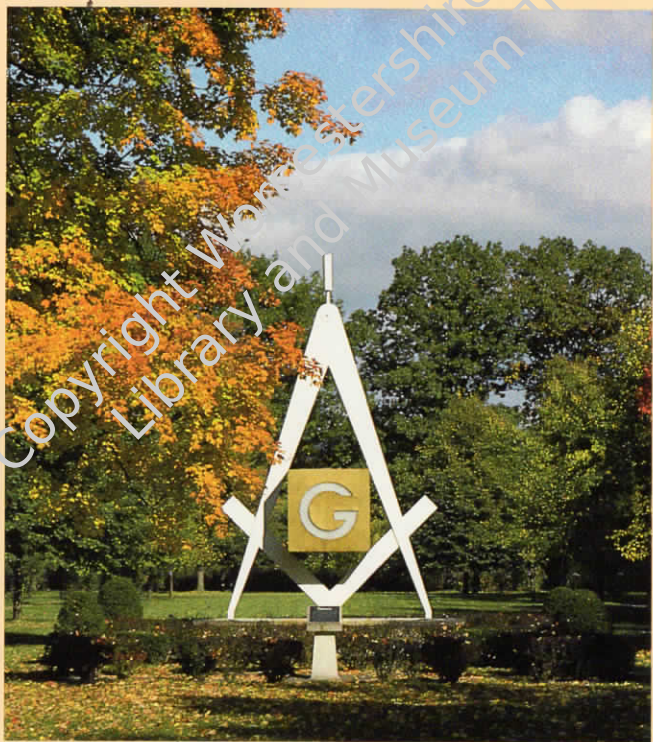
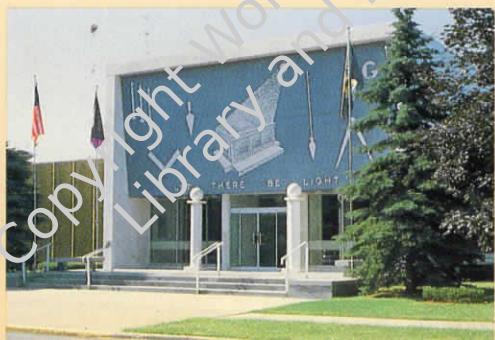


Welcome To the Masonic Home



*The sense of community.
The comfort of belonging.
The feeling of family.*

Whether visitor or resident, one quickly learns that these are more than first impressions of the MASONIC HOME in Utica, New York. Indeed, they reflect the atmosphere and the philosophy of care that prevail and have been the trademarks of the Home throughout almost a century of service to members of the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York and their families.



Located on a serene, beautifully maintained 340-acre site just beyond the Utica city limits, the MASONIC HOME traces its roots to the mid-19th century when the members of the Grand Lodge of New York State recognized the need for such a facility and began to plan for its establishment and growth. The present 15-building complex is the realization of their dream and today combines the charm and dignity of the past with modern technology and medical services.

In many respects, the MASONIC HOME functions like a community unto itself; the Home enjoys the advantages of being removed from the hustle and bustle of the center city; yet, it is only moments away from the many fine accoutrements that the City of Utica and its suburbs offer. The Greater Utica Area is situated in the picturesque Mohawk Valley in Central New York and is readily accessible by car, plane, bus or train.



Total Care (Starting with good health)

It is in the depth and standard of care that the MASONIC HOME takes its greatest pride. Three levels of care are provided and all are delivered by competent, highly trained professionals. Each level is designed to help residents maintain the best health possible so that they can enjoy a rich life experience at the Home.

Domiciliary Care is available for those who can attend to their own needs; Health Related Care is offered to those who need some supervision; and Skilled Nursing Care is provided to residents who require fulltime medical and nursing supervision. Round-the-clock and individualized attention is available and provided tailored to the needs of each resident.



In addition to general medical care administered by a staff of physicians and nurses, the Home provides its residents with on-the-premises services in ophthalmology, dentistry, podiatry, speech pathology and audiology, physical and occupational therapy and social work.

Good nutrition through a balanced meal program, the foundation of good health, is assured under the direction of a dietary department which also attends to the specialized dietary needs of the residents. A medical laboratory and complete x-ray and pharmacy departments complement the MASONIC HOME's full range of medical and related services.



A Complete and Comfortable Lifestyle

From the privacy of one's own room to the companionship and enjoyment that come from being with others, the MASONIC HOME provides accommodations to meet every need. Quarters are available for married couples and private or semi-private rooms for single men and women. All rooms are attractively and comfortably furnished and residents are encouraged to bring favorite items such as a chair and a radio, as well as a few mementoes to add a personalized touch to their rooms.

Residents can also have a portable television set with a screen size up to 19 inches in their rooms, although large color sets are provided in the lounge areas of each residential building. Many of these areas also feature recreational equipment such as high-fidelity radios and phonographs, well-stocked magazine and book racks, billiard and shuffleboard tables and pianos, which make them popular spots for relaxing, visiting or just having fun.



Residents enjoy their meals together in bright, cheerful dining rooms. In-between snacks are also available in many of the buildings and light refreshments, along with gifts, cards, toiletries and related items, can be purchased at convenience stores which are found in the complex. Postal services, a beauty shop, barber shop and a library including large-print books and a print-magnifying machine are also located on the premises.



The degree to which residents can move about and avail themselves of the many facilities and services offered by the MASONIC HOME, of course, depends upon their state of health and general physical mobility. While every effort is made to encourage residents to function as independently as possible, the MASONIC HOME maintains an active volunteer services program through which caring people from the community donate their time to lend a helping hand to residents who need it. Some of the important services these volunteers provide include letter writing, reading, outside shopping, help in getting around the premises and sometimes just friendly companionship.

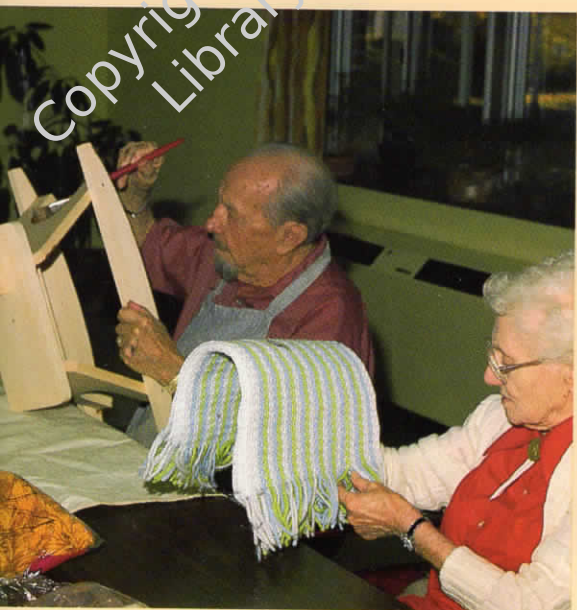
A very popular event also offered through our volunteer services program is the quarterly visit of a local clothing retailer. This makes shopping easy and convenient for the residents by offering a wide assortment of general and specialized apparel and footwear at reasonable prices. Residents look forward to this on-location shopping service.



Activities for Every Taste and Interest

From bingo to ceramics, oil painting to woodworking, residents of the MASONIC HOME enjoy a wide array of social and recreational activities. For the musically-inclined, there are choir and sing-along programs and for the animal lovers, regular visits from pets.

The hobbyist can participate in stamp-collecting sessions, and the craftsperson can select from crocheting, embroidery, rug hooking, quilting bees and more. There are movies, news and current events discussions, as well as Bible studies, card games, croquet matches and even cooking classes.



In the fragrant springtime, lush green summer and colorful autumn, our residents will be found strolling around the pleasant and peaceful grounds of the Home. The grounds also serve as the location for festive picnics, which are held regularly during the summer months. On a year-round basis, residents are treated to holiday and birthday parties, as well as special performances by groups which visit the MASONIC HOME regularly.

Recreational opportunities open to residents are not limited to the confines of the campus. The MASONIC HOME's own forty-passenger bus takes groups on shopping trips to the Utica area's several large shopping malls, to the annual Shrine Circus, theatrical performances and on fall foliage tours. A transport van is available for handicapped residents on these off-campus excursions.



Residents of all faiths can attend religious services regularly in the Tompkins Memorial Chapel, the Synagogue and in the All-Faith Chapel located in the Health Facility.

Friends and relatives are welcome and encouraged to visit residents of the Home and do so daily between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Hours are flexible for those visiting the acutely ill and for those traveling from distant areas.

Residents may leave the Home to visit friends and relatives, necessarily restricted to conditions dictated by the level of their care and the appropriate guidelines set forth by the state and by the Executive Director of the MASONIC HOME.

The MASONIC HOME in Utica exemplifies the dedication of Masons to the principle of the brotherhood of man through the fatherhood of God. More than just a place to live, it provides its residents with a full and meaningful life supported by the finest professional care.



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MASONIC HOME



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The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, who oversee the operation of the MASONIC HOME, are committed to an open admission policy. Within the limitations imposed by state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, blindness or sponsorship, admission priority is given to members of the lodges of the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York and their families.