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Words from the Master:

Cobia continues to move forward in building and strengthening our lodge, our community and our fellowship within the Masonic family. In the first four months of this year, we have successfully completed two charity events to help bring relief to the community. The biscuit and gravy breakfast for the "Care and Share House" and the "Helping Hands" pancake breakfast were both financial successes that strengthen our community and help those that are in need.

We have developed and started a project that will supply all the Masonic brothers living at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth with a handmade crocheted lap robe for this coming Christmas. This will be a great reminder to these brothers that they are not forgotten and, that they remain a part of the Masonic family.

Our Fellowship night in February had eighteen Brothers attending a night of pizza, snacks and homemade desserts. The pool tables were well used as several games of either 9 ball or 8 ball challenged the winners. The cold, wet, snowy night couldn't darken our spirits. Our first petition of the year was signed that night. His third degree will be this month on the 22nd of May at 7 P.M. Please attend and celebrate this great occasion.

On Saint Patrick's Day we celebrated a luncheon to honor our Brother Chuck Rodrigues for being our Grand Senior Deacon for the state of Iowa. The members of the Grand Lodge of Iowa joined us along with members of Eastern Star and Jobs Daughters and other well-wishing friends. It was a memorable afternoon of great fellowship with great food and stories being told.

I attended this year's Masonic Educational conference in Des Moines. The day included six different keynote speakers from around the United States focusing on the Growth of Masonry today. It was an outstanding program that should strengthen Masonry in Iowa.

At the beginning of May, the Brothers of Cobia were able to help with Job's Daughters Bethel #1 here at the Temple. Job's Daughters Bethel had their Supreme Visitation. The Day started with lunch at noon. Following they had a Scavenger Hunt on the historical sites in downtown Council Bluffs followed by a short program about Job's Daughters and HIKE. The event was for Prospective members,

fundraiser for HIKE (Job's Philanthropic Project) and Reception for the Supreme Leadership this year and from our Bethel Samantha Harman, Supreme Bethel Chaplain and Doris Edwards our Supreme Deputy. The Supreme Guardian, Associate Supreme Guardian, Miss International Job's Daughter and Supreme Bethel Honored Queen was in attendance as well as special guests Iowa Grand Master of Masonry Toby Williams.

Once again the Council Bluffs Celebration Parade was overcast. But the members of Cobia were dry and warm handing out \$1 hot dogs for all. This continues to be an important exposure for Cobia within our community. Thank you all who were able to participate.

We have great call for celebration, Brothers. Brother Don Dodge and Brother Danny Green have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason! Both of these brothers are excited and prepared for their role in Masonry. Please extend them the hand of fellowship.

We have more call for celebration! Brother, DeMario Hollie is back among us at Cobia. Welcome home, Brother.

On June 6th, our youngest Entered Apprentice, Salvatore Politi entered the lodge and asked to be made a Mason. As he works through his degree please help him with his working tools.

Just one final note. Brothers, if you have not paid your dues this year as of yet, please contact our Secretary, Brother Wade Ridout as soon as possible. We are past due at this point.

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