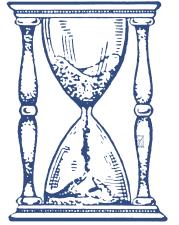




# The Nebraska Masonic Home

*Sands through*

# The Hour-Glass



## About

### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

We are a continuing care retirement community located near historical downtown Plattsmouth.

Our Home has been successfully serving Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters for 115 years.

*Independent Living  
Assisted Living  
24 - Hour Nursing Care  
and Alzheimer's/  
Dementia Care*

### We invite

you to come for a personal visit of our beautiful Home. All Lodges and Chapters are welcome to come for a tour and hold a meeting here at The Home. Please contact Chris Abbott Admissions Coordinator at 402-296-7302 or [cabbott@nemh.net](mailto:cabbott@nemh.net)

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2018  
Caring Club  
Donor Recognition  
Dinner! Thank you  
all for coming.  
The Foundation  
appreciates your  
continued support!



National Assisted Living Week was celebrated September 9th thru the 15th with fun activities for both the residents and staff. This year's theme was "Capture the Moment" which was to inspire our assisted living residents to enjoy the present while celebrating the past!



## Meet Bev . . . from the beaches of California to the rolling fields of Nebraska



Bev and Bill

Bev was born in Laguna Beach, California to William and Merline Sides. Brother Bill Sides lives in Hawaii. Bev's father was a well-respected building contractor in Orange County, and her mother enjoyed volunteering for various organizations. Bev has wonderful memories of her childhood.

She grew up and attended elementary through college in California. Bev's first job was in 1955 at Disneyland which was the year Disneyland opened. She attended Cal State College in Long Beach and earned an engineering degree. Bev was the first woman to be hired in the engineering department at Title Insurance and Trust.

Bev and her husband Tom led a very active life with sons Mark and Brian. They wanted their boys to belong to a group where they could gain a lot of knowledge and useful skills so they started the first Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops in Cerritos, California. The family enjoyed traveling in their motor home, water skiing, and dirt biking. Bev even had her own bike called the lean mean green machine.

This vivacious and cheerful lady then decided to go back to school for a real estate license. With that task finished, Bev managed Tarbell Realty and taught real estate classes at Irvine Valley College. She also found time to write a book called "Blueprint for Relocation" which was a guide for Orange County living. Bev loved being a real estate agent. As a top producer in sales, she was rewarded with many trips all over the world and was asked to be a speaker at the Remax International Convention in Las Vegas.

After 64 years in sunny California, Bev and her mother decided to move to a senior community in Surprise, AZ. The dryer climate in Arizona was more comfortable for her.

Bev continued in the real estate business until the market turned downward. Bev, being the enterprising woman that she is, started her own concierge business for seniors called "Let Bev Do It!" Once again Bev was helping others and was having fun doing it.

Although Nebraska weather isn't Bev's favorite, her son Mark had made Nebraska home for him and his family some time ago. So when Bev's health necessitated a move to an assisted living community, son Mark checked into The Nebraska Masonic Home for his mother. After being Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mark knew he should contact The Masonic Home for more information. Mark and Bev both talked extensively with Chris Abbott, Admissions Coordinator, and it was determined that The Masonic Home was the place for Bev to heal and recover from a fall and some other medical issues.

Here at The Masonic Home Bev enjoys being involved . . . she goes on resident outings, faithfully attends programs and musical presentations, and is a Pinterest enthusiast. Bev entered some of her crafts at the Cass County Fair this year and is already gearing up and getting some entries done for next year. She has a big purple Grand Champion ribbon in her sights.

Come visit The Masonic Home . . . Bev will be glad to show you her "House Beautiful" quarters and talk to you about why The Masonic Home was a good choice for her.



Bev



Bev's family

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Dear Friends,

It has been almost a year since I was given the privilege of working for The Foundation of **The Nebraska Masonic Home**. There has been a tradition of excellence here since 1903, and this tradition will continue. The quality of the care and services here are beyond compare.

This is such an easy place to become passionate about when you meet the residents and staff. You want to be a part of the team that makes all things possible for these people. Won't you join us in continuing this "tradition of excellence in healthcare" by donating to our latest project . . . ***THE NURSE CALL SYSTEM UPGRADE!***

Our current ***NURSE CALL SYSTEM*** has served The Masonic Home well for 12+ years, but now we need your help to purchase and upgrade the ***NURSE CALL SYSTEM*** which comes with a price tag of \$400,000. We are asking for your help to defray this large expense. The upgrade is custom designed for our Home and with your help you will give peace of mind to the family members that put their trust in us to keep the residents safe and secure.

Here are some great benefits of the new ***Nurse Call System***:

- **A new Pendant System will pinpoint the location of our residents anywhere on our 40-acre campus.**
- **The charge nurse will have instant voice access to the residents in their rooms.**
- **Nursing staff will have improved access to resident data.**

Our residents who are your brothers and sisters as well as friends, neighbors, or relatives deserve to be cared for with the "tradition of excellence" that The Nebraska Masonic Home stands for!

So far we have had a wonderful response to our request for assistance and have raised \$50,000 as of October 22. Our goal is to raise \$400,000. We are counting on you. ***Please make your donation today.***

If you would like to make donations online, please visit our website at [www.thenebraskamasonichome.org](http://www.thenebraskamasonichome.org) and hit the donate button. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

It has been an absolute joy to speak to all of you who have donated to the Nurse Call Upgrade . . . many of you are first-time donors. ***Thank you*** for making The Nebraska Masonic Home a giving priority.

From all of us at The Nebraska Masonic Home, ***we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Holiday Season.***

**Thank you again for your support of The Nebraska Masonic Home.**

Sincerely,

*Steven R. Barchus*

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Foundation Director



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NEW WEBSITE!!!**

[www.thenebraskamasonichome.org](http://www.thenebraskamasonichome.org)

### HAPPENINGS AT THE HOME



In a market environment, when you find an organization that delivers a superior product or service, you invest in that organization. The Nebraska Masonic Home provides quality services to every resident. If that service is based on a resident's personal needs instead of how much they can pay, you have a caring organization. Again, invest in that organization. Does the professional staff and executive branch of the organization believe in the organization's mission? Does the team take pride in the product or service they produce? If the answer to these two questions is "Yes," then invest in that organization.

Diane and I not only believe that The Nebraska Masonic Home provides exceptional quality care, employs a prideful and caring professional staff, and provides services that meet each resident's personal needs, we know that this is the case. We entrusted my Dad's care to the Home during his last years. Join us in continuing to invest in a truly exceptional organization —The Nebraska Masonic Home.

-James and Diane Brown  
*Red Lodge, MT*



**In Memory - Our Board Member  
MW John M. McHenry, PGM**  
Thank you for all you did for The Nebraska Masonic Home, Masonry in Nebraska, and a multitude of other people and organizations.

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