

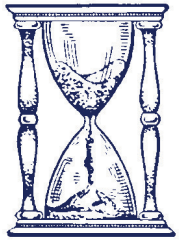


THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

A Legacy of Excellence

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 female relatives for 119 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 and hold their meetings in the chapel. Please contact Chris Abbott Admissions Coordinator at 402-296-7302 or cabbott@nemh.net

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Greetings from Plattsmouth!

Change is defined “as to make different; to alter or modify.”

Founded in 1903, The Nebraska Masonic Home is no stranger to change. The last 119 years have brought change to the building, operations, families, residents, and staff.

Change has allowed The Nebraska Masonic Home to be a Legacy of Excellence. These last few years at The Home have impacted change on everyone associated with The Nebraska Masonic Home.



2019 brought the flood.
2020 COVID-19.
2021 COVID-19 part two.



2022 brings our new normal and defines our Legacy in Excellence. We rang in the New Year and three days later were greeted with a COVID outbreak amongst staff for five weeks.

With love in the air, February seemed like old times. We celebrated the Super Bowl and crowned our Masonic Home Valentine Royalty.

With fierceness, March brought the blessing of visitors being able to visit The Home without restrictions. Johnny Ray Gomez brought the entertainment, celebrated St. Paddy's, and after two years of restrictions, we got on a bus and dined at Luigi's.



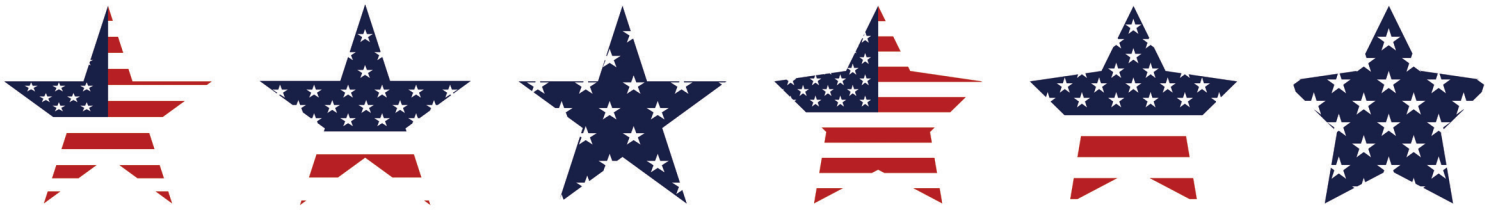
The Easter Bunny and the Shrine Chanters were highlights in April 2022 and while waiting for May flowers to bloom, The Home enjoyed Star Wars Day, the wild kingdom from Wildlife Encounters, margaritas for Cinco De Mayo and Elvis curling his lip and singing to the mothers for Mother's Day. We also celebrated our Super-heroes, our nurses, during Nurse's Week.

June gave thoughts of sipping iced tea on the patio, picnics with the Chapters of Eastern Star and giving back to the Community. While we basked in the sun, we had to sigh as picnics were cancelled due to COVID, but smiled, as the guidelines CHANGED and knew we could still host our Blood Drive.

Here at The Home, we look forward to embracing change and seeing what the rest of 2022 has in store for us while we smile, every day.

April Johnston
Executive Director





Meet Marge Payton



Marge Payton greets everyone with a smile and a friendly, positive attitude. This petite but mighty lady has a real zest for life. She tells her life story with a twinkle in her eye.

The story begins in Omaha, Nebraska, at St. Joseph Hospital where Marge was the only one of five children to be born in a hospital; because as she tells it, the only reason that happened was

because dad was out bootlegging. Her mother kept the home fires burning by staying home with the five children and honing her baking and homemaking skills.

Elementary school was a one-room school house that was built on land given to the school district by her Grandpa McArdle. The school was aptly named after him. Marge has fond memories of that school where every day they played Annie-Annie-Over. At the end of the school year, Marge's dad treated all the school children to a day at Elmwood Park for their annual end-of-school picnic.

She then attended high school at Underwood High School which was near Peony Park. Marge and her friends enjoyed being able to go to the "in place in Omaha". Peony Park was truly the place to be and enjoy the grand times and music of the day.

Growing up poor never stopped this fun-loving family. According to Marge they had fun, but they were all good kids – they never got into trouble. It was a good life – there was lots of love and wonderful family times.

After graduation from high school, Marge worked for Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) for three years and then she met the love of her life, Harold. They were married in 1950 and moved to Plattsmouth, Nebraska where they raised their children, Rick, Tom, and Sandy.

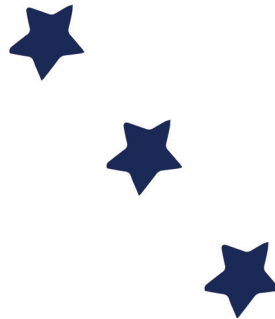
It was small town living but close enough for Harold to commute to Omaha to work at the Union Stockyards of Omaha until his retirement.

Marge committed her life to her husband and children and kept a good home for all of them. She also found time to be active in the Plattsmouth VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles.

During her retirement years with Harold, they embraced helping to raise eight grandchildren, many great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Her family is a blessing to her in more ways than one.

Marge felt that she was doubly blessed because of son Rick's Masonic membership in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 which enabled her to be eligible to apply for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home. Her new home in our Assisted Living is a plus for Marge in many ways . . . no worries about cooking, lawn work, laundry or a host of other chores. Plus, Marge is right here with some old friends and many new friends. It sure didn't take this spunky lady any time at all to make The Nebraska Masonic Home her home.

Remember there is a new friend right around every corner. Take a lesson from Marge's book of life . . . smile, be positive, and friends will abound.



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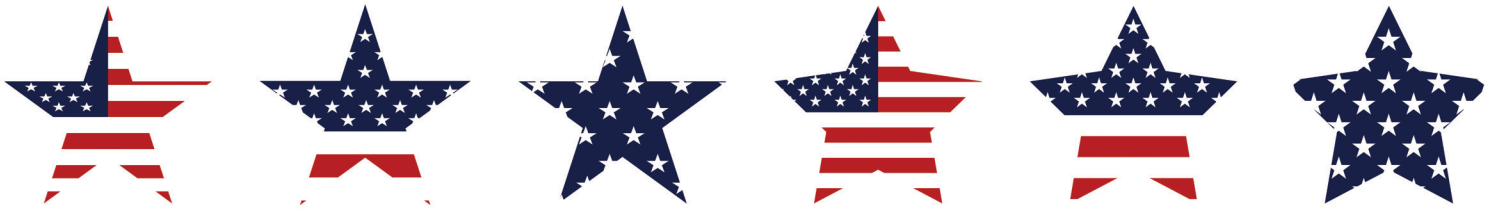
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To all the Brothers, Sisters, Family, and Friends out there. We Need Your Help!!! We again are asking for your help to aid in the restoration of our beautiful Chapel here at The Nebraska Masonic Home. For those of you who have participated in meetings and events held in the Chapel over the years you know and understand how this room emulates the magnificence of

The Home. The Chapel also lends a special place of retreat for people who need a place to reflect and contemplate.

“This temple has been beautified and adorned by celebrated artists.” The stained glass comes from five different countries: Italy, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. The Lodges, Chapters and various donors have also donated items such as a grand piano, organ, and sound system. Between the beautiful stained-glass windows and the other attributes of the Chapel, the restoration will be a welcoming addition to The Home.

The Chapel was a dream of PGM Brother George W. Lininger who was one of the key visionaries to see the necessity for a home that would support the needs of our worthy brothers, widows, and orphans. In 1888 Brother Lininger was the chairman of the committee to begin exploring the possibilities of a Masonic Home. We are thankful for Brother George W. Lininger who never gave up on his dream. The Nebraska Masonic Home became a reality and opened its doors September 1, 1903.

MW George was a stalwart of The Home from the beginning. When he passed away, he left money to The Home for the purpose of building a Chapel. That fund was started in 1907 with his bequest and his dream came to fruition in 1952. I believe you can be a visionary like MW Brother Lininger. He made a difference, and I believe you can make a difference!

With your help we can bring the Chapel back to its former glory. Of course, a few modern upgrades will definitely make this space more usable. Some of these upgrades will include a sound and projection system, lighting and carpet.

Please support this endeavor. You can and do make a true difference to The Home when you make a donation.

Thank you for all you have done for The Nebraska Masonic Home.

I hope all of you have a fantastic summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon. Thanks again for all your help!

Sincerely,
Steven R. Barchus



Caring Club

2022 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 cost of the excellent care given to our residents. With your help we can make sure members of The Masonic Family and those who follow in the years to come are well cared for.

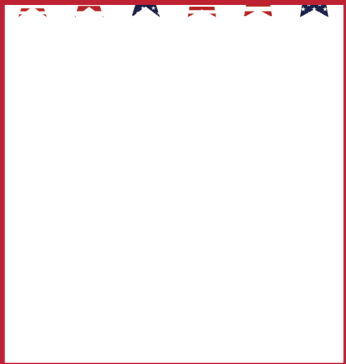
Yearly Caring Club memberships are available at two levels of giving.

1) **Caring Club Gifts of \$250** or more will be acknowledged with a recognition plaque with yearly date plates for each 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 Dinner* which will be held on *Sunday, September 25th*.

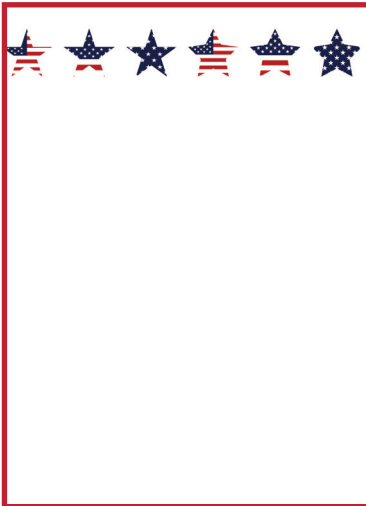
2022 Caring Club Recognition includes those gifts received Sept. 1, 2021 thru Aug. 31, 2022.

HAPPENINGS IN THE HOME



Gazebo Update

Thanks to all of you that helped replace our Gazebo that was lost in a devastating Nebraska storm! It's back up and ready to be enjoyed!!



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Narcissus Chapter and The Nebraska Masonic Home and Foundation ties have gone back many years. We as a Chapter feel it is important to give of ourselves to our most valued members and Masonic Family and to continue giving as the years come. They are the ones that have set the legacy for us to follow.

Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES

Omaha, NE



Checkout our Facebook page to see the exciting and fun things that are happening at The Home!

Life Insurance Gifts

Life insurance policies are powerful philanthropic tools that often allow a donor to make a much larger donation than they ever thought possible. Donors can name The Nebraska Masonic Home as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or transfer ownership of the policy to The Foundation and then make tax-deductible gifts to pay the premiums. The Foundation receives the proceeds of the policy after your lifetime. Contact Steven Barchus with any questions you may have at 402-296-7334.



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