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# *The Hour-Glass*



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## *Masonry in Action . . . Honoring Our Home and Our Parents*

Very shortly, in September, The Nebraska Masonic Home will celebrate a wonderful milestone in our history of caring for elderly Nebraska Masons and their dependents – our 110th birthday. It was in September 1903 that the Francis White mansion opened its doors for the new Masonic Home.

Now, 100 years later, the honored ground on which the White mansion stood is occupied by part of our Alzheimer's/Dementia Special Care Unit and a portion of our Spencer Wing Nursing Care Center for our residents. It is a history of which we can be proud, a tradition of Masonry in Action which united all members of the Craft and their families.

Just as we pause to think about The Masonic Home and the 1,000's of lives it has touched in those 110 years, we salute our residents with special events on Mother's Day and Father's Day each year.

Of course, no celebration is complete without the pictures which remind us of these special times and add to the annals of history.

The heritage of The Nebraska Masonic Home and the well being of its residents are intertwined. Even as we honor our parents on their special days, we think about The Home and its continuing actions to improve the service to our residents.

Our new addition for dining/activity rooms is complete and the renovated 1924 Wing with apartments, guest rooms, and storage areas will be complete by the time you read this edition of The Hour-Glass. We are looking forward to the upcoming cornerstone ceremony.

Masonry in Action . . . honoring The Nebraska Masonic Home and its residents.

Thank you for your heartfelt support of this cause. 



### *Celebrating Father's Day*



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## Greetings from Mary C. Stapp



Hello to all of our readers. So much has happened here at The Home in the last couple of months it is hard to know where to start. I am so excited to finally share with you that our two-year construction/renovation project is finally coming to an end. The finishing touches are being done, and we are

busy furnishing areas that have been part of the renovation project. Everything looks beautiful.

We have been honored to show off our new surroundings to many Masonic friends who have come to The Masonic Home for a delicious home-cooked meal and a tour.

On April 22 we had 22 guests from



Florence Lodge who were the first large outside group to be served in our new 2nd Floor Dining Room. It was a great evening.

On April 30 we hosted 53 guests from Arbor Valley Shine Club and Tangier Shrine. It was so nice to have so



much space. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal, the fellowship and the new dining room.

On June 4 Narcissus Kensington brought their traditional yumburgers and picnic buffet for our residents and staff.

As always, they were



welcomed and everyone enjoyed the delicious food and our guests.



June 14th brought 65 visitors from Sesostris Shrine Cruis'n Classics Car Club from the Lincoln area. These guests arrived in 32 beautiful show cars. What a treat for our residents and employees to see so many guests

and enjoy a car show. It was an impressive sight.

We are all looking forward to our future guests over the summer months. Remember that you are all welcome to call and schedule a visit to The Masonic Home. Please call soon . . . we are so proud of our updated surroundings and want to share the changes with all of you.



A day we had all been looking forward to was Saturday, June 1 . . . the day our first resident was admitted to one of our newly-renovated apartments. Lunetta was welcomed and admitted by Christine, LPN/

Assisted Living Coordinator; and Amanda, Med Aide. We all welcome Lunetta and look forward to three of the other new apartments that have been spoken for being occupied in the new few weeks.

This huge construction/renovation project that is nearing an end will benefit The Masonic Home residents, families, and employees in the years to come. We are all proud to have been involved in this project and excited to see the residents reap the benefits.

Come see us soon so you can share in our excitement. 🏠

*Mary C. Stapp*

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Executive Director



## Celebrating Mother's Day



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*“This is the place to be if you can’t be at home . . . ”*

## *Meet Katherine Hobscheidt*



**K**atherine Hobscheidt has lived within a few miles of The Nebraska Masonic Home all her life, so when the decision was made for her to leave her home in nearby Murray it only seemed appropriate for her to move here with us. And besides, her four children and their families live nearby as well so visits by them on Mother’s Day did much to brighten this resident’s day.

Katherine was born in an Omaha hospital in 1922, and her family lived in the village of Cedar Creek. She attended the elementary school in Cedar Creek and then graduated from Louisville High School in 1939. Following graduation she taught in small rural schools in the Louisville area for a few years.

On Saturday nights in the early 1940’s young people flocked to the streets of Plattsmouth to see and be seen, and on one of those social occasions she met a young farmer from south of Plattsmouth, Henry Hobscheidt. They fell in love and were married in the Catholic Church in Plattsmouth in 1944. Henry served his country in the Army, ending up with occupying forces in Japan.

He sent his wife a set of china from Japan.

Henry and Katherine had settled on a 240 acre farm in the Murray area in 1944 and lived on the same farm for 57 years. Their three sons and one daughter were born and raised there. Katherine busied herself in the activities of a farm wife, particularly enjoying her many plants on the sun porch, playing pinochle and serving as a member of the Murray Homemakers’ Extension Club.

In 2001 they moved to a home in Murray, ending nearly six decades on the old homestead. Henry passed away in that year as well.

About 10 years later it was felt that Katherine should move to a retirement facility. It was then that Katherine benefitted from the masonic membership in Springfield Lodge #112 of her brother, Kenneth R. Meisinger. Her children, certainly aware of The Nebraska Masonic Home and its standing in the community, contacted Mary Stapp. The rest, as they say, is history.

“This is certainly the place to be if you can’t be at home;” says Katherine, “the people here are wonderful and will do anything for you.”

Katherine and Henry’s four children live close by in Syracuse, Weeping Water, Murray, and Union. Katherine’s daughter, Mary, brought her flowers just before Mother’s Day and the three sons Pat, Don, and Mike were here to join in our Mother’s Day celebration.

The family home in Murray is up for sale, and an auction of most of the furnishings is planned. The beloved grandfather clock is coming to grace Katherine’s quarters at The Home.

And a set of china from Japan will be dealt with as well. “Let’s see who wants it,” Katherine says “that will certainly be interesting.” ☒



Katherine and her children at her 90th birthday party.

# The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation



Dear Friends,

Have you ever thought about what **your legacy** will be?

What **people** and what **events** in your life **hold the most meaning** for you?

What **people** and **organizations** do you want to **benefit from your time** here on earth?

If your answers to any of these questions are Masonic in nature, I'm asking you to consider including **The Nebraska Masonic Home in your will** in one of the following ways:

1. state a specific **amount** in your will, e.g., \$10,000
2. leave a **percentage** of your estate, e.g., 25% or
3. leave the **residuum** of your estate to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Nebraska Masonic Home has been in existence for **110 years** because of kind, caring, compassionate Masons and their families like you who have made it a priority to support The Home and its mission.

**Please join us in celebrating 110 years of kindness by making a donation.**

Wishing you a fun-filled summer!

*Jo Peters*

Jo Peters  
Foundation Director



P.S. Making a **Bequest** could be the single, most important charitable gift you ever make . . . all it takes is a quick phone call to your lawyer to add a charitable gift to your will! Why not call yours today?





## Thank you

To all of our wonderful donors who responded to our landscape appeal this spring, we want to say “thank you” again! The residents and staff are thrilled to see the landscape begin to take shape. The plants, shrubs, and trees are beautiful. Your response to our request was heartwarming!




## Caring Club Update

Remember . . . now is the time to commit to being a member of the 2013 Caring Club. The cut-off date is August 31st.

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 consecutive year of membership.
2. Caring Club Gifts of \$500 or more will be acknowledged with the above plaque and an invitation to the annual Donor Recognition Event which will be held Sunday, October 20th this fall.

Please mark your Caring Club gifts as Caring Club, Caring Club Memorial, or Caring Club Honorarium.

The Caring Club was established to enable people to help The Home continue its mission of providing loving, dignified nursing care for elderly Masons and their families. A gift from you will continue that tradition. 

## A Caring Testimonial . . .



*Paul and Donna Eveland  
Ames, NE*

“Supporting The Nebraska Masonic Home is a tradition handed down through my family. After all these years The Home is still a top quality facility. Should the occasion ever arise, this facility is a home that Donna and I would enjoy.”

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