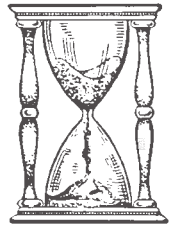




The Nebraska Masonic Home

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About

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

We are a continuing care retirement community located near historical downtown Plattsmouth.

Our Home has been successfully serving Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters for 116 years.

Independent Living
Assisted Living
24 - Hour Nursing Care
*and Alzheimer's/
Dementia Care*

We invite

you to come for a personal visit of our beautiful Home. All Lodges and Chapters are welcome to come for a tour and a visit with the residents. Please contact Chris Abbott Admissions Coordinator at 402-296-7302 or cabbott@nemh.net

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Nurse Call Upgrade in Final Stages . . .

Thank you to each of you for the monetary support that you have given to The Masonic Home to make the Nurse Call Upgrade possible. This vital system is a must for resident comfort and safety as well as employee efficiency.

One of the upgrades you helped provide is voice communication between the nurse and the resident in his/her room. This is a real comfort to the residents as the residents are able to talk to the nurse immediately.

The new pendants are lighter and similar in appearance to an iPhone watch and are equipped with GPS. They give the exact location of the resident wearing it when it is alarmed. We have residents that enjoy walking outside . . . the pendants will provide an extra sense of security for the residents and the nursing staff. *Thank you for making this possible.*

We live in a technological world which is always changing . . . the new nurse call upgrade will definitely help our nursing staff to better serve the Masons and their eligible female relatives that call The Nebraska Masonic Home their home.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity to this project and our residents.

Mary Russell
Executive Director



SPRING



Don Andrews . . . Entrepreneur and Mason



From son to sailor to entrepreneur to Mason . . . Don Andrews has led a life of adventure. Donald Andrews was born and raised in Fremont, Nebraska. He graduated from high school in 1948 and then attended two years of college before joining the Navy.

During those school years he worked for his uncle at the local Dairy Queen in Wahoo. That is where he met the love of his life . . . a beautiful Bohemian girl named Mary Bordovsky.

They married in San Diego, California, in 1951 as that is where Don was stationed. In 1954 following his 4-year stint in the Navy, Don thought he might want to live in California for about one day. As they drove to Los Angeles the traffic made them reconsider that decision. California was not for the Andrews'. They headed right back to Nebraska through the very hot desert with a toddler and a very pregnant Mary in a 1953 Plymouth that didn't have air conditioning.

After arriving in Nebraska they camped with Don's grandmother for a couple of weeks while they looked for a place to live, and Don went to work for the Chicago NW Railroad. This job would also take them away from the Fremont area as it was in Chicago. That lasted two weeks when Don requested a transfer to Winona, Minnesota. One week in Winona, and Don was "saved by the bell" . . . Northwestern Bell in Omaha, Nebraska. Don was a dedicated phone company employee for the next 33 years.

During his years at Northwestern Bell he traveled to New York City where he bought ties from a vendor on the street for \$1. The tie idea stuck with him. Don was definitely an entrepreneur so he contacted John Wiebe, the original real estate developer of the Westroads Mall, and asked about renting some space. He was one of the first stores in the mall with his new endeavor the "Imperial Tie Shop". After seven years, he sold the shop.

Upon retiring from Northwestern Bell, Don opened a business called Safeguard Security Systems. This business later expanded to include a couple of partners, and a new company was formed called Interior Communications, Inc. which had two subsidiary companies Safeguard Security Systems and Liberty Phone Company. Don eventually sold those companies and went into business with his son. They opened All Star Batting Range at 91st and Center in Omaha.

Don and Mary had two sons, Ron and Steven. Ron worked for UPS for 40 years and then opened the All Star Batting Range with his father, Don. Ron and his wife have three children and four grandchildren. Steven was a programmer for 15 years and his wife, Sheri, is the President of The Lozier Company in Omaha. Steven and his wife have two children and three grandchildren. The whole Andrews family lives in the Omaha area for which Don is very thankful.

Amidst an active family and work life, Don found time to be involved fraternally. He has been a Mason in Fremont Lodge No. 15 for 64 years, as well as a life member of DeMolay and Scottish Rite, member of the Shrine, Legion of Honor Shrine, and Royal Order of Jesters.

Last Spring, Don knew he had to make a call to The Nebraska Masonic Home where he could depend on The Home's team to help him make the necessary plans to provide Mary with the proper nursing care. Don knew he was making the right decision because he had firsthand knowledge of The Masonic Home's reputation from serving as a member of the Board of Trustees some years ago. Don wasn't disappointed . . . from his first phone call to the day Mary moved in . . . Don was pleased. Soon after Mary was settled in the nursing care area, Don moved to one of the new apartments to be close to Mary.

Just like Mary and Don enjoyed the closeness of a couple and their loving family, so does the team at The Masonic Home . . . they work side by side to provide a "peace of mind" experience for residents and family members. The Home offers a continuum of care under one roof . . . independent apartment living, assisted living, and nursing care.

Don continues to make The Masonic Home his home even after Mary's passing. Mary was a beautiful and happy person, and Don honors her memory with a positive outlook on life. He enjoys the new friends he's made and looks forward to a few new adventures along the way. Everything he needs is right here in Plattsmouth.

As a former Board member and now a resident of The Nebraska Masonic Home, Don encourages others to contact Chris Abbott, Admissions Coordinator at (402) 296-7302, to schedule a visit for a tour. The Masonic Home has a lot to offer a couple looking to start a new chapter in their lives.

Don Andrews' Family seated: Steven, the late Mary Andrews and Jessica standing: Ron, Jean, Don, Elvis and Sheri



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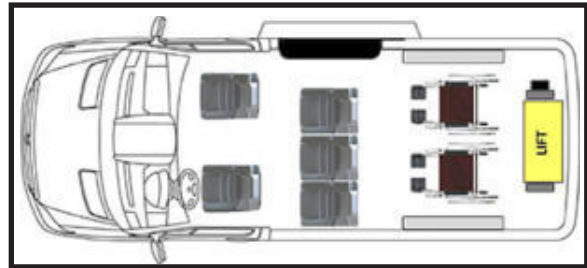
Dear Friends,

We all like to have reliable and comfortable vehicles for transportation . . . especially when Nebraska is your place of residence! Now **imagine it's cold, hot, snowing, raining, or hailing** and you must depend on someone else to transport you to a doctor's appointment . . . wouldn't you like loading and unloading to be a smooth carefree process? **Our residents deserve that carefree process.**

It's hard to believe, but it is time to replace and upgrade the 2014 Dodge van we use to transport residents to doctor appointments. Our current resident transport van has 90,000 miles on it which are all stop and go miles in town.

With **your help** we would like to purchase a brand new **2018 Ford Transit 150**. This will make it easier on our staff to load and unload residents for medical appointments. This van will be fully customized to allow for **the transport of residents** and key supplies like oxygen, first aid kits, and emergency supplies. We will be able to transport two wheelchair residents and three passenger residents at the same time. Currently we are only able to transport two wheelchair and one passenger resident.

Because of the specialized flooring system that can be **quickly** configured in a variety of ways, loading residents will be quicker, easier, and more efficient. The transportation coordinator will be able to stand in this van rather than constantly bend over to load, unload, and secure residents in the van. The van also has a **rear lift** rather than a rear ramp which can become slick in the winter months.



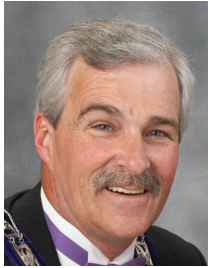
Our current van is in constant need of **maintenance**. To prevent downtime which causes cancelled appointments that must be rescheduled and the inability to transport residents to needed medical appointments, it is time to upgrade our van.

After a couple of trade-ins and a **generous \$14,000 donation** . . . we have decreased the amount needed for this project from over \$50,000 to **\$30,000**. With help from friends like you we can make this purchase possible. Your kindness and generosity have always been **amazing**. We hope you will find this project worthy of **your support**.

A gift no matter how big or how small will make a **huge difference** in the lives of our residents and staff. Thank you again for all you do for **The Nebraska Masonic Home**.

Steven R. Barchus
Foundation Director

Meet our New Board Members



"I believe The Nebraska Masonic Home to be a Jewel in Nebraska Masonry, allowing Nebraska Masons to fulfill their Masonic Obligations with Pride. The Home is an amazing retirement home, unlike any other and with the great staff and board will continue to be well into the future." — Ron Nielsen

"I have long admired and appreciated The Nebraska Masonic Home, one of the crown jewels of our fraternity. As one who has plans for my wife and I, when the time comes, to reside there, I am pleased to spend some time and talent to assist the maintenance and safety of The Home by serving on its Board of Trustees." — Rick Myers



Patriotism Prevails . . .



The residents and staff of The Nebraska Masonic Home are so thankful to Don and Mary Andrews for their donation of a 35 foot flag pole. We are proud to be able to display the United States flag, the Nebraska flag, and of course, the Husker flag when appropriate!

The flag pole and the United States flag were donated by Don and Mary in memory of those who have so bravely served our nation.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE HOME



Don Grazier . . . The Home



"Yes, we are mostly older people, but that isn't our only reason to be here. The Home, it is more than a group of residents and staff, we are a family. As a resident we are afforded the greatest care you can ask for. Whether it be health, maintenance, dietary or activities. Everyone is concerned about our needs and well-being. If you need assistance, all you need to do is ask!" — Don Grazier

The Nebraska Masonic Home, Rest In Peace



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