



**Celebrate . . .** The Nebraska Masonic Home is happy to announce that the portico and welcome center has been named and is officially open to visitors.



**LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



# THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

## THE CORNERSTONE

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### CALENDAR

- MAR. 28      AMERISTAR OUTING

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- MAR. 30      WHEELS & FRIENDS CLOWNS

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- APR. 8      TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

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- MAY 9      MOTHER'S DAY PARTY

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- JUNE 14      FATHER'S DAY PARTY

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- JUNE 28      FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

*Subject to change*

[TheNebraskaMasonicHome.org](http://TheNebraskaMasonicHome.org)



*Grand Opening*

**LORENZEN WELCOME CENTER**



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# “Patio Paradise!”



## LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDATION DIRECTOR



Spring is right around the corner. In Nebraska we like to say one of the nicest weeks in the year. We will be going from cold to blistering hot in the blink of an eye. Have you ever lived or visited somewhere where there is a solid slab of concrete surrounded by bricks or stone? I am sure you remember how incredibly hot that slab of concrete would get. We have a slab of concrete like this at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Just outside of our dining room on the second floor is what could be a beautiful space for our residents and friends to use. The major drawback is that during the summer it is roughly the temperature of the sun. This patio is quite large but very unusable. We want to make this space someplace our residents, families, and friends can use.

The idea is to build a custom pergola with fans and lighting to make this a beautiful outdoor space that can be enjoyed by all . . . an outdoor space to gather, barbecue, and enjoy a cold drink in the evening. I know this is something we look forward to at our house.

Envision, if you will, being surrounded by friends on a mid-summer evening in the middle of a beautiful garden area . . . soft music, the breeze from the fans, and being totally relaxed. Is this something you would enjoy?

These changes will take a space that is currently unusable into something inviting, relaxing, and enjoyable. I can see this as a space to gather for social events . . . have a dance, have an outdoor movie night, or be a fantastic place to relax and enjoy family and friends.

This is another project which will help make The Nebraska Masonic Home more like the home we all want to live in. We need your help to make this idea . . . our dream . . . a reality. We have counted on you in the past to make our dreams come true. We need you and your assistance to make this possible.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for The Home. We hope you will visit soon and see your donations in action. We just had the ribbon cutting and dedication of our new Portico and the Lorenzen Welcome Center. Everyone is excited about the new entrance. I know you will be pleased with what your donations will help accomplish at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Thank you again,

*Steven R. Barchus*  
Foundation Director



COMING SOON  
Chapel  
Game Room  
Hultman Day Room

Donations can be made online at:  
[TheNebraskaMasonicHome.org/ways-to-give](http://TheNebraskaMasonicHome.org/ways-to-give).



# Meet Our Resident Larry McGlade

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Larry's senior year at Thomas Jefferson High School, he had his sights set for the future. He whistled at the beautiful blonde girl at the water fountain, knowing she was the one he wanted to spend the rest of his life with. And, that pretty blonde liked his car! From there, they dated and fell in love. Larry and Elizabeth (Holmberg) were united in marriage on November 19, 1960 in Rock Port, MO. They enjoyed being with each other and taking time to enjoy Larry's fine cars, time with friends and planning their future. Larry worked at Tip Top Products Company and attended Iowa Western Community College with a concentration in law enforcement. Then he attended UNO and earned a Criminal Justice Degree.

After he graduated from Iowa Western Community College, life really began! Their first child was born and Larry joined the Council Bluffs police department in 1965. He had many different jobs within the police department which included street patrol, motorcycle patrol, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and retired as Captain McGlade, with 33 years of service. He was offered the Chief of Police position and turned it down. The job was a valuable life-long learning experience, and he was able to show his children and grandchildren the value of being good citizens and helping others in need. During his career as a police officer, he took on side jobs as a security guard and worked extra shifts at the police department with the STOP and ASAP programs. Larry was also in charge of the SWAT Team and was a Firearms instructor for the Council Bluffs Police Department.

While employed at the Council Bluffs Police Department, Larry saw a need for a funeral home escort service. He bought two brand new cars and started a funeral escort service for Council Bluffs and funeral homes in the surrounding area. Larry was quite the entrepreneur; he also started a sewer and water business. He could fix anything from broken water lines to septic tanks. Due to the extremely long work days, he decided it was time to slow down and sold these businesses. After a short hiatus, he began his next adventure with his wife Elizabeth. Together, they opened a stained glass studio called "The Real Thing" where they taught classes and created custom windows and stained glass features. One of the popular attractions they created is the American Eagle that is still on display at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Club #104 in Council Bluffs.



The McGlades raised two girls; Julianne and Shellie and two boys; Randall and Zane. During the time he was working as a security guard at the Christian Home, Larry met a sibling set of three. Larry and Elizabeth decided together that they would help raise these three children, and they had them for three years. Larry says, "Our home was always full of love, shenanigans, business and fun! We had a good balance and a good foundation, we worked together."

Larry loved spending every moment he could with his wife and children . . . fishing with the boys, family vacations with the camper and tent camping and Larry's shooting competitions. The double feature at the drive-in was a favorite complete with a packed cooler and plenty of popcorn. The family was eager to try new adventures and added goats, geese, ducks, dogs, cats, reptiles, birds and more to their list. A huge family garden kept them busy during the summer, and Larry joined the children in Judo classes.

With all these responsibilities and adventures Larry still found time to devote to civic endeavors. In 1972 he joined Excelsior Lodge No. 377 of Council Bluffs, Iowa and served on the Salvation Army Board of Directors for 15 years.

In September 2022, Larry came to live at The Nebraska Masonic Home where he enjoys working out on the exercise bike, Wii bowling, and attending happy hour and holiday events. We are pleased that Larry decided to join our family at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

## OUR VISION

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.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Joe Willmore  
November



Dawn Alexen  
December



Lacie Kennedy  
January



Chris Halagarda  
February



# A Place to LIVE!

The transition to Memory Care can be a stressful process because it is often a dramatic, life-changing experience for new residents who enter an unknown environment. They encounter unfamiliar faces and routines. The transition can be scary for the resident and family. Many do not know what to expect.

At The Nebraska Masonic Home there is a small community known as the Memory Care. In Memory Care, you will find 14 spacious private rooms, a beauty shop, a kitchen, dining area, a secured outdoor patio and walking path, and common areas for residents, families, and guests to visit.

From the moment you arrive, residents and families are encouraged to feel at home. Staff trained in dementia care greet you and learn about the resident to help make the transition into the Memory Care community as smooth as possible. Your loved one will spend time with the other residents and begin to develop friendships. Our low resident-to-staff ratio shows our dedication to delivering high-quality care that is compassionate, safe, and resident centered.

Our Memory Care services are designed to meet our resident's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Call us today at 402-296-7302



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Mandi Olson  
*December*



April Johnston  
*January*



Vicky Lacy  
*February*

# A PLACE TO LIVE.

Activity. Defined as the quality or state of being vigorous or energetic action; natural or normal function; an active force; a pursuit in which a person is active; a form of organized, supervised, often extracurricular recreation; an organizational unit for performing a specific function.

Love is in the air at The Nebraska Masonic Home. From gnomes stuffed with candied hearts to a rom-com outing to the movies.

**VIEW ACTIVITIES  
ON OUR WEBSITE:**



# A PLACE TO GIVE.

Come explore our fantastic

## UPDATED WEBSITE!!!!!!

Look at our new **REVIEWS** page

You can now leave us **reviews** to let people know about our Home, and help us improve our services.

You can also donate to your favorite Masonic charity. **Donate** today to The Nebraska Masonic Home when you visit our new website at

**thenebraskamasonichome.org**

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Robert and Barbara Alf  
*Elkhorn, NE*

We believe The Nebraska Masonic Home offers its residents a wonderful option for senior living. We see how people thrive in its homey surroundings and enjoy the stimulating activities. The professional staff provides personal and loving care at all stages of life. We wish to support our seniors with the quality of life provided at The Home.



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