

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

March, 2010

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Worshipful Master, 2010

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## Upcoming Calendar for Florence Lodge #281

- Monday, March 1—Regular Business Meeting  
@ Florence Lodge #281 at 7:30 pm
- March 8— Informal gathering  
@7:00 pm - Tangier Shrine Crescent Room
- March 15— Degree Practice  
@ Florence Lodge #281 at 7:00 p.m.
- March 22— Degree Practice  
@ Florence Lodge #281 at 7:00 p.m.
- March 29— Degree Practice  
@ Florence Lodge #281 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 5— Regular Business Meeting  
@ Plattsmouth Masonic Home at 7:30 p.m.

If you have not already done so,  
please remit your **2010 dues** as soon as  
possible to remain current. E-mail Secretary  
Dale Wagner at [dewagner@cox.net](mailto:dewagner@cox.net) if you  
have questions about your current standing.

## March Birthdays

John J Barr  
Arthur T Hansen  
David A Kipp  
Jason Matts  
Arthur R Milow  
Wayne V Minikus  
Dean E Monson  
David L Rose  
James P Sams  
Dennis R Shannon  
Bruce R Theye



## From the East

Brethren—

We're off to a great start this year! On February 22, Custodian Emeritus **Gus Scolaro** visited Florence Lodge, as we proved up by opening and closing in the three degrees. I'm proud to say that we made it through with flying colors!

We have received dispensation in April to move our Charter to the Plattsmouth Masonic Home, so please plan to join us for dinner, fellowship, and our Regular Business meeting on **Monday, April 5** in Plattsmouth. On **Saturday, April 10**, we will have a spaghetti feed fundraiser from 11:00 until 2:00, raising money for the Lodge's Relief Fund. I hope you will save the date and plan to join us to help us provide funds to support brothers and widows in distress.

The Florence Days parade is on **Saturday, May 8**, and we are discussing ways to have a presence in Florence and participate in the parade. Please e-mail me at [dlrose@cox.net](mailto:dlrose@cox.net) if you have ideas or would like to get involved or volunteer for the Florence Days parade. This will be a great way for us to raise awareness about Masonry and participate in the community.

And don't forget that the **Omaha Home for Boys Maintenance Campaign** is coming up this Autumn. It costs nearly \$385 each day to feed, clothe, and provide shelter to the boys. The Maintenance Campaign helps provide a backpack full of supplies, a pair of sneakers, or a winter coat to boys in need. You'll hear more about this Maintenance Campaign later, but please plan to support the Omaha Home for Boys this year. Even a small donation can go a long way.

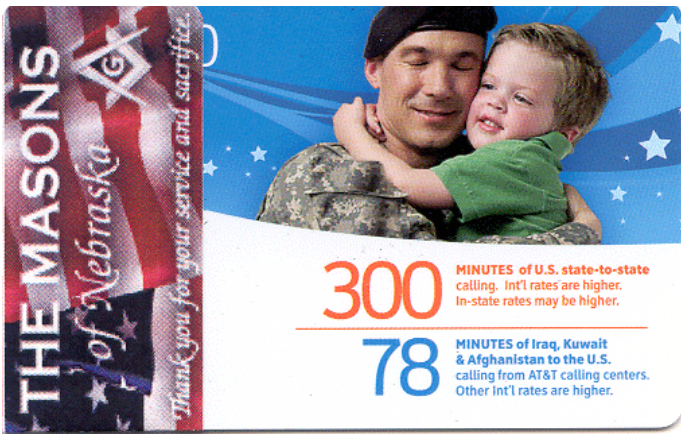
Thank you again for helping make this a great year, and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

David Rose, Worshipful Master

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### Change for the Troops



The major new program being initiated in 2010 by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is entitled **Change for the Troops**. This is a program whereby we can purchase phone cards for each and every Nebraska serviceman and woman who is deploying to Iraq and/or Afghanistan. In order to fund the purchase of these cards, the Grand Master is asking members of each lodge, at the conclusion of their stated and special meetings, to throw their loose change in a jar. At the end of the month, each lodge is asked to remit that money to the Grand Lodge office.

This program was originally started by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; they have witnessed phenomenal success with it. In a two-year period, that Grand Lodge raised nearly \$300,000. We have had a great response so far, raising over \$2,500 (primarily from Annual Communication and Installation). I know that Nebraska Masons, while not as numerous as those in Pennsylvania, are as motivated and generous as our Pennsylvania brethren, and while we may not raise the amount that they did, we can certainly raise a substantial sum.

### 2010 Officers

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### Announcement

Please note that Florence Lodge has received a dispensation from Grand Lodge to move our Charter to the **Plattsmouth Masonic Home** for our regular business meeting on **Monday, April 5**.

Please plan to join us at the **Plattsmouth Masonic Home** (1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth, NE 68048) for dinner, a tour, and our regular business meeting. Please call David Rose at 402.319.5841 for more information or if you would like a ride.

The Masonic Home has provided gracious assisted living and quality nursing care to members of the Masonic family for over 100 years.