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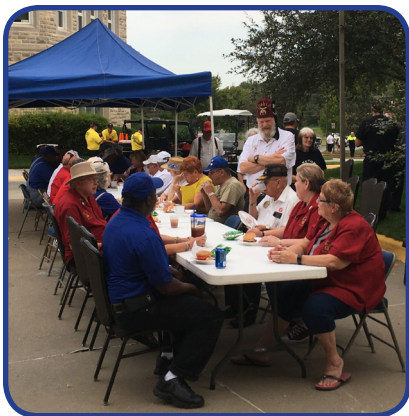
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Meet Steve Barchus (Santa)!



My name is Steven Barchus. I have the honor of being the new Foundation Director for The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. For those who do not know me, or do not know me well, let me tell you a little about myself and family.

A little history: I was born in Stillwater Oklahoma to Bob and Barbara Barchus. Before I was three we moved to Omaha where I graduated from Westside High School. I went to, and graduated from Iowa State University before starting out on my career path. I worked in Omaha, Kansas City, and Shenendoah Iowa with Yellow Freight Systems. After that I came back to Omaha and worked with my Father in the family business as a Metallurgical Engineer, and jack of all trades type. I eventually took over the business and loved what I did. After almost 50 years of business the market we served disappeared and we closed our doors.

On August 14, 2003 I married Kathe, the woman of my dreams. We have 4 boys Travis, Kyle, Ian, and Isaac that range from almost 29 to 13. Travis, Kyle, and Ian are Past Master Councilors for DeMolay, and Master Masons at Mizpah Lodge. Travis was State Master Councilor, and Kyle is current State Master Councilor for DeMolay. Isaac is currently Junior Councilor for Omaha Chapter DeMolay.

As far as my Masonic history it is fairly extensive. I have been very active in Blue lodge and am a Past Master at Mizpah Lodge, and current Master at Albert Pike Lodge. I have been the head of all 3 York Rite bodies and have lead the State Line in two of them. I am a 33rd degree Mason, and a member of several other honorary groups. I am a member of Tangier Shrine and haunt those halls on a regular basis.



Outside of Masonry I have been active in my church, coached sports, lead the Cub Scouts, and play golf and tennis when I can. During Christmas I play Santa to raise funds for Make-A-Wish, Nebraska. This is kind of a passion since my 13 year old was a wish kid. I have a blast doing it and saw between 2500 and 3000 children last year.

It amazes me how things come together. I am moving into a job where I can combine so many things I am passionate about. What can be more Masonic than The Nebraska Masonic Home? I get to sell something I am passionate about, fundraise, travel, see old friends and make new ones. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in the days to come. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.



The Sisters from South Omaha . . .

Waldine Mealey and June Richards



June Richards and Waldine Mealey

June Richards and Waldine Mealey, 2 residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home who happen to be close sisters, were born in the early 1930's in Blue Hill, NE, but made the move as youngsters with their Family to South Omaha.

Their Father was in the poultry business in Blue Hill and met his future wife at the local skating rink. When they moved to South Omaha he worked for the railroads until the end of World War II when returning veterans reclaimed earlier jobs.

The family lived on 13th street, then moved into the newly built Southside Terrace Apartments. The girls went to South High School and still sing its praises. June graduated in 1950 and Waldina in 1951.

After high school, both girls took secretarial jobs with insurance firms in Omaha.

June met Floyd Richards on a blind date. They were married when she was 17 and he was 19. He worked 22 years in the stockyards but then turned to the construction business. For a number of years they lived in Underwood IA. They were married 61 years.

Waldina married an Air Force man, Vance Mealey, whom she met at a YMCA dance. One year, which proved to be very uncomfortable, Vance was transferred to Turkey working in security, a situation which was unsettling to Waldine. The South Omaha girl, after all, had 2 small children to raise.

Then Vance was transferred to an Air Force Facility on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan before being transferred back to Offutt Air Base. Vance and Waldine were married 44 years.

Vance Mealey was raised a Mason in 1969 at Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in South Omaha, and Floyd Richards was a 53 year member of Papillion Lodge No. 39.

Waldine joined Ada Chapter No. 52 of Eastern Star in 1966 and still maintains her membership, 51 years later.

With the exception of Waldine's year in Turkey and her husband's tour in Michigan the two sisters have rarely been apart. Their families have vacationed together too.

Flyod Mealey, who had completed his working career as a 10 year deputy sheriff for Douglas County had health problems and passed away in 2000. June's husband, Vance, entered the Home in 2010 and passed away the next year.

Waldine came to live with us in 2015 and June entered the next year. June lives in a 4th floor apartment, and Waldine lives in assisted living on the 2nd floor of our Spencer Wing of care.

The two sisters eat together, attend Home activities



together, and enjoy walking the beautiful grounds in good weather. They are living proof that, as they say, "you can take the girls out of South Omaha but you can't take South Omaha out of the girls."

They share full lives of memories of Blue Hill, the Southside Terrace Apartments, South High and working and living so close together nearly all their lives. And now they enjoy life at The Nebraska Masonic Home . . . usually together.

After our interview, and just as plans were discussed for sitting next to each other at the afternoon's

entertainment, Waldine

turned to June and said

"you've been a good

big sister." Then June

replied, with a smile

"And you have been

a good little sister."

Nothing more to say, is

there? Best wishes to

these two fine residents

of The Nebraska Masonic

Home!



Dear Friends,

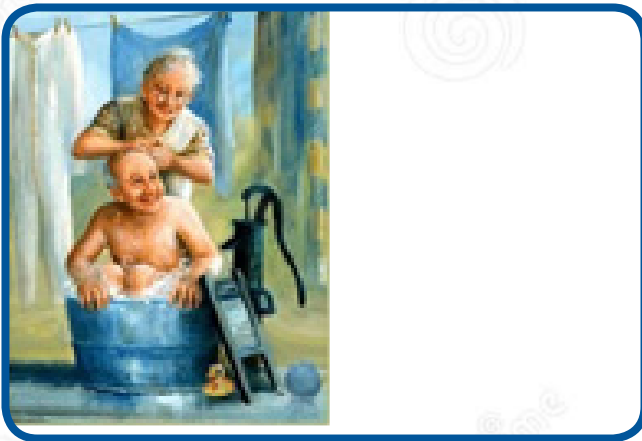
What is one of the best parts of your day? After a long day of activity how do you relax? There are so many of us that take relaxation and the simple things in our life for granted. What if you were not as mobile as you would like? How would it be to depend on other people to make sure you were safe and well taken care of? These and many other questions come to mind when projects like this come to light at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

We need help for something so basic, but so necessary. The Home needs to replace and upgrade one of our bathing facilities. At first I did not think this was such a big concern ... but I was wrong. It is no small feat to bath someone who needs assistance.

It's time for you and all of the Brothers and Sisters across the state to come to the aid and relief of your Brothers and Sisters here at the home. We need to replace and renovate one of our bathing rooms. What a difference you can make in the life of our friends and family living at the home.

Many of our residence need assistance to perform the task of bathing which most of us take for granted. With your assistance we can accomplish this goal. We are looking to purchase a new specialty tub with a lift system to improve on the services provided to our residents. With this we also need to reconfigure the bathroom itself to make things more safe and usable.

You can make a difference. Your help will make this a success. And we cannot do this without your generosity. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to complete this project. Help, Aid, and Assist your Brothers and Sisters in improving their quality of life at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Thank you for your gift to the home. It will make such a difference.



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Thanks for sharing . . .

Having completed the last leg of my professional career as your Foundation Director I want to take this opportunity to express my most sincere appreciation for your support over the last 8 years.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is by far one of the greatest jewels in the State of Nebraska and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to share in your lives while serving the mission of The Home.

Thank you for caring so deeply about the residents of The Home and for welcoming me into your Masonic Family. It has truly been a wonderful experience for me professionally and personally.

Wishing you all the best as you continue your life's journey.



Jo Peters
Jo Peters
Foundation Director

Welcome



Brett Bennett



Reg Kuhn



Jeffrey Coleman

We want to welcome these three new Board Members and thank them for their service and support for both The Nebraska masonic Home and Foundation.

What is an IRA Charitable Rollover?

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals who are 70 1/2 years old to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRA, without that donation being counted as taxable income when it is withdrawn. To qualify, contributions must come from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA, and they must be made directly to a qualified charitable organization. Additionally, the donor may not receive goods or services in exchange for the donation, and they must retain a receipt from each charity to which a donation is made.



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Thank You John Carter!!!

John E. Carter has been helping write articles and with the layout of The Home's "Hour-Glass" newsletter since 1996. Perhaps he is best known for his love of history and for his writing of anniversary history books.

The Residents, Adminstrative Staff and The Foundation both want to say **"Thank You, John, for your devotion to The Home and sharing of your expertise!"** Our newsletter kept getting better because of your involvement.



Steve Barchus
Foundation Director



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