

# Florence Lodge #281 A.F. & A.M.

## Trestleboard

November, 2009

W.. Randall A. McFarland  
Worshipful Master, 2009

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### Upcoming Calendar for Florence Lodge #281

- Monday, December 7—Business meeting at 7:30  
@ Florence Lodge #281  
**POTLUCK DINNER at 6:00**
- Monday, December 14—informal gathering at 7:00  
@ Tangier Shrine Crescent Room
- Monday, December 21—informal gathering at 7:00  
@ Florence Lodge #281
- Monday, December 28—informal gathering at 7:00 to  
discuss 2010 year  
@ Florence Lodge #281

### From the East

Fraternal greetings! We're just days away from sitting down with family, loved ones, and friends for Thanksgiving. . . and of course, football!

There has been much to be thankful for this past year. I've personally been blessed to have the support of you—my Lodge Brothers—this past year, whether through your help during ritual, degrees, at events, or simply through your dues. I couldn't ask for a better group of men to call my Brothers, and for that honor, I thank you.

I am thankful that the economy in Nebraska has weathered the storm better than in many parts of our nation. I still go to work each morning, and like many of you, I am pinching my pennies a little bit tighter, I am thankful things aren't much worse. I am thankful that one of our Brothers remembered Florence Lodge #281 in his estate, and helped ease the financial burden on our Lodge.

And I am thankful for my family, who provide me comfort after a long day, strength when I feel overwhelmed, and who look to me for guidance when they need wisdom.

There is much to be thankful for this holiday season. My Brothers, whether you are here in Omaha during this holiday season, or in Wyoming, Arizona, Texas, California, New York or Virginia, I hope you will also give thanks for the good things in your life. I also hope that you count Masonry among those good things.

Finally, I want to recognize Brother David Rose, who has been elected Worshipful Master for the coming year. David brings new vision and ideas to the Lodge, and I hope you will support him during his year. Our next Regular Communication is on December 7, and I invite you to join us to congratulate David and support him during his year.

Fraternally,

Randy McFarland  
Worshipful Master

### Happy Birthday!

#### November

Franklin Brown  
Donald Casey  
William Dahlheim  
Lee Hurlbutt  
George Ingraham  
Fred Kroupa  
F Edward LaBreck  
George Lauritsen  
Dale Wagner  
Walter Wilson

#### December

Frank Burger  
Donald Carter  
Russell Ernst  
Harold Harrison  
Vernard Hauger  
Kenneth Keller  
Sean Kesterson  
Richard Schade  
David Shannon  
Harlan Zwiebel



### In Memoriam

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of  
**Brother L. Kenneth Frost**

Born: November 28, 1933  
EA: February 12, 1962  
FC: March 19, 1962  
MM: April 30, 1962



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### What You've Been Missing



On October 26, members of Florence Lodge #281 got together for a fantastic Italian dinner, catered by Fazoli's, to recognize the Past Masters. Worshipful Master Randy McFarland also honored Brother William March (pictured above) and Charles Amidon for 60 years service to Freemasonry. William is also a 60 year member of the Scottish Rite, and recently received his K.C.C.H. in recognition of his years of service.

### 2009 Officers

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 W.. Doyle E. Berg.....Marshal

### Worshipful Master-Elect David Rose

I was born in 1973 in Omaha, and grew up outside Waterloo. In 1987, I achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and I graduated from Valley High School in 1991. I met my wife in West Point, NE and we were married in 1997. We moved to Omaha in 1999, and have 2 dogs.

I joined Masonry in 2006 as a way to make new friends and give back to the community. I am also a member of the Shrine and Scottish Rite. As Worshipful Master, I intend to honor our past traditions while promoting events and fundraisers to attract a new generation of Masons to our Craft, while bringing current members back into the Lodge. I plan to continue to have Lodge picnics, visit the Plattsmouth Masonic Home with the Brethren, and raise funds to continue our scholarships. Please join me in **OUR** Lodge for a great year of fun, fellowship, and fraternity.



WM Randy McFarland presented Keara Westphal a scholarship for \$100 this summer at the Lodge picnic. Keara plans to study nursing and thanked the Lodge for supporting her. Keara's parents are W.B. Jeffrey and Jackie Merriman

The Lodge has set aside money from the sale of our old building, funding scholarships with the interest earned. As the economy improves, we hope to have two \$500 scholarships each year. You can support our scholarship drive with your donations.