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James W. Chrisford, Architect and Builder



JAS. W. CHRISFORD

Brother James W. Chrisford was both the architect and builder of our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple. Born in England in 1862, he emigrated to the United States in 1884 and served in Battery A, O. L. A., in the Spanish-American War. Chrisford was a member of the

Lakewood Village Council from 1909-11, serving contemporaneously with Brother Nelson C. Cotabish, who in 1911 became the first mayor of the new City of Lakewood. Chrisford was Director of Public Service for the City of Lakewood in 1912.

Over the period from 1908 to 1928 Chrisford designed a number of other buildings in and near Lakewood including such iconic structures as the Lakewood Methodist Church (1918) and St. Peter's Episcopal Church (1928). His Chrisford Construction Company was the contractor for a number of area churches such as the Detroit Avenue (Lakewood) Methodist Church, the Lakewood Baptist Church and the Church of the Ascension in Lakewood. Also an inventor, in 1902 he was awarded U. S. Patent No. 701,150 for a building block constructed from two slabs of concrete separated by an air space and connected by structural rods, the air space providing a means of ventilation and insulating the interior from frost or moisture.

Chrisford was also the organizer and first presi-

dent of the West 117th Street Crosstown Association and was a leader in the ten-year long effort to construct a grade separation for the New York Central Railroad crossing at West 117th Street, including the voters' adoption of a \$100,000 bond issue as the City of Lakewood's share of the project.

When the Kiwanis Club of Lakewood was formed in 1921, Chrisford was the first to sign the roll and became the club's first vice president.

In his Masonic career, Chrisford was a member of Lakewood Lodge #601 F. & A. M. He became a charter member of Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M. on October 10, 1910, later serving as Excellent High Priest in 1921. He also served as Eminent Commander of Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T. in 1924-25, having demitted from Forest City Commandery. Chrisford served as a Director and Vice President of The Lakewood Masonic Temple Company until he resigned from the Board in order to enter into a contract as architect and builder.

Chrisford passed away in 1929 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery. A complete list of Chrisford-designed buildings, according to the Cleveland Landmarks Commission, is shown on page 10.

Our Brother James W. Chrisford took the hopes and dreams of our Lakewood Masonic Family and translated them into reality—into our beautiful Lakewood Masonic Temple, our historic fraternal home. A century later, we need your help to maintain and restore his iconic masterpiece and upgrade its systems to modern standards. You may make your donation by using the form on page 11.

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If you prefer, you may make your gift instead to the Lakewood Masonic Temple Operating Fund or the Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund; however, gifts to these funds are *not* tax-deductible.

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Centennial Cornerstone Laying Coverage

Alas, our May 30 Centennial Cornerstone Laying ceremony took place after the copy deadline for this issue of *The Foundation Light*. Rest assured, however, that a full account of this important event will be published in our next issue.

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Master's Message

Brethren:

We are past the half way point in this Masonic year. We have had a very successful year so far, and I want to thank all of you for your support. Our Inspection was a great success this year as well as our Lenten Fish Fries. I think we have a good thing going with this as it joins our Blue Lodges in a common purpose.

Our year of celebration has begun for the Lakewood Masonic Temple's 100th anniversary. On May 30 we joined with many Masons and friends as our Grand Master Steven E. Cokonougher and the Grand Lodge Officers laid a centennial cornerstone for our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple. I hope all of you will join in the other centennial projects and festivities as they unfold.

In the week prior we visited our sister Lodge Trinity #521 in Windsor, Ontario, for their annual Installation ceremonies and festivities. In our own Lodge honored our Past Masters, memorialized our brethren who passed away over the past year, and recognized several Brethren for their long service to Freemasonry—Wallace H. Stroud, 70 years; Floyd B. Garrett, 65 years; K. J. Tolley, Robert J. Scott and Chuck Huffman, 60 years; Kenneth R. Magill, Elmer E. Croushore, Jr., Richard D. Connerth and Norman H. Case, 50 years; Dean R. Cawrse and Dwight W. McVicker, 40 years; and Jeffrey A. Hulligan, 25 years.

Please take special note of our annual Table Lodge on June 25. This is a special ceremony held around the dinner table in the Entered Apprentice Degree, featuring an educational speaker. We have done this annually since 1980, and this has become one of our favorite traditions. Don't miss it! Please contact me to reserve your dinner.

Our Lodges will be going dark, but our summer is full of Masonic light. Please check our web site calendar for all the events happening such as the 4th of July parade.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of the newly elected officers in the York Rite bodies and the new Temple Board members and wish them a successful year.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you once again for your continued support; and I look forward to serving all of you to the best of my ability.



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Festivals

All religions have had certain days consecrated to festive enjoyment, hence called *festivals*. Sir Isaac Newton (on Daniel, page 204) says:

“The heathen were delighted with the festivals of their gods, and unwilling to part with these delights; and, therefore, Gregory Thaumaturgus, who died in 265, and was Bishop of Neocaesarea, to facilitate their conversion, instituted annual festivals to the saints and martyrs. Hence it came to pass that, for exploding the festivals of the heathens, the principal festivals of the Christians succeeded in their room; as the keeping of Christmas with joy, and feasting, and playing, and sports, in the room of the *Bacchinalia* and *Saturnalia*; the celebrating of May day with flowers, in the room of the *Floralia*; and the keeping of festivals to the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and divers of the apostles, in the room of the solemnities at the entrance of the sun into the signs of the Zodiac, in the old Julian calendar.”

The Freemasons, borrowing from and imitating the usage of the Church, have also always had their festivals or days of festivity and celebration. The chief festivals of the Operatives or Stonemasons of the Middle Ages were those of Saint John the Baptist on June 24, and the Four Crowned Martyrs on the 8th of November. The latter was, however, discarded by the Speculative Freemasons; and the festivals now most generally celebrated by the Fraternity are those of Saint John the Baptist, June 24, and Saint John the Evangelist, December 27. These are the days kept in the United States. Such, too, was formerly the case in England; but the annual festival of the Grand Lodge of England now falls on the Wednesday following Saint George’s day, April 23, that Saint being the patron of England. For a similar reason, Saint Andrew’s day, November 30, is kept by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In Ireland the festival kept is that of Saint John on December 27.

—from *Mackey’s Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.

Finances

According to universal usage on Freemasonry, the Treasurer of the Lodge or other Body is the banker or depositary of the finances of the Lodge. They are first received by the Secretary, who receipts for them, and immediately pays them over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer distributes them under the orders of the Master and the consent of the Lodge. This consent can only be known officially to him by the statement of the Secretary, and hence all orders drawn on the Treasurer for the disbursement of money should be countersigned by the Secretary.

—from *Mackey’s Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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Ann Rutledge Chapter #453 O. E. S.

Stated Meetings First & Third Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. • www.annrutledge453oes.org

Matron's Message

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers!

On April 15, Ann Rutledge Chapter was inspected by the Deputy Grand Matron, Chris Filley. We had a wonderful afternoon and initiated Carrie Hoover, the daughter of Jean and Ken Killinger. The Ann Rutledge Family is excited to have a new member join us.

May 30 we helped serve breakfast at the Centennial Cornerstone celebration. This is an exciting time for the Lakewood Masonic Temple. Hope you will be able to help as we celebrate 100 years. If you can help with any events or projects in the coming year, please contact Norma or Dan Crown.

June 3 is our Annual Meeting and honoring of April, May and June Birthdays. Reports will be read, and elections will be held at this time. It is a chance for all members to elect the line officers, secretary and treasurer as well as learn information about our chapter.

June 17 we are honoring all Dads. A speaker on autism will be providing information on this disorder.

July and August, Ann Rutledge Chapter is recessed for the summer. Be sure to enjoy the beautiful weather and spend time with your family and friends.

Ann Rutledge Chapter is honored to be presenting pins to many of our members. Receiving her 50 year pin is Bonnie Barnicle, who has requested to receive her pin at Grand Chapter in September. Receiving their 40 year pins are Joan Bechtold, Mary Beth Cascio, Elizabeth Keresman, Jean Killinger, Ken Killinger and Marilyn Mills; and her 25 year pin is Deborah Wykoff. Please join us at our September 2 meeting to share in the excitement of our members receiving their pins and celebrating our chapter birthday. Congratulations to all!!!

Our term is going extremely fast. Only six meetings left. We hope you will come to our chapter and renew some old friendships and make some new ones.

Families Are Tied Together With Heart Strings

Report sunshine to Gloria Cazan, Worthy Matron, 440.886.1453; or Gay Whieldon, Associate Conductress, 440.333.7536.

Representative of a Grand Lodge

A Brother appointed by one Grand Lodge to represent its interest in another. The Representative is generally, although not necessarily, a member of the Grand Lodge to whom he is accredited, and receives his appointment on its nomination, but he is permitted to wear the clothing of the Grand Lodge which he represents. His is required to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited, and to communicate to his constituents an abstract of the proceedings, and other matters of Masonic interest. But it is doubtful whether these duties are generally performed. The office of Representative appears to be rather one of honor than of service. . .

—from *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M.

Stated Convocation Third Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.cunningham187ram.org

High Priest's Message

Companions:

What a long, rewarding, and toilsome journey it has been presiding over this Chapter. The months are approaching of elections and installation, and I wish nothing but the best for our new Excellent High Priest, Robert Niebaum. Let us be open minded to his leadership and help him in any way that we can when within the length of our cable-tows. I have gained so much knowledge about Masonry and myself in this last year of leadership. I have had the privilege of learning from some of the best teachers in the world. These men may never be written into the encyclopedias of history, but they sure have written the scrolls of my life and the lives of the candidates that received degrees from Cunningham Chapter. I strive to be as guiding as these Companions in my future years. It is very rare that the student surpasses the teacher, but to just have the passion to arise to that mental audacity is respectful in it's own right. To be the teacher, to set the example. To show that wisdom and understanding should be the cornerstone of all temples. Especially the temples within ourselves. The light starts within the self. It is only after we have found our own light that we can start to shed that light to the world around us. Perception is the problem, and love is the answer. The best teachers in the history of time were acknowledged and followed because they had a way to see the problems of others, to put themselves in that perspective of life, and to solve those problems by means of proper reason. Our teachers of life are the reason why we are who we are and why we strive for a better purpose and cause. Nothing is new under the sun, always a repetition of fathers before us. It is how we tackle these struggles of life that make a difference in the course of time for the greater good. If the wrong man uses the right means, the right means work in the wrong way. Let us embrace the summer light, Companions, and always strive to be the teacher.

"The sad truth is that man's real life consists of a complex of inexorable opposites – day and night, birth and death, happiness and misery, good and evil. We are not even sure one will prevail against the other, that good will overcome evil, or joy defeat pain. Life is a battleground. It always has been and always will be; and if it were not so, existence would come to an end. The light from above made the darkness still darker; but the "lumen naturae" (light of nature) is the light of the darkness itself, which illuminates it's own darkness, and this light, the darkness reprehends. The true self can only be found if the ego gets rid of all purposive and wishful aims and tries to get to a deeper, more basic form of existence. The ego must listen attentively and to give itself to the inner urge toward growth."

—Carl Gustav Jung



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16th Capitular District Calendar — Visit www.ram16.org

I Believe



Lakewood Council #125 R. & S. M.

Stated Assembly First Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.lakewood125rsm.org

Master's Message

Companions:

It has been one of the greatest pleasures in my Masonic life to hold the office of Illustrious Master for the last two years. It prepared me for the Master's station in Blue Lodge and taught me patience and leadership skills in my own life. I would like to congratulate all of the newly elected officers of Lakewood Council, Cunningham Chapter and Holy Grail Commandery and the new Temple Board members and wish them as much success in their coming year as I have had in mine. I will do all I can to help you achieve a successful year.

We are starting a year of celebration of 100 years of Masonry in this beautiful Temple, and it is my hope and desire to help all the bodies have a memorable year, so if you need my help just ask. In closing I would like to thank all my officers for a wonderful job and each and every one of you for making this part of my life so wonderful. I hope that everyone is enjoying this Masonic year to the fullest.

Assembly

The meetings of the Craft during the operative period in the Middle Ages, were called *Assemblies*, which appear to have been tantamount to the modern *Lodges*, and they are constantly spoken of in the *Old Constitutions*. The word *Assembly* was also often used in these documents to indicate a larger meeting of the whole Craft, which was equivalent to the modern *Grand Lodge*, and which was held annually. The York Manuscript No. 1, about the year 1600, says "that Edwin procured of ye King his father a charter and commission to hold every yeare an assembly wheresoever they would within ye realm of England," and this statement, whether true or false, is repeated in all the old records. Preston says, speaking of that medi-eval period, that "a sufficient number of Masons met together within a certain district, with the consent of the sheriff or chief magistrate of the place, were empowered at this time to make Masons, etc. To this assembly, every Freemason was bound, when summoned, to appear. Thus, in the *Harleian Manuscript*, about 1660, it is ordained that "every Master and Fellow come to the Assembly, if it be within five miles about him, if he have any warning."

The term *General Assembly*, to indicate the annual meeting, is said to have been first used at the meeting, held on December 27, 1663, as quoted by Preston. In the *Old Constitutions* printed in 1722 by Roberts, and which claims to be taken from a manuscript of the eighteenth century, the term used is *Yearly Assembly*. Anderson speaks of an *Old Constitution* which used the word *General*; but his quotations are not always verbally accurate.

—from *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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Stated Conclave Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.holygrail70kt.org

Commander's Message

Greetings, Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery:

This has been a great year for Holy Grail Commandery. In March we had a very successful Inspection in the Order of the Temple. I couldn't be prouder of our officers and stage crew. Our Inspecting Officer seemed to have a smile on his face over the course of the afternoon. Taken together with the very successful review of our execution of the new ten-man full form opening in February, the word around the 7th Division is that Holy Grail is "back on top" again. I especially thank all our officers for doing such an excellent job and for all the hard work invested in learning their parts. They made us all look good. I have not seen these done any better by any other Commandery. We are also grateful for the assistance of other Commanderies and have been happy to return the favor at their Inspections and Orders.

In April we were especially pleased to welcome our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Thomas H. Gault, Sr., KCT, to our Commandery. SK Gault has made it his mission to visit each Commandery in the State of Ohio during his term of office. We were interested to hear him discuss his program and his support for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

We are looking forward to another good year ahead. We have managed to fill all of our progressive line officer positions with "first timers." I have agreed to serve as Commander for one more year so our officers can advance one station at a time.

As always, please plan on attending our meetings. We would be very glad for your moral support and especially for your participation, even in a non-speaking role. We have been told that next year we will be going back to be inspected in the "old" full form opening, meaning that we will need Sir Knights to march in the Army. You don't have to memorize anything; just be able to learn and follow the marching commands.

Finally, several of our new young members are in need of uniforms. If you have uniform items that no longer fit or you no longer need—e.g., coats, jackets, sword belts, swords, sword cases, chapeaux, chapeau cases—please consider donating them to our Commandery for the use of our young members. All of these items have grown much more expensive over the years, and your donation will assist a worthy young Sir Knight.

Helmet

A defensive weapon wherewith the head and neck are covered. In heraldry, it is a mark of chivalry and nobility. It was, of course, a part of the armor of a knight, and therefore, whatever may be the head covering adopted by modern Knights Templar, it is in the instructions called a *helmet*.

—from *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946.



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President's Message

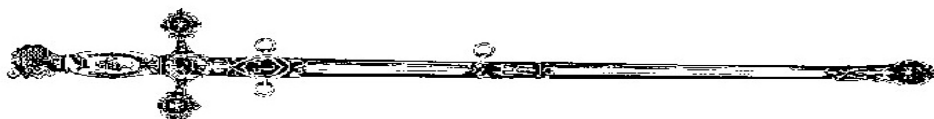
Well, it has been a busy time for our Assembly. First, we all seemed to have survived this past winter. I am sure that like me, you are all glad that Spring is finally here with all the beautiful flowers. We have had several great meetings. We are carrying on our traditions from last year and marching in at our meetings to keep us familiar with our floor work. Be sure to keep studying your manuals; and, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or another Past President for help. One of the greatest things about our Order is the wonderful cooperation of our members. Everyone is always so willing to help each other and do whatever is needed to get the job done. My Sisters, you are truly so dedicated; and, as your Worthy President, I really appreciate it.

All of our meetings are preceded by the wonderful potlucks, and I would like to thank our Potluck Chairman, Mrs. Childers, for the wonderful job she has been doing.



Marilyn Robertson, WP; SK Thomas Gault, GC; Dora Gault; Meldia Childers, PP

At our April 8th meeting Holy Grail Commandery had a visit from Sir Knight Thomas Gault, Sr., KCT, the Grand Commander of the State of Ohio. Sir Knight Gault and his Lady Dora were able to join us for our potluck supper. What an honor for our Assembly to be able to support and honor our Sir Knights with such a fine meal. One of our goals as an Order is to support our Sir Knights in any way possible, and this was just an example of how all our dear Sisters worked together to put on this fine meal.



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Lakewood DeMolay normally meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, and all Masons are encouraged to visit at any meeting. We are currently *not holding meetings* until we recruit new members. *We especially invite Masons to recommend young men for membership.* Membership is open to young men aged 12 to 21. No Masonic affiliation is required for membership other than to be sponsored by a Mason. If you know of a young man who would be a good DeMolay and who would enjoy the great experience that is DeMolay, please contact our new Chapter Advisor Dad Brian Hare at behare@aol.com. Most of our older members left for college or the military a couple of years ago, so our need for new and younger members is particularly great.

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Lakewood Masonic Temple	1916	15300 Detroit Avenue	Lakewood	Standing
Lakewood Methodist Church	1918		Lakewood	Standing
Glidden Varnish Company Addition	1918		Cleveland	Standing
Warehouse for the W. G. Smith Company	1918		Cleveland	Demolished
Central Savings & Loan	1920	6601 Detroit Avenue	Cleveland	Standing
Lincoln Theater	1923	15408-15508 Madison Avenue	Lakewood	Demolished
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3 Wed 1:30p	Ann Rutledge OES	Annual Meeting	15 Mon 7:30p	Lakewood F&AM
3 Wed 7:30p	Lakewood R&SM	Installation	17 Wed 1:30p	Ann Rutledge OES
8 Mon 7:30p	Lakewood F&AM		22 Mon 7:30p	Lakewood F&AM
9 Tues 7:00p	LMTC Board of Trustees		24 Wed 7:00p	LMF Board of Trustees
10 Wed 7:30p	Holy Grail KT	Installation	25 Thu 7:00p	Clifton-Allen F&AM Table Lodge

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