

The Foundation Light

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Beginning a New Century in Our Historic Home

Last October our Lakewood Masonic Family celebrated our centennial anniversary in our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple. Our Lodge Room & Chapter Apartments were rededicated by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio and the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio.

With our centennial behind us, it seems a little too easy to sit back and congratulate ourselves for keeping our Temple in our Masonic Family this long while so many other Temples, large and small, have been closed and sold. But lest we get too complacent, it is imperative that we now take stock of our facilities to evaluate what current, and especially deferred, maintenance awaits us. Using this evaluation, we will be able to estimate the funding that will be required for both the short and long term.

We already have some of the necessary funding vehicles available. Our Endowment Fund was es-

tablished in 1986 to provide an investment income stream to partially offset costs of maintenance and capital improvements while preserving the principal value of the Fund. In 2013 The Lakewood Masonic Foundation was established to receive tax-deductible contributions for the historic preservation of our Temple and for educational and charitable purposes. The Foundation temporarily accumulates funds until a qualified project can be fully paid with Foundation and other funding. Owing to pressing deferred needs, there has been no intent to maintain a principal amount for the Foundation.

While we have been blessed with faithful donors, many have been lost to the scythe of time. We must rebuild our donor base for our second century. Operating Fund and Endowment Fund donations are not tax-deductible; but, if you don't want or need a deduction, both are alternatives to the Foundation. Will you help?

Ohio Miss Job's Daughter Pageant Returns to Lakewood

Ohio's annual Miss Job's Daughter Pageant will be held at our Lakewood Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 22, 2017. This chaperoned competition brings together delegates from Job's Daughters Bethels throughout Ohio for a full day of activities including personal interviews, ritual competition, general knowledge of Job's Daughters ritual and rules, and personality and presentation. Guests are welcome to attend the Pageant's Saturday evening stage show beginning at 7:00p.

Lenten Fish Fry Fundraisers

Clifton-Gaston Allen Lodge and Lakewood Council are jointly holding fish fries each Friday during Lent, serving from 4:00p to 8:00p. These events are open to the public as well as our Lakewood Masonic Family. The proceeds are ultimately used to defray necessary operating expenses, repairs and/or improvements to our Lakewood Masonic Temple. Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup. Contact Bert Horne to volunteer (see page 7). If you can't help, bring your family, friends and colleagues to enjoy a meal and fellowship together!

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Appreciated Assets As One-Time Gifts

With stock markets once again approaching their all-time highs, the opportunity to make gifts in the form of appreciated assets becomes more attractive to many donors.

There are various reasons to use appreciated assets to make one-time gifts to an organization such as The Lakewood Masonic Foundation. Chief among them are the sense of personal satisfaction you will achieve from making a special gift and the likely benefit you will receive from the unique tax breaks for this type of gift.

A gift of an appreciated asset often provides you with a greater tax benefit than a gift of cash. For example, a gift of appreciated stock that you have held for more than 12 months can be deducted at its current value if you itemize deductions, and you won't have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated portion of your gift. As always, you are encouraged to consult with your legal and tax advisors before making a gift of this type.

There are two ways to use appreciated assets—such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, real estate and insurance policies—to make a special gift. One option is to donate the asset outright, meaning that it would be transferred immediately from you to The Lakewood Masonic Foundation. Another option is to fund a lifetime income gift, which will provide you with income for your lifetime or for some other specified period of time. If you are interested in donating an appreciated asset, please contact The Lakewood Masonic Foundation, 15300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107-3888 to discuss proper arrangements. You may also email donate@lakewoodmasonicfoundation.org.

If you prefer to make a more straightforward gift, you may simply write a check using the form in our newsletter (see page 11), by responding to our letter appeals or by adding a donation to your annual dues.

You may designate your gift or bequest to be used for our historic preservation, educational or charitable purposes; split your gift among these purposes; or simply ask that your gift be devoted to our greatest need. All gifts, other than a small percentage spent for printing and mailing, are used for our stated purposes.

Your donation is a special way of showing your love for our Lakewood Masonic Family and for our historic home. Our 2016 Centennial is upon us, and we still have lots of catch-up maintenance to complete on our facilities.

While gifts and bequests may be directed to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation, our Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund or our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company Operating Fund, please note that only 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; but, depending on your tax situation, deductibility may not be an issue for you.

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Master's Message

The first step of the year is over. A big THANK YOU to all the Brethren present who made the evening of Inspection a success. Now is the time to prepare for the rest of this year and hopefully launch us into a successful future of growth, stability, and leadership in the 22nd District as well as the state. We'll initiate and follow the mentoring program; strive to have everyone, within the limitations we have, bring in at least one new petition; and spread the brotherly love we're supposed to have. We still want to have fun, and others seeing that will at least inquire what makes us cheerful. We have an obligation to portray the fraternity in the best light. If we can accomplish this one Lodge at a time, there's no limit to the good we can do.

February was the Entered Apprentice Degree, to be followed by the Fellowcraft Degree in March. Our newest petitioner is interested in the one day class, but he still would have to attend at least one of our meetings, so let's go out of our way to make him feel welcome.

February was the birthday of George Washington--perhaps the most famous Mason--but how many of you realize he had to borrow money to attend his inauguration? Maybe we have some of our Brethren that may need a ride, a phone call reminder, a gentle invitation, or something else to draw them back into attendance. It is easy to wait for someone else to initiate a means to increase attendance. Therefore, if anyone has an idea, please let me know; and in March we will discuss and devise a means to incorporate as many as we deem worth pursuing.

22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mar 1	Wed	Golden Gate #245	7:30p	EΑ
Mar 2	Thurs	Rocky River #703	7:00p	MM
Mar 13	Mon	Harding-Concordia #345	7:00p	MM
Mar 14	Tues	Oberlin #380	7:30p	EA
Mar 18	Sat	Elyria #787	2:00p	FC
Mar 23	Thurs	Mid-Century #725	7:00p	FC
Mar 30	Thurs	Solon #757	7:00p	FC
Apr 5	Wed	Quarry #382	5:00p	MM
Apr 19	Wed	Forest City #388	5:00p	MM
Apr 20	Thurs	Dover #489	7:00p	MM
Apr 22	Sat	Wellington #127	7:00p	FC
Apr 24	Mon	Collinwood #582	7:00p	FC
Apr 26	Wed	North Star #638	7:00p	MM
Apr 27	Thurs	University Heights #738	5:00p	MM
Apr 28	Fri	Acacia #651	7:30p	FC
TBD		East Gate #796	7:30p	FC
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For the most recent information visit: www.ohiodistrict22.org/inspec.html For the 22nd District Calendar visit: www.localendar.com/public/district22

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Master's Message

Brethren.

As this cold, dark, and beautiful season is upon us, I write to you as the Worshipful Master of Lakewood Lodge #601. Where I am pleased to say that you all stand as just and upright Freemasons that have passed this years Inspection! We shall continue to bring candidates in and push forward the ones that we have, in the best timely manner that we can. I am so ridiculously proud, honored, and grateful for every member of this Lodge. My heart has been filled with joy in the last couple of months watching you all work together and practice so hard to be perfect at what you do. With that being said, I cannot stress enough the fact that I have heard all of you bring each other up in times of difficulty and stress. I have heard more "I love you Brother" than any year I have ever been in this Lodge. Let us not forget the importance of love. It is the cornerstone of every great endeavor that has been proven to this earth. As you love the earth, the earth loves back; and we receive her gifts as a pleasure to our lives. Just as our love to one another is so abundant to our health and our minds in a sense of positive reinforcement. One never knows when the scythe of time shall take any of us to that celestial lodge, so may our love prevail. It releases so much stress, anguish, hate, worry, etc. Without love, Brethren, we are nothing. Please remember that. On that note, how good and how pleasant it is to thrive in this season of winter! We must also remember that our ancestors before us used to believe that the seasons that passed through time were equivalent to the life cycles of our human nature. They used to believe that spring was the birth of man, summer was the adolescence, fall was old age, and winter was death. The seasons were emblematical of the trial that we call life. As the earth went through her cycles, so did we. Every year was a new beginning, a new start to the cycles of seasons, as also a new cycle to the climates of our planet. How ironic is it that our Inspection was in the "dead" middle of winter, and we were so successful? This happens every year Brethren; although our Masonic year falls in the winter, it is the most light we receive in our lifetimes. While the sun is ceasing from shedding her glorious rays upon us in a timely manner, we find light by other ways in this life of cold and darkness. As a flower shall sprout in the spring, please keep in your minds and hearts that some flowers do not flourish in that time. This Inspection to me was so symbolical of the flower that needs time to flourish, the tree that needs time grow, and the bird that needs time to fly. As the sands of the hourglass are still sifting while our wrinkles grow heavier in our faces with every year, please remember that not every one of God's creations comes to fruition immediately. Everything takes time. And for the love of all mankind, and to all mankind, be patient with yourselves and everyone around you. For a flower does not blossom in a day. But we all have time to grow. As I am so excited to keep growing, and flourishing, with every single one of you.



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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

As winter begins to give way to spring and everything starts to begin anew, let's all come together and spring forward into the new season. You can start by coming to Chapter meetings. Your presence is a great way to start a new year.

A lot of new and exciting events are planned for the upcoming quarter. One high point will be our upcoming Inspection, which will be conducted by the Worthy Grand Patron, William Cox. Let's show our pride, to have such an honored officer conduct this Inspection by being here and knowing our work. At each meeting we have honored, in recognition of all the hard work put in by our Sisters and Brothers. Let's keep moving forward. And thanks to you all for your support. I would like to wish all of our Sisters & Brothers celebrating a birthday during this quarter, Happy Birthday. Also, have a happy and blessed Easter to all of you as we celebrate the risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who gave his life for us all. Happy Mother's Day to all. Let's hold in our thoughts and prayers the men and women and their families who gave their lives to preserve our way of life as people of a free country this Memorial Day.

May your day be filled with blessings.

Stated Meetings

March 1	Wednesday	Stated Meeting Short Form. Honor Birthdays. Honor Grand Representatives.
March 15	Wednesday	Stated Meeting Short Form. Initiation Practice & St. Patrick's Day.
March 25	Saturday	66 Club Dinner Dance.
April 5	Wednesday	Stated Meeting. Easter Dinner. Honor Birthdays.
		Guest Speaker "Hope House" and Easter Lilies
		Cross.
April 19	Wednesday	Stated Meeting. Sister/Neighbor. Entertainment.
		Honor our Secretary.
May 3	Wednesday	Stated Meeting. Inspection by WGP William Cox.
May 17	Wednesday	Stated Meeting. Honor Birthdays. K-9 Unit Police
	_	Officers.

Auxiliary

Around the Town Dinner Club meets the 4th Friday at 6:00p, locations TBA.

May Your Day Be Filled With Blessings

<u>Report sunshine</u> to Wanda E. King, Worthy Matron, 440.331.7211; or Gay Whieldon, Associate Conductress, 440.333.7536.

Unforgettable Stories



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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:

Once again we have so much to report and so little space!

At our annual Inspection in December we conferred a very good Past Master Degree, and our Inspecting Officer also commended us for our books and records and Chapter programming. In February we conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree for three of our own candidates plus a courtesy candidate. This degree is beautiful in its own right, and particularly so when conferred in our Lakewood Masonic Temple. We especially thank all the Companions who took roles in our degrees so far this year.

At our March 8 stated convocation we will practice the Royal Arch Degree in preparation for its conferral at our April 19 stated convocation. We will elect officers at our May 17 stated convocation, at which we will also host our companion chapters for our 16th Capitular District's fourth District Education Night for this year.

At this spring's stated convocations we will also be presenting and voting on an updated set of By-laws and Standing Resolutions. While we have made a few changes over the years, this will be the first major review in many years. Your input and views are always welcome and needed.

One of the unfortunate downsides of being a chapter leader is the need to follow up with Companions whose dues are not current. Any Companion in financial distress should not hesitate to advise our Secretary or me of the same so our Chapter can properly remit those dues. On the other hand, it's not fair for our Chapter and our paying Companions to bear the burden for Companions who aren't carrying their own weight. We must still pay our per capita assessments to our Grand Chapter and our Temple Company, regardless of our collection status.

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16th Capitular District Dates to Remember

Mar 8	Wed	Chagrin Falls #152 Inspection	7:00p	RA
Mar 13	Mon	Summit-Baker #74 Inspection	7:30p	MkM
Mar 23	Thur	Covenant-Thatcher #222 Inspection	7:30p	MEM
Mar 25	Sat	Grand Master's One Day Class @ Berea MT		
Mar 27	Mon	District Education Night @ Berea	7:30p	
Mar 29	Wed	Sr. DeMolay Mark Master Lodge Inspection	7:30p	MkM
May 6	Sat	All-York Rite Festival - Canton		
May 17	Wed	District Education Night @ Cunningham	7:30p	
Jun 4	Sun	Ohio Masonic Home Day - Springfield		
		125 Year Rededication & Parade		
Jun 24	Sat	Grand Lodge Observance—300th		
		Anniversary of Grand Lodge of England		
For the r	most red	cent information 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:

We are well into our year. We have a new President of our country, and I hope he does well. I would also like to congratulate all the York Rite bodies in our Temple who have completed their Inspections for this year. This is our 100th anniversary of Masonry in our beautiful Temple, and I started thinking of all the Brethren who have passed through its doors. Then I started thinking of all the members who have, for one reason or another, stopped coming to this beautiful building for fellowship and friendship; and who may still have that Masonic light that they could share with our new members. I remember the beginnings of my Masonic journey. I was taught as Entered Apprentices we learn, as Fellowcrafts we work and as Master Masons we teach. I would hope if you are reading this and you have not attended for a time, please come back and share your experiences with us; so we may receive the light you have to offer.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you. Let's make Masonry great again.

7th Arch Dates to Remember

Mar 20	Mon	Painesville #104 Inspection 7:30p		RM	
Mar 28	Tues	Conneaut #40 & Geneva #145		RM/SM	
		Inspections @ Geneva			
Mar 29	Wed	Beuchner #107 Inspection	7:30p	SM	
Apr 8	Sat	Geneva #145, Conneaut #40	9:00a	SEM	
		& Painesville #104 @ Geneva			
Apr 17	Mon	Cleveland #36 Inspection	7:30p	SM	
Apr 25	Tues	Forest City#111 & Woodward #118	7:30p	SEM	
-		@ Woodward			
Apr 26	Wed	Forest City #111 Inspection	7:30p	RM	
Apr 28	Fri	Buechner #107 & Warren #58	7:00p	SEM	
		@ Warren			
Apr 29	Sat	Windermere #118	9:00a	SEM	
May 6	Sat	All-York Rite Festival - Canton			
May 20	Sat	Cleveland #36, Elyria #86	2:00p	SEM	
		& Lakewood #125 @ Elyria			
May 30	Tues	Deputy Masters @ Lyndhurst	7:30p		
Jun 4	Sun	Ohio Masonic Home Day - Springfield			
		125th Anniversary Rededication & Para	de		
Jun 24	Sat	Grand Lodge Observance—300th			
		Anniversary of Grand Lodge of England			
Jun 25	Sun	7th Arch Annual Meeting	2:00p		
		@ Travelers Woods			





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

Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

With this year seeming to move very fast it has caused me to slow down and remember what is most important in my life. Of course family and God were the first two things that came into my thoughts. So, I gave a little extra thought to those two. I started with God and thanked him for all my blessings, the first of which was my family; then I started thinking who was the family I was thanking him for—of course my beautiful wife and her mother and children along with my siblings and their children. Then I started thinking of my father who was a Mason and a Masonic Brother, as well as my brother Ron who is also my Masonic Brother; and of course this brought me to my Masonic family which is so vast in numbers that I had to go back to God and start thanking him all over again. I hope we all take time to thank Him all over again; with Him all things are possible. I do not want to forget to also thank all of you for being my Masonic Family.

Holy Grail is doing pretty well this year; but we could use some help from our members who are, for one reason or another, not attending. You know why you joined, and we would love to have you back.

For the members of Kennel #2 K9, we still meet on the 5th Tuesday of the month at Berea Temple. We hope to see you there. If you would like to know what I am referring to and you are a member of Holy Grail, ask me.

7th Division Dates to Remember

March 4	Sun	Tri-Youth Initiation—Cleveland MC	12:00p
March 10-11 Fri-Sat		East Central Department Conference	
		Lexington, KY	
March 18	Sat	Holy Grail #70 Inspection	2:00p
March 24	Fri	7th Division Orders of Red Cross & Malta	7:00p
		@ Allenby (Twinsburg MT)	
March 25	Sat	Grand Master's One Day Class—Berea MT	9:00a
April 1	Sat	Allenby #73 Inspection	2:00p
April 16	Sun	Grand Encampment Easter Observance	
		Alexandria, VA	
April 22	Sat	Elyria #60 Inspection	2:00p
May 6	Sat	All-York Rite Festival - Canton	
June 4	Sun	Ohio Masonic Home Day - Springfield	
		125th Anniversary Rededication & Parade	
June 17	Sat	7th Division Casino Bus Trip Fundraiser	
		Hollywood Casino, Columbus	
June 24	Sat	7th Division CTA Annual Meeting,	11:30a
		Election & Installation London Pickleworks	
June 24	Sat	Grand Lodge Observance—300th	
		Anniversary of Grand Lodge of England	

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President's Message

Cleveland Assembly gathered with our Sir Knights and guests at the Western Reserve Masonic Community for the 2016 Christmas Party on December 29. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon and enjoyed both the gift exchange and the traditional games. It was a delightful way to welcome our three new members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8 Stated Meeting
April 12 Stated Meeting
May 10 Stated Meeting
June 14 Stated Meeting

Lunch Bunch March, April, May and June to be announced.

Planned trip to Longaberger in Dresden will be in a springtime month, and the date is to be announced.

Thank you to everyone who has placed their aluminum can tabs in the jar located in the dining hall. It helps with our service project of contributing them to the Shrine for their transportation fund. This helps defray expenses for the drivers who take children to various Shriners Hospitals for Children for their appointments.

We look forward to a busy and exciting 2017.

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 gloriam*. This is the beginning of the first verse of Psalm cxv, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

The Beauseant is frequently, says Barrington in his *Introduction to Heraldry* (page 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 Doctor 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 becoming; but the former derivation is preferable, in which *beauseant* would signify simply a party-colored banner . . .

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



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High Priest's Message

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We now have three candidates in progress this year. If you know of other prospective candidates, please encourage them to petition now. We can "catch them up" by taking them to other Chapters for courtesy work, or we can take them to Canton on Saturday, May 6, where all the York Rite Degrees will be conferred in a one day festival. 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.

In our roles as Master Masons, I encourage all Companions to support and attend their respective Blue Lodges and especially to participate in the special Grand Lodge activities this year. On Saturday, March 25, our 22nd Masonic District will hold a special Grand Master's One Day Class. New Master Masons enlarge the pool for recruitment of new Capitular Masons. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR GRAND MASTER HAS EDICTED THAT NO NEW MASTER MASON FROM THIS YEAR'S ONE DAY CLASS MAY BE ASKED TO JOIN ANY APPENDANT MASONIC ORGANIZATION UNTIL AFTER JUNE 24.

There is some magic in the June 24 date. That evening our 22nd Masonic District will hold a banquet honoring the 300th anniversary of the premier Grand Lodge of England. Please watch your Lodge communications for details of that event.

This is also a special year for our Ohio Masonic Home. The Springfield campus will celebrate its 125th anniversary at the annual Ohio Masonic Home Day on Sunday, June 4, at which there will be a special 125th anniversary rededication ceremony complete with a parade. Our Ohio Masonic Home is for all of us, and now has campuses in Medina and near Toledo, with plans in the works for southeast Ohio, plus programs to help members and families stay in their own homes as they age. Our Grand High Priest has asked us to keep our Ohio Masonic Home as well as our Royal Arch Foundation (supporting Adopt America) in mind as we consider our charitable donations and fundraising.

I especially encourage you to visit other Chapters on their Inspection nights and to attend the District Education Nights. There's always something to be learned, and your participation in these events can be very rewarding for you and other Companions in attendance.

Finally, we are always looking for Companions to take roles in our degrees. We have major speaking parts, minor speaking parts and non-speaking parts. There's nothing quite like performing a role in a degree to focus one's mind on the details and valuable lessons of the degree.

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