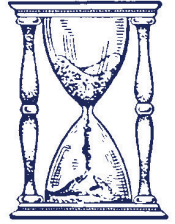




The Nebraska Masonic Home



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 116 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 a visit with the residents. Please contact Chris Abbott Admissions Coordinator at 402-296-7302 or cabbott@nemh.net

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2019 "WILD WEST" CARING CLUB DINNER



Caring Club 2019 is in the books. Thank you so much for attending. It was an afternoon of fun with friends, outstanding entertainment and fabulous food thanks to our Dietary Staff. The room was at a constant rumble with conversation, and it was fantastic seeing you all again this year. Our entertainment was Darrel Draper who portrayed Jean Baptiste Charbonneau the son of Sacagawea. We were both educated and entertained at the same time.

Thank you to all of our Caring Club Donors for your continued support. Your generosity makes it possible for us to aid and assist our Brothers, Sisters, Friends, and Family as well as continue The Home's Legacy of Excellence. We look forward to the exciting year to come. Thank you again.



Meet our resident . . . Warren Stenback



Wayne, Warren, Mabel and Chris

Before the boys came along, Chris lived in Oregon and had a dairy and fruit farm. During the Great Depression Chris had to sell his farm to help support his family. His dad bought an extra lot to sustain them during those very difficult years. They grew a garden and had a couple goats, domestic rabbits and chickens. Mabel did a huge amount of canning. They stored vegetables in dry sand and kept them in the cellar, and the goats provided milk and cheese. Warren still loves goat cheese to this day.

Warren attended Brush High School and graduated in 1944. In October of 1944 he joined the Army and was sent to Europe in the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 8th Armored Division. His Battalion was among those en-route to invade Japan and drop the two atomic bombs to end the war. After returning home from WWII, Warren used the G.I. Bill to go to college. Warren had a friend attending a college in Nebraska, so he and his brother both drove from Brush to Blair in a 1934 Ford Coupe to take a look at the school. Warren decided to stay and attend Dana College in Blair.

He graduated in 1952 and got his first job at the Nebraska Department of Labor Employment Service. He first started out in Norfolk then moved to North Platte office and finally spent the following 30 years in Kearney where he also completed his Master's Degree in Counseling.

Kearney is where he met and married his lovely wife Joanne. They married March 30, 1957, and were blissfully

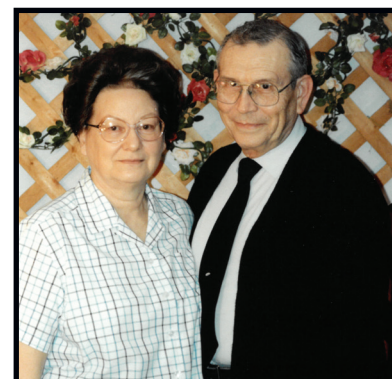
Warren was born in Brush, Colorado, to Chris and Mabel Stenback. Chris and Mabel were 1st generation U.S. citizens after their parents had migrated to the United States from Denmark. Warren grew up with his brother Wayne in Brush.

married for 62 years. Joanne was a wonderful homemaker. She loved art and especially ceramics. Joanne loved to cook although when they first met she admitted that she did not know how to cook. She must have had some natural instincts because she became an amazing cook according to Warren.

When they lived in Kearney, Warren became a Mason. He joined Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and is a Past Master. He and his officers were certified proficient at installation continuing a long lasting tradition at Rob Morris Lodge. He then joined Royal Arch Masons and Mount Hebron Commandery No. 12 and is a Past High Priest in the Kearney Chapter Royal Arch Masons. He was the secretary for Rob Morris Lodge for five years as well as Kearney Chapter and Mount Hebron Commandery. He was also an active member of the American Legion and VFW.

In 1983 Warren and Joanne moved to Arkansas. That put them halfway between Joanne's sister Lois Stroud and Warren's brother in Houston, Texas. They spent quite a lot of time visiting with their siblings. While they lived in Arkansas, Warren was a substitute teacher for the High Schools in Russellville, Dover, Hector and Wonderview. He also attended Shilo Lodge No. 552 F & AM in Russellville. He was recently bestowed as an honorary member of Shilo Lodge.

After Joanne's passing in May this year Warren made the move back to Nebraska. Warren is so happy to be at The Nebraska Masonic Home with fellow Masons and others in the Masonic family. He has left the worries of being a homeowner behind and thoroughly enjoys the comforts of independent apartment living here. We are so pleased Warren has joined us at The Masonic Home.



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Dear Friends,



We want to thank you for your support of the Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends here at The Nebraska Masonic Home. In our last Hour Glass we asked for your help to raise money for a Porte-cochere for The Home. By definition “a porte-cochere is a roofed structure extending from the entrance of a building over an adjacent driveway and sheltering those getting in or out of vehicles.”

Most of you have used one at hotels, restaurants, theaters and other public buildings. I know you have had the benefit of staying out of our wonderful Nebraska weather because of structures like these. They have incredible lighting, provide protection from the elements, and have heated bulbs for the winter months. This structure will also have glass sidewalls from the building to the driveway so the residents are protected from the weather while waiting for transportation.

I wish I could put a video in a newsletter to show you our residents loading and unloading for doctor appointments and other events in poor weather. While our new van does a wonderful job helping with the process, it does not keep them entirely out of the turbulent weather we have in Nebraska.

Imagine yourself, in a wheelchair, going to a doctor appointment . . . you feel under the weather and are being pushed out into the rain or snow to get loaded into our van and you are still having to deal with the elements and are getting wet and cold. None of us would like this for ourselves or anyone we consider a friend.

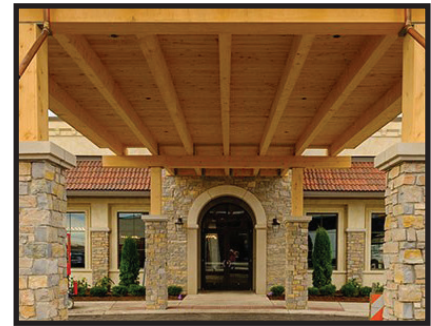
Recently we had visitors to The Home during one of our wonderful Fall rainstorms. Unfortunately, they had to load in the rain and one of them slipped and fell. Luckily, she was not seriously hurt. *This all may have been avoided if we had this covering in place.*



Present Awning



Example of a Porte-cochere



Example of a Porte-cochere

Bob Keckler (one of our residents) saw the need for this permanent structure. He backed his idea by leaving a donation in his will to make this a reality. I hope you can become as passionate about this project as Bob. *Our goal is to raise \$75,000 so we can get this shelter off the ground.* It will have a very positive impact on everyone who lives here at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

During this Holiday Season I hope you will find it in your hearts to support this project and improve the lives of our *friends and family here at The Home.*

I wish all of you a fantastic Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year. Thank you again for your support of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Steven R. Barchus
Foundation Director
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*Thank you for considering matching gifts to
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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Doris Hirz is a long-time supporter of The Home. This is a picture of Doris in front of the Pillars of The Home posing for Homecoming in the 1930's and then a picture in 2019.



When Doris was visiting, she shared her thoughts, "Keep supporting The Home. It's a good place for people to live especially if they have any medical needs". Doris worked here at The Home in the 1930's.

—Doris Hirz

Bellevue, NE



Show pride in your Home!
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Cost is \$10.00/Contact Foundation Director
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HAPPENINGS AT THE HOME



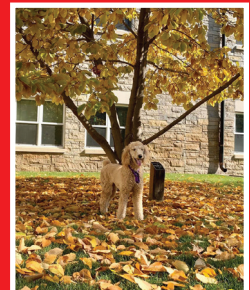
Opal . . . our Therapy Dog!

Opal is an energetic, loving friend to The Nebraska Masonic Home residents and staff. She arrived in August and is a blessing to the dog lovers.

We are all still learning about Opal, and she is learning about our big building, beautiful yard, and her many new friends. She enjoys personal visits with the residents, going on scenic drive outings, and being there when someone needs a special friend.

Many thanks are extended to each Eastern Star member who contributed to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska so that Opal could become a member of The Masonic Home family in Plattsmouth.

This beautiful poodle is truly a gift that will be treasured for a long time! Thank you again for thinking of the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home.



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