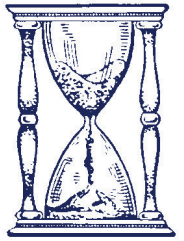


# THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

A Legacy of Excellence

*Sands through*

# The Hour-Glass



## About

### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

We are a continuing care retirement community located near historical downtown Plattsmouth.

Our Home has been successfully serving Masons and their female relatives for 119 years.

*Independent Living  
Assisted Living  
24 - Hour Nursing Care  
and Alzheimer's/  
Dementia Care*

## We invite

you to come for a personal visit of our beautiful Home. All Lodges and Chapters are welcome to come and hold their meetings in the chapel. Please contact Chris Abbott Admissions Coordinator at 402-296-7302 or [cabbott@nemh.net](mailto:cabbott@nemh.net)

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## THE HOME IS NOW OPEN TO VISITORS! Come Introduce Yourself To Our New Executive Director April Johnston

April is originally from Neola, Iowa, and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 2016 where she currently resides. Her household consists of husband-to-be Jeremy, their six children, two bulldogs, four parakeets, and four guinea pigs. Outside of work April and Jeremy enjoy family time, traveling and great outdoor adventures!

April became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 2010 and then went on to become a Registered Nurse in 2014. Her nursing background includes pediatrics, hospice, assisted living and skilled nursing. Also, she continues to work on advancing her degree. April has worked at care homes most of her adult life in every facet that it takes to run a retirement community. We are fortunate and happy to have April be a part of The Nebraska Masonic Home family. With April's leadership and as a team, we are working together to make positive changes for The Home, residents, and staff.



## Meet Ballard Fleming . . .



Ballard Fleming was born in 1929 in Bucklick Hollow, Kentucky, to Millard and Esther Fleming. In 1951 he married his beloved wife Sophia. They were blessed with three children: Christine, Joanne, and James as well as very special grandchildren.

“Being born, one of eight children, to a family whose father was handicapped, it was challenging for us just to stay alive and make ends meet. This is one of the many reasons that I have always

tried to be charitable to the less fortunate because we were often on the receiving end of food and clothing from many families in the McRobert’s mining area.”

Ballard proudly treasures his Kentucky upbringing as a boy. “There were many disciplines that I learned from following the “north-end of a southbound mule” plowing their own small plot of land, planting corn and beans, attending the small Bucklick school, picking blackberries, huckleberries, walnuts, apples and pears to sell, mining our own coal, cutting our own firewood for the kitchen stove and making shingles with which to re-roof the house.”

His disciplined upbringing served Ballard well when in 1945 at the age of 16 this brave young man from Kentucky enlisted in the U.S. Army. After 20 years of dedicated service to his country, he retired in 1965 with the rank of Major. Assignments during his military service included Germany, Japan, and Korea as well as stateside at Fort Monmouth, Fort Bliss, Fort Hood and Fort Gordon.

During an assignment to Germany, as a First Lieutenant, he received a commendation from the USAREUR, U.S. Army Europe, Commander-in-Chief, General Adolph C. Bolte, for outstanding performance of duty while serving with the British Army on the Rhine River in Germany.

While in Korea, Ballard was the recipient of an award for Humanitarian Service to the Korean orphans from the Mayor of the “Special City of Seoul, Korea.” He also met the President of Seoul when the President stopped to talk to Ballard at the orphanage Ballard had helped build and said “I hear you are doing great things for the orphans.” Ballard felt honored that the President knew who he was and of the work he had been doing for the orphans.

As a Major with the 22nd Signal Group in Mannheim, Germany, he received the Army Commendation Medal with pendant for outstanding performance of duty.

Upon retirement from active military service, Ballard moved to Omaha, Nebraska, to attend the University of Nebraska Omaha where a Baccalaureate degree was completed in General Education, with emphasis on Accounting, Economics and Business.

Prior to attending the University of Nebraska Omaha Ballard had already completed most of the credits for a degree by attending night classes in Korea, Texas, New Jersey, and Germany.

Throughout Ballard’s life he has had a penchant for serving others . . . first with his family, then in the military and finally his community and his church. Ballard owned an investment advisory business in Omaha, Nebraska, where he provided management and consultation services to individuals, charitable organizations, and businesses in general. In civic duties, he served as President of the Optimist Club of Omaha, the oldest club in the area with a history dating back to 1931, whose primary objective is service to youth in the community. In his church Immanuel Lutheran of Omaha he served eight years as Congregational President, four years as Vice President, founded the Church’s Foundation Trust and served as Chair and a member of the Board of Trustees. Perhaps his favorite service at church was teaching the young adult bible class for many years.

In 1964 while stationed in Germany, Ballard became a Mason in Acacia Lodge #832 in Germany. In 1977 he transferred his membership to Mizpah Lodge #302, AF & AM, Omaha, Nebraska. Ballard served as Master of Mizpah in 1982 and is proud of his 57 years of being a Mason. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and Tangier Shrine of Omaha.

Ballard Fleming, a kind and gentle man who shares his smiles, his twinkling eyes, and quiet conversations with many has given his all to family, country, orphans, church, and the Masonic fraternity.

Thank you, Ballard, for your many years of service to others and most especially for choosing to make The Nebraska Masonic Home your home.



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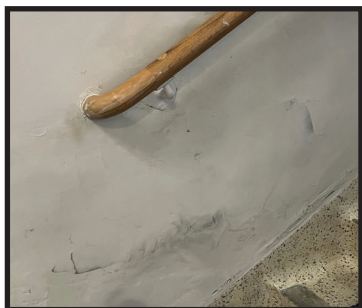
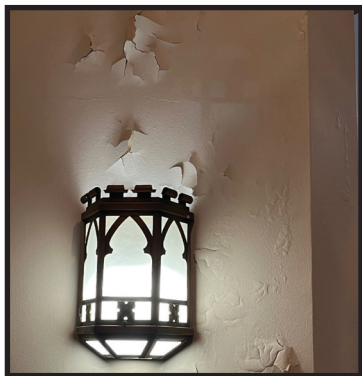
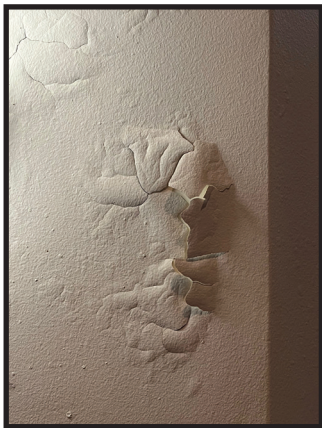


It's hard to believe spring is here and things are beginning to turn green. Though our winter was mild, it is always wonderful to see everything coming back to life. Soon our Home will be surrounded by green grass, spring bulbs blooming and trees flaunting fragrant flowers!

With so much excitement in the air and The Nebraska Masonic Home opening its doors after over two years, we are excited to see you visit The Home. We hope your lodges, chapters and other organizations will set a date and hold meetings once again at The Home.

Many of you have had meetings in the Chapel. And now here is where we need your help. The Chapel is one of the shining jewels of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Over the past several years we have had issues with moisture and peeling paint in the Chapel. This is now a restoration project. Anyone who has been here knows how special the Chapel is with the beautiful stained glass windows surrounding the room.

The Chapel is so much more than a sacred place to offer up our adoration to deity. The Chapel is used for a multitude of things such as testing and vaccinations, presentations, movies, and meetings. The Chapel is a vital and important part of The Home.



We want to fix, upgrade, and polish this wonderful space back to or even better than its original glory. We want to make the repairs, improve the lighting, add a projection screen with a projection system, and, of course, "beautify and adorn" this wonderful space.

The restoration will involve an incredible amount of work using the talents of many skilled craftsman. This will be done, and it will be done to perfection as there are high standards placed on everything we do at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

We are looking to raise \$40,000-\$50,000 for this project. It will take time, effort, and perseverance to bring "The temple to its former glory."

When we have asked for your help in the past, you have given without hesitation. Your generosity and all-around support of The Home continues to amaze me. I know you will once again answer our call and support this very worthy project. Help us make this area of The Nebraska Masonic Home the shining jewel it should be. George W. Lininger and his family felt the chapel was an important addition that needed to be made to The Home. Please help us preserve and improve the Chapel that means so much to so many.

Thank you for your amazing support of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Your Brothers, Sisters, Family, and Friends appreciate everything you do for them. Thank You Again!!!!

Sincerely,

*Steven R. Barchus*

Foundation Director

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## HAPPENINGS IN THE HOME



**We Are Open  
Come Visit!**



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Eric's mother Karen here at The Home

As donors to Masonic charities in Nebraska, we encourage you to check with your employer to see if they participate in employer matching giving. Instead of

designating money to go from each paycheck to a large organization that divides it up to organizations based on their preferences, you can give directly to the 501(c)(3) organization that meets your preference . . . for example The Nebraska Masonic Home.

We are proud to be donors to The Nebraska Masonic Home where my mother is a resident. We are so pleased with the care she receives and believe in the mission of The Home. Everyone should see for themselves what The Home has to offer.

With the power of employer matching, the benefit really magnifies for The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont and the Omaha Home for Boys.

Bonnie & Eric Naylor  
*Omaha, NE*

### Company Matching Contributions

Do you want to make a bigger impact on your favorite charities? If the Answer is YES, check with your employer to see if they offer matching contributions. If it is a 100% match, a \$100 donation has now changed into a \$200 donation. Your favorite charity (The Nebraska Masonic Home) benefits twice and you can now make a bigger contribution by participating in your company's matching contributions program at no more cost to you.



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