

# The Foundation Light

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## Lakewood Masonic Foundation Marks 20 Years

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### Masonic Youth Day Returns to Lakewood Saturday, December 16

Our Lakewood Masonic Temple will serve as the host venue as this event is resumed for the first time after the COVID-19 shutdown era.

Job's Daughters will initiate new members in our Lodge Room at 2:00p, followed by a Rainbow Girls initiation at 4:00p. Also at 4:00p, DeMolay will confer its degrees in our Ballroom.

Following the ceremonial work, the youth will be treated to a pizza dinner in our Banquet Room, after which they will be guests at a Grotto-sponsored dance in our Ballroom.

Members of our Lakewood Masonic Family are encouraged to attend any of the afternoon rituals. Our Masonic youth need our support. And they're some of our best prospects for future members.

### Andrews Avenue Construction Detour

It's still going (like the Energizer bunny). Since November 2022. So traffic on our section of Andrews Avenue from the railroad tracks to Detroit Avenue is still restricted to southbound only, and it's still not possible to turn northbound from Detroit onto Andrews to access our parking lot.

The work of installing a new water main, new sanitary and storm sewer lines and manholes and a base layer of asphalt paving was completed many weeks ago, but some homeowners were still experiencing basement flooding. So a stormwater retention basin is being buried under the street just south of the tracks, and extra storm sewer lines are being installed in our section of Andrews.

So please try to keep in mind that oft-cited Masonic lesson – *"Time, Patience and Perseverance will accomplish all things."* It will end. Sometime.

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## New Ways to Donate to our Foundation

Nearly every Mason and Eastern Star who has been a member of our Lakewood Masonic Family has fond memories of his/her experiences. These memories are all the more vivid because of our beautiful Lakewood Masonic Temple, specially designed as a home uniquely capable of supporting our fraternal activities. Many of our members have gone the extra mile by making contributions above and beyond their annual dues. Amazon has ended its Amazon Smile program, but there are still several other new ways to donate to our Foundation.



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[Note: Amazon has ended its AmazonSmile program. We are grateful to all who used this program to support our Foundation.]

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## Breast

In one of the Old Lectures, quoted by Doctor Oliver, it is said: "A Mason's breast should be a safe and sacred repository for all your just and lawful secrets. A brother's secrets, delivered to me as such, I would keep as my own; as to betray that trust might be doing him the greatest injury he could sustain in this mortal life; nay, it would be like the villany of an assassin who lurks in darkness to stab his adversary when unarmed and least prepared to meet an enemy."

It is true, that the secrets of a Freemason, confided as such, should be as inviolate in the breast of him who has received them as they were in his own before they were confided. But it would be wrong to conclude that in this a Freemason is placed in a position different from that which is occupied by every honorable man. No man of honor is permitted to reveal a secret which he has received under the pledge of secrecy.

Nevertheless, it is a false as it is absurd, to assert that either the man of honor or the Freemason is bound by any such obligation to protect the criminal from the vindication of the law. It must be left to every man to determine by his own conscience whether he is at liberty to betray a knowledge of facts with which he could not have become acquainted except under some such pledge. No court of law would attempt to extort a communication of facts made known by a penitent to his confessor or a client to his lawyer for such a communication would make the person communicating it infamous. In this case, Freemasonry supplies no other rule than that which is found in the acknowledged codes of Moral Ethics.

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

## Contemplative

To contemplate is, literally, to watch and inspect the Temple. The augur, or prophet, among the Romans, having taken his stand on the Capitoline Hill, marked out with his wand the space in the heavens he intended to consult. This space he called the *templum*, the Latin word for a designated or marked-off area. Having divided his *templum* into two parts from top to bottom, he watched to see what would occur. The watching of the *templum* was called *contemplating*; and hence those who devoted themselves to meditation upon sacred subjects assumed this title. Thus, among the Jews, the Essenes and the Therapeutists, and, among the Greeks, the school of Pythagoras, were contemplative sects. Among the Freemasons, the word *speculative* is used as equivalent to contemplative (see *Speculative Freemasonry*).

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



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# Lakewood Lodge #601 F. & A. M.

Stated Meetings Second & Fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m. • [www.lakewoodfreemasons.com](http://www.lakewoodfreemasons.com)

## Geometry

In the modern instructions, *geometry* is said to be the basis on which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected; and in the *Old Constitutions* of the Medieval Freemasons of England the most prominent place of all the sciences is given to geometry, which is made synonymous with Freemasonry. Thus, in the *Regius Manuscript*, which dates not later than the latter part of the fourteenth century, the Constitutions of Freemasonry are called “the Constitutions of the art of geometry according to Euclid,” the words *geometry* and *Masonry* being used indifferently throughout the document; and in the *Harleian Manuscript*, No. 2054, it is said, “thus the craft Geometry was governed there, and that worthy Master (Euclid) gave it the name of *Geometry*, and it is called *Masonrie* in this land long after.” In another part of the same manuscript, it is thus defined: “The fifth science is called *Geometry*, and it teaches a man to mete and measure of the earth and other things, which science is *Masonrie*.”

The Egyptians were undoubtedly among the first who cultivated geometry as a science. “It was not less useful and necessary to them,” as Goguet observes (*Origine des Lois, Origin of the Laws*, I, iv, 4), “in the affairs of life, than agreeable to their speculatively philosophical genius.” From Egypt, which was the parent both of the sciences and the mysteries of the Pagan world, it passed over into other countries; and geometry and Operative Masonry have ever been found together, the latter carrying into execution those designs which were first traced according to the principles of the former.

Speculative Masonry is, in like manner, intimately connected with geometry. In deference to our operative ancestors, and, in fact, as a necessary result of our close connection with them, Speculative Freemasonry derives its most important symbols from this parent science. Hence it is not strange that Euclid, the most famous of geometricians, should be spoken of in all the *Old Records* as a founder of Freemasonry in Egypt, and that a special legend should have been invented in honor of his memory.

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

## Geometric Points

In the language of French Freemasonry, this name is given to the four cardinal points of the compass, because they must agree with the four sides of a regular Temple or Lodge. They form a symbol of regularity and perfection.

—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](http://www.annrutledge453oes.org)

## Matron's Message

Sisters and Brothers:

Bob and I would like to thank the members of Ann Rutledge Chapter for giving us the privilege of representing you as your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. We are looking forward to a fun and successful year. Congratulations to Gloria and Dave on a successful year.

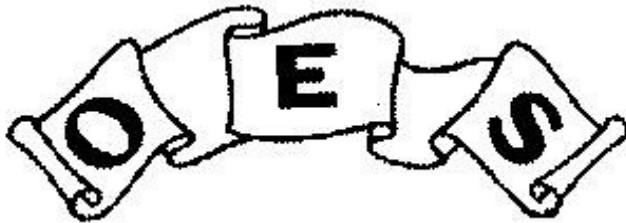
We hope to have some enjoyable guests and activities and hope our members will join us including members that have not been able to attend for a while. Your chair is still open and waiting for you to come back.

- December 6 EOP by our DGM, Becky McAlindon  
At North Olmsted Masonic Temple
- December 20 Christmas card and gift exchange  
Wear Christmas colors
- January 3 Obligation and Instruction
- January 17 December, January and February Birthdays
- February 7 Valentine's Day card exchange. Wear Valentine colors
- February 21 Our first initiation

For Christmas we are collecting gifts for the Cleveland Christian Home for the children. Gifts should be unwrapped. We will deliver the gifts by December 20.

If you know of any ladies who would be a good fit for Eastern Star, please get in touch with us. We would love to have them.

We want to wish our Masonic families, our families and our friends a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year. Remember our military and our first responders and all Masonic sisters and brothers who are ill or shut-ins or have reasons that we may not know about. Keep them close to your heart. Give them a call or a visit. Be "the rainbow in their cloud." And if Santa is reading this, our wish for the Temple is that the elevator keeps working all year. Remember to support our youth, as they are our future.



### THEME

*If Tomorrow Never Comes*

### MOTTO

*Don't put off something you want to do until it's too late.*

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# Lakewood Council #125 R. & S. M.

Stated Assembly First Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • [www.lakewood125rsm.org](http://www.lakewood125rsm.org)

## Master's Message

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a joyous and blessed Holiday season. The first quarter of the Cryptic year has come and gone already, and we were able to advance a worthy Companion, who I expect is eagerly awaiting the next step in his journey. Thank you to all the officers who have stepped up to fill gaps and help keep up our high standard of ritual work.

Our Inspection will be in the Select Master Degree this February as detailed below. If you haven't been to Council in a while, we would love to see you and have you meet our energetic young officer line! While Council may be the smallest of the York Rite bodies, it is no less significant. It truly does, as MIC R. Wesley Webber says in his theme for this year, complete the steps of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Upcoming Assemblies this quarter:

- Wed, Dec 6 Stated Assembly – Select Master Degree practice
- Sat, Dec 9 Nutcracker Ushering – Cleveland Public Hall - (7th Arch Fundraiser) - Volunteers Needed!
- Wed, Jan 3 Stated Assembly – Select Master Degree practice
- Wed, Feb 7 Stated Assembly – Select Master Degree (Inspection)

## Geometrical Master Mason

A term in use in England during the eighteenth and early in the following century. By the primitive regulations of the Grand Chapter, an applicant for the Royal Arch Degree was required to produce a certificate that he was "a Geometrical Master Mason," and had Passed the Chair. The word *Geometrical* was, in Doctor Mackey's opinion, thus synonymous with *Speculative*.

Later researches proved that there was actually a Degree of this name. Brother George W. Speth in 1899 (*Transactions, Quatour Coronati Lodge*, volume xii, page 205) mentions the ritual of the Most Excellent Order of Geometrical Master Masons, as being about 1819 to 1820 but that the Degree is probably much older. He says there are nine Lectures. Much of the ritual is in very rough verse, archaic, containing allusions to matters which were in use early in the eighteenth century, such as the *broached thurnell*, which had disappeared from Craft Masonry long before the nineteenth century. On the other hand, much of it will be recognized by members of the so-called Higher Degrees as at present in use. The Degree was given apparently after the Three Craft Degrees but is unconnected with the Royal Arch. It was conferred in a Chapter, not in a Lodge, and is Christian throughout. Both Doctor Mackey and Brother Woodford give the name *Geometrical Master Masons* in the *Encyclopedias* for which they are responsible, but neither seems to have realized that it represented an actual Degree.

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



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**Completing the Steps of Ancient Craft Masonry**



# Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M.

Stated Convocation Third Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • [www.cunningham187ram.org](http://www.cunningham187ram.org)

## High Priest's Message

Companions, at the time I am writing this Thanksgiving has just come and gone, and we are at the beginning of the Christmas holiday season. I am happy to report the following events that have occurred since I last communicated with you. In August the Companions of Cunningham Chapter, along with the 16th Caputular District, participated in a very successful golf outing fund raiser for REC Nilsen (current Grand Scribe and the next Grand High Priest from our District) and attended the Region E School of Instruction. September saw a return from our summer break and step-up practice of the Mark Master Degree.

In October I was able to attend Grand Chapter in Columbus where I was appointed the District Education Officer for our 16th District. At Grand Chapter there was one piece of legislation that was passed that will raise the cost of an Endowed Membership from the current \$500 to \$1,000 effective in March 2024, so you have until then to purchase an Endowed Membership at the lower price. Our October convocation saw me installed as DEO and the conferral of the Mark Master Degree on our candidate. I want to thank the officers of our Chapter for stepping up a chair to confer this degree as a practice for next year's Inspection. They did a terrific job.

In November I was able to be the Senior Deacon for the conferral of the Past Master Degree (Grand Lodge version) at the 22nd Masonic District Past Masters Convocation. Our Chapter then proceeded to confer the Past Master Degree on our candidate at our November convocation. Again, I congratulate our Chapter for putting on a great Degree.

In December Cunningham Chapter will conduct its annual Table Chapter. Our speakers will be REC Niebaum and REC Bokan who will be giving us a presentation on English Emulation Ritual and Irish Knight Masons. January will be our Chapter's DEO night. February our Chapter will confer the Most Excellent Master Degree. Our Inspection this year will be the Royal Arch Degree in April (please make every effort to attend if you can), and we will finish the year with our Election of Officers and Awards Night in May. Installation of next year's officers will be June 3, 2024.

Other 2024 dates of note:

- January 13 20th District All Degree Day
- February 24 Royal Arch Ball/Grand High Priest's Reception
- May 4 Canton York Rite Festival
- May 11 Grand King's Program - Lyndhurst

For a complete list of 16th District events we now have an electronic version of the tri-fold that we can email you. I will be doing this with this month's email update. If you did not receive a copy and want one, please be sure to update our Secretary or myself with your current email address; and we will send it to you.



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**Honor the Past. Look to the Future.**



# Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

Stated Conclave First Thursday 7:30 p.m. • [www.holygrail70kt.org](http://www.holygrail70kt.org)

## Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

What a great night we had at our November conclave. The full form Orders of Red Cross and Malta were conferred on our three candidates plus one from Oriental Commandery. Both were conferred by SK Robert Esarey with a composite cast from Holy Grail and Oriental Commanderies. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to make this a wonderful night.

The North Central Division Christmas Observance will be on December 10 at 2:00p in the Wadsworth Masonic Temple, 660 High Street. If you have never been to one, I strongly encourage it.

Now we must focus on Inspection which will be on March 16 at 2:00p. But before that we will be conferring the Order of the Temple at our stated conclave on March 7. This would be a good time to reengage with your Commandery. There are many non-speaking parts that we could use some help to fill.

Please consider joining us at 6:30p on our Stated Conclave evenings for a potluck dinner provided by the Ladies of Cleveland Beauceant. Cleveland Assembly #15 is the third oldest Assembly (102 years and counting) and the oldest east of the Mississippi River. As with others in our Masonic Family, Beauceant is always looking for new members. Wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Knights Templar of United States of America, or mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of a member, who are, or were at time of decease in good standing in a Commandery or an Assembly are eligible to membership. A petitioner must be at least 18 years of age at the time of petitioning.

[Editor's note: Our careful readers will discover on the next page that SK Bokan's mother (Mrs. Ronald Sr.) Linda Bokan has been elected Worthy President of Cleveland Beauceant for the coming year.]

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Theism

Theological writers have defined *theism* as being the belief in the existence of a Deity who, having created the world, directs its government by the constant exercise of His beneficent power, in contradistinction to atheism, which denies the existence of any such Creative and Superintending Being. In this sense, theism is the fundamental religion of Freemasonry, on which is superimposed the additional and peculiar tenets of each of its disciples.

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

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# † Cleveland Assembly #15 S. O. O. B.

Stated Meeting First Thursday 7:30 p.m. • [www.cleveland15soob.org](http://www.cleveland15soob.org)

## President's Message

My Dear Sisters:

As I write my final article as your Worthy President it is so hard to believe how the time has passed so quickly. It has been a journey of great joy and wonderful experiences serving and working with each and every one of you. At our November meeting we elected a new Worthy President, (Mrs. Ronald) Linda Bokan. Sister Linda is also the mother of the current Commander of Holy Grail, Sir Knight Ron Bokan. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

I had the pleasure of attending Supreme Assembly in Waco, Texas, during the week of September 24, 2023, along with Sister Karen Baughman and Sister Janice Freitag. It was a very interesting session, and much was accomplished. On October 14, 2023, we held our annual Inspection in Columbus. It was a combined event with Columbus and Cleveland both participating. Thank you everyone for doing such a good job even though many of you were serving in other positions other than your regular stations.

At our December meeting we will hold our annual Memorial Service for our beloved Sisters who are now walking with our Lord. Sister Linda is planning on holding her Installation on January 4, 2024, during our regularly scheduled meeting.

Our upcoming calendar is as follows:

December 7 Stated Meeting - Annual Memorial Service  
January 4 Stated Meeting - Installation of new Worthy President  
February 1 Stated Meeting  
March 7 Stated Meeting  
Dinner precedes each meeting at 6:30p  
Lunch Bunch Dates to be announced.

I wish to thank the Assembly for the privilege of serving you as your Worthy President for the last 2 years and wish each of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Revels, Master of the

An officer attached to the royal or other eminent household, whose function it was to preside when the members and guests were at refreshment, physical and intellectual, to have charge of the amusements of the court or of the nobleman to whose house he was attached during the twelve Christmas holidays. In Masonic language, the Junior Warden.

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



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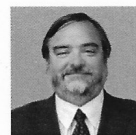
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