

# COBIA LODGE #631

## Trestle Board

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### Message from the Worshipful Master

I want to thank the members of Cobia for the opportunity to serve the Lodge this year. It has been a great honor and I am sure Bro. Mike Petry as the W.M. and the new officer will do a fantastic job. I would like to wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally

Bryan Howland W.M.

### Those Raised since last newsletter

William Wingate  
John Thomsen  
Aron Flanagan

### Deaths

Robert Plummer 9/27/09

### Christmas Party Plans

Cobia members and their significant others are invited to attend a Cobia Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM. The party will be held at Chris Stowell's house at 325 Fleming Ave in Council Bluffs. Bring a dish and your favorite beverage.

### Website Wins Award update

Cobia Lodge's website won a second place award in the Grand Lodge of Iowa's Grand Design Contest. Webmaster John Hauser has done a great job and works to keep the information current especially the calendar. You can visit us at [www.cobia631.org](http://www.cobia631.org) see copies of the news letters, photos, links and so much more.

### Temple Board

#### Elevator woes.....

As reported before, the temple elevator is in need of modifications to meet new safety requirements by July 2011. It will cost approx \$30,000 to make the modifications. Options for financing the improvements were discussed and it appears that approx \$8,000 will need to be accessed to the groups using the temple to cover the cost.

#### Salvation in a bottle????

The issue of amending the bylaws of the temple board to allow those renting the temple to serve alcoholic beverages at their function was discussed. Several arguments for it and against it were brought up. No decision was made and it will be discussed again. So think it is the answer to keeping our rents low.

### Cobia Lodge Helps Washington School



Bryan Howland, WM and Chris Stowell, PM present \$500 check to Washington School Principal Jason Plourde and School Administrative Manager Kim Thayer.

A \$500 check was presented to Washington School to help children. The monies for this presentation were raised during last years Hog Roast and Dance. These funds will be used for preschool program field trip and activities. It will give 80 to 95 children a chance to do experience something they might not otherwise be able to do. It was noted that 89% of children attending Washington school are at or below the poverty level. (September 9, 2009)

### HONORS TO OUR MEMBERS....

#### WM Howland installed as Grand Officer

On September 26, WM Bryan Howland was installed as the Grand Tyler at the Iowa Grand Lodge in Cedar Rapids. A reception will be held in his honor on March 20, 2010. Plan on attending

#### Hauser installed as OES Grand Officer

On October 25 in Coralville, John Hauser was installed as the Grand Sentinel in the Iowa Grand of the Order of the Eastern Star. A reception was held in his honor on November 21.

### We Need Input

Got ideas, suggestions or comments about the newsletter or you would like to purchase ad space:

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## Calendar of Events

- 12/15/09 7:30pm **First Degree Practice**
- 12/18/09 4:30pm **SPAGHETTI DINNER**
- 12/19/09 7:00am **HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS BASKET DISTRIBUTION**
- 12/19/09 6:00pm **COBIA CHRISTMAS PARTY 6 PM till ?????**
- 12/22/09 7:00pm **TWO FIRST DEGREES**
- 12/25/09 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 12/29/09 7:00pm **TWO FIRST DEGREES**
- 12/31/09 **FIRST NIGHT**
- 1/1/10 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 1/5/10 **TBA - Degree Work**
- 1/12/10 7:30pm **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**
- 1/19/10 **TBA - Degree Work**
- 1/22/10 4:30pm **SPAGHETTI DINNER**
- 1/26/10 **TBD DEGREE WORK**
- 2/2/10 **TBA - Degree Work**
- 2/9/10 7:30pm **Business Meeting**
- 2/16/10 **TBA - Degree Work**
- 2/23/10 **TBD DEGREE WORK**
- 2/26/10 4:30pm **SPAGHETTI DINNER**
- 3/2/10 **TBA - Degree Work**
- 3/9/10 7:30pm **Business Meeting**
- 3/16/10 **TBA - Degree Work**

## Website update

Cobia Lodge's website has been updated and we even have link to a site where you can purchase Masonic and Cobia Lodge merchandise. This site was created by Bro. Roy Hayslip. The calendar on the home page is kept current. You can visit us at [www.cobia631.org](http://www.cobia631.org) see copies of the news letters, photos, links and so much more.

## Hog Roast a Great Success...

The third Annual Hog Roast was a great success. Thanks to the efforts of money of our members through the purchase and selling of tickets, seeking donations, cooking and serving the hog roast was great success and will allow us to continue to assist our community this upcoming year.



Cobia Brothers getting ready to serve up the Roast Pork, Max & Dorothy Hendersen's special beans and other goodies.

## Helping Those in Our Community

Cobia Lodge members assist students at Washington School carve pumpkins. In addition to those pictured Brother Ross Cervený helped carve pumpkins.



Bro. E.J Petry Jr. dressed as a clown helps Washington School preschool kids carve a big pumpkin.



Bro. John Thomsen is being closely observed doing delicate carving.

## Installation Date Set...

The installation of the new Cobia Lodge Officers is set for January 12, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Plan now to attend...

**We wish all of you a very special Holiday Season and a Joyful New Year.**

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