

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

A Legacy of Excellence

The Hour-Glass

Happy Holidays from The Home!
Thank you to all our donors.
Because of you our residents are
enjoying joyous holidays!

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Message from the Executive Director



Greetings from Plattsmouth!

The frenzy of fall has subsided. Pumpkins have been carved, fall flowers have been planted, and cozy sweaters have been pulled out from storage. The Halloween candy has been polished off and now it is time to take a deep breath of crisp air and settle into November.

November, a holiday month that is without the hurried rush of Christmas. November, a time spent with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving traditions and moments to reflect on all that makes you grateful and thankful.

Here at The Nebraska Masonic Home, we are grateful and thankful for a multitude of moments this year.

First, we are grateful and thankful for our residents, families, friends, employees, and our donors. Without you, we would not be who we are.

We are thankful and grateful for our parties. Any reason to enjoy great company, great food, and great entertainment is a party to us.

We are grateful and thankful for our outings. The Above and Beyond account supported by our donors has given us the opportunity to experience moments such as the Van Gogh exhibit, a baseball game at Werner Park, outings to the Old Market, thrift shopping, dining experiences, movies at the theater, and the list goes on.

We are grateful and thankful for the pets that visit us. Lacey, Rosie and Loki; you three have become paw-fect family members of The Home.

We are grateful and thankful for our activities from happy hours to crafts to shucking corn to waterslides to Husker parties . . . our days are never boring.

We are grateful and thankful for the moments that we, at The Home can give back which includes The Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, the Cass County Fair, Harvest Festival, hosting COVID vaccine clinics, flu shot clinics and blood drives; these events gave us the opportunity to give back.

We are thankful and grateful for the Lodges and Chapters that visit The Home.

Lastly, we are grateful and thankful for the COVID restrictions that have been lifted by the CDC and CMS. It has been a long time since we had moments of seeing each other's faces and smiles.

Wishing you all a grateful and thankful
Holiday Season!

April Johnston
Executive Director

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 female relatives for 119 years.

Did you know that The Nebraska Masonic Home offers Independent Living Apartments to Masons and their female family members that qualify?

Floor Plans

Double Bedroom Apartment



302 Sq. Ft.

Large One Bedroom Apartment



657 Sq. Ft.

Single Bedroom Apartment



575 Sq. Ft.

Two Bedroom Apartment



820 Sq. Ft.

Amenities

- Beauty/Barber Shop
- Billiard Room
- Cable, Wi-Fi & Phones Provided in Every Room
- Exercise Room
- Family Room
- Weekly Housekeeping & Laundry Services
- Weekly Worship Services
- Monthly Wellness Screening
- Nurse and Pendant Call Systems
- Social, Recreational & Educational Programs
- Scheduled Transportation for Medical Appointments
- Three Nutritious Meals Served Daily
- Use of All Common Areas
- Walk-in Shower with Safety Bars

Contact Chris Abbott, Admissions Coordinator,
to schedule a tour or request info,
(402)296-7362 or cabbott@nemh.net



Meet Ray and Sandy Bally . . .

This fun-loving couple who was born and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri, found their way to Nebraska through Ray's jobs relating to the trucking industry. They've come a long way since they met at a high school basketball game when Sandy was a sophomore and Ray had just recently returned from serving his country in Korea. In 1958 they married and are still in love after all these years. The smiles they have for each other tell the story of their love and devotion to each other. They are blessed to have a son, a daughter, and a grandson in the Omaha area.

During their working years Sandy raised their children, worked full-time and held down the fort at home while Ray's job had him traveling. During his work-related travels, Ray was fortunate to meet many good folks along the way. Perhaps those folks were the ones that were fortunate as Ray has never met a stranger. He is a people person who

draws folks together wherever he goes and cheerfully supports his family, Capitol Lodge #3, fellow veterans, and residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Sandy is always right by his side in all things. They are a couple that was meant to be and celebrated their 64th anniversary this year.

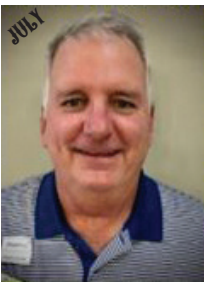
Retirement years didn't slow them down at all . . . they continue to do what they do best by supporting others in their kind and compassionate ways by drawing others into their fold and making the day brighter for everyone they meet. They are a bright light for friends and family alike.

So when it came time to think about where they wanted to live when some health issues became a concern, Ray and Sandy knew the best choice for them was assisted living at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Everything they need is right here.

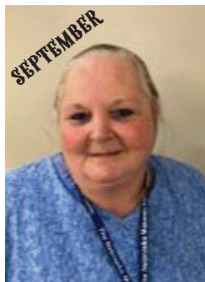
If you need a personal reference for what The Nebraska Masonic Home is all about and what it can do for you, stop by for a visit with Ray and Sandy . . . you'll be glad you did, and you'll make two good friends at the same time. And don't be surprised if you are invited to watch the Huskers play football, volleyball, or basketball with these die hard Husker fans. For this couple it's GO BIG RED all the way!



Employee of the Month



Bill Roux



Ruth Storm



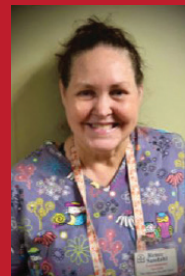
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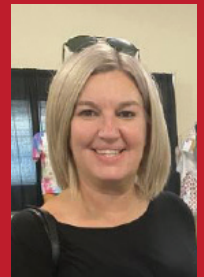
You Are Awesome Monthly Awards



Ruth Storm



Renee Patchin



April Johnston



Message from The Foundation

Giving from your IRA

If you are 70 1/2 and above, you may want to take your Qualified Charitable Distribution and lower your taxable income.

Benefits from giving from your IRA:

- The Nebraska Masonic Home Benefits from your gift today.
- Qualified distributions may count toward the satisfaction of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.
- Donations directly from your IRA do not generate taxable income or a tax deduction. There are no income taxes on the QCD and you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.

Consult your financial advisor today!!!

The distribution should be sent to:
The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation
1300 Avenue D
Plattsmouth, NE 68048



Reference our Federal Tax ID number: 47-0737323

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Donor Spotlight

John Bower

(Senior Past Master Mizpah Lodge)



I have supported The Nebraska Masonic Home for years. It makes me feel good to know that I help make possible an incredible Home like this for our Masonic friends and their female relatives.



RESIDENT ENTERTAINMENT

**Christmas Party
Employees**
Dec. 2
**Tangier Shrine
Chanters**
Dec. 6
Santa Land
Dec. 7
Nutcracker
Dec. 11

**Christmas Party
Long Term Care**
Dec. 15
**Christmas Party
Assisted Living**
Dec. 16
**Christmas Party
Memory Care**
Dec. 20

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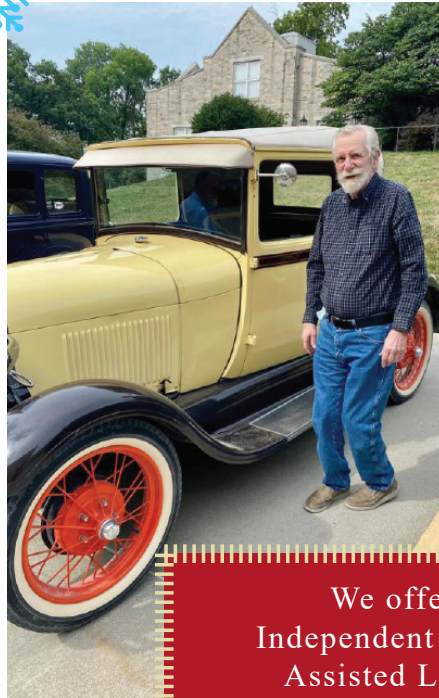
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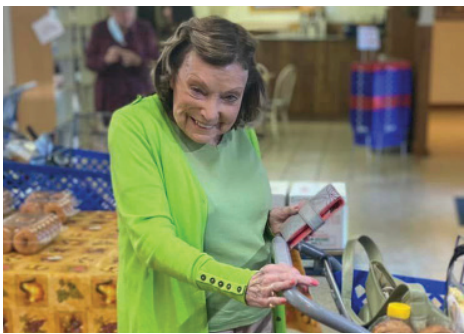
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We offer:
Independent Living
Assisted Living
24-Hour Nursing Care
Memory Care





Dear Friends,

This is my favorite time of the year. Fall starts the season with the beautiful colors of trees and bushes. The crisp cool air reminds us that football season is here, and Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. And of course,

that means the holiday season and the new year are just around the corner.

This is a bustling time of year for everyone. We gather with family and friends. We watch sports and/or eat too much fabulous food. Our hope is for you to gather with your family and friends here at ***The Nebraska Masonic Home*** this season.

We want to make The Home more inviting for residents and guests. **We are listening to our residents** who feel our common areas should be an extension of their rooms where they can enjoy getting out and gathering for coffee, games, the news, and maybe even a movie or two. We want to enhance these areas and make upgrades to the room that has a pool table and other common areas. We want to add activities like shuffleboard and electronic games as well as a couple big screen tv's and an entertainment area with a dry bar and refrigerator. Maybe even splash on a new coat of paint.

With your support we can make this dream a reality.

We want these spaces to feel more like your home on game day. When you get to the point where you want or need to move into a HOME like ours, wouldn't you like a place to go to celebrate and gather with friends and family for games of all types and be social? Who doesn't like Happy Hour! Remember "It's 5 o'clock somewhere." Why not here?

This is where you come in. ***We need your help*** to make our Home more inviting. We want to add comfortable chairs that are easy to get in and out of, tables for conversations and games and a couple of big screen televisions that bring the games and movies to life. How about a sound system that makes the experience like a special outing a place to make a drink or have a soda and relax with friends. You know this place. . . This place is called home.

With your help we can make this vision a reality. After all, it is important to be social and have social interactions every day.

These would be fantastic improvements to The Masonic Home. The bigger the response, the more spectacular we can make these spaces. Our friends who make this their home deserve the absolute best we can provide. Ask yourself, "Would I want this if I lived at The Nebraska Masonic Home?" I think this would be a resounding yes for all of you. We need your help!!!!

I know ***we have fantastic supporters*** out there. I hope you can see the benefit of this project. Make a special gift to The Nebraska Masonic Home. Make a difference in the lives of our residents, families, and friends at The Home. Give today.

I want to thank you in advance and wish you all a fantastic Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

It is hard to believe 2023 is just around the corner. Best wishes to all of you in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Steven R. Barchus
Foundation Director

