

February 5, 2018

Greeting Brethren,

Through the good graces of the ladies that volunteered to crochet the hats and scarfs for needy children. Cobia was able to donate 70 Christmas presents to the children of the Micah house.

It has been an exciting and busy January. Our installation of officers for 2018 took place on January 7th. We were honored by a number of dignitaries, friends and family members! I'd like to thank Claudia Hauser and Dorothy Henderson for helping with the refreshments and decorations for our installation. The Ladies of Eastern Star have always been supportive of Cobia.

Our first business meeting of the year brought both change and direction for the coming year. Our long term relationship of Longfellow school has changed with the strengthening support of the Shrine Circus. This change allows us to focus our attention on our Masonic Relief within our community. With that note, it was decided on having a Biscuits and Gravy breakfast on February 25th to raise funds for Masonic relief. The doors will open at 8:00am for the general public and run until noon. The flyer is currently out on Facebook and we have had a positive response so far. I'd like everyone to please help get the word out so we can have a successful breakfast.

On January 20th, Cobia hosted the District Secretary Conference. The conference was both educational as well as enlightening. Several area District Lodges were able to attend as well as the Grand Master of Iowa, Toby Williams; Grand Secretary of Iowa; and the Esteemed Brother Terry Osborne.

I had the honor of attending the installation of officers for Job Daughters, Bethel #1 on January 27th. It was a very inspiring evening. The young ladies did a wonderful job. Cobia was well represented by a number of our current officers. The Grand Master of Iowa was honored and delighted to personally present them with a check by the Grand Lodge to help sponsor their youth organization.

The 30th of January opened the first Masonic Education night for 2018. Our instructor for the evening was Toby Williams, The Grand Master of Iowa and his esteemed colleague Brother Terry Osborne. I believe I speak for all that were able to attend; it was a rewarding and informative night.

February 13th is our Business meeting. Please plan to attend if possible. There are a number of exciting issues to be discussed that night as well as planning for the breakfast of the 25th. If any brother would like to bring any new business up for the meeting please feel free to either contact either myself, our Secretary, Brother Wade or any of the officers so we can put it on the agenda. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

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