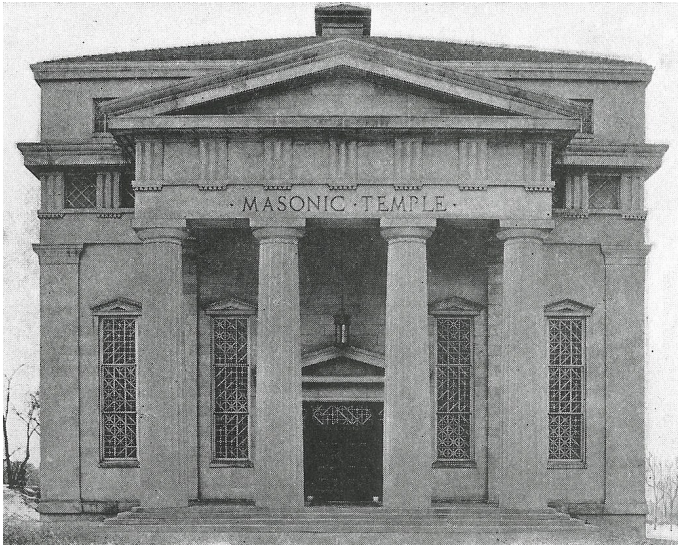


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Our Temple Endowment Fund Celebrates 40 Years



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.

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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.



Facebook users may donate through our Facebook page. Facebook does not charge a fee to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation or other not-for-profit organizations.



Starting in 2023, holders of traditional (not Roth) IRAs must begin taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) in the year they turn age 73. Distributions made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our Lakewood Masonic Foundation can count toward your required minimum distribution, subject to a collective limit of \$100,000 per year. Such distributions do not incur either federal income or estate taxes but also do not count as itemized deductions for tax purposes.



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Some employers have payroll deduction plans and/or matching gift programs for charitable giving. Check yours.

Gifts and bequests to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation (but not our Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund or our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company Operating Fund) are deductible for federal estate and income taxes to the extent permitted by law. 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 any major gift or bequest.

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

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Master's Message

Happy end of summer, Brethren! We are approaching the opening of the Lodge.

During the upcoming year we will have many exciting events and opportunities, and we all look forward to sharing the experience, of course. A brief outline of the start of the season includes:

September 10: Stated Meeting, beginning at 7:30p. After business, an open book rehearsal of the Fellowcraft Degree will be performed.

September 24: Special Meeting, beginning at 7:30p. After opening, an open book rehearsal of the Entered Apprentice Degree will be performed.

October 8: Stated Meeting, beginning at 7:30p. Step Up evening. If enough brothers are available, an open book rehearsal of the Entered Apprentice degree will be performed.

October 22: Special Meeting, beginning at 7:30p. If completing a rehearsal of the EA was not possible on the 8th, an open book rehearsal of the EA will be performed. If we have been able to finish, a standard meeting will be performed.

We all look forward to seeing you this year!

Confirmation of Minutes

This usually understood as being to ensure the accuracy of the statements made, the reading of the Minutes enabling the Brethren to know that the proceedings have been recorded and the judgment of those present being expressed in some way as to the correctness of the statements but the proceedings may serve a further purpose and that is to express approval of what has been previously done. In fact, Rule 130 of the English *Book of Constitutions* provides that the Minutes regarding the election of a Worshipful Master must be confirmed before he can be installed.

In English Lodges any action regarding a money grant, alteration of by-laws or the election of a Master must be confirmed after the recording of the Minutes at the first subsequent regular meeting in order to become legally operative. All other points are merely confirmed for accuracy and are considered legal regardless.

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



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Astrology

A science demanding the respective of the scholar, notwithstanding its designation as a *black art*, and, in a reflective sense, an occult science; a system of divination foretelling results by the relative positions of the planets and other heavenly bodies toward the earth. Men of eminence have adhered to the doctrines of astrology as a science. It is a study well considered in, and forming a an important part of, the ceremonies of the *Philosophus*, or fourth grade of the First Order of the Society of Rosicrucians. Astrology has been deemed the twin science of astronomy, grasping knowledge from the heavenly bodies, and granting a proper understanding of many of the startling forces in nature. It is claimed that the constellations of the zodiac govern the earthly animals, and that every star has its peculiar nature, property, and function, the seal and character of which it impresses through its rays upon plants, minerals, and animal life. This science was known to the ancients and the *divine art*.

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Astronomy

The science which instructs us in the laws that govern the heavenly bodies. Its origin is lost in the mists of antiquity; for the earliest inhabitants of the earth must have been attracted by the splendor of the glorious firmament above them, and would have sought in the motions of its luminaries for the readiest and most certain method of measuring time. With astronomy the system of Freemasonry is intimately connected. From that science many of our most significant emblems are borrowed. The Lodge itself is a representation of the world; it is adorned with the images of the sun and moon, whose regularity and precision furnish a lesson of wisdom and prudence; its pillars of strength and establishment have been compared to the two columns which the ancients placed at the equinoctial points as supporters of the arch of heaven; the blazing star, which was among the Egyptians a symbol of Anubis, or the dog-star, whose rising foretold the overflowing of the Nile, shines in the East; while the clouded canopy is decorated with the beautiful Pleiades, a group of stars in the constellation Taurus, or the Bull, about seven of which are visible to the naked eye. The connection between our Order and astronomy is still more manifest in the spurious Freemasonry of antiquity, where, the pure principles of our system being lost, the symbolic instruction of the heavenly bodies gave to the corrupt Sabeian worship of the sun, and moon, and stars—a worship whose influences are seen in all the mysteries of Paganism.

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

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Matron's Message

We want to welcome you back to Chapter from a very active summer recess. We enjoyed a train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad; a fundraiser for the Associate Matrons/Associate Patrons coworkers; a baseball game at the Lake Erie Crushers with the traditional baseball meal; a play at Cassidy Theatre; Around the Town lunch at The Hooley House, TGIF and Red Robin; Charity Extravaganza at the Mount Vernon OES Home; Service Dog Walk and 66 Club Steak Roast. Our Association Matron, Wendy Metzger, took part in the Ohio OES Media Capture filming for the new website. So, watch for her.

Dues are due by the first meeting in October. REMINDER: Standing Rules changed to pay for our members who are 80 years young. If you are in this category, please be sure we have your birthday information. This will not be shared with anyone and not in our directory.

Bob and I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. It was our honor to represent Ann Rutledge Chapter. We appreciate your dedication this year and hope you enjoyed the year. We wish a great year to Wendy Metzger and Joe Nuessle. We know they will be awesome.

Dates to Remember

September 2 is our birthday celebration meeting followed by dinner at the White Oaks Restaurant.

September 16 is our Back-to-School meeting.

October 7 we will learn what happened at Grand Chapter.

October 21 celebrating Halloween.

INSTALLATION REHEARSAL is Sunday, November 1 at 2:00p.

November 4 is farewell to our 2026 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

INSTALLATION is Saturday, November 7 at 2:00p.

November 18 meeting will be a time for Thanksgiving and more.

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, 216.221.0764, or our Associate Conductress Patricia Muntz, patmuntz61513@gmail.com, or annrutledgeoes@gmail.com.



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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

Greetings, Companions! I hope summer has been going well for everyone and we getting ready to come back from rest to labor. Our First meeting on September 16 will be our annual Table Chapter with dinner at 6:30p and opening at 7:30p. REC Niebaum will present a program. Dinner will be \$15.00; please RSVP to me by September 9 if you are attending dinner or just the program. If you have any question please reach out to me, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Fire

The French, in their Table Lodges, called the drinking of a toast, feu, or fire. The word is also applied to the action immediately following the drinking of a toast in British Lodges when an quaint little ceremonial is observed by all the Brethren.

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

Clubs

The eighteenth century was distinguished in England by the existence of numerous local and ephemeral associations under the name of *Clubs*, where men of different classes of society met for amusement and recreation. Each profession and trade had its club, and "whatever might be a man's character or disposition," says Oliver, "he would find in London a club that would square with his ideas." Addison, in his paper on the origin of *clubs* (*Spectator*, No. 9) remarks: "Man is said to be a social animal, and as an instance of it we may observe that we take all occasions and pretenses of forming ourselves into those little nocturnal assemblies which are commonly known by the name of *Clubs*. When a set of men find themselves agreed in any particular, though never so trivial, they establish themselves into a kind of fraternity and meet once or twice a week, upon the account of such a fantastic resemblance." Hard drinking was characteristic of those times, and excesses too often marked the meetings of these societies. It was at this time that the Institution of Freemasonry underwent its revival commonly known as the revival of 1717, and it is not strange that its social character was somewhat affected by the customs of the day. The Lodges therefore assumed at that time too much of a convivial character, derived from the customs of the existing clubs and coteries; but the moral and religious principles upon which the Institution was founded prevented any undue indulgence; and although the members were permitted the enjoyment of decent refreshment, there was a standing law which provided against all excess . . .

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

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An Inspiration for Good



Lakewood Council #125 R. & S. M.

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

Master's Message

Companions,

The time of Darkness has ended, and it is now time to step back into the Light. I hope each of you has enjoyed a safe and restful summer.

It gives me immense pleasure to lead Lakewood Council during this Cryptic Year. I have previously served as Worshipful Master of Lakewood Lodge #601 in 2019 and 2022, and as Excellent High Priest of Cunningham Chapter #187 in 2024. I look forward to the work ahead and am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you.

Our incoming Most Illustrious Master's theme this year is "Build Industriosly." My hope is that we will build and grow our Councils by drawing on the lessons of the builders who came before us.

This year I hope to help grow our Council as several candidates look to continue their Masonic journey. I also encourage each of you to reconnect with your Council. If you know a Mason who may be interested in the Cryptic Degrees, please invite him to consider joining us. The lessons of our Craft do not end with the Blue Lodge degrees; they continue through the York Rite, of which Council is an important body.

We will resume on September 2 with our annual Table Council. Dinner will begin at 6:30p, followed by the meeting at 7:30p. I will be presenting on "King Solomon's Temple in Masonic Thought." Proceeds from the dinner will go to Camp Ho Mita Koda, a summer camp for children and teens with Type 1 Diabetes. I especially encourage those who have not attended one of our table events to join us. These are not ordinary meetings; they offer further light through speakers, wholesome food, fellowship, and toasts. I hope you can attend.

Grand Council will be in Richfield this year on September 30. There is an effort this year to limit the York Rite Grand Communications to three days instead of the customary week. I plan to attend and represent our Council.

In October and November we will use our meetings to prepare for the Royal Master Degree in January which will serve as our Inspection for this Cryptic Year. Please watch for more communications by email and in this

Gebal

A city of Phenicia, on the Mediterranean, and under Mount Lebanon. It was the Byblos of the Greeks, where the worship of Adonis, the Syrian Thammuz, was celebrated. The inhabitants, who were Giblites or, in Masonic language, Giblemites, are said to have been distinguished for the art of stone-carving and are called in the First Book of Kings (v, 18) *stone-squarers*.

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



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Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

Stated Conclave First Thursday 7:30 p.m. • www.holygrail70kt.org

Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

I am truly humbled to be writing this column as your Eminent Commander. When I started in the York Rite with my Chapter and Council degrees, I was thrilled to discover the Masonic journey I had hoped to continue after first joining Freemasonry (now just shy of 25 years ago). I was never as active as I wanted to be, and time has a way of slipping by . . . but I knew I wanted to eventually continue my journey into the Orders of Knighthood. I finally got back to it in 2019, only to have my journey interrupted by Covid.

When the Order of the Temple was finally conferred on me, I knew instantly that I wanted to do everything in my power to ensure that the Order of the Temple would continue to be conferred. It is the most beautiful and meaningful ritual in Freemasonry that I have experienced. I started showing up to Commandery meetings, and soon after found myself in the officer line. I'll admit, I still struggle with the quasi-military drills of Commandery, but the Order of the Temple is still that beautiful jewel I want to help keep polished.

And here we are! I look forward to serving Holy Grail Commandery and continuing our tradition of conferring all three Orders in full form.

We will get back to work at our first meeting of the new Commandery year on Thursday, September 3, which is coming up quicker than it seems. We will use that first Conclave as a planning meeting so we can go over the high-level agenda for the whole year. We will focus most especially on the cast lists for the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. There are many open parts still to be had. We have speaking roles, non-speaking roles, sitting roles, marching roles -- however you want to take part, we can accommodate you! Why sit at home when you could be part of a tradition that dates back at least 300 years? Can you imagine if those first Sir Knights had said, "Nah... I'd rather sit at home -- we don't need any new Masonic knights!" Traditions only survive if we carry them on.

Fortunately, Holy Grail Commandery is looking lively. All but one of the progressive officers is going through the line for his first time, and we have two candidates ready for their Orders. Additionally, I am holding two more petitions to read! We also have a Prelate at Holy Grail for the first time in years. Sir Knight Robert Hein, our immediate Past Commander, was installed in June and is planning to enlighten our conclaves with short devotional programs. If you think meetings are boring because there's nothing going on, why not come out and see if that's still true? If nothing else, get there for dinner at 6p and break bread with your fellow Sir Knights and the Ladies of the Beauceant.

I'm looking forward to a great year for our Commandery. See you soon.



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President's Message

It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone. We had our Summer picnic and as always included the children for our Children's Day. The picnic was held at Lakeview Park in Lorain once again, and all who attended seemed to have an enjoyable time. Now it is time to look ahead to the upcoming fall events.

September 3	6:00p Pot Luck Supper. Sloppy Joes main dish. Please bring a dish to share. 7:30p Stated Meeting
September 23-25	Supreme Assembly in Phoenix Arizona. Bob and I will be attending. Will I have the pleasure of seeing you there?
October 1	6:00p Pot Luck Supper 7:30p Stated Meeting with practice for Inspection
October 10	Inspection at Columbus Schedule for day to be announced
October 27	Lunch Bunch in Lakewood Restaurant to be announced
November 5	6:00p Pot Luck Supper 7:30p Stated Meeting
November	Lunch Bunch Location and date to be announced

It has been a busy year so far with many of our members facing several challenges. I am looking forward to getting back into the routine. What

David

David has no place in Masonic history, except that which arises from the fact that he was the father of King Solomon, and his predecessor on the throne of Israel. To him, however, were the Jews indebted for the design of a Temple in Jerusalem, the building of which was a favorite object with him. For this purpose he purchased Mount Moriah, which had been the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite; but David had been engaged in so many wars, that it did not seem good to the Lord that he should be permitted to construct so sacred an edifice. This duty, therefore, he left to his son, whom, before dying, he furnished with plans and with means to accomplish the task. Though David is a favorite subject among the Cabalists and the Mohammedans, who relate many curious traditions concerning him, he is not alluded to in the legends or symbolism of Freemasonry except incidentally as the father of Solomon.

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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.

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