

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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Brethren,

As previously published there was a vote for raising the dues from \$100 to \$125 and it was not voted for adoption. Nor was the vote to raise the three degrees by \$50, and I am very disappointed. Not because they were not adapted, but due to the turnout of brothers for the vote. There were only 18 brothers in attendance for the meeting and they are the regular attending brothers. This tells me you do not care about your lodge!

At our Stated Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>, R.:W.: Sam Lampson brought it up for vote again, at first I did not think it passed but was informed and verified by Grand Lodge that it is 50% plus 1 of the voting brothers. This means if you do not vote it does not count as a no or a yes; it just does not count in the totals. With this being said, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote which requires 75% (of the voting brothers) present to pass the bylaws change. I encourage all brothers of Clearwater Lodge to come out and voice/vote your option (with you support or are against), support your Lodge!

Also on the 25<sup>th</sup> the brothers voted to have our roof replaced. The work on the roof will start in July and should be completed by August. There is some wood that needs to be replaced on the fascia, soffits and gable ends of which the roofers will not be doing. We are looking for volunteers to help us replace the wood to save the lodge and it's brothers some money, please contact me if you wish to help out.

There will be a survey coming out in September's Trestle Board and it is on our website now. I encourage each and every member to fill it out and submit it back to the lodge. We want to take the lodge in the direction the brothers want but without your input the lodge officers do not know which direction in which to take it that will make the majority of its brothers approve.

Fellowship breakfast will be closed during June, July and August opening again on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. In addition the lodge will be dark during July and August but this does not mean there will be no activities.

On July 16<sup>th</sup> is the Grand Master's Official Visit for District's 20 and 21 at the Masonic Home. The 21<sup>st</sup> of June is Suncoast Masters and Wardens and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August at Dunedin Lodge will be the D.D.G.M. official visit of R.:W.: Bob Matheson, kicking off the new Grand Lodge year and a 100 Man Mason Night. Also there will be several working parties at the lodge, the floors in the Dining area need to be stripped and re-waxed and the outside of the lodge needs to be cleaned up. I look forward to your support on these events.

Hurricane season is upon us, I hope everyone has trimmed their trees, stocked up on batteries, water and canned foods and have an evacuation plan if the need arises. As a reminder, your lodge is the evacuation site for the Masonic Home in case of a category 3 or higher storm.

Have a great summer and be safe!

Semper Fi,  
Glen Bishop, Worshipful Master

### From the West

Hello Brothers:

On May 25 at a Stated Meeting a motion was made to increase the dues from \$100.00 dollars to \$125.00 dollars. It appeared to have not passed but after some investigation it was determined that it did pass. The vote to change a By-Law only requires a majority vote. The Craft will have the second and final vote on the second Stated Meeting June 22.

The Craft has been given a second chance to help our Lodge to maintain a stable financial future. The cost of utilities has increased every year and it is not going to change. The cost of food goes up. The cost of maintenance of the building will continue to increase. The craft just voted to replace the roof on May 25<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$40,000.00 dollars. The dining room air conditioner is operating on borrowed time. It will cost around \$20,000.00 to replace.

The budget has to increase every year just to keep up with these expenses which means the Lodge has to spend more money. I could go on with more examples but I am sure you understand the cost of operating a facility of this magnitude. The Lodge does about 50 fundraisers a year and it's still not enough. If you agree or disagree come out and vote. The financial future of our Lodge is in your hands. Let your voice be heard through your vote. Most of all keep a positive attitude.

Fraternally,  
R.:W.: Sam Lampson, Senior Warden



### From the South

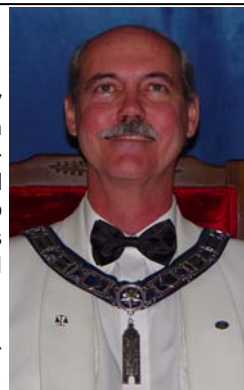
Brethren,

Time and money sure seem to fly by. Hopefully we will all find enough of each to enjoy a little something different for a summer vacation while we are dark in July and August. I am looking forward to a trip to Maine in late July. By the time you read this our Saturday breakfasts will be over until September.

There is another move afoot to increase our dues from \$100 to \$125 per year. It seems that may be the only way to get so many of our brothers who don't come to lodge or support our breakfasts and other fund raisers to contribute more to the financial NEEDS of our lodge. Hmmmmm. Why should the few, do so much for the many, all the time?

My teaching catechisms to new brothers is really rewarding and going quite well. There is no better way to learn than to teach. I'm sure I am learning and getting more out of this process than I'm teaching and giving. It's like planting little seeds and then harvesting a bountiful crop.

Fraternally,  
David W. Griffin, Junior Warden



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1971 STEINER M. HUMERICK	2006 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M
1975 JAMES T. OGLE	2006 ART BARKER
1981 JERRY COLE	2007 JAMES EUBANKS
1983 THOMAS C. LITTLE	2008 JON P. VONDERAU
1984 BRYANT S. DAVIS	2009 JOSEPH GONDOS
1989 GRANVILLE T. LEMAY	
1990 LUDVIG C. CHRISTENSEN	<b>AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS</b>
1994 MICHAEL LAFOLLETTE	1973 WILLIAM RITTERBUSCH
1995 GEORGE D. BENHAM, P.D.D.G.M.	1977 EDWARD PHERO, P.D.D.G.M.
1996 LEE HAMILTON	1980 BEN KEITEL
1998 ROY W. BAKER	1986 JOHN P WALKER JR.
1999 LARRY BOWLING	1987 EDWARD HOLDGATE III
2000 PAUL NEWMAN	1995 MARK LEMACHER
2001 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M.	1995 PHILIP MAYNARD BOHR
2003 FRANK VERDERAME	1995 PETER GOEBEL
2004 JOSEPH W. DUHAMEL	1999 JOE SIPOS
2005 MARK BIRENBAUM	2001 JOHN BRIMSON

Past Masters not listed are deceased, or not active brothers and are displayed on the Past Master Board in the lodge and on our website



**From the Secretary Desk**

Greeting Brothers:

On May 11, the vote on the motion to increase the dues failed by one (1) vote. Seven (7%) of the Lodge members were present that voted. At the Stated Meeting on May 25, 2010, a motion was made and seconded and after discussion by the Members, they were asked to a vote on the motion to increase dues beginning for year 2011 by \$25.00 to \$125.00. After review of the Masonic Digest and Grand Lodge, the vote passed

by a simple majority of members present voting. The fact of the matter is that increasing the dues will help your Lodge progress forward with improvement to the building and help offset the higher costs of utilities and running the Lodge. **Come vote.**

As prescribed by the Lodge By-laws written notice is printed in this June Trestleboard of the proposed changes to dues. **Come vote on the motion to increase the dues on Tuesday June 22nd, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Lodge. The reasons are clear.**

As secretary I continue to ask each brother to check to see if they have their current 2010 dues card. This will allow each Brother to attend the Lodge meetings. At the end of this month, as required by **GL** a "summons letter" will be mailed to a Brother that has not paid dues for 2010. Save me time and work; send in your dues payment **NOW!** Be responsible to be a Mason.

Final bids to repair the Lodge two shingle roofs were received. The Building Committee met and reviewed the bids and contractors with final bid cost of approx \$33,000. The craft approved at the meeting on May 25 to proceed with repairing the roof. The work is to be done during July and August. The funds received for the roof is still less than half the estimated costs. If you are able, please continue to donate to the Roof Fund.

I have sent out by email a "weekly news letter" to all brothers keeping them informed of timely events and meetings. If you are receiving this printed Trestleboard, the Lodge does not have your email address. Help save costs by providing the Lodge with your Email.

Fraternally  
Mark Birenbaum, PM  
Secretary

**RECYCLING**

Please continue to drop off Aluminum cans. What a great way to help the Lodge set aside money for the parking lot.

Our Paper recycling continues to bring in funds monthly. Be sure to bring newspapers to the "RED container in the parking area of the Lodge. Both help in the cost of the parking lot repairs.

At Clearwater Lodge No. 127 Stated Meeting on May 25, 2010 a motion and a second was made and after discussion by the Members the following changes were approved by the majority of voting members present to increase the dues amount beginning for the year 2011 for Clearwater Lodge. As prescribed by the Lodge by-laws, this written notice appears. The final vote to change the dues will be **VOTED** at the stated meeting on **Tuesday June 22, 2010**. Every member in good standing is urged to **VOTE in person**.

**Proposed Changes of By Laws:**

**4.0 DUES AND SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT THEREOF AND REINSTATEMENT MEMBERSHIP**

**4.01 Dues (Current)**

Every member of this Lodge shall pay to the Secretary, for the use of the Lodge, the Sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per annum, which shall include the Grand Lodge Per-Capita Assessment, which sum shall be due and payable in advance on or before the first day of each Masonic Year, which Masonic Year shall begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December of each year and end on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December of the following year, except life members, perpetual members, honorary members and those members whose dues are remitted in accordance with Masonic Law. Amended September 9, 2003,

**4.01 Dues Proposed Motion**

Every member of this Lodge shall pay to the Secretary, for the use of the Lodge, the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) per annum, which shall include the Grand Lodge Per-Capita Assessment, which sum shall be due and payable in advance on or before the first day of each Masonic Year, which Masonic Year shall begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December of each year and end on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December of the following year, except life members, perpetual members, honorary members and those members whose dues are remitted in accordance with Masonic Law. Amended September 9, 2003, Amended June 22, 2010,

**16.01 Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended only as follows, viz:  
The proposition must be made in writing at a Stated Communication and if approved by a majority vote, shall lie over to the next Stated Communication, of which the membership shall be given written notice; and if three-fourths (3/4) of all the membership of the Lodge then present vote in favor thereof, it is adopted, and will go into effect after approval of the Grand Lodge of its authority. Proposed By-Laws or amendments, after adoption by the Lodge, shall be submitted for approval in accordance with provisions of Regulation 24.04.

JUNE BIRTHDAY				
Bro Alex R Guevara	1			
Bro Lawrence A Lundeen	2			
Bro Harry G Marland Jr	3			
Bro Samuel F. Chapman	4			
Bro Mark A Guerin	4			
W.: Jon P Vonderau	5			
Bro Robert W Wilson	8			
Bro Clyde H Long Jr	9			
Bro Joshua M Miller	11			
Bro Laverne F Bowley II	15			
W.: Larry W Bowling	15			
Bro James C Hill	15			
Bro Leonard L Freeman	16			
Bro James M Homan Jr	17			
Bro Charles G Bell	18			
Bro Richard A Rink	18			
Bro Ronald J Serig	18			
Bro John S Brown, Jr	19			
Bro David H Rhone	21			
Bro Jacob F Stowers	21			
Bro William J Castagna	25			
Bro Johnny W Cox	25			

JULY BIRTHDAY				
W.: Frank P Verderame	2			
Bro William H Fairclough	3			
W.: Paul A Newman	4			
R.:W.: Edward E Phero	4			
Bro Conrad J Doerbecker	5			
Bro James G Nichols	7			
Bro Frank N Beyer Jr	8			
Bro Craig E Knight	9			
Bro Ernest C Tokarske	9			
Bro Marlin J Marsh	12			
Bro James M Burns Jr	14			
Bro Donald H Kemmerle	15			
Bro James H Phillips	17			
Bro Thomas R Supulski	18			
Bro William T Trautwein	19			
Bro Silas F McGhee Jr	21			
Bro John A Gibson	24			
Bro Carney R Barker	26			
Bro Howard L Chamberlin	27			
Bro William B Duke	28			
Bro Thomas G Fox	29			
Bro Mihalis Z Lever	29			
Bro Vernon A VonWerder	29			
Bro Frank A Pelusio	30			

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS				
Bro John T Kastner	2			
Bro Scott V McCauley	2			
Bro Vernor D Blough	3			
Bro Sean E Meyenburg	3			
Bro Lester W Davis	7			
Bro David E Hanson	7			
Bro Artie H Johnsa	9			
Bro John C Marscher Jr	9			
Bro William P Ham Jr	11			
Bro Larry B Whitman	12			
Bro Kenneth R Bennett	13			
Bro Robert J Lani	14			
Bro Joseph DeLaTorres	16			
Bro Ernest B Morris Jr	16			
Bro Ronald R Haskin	19			
Bro John R Hutchinson	20			
W.: Thomas C Little	20			
Bro Kenneth C Robinson	20			
Bro Dale C Erwin	21			
Bro David W Griffin	21			
Bro Salvatore R Furnari	24			
Bro Robert E Mears	24			
Bro Karl M Pardee	24			
Bro Robert J Bishop	26			
Bro Kenneth Fietz	26			
Bro Joseph L A Busch	29			
Bro Leonard E Smith	30			
Bro William G Nahorodny	31			









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# JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>No Fellowship Breakfast until September</b>		1 Hurricane Season Begins Grand Lodge Communications	2 Grand Lodge Communications	3	4	5
6	7	8  <b>Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</b> <b>Dinner 6:30 pm</b> Catechism	9  OES 7:30 pm	10	11	12 White Shrine 7:30 pm
13	14 Flag Day	15 Master Mason Degree Practice 7 pm	16	17 Brothers and Ladies Night out 6pm—TBA	18	19
20  Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am Father's Day	21 Summer Begins	22  <b>Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</b> <b>Dinner 6:30 pm</b> Catechism	23  OES 7:30 pm	24 St John the Baptist Day	25	26
27	28 Master Mason Degree Practice 7 pm	29  <b>Master Mason Degree 7:30 pm</b> <b>Dinner 6:30 pm</b>	30	<b>The Lodge is Dark during July and August</b>		