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LMT Opens Doors for Lakewood Arts Festival

For many years our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple has opened its doors for community events, perhaps the most notable of which is the annual Lakewood Arts Festival, returning for its 48th year on Saturday, August 2.

When we first engaged with the Festival, our Temple was just outside the Festival zone which ended at Elmwood Avenue, slightly offset eastward of Andrews Avenue where they intersect Detroit Avenue. Since that time we've partnered with the Festival by sponsoring the Best New Artist Award.

Several years ago food trucks were added to the Festival, bringing our Temple formally into the Festival zone which now extends westward to Arthur Avenue.

More recently, our front sidewalk has been designated as the Andrews Stage with several musical groups performing throughout the day from 10:00a to 6:00p.

More importantly, we've held Open Houses during the Festivals, inviting Festival-goers inside to tour our facilities or just to rest or use our rest rooms (an underappreciated community service!).

The statement we hear most is generally "I've passed by a thousand times but have never been inside." We've welcomed visiting Freemasons; and family members who've said things such as "My father was" or "My grandfather was;" as well as members of the public who've said such things as "I've come to dances here" or "My high school prom was here."

Over the years our open houses have brought us new members as well as new rental bookings.

[A NOTE TO OUR OWN MEMBERS—we can't offer our open houses without our own dedicated volunteers to welcome visitors, provide information and lead tours. Will *you* help, even for part of the day this August 2?????]

Lakewood Masonic Temple Tours

"I've passed by a thousand times but have never been inside." We've probably heard this statement a thousand times, so we offer tours of our historic home several times during each year, including at most of our Friday evening Lenten Fish Fries. We also have information available about the Masonic Fraternity and what Freemasonry has done for the world. We're proud of our contributions to our community and are pleased to welcome visitors to view our Egyptian-themed Lodge Room and French Provincial Ballroom "hiding" inside our Doric Temple exterior. Ask!

Will You Help Us Help Others?

Our Lakewood Masonic Temple hosts food drives and other community events without charge through the generosity of our members and donors to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation, through which we have also been able to fund significant historical preservation projects. Will you help us?

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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.



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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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Master's Message

The first portion of this Masonic year has seen Initiations, Passings and a Raising, as well as our annual Past Masters, Memorial and Awards Night and our traditional fraternal visitation to Trinity Lodge No. 521 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

While we may be going dark for the summer, there are still upcoming events to attend. Hold fast to those Working-Tools; they're just as useful outside the Lodge as when we are at labor!

Summer 2025 Dates at Clifton-Gaston Allen Lodge:

Thu June 12 7:30p – Stated Meeting

Thu June 26 7:30p – Special Meeting, Table Lodge

Fri July 4 Lakewood 4th of July Parade – Marchers Needed!

Sat August 2 Lakewood Arts Fest Open House – Volunteers Needed!

Summer 2025 Events in the 22nd Masonic District:

Sat June 28 8:00a – 5th Annual 22nd District Fishing Derby - Seabold Lake - LaGrange

Mon June 30 7:00p – 22nd District Lodge of Instruction (Dinner 6:00p) - Brookside MT

If you have not been to Lodge in a while and would like to attend but have transportation challenges, please reach out to myself or our secretary and we will do our best to arrange a ride for you!

Distinctive Title

In the rituals, all Lodges are called *Lodges of Saint John*, but every Lodge has also another name by which it is distinguished. This is called its *distinctive title*. This usage is preserved in the diplomas of the Continental Freemasons, especially the French, where the specific name of the Lodge is always given as well as the general title of *Saint John*, which it has in common with all other Lodges. Thus, a diploma issued by a French Lodge whose name on the register of the Grand Orient would perhaps be *La Vérité*, meaning *The Truth*, will purport to have been issued by the Lodge of Saint John, under the distinctive title of *La Vérité*, or to use the full expression in French, *par la Loge de St. Jean sous le titre distinctif de la Vérité*. The term is never used in English or American Diplomas.

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



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

Breast

In one of the Old Lectures, quoted by Doctor Oliver, it is said: "A Mason's breast should be a safe and secret repository for all your just and lawful secrets. A brother's secrets, delivered to me as such, I would keep as my own; as to betray that trust might be doing him the greatest injury he could sustain in this mortal life; nay, it would be like the villany of an assassin who lurks in darkness to stab his adversary when unarmed and least prepared to meet an enemy."

It is true, that the secrets of a Freemason, confided as such, should be as inviolate in the breast of him who has received them as they were in his own before they were confided. But it would be wrong to conclude that in this a Freemason is placed in a position different from that which is occupied by every honorable man. No man of honor is permitted to reveal a secret which he has received under the pledge of secrecy.

Nevertheless, it is as false as it is absurd, to assert that either the man of honor or the Freemason is bound by any such obligation to protect the criminal from the vindication of the law. It must be left to every man to determine by his own conscience whether he is at liberty to betray a knowledge of facts with which he could not have become acquainted except under some such pledge. No court of law would attempt to extort a communication of facts made known by a penitent to his confessor or a client to his lawyer for such a communication would make the person communicating it infamous. In this case, Freemasonry supplies no other rule than that which is found in the acknowledged codes of Moral ethics.

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

Justice

One of the four cardinal virtues, the practice of which is inculcated in the First Degree. The Freemason who remembers how emphatically he has been charged to preserve an upright position in all his dealings with mankind, should never fail to act justly to himself, to his Brethren, and to the world. This is the corner-stone on which alone he can expect "to erect a superstructure alike honorable to himself and to the Fraternity." In iconology, the general science pertaining to images, *Justice* is usually represented as a matron, her eyes bandaged, holding in one hand a sword and in the other pair of scales at equipoise. But in Freemasonry the true symbol of Justice, as illustrated in the First Degree, is the feet firmly planted on the ground, and the body upright.

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Matron's Message

In spite of missing four meetings: New Year's Day, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and our weather problem day, Ann Rutledge Chapter has kept a busy schedule. We have honored four of our present and past Star Point officers, celebrated Mother's Day and attended District-wide events. We began the year celebrating those officers who have held the office of Ruth. Our next recognition was to honor those Sisters who have held the offices of Adah and Martha. At our April 21 meeting we honored those who have held the station of Esther. Finally, on June 18, we will honor those who have held the station of Electa.

Many of our Sisters and Brothers attended Inspections of the other chapters in District 3, and we had a wonderful afternoon during our Inspection on May 7, as the Deputy Grand Matron, Amanda Schoen, examined our work. Worthy Patron Harold Siburt was awarded the Blooming Member Award for his commitment to the Order.

On March 26, the Sixty-Six Club dinner dance was held, and many member of the Chapter joined in the festivities. Other activities were our participation in the District 3 Charities Luncheon, and going as a group to plays at the Cassidy Theater.

Future Events

June 4 – Stated Meeting – Annual Meeting – Initiation
 June 5 – Cassidy Theater Party
 June 7 – Worthy Grand Patron Reception – Baltimore, OH
 June 18 – Stated Meeting – Honor Electa – Honor Fathers
 June 28 – Charities Extravaganza
 July 20 – Conductress Goodtime III River Cruise
 August 2 – Tri-State with Kentucky and West Virginia
 August 23 – Worthy Grand Matron's Reception – Wyandott County Fairgrounds
 August 24 – Crushers Game

Auxiliary

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

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Zedekiah

A personage in some of the advanced Degrees, whose melancholy fate is described in the Second Book of Kings and in the prophesies of Jeremiah. He was the twentieth and last King of Judah. When Nebuchadnezzar had in his second siege of Jerusalem deposed Jehoiachin, whom he carried as a captive to Babylon, he placed Zedekiah on the throne in his stead. By this act Zedekiah became tributary to the King of the Chaldees, who exacted from him a solemn oath of fidelity and obedience. This oath he observed no longer than till an opportunity occurred of violating it. In the language of the author of the Books of Chronicles, "he rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God" (Second Chronicles xxxvi, 13).

This course soon brought down upon him the vengeance of the offended monarch, who invaded the land of Judah with an immense army. Remaining himself at Riblah, a town on the northern border of Palestine, he sent the army under his general, Nebuzaradan, to Jerusalem, which was invested by the Babylonian forces. After a siege of about one year, during which the inhabitants endured many hardships the city was taken by an assault, the Chaldeans entering it through breaches in the northern wall.

It is very natural to suppose, that when the enemy were most pressing in their attack upon the devoted city; when the breach which was to give them entrance had been effected; and when, perhaps, the streets most distant from the Temple were already filled with Chaldean soldiery, a Council of his princes and nobles should have been held by Zedekiah in the Temple, to which they had fled for refuge, and that he should ask their advice as to the most feasible method of escape from the impending danger. History, it is true, gives no account of any such assembly; but the written record of these important events which is now extant is very brief, and, as there is every reason to admit the probability of the occurrence, there does not appear to be any historical objection to the introduction of Zedekiah into the legend of the Super-Excellent Master's Degree, as having been present and holding a Council at the time of the siege. By the advice of this Council, Zedekiah attempted to make his escape across the Jordan. But he and his attendants were, says Jeremiah, pursued by the Chaldean army, and overtaken in the plains of Jericho and carried before Nebuchadnezzar. His sons and his nobles were slain, and, his eyes being put out, he was bound in chains and carried captive to Babylon, where at a later period he died.



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Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

At the time of this writing our year is rapidly coming to a close. Elections have occurred, and my time as Commander is coming to an end.

Holy Grail Commandery had an excellent year. We conferred the Order of the Temple on two Sir Knights, Shannon Konold and Scott Clark. Our Inspection was excellent, and our Commandery handled itself in an exemplary manner. I want to thank all my officers and Sir Knights for the time and effort they put into making this a very successful year. I also want to highlight the fantastic job our Recorder and Treasurer did this year. I appreciated all your support. I also want to state that it has truly been a pleasure serving as your Commander this year, and your efforts made my job look easy.

As I look forward to Installation and installing our new Commander SK Robert Hein, I want to extend to him my best wishes and the hope that his year is even better than mine was; and, given the corps of officers slated to support him, I am confident it will be.

As a reminder, a new year means that once again dues are due for the 2025-26 Templar year. Please remit your dues for the new year as soon as possible. To those who have already paid, thank you.

The Social Order of the Beauceant is still looking for Ladies (can be any female relative of a Sir Knight) to join their worthwhile organization. Please encourage the women in your life to join with these amazing Ladies.

As I close the book on my time as Commander, I want to reiterate what an honor and pleasure it has been to serve Holy Grail; and I look forward to even better things in the future.

Best Wishes, have a great summer!

Zenith

That point in the heavens which is vertical to the spectator, and from which a perpendicular line passing through him and extended would reach the center of the earth. From of old the documents of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are dated "under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith which answers to —"; the latitude of the place whence the document is issued being then given to fill the blank space. The latitude alone is expressed because that indicates the position of the sun's meridian height. Longitude, however, is always omitted, because every place whence such a document is issued is called the *Grand East*, the specific spot where the sun rises. The theory implied is, that although the South of the Lodge may vary, its chief point must always be in the East, the point of sunrising, where longitude begins.

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



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President's Message

My Dear Sisters:

Well, Summer is coming; so it is time to look ahead to the upcoming events of Summer.

June 5 6:00p Dinner

7:30p Stated Meeting

June 7 11:30a Columbus is looking for help as they are having an initiation. If you are able to go and help, please contact Mary Mashburn at 614.378.2280. They will start with a rehearsal at 11:30a followed by a sack lunch and the meeting at 1:30p. All help will be greatly appreciated!

Aug 7 11:30a Annual Picnic and Children's Day
 Beauceant Sisters & Sir Knights and families welcome.
 Lakeview Park in Lorain in Gazebo RAIN OR SHINE.
 Hot dogs will be provided; and, if you wish a different Meat, please bring; and it will be grilled for you.
 PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.
 Summer will be leading the children's games, so please contact her with the number of children attending and ages so she can provide the appropriate favors and prizes.
 Swimming will be available at the beach.
 Bring any games you might wish to share.

Sept 4 6:00p Dinner

7:30p Stated Meeting

Sept 23-26 Supreme Assembly, Omaha Nebraska.
 Hope to see you there.

Oct 2 6:00p Dinner

7:30p Stated Meeting

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the above events. Have a great summer!



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In Hoc Signo Vinces

On the Grand Standard of a Commandery of Knights Templar these words are inscribed over “a blood-red Passion Cross,” and they constitute in part the motto of the American branch of the Order. Their meaning, *By this sign thou shalt conquer*, is a substantial, but not literal, translation of the original Greek, ἐν νουτῇ νικῇ. For the origin of the motto, we must go back to a well-known legend of the Church, which has, however, found more doubters than believers among the learned. Eusebius, who wrote a life of Constantine says that while the emperor was in Gaul, in the year 312, preparing for war with his rival, Maxentius, about the middle hours of the day, as the sun began to verge toward its setting, he saw in the heavens, with his own eyes, the sun surmounted with the trophy of the cross, which was composed of light, and a legend annexed, which said “*by this conquer*.” This account Eusebius affirms to be in the words of Constantine. Lactantius, who places the occurrence at a later date and on the eve of a battle with Maxentius, in which the latter was defeated, relates it not as an actual occurrence, but as a dream or vision; and this is now the generally received opinion of those who do not deem the whole legend a fabrication. On the next day Constantine had an image of this cross made into a banner, called the *labarum*, which he ever afterward used as the imperial standard. Eusebius describes it very fully. It was not a Passion Cross, such as is now used on the modern Templar standard, but the monogram of Christ. The shaft was a very long spear. On the top was a crown composed of gold and precious stones, and containing the sacred symbol, namely, the Greek letter *rho* or *P*, intersected by the *chi* or *X*, which two letters are the first and second of the name ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ, or Christ. If, then, the Templars retain the motto on their banner, they should, for the sake of historical accuracy, discard the Passion Cross, and replace it with the Constantinian Chronogram, or Cross of the Labarum. But the truth is, that the ancient Templars used neither the Passion Cross, nor that of Constantine, nor yet the motto *in hoc signo vinces* on their standard. Their only banner was the black and white Beauseant, and at the bottom of it was inscribed their motto, also in Latin, *Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam*, meaning *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thee give the glory*. This was the song or shout of victory sung by the Templars when triumphant in battle.

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


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June

2 Mon 7:30p Cunningham RAM *Installation*
4 Wed 1:30p Ann Rutledge OES *Annual Meeting*
4 Wed 7:30p Lakewood R&SM *Installation*
5 Thur 7:30p Holy Grail KT *Installation*
5 Thur 7:30p Cleveland Beauceant

9 Mon 7:30p Lakewood F&AM
11 Wed 7:00p LMTC Board of Trustees
12 Thur 7:30p Clifton-Allen F&AM
18 Wed 1:30p Ann Rutledge OES
23 Mon 7:30p Lakewood F&AM
26 Thur 6:30p Clifton-Allen F&AM *Table Lodge*

July

23 Wed 7:00p LMF Board of Trustees

August

2 Sat 10:00a LMT Open House during
Lakewood Arts Festival—
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Fund Raisers • Weddings • Receptions • Parties • Banquets • Dances • Performances
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