

COBIA LODGE #631

Trestle Board

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Cobia Lodge 2010 Officers



Pictured: 2010 Cobia Lodge Officers - From Left to Right - Charles Richey Senior Deacon; Charles Coulter Treasurer; Mike L. Petry Worshipful Master; Wade Ridout Junior Deacon; Donovan D. Brand Senior Warden; Ronald S. Payne Junior Warden; Darwin A. Baker Secretary ; Edward J. Petry Chaplain; John Thomsen Senior Steward; Ross Cerveny Junior Steward; Roy Hayslip Tyler (not pictured)

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Brethren, we are off to a good start in 2010! As all the officers settle into their new stations in the Lodge, we have not missed a beat in operations, having done three second degrees and sending two more candidates to the one day Blue Lodge in Sioux City. - We have really made a difference in the lives of children at Washington Elementary School with all the generous gifts and time many a Brother has donated - THANK YOU! - The support I have received as new Master of the Lodge has been overwhelming and I am truly humbled by it ...
Thank You!

Mike Petry W.M.

Reception for Bryan Howland – Grand Tyler

Plan to attend the reception on March 22, 2010 hosted by Cobia Lodge. See the enclosed invitation and send in your reservations.

We Need Input

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

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John Hauser (712) 325-0812

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**Cobia to do monthly Biscuits and Gravy fundraiser
starting in April – more info later.**

Calendar of Events

- 2/16/10 - 7 PM Third Degree Practice
- 2/23/10 - 7 PM Third Degree
- 2/26/10 - 4:30 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER
- 3/2/10 - 7 PM Third Degree
- 3/9/10 - 7:30pm Business Meeting
- 3/16/10 - 7 PM Third Degree
- 3/20/10 - Reception for Bryan Howland
- 3/23/10 - 7 PM TBD DEGREE WORK
- 3/26/10 - 4:30 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER
- 3/30/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work
- 4/6/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work
- 4/13/10 - 7:30 PM Business Meeting
- 4/20/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work

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Cobia Lodge Helps Washington School

Ongoing efforts to raise much needed supplies for the young students and their dedicated teachers at Washington Elementary continues as evidenced here by Bros Chris Stowell, John F. Thomsen and Ken Bolton who are shown here along with two of the pre-school teachers who received the most recent delivery of donated supplies on behalf of the students at Washington Elementary.

An honorable mention goes out from the fund raising committee to some brothers who have gone above and beyond with this project; Bros Joe Gardner and Chris



Diez for donating a tremendous amount of the supplies this time around and Bro Roy Hayslip and Family for donating the much needed bus money to get the entire pre school class to the upcoming Shriner's Circus. Finally, a special thank you to Bro Chris Stowell for being instrumental in organizing the 100+ free tickets for the pre school children, their teachers and chaperons. These fine brothers, and others, continue to set the bar for Masonic excellence.

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- **4/18/2010 BISCUITS & GRAVY**
- 4/23/10 - 4:30pm SPAGHETTI DINNER
- 4/27/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work
- 4/29/10 - 6:00pm Masonic Friendship Dinner
- 5/4/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work
- 5/11/10 7:30pm Business Meeting
- **5/16/2010 BISCUITS & GRAVY**
- 5/18/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work
- 5/25/10 - 7 PM TBA - Degree Work

HELPING HANDS PANCAKE FEED

The Helping hands pancake breakfast will be held on March 21 from 7 AM to 1 PM. \$5 Donation. Bluff City Lodge #71, Excelsior Lodge #259, Cobia Lodge #631 and the Council Bluffs Police Department. The proceeds from this event are used to sponsor the Christmas Basket project for needy families in our community. Harmony and Council Bluffs Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star donate stuffed animals, gloves, mittens and other items to be included in the baskets. Bring your friends and family and join us for pancakes. We are also looking for volunteers to help work at the event. Cobia's Shift is 10 AM to 1 PM and clean up. Let WM Mike Petry know if you can help. Mike also has tickets that we can use to sell. Help make this the best ever and help make some Christmas next year brighter.

Washington School Wish List

Help us help the Washington Preschool program and teachers. Times are tuff, budgets have been cut and many times the teachers are force to go without or use their own money to purchase things for the kids. Donate whatever you can, including money. Here is the list:

Washable water color paints
walk on number line
cardboard blocks
child sized rocking chair
flannel board
barn and farm set
Christmas catalog
wireless mouse for laptop
shelves for toys
Computer for kids
Greeting cards
buttons
yarn
wax paper
foil
seashells
plastic knives, forks and spoons
magazines
shaving cream
masking tape
scotch tape
paper cups
shoe box sized Rubbermaid totes

Trikes
resting mat
paint smocks
5 minute sand timer
Boxes of crayons at least the basic 8 colors
Bottles of white glue
wiggly eyes in large pack
pipe cleaners
large pom poms multi colored
washable paint in pint sized containers
fine point and large tip washable markers
glitter in a variety of colors
Grotto grip for special needs kids
kid sized stapler
masking tape
t ball set
Plastic trikes
etc.