



Bluff City Lodge #71

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Trestle Board

JANUARY-MARCH 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL TIMES **7:00 PM**
UNLESS NOTED

JANUARY SCHEDULE

- 5) 2011 Installation of Officers
- 12) STATED MEETING
- 19) 3rd degree
Jonathan Schoening
- 26) 1st Degree Practice

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 2) 1st Degree Practice
- 9) STATED MEETING
- 16) To be Announced
- 23) To be Announced

MARCH 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

Richard Peterson	10/19/2010
Robert Dyson	11/24/2010
William Cutler	11/25/2010
Everett Colton	12/13/2010
Dominick Zimmerman	12/15/2010

2011 Officers

- Worshipful Master - Dave Brewer
- Senior Warden - Matt Leet
- Junior Warden - Jim Cline
- Treasurer- Larry Poffenbarger
- Secretary - Forrest Peck
- Senior Deacon - Tarry Hempel
- Junior Deacon - Bob Hamilton
- Senior Steward - Ron Bailey
- Junior Steward - Cary Jackson
- Chaplain - Dan Brunton
- Marshall - Martin Richards
- Tyler—Dale Hiers

(Almost) Past Master's Thoughts

Brethren:

As I reflect on the numerous activities of Bluff City #71 this past year I am amazed at what we have accomplished. The amount of degree work we performed, not only at our Lodge, but assisting other lodges was nothing short of phenomenal. You, the officers and brethren who so selflessly gave of your time and talents, are truly remarkable and I can't thank you enough.

The amount of work and good done by this Lodge is too ample to be detailed in one short note. We have provided scholarships for well deserved students, financial assistance for many worthy causes, clothing and toys for those facing a bleak Christmas, and assisted our veterans in their "Ride to the Wall" to honor those who had fallen protecting our country.

We hosted the Friendship Dinner, First Night, and played a huge roll in the Grand Master's One Day.

We now utilize the internet for instantaneous Lodge communications, and have successfully reduced mail costs as a result. As of today almost 40% of our Lodge gets the latest and fastest Bluff City news via e-mail.

As a result of all the above (and more), the awards presented from the Grand Lodge are numerous, and once again, well deserved by the many brethren of this Lodge.

As I retire the cap and gavel, I just want to say "Thank you" to all who have made this such a successful year. Your dedication, talent, knowledge, positive attitude, and the ability to do it with such FUN make us an unstoppable team.

Rod

Grand Master's One Day

Council Bluffs was the site for the 2010 Grand Master's One Day. For those who don't know what this entails, the Grand Lodge and the local lodges conferred three degrees to over a dozen candidates in one day.

Here's how it works: Take a large number of people from the local lodges, mix in the Grand Lodge officers, add over a dozen candidates and their sponsors, and you have a Lodge that is not only full of energy, but physically full! Many brothers from all the local lodges commented that they'd never seen that many people in the Lodge before. It was truly a site to see. The cooperation between the local lodges made this such a successful event that I'd be surprised if they didn't want it hosted here again.

Many of our Lodge members performed parts in all three degrees, as some lodges didn't have the depth to support all of the parts. Our Lodge, however had every part covered with the exception of the Tyler, and we thank Cobia for helping us out.

Our Lodge performed the second degree, and it went quite well. We received many compliments, not only from the candidates and their sponsors, but from many Grand Lodge officers as well.

It was neat to see the officers of the Grand Lodge in action. They incorporated a section where they did detailed explanations of parts of the degrees, handshakes, etc. that was extremely beneficial. But what really amazed me was how much the Grand Lodge officers seemed to enjoy themselves throughout the entire day.

To all the members of Bluff City #71: You can be proud of the job by your brethren who participated in this event. Their dedication and professionalism did not go unnoticed.

Rod

Christmas "Baskets"

This year the traditional Christmas baskets that we delivered has been modified a wee bit. This year, under the leadership of Bob Green, the Lodge elected to make breakfast and invite the families to the Lodge. We had gloves, hats and scarves for the children, as well as a mammoth supply of stuffed animals. This was a moving experience and I thank all who helped, especially Bob for his leadership and vision.

Rod

The Masonic Funeral

This past month I have had the opportunity of attending multiple Masonic Funerals. At the last one, a couple of brothers were talking of the meaning and importance of the Masonic Funeral, and what it means to the surviving families and friends.

The Masonic funeral is at the behest of the brother or his family, the last time we physically get to see our brother, and more importantly, the proper way to send him to that Grand Lodge Above. As a Mason, the words spoken have more meaning to us than they will to the families and friends. But I was particularly taken aback when a granddaughter of one of our departed brothers came up and expressed how moving and poignant the service was to her.

The Masonic funeral is one of the most important duties we have, and it is truly a sight when we have a multitude of brothers to send him on his way. Our secretary has been extremely vigilant in sending out e-mails on the passing of our brethren. If you are at all available, please join us in giving the fallen brother a proper and well deserved farewell.

Rod



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CHARTERED JUNE 6, 1855

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

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JUNIOR STEWARD..... CARY JACKSON
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SICKNESS & DISTRESS

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BIRTHDAYS

Jan 07... Wayne Jacobsen	Jan 10... Tarry Hempel
Jan 11... Robert Sorenson	Jan 13... Delman Campbell
Jan 16... Matt Leet	Jan 16... Chris McVay
Jan 16... Lyle Rhodes	Jan 19... Cole Durrett
Jan 24... Joe Strachen	Jan 25... Robert Brown
Jan 31... Donald DeRoos	

Feb 02... Kim Brown	Feb 03... Dale Hiers
Feb 03... Michael Wallace	Feb 03... Robert Hargis
Feb 10... Rod Williams	Feb 11... Larry Poffenbarger
Feb 11... Charles Clawson	Feb 12... Joseph Daventport
Feb 13... James Hayes	Feb 17... Alan Strong
Feb 18... Robert Hamilton	Feb 19... Wayne Jacobsen Jr.
Feb 23... Jack Draper	Feb 28... Gerald Kopasz

Mar 01... Roger Hemmingsen	Mar 08... Bill Boner
Mar 14... Zachary Flott	Mar 19... Jack Peters
Mar 20... Erick Alverio	Mar 20... Dean Anderson
Mar 22... Glenn Jackson	Mar 23... William Slater
Mar 25... Todd Davison	Mar 25... Mitchell Kay