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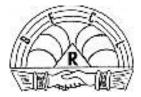
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## LAKEWOOD—A HAPPENING PLACE

### **Tri-Youth Day Coming March 9**







The annual Tri-Youth Day returns to Lakewood on Saturday, March 9. Each of our Masonic-related youth groups will conduct its initiation ceremonies during afternoon sessions. Please attend to support our youth. Job's Daughters will begin at 1:00p in our Lodge Room, followed by Rainbow for Girls at 3:30p. Meanwhile, beginning at 2:00p, the Order of DeMolay for boys will confer the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees in our Ballroom. The three youth organizations will join together in our Ballroom from 6:00p to 10:00p for the annual Grotto Youth Dance.

# Ohio Miss Job's Daughter Pageant Returns April 27

Ohio's annual Miss Job's Daughter Pageant returns for its fourth year at our Lakewood Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 27. 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. Support our youth with your presence!

#### 6th Annual Lenten Fish Fries

Mark your calendars now!!

- March 8—15—22—29. April 5—12—19.
- 4:30p-7:30p.
- Seven Fridays and then the fish is gone!
- Fish Dinners: 2 Pieces of Fried Fish, Roll and Butter, Coleslaw, and a side choice. \$11.00
- Fish Sandwich: 1 Piece of Fried Fish on a Bun, and a side choice. \$5.00
- Pierogi Dinners: 4 Pierogis, Roll and Butter,
   Coleslaw, and a side choice. \$11.00
- Side Dishes: French Fries, Mac 'n Cheese, Noodles & Cabbage, Pierogis, and Clam Chowder (may also be ordered a la carte).
- Desserts (a la carte). \$3.00 each.
- Dine in the while you listen to live music.
- Order to go, and your hot food is wrapped and bagged for delicious take out.
- 50/50 raffle every hour.
- Drawing for beautiful 65" TV. Buy tickets any week. Drawing Friday, April 19.

Support Lakewood's beautiful Masonic Temple by enjoying a wonderful meal and music with the chance to win a prize. Bring your family and friends with you for a fun-filled Friday event!

#### **Donate Now!**

Your donations help us preserve our beautiful and historic Masonic Temple as a venue for Masonic activities, Masonic charity and community engagements. (Use the form on page 11 or consult the details on page 2 to learn our new giving options.)

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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. We call your attention to several new ways to donate to our Foundation.

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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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codicils without having to be rewritten in its entirely. In matters such as these, you are best advised to discuss your intentions with an attorney and/or tax accountant.



Gifts may be in the form of cash, securities or property. Gifts of appreciated securities and/or charitable gift annuities can be especially benefi-

cial to the donor. In matters such 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.

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.

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Stated Meeting Second Thursday 7:30 p.m. • Special Fourth Thursday • www.cliftonallen664fam.org

### **Degrees**

The word *degree*, in its primitive meaning, signifies a *step*. The *degrees* of Freemasonry are, then, the *steps* by which the candidate ascends from a lower to a higher condition of knowledge. It is now the opinion of the best scholars, that the division of the Masonic system into Degrees was the work of the revivalists of the beginning of the eighteenth century; that before that period there was but one Degree, or rather one common platform of ritualism; and that the division into Masters, Fellows, and Apprentices was simply a division of ranks, there being but one initiation for all. In 1717 the whole body of the Fraternity consisted only of Entered Apprentices, who were recognized by the thirty-nine Regulations, compiled in 1720, as among the law-givers of the Craft, no change in those Regulations being allowed unless first submitted "even to the youngest Apprentice."

In the *Old Charges*, collected by Anderson and approved in 1722, the Degree of Fellow Craft is introduced as being a necessary qualification for Grand Master, although the word *degree* is not used. "No brother can be a . . Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow Craft before his election." And in the *Manner of constituting a New Lodge* of the same date, the Master and Wardens are taken from "among the Fellow Crafts," which Dermott explains by saying that "they were called *Fellow Crafts* because the Masons of old times never gave any man the title of Master Mason until he had first passed the chair." In the thirteenth of the Regulations of 1720, approved in *(continued on page 10)* 

#### 22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mar 6	Wed	7:00p	Golden Gate #245	MM	Hall		
Mar 7	Thur	7:00p	Solon #757	EA	Kita		
Mar 12	Tues	7:30p	Parkside #736	FC	Kita		
Mar 13	Wed	7:00p	Eastgate #796	EA	Kita		
Mar 14	Thurs	7:30p	Dover #489	EA	Hieb		
Mar 16	Sat	11:00a	Blue Steel #791	FC	Hall		
Mar 19	Tues	7:00p	Mid-Century #725	EA	Hieb		
Mar 20	Wed	7:00p	Harding-Concordia #345	MM	Hieb		
Mar 21	Thur	7:30p	Rocky River #703	FC	Hieb		
Mar 25	Mon	7:30p	Wellington #127	EA	Hall		
Mar 27	Wed	7:30p	LaGrange #399	FC	Kita		
Apr 3	Wed	7:00p	Cleveland #781	MM	Hieb		
Apr 11	Thur	7:00p	University Heights #738	FC	Hall		
Apr 22	Mon	7:00p	Lakewood #601	MM	Kita		
Apr 23	Tues	7:00p	Oberlin #380	MM	Hieb		
Apr 29	Mon	7:30p	Collinwood #582	EA	Hieb		
May 1	Wed	7:30p	Forest City #388	EA	Kita		
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### Lakewood Lodge #601 F. & A. M.

Stated Meetings Second & Fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m. • www.lakewoodfreemasons.com

#### Master's Message

January was a very busy month for our Lodge as we initiated five candidates to the degree of Entered Apprentice and welcomed back several Brethren to our Lodge. February was an equally challenging month as we had EAs ready to give their returns then worked to pass them to Fellow Craft. I cannot stress enough the importance of putting on the best degree we can for our Brethren or candidates and ask that you work hard on your preparations. Together we will do great, and I have the utmost confidence in you all.

Looking ahead, Lakewood will be inspected in the Master Mason Degree on April 22 at 7:00p with a dinner at 6:00p. We will be using the month of March to prepare for this degree, as it is crucial that we do our best. I do ask for any Brethren in our Lodge to be prepared, as we will most likely be reaching out to fill the various parts to perform this sublime degree. I look forward to seeing my Brethren and encourage you all to attend, as excitement is in the air at Lakewood Lodge #601.

#### Nile

There is a tradition in the old Masonic Records that the inundations of the River Nile, in Egypt, continually destroying the perishable landmarks by which one man could distinguish his possessions from those of another, Euclid instructed the people in the art of geometry, by which they might measure their lands; and then taught them to bound them with walls and ditches, so that after an inundation each man could identify his own boundaries. The tradition is given in the Cooke Manuscript (lines 455-72) thus: "Euclyde was one of the first founders of Geometry, and he gave hit name, for in his tyme there was a water in that lond of Egypt that is called Nilo, and hit flowid so ferre into the londe that men myght not dwelle therein. Then this worthi clerke Enclide taught hem to make grete wallys and diches to holde owt the watyr, and he by Gemetria mesured the londe and departyd hit in divers partys, and made every man to close his owne parte with walles and diches." This legend of the origin of the art of geometry was borrowed by the old Operative Masons from the Origines of Saint Isidore of Seville, where a similar story is told.

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

#### **Battery**

A given number of blows by the gavels of the officers, or by the hands of the Brethren, as a mark of approbation, admiration, or reverence, and at time accompanied by the acclamation.

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

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## Ann Rutledge Chapter #453 O. E. S.

Stated Meetings First & Third Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. • www.annrutledge453oes.org

### Matron's Message

Sisters and Brothers, a new year is upon us. We will do our best to make this the best year for Ann Rutledge Chapter.

If you have not been to Chapter for a while, please try and come back. We would love to see you.

The members of Ann Rutledge Chapter honored our retiring Secretary Sister Mary Beth Cascio by presenting her with Life Membership for all the hard work she put in as our Secretary for many years.

We are still taking donations to go towards a food pantry. Just look for the basket with the silver music note in the dining room. Any and all donations are accepted. We had a speaker at our meeting on February 6. We are looking into having other speakers sometime during the rest of the year.

Inspections will be here soon, and the officers of Ann Rutledge will be working hard to be prepare for our Inspection on Wednesday, May 1. Our Deputy Jeanne Lillo will be the Inspecting Officer.

Our meetings are still on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 1:30pm. Come to our meetings and stay for lunch.

#### **Dates to Remember**

March 6 Stated Meeting. Initiation Practice and Honoring

November through March Birthdays.

March 20 Stated Meeting

March 29-31 GGC Membership Committee Conference at

Tadmor Shrine in Akron.

April 3 Stated Meeting. Initiation Practice.
April 17 NO MEETING—HOLY WEEK
May 1 Stated Meeting. Inspection.

May 15 Stated Meeting

#### **En Famille**

French, meaning as a family. In French Lodges, during the reading of the Minutes, and sometimes when the Lodge is engaged in the discussion of delicate matters affecting only itself, the Lodge is said to meet *en famille*, at which time visitors are not admitted.

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

#### **Auxiliary**

Around the Town Dinner Club meets the 4th Friday, locations TBA. We are looking into making this a lunch outing instead of a dinner. Stay tuned to see what happens.

#### Stars

<u>Report sunshine, joys, illness or sorrow</u> to Kathy Hubert, Worthy Matron, 216.521.5557; or Kathy Schafer, Associate Conductress, 216.224.5886.

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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:

I want to welcome all the new Companions from Berea Chapter #134 who have merged with us. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

We conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree on February 20, and our Royal Arch Ball was February 23. Our Lakewood Masonic Temple's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will start on Friday, March 8 this year and continuing every Friday during Lent. Please attend and support our beautiful building. Check our web site calendar for all the 16th District meetings and events. And, as always, remember to visit our 16th District Chapters and help whenever possible with all degree work so our new Companions can receive the best degree possible. It is very hard to put on the degrees without a little help from our friends.

Remember, "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love, He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." Thank you Brother Franklin for the reflection on Masonic labor & wages.

### **Cunningham Chapter Degree Dates 2018-19**

May 15 Wed 7:30p Royal Arch Degree—Inspection For the most current information visit: www.cunningham187ram.org

### 16th Capitular District Dates to Remember

Mar 28 Thur 7:30p Covenant-Thatcher #222 Inspection—MkM—Bokan Apr 25 Thur 7:30p 16th District Association @ Covenant-Thatcher #222 May 15 Wed 7:30p Cunningham #187 Inspection—RA—Bokan/Nilsen May 18 Sat 9:00a Region E Grand King's Program @ Lyndhurst MC Jun 10 Mon 7:30p 16th District Annual Meeting, Elections & Awards @ Summit-Baker #74

Aug 19 Mon16th District 2025-26 Golf @ Gleneagles, TwinsburgAug 24 Sat9:00aRegion E School of Instruction @ Painesville MT

For the most current information visit: www.ram16.org

#### Nil Nisi Clavis Deest

Latin, and meaning *Nothing but the key is wanting*. A motto or device often attached to the Double Triangle of Royal Arch Masonry. It is inscribed on the Royal Arch badge or jewel of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, the other devices being a Double Triangle and a Triple Tau.

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

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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:

I would like to thank all the Companions for making Lakewood Council's Inspection a success. I appreciate the work and dedication shown by our Cryptic Companions in order to not only pass Inspection, but put on a great degree for our candidates. Let's continue this as we prepare for and confer the Select Master degree in March.

Also, at the time of this writing, I am pleased to report that Lakewood Council was the recipient of the Traveling Award for our strong showing at Elyria Council's Inspection night. Seeing as they were performing courtesy work for one of our own Companions, it was great to see the support of Lakewood Council for one of our newest Cryptic Companions. Let's see if we can continue this momentum with upcoming Inspections.

Beginning with the Lenten season, the bodies that make up the Lakewood Masonic Temple family will once again be hosting our Lenten Fish Fries. Details on this can be found elsewhere in this publication. Please make sure to spread the word to friends, family, and all. The proceeds of this endeavor directly benefit Lakewood Council and our charitable causes. Please also make every effort to come and assist with the work of this event, as the more we participate the more we will benefit. This is a great way to support your Council and familiarize those not in the Fraternity with our home and our fellowship.

As always, we should be cognizant of brothers in the Blue Lodge, and especially Companions in our Chapters, who are willing and ready to receive further light in the form of the Cryptic Degrees and the York Rite in general. I encourage all the Companions of Lakewood Council to share their experiences in the Cryptic Degrees, and otherwise in the Rite, with our Brethren who show the interest and willingness to expand on their Masonic knowledge.

#### 7th Arch Dates to Remember Mar 16 Sat 9:00a Windermere #113 SEM

Mar 18 Mon 7:30p Painesville #104 Inspection—RM 7:00p Conneaut #40 RM & Geneva #145 SM Inspections Mar 29 Fri @ Geneva Apr 13 Sat

9:00a Buechner #107 RM & Warren #58 SM Inspections @ Warren

Apr 13 Sat 12:30p Buechner #107 & Warren #58 SEM @ Warren MT May 4 Sat 9:00a Conneaut #40, Geneva #145, Painesville #104 &

Woodward #118 SEM @ Lyndhurst

2:00p Cleveland #36, Elyria #86 & Lakewood #125 SEM May 18 Sat

@ Elyria

May 29 Wed 7:00p Deputy Masters & 7th Arch Annual Meetings

@ Chagrin Falls

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### Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

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

### Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

Welcome to our newest Sir Knights consolidated from Holyrood Commandery! At our February 13 stated conclave, Holy Grail members voted unanimously to accept Holyrood's consolidation proposal, and our Grand Commander approved the consolidation the very same evening. (Ah, the modern miracle of electronic communications!)

We will hold TWO conclaves in March to confer the Order of the Temple for our two current Knights of Malta. The first will be our regular stated conclave on Wednesday, March 13, **opening at 7:00p**. The second will be our annual Inspection on Saturday, March 16, opening in short form at 2:00p, and followed by the Full Form Opening. The traditional banquet will start at 6:00p, prepared by the Ladies of Cleveland Beauceant. Please contact our Generalissimo SK Ford Cole for reservations. As always, your lady is welcome and encouraged to attend the parallel ladies program at 2:00p.

We are practicing each Sunday at 2:00p until Inspection. We have important non-speaking roles for uniformed Knights in both the Order and FFO. There are also easy speaking roles as hermits and non-speaking stage crew that don't require uniforms. Please contact SK Cole if you can help.

Remember, come early (by 6:30p) to our stated conclaves for our traditional pot luck supper prepared by the Beauceant ladies.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the upcoming fundraisers to support SK Hager's 2019-20 year as Grand Commander and other charitable endeavors (see below).

### **Holy Grail Commandery Order Dates 2018-19**

Mar 13 Wed 7:00p Order of the Temple

Mar 16 Sat 2:00p Order of the Temple & Full Form Opening Inspection For the most current information visit: www.holygrail70kt.org

#### 7th & 8th Divisions Dates to Remember

Mar 2	Sat	2:00p	Coeur de Lion #64 Inspection (by Grand Commander)
Mar 16	Sat	2:00p	Holy Grail #70 Inspection
Mar 23	Sat	2:00p	Massillon #4 Inspection
Mar 30	Sat	2:00p	Clinton #5 Inspection
Apr 6	Sat	2:00p	Wooster #48 Inspection
May 5	Sun	4:30p	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for KTEF & SK Hager—
			Brookside MT, 10200 Memphis Avenue
May 11	Sat		York Rite Festival—Chapter, Council, Commandery -
			Honoring GHP & SK Ross R. Black II—Canton MT
Jun 8	Sat		Wheeling Island Casino Trip Fundraiser for SK Hager
Jun 23	Sun	2:00p	7th/8th Divisions CTAs Annual Meeting/Steak Roast

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

Stated Meeting Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.cleveland15soob.org

### President's Message

The activities of the New Year were put on hold due to the weather and a viral illness that appeared in January. Although the January 9 meeting was not held because our Sisters were either snowbound or at home recovering from the illness, three intrepid sisters, Mrs. Sutter, Mrs. Wadge, and Mrs. Ferencz traveled to the Temple to make sure the Pot Luck dinner was ready for the Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery.

Our February 13 meeting was the Installation of the 2019 Officers, and this year will be an extremely active one. Our Sister, Ms. Kimberly Burnett, Supreme Worthy President, will preside at the 99th Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant on September 25, 26, and 27, 2019 in Tyler, Texas. In addition, we are looking forward to (Mrs. James) Karen Baughman doing her part as Supreme Standard Bearer.

Our major charity is The Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF). This year Cleveland Assembly member (Mrs. William) Janice Freitag is Supreme Assembly KTEF General Chairman. The Supreme President has a new fundraising project for this charity. We are collecting one dollar bills with either an "E" or an "F" in the circle that indicates the Federal Reserve Bank that printed the bill. Our Assembly also has a table selling items, the profits of which will go to the KTEF.

Our Lunch Bunch meetings are to be announced. Join us for lunch, a good time, and work on our projects for the 2020 Supreme Assembly project. Watch your mailboxes for postcard notification of date, time, and location of each Lunch Bunch meeting.

#### **Dates to Remember**

March 13 Wed 7:30p STATED MEETING. Potluck Dinner with

Sir Knights before meeting.

March 16 Sat Serve Inspection dinner for Holy Grail

Commandery #70

April 17 Wed 7:30p STATED MEETING. Potluck Dinner with

Sir Knights before meeting.

May 8 Wed 7:30p STATED MEETING. Potluck Dinner with

Sir Knights before meeting.

#### **Pencil**

In the English system this is one of the Working-tools of a Master Mason, and is intended symbolically to remind us that our words and actions are observed and recorded by the Almighty Architect, to whom we must give an account of our conduct through life. In the American system the pencil is not specifically recognized. The other English working-tools of a Master Mason are the Skirrit and Compasses. In the French Rite "to hold the Pencil," or in French, *tener le crayon*, is to discharge the function of a Secretary during the Communication of a Lodge.

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



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#### **Degrees**

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1721, the orders or Degrees of Master and Fellow Craft are recognized in the following words: "Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Crafts only in the Grand Lodge." Between that period and 1738, the system of Degrees had been perfected; for Anderson, who, in that year, published the second edition of the *Book of Constitutions*, changed the phraseology of the *Old Charges* to suit the altered condition of things, and said, "a Prentice, when of age and expert, may become an Enter'd Prentice or a Free-Mason of the lowest degree, and upon his due improvements a Fellow Craft and a Master-Mason" (see Old Charge IV, Constitutions, 1738, page 145). No such words are found in the Charges as printed in 1723; and if at that time the distinction of the three Degrees had been as well defined as in 1738, Anderson would not have failed to insert the same language in his first edition. That he did not, leads to the fair presumption that the ranks of Fellow Craft and Master were not then absolutely recognized as distinctive degrees. The earliest ritual extant, which is contained in the *Grand Mystery*, published in 1725, makes no reference to any Degrees, but gives only what we may suppose was the common understanding of the initiation in use about that time.

The division of the Masonic system into three Degrees must have grown up between 1717 and 1730, but in so gradual and imperceptible a manner that we are unable to fix the precise date of the introduction of each Degree. In 1717 there was evidently but one Degree, or rather one form of initiation, and one catechism. Perhaps about 1721 the three degrees were introduced, but the second and third were probably not perfected for many years. Evan as late as 1735 the Entered Apprentices's Degree contained the most prominent form of initiation, and he who was an Apprentice was, for a practical purposes, a Freemason. It was not until repeated improvements, by the adoption of new ceremonies and new regulations, that the Degree of Master Mason took the place that it now occupies; having been confined at first to those who had passed the chair.

#### **Degrees of Chivalry**

The religious and military orders of knighthood which existed in the Middle Ages, such as the Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, which were incorporated into the Masonic system and conferred as Masonic degrees, have been called *Degrees of Chivalry*. They are Christian in character, and seek to perpetuate in a symbolic form the idea on which the original Orders were founded. The Companion of the Red Cross, although conferred, in the United States of America, in a Commandery of Knights Templar, and as preliminary to that Degree, is not properly a Degree of chivalry.

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