

# The Foundation Light

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## Every Small Step Helps Preserve Our Home

Historic Preservation. Charity. Education. While our Foundation was founded to fulfill these purposes, our primary focus has been the historic preservation of our landmark home. Over the past two decades, through the generosity of our donors, we have been able to fund significant historical preservation projects such as rain gutter replacement, heating system refurbishment, window replacements, masonry tuck pointing, plaster restoration, interior paint restoration and environmental remediation.

Preservation doesn't come cheap, especially in the era of post-pandemic inflation. Labor rates are up, and materials are more costly and sometimes hard to get. But we persist in our efforts.

None of our historic preservation grants would have been possible without the commitment of our donors, many of whom have demonstrated their loyalty over many years. But the cycle of life contin-

ually requires new donors to come forward to replace those who have passed.

Will you help us preserve our landmark Lakewood Masonic Temple? Will you help us support our local community? Every gift, regardless of size, brings us closer to funding our needs. We have windows to upgrade or replace, rest rooms to refurbish, decorative work to restore and much more. Your gift, regardless of size, will bring us one step closer to funding our next project.

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. You may donate by using the form on page 11 or by a variety of other methods enumerated on page 2.

Even your small step will help!

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- Serving 4:30p to 7:30p
- Dine In or Take Out
- Basic Fish or Pierogi Meal \$16 includes roll & beverage plus choice of 2 side dishes
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- Live Music
- TV Raffle
- Building Tours
- Help meet the costs of preserving our historic home
- Cash or Credit Cards Accepted

### Andrews Avenue Now Open!

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 in the fall, but some homeowners still experienced basement flooding. So a stormwater retention basin was buried under the street just south of the tracks, and extra storm sewer lines were installed in our section of Andrews. The extra work was completed in December, so Andrews Avenue is now open to two-way traffic. There will be a brief closure in the Spring to finish-pave the section south of the railroad tracks.

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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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as these, you are best advised to discuss your intentions with an attorney and/or tax accountant.

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

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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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# Clifton-Gaston Allen Lodge #664 F. & A. M.

Stated Meeting Second Thursday 7:30 p.m. • Special Fourth Thursday • [www.cliftonallen664fam.org](http://www.cliftonallen664fam.org)

## Prestonian Lectures

About the year 1772, Preston submitted his course of lectures on the first three Degrees to the Craft of England. These lectures were a revision of those which had been practised, with various modifications, since the revival of 1717, and were intended to confer a higher literary character on the Masonic Ritual. Preston had devoted much time and labor to the compilation of these lectures, a syllabus of which will be found in his *Illustrations*. They were adopted eagerly by the English Fraternity, and continued to be the authoritative system of the Grand Lodge of England until the Union in 1813, when, for the sake of securing uniformity, the new system of Doctor Hemming was adopted. But the Prestonian lectures and ritual are still used by many Lodges in England. In the United States they were greatly altered by Webb.

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

## Prestonian Lecturers

In 1818, Brother Preston, the author of *Illustrations of Masonry*, bequeathed £300 in Consols, the interest of which was to provide for the annual delivery of a lecture according to the system which he had elaborated. The appointment of the Lecturer was left to the Grand Master for the time being. Stephen Jones, a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and an intimate friend of Preston, received the first appointment; and it was subsequently given to Brother Laurence Thompson, the only surviving pupil of Preston. He held it until his death, after which no appointment of a Lecturer was made until 1857, when the Worshipful Master of the Royal York Lodge, was requested by Lord Zetland, Grand Master, to deliver the lecture, which he did in January, 1858; twice again in the same year the lecture was delivered, by the Worshipful Master of the Grand Stewards Lodge and by Brother Thiselton, Secretary of the Lodge of Antiquity, and again, by Brother Hewlett and then Brother Henry Warren in subsequent years until 1862, since which time the lecture seems to have been abandoned until 1924 when Captain C. W. Firebrace, a Past Master of Preston's old Lodge, the Lodge of Antiquity, was appointed the Prestonian Lecturer for the year, and was followed by Brother Lionel Vibert, in 1925, a Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

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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)

## Orders of Architecture

An *order in architecture* is a system of assemblage of parts subject to certain uniform established proportions regulated by the office which such part has to perform, so that the disposition, in a peculiar form, of the members and ornaments, and the proportion of the columns and pilasters, is called an order. There are five orders of architecture, the Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan, and Composite—the first three being of Greek and the last two of Italian origin (see each in this work under its respective title). Considering that the orders of architecture must have constituted one of the most important subjects of contemplation to the Operative Masons of the Middle Ages, and that they afforded a fertile source for their symbolism, it is strange that so little allusion is made to them in the primitive lectures and in the earliest catechisms of the eighteenth century. In the earliest catechism extant, they are simply enumerated, and said to answer “to the base, perpendicular, diameter, circumference, and square”; but no explanation is given of this reference. Nor are they referred to in the Legend of the Craft, or in any of the *Old Constitutions*. Preston, however, introduced them into his system of lectures, and designated the three most ancient orders—the Ionic, Doric and Corinthian—as symbols of wisdom, strength, and beauty, and referred them to the three original Grand Masters. This symbolism has ever since been retained; and, notwithstanding the reticence of the earlier ritualists, there is abundant evidence, in the architectural remains of the Middle Ages, that it was known to the old Operative Freemasons.

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

## Orders of Architecture, Egyptian

The Egyptians had a system of architecture peculiar to themselves, which, says Barlow (*Essays on Symbolisms*, page 30), “would indicate a people of grand ideas, and of confirmed religious convictions.” It was massive, and without the airy proportions of the Greek Orders. It was, too, eminently symbolic and among its ornaments the lotus leaf and plant predominated as a symbol of regeneration. Among the peculiar forms of the Egyptian architecture were the fluted column, which suggested the Ionic Order to the Greeks, and the basket capital adorned with the lotus, which, afterward became the Corinthian. To the Masonic student, the Egyptian style of architecture becomes interesting, because it was undoubtedly followed by King Solomon in his construction of the Temple. The great similarity between the pillars of the porch and the columns in front of Egyptian temples is very apparent. Our translators have, however, unfortunately substituted the *lily* for the *lotus* in their version.

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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:

We are in the middle of winter, and Mother Nature is messing with us, cold one day and spring-like day the next, so don't put your winter coats away yet. Ann Rutledge Chapter is alive and well; please come and join us as often as you can.

Inspection season will be starting in March, and we hope to attend as many Inspections as possible. Our Inspection is Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 1:30p, and our officers are working on their parts. We are having speakers and entertainment at most of our meetings.

If you have not been to Chapter for a while, please come to our meetings; we would love to see your smiling face. Our meetings are still on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 1:30p. Come to our meetings and stay for lunch.

Please keep all of our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers. Also call as many of our members as you can as a new directory is in the works and will be out soon. Hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day. Most of the holidays are over, and Easter is fast approaching.

Please pray for our first responders where ever they may be.

Stay happy, healthy and safe in the coming days; and keep us informed of how you are doing by calling our Worthy Matron, Trudy, or our Secretary, Gloria.

Dates to Remember:

- March 6 Stated Meeting with a speaker.
- March 20 Stated Meeting & Initiation Practice. Celebrate St Patrick's Day & a speaker.
- April 3 Stated Meeting. EOP with our District 3 Deputy. Initiation Practice.
- April 17 Stated Meeting.
- May 1 Stated Meeting & Inspection @ 1:30.
- May 15 Stated Meeting & celebrate Mothers with entertainment.
- June 5 Stated Meeting & annual meeting and elections.
- June 19 Stated Meeting & honoring birthdays & Fathers

## Auxiliary

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

### THEME

*If Tomorrow Never Comes*

### MOTTO

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

Please report sunshine, good or bad, to our Worthy Matron Trudy Gollmer at 440.239.6446 or our Associate Conductress Wendy Metzger, 216.408.1396.



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# 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 we are three-fourths through our Capitular year. I am happy to report that we have successfully completed the first three Degrees and have only the Royal Arch Degree remaining, which will be our annual Inspection.

Grandview for Chapter is now available. Please log on to:

[https://ohram.grandview.systems/user/sign\\_in](https://ohram.grandview.systems/user/sign_in)

Click "Sign-up" link at bottom left of the sign in box.

Enter your primary chapter number = Cunningham is #125

Enter your member-id (This can be found on your new permanent dues card that you received when you paid your dues this year. If you did not receive a new dues card contact myself or our Secretary to get one.)

Enter your Last Name and click "Check Member Status".

Fill out remainder of form to register.

If you need help, please ask; and I or someone way more capable will be glad to assist you. Please take the time to complete this important step. It will make communicating with and updating our Companions more efficient.

In my previous column I left out one very important event that happened back in September. I had the pleasure, along with REC Ronald Bokan, EC Robert Hein, and Companion John Mahoney, to assist REC David Wilkie, our DDGHP, in presenting Companion Wesley Morgan, with several members of his family in attendance, his 50 year award as a member of Chapter. It was a wonderful experience enjoyed by all. If you have not done so already, please reach out and congratulate Companion Morgan on this significant milestone.

As mentioned, our Inspection this year will be the Royal Arch Degree on April 17. Please make every effort to attend if you can. We will finish the year with our Election of Officers and Awards Night in May. Our Annual Convocation and Installation of next year's officers will be Monday, June 3.

Other dates of note:

May 4 Canton York Rite Festival

May 11 Grand King's Program - Lyndhurst MC

May 18 Region "E" School of Instruction

For a complete list of District events we now have an electronic version of the Trifold that we can email you. If you would like to receive a copy, please be sure to update our Secretary or myself with your current email; and we will send it to you.

I want to wish all our Companions and their families Happy Easter and a Happy Mother's Day to their Mothers and Ladies. Best Wishes.

## Oriental Chair of Solomon

The seat of the Master in a Symbolic Lodge, and so called because the Master is supposed symbolically to fill the place over the Craft once occupied by King Solomon. For the same reason, the seat of the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge receives the same appellation. In England it is called the *throne*.

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



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



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

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

## Secrecy and Silence

These virtues constitute the very essence of all Masonic character; they are the safeguard of the Institution, giving to it all its security and perpetuity, and are enforced by frequent admonitions in all the Degrees, from the lowest to the highest. The Entered Apprentice begins his Masonic career by learning the duty of secrecy and silence. Hence it is appropriate that in that Degree which is the consummation of initiation, in which the whole cycle of Masonic science is completed, the abstruse machinery of symbolism should be employed to impress the same important virtues on the mind of the neophyte or newcomer. The same principles of secrecy and silence existed in all the ancient Mysteries and systems of worship. When Aristotle was asked what thing appeared to him to be most difficult of performance, he replied, "To be secret and silent."

"If we turn our eyes back to antiquity," says Calcott (*Candid Disquisition*, page 50), "we shall find that the old Egyptians had so great a regard for silence and secrecy in the mysteries of their religion, that they set up the god Harpocrates, to whom they paid peculiar honour and veneration, who was represented with the right hand placed near the heart, and the left down by his side, covered with a skin before, full of eyes and ears, to signify, that of many things to be seen and heard, few are to be published."

Apuleius, who was an initiate in the Mysteries of Isis, says: "By no peril will I ever be compelled to disclose to the uninitiated the things that I have had intrusted to me on condition of silence."

Lobeck, in his *Aglaophamus*, has collected several examples of the reluctance with which the ancients approached a mystical subject, and the manner in which they shrank from divulging any explanation or fable which had been related to them at the Mysteries, under the seal of secrecy and silence.

Lastly, in the school of Pythagoras, these lessons were taught by the sage to his disciples. A novitiate of five years was imposed upon each pupil, which period was to be passed in total silence, and in religious and philosophical contemplation. And at length, when he was admitted to full fellowship in the society, an oath of secrecy was administered to him on the sacred tetractys, which was equivalent to the Jewish Tetragrammaton.

Silence and secrecy are called "the cardinal virtues of a Select Master," in the Ninth or Select Master's Degree of the American Rite.

Among the Egyptians the sign of silence was made by pressing the index finger of the right hand on the lips. It was thus that they represented Harpocrates, the god of silence, whose statue was placed at the entrance of all temples of Isis and Serapis, to indicate that silence and secrecy were to be preserved as to all that occurred within.

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



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**Completing the Steps of Ancient Craft Masonry**



# 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:

We have had a very productive year so far. I would like to congratulate our newest Knights of Malta Eric Owens, Edward Haupin and Damion Chatmon and welcome them to Holy Grail Commandery. We will confer the Order of the Temple for the first two at our Stated Conclave on Thursday, March 7. The latter will be our Inspection candidate. **Please note that our potluck dinner with the Ladies of Cleveland Beauceant will start at 6:00p on March 7, with the Pre-Chamber Lecture at 6:30p and Opening at 7:00p.**

At the time you receive this newsletter we will be days away from our Inspection at a Special Conclave on Saturday, March 16. The Officers Luncheon will be at 12:00n, with the Pre-Chamber Lecture at 1:30p and Opening at 2:00p for the Order of the Temple. After a short intermission, the Full Form Opening will begin at 4:30p with the Banquet to follow at 6:00p. During the afternoon the Ladies will enjoy a special program organized by the Ladies of Cleveland Beauceant.

**Banquet reservations** for Sir Knights and Ladies at a cost of \$20 per meal must be made with me at [ronaldbokanjr@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldbokanjr@yahoo.com) or 440.567.5772 **no later than Saturday, March 9.**

A big thanks goes out to the Ladies of Cleveland Beauceant for all their help with the tea table and setting up the Ladies program. The officers and members of Holy Grail Commandery know how blessed we are to have you as part of our family. I'm also so blessed to have a great corps of dedicated officers, and I thank them for all their hard work.

If you haven't been to Commandery in a while, I would encourage you to come to a Conclave. Reconnect with everyone, and share in some fellowship as we have dinner at 6:30p provided by the Cleveland Beauceant for good will donation. If you are worried because you haven't been to a meeting in a long time and not sure what to do—don't worry. We are all brothers and friends. This is your Commandery; we would love to see you. The more participation we have from our members, the more we can accomplish. We look forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting.

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



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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 first article as your newly elected and installed Worthy President, I want to thank each and every one of my dear sisters for their vote of support and love. Thankfully the weather has cooperated, and we were able to hold Installation at our January 4 meeting. Due to problems with the elevator we held our February 1 meeting in the Banquet Room. As we look forward to our next meetings, we are excited to be enjoying spring-like weather; and in many areas spring flowers are poking their heads out.

Looking forward to our many upcoming and exciting happenings listed below:

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|------------|--------|--|
| March 7    | 6:00p  | Dinner with Commandery<br>(Please note that Commandery will be knighting two new members that night, so our dinner must be ready by 6:00p) |
|            | 7:30p  | Stated Meeting   |
| March 16   | 12:00n | Arrive to setup Tea Table for Holy Grail Inspection  |
| March 20   | 11:30a | Lunch Bunch at Our Friends Restaurant  |
| April 4    | 6:30p  | Dinner with Commandery   |
|            | 7:30p  | Stated Meeting   |
| May 2      | 6:30p  | Dinner with Commandery   |
|            | 7:30p  | Stated Meeting   |
| October 19 |        | Reminder – Annual Combined Inspection with Columbus – Cleveland is to be the host location<br>(Be studying your manuals)                   |

Mrs. Wykoff with notify us of additional Lunch Bunch dates and locations at our stated meetings.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the above important dates. As always, it is such a joy to be able to have dinners with our Sir Knights. Wishing you all a wonderful early Spring and a Happy Easter!

## Morality of Freemasonry

No one who reads our ancient Charges can fail to see that Freemasonry is a strictly moral Institution, and that the principles which it inculcates inevitably tend to make the Brother who obeys their dictates a more virtuous man. Hence the English Lectures very properly define Freemasonry to be "a system of morality."

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## Lily

The plant so frequently mentioned in the Old Testament under the name of *lily*, as an emblem of purity and peace, was the lotus lily of Egypt and India. It occupies a conspicuous place among the ornaments of the Temple furniture. The brim of the molten sea was wrought with flowers of the lotus; the chapiters on the tops of the pillars at the porch, and the tops of the pillars themselves, were adorned with the same plant. Sir Robert Ker Porter, describing a piece of sculpture which he found at Persepolis, says,

Almost every one in this procession holds in his hand a figure like the lotus. This flower was full of meaning among the ancients, and occurs all over the East. Egypt, Persia, Palestine, and India present it everywhere over their architecture, in the hands and on the heads of their sculptured figures, whether in statue or in bas-relief. We also find it in the sacred vestments and architecture of the tabernacle and Temple of the Israelites. The lily which is mentioned by our Savior, as an image of peculiar beauty and glory, when comparing the works of nature with the decorations of art, was a different flower; probably a species of *lilium*. This is also represented in all pictures of the salutation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary; and, in fact, has been held in mysterious veneration by people of all nations and times. "It is the symbol of divinity, of purity, and abundance, and of a love most complete in perfection, charity, and benediction; as in Holy Scripture, that mirror of purity, Susanna is defined *Susa*, which signified the lily flower, the chief city of the Persians, bearing that name for excellency. Hence, the lily's three leaves in the arms of France meaneth *Piety, Justice, and Charity*." So far, the general impression of a peculiar regard to the beautiful and fragrant flower; but the early Persians attached to it a peculiar sanctity.

We must not, however, forget the difference between the *lotus* of the Old Testament and the *lily* of the New. The former is a Masonic plant; the latter is scarcely referred to. Nevertheless, through the ignorance of the early translators as to sacred plants, the lotus is constantly used for the lily; and hence the same error has crept into the Masonic instructions (see *Lotus*).

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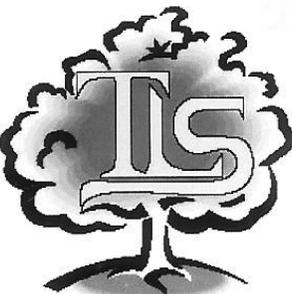
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