



THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

THE CORNERSTONE

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CALENDAR

November 24

Festval of Trees outing at the Shrine

December 1

Music with the Shrine Chanters

December 12

Assisted Living Christmas Party,
featuring surprise guest!

December 18

Memory Care Christmas Party,
featuring music with Terry Little

December 19

Long-Term Care Christmas Party,
featuring music with Robert Glazer

December 31

New Year's Eve Happy Hour. Cheers!

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Tis the Season for Christmas Spirit...

Tis the time of year that many of us have mowed the yard for the last time trying to get the leaves that have fallen to the ground, some have winterized the house and vehicles, and a few of us have thrown the pumpkins away and started planning for the snow to arrive and stay.



As you sit with your families this Thanksgiving holiday and toast to being thankful, grateful and blessed, The Nebraska Masonic Home will be gearing up for Christmas, but first, Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Home decorates 30 Christmas trees throughout the building. This year, we invite anyone; a Lodge, a Chapter, a business or just you to sponsor a tree. You buy the tree if needed and the décor and we will help provide the fun. The deadline to reserve a tree was Thanksgiving, but I bet if you give me a call, I may be able to work some Christmas Magic and have a tree available for you.

December is a joyous time at The Home. As The Home is turned into a winter wonderland of Christmas, the residents and staff are busy with decorating, making their wish lists, planning and attending Christmas Parties, baking, wrapping presents, enjoying music events and visits from families and friends to the Grand Master to Santa or from the Grinch himself. This season will be extra busy as most of our décor has seen better days and our residents tell me this just means more shopping trips to replace trees and ornaments.

I am proud to announce that Jonna Carroll is now my Executive Assistant. Jonna was the Activity Director for seven years prior to accepting this role. Jonna will be a great resource to contact when you are looking to have an event or meeting here at The Home.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

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The Tree of Life

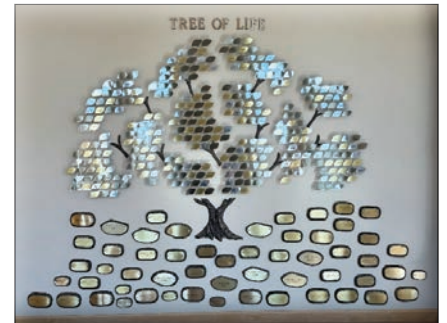
The Tree of life is recognition for major gifts to The Nebraska Masonic Home. There are leaves and stones for single large gifts.

Leaves:

Bronze	\$2,500-\$4,999
Silver	\$5,000-\$9,999
Gold	\$10,000-\$24,999

Stones:

Small	\$25,000-\$49,999
Medium	\$50,000-\$99,999
Large	\$100,000 and over



The Tree of Life is on permanent display on the first floor. It would be an honor to have your name on our wall. Please consider donating today. Thank You for all you do.

Events Coming 2026

As you know, this year we were unable to have our annual Caring Club Dinner. We missed this opportunity to see everyone who makes such an impact at The Nebraska Masonic Home, and to celebrate our successes this year with you. Rest assured, this event will be returning in 2026 with a new and improved format. We are also looking forward to introducing you to Amanda Sampino, the newest member of our Foundation Team, who will be helping to plan magnificent events in the coming year.

New Donor Gathering at The Nebraska Masonic Home

Was this your first time donating to The Nebraska Masonic Home? We want to show you what you are a part of! We would like to invite all first-time donors to join us for a delicious lunch crafted by our culinary team, tours of our beautiful facilities and property, and fantastic conversation. We hope you will be able to join us for this event so we can let you see firsthand the difference you make in the lives of our Masonic Brothers and Sisters.

A date is yet to be determined. Any questions, please call The Foundation Office at 402-296-7334.



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A PLACE TO LIVE.

VIEW ACTIVITIES
ON OUR WEBSITE:

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.



Halloween brought a burst of joy and creativity to our retirement community, with residents and staff alike embracing the festive spirit through costumes, themed treats, and cheerful decorations. Laughter echoed through the halls during pumpkin painting, spooky bingo, and trick-or-treating with visiting families. As the autumn leaves continue to fall, we now turn our hearts toward the warmth of Thanksgiving and the magic of Christmas. Plans are already underway for cozy gatherings, gratitude-themed crafts, and holiday music that will fill the air with nostalgia and cheer. The season of celebration is just beginning, and we're excited to make every moment meaningful and bright.



In Remembrance 2025

Anna Adams
Georgia Austen
Louise Burmeister
Lois Coufal
Roma Engdahl
Dorothy Engle
Andrea Farley
Jan Girton
Wilma Huff
Patricia McLain
Kristy Premier
Barbara Rea
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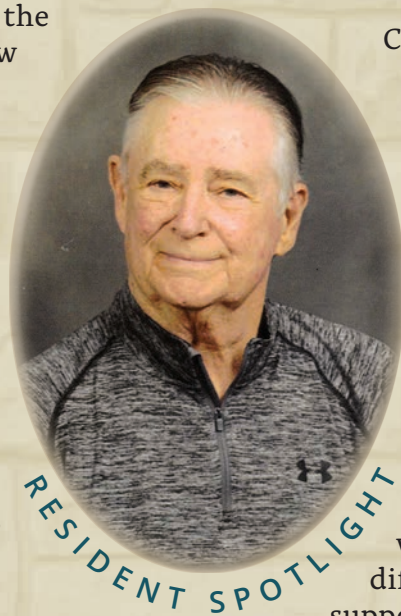
Welcome to Carl Martin, our first independent living apartment resident!

After a lifetime of travel, networking, marketing, and work in the hospitality, convention, and visitor bureau industries, both domestic and international, Herschel "Carl" Martin, a southern gentleman from Texas has made The Nebraska Masonic Home his home. Once Carl visited The Nebraska Masonic Home and saw the independent living apartments, he knew the "footprint" of these apartments was exactly what a widower like himself was looking for.

Carl's independence is important to him, but he is realistic enough to know that "life happens", and it is important to plan ahead. That is why Carl chose The Nebraska Masonic Home with its CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community). He won't need to move to another facility when his care needs increase.

Although Carl has lived in big cities in Texas, California, Nevada, and Tennessee, Plattsmouth draws him as it is a community rich in heritage, kind people, and community-oriented activities for all its residents. The Plattsmouth Community Center serves all ages, and Carl has found their exercise program and workout area a real plus for him as he works diligently to maintain his health as well as his agility and make new friends in a new community. He also particularly enjoys the activities and outings with the other residents at The Masonic Home.

Since becoming a widower, he finds that being close to family in the Omaha area is a real plus. Carl's interests include golf, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, most sporting events, fine dining, music concerts, traveling, and reading. On top of all that, Carl is an excellent conversationalist.



Carl admits that including Freemasonry in his life was an important step in the right direction. The Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine helped shape him as an individual. A proud spot for Carl is his membership in the Methodist Church and the eight years he spent in discipleship in the Steven Ministry.

He is also an enthusiastic supporter of the mission of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Carl believes that The Home provides family members with peace of mind and a positive difference in residents' lives through the support of our caring team members and the new friendships they'll make with other residents.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is happy to welcome Carl Martin... a proud Marine & Veteran, respected Mason, loving family man, and disciple of the church.

Call Chris Abbott, Admissions Coordinator, at 402.296.7302 today to arrange a visit to 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

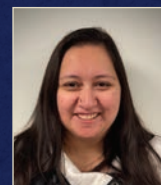
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Alisha Davis
September



Tessa Milijanac
October



Yvonne Zarate
November

A Place to LIVE!

Not only does the beautiful, intricate stonework make The Nebraska Masonic Home look like a castle, every resident is treated like royalty. From the moment you enter, you'll see, hear and feel the difference. . . . this is a community where everyone and everything matters. From little details like beautiful plants in hallway corners to important considerations like top-notch healthcare services, the staff at The Nebraska Masonic Home has thought of it all.

- Assisted Living Apartments
- Assisted Living Center
- Long-term Care
- Memory Care
- Independent Living Apartments

The Nebraska Masonic Home was founded by and built especially for Masons and their families. Male resident must be a Mason, and female residents must either be a member of Eastern Star or related to a Mason in good standing. Our staff offers assistance in determining if you meet our eligibility requirements.

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