



# Bluff City Lodge #71 A F & A M



## Trestle Board

APRIL-JUNE 2010

### UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL TIMES 7:00 PM UNLESS NOTED

#### APRIL SCHEDULE

- 7) 3rd Degree-Pat Gillespie
- 14) STATED MEETING
- 21) 3rd Degree-Cary Jackson
- 29) Friendship Dinner 6:30PM

#### MAY SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 5) Scholarship Presentations
- 12) STATED MEETING
- 19) To be Announced
- 26) To be Announced

#### JUNE SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 2) To be Announced
- 9) STATED MEETING
- 16) To be Announced
- 23) To be Announced
- 30) To be Announced

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

None known at this time.

### BROKEN COLUMN

Horace Barton                      Mike Cutler  
Lawrence Filbert                  Laverne Hubbard

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

#### NEEDED

Brethren:

To stave off the rising operational costs of the lodge, we are now sending the Trestle Board and Lodge communications via e-mail. Since starting this, the attendance in the lodge has risen because communication on activities and degree work is instantaneous. If you want to be kept "in the loop," please send your e-mail address to either Myself at [rcwil-lia@cox.net](mailto:rcwil-lia@cox.net) or Brother Don Bowerman at [shellbrook@cox.net](mailto:shellbrook@cox.net). *Rod*

### Master's Thoughts

Brethren:

It's Wednesday, and "do you know where your Mason is?" In the case of Bluff City #71, the answer is most definitely "The Lodge." For the past three months we have conferred a degree almost every Wednesday, and even a few on Thursdays and Fridays. To say that we are busy would simply be an understatement.

And a huge congratulations to our newest brethren: Dan Brunton, Don McGhee, Pat Gillespie, Ben Altman, and Cary Jackson. As you can see from the April Schedule, Pat and Cary will be attaining the sublime degree of a Master Mason in April, so keep those dates in mind and let's have a great turnout.

The 2010 team has really come together. With the bad weather this winter there have been times when brethren have had to perform multiple roles in a degree. This lodge has no problem stepping up to the plate making each degree a whopping success.

A special thanks goes out to Brother Forrest Peck for his work on the 1st and 2nd degree lectures. For those that have not been able to attend a degree recently, Brother Forrest has taken a 21st century approach to these lectures that not only educates the brother, but the knowledge conferred in the lecture seems to "stick" with the brother long after the degree has ended. I am just amazed on how much of the new "Forrest" lectures the new guys retain.

Thanks again Forrest!

*Rod*

### Pancakes Galore!



What do you get when you put a bunch of guys in a smoke filled room with an industrial power drill? No, it's not the Mafia or the IRS, but the annual Helping Hands Joined Pancake Feed.

For those new to the lodge, this meal raises the funds that pays for the 50 to 60 baskets we deliver to needy families. Each basket contains a 10 pound turkey, 5 pound sack of potatoes, canned vegetables, a gallon of milk, rolls, fresh fruit, and candy. The baskets are delivered with the help of police cruisers on the Sunday before Christmas.

This is not for the "stuffy" or faint of heart. When you work the pancake breakfast you will more than likely go home tired and hoarse. Tired because we start about 5:30 AM. Horse because of all the laughing, bad jokes, and good 'ole fashioned harassing that never seems to end.

A special "thanks" to Bob Green and Jim Cline for all the work they did in setting this up. Through their efforts the Pancake Feed was successfully advertised in the newspaper and on local TV. This advertisement was directly responsible for the great turnout.

*Rod*

### Thoughts from the Senior Steward:

Brethren, your spouses or significant other:

There has been some interest in restoring an activity that was once popular within our Lodge and this message is to find out if there is enough present day interest to follow through. The activity is a Pot Luck dinner which would be held on the second Wednesday of each month prior to our Business meeting for Bluff City Lodge.

I would suggest that we arrive at the Lodge Hall between 5:45 - 6:00 PM so that we could start our meal by 6:00 PM. That should give us time to enjoy our dinner, clean up after dinner and still open Lodge at 7:00 PM. The Ladies could have game nights or whatever they wish to do while the Brethren are holding their Business meeting.

I would appreciate any and all feed back, pro or con, for this idea, or other suggestions as soon as possible. I can be reached by telephone at 322-3333 or by email: [robert1601@cox.net](mailto:robert1601@cox.net), or thirdly by mail at 303 Morgan Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

If there is enough interest I would like to hold the first pot luck on June 9th, 2010. I will also do my best to inform all interested parties prior to the May 12th business meeting.

Thank you,

*Robert W. Hamilton, Jr.*



**BLUFF CITY LODGE # 71  
AF&AM**

**130 SO. 6TH STREET  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51501**  
CHARTERED JUNE 6, 1855

**STATED COMMUNICATION  
SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, 7:00 P.M.**

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- MARSHALL.....JIM PLATH**
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TODD DAVISON

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Apr 01...Carl Meilike	Apr 03...James Hawk
Apr 04...Greg Honeywell	Apr 04...Mark Lander
Apr 05...Ron Bailey	Apr 05...Erik Moore
Apr 12...Efford Johnson	Apr 25...Lloyd Banks
Apr 26...Art Henderson	Apr 30...Lonnle LeMaster
May 05...David Preucil	May 06...Jack Price
May 06...Bernard Miller	May 06...Dale Aaberg
May 12...Charles Beasor	May 18...Martin Richards
May 20...John Behrends	May 24...Lee Gillespie
May 24...Wendell Peterson	May 26...Chancey Chapman
May 26...Mark Krueger	May 30...Gary Chambers
Jun 02...Donald Everett	Jun 02...Sam Whitmore
Jun 04...Gerald Hamner	Jun 08...Hamblen Alley
Jun 14...Corey Ranslem	Jun 16...Edward Marshall
Jun 27...Roger Schultz	Jun 27...Dominick Zimmerman
Jun 28...Mike Wymore	Jun 28...Don Bowerman