

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Sands through

The Hour-Glass

Mary Russell our Executive Director is Retiring!

We wish her endless days of relaxation and hope retirement brings her the opportunity to fill her time with everything she enjoys!

Friends,



On December 31, 2021, I will be retiring and saying goodbye to everyone at The Nebraska Masonic Home I have had the privilege of working with for the last 17 years. First as Nursing Home Administrator then from 2016 to 2021 as the Executive Director/Nursing Home Administrator.

It has been a privilege to be a part of the amazing team that makes up The Masonic Home family. I have always been proud of all the employees that commit themselves to caring for the residents and The Home. They have made The Home the exceptional facility that it is and will continue to be.

The residents become an extended family to all of us and I will miss them so much. Knowing the wonderful lives they have lived and continue to live at the Home is due to our great team of employees. I commend each employee for his or her part in making The Masonic Home what it is today.

It has been a pleasure to have worked with the gentlemen that make up the Board of Trustees for The Home. So many brilliant minds with the same goals for the continuation of The Masonic Home for the wonderful people that live here.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve The Nebraska Masonic Home. It has been an honor for which I am very grateful.

I am going to enjoy my next step in life . . . some adventures while traveling, definitely relaxing, and watching sunsets. The sunrises, I hope to sleep through!

I wish everyone a wonderful 2022.

**Mary Russell
Executive Director**



A Legacy of Excellence

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC



Dear Friends,

Fall is in the air, football season is in full swing, hockey has started, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. We all have so much to be thankful for and one of those things we are thankful for are donors like you.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is 118 years old, and 100 percent funded by our Masonic Family and friends. With pride we talk about and show off our wonderful Home. One of **The Home's** jewels is our Special Care Unit (SCU). This wing is specifically dedicated for our friends and family with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The cornerstone was laid in 2000 and has become one of our crown jewels of **The Nebraska Masonic Home**. Even crown jewels need a little attention from time to time. We currently have a need to replace most of the furniture in this wing. We not only need attractive and comfortable furniture, but we need furniture that can withstand heavy resident and visitor use and is easily cleaned. This comes with a price. The more we raise for this project, the nicer we can make this wing for our residents, friends, and family.



*Examples of furniture that are covered in performance fabrics that are cleanable and wipeable.
Furniture made especially for Senior Living.*

The Masonic world is filled with great charities and causes to support. This is one that will directly affect our Brothers, Sisters, family, and friends. **Faith, Hope, and Charity** are the cornerstones of our institution. We have a strong "Faith" in God. We "Hope" you will give us support. And remember that "Charity" extends beyond the grave.

We all know people effected by Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. It's an awful disease for the person with it as well as their family, and friends. We want to give our residents in the SCU the very best care and facility possible. This is not just something that should happen, it is absolutely **something our friends deserve**. With your help we can make this wish a dream that comes true. Remember, the more support you give the more things are made possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Because of your generosity we can make **The Nebraska Masonic Home** the very best home for all our residents. The next year will be filled with more challenges. I know you will help us continue to beat whatever challenges await us.

I wish you all the very best health, a fabulous Thanksgiving, a tremendous Holiday season, and a fantastic 2022.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Barchus
Foundation Director



Meet Maxine Bohaboy



Maxine grew up in the Czech community of Prague, Nebraska. Her parents were Anton and Molly Bohaboy. Anton's family came to the U.S. when Anton was 12 years old and they settled on a farm in Stanton, Nebraska. Molly was born and raised in Weston, Nebraska. The two met at a picnic and later married and moved to Prague. Maxine's dad was the town veterinarian and Molly was a homemaker.

The veterinary clinic was based out of their home, so Maxine grew up with all kinds of animals around her. In order to spend special time with her dad Maxine went along with her dad on many of his veterinarian calls. She said as she got older that he would let her drive and those words were spoken and shared with a twinkle in her eye! The two of them referred to the area of Prague as the Bohemian Alps! She would drive them to the top of the hill, put the car into neutral, and coast all the way back down. Boy what a ride!

Maxine remembers that her dad had the opportunity of a life time in 1927. The American Legion had their National Convention in New York City and offered people like Anton a discounted ticket to go back and see their home country. It was a wonderful experience for which he was very appreciative.

Maxine's family spoke only Czech in their home so when she got to kindergarten, she had to learn English. She attended Prague from elementary through high school.

Maxine was involved in many activities. While growing up in Prague she joined the Prague Drum & Bugle Corps as a drummer. They performed for local and state fairs and many other events. For Maxine it was a great way to get out of town and see other places, meet new people, and have different experiences.

Then came the decisions that were to last a life time . . . she had an older friend in high school who had gone on to Iowa State to get her degree in Home Economics and then became a Dietician. So for Maxine, there was no question what she wanted to be . . . being a dietician was calling her name. Maxine went to the University of Nebraska Lincoln to get her bachelor's degree in Home Economics and officially became a registered dietician in 1949.

After college graduation Maxine taught high school home economics for one year in Eagle, Nebraska, and then for a year in her hometown of Prague. As life does, everything moved forward and Maxine was off to a one-year internship at the Veteran's Hospital in Houston, Texas. Maxine came back from Texas and applied for a job as a clinical dietician at a hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she worked until her retirement 31 years later.

Maxine belonged to the American Home Economics Association, the American Dietician Association and was President of the Nebraska Dietician Association. She was also eligible to be a member of the Legion Auxiliary because of her father's service in World War I.

Maxine's father was a member of North Bend Lodge No. 219 which made her eligible to apply for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home. So in January of 2019 after 95 years of being a strong independent woman with a successful career and wanderlust in retirement, Maxine decided to make The Nebraska Masonic Home her home. She is so glad that she did . . . she was able to make the move with the help of two very good friends who encouraged her the whole way. Maxine is glad to be rid of the myriad of chores and maintenance that weighs a homeowner down. Now she looks out the window during each of the four seasons and enjoys the beauty of the landscape rather than dreading the chores that come with home ownership.

Maxine encourages you to come for a visit to see The Home and the friends that she so enjoys. It was a move that Maxine has never regretted.



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HAPPENINGS AT THE HOME



REGULAR AUTOMATIC GIVING

Do you support The Nebraska Masonic Home?

Would you like to? We can help take the hassle out of donating to The Home. You can make *monthly, quarterly, or annual donations* automatically on our website. Go to our website at www.thenebraskamasonichome.org and *hit the donate button*. Make your life easier while helping The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Mission Statement

The Nebraska Masonic Home is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of its residents by offering a continuum of care through gracious assisted living and quality nursing care to eligible members of the Masonic family.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



I have fond memories as a child of celebrating each Christmas season at The Masonic Home handing out presents to the residents. These programs add to the exceptional care provided by The Home to members of our Masonic family. By supporting The Home each month, we can help ensure that The Home is able to continue activities that enhance the lives of all residents.

John and Laura Herbolsheimer
Omaha, NE

About

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

We are a continuing care retirement community located near historical downtown Plattsmouth. We have served our Masonic family for 118 years. We offer:

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

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