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Words from the Master..... Still Rockin' We are cooking right along, raising brothers, getting involved with our community, and mentoring each brother, several are working on the Ashlar award, some have decided to go for the Master Builder, the program is working very well, good start for any brother. Charitable work continues, with so many benefits to the lodge. We are finding each month is an opportunity for friendship and belonging, and have had many inquiries come from this event, well worth keeping going. Working hard on ways to improve has led us to new levels, we are being noticed, brothers, so be proud of the accomplishments of your lodge. Thanks to those who called and came to lodge over the last few months, it's great to keep in touch. Although we will be dark in August we will be having the breakfast on the third Sunday, and come September will be back to work, so follow along on the calendar at www.cobia631.org website and make plans to attend lodge at your earliest opportunity. We do have a candidate who will be receiving his first and second degrees over the next few weeks, - I really wish we could tell you all that is happening, there simply is not enough room here, come on down to lodge, watch the degree, you'll like what you see.

Ron Payne, WM

COBIA Lodge helped Jobs Daughters host Mid-America HIKE

On Saturday May 5 members of Cobia Lodge #631 helped Bethel #1 Job's Daughters host the four states Mid America HIKE in Council Bluffs. Members and sponsors from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa joined to raise monies for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Program or HIKE. This is the philanthropic project of Jobs Daughters. Funds are used to provide hearing aids and assistive learning devices to hearing impaired kids across the United States. For this year's event they hiked across the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge. Afterwards the hikers returned to the Masonic Temple for lunch and the awards ceremony. Brothers Chris Stowell and Chuck Richey



cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers while Brothers Ron Larson, Richard Moore, Jim Cline and Chuck Rodrigues provided security during the walk and helped serve. WM Ron Payne assisted with activities at the temple. Brother John Hauser who serves as the Associate Bethel Guardian and his wife Claudia Hauser expressed their appreciation for the help and support that they received from the members of Cobia Lodge #631, Harmony Chapter #25 and Council Bluffs Chapter # 441 Order of the Eastern Star. The event helped to raise about \$8000 for the charity. Since 1984 over 4.5 million dollars have been given – providing assistance to 2332 children. In Iowa 67 children had received awards totaling over \$140,000.

Over 1870 meals have been served..... Since the start of the Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast. The MICAH house is not staffed to provide hot breakfast on Sundays. Each month before we start serving the public at our Biscuits and Gravy Breakfasts - Brother Chuck Richey and "Egg Master" Donovan Brand and others get up early start cooking so we can deliver a hot breakfast to the MICAH House. It takes a lot of work by others to pull this off each month. Brother Matt Sproul and Vicki Overly prepare the fresh bakery delights. Brother Mike Petry purchases supplies, Brothers Brian Howland, Chris Stowell and Chuck Richey prepare the biscuit mix; brothers Max Henderson and Ron Payne others grind the meat and add special seasonings to prepare the sausage. Brothers Chuck Rodrigues, Monty Stork, Ross Cerveny, Chuck Coulter, Brian Howland, Mike Petry, John Hauser and others who have helped in the kitchen and with cleanup. Thanks also for all who have come for breakfast, brought others and spread the word. Proceeds from the Breakfast help support the MICAH Meals program and our efforts to help the Longfellow Preschool Program. Please excuse us if we have not thanked you by name but please accept our thanks just the same.

Lodge Dues

The 2012 lodge dues of \$80 are now due. 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. Those who have not paid their 2012 dues by July 10 will be dropped from the roster.

Father and Son raised....

The members of Cobia Lodge had the privilege to raise Robert Bogardus and Shawn Bogardus. They were able to go thru the first and second degrees together. Shawn who became a Master Mason a week before his Robert was able to participate to help raise his father. Robert and Shawn operate Bogardus plumbing in Council Bluffs. Pictured on the right are Shawn Bogardus, Ron Payne WM and Robert Bogardus.



Grand Lodge Scholarships



The Grand Lodge requested that Cobia Lodge present two Grand Lodge Scholarships on their behalf. The two were Taylor Coulter who attended Lewis Central High School and Natasha Konfrst who attended Abraham Lincoln High School. Taylor is Cobia Lodge member brother Chuck Coulter's daughter. The scholarships were presented at each schools awards ceremony and the lodge hosted a reception to honor on May 29.



COBIA Lodge Calendar

(Subject to change - check the website for up to date schedule)

Sunday, June 17 8:00am – 1:00pm B & G Breakfast
Tuesday, June 19 7:00pm First Degree
Thursday, June 21, 7:00 PM Second Degree Practice
Friday, June 22 4:30pm – 6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner
Tuesday, June 26 Second Degree
Tuesday, July 10 7:30pm Business Meeting

Sunday, July 15 8:00am – 1:00pm B & G Breakfast
Friday, July 27 4:30pm – 6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner
Dark in August Friday, August 24 4:30pm – 6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner
Tuesday, September 11 7:30pm Business Meeting
Sunday, September 16 8:00am – 1:00pm B & G Breakfast

Masonic Friendship Dinner planned for fall...

Mark your calendars - the next Masonic Friendship dinner is tentatively planned for Tuesday September 25, 2012 at the Council Bluffs Masonic Temple. It is also an excellent opportunity to share Masonry with a friend you always knew would make a good Mason. Information about our values, history, charities and the appendant bodies will be provided. Cobia Lodge has gotten several new members who first attended one of these events. More information will be forth coming.

Still Looking for the Lost

Some have been found but we are still looking for the following brothers. Please contact John Hauser at 712-325-0812 or email Secretary@cobia631.org if you have any info on their whereabouts, contact information or know someone that can help us find them. Also remember to update us with your contact information when you have changes. Those currently as lost:

Emmett Clayton **Zacharie Yakel**

Improve your looks while promoting the Lodge and Masonry....

Cobia Lodge baseball caps are now on sale for \$10 each. There are two styles. One style is vented on the back half of the cap with a plastic headband adjuster and the other is non-vented with a Velcro headband adjuster. Both styles are embroidered with the Masonic Emblem and our lodge info. They are available during lodge meetings and at our breakfasts. We will also ship one two you for \$1.00 extra. Contact the Secretary to order or for more information.

