

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

Trestleboard

August, 2010

W.: David L. Rose
Worshipful Master, 2010

5903 Maple Street
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Upcoming Calendar for Florence Lodge #281

- Aug 16— FC Degree Practice at 7:00 p.m.
Aug 23— Fellowcraft degree
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.
Aug 30— Master Mason practice
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.
Sept 6— Lodge **Closed** in observance of Labor Day
Sept 13— Fellowship and fun—Tangier Shrine
Tangier Shrine Crescent Room @ 7:00 p.m.
Sept 20— Regular Communication
Florence Lodge @ 7:30 p.m.
Sept 20— Master Mason Degree
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.

August Birthdays

Robert L Barrow
Walter E Cabe
Leroy L Jensen
Daniel L Mize
Richard D Nelson
Martin L Ward



Masonic Birthdays

(men raised as Master Masons in August)

Charles M Robinson

In Memoriam

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of
Brother Craig Dunn

Born: October 17, 1966
EA: April 24, 1999
FC: April 24, 1999
MM: April 24, 1999



From the East

Brethren—

Every time I walk past the photographs of our Past Masters, I pause to look at the Brethren who have worn the Master's top hat managed our Lodge. I often wonder what would they think about Masonry today. Would they be amazed that their Florence Lodge has met every month for nearly 100 years? Would they be impressed that we have continued while so many other Lodges have quietly put down their working tools?

I like to think that our Past Masters, if they were to join us today, would be thrilled that Masonry has changed and continues to be reflective of society.

We've talked about being **relevant** in Lodge for the last few years now, and I think we are achieving relevance through our scholarships, our CHIP programs, the Shrine hospitals, the RiteCare speech and language clinics, and dozens of other philanthropic organizations.

But how are we being relevant in our personal lives as Masons? It's not enough for us to sit back and proudly say "I'm a Mason and Masons support millions of dollars in charity every day." Let me rephrase the question: How are *you personally* being relevant in society? As I wrote last month, **Mason's do**. So what are *you* doing? Are you active in your community? Do you support blood drives at your workplace or church? Are you active in your childrens' or grandchildrens' parent-teacher association? You don't need to do anything overtly "Masonic," but we do need to *do*. Your days of active Masonry may be past (I hope not!), but we all have a duty to be active in society as Masons, in our own way, and in whatever way that interests us. When we talk about being relevant in society, I hope you will point to volunteer service, community Boards, or philanthropic support for your favorite not-for-profit organization. If so, we can say that Florence Lodge has truly been relevant in the community for the last 100 years, and for the next 100. As Masons say, *so mote it be*.

Fraternally,

David Rose, Worshipful Master

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Did You Know?



At a quick glance of our membership list, I notice we have members raised in every decade from the 1930s onward. Our Bronze Jordan Medal holder, **Brother Wilson Schollman** was raised in May, 1935! Brother Franklin Roosevelt was

President, and Florence Lodge had membership in the hundreds!

Of our current membership list, twelve men joined in the 1940s, and 26 Brothers joined our ranks in the 1950s. 22 of our members joined in the 1960s, and 25 were raised to the sublime level of a Master Mason in the 1970s. 17 members joined in the 1980s, while 13 joined in the 1990s. 7 men sought additional light in Masonry in the 21st century.

Every Brother has his own reason for joining, whether it was a way to get involved in the community or a family tradition. As Florence Lodge nears our 100th anniversary in June, 2013, **NOW** is the time to tell your story.

E-mail us at webmaster@florencelodge.com, and tell us about your Masonic journey. Why did you join? What was Florence Lodge like when you first joined Masonry. If you were an officer, what happened during your years in line or in the East? You may not think these interesting stories, but for those of us who were not there to see Florence Lodge in decades past, your stories are our tradition, our history, and our heritage. Please share them today so we can look back at where we've been and look forward to where we are going, as we celebrate 100 years as a Lodge!

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