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LMT Lenten Fish Fries Celebrate 12th Year

Our popular Lenten Fish Fries mark their twelfth year at our Lakewood Masonic Temple, much to the delight of our loyal following. Growing in popularity each year, our 2026 Fish Fries are scheduled every Friday during Lent starting on February 20 and running through Good Friday, April 3, serving from 4:30p to 7:30p. Cash, credit/debit cards and tap-to-pay devices are accepted forms of payment. Customers have the option of dining in or carryout. Those dining in can enjoy our traditional live entertainment, an open mic event organized by our Bro. Gary "Guitar Guy" Rice, who is noted especially for writing his interesting and entertaining guitar and music themed columns and for his experience restoring guitars for Cleveland's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. This year's adult meals offer the option of beer battered cod, potato cheddar pierogis or shrimp and include a choice of

two side dishes and a beverage, all for the cost of \$19 per person for fish or pierogis or \$25 for shrimp. A children's meal is available for \$10 per child including a choice of side dish and a beverage. Our popular side dishes include cole slaw, French fries, New England clam chowder, cabbage & noodles, mac & cheese, pierogis, fish and dessert. Side dishes can be ordered by themselves (a la carte) or as additions to the meal at a cost of \$4 each. We also have an ample supply of free parking accessed from Andrews Avenue, adjacent to our side door entrance. Proceeds from our Lenten Fish Fries ultimately help support and maintain our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple and preserve it for future generations. Come and visit us in the heart of the Downtown Lakewood Historic District recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

What Do These Have in Common?



To discover the answer, turn to the story at the top of page 10.

12th Annual Lenten Fish Fries

- Open to the Public
- Every Friday February 20 through April 3
- Serving 4:30p to 7:30p
- Dine In or Take Out
- Basic Meals include fish, shrimp or pierogies plus two sides & beverage
- Live Music
- Building Tours
- Ample adjacent free parking in our own lot
- Help meet the costs of preserving our historic home.

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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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Architecture

The art of constructing dwellings, as a shelter from the heat of summer and the cold of winter, must have been resorted to from the very first moment in which man became subjected to the power of the elements. Architecture is, therefore, not only one of the most important, but one of the most ancient of the sciences. Rude and imperfect must, however, have been the first efforts of the human race, resulting in the erection of huts clumsy in their appearance, and ages have elapsed ere wisdom of design combined strength of materials with beauty of execution.

As Geometry is the science on which Masonry is founded, Architecture is the art from which it borrows the language of its symbolic instruction. In the earlier ages of the Order every Mason was either an operative mechanic or a superintending architect. And something more than a superficial knowledge of the principles of architecture is absolutely essential to the Mason who would either understand the former history of the Institution or appreciate its present objects.

There are five orders of architecture: the Doric, the Ionic, the Corinthian, the Tuscan and the Composite. The first three are the original orders, and were invented in Greece; the last two are of later formation, and owe their existence to Italy. Each of these orders, as well as the other terms of architecture, so far as they are connected with Freemasonry, will be found under its appropriate head throughout this work.

The *Books of Constitutions*, commenced by Anderson and continued by Entick and Noorthouck, contain, under the title of a *History of Freemasonry*, in reality a history of the progress of architecture from the earliest ages. In the older manuscript *Constitutions* the science of geometry, as well as architecture, is made identical with Masonry; so that he who would rightly understand the true history of Freemasonry must ever bear in mind the distinction between Geometry, Architecture, and Masonry, which is constantly lost sight of in these old records.

—From Mackey's *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, New and Revised*, 1919.

Deputation

The authority granted by the Grand Master to a brother to act as Provincial Grand Master was formerly called a *deputation*. Thus, in Anderson's *Constitutions* (2d edition, 1738, p. 191), it is said, "Lovel, Grand Master, granted a deputation to Sir Edward Matthews to be Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire." It was also used in the sense in which dispensation is now employed to denote the Grand Master's authority for opening a Lodge. In German Masonry, a *deputation* is a committee of one Lodge appointed to visit and confer with some other Lodge.

—From Mackey's *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, New and Revised*, 1919.



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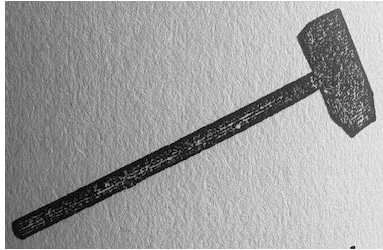
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Gavel

The common gavel is one of the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. It is made use of by the Operative Mason to break off the corners of the rough ashlar, and thus fit it the better for the builder's use, and is therefore adopted as a symbol in Speculative Masonry, to admonish us of the duty of divesting our minds and consciences of all the vices and impurities of life thereby fitting our bodies as living stones for that spiritual building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

It borrows its name from its shape, being that of the *gable* or *gavel* end of a house; and this word again comes from the German *gipfel*, a summit, top, or peak—the idea of a pointed extremity being common to all.

The true form of the gavel is that of the stone-mason's hammer. It is to be made with a cutting edge, as in the annexed engraving, that it may be used "to break off the corners of rough stones," an operation which could never be effected by the common hammer or mallet. The gavel thus shaped will give, when looked at in front, the exact representation of the *gable* or *gable* end of a house, whence, as has already been said, the name is derived.



The gavel of the Master is also called a "Hiram," because, like that architect, it governs the Craft and keeps order in the Lodge, as he did in the Temple.

—From Mackey's *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, New and Revised*, 1919.

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. They 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.

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Matron's Message

Bob and I hope that all of our members have been warm and cozy this winter and can't wait for spring to finally arrive.

Looking ahead, our Inspection will be on March 18; and we hope those members who live close by can attend.

As a reminder there is no meeting on April 1 (Holy Week). Our meeting on the 15th will have speakers from Camp Ho Mita Koda and/or Lakewood's K-9 Unit.

We still hope to have other guests speak during May, and a reminder that our Annual Meeting June 3 will be election for the 2027 officers.

The Around the Town Lunch group are still meeting once a month at various locations.

Bob and I along with our officers hope you have a great St. Patrick's Day and a very blessed Easter.

Dates to Remember

Mar 4	Stated Meeting
Mar 18	Stated Meeting – Inspection
Apr 1	NO MEETING – Holy Week
Apr 15	Stated Meeting – Speakers
May 6	Stated Meeting
May 20	Stated Meeting
Jun 3	Stated Meeting – Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
June 17	Stated Meeting

Auxiliary

Around the Town meets at noon for lunch. Come to our meeting and find out where we will go next.

Please report sunshine, good or bad, to our Worthy Matron Cathie Vasko or our Associate Conductress Patricia Muntz.



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Most Excellent Master

The Sixth Degree in the York or American Rite. Its history refers to the dedication of the Temple by King Solomon, who is represented by its presiding officer under the title of *Most Excellent*. Its officers are the same as those in a Symbolic Lodge. There are, however, some Rituals in which the Junior Warden is omitted. This Degree is peculiarly American, it being practiced in no other country. It was the invention of Webb, who organized the Capitular System of Freemasonry as it exists in the United States of America, and established the system of lectures which is the foundation of all subsequent systems taught there.

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

Signet of Zerubbabel

This is used in the American instructions of the Royal Arch Degree. It refers to a passage of Haggai (ii, 23) where God has promised that he will make Zerubbabel His signet. It has the same symbolic meaning as is given to its synonym the *Signet of Truth*, because Zerubbabel, as the head of the second Temple, was the symbol of the searcher after truth. But something may be said of the incorrect form in which it is found in many Chapters at least from the time when Cross presented an engraving of this signet in his *Hieroglyphic Chart*, and perhaps from a much earlier period, for he may possibly have only perpetuated the blunder, it has been represented in some Chapters by a triangular plate of metal. Now, an unattached plate of metal, in any shape whatsoever, is about as correct a representation of a signet as a walking-cane is of a piece of money.

The signet is and always has been a finger-ring, and so it should be represented in the ceremonies of the Chapter. What the peculiar device of this signet was—for every signet must have a device—we are unable to show, but we may suppose that it was the Tetragrammaton, perhaps in its well-known abbreviated form of a *yod within a triangle*. Whether this was so or not, such a device would be most appropriate to the symbolism of the Royal Arch teaching.

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

Signet of Truth

The signet of Zerubbabel, used in the instructions of the Royal Arch Degree, is also there called the *Signet of Truth*, to indicate that the neophyte who brings it to the Grand Council is in search of Divine Truth, and to give to him the promise that he will by its power speedily obtain his reward in the possession of that for which he is seeking. The Signet of Truth is presented to the aspirant to assure him that he is advancing in his progress to the attainment of truth, and that he is thus invested with the power to pursue the search.

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



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Trowel and Sword

When Nehemiah received from Artaxerxes Longimanus the appointment of Governor of Judea, and was permitted to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and to restore the city to its former fortified condition, he met with great opposition from the Persian Satraps, or Governors, who were envious of his favor with the King, and from the heathen inhabitants of Samaria who were unwilling to see the city again resume its pristine importance. The former undertook to injure him with Artaxerxes by false reports of his seditious designs to restore the independent Kingdom of Judea. The latter sought to obstruct the workmen of Nehemiah in their labors, and openly attacked them. Nehemiah took the most active measures to refute the insidious accusations of the first, and to repel the more open violence of the latter. Josephus says in his *Antiquities* (Book xi, chapter vi, section 8) that he gave orders that the Builders should keep their ranks, and have their armor on while they were building; and, accordingly, the Mason had his sword on as well as he that brought the materials for building.

Zerubbabel had met with similar opposition from the Samaritans while rebuilding the Temple; and although the events connected with Nehemiah's restoration of the walls occurred long after the completion of the second Temple, yet the Freemasons have in the advanced Degrees referred them to the time of Zerubbabel. Hence in the Fifteenth Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or the Knight of the East, which refers to the building of the Temple of Zerubbabel, we find this combination of the Trowel and Sword adopted as a symbol. The old instructions of that degree say that Zerubbabel, being informed of the hostile intentions of the false Brethren from Samaria, "ordered that all the workmen should be armed with the Trowel in one hand and the Sword in the other, that while they worked with the one they might be enabled to defend themselves with the other, and ever repulse the enemy if they should dare to present themselves."

In reference to this idea, but not with chronological accuracy, the Trowel and Sword have been placed crosswise as symbols on the Tracing-Board of the English Royal Arch.

Doctor Oliver correctly interprets the symbol of the Trowel and Sword as signifying that, "next to obedience to lawful authority, a manly and determined resistance to lawless violence is an essential part of social duty."

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

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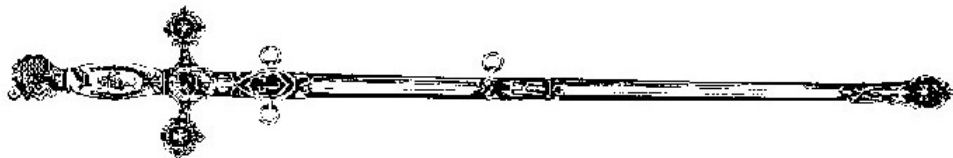
We again find ourselves in the midst of Commandery Inspection season; and, as with recent years, Holy Grail No. 70 has the good fortune of multiple candidates! In addition to our annual Inspection, we will confer the Order of the Temple upon a Knight of Malta at our March Stated Conclave; dates and times will follow below.

If you intend to attend our Inspection banquet, RSVP to our Recorder or myself by Wednesday, March 18. The menu will be a St. Patrick's Day spread of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad and rye bread. The cost will be \$25.

If you would like to attend our Conclaves and/or Inspection, but are experiencing transportation or mobility issues, please reach out to me or our Recorder; and we will see what we can do about getting you a ride!

Upcoming Conclaves at Holy Grail Commandery No. 70:

Thu March 5	7:30p	Stated Conclave – Order of the Temple (Dinner 6:00p)
Sat March 21	1:30p	Special Conclave – Inspection (OOT 2:00p, FFO 4:00p, Banquet 5:30p)
Thu April 2	7:30p	Stated Conclave (Dinner 6:00p)
Thu May 7	7:30p	Stated Conclave – Election of Officers (Dinner 6:00p)
Thu June 4	7:30p	Stated Conclave – Annual Conclave & Installation of Officers (Dinner 6:00p)



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Beauseant

The vexillum belli, or war-banner of the ancient Templars, which is also used by the modern Masonic Order. The upper half of the banner was black, and the lower half white; black, to typify terror to foes, and white, fairness to friends. It bore the pious inscription, *Non nobis, Domine non nobis, sed nomini tuo da glorium*. It is frequently, says Barrington (*Intro. to Her.*, p. 121), introduced among the decorations in the Temple Church, and on one of the paintings on the wall, Henry I. is represented with this banner in his hand. As to the derivation of the word, there is some doubt among writers. *Bauseant* or *Bausant* was, in old French, a piebald or party-colored horse; and the word *Bawseant* is used in the Scottish dialect with a similar reference to two colors. Thus, Burns says:

“His honest, sonsie, baws’nt face,”

where Dr. Currie, in his *Glossary of Burns*, explains *bawsent* as meaning “having a white stripe down the face.” It is also supposed by some that the word *bauseant* may be only a form, in the older language, of the modern French word *bienséant*, which signifies something decorous or handsome; but the former derivation is preferable, in which beauseant would signify simply a party-colored banner. With regard to the double signification of the white and black banner, the Orientalists have a legend of Alexander the Great, which may be appropriately quoted on the present occasion, as given by Weil in his *Biblical Legends* (p. 70).

Alexander was the lord of light and darkness: when he went out with his army the light was before him, and behind him was the darkness, so that he was secure against all ambuscades; and by means of a miraculous white and black standard he had also the power to transform the clearest day into midnight and darkness, or black night into noon-day, just as he unfurled the one or the other. Thus he was unconquerable, since he rendered his troops invisible at his pleasure, and came down suddenly upon his foes. Might there not have been some connection between the mythical white and black standard of Alexander and the Beauseant of the Templars? We know that the latter were familiar with Oriental symbolism.

Beauseant was also the war-cry of the Ancient Templars.

—From Mackey’s *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, New and Revised*, 1919.



Extent of the Lodge

The extent of a Mason’s Lodge is said to be in height from the earth to the highest heavens; in depth, from the surface to the center; in length, from east to west; and in breadth, from north to south. The expression is a symbolic one, and is intended to teach the extensive boundaries of of Masonry and the coterminal extension of Masonic charity.

—From Mackey’s *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, New and Revised*, 1919.



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Expanding Accessibility in an Historic Structure

Some historic buildings such as our beloved Lakewood Masonic Temple date from an era when accessibility as society now defines it was less of an issue. Happily, however, many buildings such as ours were constructed with features such as wider doorways and an entry door at grade that make current accessibility goals easier to achieve. Over the decades since our historic home was opened in 1916, features such as the addition of a parking lot adjacent to our at-grade entry door and an elevator in the adjacent rear stair hall have improved accessibility for members and guests alike.

Most recently we've replaced our 1960s-era stand-up drinking fountains with the latest generation of dual level fountains including the latest craze – bottle fillers – which help reduce the consumption of plastic water bottles. We've also recently added railings – in tubular brass to match the 1916 originals in the room – to the steps on the Lodge Room East stage to aid those who need a steadying “hand” while ascending or descending.

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