

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

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Words from the Master....



Rockin' the Lodge in 2012

2012 started off with huge activity – so far we have raised 3 brothers, with 2 more on schedule for February and 4 more ready to start on their first degrees -- Things are rockin' in the temple. There is a rumor that COBIA might be in the running for a lodge of the year award.

If you don't know, this lodge is definitely "A" team quality and if you get a chance, you might want to check out a meeting or degree. They guys are working hard, many meetings on Thursday evenings for practice, newer guys are active, learning parts, and filling chairs in the meetings, working on the monthly Biscuits & Gravy breakfast, fundraising – great things are happening, a lot of positive energy in the group and I'm so proud to serve a Master this year.

Ron Payne, WM

Masonic Friendship Dinner Set for March 29

A Masonic Friendship dinner is planned for Thursday March 29, 2012 at the Council Bluffs Masonic Temple. The evening begins with social time at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. Come enjoy fun and fellowship with your brothers. 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. Make your reservations with Brother John Hauser, (712-325-0812 or email webmaster@cobia631.org If you bring a prospect your meal is free otherwise the price is \$5.00.

Helping Hands Pancake Feed.

On March 4, 2012 from 7 AM to 1 PM the annual Helping Hands Pancake Feed will be held at the Masonic Temple. This is a joint project of all of the lodges and the Council Bluffs Police Department. The proceeds are used for the Christmas Basket Project. This provided over 40 families with food this past Christmas. In addition Harmony #25 and Council Bluffs #441 Eastern Star Chapters furnish gloves, hats and stuffed animals for the children. This is very worthwhile community project and we urge everyone to attend and bring their friends. Those that can are asked to help work the event by volunteering to serve and clean up.

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.

Help the Secretary help you!

We want to make sure we have the most current information on our members. Let us know of any address changes. If you would like to get your newsletter fast – give us your email address. Let us know if your email or mailing address has changed. John Hauser, Secretary 712-325-0812 or email Secretary@cobia631.org

PANCAKE FEED

MARCH 4, 2012
7:00 A.M. To 1:00 P.M.
Masonic Temple
130 South 6th - Council Bluffs, Iowa

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

“HELPING HANDS JOINED”



**Christmas Basket Project
DONATION \$6.00**

COBIA will be helping Jobs Daughters host Mid-America HIKE

On Saturday May 5 Job's Daughters, Bethel 1 will host the four state Mid America HIKE in Council Bluffs. This event brings members and sponsors from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa 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 years event there will be a hike across the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge afterwards the hikers will return to the Masonic Temple for lunch and the awards ceremony. Members of COBIA Lodge will be assisting with Security and Cooking and serving lunch for the daughters. Since 1984 over 4.5 million dollars have been given – providing assistance to 2332 children.

COBIA Lodge Calendar

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

Tue February 28, 2012	7:00 PM	Third Degree
Sun March 4, 2012	7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	HELPING HANDS PANCAKE FEED
Tue March 6, 2012	7:00 PM	First Degree Practice
Tue March 13, 2012	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Sun March 18, 2012	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	BISCUITS, GRAVY & MORE BREAKFAST
Tue March 20, 2012	7:00 PM	Possible Two First Degrees
Fri March 23, 2012	4:30pm-6:30 PM	SPAGHETTI DINNER
Tue March 27, 2012	7:00pm	Practice - Second Degree Work
Thu March 29, 2012	6:30pm	MASONIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER
Tue April 3, 2012	7:00 PM	Possible two Second degrees
Tue April 10, 2012	7:30pm	Business Meeting
Sat April 14, 2012	8:00am	REGIONAL SCHOOL HOSTED BY COBIA LODGE
Sun April 15, 2012	8:00am	BISCUITS, GRAVY & MORE BREAKFAST
Tue April 17, 2012	7:00 PM	Possible Third Degree
Tue April 24, 2012	7:00 PM	Possible Third Degree
Fri April 27, 2012	4:30pm – 6:30 PM	SPAGHETTI DINNER
Tue May 1, 2012		TBA - Degree Work
Sat May 5, 2012	8 AM- 1:00 PM	COBIA LODGE Helps Jobs Daughters with HIKE
Tue May 8, 2012	7:30pm	Business Meeting

NOTE: Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be on the second Sunday in May due to a conflict

Sun May 13, 2012 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM BUSCUITS & GRAVY ON 2nd SUNDAY (MAY ONLY)

Still Looking for the Lost

We have lost contact with the following brothers. Please let Secretary John Hauser know if you have any info on their whereabouts, contact information or know someone that can help us find them.

Emmett Clayton

Bryan Larsen

Zacharie Yakel

Jobs Daughters

Bethel #1 is looking for new members – the organization is for girls ages 10 and older. Girls must be related to a Mason and can be a daughter, granddaughter or niece. For more information contact Claudia Hauser, Bethel Guardian – 712-325-0812 or John Hauser Associate Bethel Guardian.

May 2012 - Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast set for Mother's Day

The May Breakfast had to be moved to the Second Sunday in May. This is great because it gives us an opportunity to cook breakfast for Moms or those special women in our lives. Show them you love them and take them out to breakfast on Sunday May 13 8 AM till 1 PM.

Over 1530 meals provided to the MICAH House

Thank you for your support. By coming to the Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast, you have help us to provide 85 hot meals on one Sunday each month to the residents of MICAH House. This has amounted to over 1530 meals since we started this program. Hope to see you and your friends at future breakfasts so we can continue this project.