." That being said, how long has it been since you came to check out where your money is being put to work . . . at your Nebraska Masonic Home?

We would love to have the opportunity to show you around. Please take time for a visit. Learn the details about one of your greatest perks as a Nebraska Mason. Schedule a tour for your lodge, your chapter, your family, a group of friends or just yourself to learn what makes retirement living at The Nebraska Masonic Home so special and unique.

However you chose to come, we will be happy for you to be our guest. We know you will be pleasantly surprised by the beautiful surroundings and incredible care given to each and every one of our residents.

Wishing you a safe summer filled with family, friends and fun get-togethers,

*Jo Peters*

Foundation Director



P.S. **Thank you for your on-going support** of The Home and our residents. Your gifts help make The Home a lovely retirement option for our Masons and eligible female relatives.

P.P.S. *What a truly magnanimous act begun 113 years ago by the Masons of Nebraska!*

## Caring Club

### 2016 Caring Club Opportunity

Looking for a way to make a difference?  
Become a donor to the Caring Club!

Caring Club funds are used to help defray the costs for the excellent care given to our residents.

With your help we can make sure members of The Masonic Family and those who follow are well taken care of .

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

1) Caring Club Gifts of \$250 or more will be acknowledged with a recognition plaque with yearly date plates for each consecutive year of membership.

2) Caring Club Gifts of \$500 or more will be acknowledged with a recognition plaque and an invitation to the annual Donor Recognition Event which will be held on Sunday, September 25th this Fall.

2016 Caring Club Recognition includes those gifts received Sept. 1, 2015 thru Aug. 31, 2016.

We hope you will join us this year!

**Save the Date**  
**Sunday, September 25th!**



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## Donor Spotlight



"We support The Nebraska Masonic Home for two reasons: 1) Masonic people automatically connect with friends upon their arrival, and 2) it provides the availability for couples to continue residing under the same roof if and when their health care needs take different paths."

--Jean and Marlo Burg  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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(Your numbers will never be shared.)

Please phone or email us with your cell phone numbers.

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