

# COBIA LODGE #631

## Trestle Board

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### THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS WORDS

Have a safe and great summer. Mike Petry, W.M.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 18 - 8 AM to 1 PM BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST  
July 23 - OES 441 SPAGHETTI DINNER  
August 10 - 7:30pm Business Meeting  
August 15 - 8 AM to 1 PM BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST  
August 22 - 3:00pm COBIA FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC @ WM Petry's House  
August 27 - OES 441 SPAGHETTI DINNER  
September 6 - LABOR DAY  
September 14 - 7:30pm Business Meeting  
September 16 - 18 Sioux City, IA Iowa Grand Lodge  
September 19 - 8 AM to 1 PM BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

### Cobia Lodge Names New Secretary

Darwin Baker stepped down as secretary of the lodge in May when he took a new position at work that required much more travel and more responsibility. Brother John Thomsen was volunteered to take the office of secretary of the lodge. John's Contact information is: ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL: [Secretary@cobia631.org](mailto:Secretary@cobia631.org)  
We wish Darwin well on his new assignment and look forward to Brother Thomsen's tenure.

### RECEPTION HONORING BRYAN HOWLAND – GRAND TYLER



Pictured: Bryan Howland - Grand Tyler, Stranger women aka Grand Officer Groupie, Most Worshipful Grand Master Craig C. Hummel,

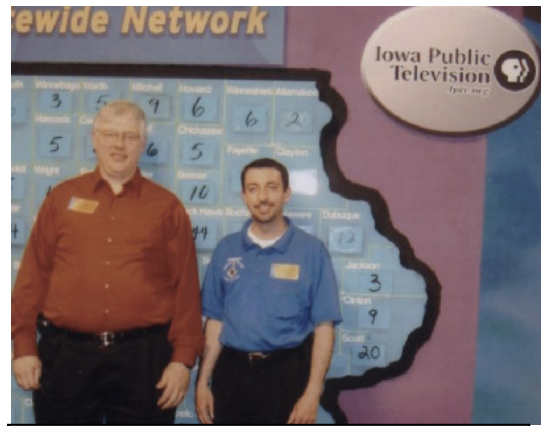
Cobia Lodge hosted the Grand Lodge Officer at a reception honoring Brother Bryan Howland appointment as Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. After the reception of Past Grand Officers, Grand Officers and distinguished guests those present were treated to dinner and a program which included a "roasting" Bryan. The Grand Officer presented there own humor which featured a strange women who appeared to have been following the Grand Officers from reception to reception. Musical entertainment was provided by the Shrine Chanters under the direction of Terry Ties.

### COBIA FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC SET

Mark your calendars for August 22 - 3 PM till 8 PM for the Cobia Lodge Friends and Family PICNIC hosted by Mike and Marie Petry. It will be held at their house located at 2505 N Eighth St. Meat will be provided but you are asked to bring a side dish or desert.

## **COBIA LODGE MEMBERS HELP IOWA PUBLIC TELEVISION**

Brothers Bryan Howland and John Hauser participated in the Masonic Family day to man the phones for the Iowa Public Television's (IPTV) Festival. The event held each year includes members of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Iowa Demolay, Iowa/Minnesota Rainbow Assembly and the Iowa Jobs Daughters. Public Television depends on volunteers to staff the phones at their studios in Johnston, Iowa to take pledges during the breaks. This is one of the primary means obtaining funding needed to support the programs broadcast on IPTV.



Pictured: John Hauser, Iowa OES Grand Sentinel and Bryan Howland - Grand Tvlr.

## **DEATHS**

The following brothers, members of Cobia Lodge, have passed away. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Ronald Curtis Hoff	09/10/2009
Robert William Plummer	09/27/2009
Duane Francis Thiel	01/26/2010
Gary Michael Martin	05/14/2010

## **COUNCIL BLUFFS LODGES ASSIST WITH DEGREES**

At one point not long ago Amber Lodge #569 in Quick Iowa discussed the possibility of closing. The members started to regroup and as a result they had several petitions for new members. The Master of the lodge put out a call for assistance and members of the members of Cobia Lodge and the other Council Bluffs Lodges answered the call. They now have four new brothers and expected several others in the future. Several Grand Officers of the Iowa Grand Lodge recently did the third degree. This was an excellent example of brothers helping brothers.

## **ELEVATOR JACK REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO START**

The project to replace the hydraulic jack on the elevator to comply with the state elevator code has started and is expected to be completed this July. Once done you will not notice anything different as the project only covers the replacement of the jack which is located below the elevator. The existing cylinder is metal and in contact with the ground. Over the years they tend to corrode and could rupture causing the car to drop. The new cylinder is encased in PVC pipe minimizing the chance of corrosion. The project will cost approx \$26,500. Funds were provided from a building maintenance fund and funds donated to Harmony OES chapter. The remaining amount of \$6500 was split among the organizations that use the temple. Cobia's share amounted to \$1374.62.

## **BISCUITS AND GRAVY AND MORE**

On the third Sunday of each month from 8 AM till 1 PM Cobia will be serving biscuits, gravy and more. We encourage each of you to bring your family and friends and enjoy breakfast and fellowship while helping the lodge meet its financial obligations.

## **DUES WAIVED FOR OUR SERVICE MEN**

At the June business meeting the member present voted to waive the dues for our brothers who are on active duty service. The Grand Lodge will also be requested to waive their portion also. We currently have three members serving on country on active duty.

### **DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE**

The dues notices for the 2010 were sent out in October of 2009. We have several brothers who have yet send in their dues for 2010. We thank those who promptly send their dues each year and request that those that have yet to pay do so immediately. Each year monies are spent unnecessarily contacting those who have not paid. If you are unable to pay your dues do to financial hardship contact the Mike Petry. Additional amounts are always welcome, and tax deductible.

**TEMPLE ASSOCIATION NEWS:** John Hauser has continued to serve as Treasurer for the Temple Board, Ron Payne assisting as the other delegate for Cobia. The Board has concentrated mainly on the elevator this past quarter, but has also confirmed its duty as fiduciary for the Perpetual Fund, which is right now 40% invested. It is hoped that the fund will become 100% invested in the near future, and plans have begun to add to the fund, with a goal of \$1million being floated (we hope). This would provide relief to all the lodges for rent monies now collected through dues and fundraisers, since the interest would approach \$50,000 per year. Donations are welcome (through Cobia for the tax break). Just designate the donation to got to the Temple Board Perpetual Fund.

### **HOG ROAST DATE SET**

Plan on attending the annual Hog Roast and dance set for November XX. A portion of the funds from this event have been used to support the teachers and some activities of the preschool program as Washington Elementary. With the closing of Washington school, we hope to use the funds to support other school programs in our community.

### **PUSH TO GET EMAIL ADDRESSES**

We will be pushing to get email addresses so we can send the newsletter or a link to it to members and others. The newsletter will be sent in PDF format so it can be opened and read using Adobe Reader. Not only will this facilitate quicker deliver it will also allow the reader to see it in full color, something we cannot feasibly do via mail. With postage costs on the rise we must continue to do whatever it takes to keep expenses down and keep the dues affordable. In the future we will be able to create a group email that will allow us to send notices of Masonic Funeral services, meeting reminders an important information.

If you have yet to give us your email or you are still getting a hard copy delivered by the post office please send your email address to [secretary@cobia631.org](mailto:secretary@cobia631.org)