

COBIA LODGE #631 A.F. & A.M.

Trestle Board

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April 2020

THE MASTER'S WORDS

It was the best of times. . . it was the worst of times.

A Tale of Two Cities
Charles Dickens

This famous quote accurately describes the first quarter of our year first, came the best:

41 people and the Nebraska Past Grand Master attended Past Masters night, Mike Hernandez, Mason of the year and Anthony Baker, new Mason of the Year
Public Installation of Officers
2 new Master Masons raised
5 Lodge visits, Atlantic Avoca, Harlan, Marnie, B.C.
2 Job's Daughters events
Moved Amber Lodge items to Cobia for storage
4 Brothers, 90-man hours for Membership at Circus
2 Raffle Fundraisers, currently doing quite well
1 brother receiving \$600 Masonic Relief from Lodge
1 new petition voted on, now up for 1st degree
2 petitions to be read at April meeting
Master met with both CB lodges to suggest mutual fund raiser, community events and lodge interaction

And then came the worst:

With the advent of the Coronavirus we have opted for lodges of instruction, with one Masonic Instructor and 9 Brothers and attendance. These are held twice a week, that all may attend.

We have all been affected by this, some worse than others. But we will get through it. Please be diligent with respect to your friends, more especially your Brother's needs, with particular attention to our elderly members.

Be assured that this great nation and our Blue Lodges will come back stronger than ever. Come what may, we stand together, Brethren.

Fraternally,



Fred Gach

Worshipful Master