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"A NOVEL BY RICHARD LORD"

**Mr. Tony St. Clair, President,
St. Clément's Hundred
PO Box 71
Colton's, Point. MD 20628**

Dear Mr. St. Clair:

I received your letter notifying me of the Hundred refunding my contribution of \$150 taking issue with my pointed request for two additional hospitality tent tickets that I did not receive last year for my paid membership due to the Covid-19 cancellation of the Blessing of the Fleet. As the Hundred accepted my payment, I could hold it to its commitment. However, I shall not.

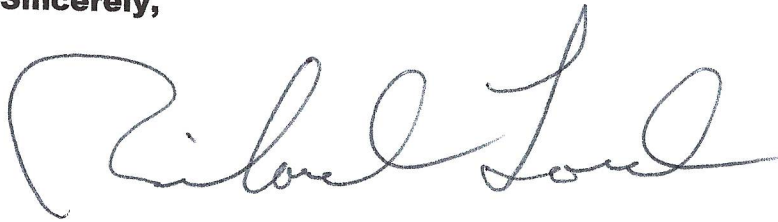
While characterized as a denial of "membership," it is a rejection of a donation. I expect most of us who have given to the Hundred over the years have had no expectations of, and have not realized, the rights and privileges common to membership in a non-profit organization and thus the term membership is a misnomer.

Please know my initial reaction is not to take offense to the nonacceptance of my donation, for regardless of harmful intent, I do not find it a source of discomfiture. However, it is an unfortunate loss of funds to the Hundred now and in the future. Further, this imperious action does not reflect well upon the Hundred appearing mean-spirited.

While disappointed in the Hundred for its deleterious action towards me given the thousands of dollars I have donated to it over the years, including thousand-dollar college scholarships to its St. Clements Museum youth volunteers, I expect I have the sole distinction of the rejection of a donation.

I wish the Hundred well as I continue to venerate its work. I also shall continue to promote the mission of the Hundred in my webpage www.7thDistrict.org. However, I also shall note this incident to my hundreds of readers, and they can adjust their opinions and support as they will.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Lord". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Richard Lord, MPA