

TRESTLEBOARD

Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F&AM

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From the East



My Brothers,

It is with honor and humility that I accepted the charge as Worshipful Master of Clearwater Lodge No. 127. I look forward to making 2007 a banner year. The support that you have offered is nothing short of amazing. Brothers have stepped up to the plate to chair all of our committees. Clearwater Lodge is known for our members to step up to the challenge of supporting the Lodge. As we start the New Year I ask that we start anew and put all of our discord from last year in the past. My pledge to you is to strengthen the fraternal bond among Brothers and attempt to bring Brothers back to Lodge. Our team of line officers are dedicated to Freemasonry and Clearwater Lodge No. 127. Many of our line officers are young men who have the desire to serve the Craft.

As in the previous years our income from dues will fall short of our actual needs. We will need to have fund raisers to meet the budget. I would ask our members to give me input as to what you would like for fund raisers this year I am open to all ideas. Our breakfasts will continue. The breakfast is one of our biggest fund raisers bringing in over \$5000.00 a year. Building use from the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine, and the Peoples Church is expected to net around \$11,000.00.

Our floor fund will max out in February we have been putting the building use from the Peoples Church in our floor fund. We are still contemplating as to when we should put the new floor down. We are also investigating changing our financial institution. We currently receive no interest on our monies. Bro. Webster from Washington Mutual and Bro. Griffin is assisting in this endeavor.

I would like to congratulate our recent Master Mason's Eric Reale, Jess Meford, Bob Fornwalt, and Trace Meek. I had the honor of sitting in the East for their degree.

There is a lot of work to be done this year and I am confident that our members are up to the challenge. Look for new programs and events in our upcoming Trestle Boards.

On The Square,
 W.: James Eubanks P.M.
 Worshipful Master

From the West



Brethren,

A Lodge, The Lodge, Our Lodge,
 What is your definition of a Lodge? Many people have ideas and opinions of what a Lodge is or does. Even our own Brothers have different ideas and opinions. As Brothers we were raised with the same Masonic Laws, Rules, Regulations, Oaths and Obligations. Yet we all follow our own ideas and opinions.

Masonry dates back to the building of King Solomon's Temple which was even before Christ was born or Christianity began.

The Lodge is not a building were people go to meet, do business, have fun, or socialize. Nor is it a group of Brothers who elect a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Nor is the Lodge a place that has received a Charter or Warrant empowering them (the Brethren) to work and conduct business and confer degrees. The Lodge is all of this and much more. The Lodge is a building (A Masonic Temple dedicated to our Supreme Being) that is a meeting place where harmony must prevail. "By speculative Masonry we learn to subdue our passions, act upon the square keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity."

Our Masonic Lodge has spoken thru the Election of our primary officers for the year 2007. The Brothers that were at the election meeting have by majority vote elected the officers to govern and guide Clearwater Lodge No. 127 for the ensuing year. Those not present have by their absence agreed to the election. It is now our obligation to "behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

With Love For The Fraternity

Jon P. Vonderau
 Senior Warden

From the South



Brethren,

To all the Brothers of Clearwater Lodge No. 127 I present my warmest thanks to all who had the confidence to elect me as your Junior Warden. To many of you I have not had the opportunity to meet, I want to introduce myself to you. My name is Joe Gondos I am a naturalized U.S. citizen. I was born in Hungary as was my wife Eva. We have one daughter Cristina. I emigrated to the United States in 1973. I was an Olympic figure skater and Olympic coach before emigrating to the U.S.

I joined Clearwater Lodge No. 127 in the spring of 2005, being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in September of 2005. In 2006 I was appointed Junior Deacon and served in that office until the fall of 2006 when I was appointed your Senior Deacon. I have served on our competition team in 2006 as Junior Deacon and am serving as Junior Warden this year. I am truly honored and humbled to be elected your Junior Warden and pledge to serve the Lodge to the best of my abilities.

It has given me great personal satisfaction improving myself to be a better man and Mason helping others and the Lodge within my means. In my personal life I practice the tenets of Freemasonry I have a small family business in construction and remodeling. My wife and daughter work side by side with me.

As for this New Year, I ask all of you whom I have not had the pleasure to meet please come to our meetings, get more involved with all the activities of the Lodge. I'd like to shake hands with you and want to know who you are. And to all the Brothers I know I ask that you continue to support the Lodge.

For the New Year I wish all our Brothers and Families a very happy and prosperous year with best of health.

With my Brotherly Love to all of you,

Bro. Joseph Gondos
 Junior Warden

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1892 * W. F. WHITE	1936 * ARTHUR C. GRISELMAN	1980 JERRY PATTERSON
1893 * C.F. THOMPSON	1937 * WILL C. RODGERS P.D.D.G.M.	1981 JERRY COLE
1894 * JOSEPH ELDRIDGE	1938 * HERBERT GRICE	1982 WAYNE PELLEY
1895 * J.M. MATCHETT	1939 * W. PAUL HARRIS	1983 THOMAS C. LITTLE
1896 * JOHN H. WARLICK	1940 * J. MERLE KELLOG	1984 BRYANT S. DAVIS
1897 * H.L. SNYDER	1941 * JAMES C. ROBERTS	1985 RONALD LOHR
1898 * W.Y. WILSON	1942 * FORREST SCARLOTT	1986 MARTIN A. RYAN
1899 * H.L. SNYDER	1943 * GRADY SULLIVAN	1987 * ARDEN F. FLEISHER
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1902 * JOSEPH J. ELDRIDGE	1946 * WILLIAM L. RANDOLPH	1990 LUDVIG C. CHRISTENSEN
1903 * W.D. KIMBALL	1947 * OTIS MCFARLAND	1991 RICHARD J. CORNWELL
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1905 * W.D. KIMBALL	1949 * L. LESTER SELLERS P.D.D.G.M.	1993 JACK STABLER P.D.D.G.M.
1906 * LEROY BRANDON P.G.M.	1950 * GLENN ALLAN	1994 MICHAEL LAFOLLETTE
1907 * LEROY BRANDON P.G.M.	1951 * J. COHEN HARDY	1995 GEORGE D. BENHAM P.D.D.G.M.
1908 * R.H. PADGETT	1952 * LESTER PLUMB P.D.D.G.M.	1996 LEE HAMILTON
1909 * R.H. PADGETT	1953 * LEWIS SCRUGGS	1997 RONALD G. LORH
1910 * R.W. HINES	1954 * HAROLD WALLACE	1998 ROY W. BAKER
1911 * LEROY BRANDON P.G.M.	1955 * PAUL CASSEL	1999 LARRY BOWLING
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1913 * S.N. DILLARD	1957 * MARVIN DYAL	2001 SAM LAMPSON P.D.I., P.D.D.G.M.
1914 * S.N. DILLARD	1958 * ROY H. JAMES	2002 MEL HINKLEY
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1917 * E.E. COPELAND	1961 * RICHARD E. DUPUY	2005 MARK BIRENBAUM
1918 * H.W. BIVENS	1962 * KNUTE A. ODEN	2006 SAM LAMPSON P.D.I., P.D.D.G.M.
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1920 * LOUIS FRANK	1964 * FRED J. HASLINGER	
1921 * S.T. WICKENS	1965 * FRANK R. COLVIN	
1922 * JOSEPH A. WRIGHT	1966 * JAMES J. ALMONY	
1923 * L.E. JOHNSON	1967 LELAND BEEBE	
1924 * S.T. WICKENS	1968 * HAROLD A. RODENBERG	
1925 * CHARLES SHAW	1969 * JOHN S. DIAMOND	
1926 * S.T. WICKENS	1970 * ARDEN F. FLEISHER	
1927 * CHARLES F. MASON	1971 * STEINER M. HUMERICK	
1928 * CHARLES F. MASON	1972 * CARL E. ELWOOD	
1929 * D.W. CULP	1973 * N. FISHER GROVES	
1930 * NILS A. ANDERSON	1974 JAMES H. DIEPHUIS P.D.D.G.M.	
1931 * JOHN M. GORE	1975 JAMES T. OGLE	
1932 * EVAN H. JONES	1976 DAVID A. MARTIN	
1933 * WILLIAM A. MOREE	1977 ROBERT L. TROGLEN	
1934 * B.T. GRIFFIN	1978 * TRAVIS MCLEMORE	
1935 * JOHN C. POLHILL P.D.D.G.M.	1979 * WILLIAM KURTZ	

IN MEMORIAM

BROTHER ERNEST B. CARLSON
BROTHER NEALE L. HASSEL

JANUARY 31ST, 2006
NOVEMBER 25TH, 2006

From the Secretary Desk



Brethren,

I would like to thank all the members who reelected me as your Lodge secretary. It is sure an honor to be able to serve the Lodge in this capacity.

The New Year is upon us as we start this new year let us reflect on years past. During the 70's and 80's Clearwater Lodge No. 127 was packed with Brothers just have a conversation with W.: Humerrick or W.: Davis our Brothers built our current Lodge and Fellowship hall without a mortgage our goal is to bring some of the Brothers back to Lodge. W.: Jim Eubanks has instituted several new programs to bring back more members.

We will be calling the Brothers that are local just to let you know we still care about you. We will also be sending out Raising birthday cards inviting you back to Lodge. Our Lodge is only as strong as our members allow. We need all members back in Lodge to make the year successful.

2007 dues notices are out and we are getting a strong response. Already 30 % of our members have met their obligations to the Lodge. \$10.00 of your dues are going into a separate account for capital improvements and for self insurance of our Lodge. The 2007 budget is set and we will still need to have fund raisers to meet our obligations our dues cover only 40% of our operating budget. Look for exciting fund raisers in our Trestle Board in the upcoming months. We would also like your input for fund raisers, meetings, etc.

Our new Office hours for 2007 have changed from the afternoon to the morning. The new hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00 AM-12:00Pm Tuesdays on stated and called communications will be 3:00 Pm-7:30 Pm. Don't forget to check out our new web site hosted by Bro. Glen Bishop our new Senior Deacon clearwater127.org you can find the current and past trestle boards along with calendars. Please support our Lodge by checking this web site out. We will soon be offering advertising on our site that will redirect visitors to your business.

Congratulations to our newest Master Masons Brothers Eric Reale, Bob Fornwalt, Jess Mefford, and Trace Meek. Welcome to our beloved fraternity. Look for Eric and Jess in our new line of Officers. We have a strong line of officers this year. As senior instructor of Clearwater Lodge I am bursting with pride to see so many of my students in line this year.

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 & W: Johnny Walker*



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 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

BRO	GEORGE	MANIAS	2
BRO	K	SAARI	2
BRO	BENSON	BERRY	3
W:.	PHILIP	BOHR	4
BRO	JOSE	DESOUSA	5
W:.	LEE	HAMILTION	5
BRO	CLINTON	MITCHELL	9
W:.	JOHN	CAREY	10
BRO	TOBY	LOWERY	13
BRO	MICHAEL	DIPPLE	15
BRO	MICHAEL	OBAL	15
BRO	BASIL	WOOLF	19
BRO	DAVE	SODERLAND	19
BRO	JAMES	GREEN	21
BRO	ROBERT	FORNWALT	21
BRO	CHARLES	ANDERSON	22
BRO	THOMAS	HOLSTEIN	22
BRO	GLEN	BISHOP	24
BRO	GEORGE	MOTT	25
BRO	ALVIN	BYBEE	27
W:.	PETER	GOEBEL	27
BRO	WILLIAM	BOYCE	28
BRO	WILLIAM	SHERBURNE	28
BRO	KENNETH	ORFIELD	28
BRO	SORIN	NENU	29
BRO	THOMAS	KARAVITES	29
BRO	ELWOOD	KANE	30
BRO	KENNETH	WALKER	31



GIFT BY MRS. NANCY HASSEL

Nancy Hassel, wife of Brother Neale who recently passed away this November, donated a hand made Masonic rug to Clearwater Lodge. The rug was presented by Nancy during a visit to her home to W.: Mark Birenbaum and R.W.: Sam Lampson. The beautiful Masonic rug will be on displayed in the Lodge.

Mrs. Tammy Clawson
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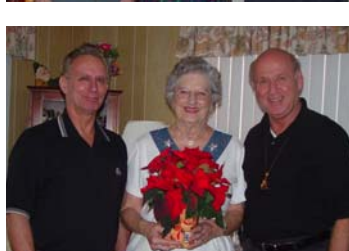
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GIFT OF POINSETTIAS FOR WIDOWS OF BROTHERS

For the second year, the widows of brothers who have previously passed on high had a visit locally in December by W: Mark Birenbaum and R.W.: Sam Lampson. W: Mark, PM 2005 started this project last year, as a way to continue the friendship and maintain the warmth of the fraternity for the wives of brothers who have died. "It is always easier to go the wives residence and meet and talk" he said. "Staying in touch means a lot to the wives", he also said. They spent time with each wife and gave a beautiful Red Poinsettias plant courtesy of Clearwater Lodge in time for the holidays. The wives visited were Eleanor (Richard) Gober, Norma (Paul) Levert Grace (Sid) Alexander, Madeline (Edwin) Thomas, Myrlea (Leroy) Hoff, Nancy (Neale) Hassel, Lera (Walter) Bryan, Carolina (J Cohen 51PM) Hardy, Julie (Paul) Gramblin. They talked on the phone with Browder (Howard) Rives who was recovering from a cold. Virginia (John) Ward and June (Lewis) Scruggs could not be found in the area this year. See photos of wives receiving the Poinsettia.



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JANUARY 2007 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year	2 Officers Meeting 7PM	3 Competition Team Practice 7:30 PM	4	5	6 Fellowship Breakfast 7-10AM
7	8	9 Stated Meeting 7:30 Election Dinner 6:30	10 OES 7:30 PM	11	12	13 Fellowship Breakfast 7-10AM White Shine 7:30 PM
14	15	16	17 Competition Team Practice 7:30 PM	18 Brothers and Ladies Night Out at Stacy's 6 PM	19	20 Fellowship Breakfast 7-10AM
21 Masonic Home Board Meeting 11 AM	22	23 Stated Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30	24 OES 7:30 PM	25	26	27 Fellowship Breakfast 7-10AM
28	29	30	31 Competition Team Practice 7:30 PM			

Trestle Board and Place-
 mat advertising is up for
 renewal. Please contact
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 for the Lodge. Also
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pm
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