

COBIA LODGE #631

Trestle Board

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NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED....

The 2011 Cobia lodge officer were installed January in a ceremony that was attended by the Robert Klesath Potentate of the Tangier Shrine and John T. Parsons Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Past Potentate and Past Master Gary Fields was the installing officer. He was assisted by Max Henderson, PM as Installing Marshal; Charles Deveraux, P.M. as Installing Chaplain and Fred Gatch WM Amber Lodge #569 as Installing Secretary. The Cobia Lodge Officers for 2011 are:

Worshipful Master	Donovan D. Brand	Senior Deacon	Wade A. Ridout
Senior Warden	Ronald S. Payne	Junior Deacon	Ross T. Cerveney
Junior Warden	Charles M. Coulter	Senior Steward	Steven E. Thayer
Treasurer	Mike L. Petry SR, P.M.	Junior Steward	Monty Stork
Secretary	John M. Hauser	Tyler	Joe M. Gardner
Chaplain	Bryan D. Howland, P.M		

2011 Dues

We do not want to drop anyone. Things have changed, don't get caught off guard. The Grand Lodge amended the Iowa Code at the 166th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa this past September. Chapter 41, Section 4 states that when a member fails to pay his dues on or before the first day of April in any year it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify an member of his delinquency within 10 days immediately following April 1 in writing addressed to him at his last known address by US mail. The notice shall state that if the member fails to pay his dues on or before that our stated meeting in July, his name will, without action by the lodge, be automatically dropped for the roll as of that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS....

John Thomsen our secretary last year took a job in Maine. John is forwarding all dues payments sent to his new address. To avoid delay please send your dues payments to John Hauser at the address shown on the left. If you have paid your 2011 dues and have not received your dues card, please contact John Hauser via phone or email.

John Hauser
Cobia Lodge Secretary
130 South 6th
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Council Bluffs Lodges host the Grand Master's One Day Classes in December



On December 4 area lodges joint forces to present the Grand Master's One-Day Class at Council Bluffs. 18 men from eight lodges were raised to the degree of Master Masons. Past Master Bryan Howland, the General Chairman was assisted by many brothers. Cobia Lodge members presented the first degree. It was a great day for Masonry.

Biscuits & Gravy and more.....

Cobia Lodge hosts a Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month from 8 AM till 1 PM. Biscuits, Sausage, scrambled eggs baked goods have been featured. In addition to raise monies to support the lodge, assist with our support of the Washington School the funds raised helps us provide a hot meal to the Micah House residents and staff. This equates to approx 95 meals each month for a total of 475 free meals served since inception. Help us support this program by attending with your family and friends.

WASHINGTON PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM gets a field trip to the circus. Chris Stowell PM arranged to get the tickets to the Shrine Circus for the 90 plus kids in the Washington preschool program. Other Cobia Lodge members stepped forward and donated monies to cover the cost of the busses needed to transport the kids to the circus. Many of these kids would not have been able to attend the circus without our help. We are also working with the preschool program to assist with providing items that the teachers need that school is not able to provide.

BROTHERS ANSWER THE CALL – Cobia Lodge members answered John Thomsen's call for help. Brother John was concerned that four of the boys he cares for at his new job in Maine were not going to have a very bright Christmas

because they were wards of the state. Cobia lodge members stepped forward by donating winter coats, games, clothing and monies for gift cards. Yes Virginia there is a Santa and he lives in the brothers of Cobia Lodge.

Helping Hands is cooking again. Bluffs City, Excelsior and Cobia lodge have joined forces again with the Council Bluffs Police Department to raise funds to support the Christmas Basket Project. This project has provided food, gifts, winter gloves and hats for many families in the Council Bluffs area over the past several years. The funds to support this program are raised through donation made at the Helping Hands" Pancake Breakfast on March 13, 2010 7AM to 1 PM

KNOW WHEN TO HOLD EM AND KNOW WHEN TO FOLD EM – COBIA Lodge will be hosting a Poker

**COBIA MASONIC LODGE
CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT
Saturday, March 19th ~ Doors Open at 3pm**



Brother Chuck Coulter has filed the proper paperwork with the state and we are ready to deal For an Original Buy In is \$50. Additional Buy Ins are Allowed in the first hour. Prizes include: 1st Prize – 32" LCD HDTV; 2nd Prize – Nikon Coolpix L110; 3rd Prize – 16 GB Zune HD mp3 player; 4th Prize – GPX Karaoke Party CD+G Machine.

Masonic Family Friendship Dinner - The Grand Master has announced that the next Masonic Family Friendship dinner will be held on March 24, 2011. This is a great time to invite someone who would like to find our little more about Masonry and the other organizations. Make Reservations by call Dean Anderson at 712 323-5937 or email at deanandbarb@cox.net. Reservations are due by March 21. If you bring a prospect your meal is free, otherwise the price is \$5 per person.

Masonic Ritual Class – Brother Max Henderson has started hold a Masonic Ritual class on THrusday nights at 7:00 P.M. Max indicated the class will be held Thursday nights unless as long as there are brothers willing to learn.

Website Update

Remember to check the website calendar for updates on events. www.cobia631.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 10 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Sunday, March 13, 7:00am- 1:00pm HELPING HANDS PANCAKE FEED
Tuesday, March 15 7:00pm Second Degrees Practice
Thursday, March 17 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Saturday, March 19, 3:00pm Charity Poker Tournament
Sunday, March 20 8:00am BISCUITS, GRAVY & MORE BREAKFAST
Tuesday, March 22 TWO SECOND DEGREES
Thursday, March 24 5:00pm Friendship Dinner
Friday, March 25 4:30pm SPAGHETTI DINNER
Tuesday, March 29 TBD - Degree Work
Thursday, March 31 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Tuesday, April 5 TBD - Degree Work
Thursday, April 7 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Tuesday, April 12 7:30pm Business Meeting
Thursday, April 14 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Sunday, April 17 8:00am BISCUITS, GRAVY & MORE BREAKFAST
Tuesday, April 19 TBA - Degree Work
Thursday, April 21 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Friday, April 22 4:30pm SPAGHETTI DINNER
Tuesday, April 26 TBD - Degree Work
Thursday, April 28 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Tuesday, May 3 TBD - Degree Work
Thursday, May 5 7:00pm MASONIC WORKSHOP - Max Henderson
Tuesday, May 10 7:30pm Business Meeting

**Check the calendar on the website for the current schedule
www.cobia631.org**

PANCAKE FEED

MARCH 13, 2011
7:00 A.M. To 1:00 P.M.
Masonic Temple
130 South 6th - Council Bluffs, Iowa

*Bluff City – Excelsior – Cobia Masonic Lodges
In conjunction with the
Council Bluffs Police Department*

“HELPING HANDS JOINED”



**Christmas Basket Project
DONATION \$6.00**