

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

Trestle Board

2013 Iowa Lodge of the Year - Gold Award Winner

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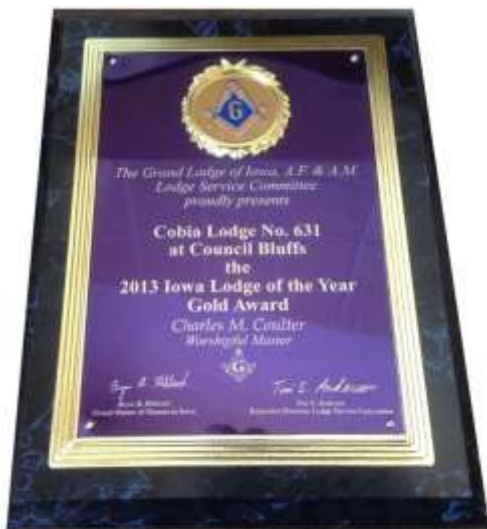
130 So. 6th St. Council Bluffs, IA

October 2013

Words from the Master.... Greetings from the east, my brothers! I feel so very privileged to report what an incredible year it has been so far. And to quote Yogi Berra, "It ain't over 'til it's over!" The amount of degree work we completed before going dark in June was staggering, to say the least. Add in a Saturday with three third degrees this past June, and two new brothers this fall who are now ready for their third degrees, and we are truly blessed. I also felt so incredibly proud to represent our Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Iowa's annual communication in September. What a humbling experience to hear Cobia's name called time and time again to receive no less than seven Grand Lodge awards. We brought back an overdue Ashlar Award, four Master Builder Awards, The Iowa Grand Lodge Social Media Silver Award, and The Iowa Grand Lodge Gold Award for Lodge of the Year. This is an extremely exciting time to be a part of such an active and accomplished group of Brothers! With a Hog Roast coming, more than four petitions in the works and several other opportunities for fellowship right around the corner, I hope we start to see more and more of our brothers this year. Chuck Coulter, Worshipful Master.

2013 IOWA LODGE OF THE YEAR – GOLD AWARD

23 Lodges were recognized this year



2013 SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD – SILVER

Brother Frank Barrett has been the custodian of the Facebook page this year. His entry garnered the Silver award



IT'S HOG ROAST TIME

Brothers and friends enclosed with this newsletter you will find **two Hog Roast tickets**. We ask that you consider you purchasing the tickets and joining us for dinner and if not please consider making a donation to the Lodge. Funding from this event helps the lodge support our efforts to help the Longfellow School Preschool program, the MICAH House breakfast one Sunday a month and the other charity efforts the lodge undertakes. Brother Max and Dorothy Henderson are making their special beans and Max will also be cooking the corn. Brothers Chris Stowell and Chuck Richey are preparing to roast the hog using the secret formula they have worked years to perfect. We hope to see you and your family.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS..... Brother of the Lodge - Any brother from Cobia Lodge is eligible for this award.

Friend of the Lodge – This annual award can be given to any Cobia lodge member or someone outside the lodge who has helped the lodge. Nominations are due December 10. Your nomination should include the name and your why you think your nominee is worthy. Send nominations to the John Hauser Lodge Secretary. They will be given to the committee.

TWO TO GROW – The following brothers were recognized by the Grand Lodge for being the top line signer on two petitions of men who were raised as Master Masons: Charles M. Coulter, WM, Charles C. Stowell, PM and Robert Brownback

MASTER BUILDER AWARD WINNERS

From R-L: Charles Rodrigues – Senior Deacon, Charles Coulter - WM; Frank Barrett - Chaplin, John Hauser, Secretary shown with Master Builder jackets presented by Grand Lodge. They were four of the 14 presented this year.



ASHLAR AWARD WINNER

WM Charles Coulter is shown presenting Brother John Thomsen his certificate and shirt for achieving the requirements to receive the Ashlar Award.



HELPING HANDS JOINED – Names are needed by November 1 for families who may benefit from receiving a gift card to help purchase food at Christmas Time. The Hands Christmas Basket Project provides funds from the proceeds of the annual pancake breakfast host by all of the Council Bluffs Masonic Lodges which was held this past April. The Eastern Star Chapters and White Shrine provide gloves, mittens, hats and stuff animals for the children. Please make sure you ask the family if you can submit their names. It is asked that you provide their name, address and phone number to any lodge secretary by November 1. You can send in to John Hauser, Cobia Lodge secretary. Secretary@cobia631.org, phone 712-325-0812.

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

- Sunday, October 20 8:00am BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST
- Tuesday, October 22 7:30pm THIRD DEGREE PRACTICE
- Tuesday, October 29 7:00pm THIRD DEGREE
- Tuesday, November 5 7:00pm THIRD DEGREE
- Saturday, November 9 4:00pm ANNUAL HOG ROAST DINNER
- Tuesday, November 12 7:30pm Business Meeting
- Sunday, November 17 8:00am BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST
- Tuesday, November 19 TBD - Degree Work
- Friday, November 22 4:30pm SPAGHETTI DINNER
- Tuesday, November 26 TBD DEGREE WORK
- Tuesday, December 3 TBA - Degree Work
- Tuesday, December 10 7:30pm Business Meeting
- Sunday, December 15 8:00am BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST
- Tuesday, December 17 TBD - Degree Work
- Tuesday, December 24 TBD DEGREE WORK
- Friday, December 27 4:30pm SPAGHETTI DINNER

NEW MASTER MASONS –

We welcomed the following Brothers to the Fraternity: Jason Wayne LeMaster; Timothy James Adland; Zachary Donald Pike; James Patrick Beck SR; and Scot Whitney Albertson.

BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

Join us for Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month from 8 AM till 1 PM. (Note: Starting with the January 2014 breakfast the serving time will be changed to 8 AM till 12:00 PM) The price: Adults \$5, Kids \$2 and Kids 5 and under are free. Help us serve others and enjoy a good meal at the same time.

Cobia Lodge Presents
the 8th Annual
**HOG ROAST
DINNER**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**WHEN: November 9, 2013
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**WHERE: Masonic Temple
130 So. 6th St.
Council Bluffs, Iowa**



\$8.00 donation adults
\$4.00 children under 12 years of age

CANCER AWARENESS AND YOU CAN HELP



Cobia Lodge is selling blue and pink T-shirt to help support cancer awareness. The amount above the cost of the T-shirts will be donated to a local cancer charity. We have a limited amount of shirts available and will order additional shirt as needed for anyone who sends the completed order form to Brother Tim Adland with payment. There is no limit on the number of shirt s you can order. Order form is on page 5.

WE ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE—we wanted to share these two letters with everyone.



September 16th, 2013

Cobia Lodge #631
130 S. 6th Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to thank you for your on-going support of MICA House and for your commitment to our organization. For three years, your group has been providing a wonderful meal to our clients one time each month. Each year, thousands of individuals and families become homeless in the State of Iowa and Nebraska. MICA House works to ensure that families experiencing the crisis of homelessness in these states have a safe haven where they can be sheltered, receive nutrition, education, counseling, and support. It is the only family shelter in the metro area and in order to continue providing this much-needed care we rely on people like you.

It is because of civic-minded individuals such as the Cobia Lodge that we are able to continue serving families and some of the most at-risk children in our community.

Thank you again for your support and please know how much we value your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Emken'.

Lisa Emken
Public Support Director
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lemken@themicahouse.org
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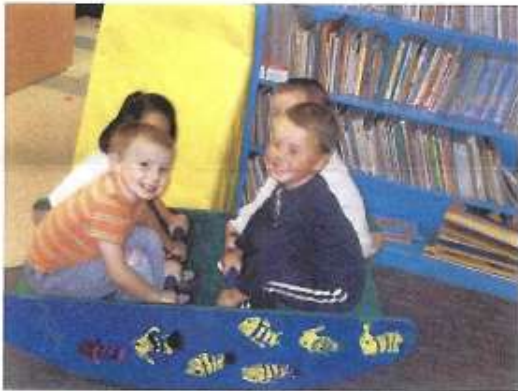
To Whom it May Concern:

The Longfellow Preschool programs would like to thank the Masons of the Cobia Lodge for their many contributions to our young children and their families. We so appreciate your ongoing support!

Our students and their families have really enjoyed attending the circus, due to your generous donation of tickets. This is something that many of our families are not able to afford, and we always hear how much they enjoy and appreciate this opportunity that you provide.

The money that you have generously donated to our programs has been spent on outside play equipment and on materials to replenish those that are used throughout the year (sidewalk chalk, watercolor paint, playdoh, glue sticks, etc).

Please continue to keep us informed of your activities, so that we may encourage our families to support you, as you are supporting us.



Our students greatly appreciate your gift of rocking boats / bridges to each preschool classroom. The students that year had great fun decorating them, and we thank you for sealing them afterwards, so that we can enjoy them for years to come.



...Where Dreams Begin!

Longfellow Elementary School

2011 South 10th Street ☆ Council Bluffs, IA 51503 ☆ (712) 328-6522 ☆ Fax: (712) 328-6524
www.cbcsd.org

DUE NOTICES OUT SOON – Grand Lodge will be sending out the dues notices for 2014. Please consider paying them as soon as possible after receipt. Please make sure your contact information is current.



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Making Good Men Better



Cancer Awareness

T-Shirt Order Form

BLUE T-SHIRT - \$10 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ Total \$ _____

BLUE T-SHIRT - \$12 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

2X _____ 3X _____ 4X _____ 5X _____ Total \$ _____

PINK T-SHIRT - \$10 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ Total \$ _____

PINK T-SHIRT - \$12 (Please indicate the quantity of each size)

2X _____ 3X _____ 4X _____ 5X _____ Total \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____



THANK YOU for Your Order!

Send payment to: **Brother Tim Adland**
3127 Ave. E
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501
402-490-0208

"Our family helping yours"