

## Other Projects of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska

Our Order was founded as a service fraternity and we continue to work effectively serving and supporting those who do. While service and therapy dogs and the projects and opportunities associated with them are our primary philanthropy of the Order of Eastern Star, they are the tip of the iceberg of how we love, care serve and share.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska during 2019, contributed more than \$175,000 philanthropically. Our reach into and impact on the world around is significant and worthy of our continued diligence.

Included here is information about our other projects. We hope this information and these reminders will assist you and your chapter and enhance your abilities to serve.

### BENEVOLENCE

- ★ The Standing Committee for Benevolence Committee exists to financially support members and their families who are experiencing a hardship.
- ★ In order to apply for assistance from the Benevolence Committee, please download and complete the form available on our website and send it to the Grand Chapter Office or one of the Benevolence committee members for review.
- ★ As a member, if you are aware of another's need consider printing the application and visiting with them. Encourage completing the application process. Recommend them for the financial support.
- ★ An application must be made for the financial support to purchase a specific item that benefits the applicant. *For example, purchasing kitchen appliances following a fire or flood.*
- ★ ***If you have questions, contact the Grand Chapter Office or a member of the standing committee.***

## **ESTARL**

### **Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leaders**

*“My mom told me she always wanted to endow a scholarship opportunity for pastors or other religious leaders. She talked about how over the years she and my dad had talked about her desire but they had never achieved it. In the year following my dad’s death she chose to join Eastern Star. After her initiation I told her she had brought to fruition her desire to endow religious leaders as she now was an ingredient in the success of ESTARL and it’s impact on religious leaders.”*

*Karan Birdsall, WGM*

As members of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska we all participate in the endowment and support of those seeking religious leadership positions through our **ESTARL** project. This worthy and significant project should not be hidden or held private. We need to share the encouragement, support and finances of the project.

ESTARL is a program that provides financial grants to students preparing for a religious vocation or faith leaders continuing their education. The award is granted every April, and students may re-apply for this program.

Our Grand Chapter Standing Committee for ESTARL works with honor and dedication to award worthy applicants our financial and emotional support.

Refer to information for application on our website. Go to our Grand Chapter website for forms and details. Communicate with the Grand Chapter Office if you have questions. Our committee is eager to share information, make a presentation, help connect with a worthy recipient.

Together our prayers and financial awards through our ESTARL project reach far and wide to encourage religious training and service.

## EDUCATIONAL LOAN

***The educational loans of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska are available to members and family members of members.***

**A brochure is included in this notebook.**

- The application for and Educational Loan must be submitted annually for funds to be awarded.
- The applicant must be 18 years old or a high school graduate and have a 2.0 grade average to apply.
- The complete application must include: (1) completed application form, (2) the applicant's most recent official transcript of grades, and (3) one signed letter of recommendation presented by a school official or a community leader.
- A copy of each of these items will be sent to the members of the Educational Loan Committee who will hold them in the strictest confidence.
- *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
- Applicants will be notified of approved loans by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Funds will be disbursed to the student.

The application is found on our website and can be downloaded to print. It is found under the "MEMBERS" tab drop down menu of "Reports and Forms".

For more information or answers to specific questions, please contact the Grand Chapter Office or a member of the standing committee for the Educational Loan.

## MASONIC YOUTH

The goal of the Youth Committee is to help educate and build support for the Masonic Youth Groups of Nebraska. Our youth groups are known as the ABC's (Assemblies, Bethels and Chapters), and their members are our future.

**SUPPORT OUR FUTURE!**



International Order of the  
Rainbow for Girls  
[nebraskarainbowgirls.com](http://nebraskarainbowgirls.com)



Jobs Daughters International  
[jdne.org](http://jdne.org)



DeMolay International  
[nedemolay.org](http://nedemolay.org)

### How can your chapter make a difference?

- ★ Take the step to find out where is the nearest youth assembly, bethel or chapter.
- ★ Take the step to make contact with them.
- ★ ASK... how can we support and be a benefit.
- ★ Make a plan to engage with their needs.
- ★ Contact information of these youth groups adult leaders is included in this notebook.

Supporting and encouraging our youth is mutually beneficial. Our youth need us.... we need our youth. Take the step and either become engaged or increase your involvement.



Oct 16 and 17, 2021

Consider making a  
financial contribution to  
the MYLC.

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OCT 16 AT 9:30 AM CDT - OCT 17 AT 11 AM CDT

7th Tri-Annual Masonic Youth Leadership Conference

Holiday Inn Kearney

One of our great gifts to our  
Nebraska Masonic Youth is  
financially supporting this event!

**SEND DONATIONS TO: Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc.  
202 South 20th Street, Omaha, NE 68102-1275**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

★ Each year our Scholarship Committee of Nebraska Grand Chapter accepts applications from our Masonic Youth groups' membership and then awards a \$1000 scholarship to each of the Masonic Youth groups of Nebraska for a graduating senior.

★ Our chapters individually may award scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The scholarship is to be a minimum of a \$500 award. Each Chapter must contribute \$50 to the scholarship with Grand Chapter contributing \$450.

★ A chapter may award a scholarship with an amount greater than the \$500 minimum or they may award additional scholarships.

★ The name of the recipient of the scholarship and your chapter's \$50 contribution must be in the Grand Chapter Office no later than May 1, 2021.

★ The Grand Chapter Office will provide a certificate for presentation to the recipient. Please try to make the presentation at the high schools' graduation or awards program. Take a photo and share. Try to share in a publication or media opportunity within your community. The student deserves the congratulations and recognition of their win. It is great when we can share our involvement within the community.

★ In 2019, more than \$52,000 was awarded in Nebraska via OES Scholarships! We make a difference! Let's do it again!!

## Masonic Eastern Star Children's Home



The purpose of the Children's Home is to provide quality care for children who have been separated from their homes due to Death, Divorce, Separation, Neglect, Abuse or Inability to adjust to their present living situation.

The Children's Home seeks to provide an environment of love, security and acceptance where a child can grow and develop as an individual.

A Home Away from Home for Children in Need

**No child is ever excluded because of inadequate funds.**

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children has been providing quality care for more than 100 years. Located at the intersection of Highways 30 and 77 in Fremont. The children's home was founded by two fraternal organizations, our Masons and Eastern Stars and provide care for children in need. The Children's Home seeks to provide an environment of love, security and acceptance where a child can grow and develop as an individual.

The Children's Home is a project for our members and chapters to serve.

### How can we be engaged to benefit the Home?

Chapters and individuals can make financial and material gift donations to the Children's Home.

- School supplies in the late summer are a benefit.
  - Gifts during the holidays make a special treat for the residents.
  - Supporting the 4-H programming and financial needs assists.
  - Specific needs and ideas for "how to support" are shared via our communications to our chapters.
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- The Children's Home is developing a plan to build a new technology center.
    - Stay tuned for how your chapter can be engaged.
  - Koda, therapy dog in training, continues to grow and make a positive impact on the staff and residents.
  - A current wish list for "Welcome Bags" for new residents is available on Amazon. <https://amzm.to/39CFmQs> Have your gift shipped directly to Ron Giesselmann.
  - Find, "LIKE", and follow the Children's Home on Facebook.  
Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children
  - Find their website: <http://www.meshc.org>
    - Take the virtual 360 degree tour

Contact Executive Director Ron Giesselmann:

2415 North Main Street, P.O. Box 1325, Fremont, Ne 68025 402-721-1185

*Connecting with the Children's Home is a blessing for their mission, residents, and staff.  
Connecting with the Children's Home is a blessing for you and your chapter.*

# The Nebraska Masonic Home

## OUR MISSION

The Nebraska Masonic Home is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of its residents by offering a continuum of care through gracious assisted living and quality nursing care to eligible members of the Masonic Family.



THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

## CONTACT US

402-296-7300 or 1-800-245-5812  
1300 Avenue D  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

[Get Directions >](#)

The Nebraska Masonic Home is a private non-profit continuing care retirement community (CCRC) that provides independent apartment living, assisted living, nursing care and Alzheimer's/dementia care for Free Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters.

Providing outstanding care and facilities, the staff provides spiritual, mental, and healthcare services for all who enter our doors. Visit for a personal tour to see for yourself what makes The Nebraska Masonic Home so special.

How can your chapter and members be engaged to serve?

- ★ Increase your members' awareness.
  - Invite **Steve Barchus**, Foundation Director to come and make a presentation, sharing information and awareness.
  - Communicate with **Mary Russell**, Executive Director
- ★ ASK .... there are many projects, needs and specifics that your chapter and your members can address and meet.
- ★ Reach out and address a specific need or request.
- ★ Follow the HOME on their Facebook page: The Nebraska Masonic Home "LIKE" and follow to see current activities at the HOME.
- ★ Visit the website: <https://thenebraskamasonichome.org/>
- ★ Visit the HOME.

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