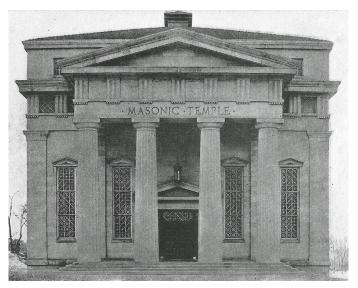


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Our Temple Endowment Fund Celebrates 30 Years



The weather—everybody talks about it, but nobody ever does anything about it.

Our most senior members remember similar sentiments about creating an endowment fund for our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple. In the decades after the initial mortgage was paid off, talk turned to the desirability of creating an endowment fund for the long-term preservation of our fraternal home. But, for decades, the talk was never translated into reality.

Until the mid-1980's, that is, when it became increasingly clear that funds should be set aside to assist in the long-term financial sustainability of our Temple. Membership was beginning to drop, and the idea of raising fees and dues to offset the effects of inflation was—and some would say still is—a foreign concept. But from the mid-1980's forward, the concept of an endowment fund has persisted.

As was stated in 1986 in our first Endowment Fund brochure, "Our commitment as users of the Temple is two-fold: First to our forefathers, who with great foresight planned and built Lakewood Masonry's home; and secondly, to the future men and women who will dedicate themselves to the principles of Masonry and related organizations in the years to come. As the recipients of the many benefits of our Lakewood Masonic Temple, we are charged with certain responsibilities, one of the most important being the preservation and maintenance of this outstanding piece of architecture."

Accordingly, in November 1986 the Lakewood Masonic Temple Company Board of Trustees formally adopted a resolution establishing the Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund. The Fund is supported by gifts and bequests specifically designated for Endowment purposes. Furthermore, any undesignated gifts and bequests left to the Company may be placed in the Fund at the direction of the Board.

Our Endowment Fund was established with certain protocols regarding its use. Earnings are used to help with the maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction or renovation of real property owned by the Lakewood Masonic Temple Company. The principal remains intact unless needed solely for emergency purposes, in which cases an affirmative vote of 3/4 of the Board of Trustees is required. Over the years, succeeding Boards have adopted an additional practice of repaying any emergency principal withdrawals, further assuring (continued on page 10)

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Making an Honor Gift

From time to time as we pass life's milestones we are mindful of our friends and loved ones who have done so much to enrich our lives. It naturally comes to mind that we would like to give each some special gift as a token of our relationship. But what to give, especially to the person who seems to have everything?

Our Lakewood Masonic Foundation provides an easy alternative for you. Consider making "honor gifts" to friends or loved ones who hold a special cause close to their hearts. For Masons and Eastern Star members, that cause may well be our Lakewood Masonic Family. You may wish to honor our Centennial.

What is an "honor gift?" It is simply a donation that you make in recognition of someone significant in your life. Honor gifts are often made on traditional occasions but can be made at any time in recognition of a significant achievement or milestone or as a method of saying "congratulations" or "thank you."

The procedure for making an "honor gift" to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation is straightforward. Our donation forms, such as the one on page 11, and our pre-printed donation envelopes have an "Honor" box to check and a space in which to write the name of the person to be honored. In addition to the tax receipt letter that we send you, we will send a letter to each person you honor advising that you have made a gift in his/her name.

As with other gifts, you may designate your donation to be used for our historic preservation, educational or charitable purposes; split your gift among these purposes; or simply ask that it be devoted to our greatest need.

And, as with other gifts, you have a number of options for making your donation, such as by check, stocks or bonds (valued at current fair market value), a life insurance policy that you may no longer need, or a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust.

Your gifts can be directed to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation, to our Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund or to our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company Operating Fund. Gifts and bequests to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation are deductible for federal income and estate taxes to the extent permitted by law. Gifts to our Endowment and Operating Funds are not deductible. As always, we encourage you to consult your legal and financial advisors for assistance in determining in what form and in what amount you should make your gift or bequest.

As we celebrate our Centennial, we are stretching our resources more than ever; and your gift to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation means more than ever before. We still have pressing needs if we are to catch up on deferred maintenance. Windows must be repaired or replaced, plumbing and electrical systems must be updated, and decorations must be refreshed. We have made significant progress, but there is more to do. Worthy charitable and educational endeavors also need our support. Don't delay; make your gift today. Make it in honor of our Centennial.

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Stated Meeting Second Thursday 7:30 p.m. • Special Fourth Thursday • www.cliftonallen664fam.org

Master's Message

Brethren:

Summer is almost here, but we still have important work to do before our well deserved break.

In addition to our June 9 stated meeting, on Thursday, June 23, at 6:30p, we will hold our annual Table Lodge. Our speaker will be R. W. Bro. Bill Carter whose topic will be "Old Charges and Ancient Freemasonry." All members of all Lodges in our 22nd District and beyond are invited to attend. Dinner reservations should be made with our Lodge Education Officer Bruce Cowan at cowanbruce@yahoo.com. Our Table Lodge will also serve as our "More Light Event," one of the requirements for this year's Grand Master's Education Award.

We will also be participating with Lakewood Lodge in Lakewood's July 4 parade again this year. Please contact Wor. Bro. Bert Horne if you want to march or ride in a vehicle.

By the time you read this we will have returned from our annual visit to Windsor, Ontario, for the annual Installation of Trinity Lodge #521, our sister Lodge of several decades. R. W. Bro. Barry Evans was installed as Worshipful Master.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and comes back to Lodge fully refreshed for the degrees which we will still have to confer in the fall.

Gates of the Temple

In the system of Freemasonry, the Temple of Solomon is represented as having a gate on the east, west, and south sides but none on the north. In reference to the historical Temple of Jerusalem, such a representation is wholly incorrect. In the walls of the building itself there were no places of entrance except the door of the porch, which gave admission to the house. But in the surrounding courts there were gates at every point of the compass. The Masonic idea of the Temple is, however, entirely symbolic. The Temple is to the Speculative Mason only a symbol not an historical building, and the gates are imaginary and symbolic also. The are, in the first place, symbols of the progress of the sun in his daily course, rising in the east, culminating to the meridian in the south, and setting in the west. They are also, in the allegory of life, which it is the object of the third degree to illustrate, symbols of the three stages of youth, manhood, and old age, or, more properly of birth, life, and death.

—from Masonry Defined: A Liberal Masonic Education, 1930.

22nd Masonic District Calendar

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Master's Message

I can honestly say that I have never had so much enthusiasm and optimism for our Lodge than I do today. In the past few months, we have worked tremendously hard to sharpen our ritual work, increase fellowship programming, improve communication and strengthen the bond of brotherly love in our Lodge. This was only possible because of the guidance of our Past Masters, dedication of our officers, and zeal of our new members. I am really excited to see how our new members help shape the future of the Lodge by finding out which committees, degree parts and offices fit their interests.

I have two thoughts on what I would like to see.

First, I would like to see some of our members who haven't been to a meeting in a while. I'd love to get these members back involved; and I think we can make a compelling case to do so, with the current shape of our Lodge and all that we're up to.

Second, I would like to continue our momentum by having fun fellowship outings during the summer months when our Lodge is in recess for the summer (July and August). At last night's Lodge meeting we discussed some great ideas of things we could do this summer including golf outings, trips to the shooting range, barbecues, basketball and more. We need to follow through on these ideas and communicate them. The one place they will be for sure is our Lodge website:

http://www.lakewoodfreemasons.com/.

Also, if you are not on our Lodge email list and would like to join, please email me at seanbenjaminmusic@yahoo.com; and I will take care of it for you!

Don't forget, we will be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Lakewood if you are interested in joining in as a walker or in a vehicle.

We are also holding a big festival including a rib cook-off, music from some of Cleveland's best acts, vendors, games and more on Saturday, July 9th at the Lakewood Masonic Temple. Again, keep checking our website for details.

Hiram

The gavel, when wielded by the Master of the Lodge, is sometimes called the *Hiram*, because as the workmen at the Temple were controlled and directed by Hiram, the chief builder, so the Master preserves order in the Lodge by the proper use of the gavel.

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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

Ann Rutledge Chapter has been very busy this last quarter. Dan and I would like to thank all who helped at the Cleveland Food Bank on April 13, 2016. I think even though we were tired at the end of shift, we felt good about ourselves and the work we had done to give weekend lunches throughout the participating school districts.

Our Around the Town Group has visited many restaurants in last few months, picked by different members each month. We have had a great variety of foods. The fellowship and food have been sensational. Our next Around the Town will be in June. Gloria and Dave Cazan are hosting on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at Harry's Steak House on Brecksville Road (Route 21); 1-440-886-1453.

DUES ARE DUE JUNE 1, 2016.

June 1, 2016—Stated Meeting. Election of Officers.

June 15, 2016—Stated Meeting. Honoring Fathers and June, July & August Birthdays. Wear casual clothes as it will probably be warm.

Wishing you a tropical and safe summer, see you in September. Our first meeting will be our Birthday Dinner.

Threshing Floor

Among the Hebrews, circular spots of hard ground were used, as now, for the purpose of threshing corn. After they were properly prepared for the purpose, they became permanent possessions. One of these, the property of Ornan the Jebusite, was on Mount Moriah. It was purchased by David, for a place of sacrifice, for six hundred shekels of gold, and on it the Temple was afterwards built. Hence it is sometimes used as a symbolic name for the Temple of Solomon or for a Master's Lodge. Thus it is said in the ritual that the Mason comes "from the lofty tower of Babel, where language was confounded and Masonry lost," and that he is travelling "to the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, where language was restored and Masonry found." The interpretation of this rather abstruse symbolic expression is that on his initiation the Mason comes out of the profane world, where there is ignorance and darkness and confusion as there was at Babel, and that he is approaching the Masonic world, where, as at the Temple built on Ornan's threshing-floor, there is knowledge and light and order.

—from Masonry Defined: A Liberal Masonic Education, 1930.

Count Your Blessings

<u>Report sunshine</u> to Norma Jean Crown, Worthy Matron, 216.741.0685; or Gay Whieldon, Associate Conductress, 440.333.7536.

This Is the Day!



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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:

We've come to the end of another Capitular Year; a year that's been very successful for Cunningham Chapter. For the first time in many years, we conferred all four degrees in a single year, exalting four of our own candidates in the process. We were able to reach this goal through the commitment of many of our own Companions together with the assistance of Companions from other chapters. We also held our very first Table Chapter; which, with its blend of ritual and education, served as an excellent start to our Capitular year.

During the year we also hit some unfortunate bumps in the road with the death of our Past High Priest Dave Foyer, who was serving as our Principal Sojourner; and the loss of our Scribe, who moved to Columbus to take his dream job. Since we haven't been able to fill these positions, we've elected to freeze our line officers in position for another year, during which we'll redouble our efforts to recruit Companions for these important roles.

Coming imminently on MONDAY, JUNE 6, will be our annual Installation of Officers, on which occasion we will also recognize our long service awardees, recognize our Past High Priests and memorialize Companions we have lost over the past year. These portions of our meeting will be open to invited guests, so you can bring family and friends to get a "peek" into Capitular Masonry. Since it will also be a stated convocation night, we will conduct a very brief tyled business meeting ahead of the open portion.

On Saturday, June 25, the three Capitular Districts in our region will convene at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina for a special day of conferring all four Chapter degrees. If you would like to attend, please contact me ASAP so I can make luncheon reservations for you.

We already have several prospective candidates interested in receiving the degrees in our Chapter. If you know of any other prospective candidates, please encourage them to petition now. Our petition form can now be downloaded online using a link on our home page. Let's do our best to recruit new members for our own Chapter in particular and Royal Arch and York Rite Masonry in general.

The coming year will be very special for new and experienced Companions alike, as our Grand Chapter will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. We expect that our own 16th District R. E. Companion Jeff Addis will be elected Grand High Priest; and that on Saturday, October 29, there will a special bicentennial conferral of all four degrees in a single day, followed in the evening by a reception for our new Grand High Priest with our Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery officers also in attendance.

Make it a point to get involved and stay involved this coming year!

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





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Lakewood Council #125 R. & S. M.

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

Master's Message

Companions:

Here we are at another transition of one Cryptic Year to the next. Our year got off to a good start with our very first Table Council, albeit with its timing adjusted to accommodate Lakewood Lodge's Masonic service for our late PIM Dave Foyer, much of whose Masonic life was dedicated to Cryptic Masonry, as was that of his father. Nevertheless, the evening was an opportunity to start a new year in a new fashion.

Thanks to the good work of our Companions, with only a little help from our friends, we completed very successful conferrals of both the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees. In cooperation with Cleveland and Elyria Councils, we recently completed a very successful conferral of the Super Excellent Master Degree, for which we were able to provide recorded music and sound effects for the first time in many years. In the process two of our own candidates completed their Cryptic degrees. We need more!

We also absorbed some unfortunate losses during the year with the passing of our PIM Herb Hausmann, who was serving as Captain of the Guard; and the loss of our PCW to his new dream job in Columbus. Nevertheless, we were able to soldier on.

Coming imminently on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, will be our annual Installation of Officers, at which time we'll also recognize our long service awardees, recognize our Past Illustrious Masters and memorialize Companions we've lost over the past year. These portions of our meeting will be open to invited guests, so you can bring family and friends to get a "peek" into Cryptic Masonry. Since it will also be a stated assembly night, we'll conduct a very brief tyled business meeting ahead of the open portion.

On SATURDAY, JUNE 11, from noon to 3:00p, you're invited to attend an open house at Camp Ho-Mita-Koda, a camp for diabetic children in nearby Newbury, Ohio. Our donations and fundraising support camperships for children unable to afford the full fee. I had the pleasure of visiting the camp last year. If you've never visited, please consider attending the open house. You'll be impressed.

One of the ways we raise funds for the camps is by providing volunteer ticket sellers at the Medina County Fair during the first week of August. It's easy duty, and it's fun! If you can help with a daytime or evening shift, please contact me or I.C. Bert Horne.

Thank you, Companions, for the honor of serving as your Illustrious Master this past year. Deputy Master (and 7th Arch Association First Vice President) Bert Horne will advance in both positions for the next year. He'll need our help and support, especially since he'll also be serving as Eminent Commander of Holy Grail Commandery. The situation isn't ideal, but our older generation is doing what we can to give our newer generation of Masons an opportunity to advance more normally through the chairs.



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Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

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

Commander's Message

Greetings, Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, will be our annual Installation of Officers. S. K. Bert Horne will be installed as Eminent Commander. Our Installation will be open to invited guests, so you can bring your family or friends to witness the proceedings.

Both our annual Inspection and our Full Form Opening Review in March were very successful. Thanks to all who helped. We also had some interesting education programs such as one on the history of the United States flag and the versions that preceded it.

I thank the Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery for the honor and privilege of serving as your Eminent Commander for the past several years. I hope that we will be getting more new Sir Knights to join and to become line officers, so we can get back to a more normal progression.

As always, please plan on attending our meetings. We would be very glad for your moral support and especially for your participation.

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. These items are increasingly expensive to buy for our newer, younger members.

Transient Brethren

Masons who do not reside in a particular place, but only temporarily visit it, are called "transient brethren." They are, if worthy, to be cordially welcomed, but are never to be admitted into a Lodge until, after the proper precautions, they have been proved to be "true and trusty." This usage of hospitality has the authority of all the Old Constitutions, which are careful to inculcate it. Thus the Landsdowne MS. charges, "that every Mason receive or cherish Strange Fellows when they come over the country, and set them on worke if they will worke, as the manner is, (that is to say) if the Mason have any moulde stone in his place, on worke; and if he have none, the Mason shall refresh him with money unto the next Lodge."

Although Speculative Masons no longer visit Lodges for the sake of work or wages, the usage of our Operative predecessors has been spiritualized in our symbolic system. Hence visitors are often invited to take a part in the labors of the Lodge and receive their portion of the light and truth which constitute the symbolic pay of a Speculative Mason.

—from Masonry Defined: A Liberal Masonic Education, 1930.







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President's Message

Lunch bunch gathered on March 30 at the home of Mrs. Rollason for chicken salad and wonderful side dishes provided by the attendees. The foods blended well for this tasty luncheon, and members enjoyed cheerful conversation during our time together.

May 11 was the 50-year membership anniversary of our member (Mrs. Kenneth) Ruth Kocar. We extend our congratulations to her on the achievement of this length of membership and service in our Order.

A summer picnic is being planned for July or August. The exact date and time is to be announced. This is always a fun time for our members and their Sir Knights.

We continue with our charity work—supporting the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, the RTS project, and collection of can tabs. The tabs are taken to the Shrine so that the proceeds can assist the drivers who provide transportation for the children in need of Shrine Burn Center or Crippled Children's care. There are labeled containers in the dining hall, so you may want to contribute to the collection.

If you are interested in membership, eligible individuals are wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of Knights Templar of the United States of America; or mothers, sisters, daughters of a member who was, at the time of decease, in good standing in a Commandery or an Assembly. A petitioner must be 18 years of age at the time of petitioning.

Upcoming Calendar:

June 8 — Stated Meeting.

July and August — No meetings. Annual Summer Picnic—date & time to be announced.

September 14 — Stated Meeting.

September 19-23 — 96th Supreme Assembly Session to be held in Topeka, KS. There are activities for both our sisters and their Sir Knights. See Mrs. Bayse for descriptions and registration forms.

Portions of ritualistic work will be practiced during the stated meetings.

Kneeling

Bending the knees has, in all ages of the world, been considered as an act of reverence and humility, and hence Pliny, the Roman naturalist, observes, that "a certain degree of religious reverence is attributed to the knees of man." Solomon placed himself in this position when he prayed at the consecration of the Temple; and Masons use the same posture in some portions of their ceremonies, as a token of solemn reverence. In the act of prayer, Masons in the lower degrees adopt the standing posture, which was the usage of the primitive Church, where it was symbolic of the resurrection; but Masons in the higher degrees generally kneel on one knee.

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Our Temple Endowment Fund Celebrates 30 Years

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the long-term viability of the Fund.

More recently, in 2003, our Lakewood Masonic Foundation was established with similar long-term sustainability objectives in mind but with a different set of protocols. Foundation expenditures are limited by law to certain qualified, tax-exempt purposes; in our case, historic preservation, education and charity, beyond the limited expenses necessary to administer the Foundation itself. In return, contributions to our Foundation are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes to the extent permitted by law. Contributions to our Endowment Fund are not deductible. A more significant difference, however, is that our Foundation has determined to hold its assets only as long as is necessary to accumulate funds for a particular qualified project; while our Endowment Fund accumulates assets for the long-term, spending only its investment income for the maintenance and improvement of our Temple.

The successes of both our Endowment Fund and our Foundation are due almost entirely to the generosity of our donors. Both were founded on the premise that many of our members have sufficient financial resources to contribute monies above and beyond their fees and dues.

Our Foundation welcomes your financial support for our historic preservation and community engagement initiatives. You may use the form on page 11 to make your donation. Our Endowment Fund also welcomes your financial support. Simply send your contribution in care of our Temple Company, marked for our Endowment Fund.

Don't just talk about it. Do something about it.

Fort Hiram

An earthwork erected on October 3, 1814, at Fox Point, Rhode Island, by the Grand Lodge, with the members of the subordinate Lodges, about two hundred and thirty in number. The object was to build a fortification for defense, and the Grand Lodge, of which Thomas Smith Webb was Grand Master, through its Deputy, Sen. G. Warden, and W. Bro. Carlisle, were authorized to work on the defenses. They formed a procession, marched in the early morning to the Point and by sunset had completed their labors, consisting of a breastwork four hundred and thirty feet in length, ten wide, and five high. They then marched and counter-marched upon the parapet from one extremity to the other, when the Grand Master gave the work the appellation of Fort Hiram, which was approved and sanctioned by the Governor.

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