

Friends of Light's Fort

c/o Historic Preservation Trust of Lebanon Co.

P.O. Box 844

Lebanon, PA 17042

Dear Friends of Light's Fort,

Light's Fort is an important historical building that belongs to all of us, though in reality it is owned by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lebanon County along with the Issac Meier Homestead, The Chestnut Street Log House and the Monroe Valley Chapel.

We, the core group of volunteers working on the restoration of Light's Fort are very excited to be sharing the good news about our progress on the building to date. We have accomplished several things and we are very positive about the future.

Since formation of the group in the fall of 2003 we have accomplished the following:

- ★ A new roof on the fort
- ★ Removal of the property from the tax rolls
- ★ Closing off of the basement to prevent moisture damage

We would like to thank Mayor Anspach and the city of Lebanon for their help and support and we would like to thank those of you who have contributed to the project.

In December, we had a visit from William Stockinger who is a colonial archaeologist, currently working on the islands off the Boston Harbor. He visited the fort and was very impressed with what he saw and recommended what we should do as our next steps in saving this structure, which from his viewpoint, was definitely worth saving.

Our next step is to have a Historic Structures Report written for us by an expert in the field. This will provide us with a blueprint of where we go from here on the restoration of Light's Fort.

As was said in the beginning, we, the committee, feel good about what we have accomplished and we hope you will too. However, this is a big task we have undertaken and it will not be completed for many years, but it will be completed if we take the necessary steps at the appropriate times to restore this very valuable local historic treasure.

A membership form is enclosed for your convenience or donations may be sent to:
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We are also looking for volunteers to help us on a work day at Light's Fort. This will involve picking up trash, stones, pulling weeds, planting flowers, etc. It will also provide an opportunity for some of you to see the fort and the property located at 11th and Maple Street. More information to follow, please plan to come. We thank you in advance for your help. For more information on the work day, or to obtain additional information on the fort, please call 717-821-3835 or 717-964-1994.

All of us on the committee say Thank You.

Mission Statement

To Preserve Light's Fort for its importance in the history and settlement of Lebanon Co, PA as well as to restore it to be used as an educational and cultural center for both children and adults in the county and visitors to the Lebanon Valley.

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Dues _____ 2004

_____ Jr. Member (under 18 years) \$ 5.00

_____ Single Member 15.00

_____ Family Member 25.00

_____ Business Patron 100.00

_____ Lifetime Member 250.00

_____ I am already a sustaining member but wish
to make an additional donation to the Fort
in the amount of \$ _____

Please note that contributions are a tax deduction as allowed
by law for the Historic Preservation Trust of Lebanon Co.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Thank you for your support!