



# The Nebraska Masonic Home

## *Sands through* **The Hour-Glass**



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Front Porch 1952 Wing



Front Door 1952 Wing

## Your Donations Hard At Work

Many times we make donations to our favorite charities or the organizations we belong to because we know it is the right thing to do. We want you to know how important your donations are to our residents who are your friends, family members, and Masonic brothers and sisters. Your donation dollars have allowed us to complete these major projects in 2017-2018: a complete remodel of the Nursing Care tub room, the installation of a new whirlpool tub with a chairlift in the Alzheimer's/ Dementia Special Care Unit, the removal and

replacement of the front porch with added safety lighting, the replacement of the doors of the main entrance of the 1952 Wing and the north door of the 1924 Wing with beautiful new energy efficient doors, and finally the removal and replacement of the employee parking lot due to a huge sink hole. The Nebraska Masonic Home takes pride in keeping up with repairs throughout the facility in order to continue a century long tradition of providing our residents with a safe and secure home. ***Thank you for your continued support . . . your generosity is very much appreciated.***



Employee Parking Lot



New Tub in the Special Care Unit



3rd Floor Remodeled Tub Room

## Meet Dottie Engle . . . A Farm Girl from North Carolina!



Dottie Engle grew up on a farm in Bailey, North Carolina where they raised tobacco, cotton and corn as well as cattle and hogs. This sharecropper family moved about a half a dozen times before Dottie turned 18.

As one of 13 children, she was number 8 and first in her family to

graduate from high school. Her dad didn't believe in education as he needed his children to work on the farm. Dottie remembers when the school principal came to talk to her dad about keeping a couple of her brothers in school. Her dad told the principal, "I don't care about education. I need those boys to help work the farm." That was the last they saw of the principal!

After graduation Dottie moved to Washington, D.C. to live with her sister and help care for her young niece. It was a huge adjustment to move from a small sharecropper farm to the big city. Her first job was a cashier at a shoe store. Next was a much different job with the National Security Agency. This was not an easy job to obtain. It involved a very difficult test and a thorough background check for top secret clearance so she could handle classified government information. The job required learning the Russian alphabet and cryptography. While she was being cleared, she and a few other girls worked in a small room where a Navy Chief came around two to three times a day to teach them how to operate the machines. When the Chief wasn't looking, all the girls taught her to play canasta!

Dottie met her husband John when she worked at the National Security Agency. John was a lithographer for the NSA; he printed maps for the purpose of reconnaissance. It didn't take them long to know they were meant for each other. They were engaged within six months.

The two went back to North Carolina to get married in Dottie's hometown country church and then returned to D.C. John got orders to go to Wiesbaden, Germany, and Dottie followed five months later. They lived there for three years and then John was stationed at Offutt AFB in Bellevue, Nebraska. They were then assigned for two years to Westover AFB in Massachusetts. They had a love for Nebraska and felt very fortunate when they were able to come back to Offutt so they could raise their family in Plattsmouth.

Dottie was a very active stay-at-home mother caring for their three girls Brenda, Diane and Melanie. She loved to play bridge and was on a bowling league for many years. Dottie came across a team of slow pitch softball players that she liked watching in Plattsmouth. It brought back memories of herself as a young girl playing baseball with her brothers. One day she got up the nerve to ask if she could play with them. The coach said yes, and she played until she was 51 years of age. As families do . . . her's kept growing, and now she has 12 grandkids and 10 great grandkids!

John was active military until 1970 when he retired, but then he went back to Offutt as a civil servant doing the same work as before. He was in his fifties when he had a heart attack, but eventually he needed to retire. He didn't ever feel like he missed his job too much as he was very passionate about cars. He brought a 1929 REO automobile back from Pennsylvania with hopes to restore it . . . so those retirement years brought him happiness tinkering with old cars.



John became a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in 1975. The Engle's were very familiar with The Nebraska Masonic Home so several years ago they began planning for a move to apartment living at The Masonic Home. By the time that was about to become a reality, John's health had taken a turn for the worse . . . but since The Home has a continuum of care with both apartment living and nursing care, John and Dottie were able to make a move that was the best for both of them. Dottie moved to an apartment and John to nursing care in October of 2017. Shortly thereafter, John passed away. Now Dottie is glad that move came when it did . . . she no longer has the worries of a home, and she is happy and settled in her apartment where she is close to her family and friends. We are so glad Dottie decided on The Masonic Home for her new forever home.

Come by sometime, pull up a chair and Dottie will tell you all about the advantages of her new home and will also talk you into playing a game of bridge. Watch out . . . she's a pro!



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Dear Friends,

## Have you ever been in front of a speaker you had trouble hearing?

*Do you like live entertainment or maybe historical depictions of famous people?*

The Home has a wide variety of entertainment from *Elvis*, to *Teddy Roosevelt*, to *Husker sporting events*. . . these are just a few speakers and special events that we offer. All these things have one thing in common. ***They require a sound system and video equipment.***

After many years of use and more events than you can possibly imagine our ***sound and video system is just worn out.*** We have had several presenters request we not contact them to schedule presentations due to our equipment issues. It is time to replace and upgrade our system. It is vital that we have quality equipment that is user friendly and dependable.

***Do we want to keep our facility and the activities we provide to our residents the best they can possibly be?*** I believe the answer to this is **YES!!!** For this upgrade we need to ***raise \$20,000*** to ensure the presentations we bring in can be enjoyed by our residents for many years to come.

***Your friends, family members, brothers and sisters at The Nebraska Masonic Home deserve an active social life. Our entertainment and special events are a priority for our residents.*** I look forward to your help making this project a reality.

Sincerely,

*Steven R. Barchus*

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Foundation Director



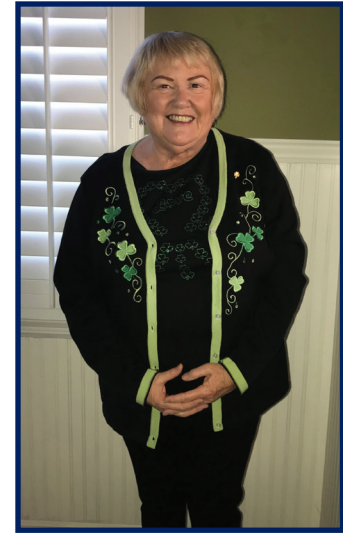
*P.S. After Winter, Spring breathes a new life into us. Wishing you happiness, love and laughter this Spring and all the days that follow.*



## HAPPENINGS AT THE HOME



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



“My mother-in-law, Arlene Kikendall, was taken care of by The Home. By keeping the Masonic dues up to date she was able to receive wonderful care for many years.”

—Patricia Kikendall

*Murrieta, CA*

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