

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

January, 2011

W.: David L. Rose
Worshipful Master, 2011

5903 Maple Street
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Upcoming Calendar for Florence Lodge #281

Jan 3 — Regular Business Meeting
Florence Lodge @ 7:30 p.m.

FOLLOWED BY INSTALLATION OF 2011 OFFICERS

Jan 10— Informal Gathering
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan 17— Degree Practice
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan 24— Informal Gathering
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan 31— Informal Gathering
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.

From the East

By David L. Rose, Worshipful Master

In November and December, members of Florence Lodge voted to donate meals to families who would not otherwise have been able to sit down together and enjoy Thanksgiving together. We also donated to families as part of the Adopt a Family program, providing toys to children and a gift to parents whose straitened circumstances would have prevented them from celebrating the holidays. When we are blessed with so much, no one should do without. Thank you, Brethren, for standing up to help those in need, particularly during this joyous time of year.

The Scottish Rite motto "To do that which is right to do" certainly applies here. We neither seek nor do we ask for recognition or applause for good deeds. We do them because it's the right thing to do.

As I enter my second year as Worshipful Master of Florence Lodge, I feel somewhat more comfortable that I know what I'm doing. In that respect, I have presented a budget to the Lodge (if you'd like to see it, please e-mail me at dlrose@cox.net), and Florence Lodge has volunteered to host a One Day degree for Blue Lodge Masons in January, a School of Instruction in March, and a city-wide CHIP event in April. It's going to be a busy year! We can certainly use our members, so please contact me if you'd like to get involved in the Lodge this year, whether you're interested in volunteering at events or simply attending Lodge. Need a ride? Just let us know, and someone will be happy to pick you up and bring you home.

January Birthdays

David F Cromling	Bracston L Olds
C Bruce Hamilton	Charles A Peters
George L Hauger	James L Stanislaus
James W McKay	Paul L Welsch

Masonic Birthdays

(men raised as Master Masons in January)

Doyle E Berg	Dale D Duckert
Virgil E Boyd	Harold E Flockhart
Donald E Carter	Charles A Peters
Merl R Core	James J Wilson

Omaha Home for Boys Maintenance Campaign



It's not too early to begin thinking about our annual support for the Omaha Home for Boys Maintenance Campaign. Your donation fills a backpack with school supplies, buys sports equipment, or helps a boy out with a new pair of sneakers. Please consider a donation to the Omaha Home for Boys. Simply designate "**Team J**" on your check and reference Florence Lodge Maintenance Campaign. You can send your check to 4343 North 52nd Street, Omaha, NE 68104.

Brethren, I wish you and your family a sincerely wonderful New Year's. I wish peace and prosperity for all of us. But I also wish for a successful Masonic year. Please help us with your continued membership in Masonry and your continued involvement. Whether you are an active member of the Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Job's Daughters, Rainbow, or DeMolay, your involvement makes a difference and helps lead the next generation to greater light in Masonry. Thank you again for a fantastic 2010 and thank you for your support for an even better 2011!

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Dues Are Due

by David L. Rose, Worshipful Master

Please remember to pay your 2011 dues, if you have not already done so. Dues are \$75 for the coming year. A portion of your dues covers our annual CHIP event, our building fund, and fraternal relief fund.

I know that dues are a touchy issue, and many Brethren have been kind enough to call and e-mail to express their thoughts on the subject, particularly as dues continue to rise. Dues amount to less than 21¢ per day! While I know that many Brethren are on a fixed income, Florence Lodge needs to meet our obligations: rent, insurance, phone, and other expenses. We can't do this without you!

Please demonstrate your faith in Masonry by continuing to support Florence Lodge as a dues-paying member. Reflect on why you became a Mason, and how Masonry has been an important part of your life.

One of our first lessons is charity. If you need help with your dues, please don't hesitate to call us and ask. I am happy to hear everyone and help when we can.

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How you can help

Please consider donating an additional \$25 on top of your dues. This goes to our Adopt-a-Brother fund, which pays Grand Lodge's per capita cost, and allows us to keep several Brethren members in good standing.

Another way you can help is to remember Florence Lodge #281 in your estate planning. Once you've taken care of your family, please consider a portion of your estate to Florence #281. The generosity of several benefactors helps us offer scholarships and fraternal assistance to members and their families, while meeting our own expenses.

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Florence Lodge is turning 100!

As we celebrate our **100th anniversary in 2013**, please share your thoughts, reminiscences, reflections, and memories about Masonry with us. We particularly would like pictures if you have any from the old building on North 30th Street! You can reach Florence Lodge at webmaster@florencelodge.com.