



Bluff City Lodge #71 A F & A M



Trestle Board

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JULY SCHEDULE

- 7) Dark
- 14) STATED MEETING
- 21) Dark
- 28) Dark

AUGUST SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 4) Dark
- 11) STATED MEETING
- 18) Dark
- 25) Dark

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1) 1st Degree Practice
- 8) STATED MEETING
- 15) 2nd Degree Practice
- 22) 3rd Degree Practice
- 29) To be Announced
- 30) Friendship Dinner 6:30PM

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

None known at this time.

BROKEN COLUMN

Brother Phil Vernon Holmes
7/31/36—6/26/2010

Mark Your Calendar!

Masonic Friendship Dinner

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Council Bluffs Masonic Lodge

September 30, 2010

Social Time - 6:30 PM

Dinner @ 7:00 PM

Program to follow

All guests and spouses are FREE.

Masons and spouses \$5.00 each

**This is an opportunity to learn about
Masonry and the Appendant Bodies.**

For reservations call Dean Anderson

(712) 323-5937

Reservation Deadline:

September 27, 2010

Master's Thoughts

Brethren:

The second quarter this year has seen a great deal of activity from the guys at Bluff City. The amount of degree work we have performed in our lodge, and assisting our brethren at Amber Lodge, is nothing less than amazing. Quite often we were performing multiple degrees a week, and in many cases multiple degrees a night.

As a group, we seem to keep getting better in performing the degrees, and I am continually amazed at the guys who have stepped up to the plate to do a part, often on short notice. This willingness to "jump in" and help out is just another defining characteristic of Masonry, and our lodge has definitely risen to the occasion.

Another area that has shown vast improvement this year is the Bluff City 71 website. This is entirely do to the expertise and hard work by Tarry Hempel. Because of his professionalism and diligence, brethren can view photos from our various events usually within a few days of the event actually taking place.

This is especially handy for those brethren that now reside far away but still want to be kept up to date on our lodge events.

If you want to see what Bluff City #71 has been up to this year, just check out our web site at <http://www.bluffcity71.org>.

If you get a chance, be sure to thank Tarry for all his work on this. He is also extremely active in the Scouting program, and how he finds time to maintain such a professional website is truly amazing.

Rod

Ride To The Wall

It has been my high honor to serve about a hundred of these riders for each of the last five years as they have "rolled" through Council Bluffs, stopped at our War Memorial in Bayliss Park, eaten lunch at the Masonic Temple where I am now a Past Master, and then left town as loudly as they entered it on their way to join up with thousands of like-minded patriots and veterans in Washington, D.C., to pay tribute to our nation's fallen warriors. I, too have saluted or given each a "thumbs up" as they came and as they left. One day, I hope it will be my great privilege to ride with them to our nation's capital.

Two years ago, unbeknownst to me, the year that I served as Worshipful Master of my Lodge and as Commander of the Tangier Shrine Legion of Honor, the riders who came through Council Bluffs were carrying a United States flag that had recently flown over a military camp in Iraq. They carried it across the country to The Wall, and it was later presented to me. You can never know the thrill that gave me and what a treasure it will forever be.

*Donnie Bowerman,
P.M. Secretary*

Please remember to send me your e-mail addresses, Fellas!!! We need to go 21st Century to save the Lodge some money.

Reply to shellbrook@cox.net.

Gearing up for Fall

As in previous years, we are now "dark" until September. We have worked hard this year, have earned this break, but have more work to do this fall. With this in mind, I'd like to start practicing degree work right out of the gate on September 1st. Hope to see you all there.

Rod

Scholarship Night



Every year Bluff City #71 gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships for deserving students from the area's high schools. Each applicant must write a paragraph or two depicting their aspirations for the future and why they deserve a scholarship. The scholarship committee then reads every letter and has the difficult task of deciding which persons to award the funds to.

This years Scholarship Committee consists of Larry Poffenbarger (P.M.), Robert Hamilton (S.S.), and Tarry Hempel (J.D.). Usually the committee sifts through dozens of letters that are not only well written, but passionate in their quest for college funding.

However, this year the Scholarship Committee reported that the application letters from the high schools were "sub par" to say the least. This made the task even more difficult forcing the committee into long hours of reading, re-reading, discussions, and ultimately deciding whom was worthy.

I don't know how they did it, but after speaking with each and every scholarship winner, it was obvious that these guys know their business. Every scholarship winner was articulate, polite, grateful, and obviously intelligent. A special thanks to Larry, Tarry and Bob for all their hard work.

Rod



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CHARTERED JUNE 6, 1855

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

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BIRTHDAYS

Jul 02...Joseph Athey	Jul 02...Terry Bailey
Jul 02...Robert Hill	Jul 03...Jason Downing
Jul 05...Ervin Johnson	Jul 05...Harry Leisure
Jul 08...Stanton Campbell	Jul 09...Tim Edwards
Jul 10...Charles Ford	Jul 10...Dean Lee
Jul 10...Gary Rogers	Jul 16...Yale Gotsdiner
Jul 17...James Head	Jul 23...Dan Brunton
Jul 23...Leland Monson	Jul 26...Ben Altman

Aug 10...George Head	Aug 13...Thomas Watson
Aug 14...Robert Green	Aug 14...George Marshall
Aug 16...Wayne Schuler	Aug 21...Richard Neill
Aug 25...Harold Washburn	

Sep 03...Arleigh Feekin	Sep 05...Paul Sulhoff
Sep 10...Frank Krumenacher	Sep 10...Sean Mills
Sep 12...Matt Hartfield	Sep 16...Layne Brown
Sep 16...Robert Thieszen	Sep 18...Wilbur Kay
Sep 21...Jack Hanson	Sep 24...Jeffrey Washburn
Sep 25...Keith Green	Sep 28...James Plath
Sep 29...Richard Peterson	Sep 29...Glenn Reasland