

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

Trestleboard

September, 2010

W.: David L. Rose
Worshipful Master, 2010

5903 Maple Street
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Upcoming Calendar for Florence Lodge #281

- Sept 20— Regular Communication
Florence Lodge @ 7:30 p.m
- Sept 27— Master Mason Degree
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m
- Oct 4— Regular Communication
Florence Lodge @ 7:30 p.m
- Oct 11— Degree Practice
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 18— Degree Practice
Florence Lodge @ 7:00 p.m
- Oct 25— 2nd Annual Ladies of the Table dinner
Florence Lodge @ 6:00P.M.
Guest Speaker Councilman Ben Gray
Cost \$15.00 Per person before Oct. 15

From the East

Brethren -

Last month, I had the privilege of meeting two members of Florence Lodge, Brother Bernhard Peterson who celebrates 60 years service to Masonry and Brother John Carr, who celebrates 50 years service Masonry. One of the highlights of my year as Master are getting to meet Brethren like Bernhard and John, men whose 50 and 60 year journey as Master Masons inspire my own journey from the rough ashlar to the smooth.

Our Brothers who have followed the trail of yet other Brethren before them create an unbroken chain stretching back to Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, George Washington and before. As Masons, we are part of an unbroken network stretching across the nation. Brothers Peterson and Carr stand alongside Brothers Roy Rogers, Theodore Roosevelt, Buzz Aldrin, or "Buffalo Bill" Cody. Where else but Masonry can we all stand together and call one another Brother?

So what does that mean for us today? It means that just as we bask in Masonry's past glories, successes, and those of our famous Brethren, we have the responsibility to bring pride to the Brethren who come after us. This does not mean we have to achieve glory, fame, and success to bring luster to Masonry. We do this through our every day actions—by acting by the plumb, meeting on the square, and parting on the level. By living out the fraternal principles of brotherly love, philanthropy, and ethical conduct today, future Masons will look back with great pride on our work and be proud to say that we were their Brothers.

It is a powerful feeling, knowing that my Brothers who joined 30, 40, 50, 60, or more years ago and the Brother receiving his Fellowcraft degree this month will be links in a huge chain of Freemasonry. Whether we are the strongest link or the strongest is of course up to each of us, but I have no doubt that as long as Florence Lodge continues, we will represent the best of Masonry.

Fraternally,

David Rose, Worshipful Master

September Birthdays

Donald P Anderson	Richard H Lewis
Doyle E Berg	William M Nary
Chris E Boughter	Paul E Nerz
Donald W Engdahl	Wilson F Schollman
Karl H Hoffmann	Robert D Whipple
James A Johnson	

Masonic Birthdays

(men raised as Master Masons in September)

Donald W Casey	James W McKay
John A Dowding	Wayne V Minikus
Russell P Ernst	Stanley W Smith
John D Folsom	Gary C Stapleton
Edwin D Kerr	Paul L Welsch
David W Lilley	

Please Help!



We need your e-mail address! The newsletter is one of the biggest expenses, and we'd like to get to a point when we can e-mail the Trestleboard to as many members as possible. Please send your e-mail to

W.: Dale Wagner, Secretary at dewagner@cox.net to add to our database. Thank you!

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Congratulations Brother Bernhard Peterson, 60 year member, who joined Florence Lodge #281 in November, 1950.



Congratulations Brother John Barr, 50 year member, who joined our Lodge in October, 1960.

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Florence Lodge celebrates 100 years, beginning in 2013!

Help us celebrate 100 years of our history! Please share the story of why you joined Masonry or your reminiscences about Florence Lodge #281 with us. E-mail webmaster@florencelodge.com or write us at Florence Lodge #281 and help preserve our history.