

TRESTLEBOARD

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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From the East



Brethren,
 How time flies. This is the last article as W.:M.: The year has been very busy and successful. We've had a lot of good times and social events that were well attended.

The lodge has gained on membership and have taken in some good men who have become active Brothers. The one day class that was on November 22nd, 2008 was a huge success. R.:W.: Sam Lampson sat in the East for the entire day. We were able to shift officers and with the help of other lodges were able to fill all the stations with pride and efficiency .

The Lodge has had the 2 roofs soft scrubbed and chemically cleaned to make them last for a few more years. Hopefully 2009 will be the year to finish raising the balance (\$21,000.00) for the goal of \$50,000.00 for the new roofs, to be used only for the roof.

New Carpet was installed in the dining room hall and up front in the Tyler's area. R.:W.: George Benham replaced the Lodge Meeting room carpet during his year.

December will be a short relaxing month. We'll have 4 Saturday breakfasts, 2nd Friday (December 12th) fish fry from 5 to 7 pm, December 9th, supper at 6:30 and elections night for the next years officers. This is the ONLY meeting in December. The 18th will be Holiday Dinner, Awards night and Canadian night, supper at 5 til 7, with awards and entertainment to follow. NO MEETING on the 23rd. New years Eve Party on the 31st starting at 6 pm.

2008 - We've made it GREAT!! Remember T.G.I.F.

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

From the West



Brethren,
 Our last meeting in this year is rushing towards us with great velocity. We had a good year, thanks to our Worshipful Master and Officers working hard all year. I wish that I saw more of our Brothers in the Lodge meetings and other festivities.

On Dec. 9 we will vote in the Officers for the next year. Election day is one of our most important meeting, it is the day when we decide about the future of Clearwater Lodge. We decide whom we trust best for leading our Lodge. As simple as that... but is it really that simple?

Technically, yes, but how to make the right decision, sounds kind of difficult, sometimes becomes confusing. Do we know each other well enough to choose for the right job? Do You, my Brothers, know us, officers that well, or just go with the flow?

Here comes the necessity of attending meetings more often, communicate with each other, ask questions and answer questions, it is the basic of learning and knowing. We are part of a wonderful society called freemasonry.

From ancient times learning and knowing was the initial force of masons for improvement and knowledge, to build their future, what became our present. Our ancient brothers had to choose their leaders wisely to make great ideas come true, shape our word, our country. There was a necessity to make the right choice.

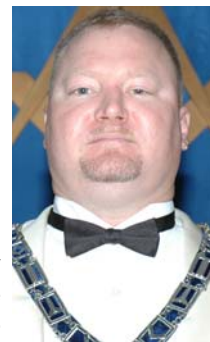
We might not be able to build countries, but we can carry on with passing the knowledge to the new generation and they will do the same and history will tell what we have done in our present to preserve our history.

We stand here and now, have to choose wisely to protect what we have and improve if we find something that could be improved. Here comes you, everyone of you should be present and vote with your best intent!

Voting is your obligation, you will be able to say that you helped to build the future for your descendants.

With Brotherly Love,
 Joseph Gondos
 Senior Warden

From the South



Brethren,
 Wow, 2008, where did it go.

Only one meeting left for the year and it's an important one. Time to elect your lodge officers for 2009. I look forward to seeing everyone come out and pick your leaders for the new year.

It has been requested that Meatloaf made it's way to the kitchen one more time for the year's end, and with the 9th being our last stated meeting of the year, so be it.

During November we had a Master Mason Degree and a One Day or Short of time class. We raised several brothers for Clearwater Lodge and helped out some of our sister lodges by raising a few for them as well. Good job everyone, a good time was had by all.

I remember W.: Vonderau once stated he would tell us what T.G.I.F. stands for at the end of the year, let's all ask him on the 9th

2008 - We've made it Great, now it's time to focus on 2009 and make it divine!!!

Semper Fi,
 Glen Bishop
 Junior Warden

OFFICERS

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Marshal W.: Steiner Humerick, P.M. 531-4527	Musician W.: Mark LeMacher, P.M. 709-0585

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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TRUSTEE BOARD

1971	W.: Steiner Humerick, P.M.	531-4527
1995	R.:W.: George Benham, P.D.D.G.M	480-1527
2001/06	R.:W.: Sam Lampson, P.D.D.G.M.	443-3554
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,

It doesn't seem possible that the year is about over. We had an excellent year for fundraising. In the coming year there is a lot of work that needs to be done to the Lodge. We need a new roof and water pump. Both air conditioner systems need work and we will probably need to replace the ice machine. On a more positive note we have replaced the carpet in the hallways, our roof was reconditioned and cleaned it is expected to give us a little more time before we have to replace it.



On a sadder note the Lodge still has 16 members who have not met their obligations for 2008. Check your dues card and if it is a 2007 card you may be dropped from our records. If you have a financial need please call the Lodge. We can help.

We had an excellent turn out for our Short of Time Class on November 22, 2008.

Six Brothers from Clearwater Lodge were Raised. With the help from Eastern Star we served three meals. The Star is an important part of Clearwater Lodge. They are always at the ready to roll up their sleeves and help.

I would like to Thank all the members who have helped me make 2008 Great!!!!!!

In Peace and Harmony
Russell LeMar , Secretary

PAST MASTERS OF CLEARWATER LODGE NO. 127

1961 RICHARD E. DUPUY	2002 MEL HINKLEY
1967 LELAND BEEBE	2003 FRANK VERDERAME
1971 STEINER M. HUMERICK	2004 JOSEPH W. DUHAMEL
1974 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M.	2005 MARK BIRENBAUM
1975 JAMES T. OGLE	2006 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M.
1977 ROBERT L. TROGLEN	2006 ART BARKER
1981 JERRY COLE	2007 JAMES EUBANKS

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

1982 WAYNE PELLEY	1967 JOHN CAREY
1983 THOMAS C. LITTLE	1973 WILLIAM RITTERBUSCH
1984 BRYANT S. DAVIS	1977 EDWARD PHERO, P.D.D.G.M.
1985 RONALD LOHR	1978 RONALD J. EVANS
1986 MARTIN A. RYAN	1980 BEN KEITEL
1988 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS, P.D.D.G.M.	1981 JAMES EUBANKS
1989 GRANVILLE T. LEMAY	1983 JON P. VONDERAU
1990 LUDVIG C. CHRISTENSEN	1995 MARK LEMACHER
1991 RICHARD J. CORNWELL	1995 PETER GOEBEL
1993 JACK STABLER, P.D.D.G.M.	1997 EDWARD AVANCE
1994 MICHAEL LAFOLLETTE	1998 RONALD J. EVANS JR.
1995 GEORGE D. BENHAM, P.D.D.G.M.	1999 JOE SIPOS
1996 LEE HAMILTON	2001 JOHN BRIMSON
1997 RONALD G. LOHR	
1998 ROY W. BAKER	
1999 LARRY BOWLING	
2000 PAUL NEWMAN	
2001 SAM LAMPSON, P.D.D.G.M.	

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



One Day/Short of Time Class, November 22nd

Welcome our new brothers Lenny Freeman, John Buck, Maurice Ingram, Denny Vonderau, Jeff Truxton, Vyrnee Equipilas. Also pictured are Clearwater Lodge's officers, brothers and visiting Brothers in our New Costumes.



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*

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bro Michael	S	Peasley	5
Bro Jeffrey	B	Starr	5
Bro William		Powell Jr	7
Bro Jacob	J	Solgovic	7
Bro Charles	K	Idelson	9
Bro Hovakim	S	Haruthunian	10
Bro Richard	J	Whalen	10
Bro Kenneth	H	Wilson	10
Bro Roey		Robinson	11
Bro Michael	P	Snider	12
Bro Robert	J	Bekker	13
		Baumgardner	14
Bro William	D		14
W.: James	T	Ogle	14
Bro Thomas	A	Meachum	15
Bro Paul		Olesen	16
Bro Terry	A	Stoermer	17
Bro Harland	R	Clark	22
Bro Melvin	W	Engelke Jr	22
Bro James	B	Gooch	27
Bro Clinton	B	Mitchell	27
Bro Randall	S	Evans	28
Bro Vyrnee	D	Equipilag	29
Bro Christopher	M	Cooper	30
Bro Aaron	B	Nally	30
W.: Ronald	J	Evans Jr	31

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DECEMBER 2008 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a
7	8	9 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Officer Elections	10 OES 7:30 pm	11	12 Fish Tenderloin 5-7	13 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a White Shrine 7:30 pm
14 Masonic Home Board Meeting 11am	15	16 Installation Practice	17	18 Brother and Ladies Night out Holiday Dinner 5-7pm	19	20 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a
21	22	23 NO LODGE MEETING	24 OES 7:30 pm Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Fellowship Breakfast 7a-10a Installation of 2009 Officers
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	2009 Officer Elections December 9th!! No lodge on December 23rd due to holiday's!! Installation of 2009 Officer December 27th (St John's Day)		