

Newsletter

Lansdowne Lodge # 711

Summer 2014

BUILDING REPAIRS

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Summer repairs to the Lodge

by Robert D. Meier PM, Secretary

As our members are aware; the winter of 2013 – 2014 was not a friend to our building.

The ice storm of February 2014 created an ice dam which caused a leak in the new ceiling in the area of the south west of the Lodge room.

Working with the insurance company a settlement was reached and the necessary repairs were scheduled for July 2014 to coincide with the summer "call off".

While awaiting the Lodge room repairs it was discovered that the old soil pipes in the basement of the building were in serious condition requiring complete replacement.

Lansdowne Lodge owns the building. The structure is the oldest commercial building in the borough. We have 3 tenants, making us not only property owners but landlords. As landlords, we must maintain the building and work in the best interest of our tenants. This may mean that some projects that we would "like" to do must give way to necessary projects.

Another issue we are dealing with is the water which seeps into the basement

following rainstorms. This has become more severe in recent months.

A gap between the steps leading to the Barber Shop and the Mane Attraction (the hair salon) seem to be major contributors to the problem. The possibility that window-well drains may also be blocked is also being investigated.

We would like to be able to make needed repairs and perform maintenance on an on-going basis. We hope that the skills and time of our membership can be utilized.

If you have skills; painting, masonry skills, construction, HVAC etc. and are willing to donate your time to your Lodge, we could certainly make good use of both.

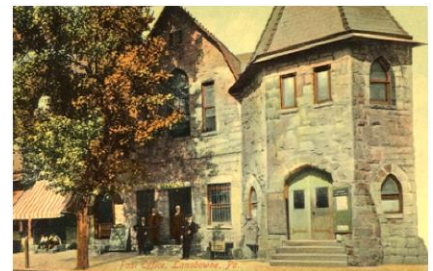
We must be good stewards of our property but must also be fiscally responsible. We can only spend what we take in. We generate income from Lodge Dues and rent. This means that projects can only be done if we can pay for them.

Donations for repairs are always welcome to help us keep our Lodge the beautiful and historically important building it has always been.



Our Loge room

The Lodge room in its current configuration was built in the 1960's by Bro. Thomas Shaiko and is one of the nicest in the 36th District.



1908 Lansdowne Post Office

Oldest standing commercial building in the Borough of Lansdowne.

At long-last we have updated our web site. The previous site had been left deserted and significantly out of date. So much so, that there was no record of the access code needed to update it. Then, the individual who had been the webmaster, resigned from Lansdowne. At about the same time the Grand Lodge, who had supported the web sites of the Lodges within PA, stopped doing so. With the summer call-off the discussion resurfaced about creating a wholly new site. Josh Nay volunteered to take on the task and in short order had created it. At the same time he created a Face Book page which is linked to the Lodge's homepage. The link to access the website is: <http://lansdowne711.com/>

the link for Face Book is: <https://www.facebook.com/lansdowne711> .

Also during the summer it was decided to attempt a small fund-raiser. We have designed and are selling T-Shirts. This is being done through "Customink" they help with the design and order tracking. If you are interested in supporting your Lodge in this endeavor, the link is:

<http://www.customink.com/signup/8f9lisx2> . Each shirt is \$25.00. S/H additional for those needing the shirt mailed. **Pictures of the shirts are below.** We will order only the number that has been signed-up for. We are NOT ordering any in the hope that they will get sold. Therefore, if you would like to have one, you will need to order by September.

With the numerous repairs that are underway, we are spending considerable money on the building. These repairs are significant and since some of these issues were not addressed or even noticed in the past, they require immediate attention.

We are asking for assistance from our membership, if possible. Financially of course or physically for those who are able and willing to donate time for painting etc. Thank you all for your support.

