

LaFayette Lodge #83 AF & AM

Brethren,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

I am writing to you today to let you know that our lodge is in need of your assistance. As we all know, the lodge building was built more than 70 years ago and like all 70+ year olds, she is starting to show her age. Recent heavy rainfalls have exposed a dire need to repair our roof; and resulting damage to the interior from said leakage.

Estimates have been obtained for these repairs, and they are a staggering \$26-30,000. In addition, our lodge insurance (liability and wind and hail) has more than doubled from the previous year.

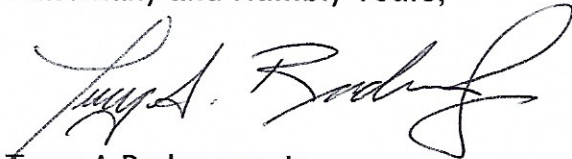
We understand that everyone's cost of living has increased; and day to day operations of our lodge is no exception. Those additional expenses and an additional assessment of per capita from the grand lodge were the factors that caused us to vote to increase our annual dues last year (which have not increased in quite a while).

The lodge budget is based on these anticipated expenses. While we try to keep a buffer in our building fund in order to anticipate repairs, the fund is not built up to the extent that is needed to perform these essential and catastrophic repairs to our home.

All of this being said, we are looking into all avenues to raise funds (ie. borrowing money from the NC Masonic Foundation, receiving the assistance of our Service Star Chapter; etc.), however; it will take more than these avenues to complete this endeavor.

So now, brethren, we are making this appeal for your help. Please find it in your heart to send a donation to the lodge building fund. Whatever you can afford, from pennies to dollars, is greatly appreciated. Your assistance will make it possible to have the repairs to our home completed as soon as possible.

Fraternally and Humbly Yours,



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