

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

Trestle Board

2013 Lodge of the Year - Gold Award Winner

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Words from the Master.... Greetings Brethren all. I hope everyone has had a summer full of memories with your families and friends. Scars are life's little reminders of our experiences to better improve our selves. We are just over halfway through this year. Man has it been a busy one for our lodge. I would like to extend a big thank you to all that have been there to help make putting on the degrees possible. Soon after you get this the wardens and I will be making our way to the Grand Lodge session to represent you. To keep these wheels turning we can use all help available to put on degrees and the Hog Roast coming up in November. It would be great to see familiar faces that we haven't seen for a while. As I mentioned in the last newsletter we are continually gaining new candidates, and with the Friendship dinner I imagine we will acquire more. Please come show your support to them and make them feel at home. - Wade Ridout, W.M. 2014

Masonic Friendship Dinner – A Masonic Friendship dinner is scheduled for August 26 at the Council Bluffs Masonic Temple. Social time is at 6:30 PM dinner served at 7 PM. Cobia Lodge will be hosting this event. It is a great opportunity to bring a friend and show them what Masonry is all about. Reservation Deadline is August 21. You can make reservations by calling John Hauser at 712-325-0812 or e-mail: secretary@cobia631.org

Helping Hands Joined – The Helping Hands Joined Pancake feed held on Sunday April 13 was a great success. All three Council Bluffs Lodges in conjunction with the Council Bluffs Police Department helped to make this year's event a success. The proceeds go toward providing funds for families in need at Christmas time to purchase food. The Jobs Daughter Bethel in conjunction with the Council Bluffs & Harmony Eastern Star chapters hosted a bake sale during the event and all proceeds went towards the project. The event raised \$2125. Jim Cline asked that we please send him the names, addresses and telephone numbers of families who would need assistance during this year's Christmas holidays. Jim's email address is: jimboaclown@cox.net (Pictured on the right: Cobia Lodge WM Wade Ridout and Brother Brent Leaders flipping hot cakes)



Members of Jobs Daughters and the Eastern Star Chapters staff the table selling the delicious treats that were prepared for those attending the Pancake Breakfast.

Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

Join us for Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month from 8 AM till 11 AM. Starting in August the price increases to \$6 to help cover the increasing cost of food. This also helps us to cover the cost of preparing 85 hot meals for the residents of the MICAH House. They are unable to provide a hot breakfast on Sundays. The MICAH House provides a safe and nurturing environment with support services for those families and individuals who are experiencing the crisis of homelessness.

NEW MASTER MASONS – The following brothers were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason since our last newsletter: Demario Lamont Holley, Gayle Ward Barrett, Earl Leonard Bascue, Christopher Adam Hopper, Fredrick Scott Stickels, Jeremy Leonard Haynes, Harold Eugene Coverdell and Joseph Gerard Sinnott

ACACIA MEMORIAL – The Acacia Memorial project culminated with a luncheon and tree planting ceremony. Brother Chuck Rodrigues had worked closely with the nursery to select, order and plot the location of each of the 22 blue spruce trees. After Lunch the group assembled at the site where the first tree was to be planted. After a short prayer given by Brother Ron Payne, Brother Jason LeMaster, the first donor to the project, tossed the first shovel of dirt on the new tree. Everyone who attended had an opportunity to take their turn with the shovel.



Cobia Lodge member Jason LeMaster with who was the first donor to the project.



Acacia Memorial Tree planting ceremony. Photo of group assembled from donors to witness the planting of the first tree.

KEEP US CURRENT

We send this out electronically to everyone on our email list but this newsletter is also being sent out to all of our members via US mail. We do this once a year so that we can verify we have the correct address for you on file. You can help keep our records current but letting us know when you move or if any other information changes like your phone number or email address. Speaking of email if you are not getting our notices about what's going on that means we do not have your correct email address. Mail it to me at secretary@cobia631.org. Visit our website at www.cobia631.org to see the calendar and other information about your lodge.

HOG ROAST DATE SET - HOLD THE DATE

The 9th Annual Hog Roast dinner has been set for November 8 from 4 PM till 9 PM at the Masonic Temple. Tickets can be had for a \$10 donation for adults and \$5 for children 12 year of and under.

COBIA Lodge Calendar – (Subject to change - check the website at www.cobia631.org for current schedule)

Tuesday, August 5 7:00pm SECOND DEGREES - ALBERTSON & CURTIS
Tuesday, August 12 7:00pm SECOND DEGREES - DECOLANDREA & CHAVARRIA
Sunday, August 17 8:00am – 11 AM BISCUITS, GRAVY & MORE BREAKFAST
Tuesday, August 19 - 7:00pm THIRD DEGREE
Friday, August 22 4:30pm – 6:30 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER
Tuesday, August 26 6:00pm FRIENDSHIP DINNER
Tuesday, September 2 7:00pm - THIRD DEGREE
Tuesday, September 9 7:30pm - STATED COMMUNICATION - BUSINESS MEETING
September 18-20 Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Cedar Rapids
Sunday, September 21 -8:00am - BISCUITS, GRAVY & MORE BREAKFAST
Tuesday, September 23 - TBD DEGREE WORK
Friday, September 26 - 4:30pm – 6:30 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER
Tuesday, October 7 TBA - Degree Work
Tuesday, October 14 7:30pm STATED COMMUNICATION - BUSINESS MEETING

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it. — — Winston Churchill