

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

Trestleboard

May-June, 2009

W.. Randall A. McFarland
Worshipful Master, 2009

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From the East

It's hard to believe that this year is half over! We have accomplished some wonderful things this year already. I would like to thank all of the brothers and other people who helped on the CHIP event on June 13th. It was wonderful having Dr. Kim McFarland join us again at our CHIP event with her students as they took tooth imprints from 80 children. We were fortunate to have excellent volunteer help from members of John J. Mercer Lodge #290 and Eastern Star's Narcissus Chapter #269. Next year's CHIP event— tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2010 — should be even bigger and better. Please plan to join us to volunteer—or to bring your kids or grandkids!

Please plan to join us for a **picnic at Cooper Farm** (4343 North 52nd Street) on the 2nd Monday in July and August at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, fun, and fellowship.

We will be having a **Blood Drive at Florence Lodge** on Monday Aug. 17th from 4:00—8:00 p.m. Please donate, and help save lives.

On Saturday, September 26th, we will be having our **Past Masters Dinner**, celebrating M.W. Charlie Amidon's 60 years of Masonry. Dinner will be hosted at the Scottish Rite at 6:00 p.m.

I hope the hot summer months are finding you well, and I hope we will see you at our Lodge events!

Fraternally,

Randy McFarland

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Freemasonry, The Teacher

One of Freemasonry's objectives is the making of better men. This it endeavors to do by teaching. It aims to inculcate in the minds of those who come into it some of those virtues which are recognized as prerequisites for a better life. Its teachings include brotherhood, morality, justice, tolerance, citizenship, education and freedom of ideas, of religious choice, of expression.

The worth of the individual in society is another of its prime objectives, but it believes that this worth is only achieved by the recognition of the corresponding responsibility which must accompany each privilege the individual enjoys. Upon this premise, right may be exercised properly only as long as they do not infringe those belonging to one's neighbor. This principle finds its highest expression in the term "brotherly love" which teaches us to regard the whole human race as one common family, who are sent into the world to aid, support and protect each other.

Happy Birthday!

May

Gordon Chapman
Dean Cook
Michael Cunningham
Dale Duckert
Keith Edquist, Jr.
Frank Fahland
Harold Flockhart
John Folsom
Robert Hiles
James Lemen
David Lilley
Robert Lorentzen
Longene Nelson
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June

Charles Amidon
Bryan Cizar
Gregory Jensen
Carl Moum
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**2009 CHIP Event
Hosted by Florence Lodge #281, Mercer Lodge #290
and Eastern Star's Narcissus #269**

Volunteers from Florence Lodge #281, Mercer Lodge #290, Eastern Star Narcissus Chapter #269, and the UNMC School of Dentistry met at the Benson Masonic Center on June 13, 2009 for the annual CHIP event. This year, nearly 80 children participated in this program, which provides their families with a disc containing their child's vital statistics, a short interview, a dental imprint, and a cheek swab. If a child goes missing, this kit is an invaluable aid for law enforcement officers to use in swiftly finding and indentifying the child.

Our next CHIP event is tentatively scheduled for **June 12, 2010**. Please plan to volunteer or bring your children or grandchildren.

Many men join Masonry for the fraternity, but many also join to perform community service. The Childhood Identification Program is just one more way we are remaining relevant in our communities.

Masonry is growing, and its about getting involved with our community. Our businesses meeting is on the first Monday of each month at 7:30. Come participate in YOUR Lodge today!

