



THE NEBRASKA  
MASONIC HOME

THE  
CORNERSTONE

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## CALENDAR

**August 8** ..... Groundbreaking  
Ceremony

**August 8** ..... Cass County Parade

**August 15** .... 250 years of Freedom &  
Independence Gala at Scottish  
Rite Masonic Center in Lincoln

**August 15** ..... Wing Fezt at  
Tangier Shrine

**September 10 - 12** ..... Plattsmouth  
Harvest Festival

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# Coming May 2027!!!

The Nebraska Masonic Home

## Ashlar Subdivision Townhomes



*Call for details !!!*



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# Protecting What Matters Most

*Not someday. Right now — while it's easy.*

A home. A retirement account. A career you've worked hard to build. Kids who depend on you. **You already have an estate** — and a little planning now means the people you love are taken care of exactly the way you intend, no matter what life brings.

**Most people assume estate planning is something to tackle closer to retirement, but your 40s are actually the ideal window.** You have assets worth protecting, family depending on you, and plenty of time to put a thoughtful plan in place.

***“Estate planning isn't about death. It's about making sure the life you've built keeps working for the people you love.”***

The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation is proud to offer **FREE estate planning workshops to any Masonic entity in Nebraska.** Our workshops are led by experienced professionals and designed for everyday members — no legal background required. We cover the essential tools every family needs, in plain language, with time for your personal questions.

### **Wills & Trusts**

How to direct your assets and protect your family's future

### **Plan Ahead Confidently**

A power of attorney means someone you trust speaks for you if needed.

### **Charitable Giving**

Supporting the Nebraska Masonic Home through your legacy

### **Review Beneficiaries**

Keep your accounts and policies aligned with your current wishes.

# 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.



Spring brought beautiful weather, blooming flowers, and plenty of opportunities for our residents to enjoy the season together. Residents from our community participated in a variety of activities that celebrated the beauty and joy of spring.

As we welcome the warmer days ahead, we are grateful for the many opportunities to create meaningful experiences and lasting memories for our residents. Spring has been a season of friendship, activity, and celebrations at The Nebraska Masonic Home!



# THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

The Nebraska Masonic Home Assisted Living Apartments were designed to give our 55 plus and older adults the opportunity to live safely, happily, and independently in a community for Masons and their eligible female relatives and Order of the Eastern Star members.

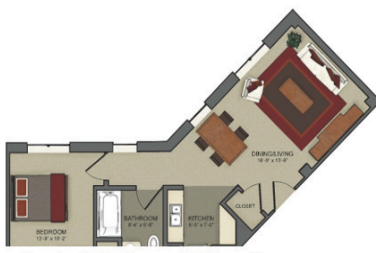
There are four apartment options available, including spacious studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. The apartments all feature kitchenettes, full-sized bathrooms with safety bars along with numerous amenities including all utilities (cable, internet and phone), a common laundry room, a beauty salon, a fire-sprinkler protection system, emergency response devices and wheelchair/walker accessibility, and individual climate-controlled rooms.

The Nebraska Masonic Home takes pride in offering helpful services to the residents while encouraging them to maintain their independence. Our residents never have to worry about meal preparation. Our culinary team prepares delicious and nutritional meals three times a day and offers snacks. We also offer weekly housekeeping, apartment maintenance, and transportation services.

Assisted living apartment life is enhanced with access to the game room, exercise area, activity room (daily activities inside and outside The Home), library and solariums where residents can interact with each other, family and friends. The Plattsmouth community, Cass County and the Omaha metro area offer residents a wide array of arts, recreational, and community-based organizations and activities.

If you are ready to find out more or schedule a tour,  
**call 402-296-7300.**

## Assisted Living Apartments



Angle / 1 Bedroom / 657 sq. ft.

LAYOUT 1 - 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT



Square / 1 Bedroom / 375 sq. ft.

LAYOUT 3 - SINGLE APARTMENT



Level / 2 Bedroom 2 Bath / 820 sq. ft.



Compass / 1 bedroom / 392 sq. ft.



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## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Elaine Jenkins recently joined The Nebraska Masonic Home as an Assisted Living resident. This journey to The Masonic Home began about 10 years ago when Elaine started looking at the Assisted Living Apartments. She toured the apartments, reviewed all the information, and spoke with Admissions Coordinator, Chris Abbott. Elaine was looking at her future in the right way . . . she wanted to be with people that shared her interests, live in a place where she felt comfortable, and a place that would afford her a sense of comfort and security. Of course, delicious meals should always be a part of anyone's life, too.

However, Elaine's daughters were not ready to let go, so she lived with each of them for a while – one in Omaha and one in Deland, Florida. A few months ago, Elaine told her daughters she was past ready to make her move to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

This wonderfully kind, soft-spoken, and polite lady is no stranger to living in a group of people . . . she was the only girl to six boys when she was orphaned in Sioux City some 93 years ago. At the age of three months, Elaine was adopted by a family right there in Sioux City. After the death of her adopted father, Elaine struck out on her own at the age of 15 and became a nanny for the County Attorney. At 17 she went to Omaha to live with her brother and began working at Brandeis downtown. After a nine - month whirlwind courtship, she married Jere Jenkins. Elaine and Jere had three sons and two daughters. Their working lives included Jere being a movie operator and Elaine working 40 years at Financial Service Company, a subsidiary of First National Bank of Omaha.

In 1964 Jere completed his Master Mason degree with Mizpah Lodge No. 302, and on September 26, 1964, they both joined Maple Leaf Chapter No. 52 O.E.S. at the downtown Masonic Temple. After some time, Maple Leaf merged with Aksarben Chapter 277

which then merged with Vesta Chapter No. 6. Elaine proudly stated that she was Worthy Matron twice here in Nebraska. When she moved to Florida to be with her daughter, Elaine quickly joined Deland Chapter #16 and made many new friends in her new location. Elaine has always been very active in O.E.S which gave her numerous opportunities to visit The Masonic Home before deciding to make the move for herself.



Sadly, Elaine's husband died at the age of 55. Elaine's family, work, Eastern Star, and the Social Order of the Beauceant in Omaha kept her going. Almost 64 years of being an OES member and over 50 years in Beauceant brings a smile to Elaine's face as she recalls so many happy memories.

In addition, she fondly remembers the 60-foot mobile home she and Jere had on the river slew in Tekamah, Nebraska. Their children and grandchildren spent all their summers there; the whole family loved camping, whether in a camper, a tent, or a mobile home.

When asked what she likes to do, she says that she has always loved camping, playing cards, crafting, reading, and Nebraska football. She is absolutely crazy about the Huskers. For 10 years, she and a friend attended every home football game with a perfect view from the 45-yard line.

Elaine is finally where she wants to be, enjoying The Masonic Home lifestyle – where the care and service are wonderful and where she loves making her home. She says there isn't anything they won't do for someone. The employees truly care about you.

If this is the lifestyle you are looking for, call Chris Abbott, our Admissions Coordinator, and make an appointment to see for yourself what Elaine is talking about. Chris will be delighted to speak with you and will give you a tour at your convenience. 402.296.7302 or [cabbott@nemh.net](mailto:cabbott@nemh.net)

## 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

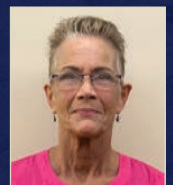


Jill Dasher  
March

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Tessa Miljanic  
April



Teri Boyer  
May

# Did you know?

*A question that is asked is.....Who is Eligible to live at The Nebraska Masonic Home?*

The answer:

A Master Mason in good standing in Nebraska and other jurisdictions.

A Master Mason's wife or widow, mother, stepmother, sister, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, great granddaughter, or mother-in-law.

A female member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska and other jurisdictions.

*A question that is asked..... do I need to turn over my assets?*

No, the Private Pay plan is based on assets owned by the applicant and the level of care needed, some applicants only need \$4,000 a month in assets, to qualify for the Private Pay plan.

*Do you accept long term care insurance?*

Yes, The Nebraska Masonic Home accepts Long Term Care insurance.



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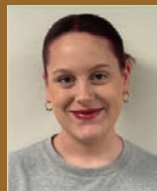


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