

TRESTLEBOARD

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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From the East



Brethren,

This is a letter that I have not looked forward to writing. The contents should not need to be written. As elected and installed Worshipful

Master of OUR Lodge, it is my duty and obligation to maintain and care for this Lodge and the property of the Lodge. I, as a Master Mason, took on bended knee at the ALTER an obligation to help a Worthy Brother in distress.

Well, we have a BIG BORTHER in distress. It's OUR LODGE BUILDING. I've written for several months about the need for a new roof. We've held fish/pork tenderloin dinner and other events. We've had several Brothers and families step up and make donations as they can afford, but the flow of donations is very SLOW.

We Need to RAISE \$4,000.00 a MONTH for at least a YEAR to replace the roofing and maintain OUR LODGE. We have only raised close to \$3,000.00 for 3 months. That's only \$1,000.00 a month.

We have chosen a 50 year warranted asphalt shingle as a replacement for the roof. We have looked at 8 different options and for the dollar this is the best roof. This has not been an easy year, but the LODGE NEEDS THE ROOF NOW.

By the end of APRIL, you'll have received a 1st class letter asking for your commitment to help OUR LODGE. There will be offered several options for you to choose from.

Please read the letter and help as only you can. 2008 - we'll make it GREAT!! Remember T.G.I.F.

With Love for the Fraternity,
 W.: Jon Vonderau P. M.
 Worshipful Master

From the West



Brethren,

His average days started early, by his own words "Whether I retire to bed early or late, I rise with the sun". Right after rising, he measured and

recorded the temperature, checked the wind directions and speed. Then he started the fire and soaked his feet in cold water for over fifty years for good health, ready for writing letters till noon in his modern office in which he had a revolving bookstand, turning chair and table, used a copying machine to duplicate the letters. He was fascinated by sciences, mechanics from childhood, carried portable measuring records that after copying could be erased. His clothes were hung on a forty eight armed turning horse at the foot of his bed. He played the violin, wrote over 20,000 letters in his life, learned several languages, grew fifteen types of pea in his garden, experimented with horticulture, invented (among other inventions) a macaroni machine. He was born in 1743, later in life owned 200 slaves and wrote "I have sworn upon the alter of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man". These are some facts of one of our great president Thomas Jefferson's life.

With Brotherly Love,
 Joseph Gondos
 Senior Warden

From the South



Brethren,

The Worshipful Master is working very hard at improving our lodge this year. The roof is in need of replacing, as we all know. The air conditioners are getting ready to go and the copier went. Yes my brothers this all cost money. I know I sound like a broken record but it is a record that will keep playing. We have several fund raisers each month and we look forward to seeing everyone out at them.

On a lighter note we had two Master Mason degree recently and a Fellow Craft just around the corner. There is a lot of activity happening at your lodge. Do not miss out on any of them, come on out for the fellowship.

As always I am open to suggestions when it comes to dinners. I'm trying not to repeat any until after we come back from being dark.

2008 - We'll make it Great!!!

Semper Fi,
 Glen Bishop
 Junior Warden

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TRUSTEE BOARD

1971	W.: Steiner Humerick, P.M.	531-4527
1995	W.: George Benham, P.D.D.G.M	480-1527
2003	W.: Frank Verderame, P.M.	531-0077
2006	W.: Arthur Barker, P.M.	446-4210
2008	W.: Jon P. Vonderau, P.M.	586-2304 / (260) 409-3050

RECYCLING CANS AND NEWSPAPER

Clearwater Lodge is pleased to support a program of collecting Aluminum cans. The Lodge turned in 65 lbs, and the owner donated extra funds to help our Lodge. Please rinse cans prior to bringing them to the Lodge and place them outside the back door of the Kitchen for collections. Remember also to bring your newspapers, phone books, magazines, office paper and leave them in the bright RED container in the parking lot. Funds collected from Aluminum cans and Newspapers help pay for repairs to parking lot.

From the Secretary Desk

Brethren,

Our first quarter of the year is almost over. W.: M.: Jon has been keeping track of how many Brothers, Friends, and Family members have been to Lodge for our various functions. That infamous book he has us sign. At the end of March we have had over 2000 signatures which translates to over 2000 people.

Our Lodge is in need of capital improvements primarily a new roof for both the Temple and the Fellowship hall. All of our fund raising for the year will be dedicated to the new roof. A plea has gone out to the Members of Clearwater Lodge for donations and our Brothers are stepping up to the plate donating monies and supporting our fund raising efforts. A square of tiles can be purchased for \$80.00.

Our Worshipful Master has appointed a Board of Trustee's for the year consisting of Past Masters of the Lodge. Our Board of Trustee's is chaired by W.: Steiner Humerick P.M. in 1971, R.:W.: George Benham P.M. in 1995, and W.: Frank Verderame P.M. in 2003. Our Board has been busy getting estimates for our roof. At a future Stated Meeting they will be bringing their findings before the Craft for a vote. I would encourage all members to attend as many meeting this year as your cable tow will allow we will be charting a new course for the coming years and your voice is needed and important to the future of Clearwater Lodge.

On a lighter note our Friday Fish Fry's have been popular we will continue throughout the year by having one a month. Brother and Mrs. Harland Clark travel all the way from Inverness to attend and we sincerely Thank them for their continued effort to support the Lodge. Hopefully we will see some of you who live closer by.

In Peace and Harmony
Russell LeMar , Secretary

GIFT STORE:

Come see Additional new selection of new items available in our Gift Shop to buy. If you have not had the opportunity to stop by the Gift Counter recently, please do so and see the larger selection of Masonic and Eastern Star merchandise that can be purchased. Gift Shop Hours when Lodge is open. *Brother Paul Smith*

PAST MASTERS OF CLEARWATER LODGE NO. 127

1961 RICHARD E. DUPUY	2000 PAUL NEWMAN
1967 LELAND BEEBE	2001 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M.
1971 STEINER M. HUMERICK	2002 MEL HINKLEY
1974 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M.	2003 FRANK VERDERAME
1975 JAMES T. OGLE	2004 JOSEPH W. DUHAMEL
1976 DAVID A. MARTIN	2005 MARK BIRENBAUM
1977 ROBERT L. TROGLEN	2006 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M
1981 JERRY COLE	2006 ART BARKER
1982 WAYNE PELLE	2007 JAMES EUBANKS
1983 THOMAS C. LITTLE	
1984 BRYANT S. DAVIS	AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS
1985 RONALD LOHR	1967 JOHN CAREY
1986 MARTIN A. RYAN	1973 WILLIAM RITTERBUSCH
1988 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M.	1977 EDWARD PHERO, P.D.D.G.M.
1989 GRANVILLE T. LEMAY	1978 RONALD J. EVANS
1990 LUDVIG C. CHRISTENSEN	1980 BEN KEITEL
1991 RICHARD J. CORNWELL	1981 JAMES EUBANKS
1993 JACK STABLER, P.D.D.G.M.	1983 JON P. VONDERAU
1994 MICHAEL LAFOLLETTE	1995 MARK LEMACHER
1995 GEORGE D. BENHAM, P.D.D.G.M.	1995 PETER GOEBEL
1996 LEE HAMILTON	1995 REED RUE P.D.D.G.M.
1997 RONALD G. LOHR	1997 EDWARD AVANCE
1998 ROY W. BAKER	1998 RONALD J. EVANS JR.
1999 LARRY BOWLING	

All deceased Past Masters are show on the Past Masters Board in the lodge





Congratulations to our newest Master Mason Allan Gregory Mallard, pictured with W.:M.: Jon P. Vonderau, W.: Sam Lampson, W.: John Carey and Bro. Joe Gondos who sat in the East for the first half, good job Joe.

W.: John Carey's wife Tomi author of Great Garnishes head a class on vegetable **origami** for the ladies during our stated meeting on the 8th.



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W.: JOHN	D.	BRIMSON	11
BRO WILLIAM	J	DALTON	17
BRO RICHARD	A	KASTEL	20
BRO EDWARD	C	GLAZE JR.	22
BRO JEFFERY	A	KOCH	22
BRO CLYDE	E	RENFROE JR.	23
BRO JAMES	D	LAVELLE JR.	27
W.: JERALD	D	COLE	28
BRO DAVID	A	LUBIN	30
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MAY 2008 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a
4	5	6 Fellow Craft Practice 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a White Shrine 7:30 pm
11	12	13 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm	14 OES 7:30 pm	15 Brother and Ladies Night out 6 PM	16	17 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a
18 Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am	19 Fellow Craft Practice 7:30 pm	20 Fellow Craft Degree 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm	21	22	23	24 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a
25 Grand Lodge Communication	26 Grand Lodge Communication	27 No Lodge Meeting Grand Lodge Communication	28 OES 7:30 pm Grand Lodge Communication	29	30	31 Fellowship Breakfast 7a - 10a