



# THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

*A Place to LIVE!*

## *The Hour-Glass*

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### Message from the Executive Director



### Spring: The Season of New Beginnings

Spring is the season in which the natural world revitalizes and reinvigorates after the cold winter months. The days get longer, the sun shines, plants grow and birds chirp. Here at The Nebraska Masonic Home, the season of new beginnings is sprouting.

*A few of the New Beginnings here at The Nebraska Masonic Home:*

Kelli Gregerson, RN joins us as our new Director of Nursing and Kate Glass, LPN joins us as our new Assisted Living Coordinator.



We welcomed three new Board members: Schadd Gray, Joe McBride and Dale Lueders.



*The Nebraska Masonic Home started a new TikTok page.  
Visit @nemasonichome to see our videos!*

The Nebraska Masonic Home is saying good-bye to analog and going digital. A few electronic things implemented:

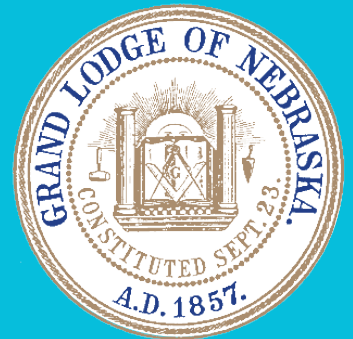


The Nebraska Masonic Home enacted a new admission eligibility requirement policy. See page 2 for more details.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is excited for the beginning of the 2023 Remodel Project . . . the Portico and the Welcome Center.

You can read more about this and see pictures on the Foundation page!

*April Johnston, RN*  
Executive Director



## Your Community, Your Home

The Nebraska Masonic Home is a continuing care retirement home that offers:

Assisted Living Apartments  
Assisted Living Center

Long Term Care  
Memory Care

### How does one qualify?

- Be a Mason in good standing
- Be a female relative of a Master Mason; alive or deceased
- Be a female member of the Order of the Eastern Star

### New Admission Requirements:

- Be a Master Mason or female member of O.E.S. in good standing in Nebraska for 2 years
- Be a Master Mason or female member of O.E.S. from another jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska or Grand Chapter O.E.S. in good standing for 2 years



Questions:

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### Vision Statement

The Nebraska Masonic Home is an innovative and growing community focused on creating and maintaining an atmosphere that reflects vitality, integrity and compassion for our residents and families.

## Meet George and Judy Hunt . . .



George and Judy Hunt formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska are no strangers to Cass and Lancaster Counties here in southeast Nebraska. George was born and raised in Ashland, Nebraska on a farm with his younger sister, Carol where 4-H and FFA were his main activities before graduating from

Ashland High School. Judy was born and raised in Lincoln and was the youngest of 11 children. Instead of putting together a football team with those 11 kids, this family took up dancing. Judy graduated from Lincoln Northeast High School

George served his country in the Army during the 1950's and fun fact . . . George and Elvis Presley were stationed on the same base. Along came the 1960's with George and Judy both being employed at Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Company in Lincoln. Judy as a mail clerk and George in the accounting department in the beginning, but then George became the mailroom manager and was in charge of the printing machine.

They began dating and in April of 1963 these two telephone company employees became husband and wife. They are celebrating 60 years of marriage this month and are blessed to have a lifetime of memories, a wonderfully supportive family including their three children Shari, Gary, and Jenny and an abundance of friends from all walks of life.



George and Judy were both avid bowlers. Judy and her sister also traveled to participate in national bowling tournaments. Since the Masonic Lodge and Shrine were a big part of George's life, he was a member of the Shrine bowling league in Lincoln. It wasn't until years later that George and Judy finally bowled together on a senior league.

George was an active father to his children as he was a Scout Master for many years. He retired from the phone company in 2001 after 42 years of service. His service and years of loyalty were heartily extended to lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine which he joined in 1963. He is a Past Master of Pomegranate Lodge, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite (White Cap) Mason and Past Potentate of Sesostri Shrine. With his quick smile and energetic personality being a Shrine Clown for 20 years was a positive for George. Judy supported George in his endeavors with the Shrine by being a member of Daughters of the Nile.

We are so pleased that when the time came for George and Judy to make the change from independent living in Lincoln, they followed their Masonic ties and chose The Nebraska Masonic Home here in Plattsmouth where there is more than one option available to them for their care needs.

Follow the lead George and Judy made . . . call The Masonic Home for more information. You will be glad you did!



### *Employee of the Month*

January



Tawnya Mohler

February



Karen Edmonds

March



Matt Alexen

### *You Are Awesome*

January



Steve Inserra

February



Carole Meisinger

March



Johnathan Ramirez

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## Company Matching Contributions

Do you want to make a bigger impact on your favorite charities? Check with your employer and see if they do matching contributions. Who does not like a good sale? That is the experience you get. If your employer matches 100%. It is like a two for one sale. Your favorite charity (The Nebraska Masonic Home) benefits with twice your contribution. You can make a bigger contribution by participating in your company's program at no more cost to you.

## Gifts of Retirement Assets:

Designating The Foundation as a beneficiary of all or a specified percentage of your 401(k) or other retirement plan assets can save your estate both income and estate taxes. Additionally, if you are age 70 1/2 or older, you can roll over up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA as a charitable gift and count it toward your required minimum distribution.

## Donor Spotlight



James A. Dodds entered the Masonic family in Wahoo, Nebraska in 1962. His father was a Mason in Buffalo, Texas. Jim and his wife traveled throughout the U.S. until his retirement. He married Barbara in Queens, New York in 1956, and they now live in Covington, Louisiana. He has remained with his Nebraska Masonic family throughout his travels and is pleased to

direct his philanthropic attention to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation.

James and Barbara Dodds, Covington, LA

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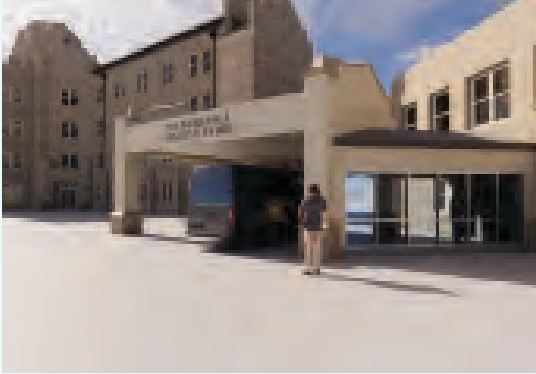




## Winter is Over!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Spring is finally here.** There is still a light chill in the air, but the temperature climbs a little more each day. Before long it will be time to start planting flowers, gardens, fields, and cutting grass.

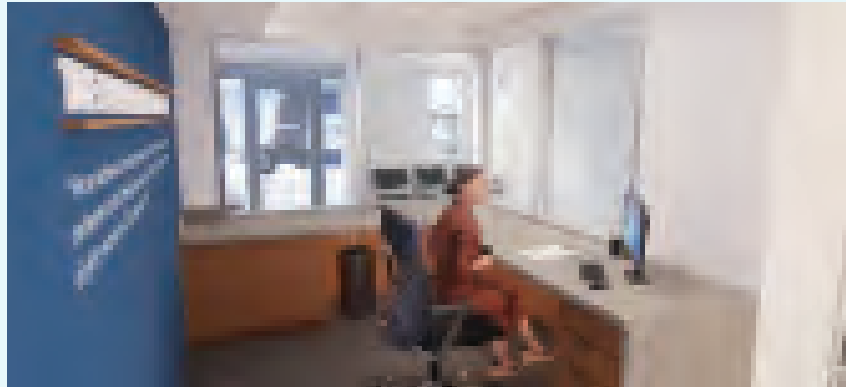
First, let me thank all of you for your outstanding support for our game room project. Your response was the best since I have been working at The Home. You are all amazing and I cannot thank you enough for your outstanding support for **The Home**.



We are so happy to announce **the long-awaited Portico has started and is becoming a reality.** This will be such an improvement to The Home and give our residents and our visitors protection from the wonderful weather we have in Nebraska.

With this spectacular addition being started **we need a welcome center** equally as spectacular. This will be the primary entrance to **The Nebraska Masonic Home. A friendly staff person** will be there to welcome you, help you check in, and give you directions to your destination.

**One important addition will be a bathroom** close to the reception area. For those of you who have traveled a ways or maybe had a little too much coffee on your way, this will help take the urgency of finding a bathroom away from your check-in process. I am sure many of you know exactly what I am talking about.



Originally the Portico was the dream of one of our long-time residents of The Home. He saw a true need and left the starter money in his will for this project. Since then, his dream transformed into a Portico plus Welcome Center. With your help we can complete this project and make the Welcome Center a reality. **I can hardly wait for you to come visit The Home** and see for yourself the fantastic changes.



I would love to come speak to your lodge, chapter, or other group about all the exciting changes going on at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Please call me and schedule a visit soon.

**Thank you again** for all you do for The Nebraska Masonic Home. Your donations will help our Brothers Sisters, Family and Friends receive superior care long into the future.



Sincerely,

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