

ROWLEY MEMORIAL MASONIC HOME

Perry, Iowa 50220

Phone 515-465-5316



ORIGIN AND HISTORY

Herman L. Rowley, a native of Perry, was a banker in Cordell, Oklahoma and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Cordell. Although never a member of an Iowa Lodge, he bequeathed his entire estate to the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be used for the construction and equipment of a Masonic Home in Perry, Iowa for worthy and needy Masons, in good standing, to be known as the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home. Brother Rowley specified that the balance of the estate would be invested and income therefrom would be used to assist in maintaining and operating the Home.

In making this gift to the Grand Lodge the bequest directed the officers of the Grand Lodge and officers of Otley Lodge No. 299 of Perry, to act as Trustees. It further directed that the Home would be operated as a non-profit institution with charges made to occupants sufficient only to maintain and operate the Home.

A Trust Agreement was entered into on June 15, 1955 between the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Otley Lodge No. 299, and the District Court of Dallas County, Iowa for acceptance of this bequest. The original 20-bed Home was dedicated in June, 1958.

HOME ESTABLISHED AND
ENDOWED THROUGH THE
GENEROSITY OF
HERMAN L. ROWLEY



1874

1958

DEDICATED JUNE 7, 1958 BY THE
GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M.
GLENN A. FOSTER, GRAND MASTER

ADDITION BUILT
BY THE
MASONS OF IOWA
1967 - 1968

HOME TRUSTEES

CHAS. S. JOHNSON

GEO. H. SACKETT

GLENN P. WILSON, P. G. W.

EDWIN L. LUNDE, P. G. M.

HAROLD PHELPS, P. G. W.

DEDICATED AUGUST 24, 1968 BY THE
GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M.

R. KENNETH MILLER, GRAND MASTER

ADDITION DEDICATED IN 1968

An additional 28 acres of adjoining property were purchased in October, 1962. On September 22, 1966 the Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to the Grand Lodge code calling for an assessment in Grand Lodge dues of one dollar to the Trustees of the Herman L. Rowley Memorial Trust to be used for the construction, furnishings, and maintenance of such buildings as may be required for worthy Brother Masons and their dependent wives who are not financially able to pay their proportionate share of maintaining the Home.

On April 27, 1967 contracts were let for the construction of an addition, which would bring the total Home capacity to 74 beds including a 20 bed infirmary licensed by the Iowa State Department of Health and operated under their rules and regulations.



REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION

Applications are accepted from a MASTER MASON who is and has been a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. for five consecutive years immediately preceding the date of application and is in good standing with no charges filed. Applications are also accepted from a MASTER MASON AND HIS WIFE, with the same requirements as for a Master Mason stated above. A WIDOW OF A MASTER MASON may apply for admission, providing her deceased husband met the above admission requirements at the time of his death. Admission priority is given to Master Masons or Master Masons and their dependent wives.

A Master Mason living outside the state of Iowa may apply for admission providing he is a member of an Iowa lodge.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO TURN OVER ANY ASSETS OR TO MAKE ANY DOWN PAYMENT AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE AS A RESIDENT OF THE HOME.

Application forms are available by contacting the Administrator, Rowley Memorial Masonic Home, East Willis Avenue, Perry, Iowa 50220.



Resident rooms are all designed for two persons; however, arrangements can be made for single occupancy when room is available. We furnish wholesome family style meals, complete maid service including all bed linens, towels and wash cloths, and personal laundry service.

Health and physical condition, not age, are factors in eligibility for admission.

The Rowley Home is licensed by the Iowa State Department of Health for a 54 bed residential facility and a 20 bed infirmary. The infirmary is available for those residents who require either temporary or permanent infirmary care. Therefore, no residents are admitted directly to the infirmary, except in extreme cases where the wife of a qualified Mason requires this level of care, and it is determined by the Trustees that she should not be separated from her husband.



MAIN DINING ROOM

Wholesome family style meals are served by a trained dietary staff.



INFIRMARY DINING ROOM

Meals are delivered to the infirmarium residents in a heated/chilled food cart to provide the same nourishing meals served in the main dining room.



NURSES STATION

Nursing services, under the supervision of a registered nurse, are provided by a staff of licensed practical nurses and certified nurse aides on a 24-hour basis.



LOUNGES AND RECREATION

Adequate lounge space is provided on each floor for the enjoyment of the residents. In addition, a full-time Activity Director is employed to coordinate many entertaining activities such as movies, bingo, crafts, van rides and parties.



SECOND FLOOR LOUNGE



SOLARIUM



BASEMENT ACTIVITY CENTER

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The fine facilities established and maintained through the generosity of Brother Rowley can undoubtedly be of service to brethren you know. You can help by:

- 1) Bringing a brother Mason, a brother Mason and his wife, or widow of a brother Mason to Perry to see the Home first hand.
- 2) Notifying the Administrator of the Home about a brother Mason, a brother Mason and his wife, or widow of a brother Mason, who may be considering a Home such as ours.
- 3) Obtaining an application form and providing assistance in completion.

The Herman L. Rowley Memorial Trust and Home are recognized by the Internal Revenue as a non-profit, charitable trust and as such, gifts and bequests are tax free both to the donor and the recipient. Those with financial resources are encouraged to consider the merits of the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home as a means of providing an outstanding Masonic Service.

The Trustees, through gifts and bequests to the Herman L. Rowley Memorial Trust, are able to provide excellent service to the residents and a future Home for many brethren.

REMEMBER THE ROWLEY MEMORIAL MASONIC HOME IN YOUR WILL FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF ITS OBJECTIVES AND CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

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**For further information
and application contact:**

**Administrator
Rowley Memorial Masonic Home
East Willis Avenue
Perry, Iowa 50220
Telephone 515-465-5316**