



Bluff City Lodge #71 A F & A M



Trestle Board

JANUARY-MARCH 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL TIMES 7:00 PM UNLESS NOTED

JANUARY SCHEDULE

- 6) Installation of Officers
- 13) STATED MEETING
- 20) 1st Degree-Don McGhee
- 27) 1st Degree-Pat Gillespie

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 3) 2nd Degree-Daniel Brunton
- 10) STATED MEETING
- 17) 2nd Degree-Don McGhee
- 17) 2nd Degree-Pat Gillespie
- 24) 3rd Degree-Daniel Brunton

MARCH SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 3) 3rd Degree-Don McGhee
- 10) STATED MEETING
- 17) 3rd Degree -Pat Gillespie
- 24) To be announced

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

None known at this time.

BROKEN COLUMN

None known at this time.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

Ever wonder what's going on in the lodge or what everyone is up to? With the rising cost of printing and postage it has been necessary that we defer these costs in any way possible. We are working at sending the Trestle Board and Lodge communications via e-mail, but need your help. If you want to be kept "in the loop," please send your e-mail address to either Myself at rewillia@cox.net or our new Secretary Brother Don Bowerman at shellbrook@cox.net.

Rod

Master Elect's Thoughts

Brethren:

I would like to personally thank all the Brothers who stepped up to the officers chairs and committees for the 2010 year. I have noticed that there is an incredible positive attitude in this bunch, and definitely no lack of personality! Also, the attendance of these people in our extra-curricular activities has been great.

In preparation for "stepping up to the plate," for the past three months we have been practicing our degree work almost every Wednesday. While we are seriously working to get our parts "right," the hour or two we spend is more entertaining than any show you can find on any network or cable channel. These guys are all intelligent, quick, and sly. From my perspective it's hard to keep up with them (or keep a straight face) as the jokes and "one liners" fly at a pace that would make an Indy car driver cower in fear.

I think the absolutely "coolest" thing about all this, is the attendance of those "guys" that seem to have all the answers that we are so in need of. For the past three months, while many brethren have selflessly stopped in to help us out, there are three individuals that have been there each and every Wednesday (snowstorms included) to "fix" us when we can't seem to get it right.

This special thanks goes out to John Carlin, Larry Poffenbarger, and Forrest Peck. There is **no way** we could have done any of this without you.

Rod

First Night

The New Year's Eve First Night program was again a whopping success for the city, but more especially for Bluff City Lodge #71.

For those who do not know what First Night is, let me explain:

The city of Council Bluffs, in partnership with a select number of establishments, has contracted with many entertainment venues for the purpose of a centralized celebration that is family oriented, safe, and above all, entertaining. The buildings surrounding Bayliss Park open their doors to accommodate the entertainment, and give a warm, safe environment for the public to enjoy. The entertainment is so varied that there is almost always something for everyone to enjoy. This year the choices in music included Rock, Bluegrass, Jazz, Big Band, Swing, Country, Folk, Classical Chamber, Japanese Drums, Native American, and Easy listening. Other entertainment included Magic, Comedy, youth story telling, face painting, and African Dancers.

This year we were the hosts for the Prairie Cats (jazz and swing band), the African Culture Connection (dancers), and a face painting artist that decorated dozens of people of all ages. Our lodge was a warm haven of entertainment for over 500 people that evening! It is amazing how many people I spoke with who have never been in the Temple nor have any idea what we do. Hosting First Night is a great way to spread the word of Freemasonry, not to mention our

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lodge in particular. You just can't buy this type of publicity. A special thanks to all of those who worked that night, from the set up to the clean up. Jim Cline's chili was incredible, and his dancing skills simply outstanding (you had to be there).

If you have never been to a First Night, the date and the place are easy to remember. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss the next one.

Rod

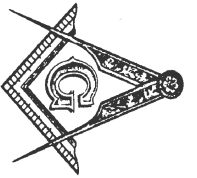
Thank You John Carlin:

For the past 5 years, John Carlin has steadfastly performed the duties of Secretary of the lodge. Because of the requirements of his new job, he no longer has the time to perform the many duties of the Secretary at the level of professionalism that he requires of himself. As a result, he will pass the baton to Brother Don Bowerman, who has volunteered to take over this extremely time consuming and important work. A very special thanks to John for his many years of service, and to Don for assuming this time consuming but essential office.

Thank You Don Bowerman:

A special thanks to Don Bowerman for his service as Master of the Lodge for the 2009 year. One of Don's biggest contributions was in procuring the e-mail addresses of the members with the plan to send the Trestle Board and stated communications electronically. For those of you that are reading this on your computer, thank Donny.

Rod



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CHARTERED JUNE 6, 1855

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

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- SENIOR STEWARD.....BOB HAMILTON
- JUNIOR STEWARD.....RON BAILEY
- MARSHALL.....JIM PLATH
- TYLER.....DALE HIERS, P.M.

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TODD DAVISON

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BOB HAMILTON, S.S.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

ROD WILLIAMS, W.M. DAVE BREWER, S.W.
MATT LEET, J.W.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 07... Wayne Jacobsen	Jan 10... Tarry Hempel
Jan 11... Robert Sorenson	Jan 13... Delman Campbell
Jan 16... Matt Leet	Jan 19... Cole Durrett
Jan 22... Everett Colton	Jan 24... Joe Strachen
Jan 25... Robert Brown	

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 Davenport
Feb 13... James Hayes	Feb 18... Robert Hamilton
Feb 19... Wayne Jacobsen Jr.	Feb 23... Robert Dyson
Feb 28... Gerald Kopiasz	

Mar 01... Roger Hemmingsen	Mar 05... William Cutler
Mar 08... Bill Boner	Mar 11... Lawrence Filbert
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
Mar 26... Charles Gilstrap	