

COBIA LODGE #631

Trestle Board

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Message from the Worshipful Master

We're back. Sorry we have been out of touch for so long. Last year the three blue lodges decided to stop sending a joint Trestle Board newsletter due to the increased cost of postage and logistical issues.

We are sorry we have lost touch with some of our members and understand that news of activities and important issues need to be shared with all members, not just those who can attend the business meetings or have access to our website. (www.cobia631.org)

We have set a goal to distribute a newsletter to all members at least quarterly. We hope you find the information valuable. We welcome your suggestions and ask that you share events, issues and concerns.

You will find a current list of Lodge Officers on page 2 along with the principal officers' contact information.

Thank you for continued support.

Bryan Howland W.M.

Calling all Brothers

We need your help to make sure we know about any brother or their families with sickness and distress. Please contact the Worshipful Master or any of the Lodge officers so we can show our support. Let us know so we can inform the membership

Message from the Secretary

We want to make sure we have the most current information on our members. Please take a few moments and complete the attached postcard with your current information.

Please indicate on the post card if you are willing to receive the newsletter via Email to help keep printing and postage costs down

Website update

Cobia Lodge has a website for those that are connected. The calendar on the home page is kept current. You can visit us at www.cobia631.org We will also post copies of the news letters online.

Calendar of Events

May 4th – Neighborhood Area Meeting / 7:00pm at the Masonic Temple – Council Bluffs

May 5th – Cobia Lodge Past Masters Night / 6:00pm, Masonic Temple – Council Bluffs

May 12th – Cobia Stated Communication / 7:30pm, Masonic Temple – Council Bluffs

May 19th – Second Degree starting at 7:30

May 26th – (2) Second Degrees starting at 7:00pm

June 2nd – Third Degree Practice starting at 7:30pm

June 9th – Cobia Stated Communication / 7:30pm, Masonic Temple – Council Bluffs

June 16th – Third Degree starting at 7:00pm

June 23rd – Third Degree starting at 7:00pm

June 27th – COBIA Lodge friends and family picnic (Venue to be announced)

June 30th – Third Degree starting at 7:00pm

July – Dark unless degree work is required

Please note – some of the upcoming degree work might change slightly as the candidates' work schedules may vary

Eastern Star Spaghetti Dinner – 4th Friday of each month from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Grand Lodge Annual Communication – Sept. 17th thru 19th – Cedar Rapids, IA

*4th Annual COBIA Lodge Hog Roast and Dance held at the Eagles Club – Saturday November 14th, 2009. Mailers will be sent at a later date with more specific information.

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**REPRESENTATIVE FOR MASONIC TEMPLE
ASSOCIATION**

Ronald S. Payne
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COBIA HOG ROAST DINERS

NEWS FROM THE TEMPLE BOARD

In 2008 the temple received some much needed maintenance, a new furnace, new bathroom fixtures, and refurbishing the floors are the most visible and noticeable changes. Some features were added to the lounge areas, cabinets updated, some paint work in the kitchens, and chairs replaced upstairs in the lodge rooms. Some funds for these improvements came from the Harmony OES chapter. If you haven't been by lately, stop down and see for yourself the new amenities.

John Hauser is serving as Treasurer, and would of course welcome any contributions to the perpetual fund – just keep us in your thoughts (maybe for later?). Right now we are halfway to where we need to be in this fund, looking for another \$200,000 even if it's one pancake at a time. One of the major expenses for the future will be the safety improvements for the elevator. Projected costs \$20,000 - \$30,000

Membership Dues

Friendly reminder...If you have not sent in your membership dues for 2009 please do so at your earliest convenience.

Got Ideas for the newsletter contact:

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THANKS IN ADVANCE.