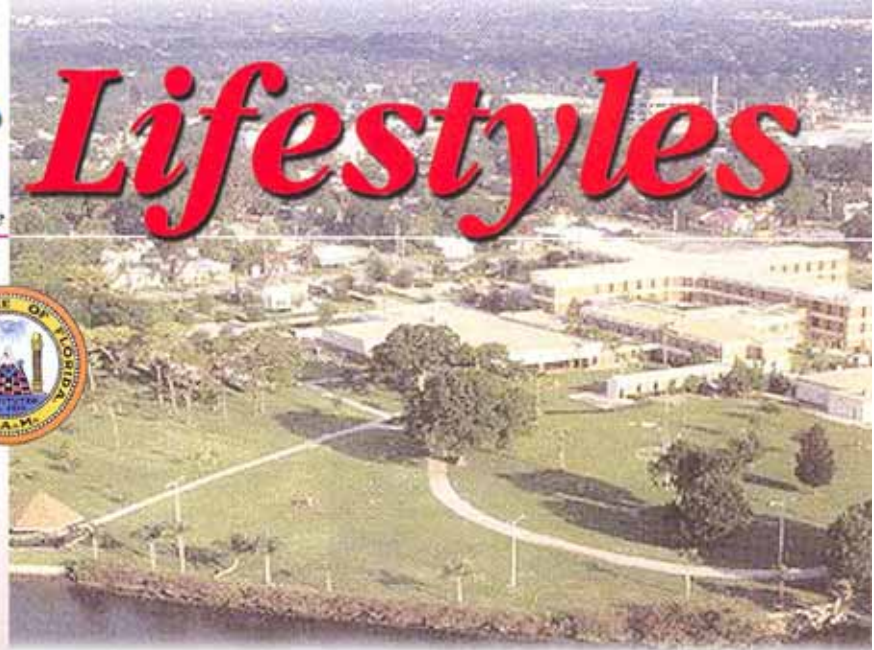


# Masonic Lifestyles

A Joint Publication Of The Grand Lodge of Florida And The Masonic Home



*On The Shores Of Coffee Pot Bayou*



## Introduction To Our Home

The Masonic Home of Florida is situated within 18 acres of lush landscaping on the shores of Coffee Pot Bayou. Named by Spanish explorers, this picturesque inlet off Old Tampa Bay is flanked by some of the finest neighborhoods in the area and right next door to a major shopping center and downtown St. Petersburg.

This choice waterfront location has been owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Florida since the early 1900's and shares a century old tradition with the City of St. Petersburg. The Masonic Home was originally for children and was slowly turned over to the needs of senior Masons and their wives/widows as aging demographics changed. A series of building expansions begun in 1973 brought us to the present 150,000 square foot home which can accommodate up to 187 residents in a state-of-the-art setting. There are gracious lobbies, an elegant dining room overlooking the grounds and waterfront, a 5,000 volume library, billiards and activities rooms, gift shop, community kitchenettes and lounges, a chapel, waterside pavilion and fishing pier, plus a host of other amenities which make the Masonic Home one of the premier facilities of its kind in Pinellas County. The City of St. Petersburg presented the Masonic Home a Mayor's First Place Award for Building and Grounds Beautification.

At the Masonic Home of Florida, we have reinvented the art of graceful living. Senior Masons and their wives/widows thrive in an atmosphere of "homey" charm, yet

we also provide one of the most comprehensive health care regimens available in Florida today. Geriatric physicians and specialists design personal care programs with the assistance of physical and occupational therapists, audiologists, podiatrists, speech therapists, ophthalmologists, dentists and psychosocial counselors. Emphasis is placed on "independence" to preserve self reliance and a healthy self esteem. Even day to day routines have been generously peppered with "choices" which foster greater resident control over their daily lives.

The Masonic Home of Florida offers care on two levels: skilled nursing for residents who require round-the-clock care and assisted living for residents who need little or no supervision. More than 90 staff members, under the direction of career professionals in geriatric disciplines, join together to create a lifestyle through which residents can reach their full potential and celebrate a happy and healthy lifestyle throughout their golden years.

Walk through our Home any day and you'll find it buzzing with activities. Residents are playing cards, billiards or bingo; working on their crafts; shopping in the resident operated boutique; tuning up at choir practice or fishing in the Bayou. Some may be getting pampered in the beauty and barber shops or dressing up for country western cook-outs and other parties that mark special events and holidays. Others are taking the van to a doctor or dental appointment or heading out to dinner shows at local theaters. There is a complete calendar of events published each month which highlights all the activities residents can look forward to for a full-flavored lifestyle.

The highlight of each day is mealtime where residents gather in the waterside dining room for a full breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our chefs pride themselves on the variety of their menus complete with foods to tempt even the most finicky appetites served in a sweeping panoramic view equal to some of the finest restaurants in town. There is always a wide selection of entrees, side dishes and desserts, plus fresh fruits, vegetables, home made soups and breads from which to choose. And "Oh!" those desserts: cheesecake with raspberry sauce, old-fashioned rice pudding, chocolate brownies, strawberry shortcake and much more.



## ADMISSION PLANS

### *Life Care Plan*

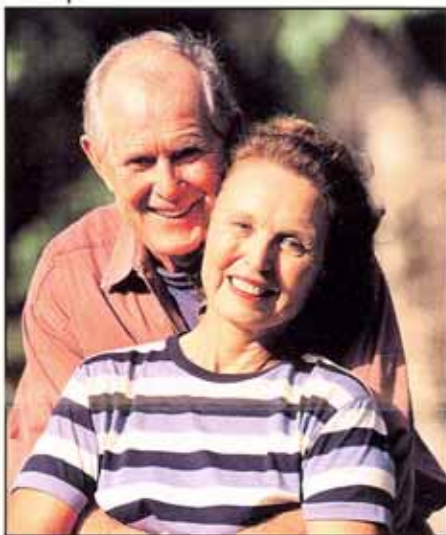
This traditional plan is available to any Master Mason who becomes a member of a Florida Lodge prior to the age of 70. He must be a member in good standing of a Florida Lodge for at least 10 years, and for the last 3 continuous. The wife or widow of a Master Mason is eligible for residency based on his membership. Contact your lodge for an application. Upon completion, the application is signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary. It is then presented to the District Deputy Grand Master for review. The application is then forwarded to the Admissions Committee, Board of Trustees and Grand Master for final approval. This process takes approximately 30-60 days. Dual members are also eligible.

Under the Life Care Plan, assets owned by the resident such as property, bank accounts, stocks, social security, pensions, etc. are deposited with the Masonic Home. These assets are then converted to cash to establish a Resident Maintenance Account. Each month, this account is debited to cover the cost of care. Residents retain 10% if any liquid assets, initially and subsequently, in excess of \$10,000 for personal use. When assets are exhausted, the Masonic Home continues to provide care throughout the lifetime of the resident regardless of his/her ability to pay.

### *Pay As You Go*

In May of 2005, the Grand Lodge of Florida approved private pay admissions for Florida and non-Florida Masons. Members of other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions may apply if they joined Masonry prior to age 70 and have been a member in good standing for at least 10 years. This plan provides an opportunity for Florida and non-Florida Master Masons, wives or widows to retain control of their assets while enjoying all the Masonic Home has to offer. Residents pay a three month deposit and as little as \$3,194 monthly for assisted living and \$5,323 monthly for skilled

nursing care. All fees and services are included except medication. For couples entering the Masonic Home, the first person pays this monthly fee and the second person fee is charged \$600 monthly. Applicants for pay as you go should contact the Masonic Home directly to begin the admission process which can take as little as one week for approval.



### *A Message From The Medical Director*



*To my honorable fellow Masonic Brothers and family,*

I have been privileged to have served as Medical Director of the Masonic Home of Florida for over 10 years. The facility, which underwent magnificent renovations last year, is top notch in my opinion. I am blessed to work with an excellent, caring Administrative and Nursing team with competent and efficient therapists and nurses aides. They work together as a happy and dedicated team. State surveys have been passed with flying colors.

Although the cost of good medical care for the elderly continues to climb, our Masonic Residents have received the very best that modern medicine offers. Over the years, I have received innumerable compliments from family members and loved ones about the care provided by the Masonic Home staff.

I was delighted to learn that the Masonic Home of Florida will be receiving brothers and sisters from other states which will create great camaraderie for our lodges. I have been a member of Northside Lodge No. 283 for several years and believe this new opportunity will have far reaching benefits for the Masonic organization.

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to serving the Masonic Home for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,  
Kenneth Neifeld, M.D.  
*Medical Director*