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# Crib Notes

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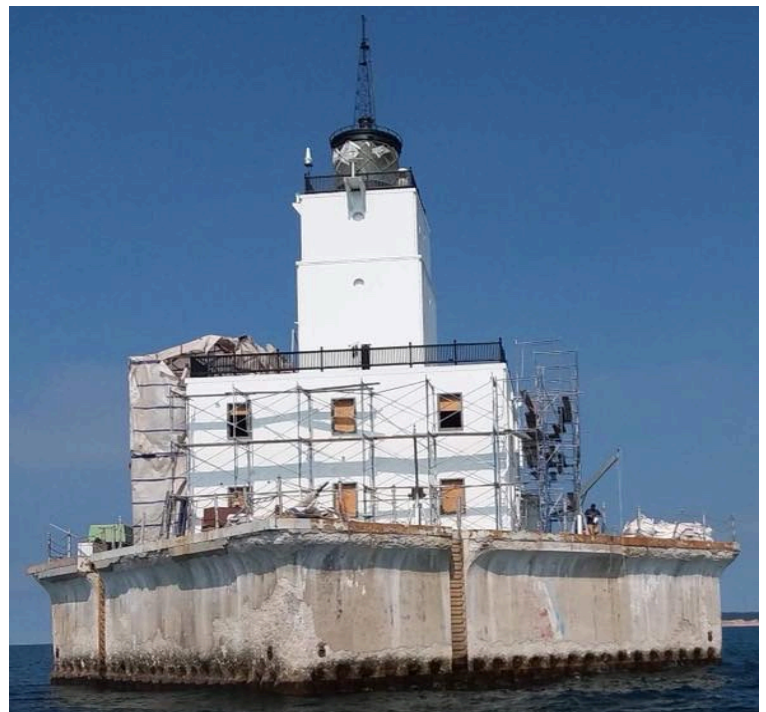
## CLEAN AND A FRESH PAINT JOB!

Our restoration effort reached an important milestone recently! After removing layers of bird guano and other hazardous materials last summer, we started media blasting and painting the exterior of the Crib. Mihm Enterprises worked into November last year to paint the lantern housing and the top section of the lighthouse structure, before we had to pack it in for the winter.

This season, scaffolding was constructed in May and the effort to paint the exterior continued. With good weather and hard work by Billy Winkleblack and other crew from Mihm, the Crib's entire exterior has been media blasted, primed, and painted. What was sadly and horribly rusted, covered with bird guano, and stunk with the smell of . . . bird guano . . . has been made brand new!

We are hearing from folks taking the ferry to South Manitou Island about how fresh and nice the Crib looks. From Leland, Glen Arbor, Pyramid Point and other places along the shoreline, people say "you can see it so much brighter now . . . it's so white!" Even more importantly, the Crib is now protected from weather and elements by its new paint job. We are so proud and excited to have accomplished this step in our effort to restore the Crib. Check out these before and after photos!

The cost of cleaning out hazmat materials, media blasting the exterior, and priming and painting the structure of the Crib has been about \$275,000. We also have been working on replacing the glass in the lantern house and restoring all the windows in the lighthouse structure. See inside for more news on replacing lantern housing glass, replacing windows, and the restoration effort!



## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE CRIB?

Imagine you are surrounded by the blue water of Lake Michigan on a breezy summer day. While you walk around the Crib, you enjoy views of the Manitou Islands, Sleeping Bear Dunes, and the expanse of the lake to the horizon. Maybe at sunset, you sit in a chair and watch the amazing sunset over the Manitou, but this time from a different perspective . . . out in the water from the deck of the Crib and maybe with some nice music playing. At night, how knows what the stars might be like from out in the middle of the lake.

We often get the question, “what are you going to do with the lighthouse?” As you may have heard us say, we are working to restore it and start giving tours to the lighthouse. As part of our restoration effort, we also are refitting the guest quarters, kitchen and bathrooms in the lighthouse. In addition to day tours, we plan to give members a chance to stay at the Crib overnight or for a weekend! If we can figure out the logistics well enough, maybe we also will be able to host small events there from time to time. Our vision for the future!

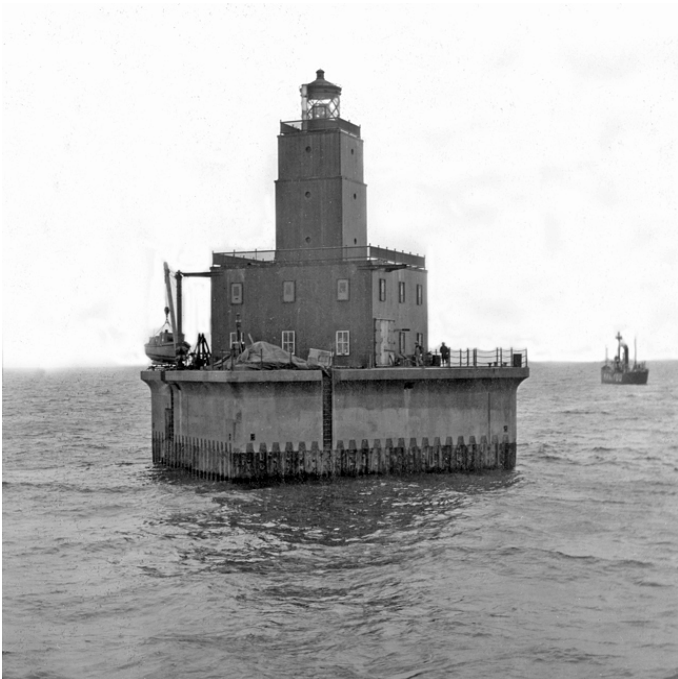


### UPCOMING STEPS IN RESTORATION

Our restoration project has great momentum! Please help us keep it going by being a supporting member and contributing to the Campaign for the Crib! to help fund the restoration.

Our upcoming steps in the restoration effort are:

- Complete restoration of all of the windows in the lighthouse structure (previously these were all covered up by black metal covers).
- Remove iron sheets welded to the lighthouse decks when it was mothballed, to reveal original decking and allow more light into the structure.
- Complete final weatherproofing steps, where we have noted water making its way into the lighthouse (where it should not).
- Open the “sea doors” in the concrete base of the Crib, allowing entry into the lighthouse by stepping into its basement; this is important to help people safely enter and exit the light.
- Begin restoration of the interior of the lighthouse, with steps that will include:
  - Creating a power source at the light.
  - Installing mechanicals for heating, cooling, and plumbing.
  - Repairing plaster walls in the interior of the light.
  - Building finishes into the structure of the lighthouse to bring back to life its guest quarters, kitchen, bathrooms, radio room, and open living spaces.





## 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS

North Manitou Light Keepers held three fun community events in 2018 to talk about our mission and recruit new members. Our Traverse City event was held in April at Burritt's Fresh Market. We were pleased to meet the Paul family and other new members at this event! In May, we gathered at the Oginsky home in Brighton, Michigan with the Apsey family and many other friends from the Mid-Michigan area who joined our effort to restore the Crib. In June, we gathered with some folks from the Leelanau community at the Main Street Gallery in Leland.

We also were honored to be asked again to present at the Leland Summinars in July, to tell the community about our project and use it as an opportunity to build support for our mission! It was great to talk with and gain the support of new members at these event. Thank you for attending!

All our members can now say, "I own a lighthouse!" We are happy to have you aboard!



### Thank You for Contributing to the Campaign for the Crib!

Linda and Andy Apsey  
Brian and Tammy Arnes  
Jim Simmons and Shirlee Affhalter  
Claude Lambert

Adam and Allison Beers  
Brian and Michelle Loose  
Chris and Kevin Morse

Martino and Miranda Paul  
Michael and Kate Ansley  
Nancy and Bud Liebler

### Thank You for Being a Lightkeeper Level Member!

Michael Kuhn  
Don Schank  
Liz Holowinski and Gabe Valle  
Lisa and Jim Eaton  
Bill and Holly Schmude  
Jim Womac

Tom and Melissa Jaworski  
Denise and Dennis Juras  
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Bill Sowerby  
James Schmidt  
Susan and Andrew Appel  
Vincent Frillici  
Taylor Griffin  
Phil and Phyllis Balmforth

### Thank You for Being a Crib Level Member!

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Franklin Mead  
Diane Lambert  
Ken and Terri Burritt  
Jason and Paige Sieloff  
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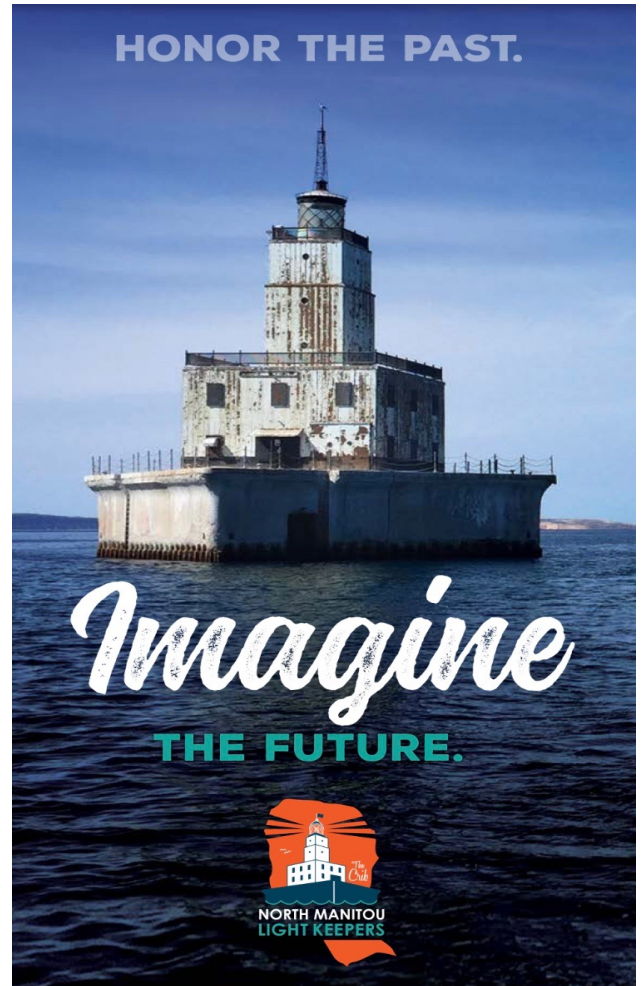
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Jeraldine Feltner

Byron Collier  
Stephen Lindo  
Linda Stahl  
Peter and Pat Gast  
Bryan Hoch

## LOOK WHAT WE DID TOGETHER!

We found out the North Manitou Shoal Light was up for auction in Summer 2016; since then we:

- Formed North Manitou Light Keepers as a Michigan non-profit.
- Acquired the lighthouse for \$73,000.
- Raised initial funding to fund our start-up and over 40% of the lighthouse restoration.
- Made news about our mission on television, radio, and print media.
- Traveled and researched to learn about the Crib, its history, and our project.
- Built a helpful and knowledgeable team of advisors for our project.
- Built a following of over 1,100 friends on Facebook and 250 friends on Instagram.
- Recruited over 70 new members! Thank you!
- Oh . . . and we:
  - Removed over 150 bags of hazmat from the lighthouse, and cleaned it up!
  - Painted the whole exterior of the lighthouse structure!
  - Replaced lantern house glass and restored the frame of the lantern house!
  - Are restoring all of the Crib's windows!



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