

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

July, 2009

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Worshipful Master, 2009

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Upcoming Calendar for Florence Lodge #281

- Monday, August 3—Regular Business Meeting at 7:30
@ Florence Lodge #281
- Monday, August 10—picnic at Cooper Farm
(8502 Mormon Bridge Road)
- Monday, August 17—Blood Drive at Florence #281
- Monday, August 24—degree practice at 7:00
@ Florence Lodge #281
- Monday, August 31— degree practice at 7:00
@ Florence Lodge #281
- Monday, September 7—no meeting/ Labor Day
- Monday, September 14—informal gathering
Tangier Shrine Crescent Room
- Monday, September 21—Business meeting at 7:30
@ Florence Lodge #281
- Saturday, September 26—Charlie Amidon's dinner
celebrating his 60 years in Masonry
@ Scottish Rite Masonic Center
- Monday, September 28—degree practice at 7:00
@ Florence Lodge #281

In Memoriam

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of
Brother Charles W. Englebretsen

Born: April 19, 1925
EA: February 12, 1990
FC: March 19, 1990
MM: April 23, 1990
Passed: June 27, 2009



Happy Birthday!



July

Virgil Boyd
John Graffeo
Frank Hanna
Randy McFarland
Fred Moshier, Jr.
M. James Muxen
Thomas Perrigo
Bernhard Peterson
Charles Robinson
Robert Rossell
James Wilson

Florence Lodge 2009 Blood Drive "We give that others may live"

Join Florence Lodge #281 on August 17, 2009 at the Benson Masonic Center for our annual blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross.



Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation.

When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. Currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood. One pint of blood can save 3 lives.

Please plan to join your Brethren on **Monday, August 17 from 4:00 to 8:00 at the Benson Masonic Center** to donate blood.

It's free, easy, anonymous, and not only do you save lives, you remind people that

Masons take an active role in society.



2009 Officers

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W.. F. Edward LaBreck.....Tyler

From the East

Grand Junior Deacon Thomas Hauder recently gave an interesting talk on the Millennial Generation, those born after 1980.

While much has been written about this generation, they have much to offer Masonry. They seek to make a difference wherever they are, whether it be the workplace or society. They are technically saavy, and communicate very well online, using resources like Facebook or Twitter. They also seek to get involved in leadership roles.

Masonry can be an outlet for this generation, through line officer opportunities, our philanthropic charities, and our emerging presence online through our website and other social media sites. They are the future of Masonry, and I hope you will get them involved by promoting our Craft to your sons, grandsons, co-workers, and friends.

See what you're missing?

On June 29, Florence Lodge hosted a Colonial Ladies of the Table Lodge, put on by the National Sojourner's, a Masonic organization for military officers and NCO's.

Formal and informal toasts were made throughout the evening, honoring heroes of the American Revolution and the 4 branches of the military service. Members of Florence Lodge and the National Sojourner's enjoyed an excellent dinner catered by Fazoli's.

We'll do another Table Lodge next year, so plan to join **YOUR** Lodge for a great evening, a great dinner, and lots of fun!



Gary Bunnell proposes a toast to the American flag



Left: P.G.M. Ivan Vrtiska collects a fine from Don Kemper for not having his medals displayed on his uniform.

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