

# The Ohio Masonic Home



## **The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio Committee on Education and Information 2014 Mandatory Education Program**

### Preparation:

LEO should review the material contained here prior to the presentation. There is no need to memorize, however be familiar with it, enough to present the subject without reading verbatim.

### Materials:

None required, however if you would like to have materials provided, please contact the Ohio Masonic Home for a packet of handout information at:

[www.ohiomasonichome.org/contact-us.html](http://www.ohiomasonichome.org/contact-us.html) or at 877-679-4869.

### Demonstration:

This program is factual. Use the information here to engage your lodge members in a discussion about the Ohio Masonic Home, how can it help them and their family members directly or indirectly now and into the future. Do they have stories about family to share? Home day visits, any of your members a resident? Etc.

### Presentation

The Ohio Masonic Home was first conceived in 1834 when the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to establish a school for orphans. After years of discussion, in October 1888 the Grand Lodge pursued a collection of 50 cents from each member and in 1889 Grand Council and Grand Commandery joined in the support. By 1890 the board of trustees had accumulated 26,000 dollars, and had secured the help of a prominent business man, Asa Bushnell. Asa Bushnell was from the Springfield area, a highly regarded war General, and later Governor of Ohio. Although he was not a mason until many years later, he became an avid activist for the project and helped secure the 154 acres of land for the site. Brother John Eiseman was the project architect, and in 1890 the “castle” construction began. On October 19, 1892, almost 60 years after the first mention of this need in our fraternity, MWB Levi Goodale presided over the cornerstone ceremonies.

The first residents were Nellie and Nina Shaffer, admitted April 20, 1897, and by the end of the year the home supported 45 brothers, 12 widows, 11 girls, and 17 boys. The home not only served as a residence for the orphans but also as their school and social life. Throughout the years the Home has added and subtracted land and buildings. Today the

Ohio Masonic Home includes the Springfield, Waterville, and Medina, Ohio campuses which provide for over 750 residents. In addition to our residency the Ohio Masonic Home now encompasses several subsidiaries to assist Masonic brothers and their families out in their home and community. Here is just a glimpse of what your Ohio Masonic Home is today:

### **Senior Living Campuses:**

The communities of the Ohio Masonic Home provide condos and villas for independent living without the hassles of lawn care, as well as apartments for assisted living residents who only need peace of mind and occasional assistance. They also offer skilled nursing or more in depth care and have state-of-the-art communities for those living with dementia and Alzheimer's. The campuses are:

- Browning Masonic Community (Waterville, Ohio)
- Springfield Masonic Community (Springfield, Ohio)
- Western Reserve Masonic Community (Medina, Ohio)

### **Cornerstone Home Health and Helping Hands:**

Cornerstone provides services and caregiving in your own home. Additionally, Cornerstone Helping Hands is there to ease some of the stress that comes with caring for a loved one. The range of services is endless and your program will be specially tailored to meet your personal needs. Whether you need assistance around the house or with errands, companionship, personal care or medication reminders, a Cornerstone Caregiver can partner with you in providing those services. Or if *you* are a caregiver, Cornerstone can step in on specific days so you can recharge and maintain your personal wellness. The services offered include: Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Home Health Aide and Medical Social Work.

### **Masonic Aging Services Corporation:**

Masonic Aging Services Corporation provides products and services to help you maintain your independence and whole person wellness at home. Available items include: Home Remodeling (e.g. grab bar or ramp installation), Medical Supply Products(e.g. blood pressure cuffs, diabetic care), Home & Personal Medical Devices(e.g. nationwide emergency response pendant), Medication Management and much more. The new Life Compass Program is available for FREE to all Masons. Check back through the year as we continually bring new products and services to you.

A Print Shop has been opened to help you promote Freemasonry and your Lodge activities while minimizing expenses associated with advertising, through prices that beat any big name office supply store printing.

**Ohio Masonic Home Foundation:**

The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation is the largest expression of service and philanthropy for Ohio Freemasons as the charitable arm of the Ohio Masonic Home. Through the generous gifts it receives, the Foundation is able to support three separate charitable giving programs; Masonic Care, Resident Care and Memory Care. Through these programs your donations are used to assist distressed Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans throughout the entire state of Ohio. Feel free to invite members of the Foundation staff to your Masonic meetings and events. They are eager to present short programs on current OMH events, stories of good works and charitable needs. Give today to support those generations of Masons who have come before you and those who will follow you. To contact the Ohio Masonic Home Foundation visit: [www.ohiomasonichomefoundation.org/contacts](http://www.ohiomasonichomefoundation.org/contacts) or call toll-free 888-248-2664

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from each of you.