

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

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December 2011

Words from the Master....

Worshipful Master Donovan Brand wants to thank everyone who have helped make this year a success and he wishes the very best for the New Year to all.

Installation of the 2012 Officers

January 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM

The installation of the 2012 Cobia Lodge officers will be held on January 10 at 7:30 PM. The installation is open to all. Bring your family and friends. There will be a reception following the installation. The election results are as follows:

Worshipful Master Ron Payne	Treasurer Mike Petry
Senior Warden Chuck Coulter	Secretary John Hauser
Junior Warden Wade Rideout	

Your Invited

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2011 - Year in Review.

One of the tenants of Masonry is to provide relief to the poor and needy. As the year closes it is a good time to review our accomplishments in this area. .

- **Mapleton Iowa Tornado relief** - The proceeds from the April Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast were dedicated to the Mapleton Iowa tornado relief fund. This included all monies over expenses and whatever donations were taken in. We far exceeded our expectations and were able to contribute \$1000 to this fund.
- **Micah House Meals** – Since the start in September 2010 Cobia lodge has provided 1360 hot meals to the Micah House each Sunday that we serve breakfast.
- **Washington School Partnership** – We donated \$500 to the preschool program at Washington School. We also arranged to get Shrine Circus tickets and pay for the transportation of the Washington preschoolers.
- **Longfellow School Partnership** – Cobia Lodge has adopted the Longfellow school Preschool Program since Washington School closed this school year. We presented them with a \$500 check to be used by the teachers to purchase materials and pay for things that need to help the kids. Brother Chris Stowell is working on building three preschool sized rocking chairs for the kids to use.
- **Helping Hands Breakfast** – Cobia Lodge participated with the Council Bluffs Police Department and the other Masonic Lodges to sponsor the Helping Hands Pancake breakfast. Proceeds from this event were used to purchase gift cards to be used to help 40 needy families during Christmas. This is a joint project of Cobia Lodge #631, Excelsior Lodge #259 and Bluffs City Lodge #71. Harmony and Council Bluffs chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star collect gloves, mittens and stuff animals that are also given out to these families.
- **Fire Victim** – at the October stated meeting we passed the hat to raise monies to help a family who lost everything in an apartment fire in Omaha. \$400 was raised.
- **Masonic Relief** - The lodge donated \$100 to Rowley Masonic Home and \$100 to the Masonic Health Facilities Sunshine Fund. The lodge also covered the two brothers that were experiencing hardship and for two brothers who are serving in the military.
- **Military Families** – The lodge donated the proceeds of a freewill offering conducted at the Past Master's Dinner to Grand Masters Military Family relief fund

Past Masters Night

On December 16 Cobia Lodge held a dinner honoring the Past Masters. Thirty people were in attendance. The event was hosted by Jason Billings PM and held at the Hoy Kilnoski Community Room. A video was shown picturing all of Cobia Lodge's Past Masters. Those Past Masters present shared some of the highlights of these time as Master of the lodge. A free will offering was taken and the proceeds will be sent to the Grand Lodge for the Grand Master Project to help meet the needs of military families.

Lodge Dues for 2012

The 2012 lodge dues are due January 1. Thanks to those that have already paid their dues. Those who have not paid their dues are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Raised in 2011

The following brothers were raised to the degree of Master Mason

Brian Miller	Michael Young	Buddy Ray Jones	Daniel Ray Christo
Derek Brand	Michael Hadden	Charles Rodrigues	Timothy Smith

Deaths

We are reporting those members who have gone to the celestial lodge above. Keep them and their families in your prayers. Let us know if you know of the passing of any other members.

Roger Edmund Madsen passed 9/9/2009	Donald Quinn Lewis passed 3/6/2011
Roscoe E. Wilson passed 03/28/2011	James Dwayne Nixon passed 8/7/2011
Wade Harvey Krabbe passed 12/2/2011	David W. Blodgett passed 12/10/2011

Calling all Brothers

We need your help to make sure we know about any brother or their families with sickness and distress. Please contact the Worshipful Master or any of the Lodge officers so we can show our support. Let us know so we can inform the membership.

Help the Secretary help you!

We want to make sure we have the most current information on our members. Let us know of any address changes. If you would like to get your newsletter fast – give us your email address. Let us know if your email or mailing address has changed. John Hauser, Secretary 712-325-0812 or email Secretary@cobia631.org

Looking for the Lost

We have lost contact with the following brothers. Please let Secretary John Hauser know if you have any info on their whereabouts, contact information or know someone that can help us find them.

Emmett Clayton	Bryan Larsen	Zacharie Yakel
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Jobs Daughters

Bethel #1 is looking for new members – the organization is for girls ages 10 and older. Girls must be related to a Mason and can be a daughter, granddaughter or niece. For more information contact Claudia Hauser, Bethel Guardian – 712-325-0812 or John Hauser Associate Bethel Guardian.

COBIA Lodge Calendar

Tue Jan 3, 2012	6:30 PM	Practice for Installation
Tue Jan 3, 2012	7:30 PM	Second Degree
Tue Jan 10, 2012	7:30 PM	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Sun Jan 15, 2012	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Biscuits, Gravy & More Breakfast
Tue Jan 17, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree Practice
Tue Jan 24, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree
Fri Jan 27, 2012	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
Tue Jan 31, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree
Tue Feb 7, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree
Tue Feb 14, 2012	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Sun Feb 19, 2012	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Biscuits, Gravy & More Breakfast
Tue Feb 21, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree
Fri Feb 24, 2012	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
Tue Feb 28, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree
Tue Mar 6, 2012	7:00 PM	First Degree Practice
Tue Mar 13, 2012	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Sun Mar 18, 2012	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Biscuits, Gravy & More Breakfast
Tue Mar 20, 2012	7:00 PM	Possible Two First Degrees
Fri Mar 23, 2012	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
Tue Mar 27, 2012	7:00 PM	Possible Second Degree Practice
Thu Mar 29, 2012	6:00 PM	Possible Masonic Friendship Dinner

