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Lakewood Masonic Foundation Celebrates 10 Years



It seems like just yesterday! [Editor's note to husbands: This is also the correct answer to the question, "How long have you been married?"]

How fast the sands in the hourglass appear to flow! It does seem like just yesterday that we created our Lakewood Masonic Foundation. We incorporated with the Secretary of State of Ohio. We applied to the Internal Revenue Service for our identification number and our recognition as an exempt organization, and to the United States Postal Service for our non-profit mailing permit.

This newsletter issue, Volume 10, Number 4, is the 40th issue of our *Foundation Light* and wraps up our tenth year of publication. For the past decade we have brought our readers news of our Foundation and our stated purposes—Historical Preservation, Charity, and Education. We have provided periodic updates on the status of our historic and

beloved home—our Lakewood Masonic Temple and the many necessary historic preservation projects completed, projects in process, and essential projects yet to be undertaken. We have written about the early days of our Lakewood Masonic Family and the establishment of our earliest Lakewood-based Masonic organizations. We have celebrated the founding of our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company and the construction of the impressive edifice that has been our fraternal home which we have shared with other members of our Masonic, Lakewood and West Shore communities—for nearly a century. Via our newsletters and web site, we have communicated the status, challenges, and progress of our Lakewood Masonic Family to members wheresoever dispersed and to the public at-large.

And, yes, we have asked you, our readers, for money. And many of you have responded favorably. Through the generosity of our donors we have been able to grant funds for critical historic preservation projects such as new rain gutters, new chimney flashing, historically accurate replacement windows, masonry tuck pointing, interior plaster and decorative painting restoration, sun-filtering protective window shades, exterior door replacement, and heating system refurbishment; for education in the form of scholarships; and for charity such as Hurricane Katrina relief.

Will you make a special anniversary gift yet this year to help us continue our essential work of historic preservation, education and/or charity? You may use the form on page 11.

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Appreciated Assets As One-Time Gifts

With stock markets surpassing 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 semi-annual 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 fast approaching, 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

Brethren:

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master for the 2014 year.

I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Tom Tindira for all his help throughout my time in Masonry, as he was one of the brothers who came to my house for my investigation; and to Worshipful Brother Bob Wykoff for encouraging me to complete my petition.

I plan on it being a busy but fun year. A few of my goals are: to increase member participation at Lodge meetings, bring back a little entertainment before or after meetings, create and encourage committees for membership involvement, and for ways to encourage payment of dues and get these folks back to Lodge.

When I was growing up my stepfather was a Mason in Concordia Lodge, but back then it was taboo for a Mason to literally ask anyone, even a family member, to join; so I feel we lost a whole generation of potential Masons. So another one of my goals is to strongly encourage all of us to speak openly and honestly about our Masonic experiences to our family and friends. As our Most Worshipful Grand Master Norman J. Mick's theme for the year is "Freemasonry . . . A Timeless Treasure,", let's not lose that treasure by missing an opportunity to encourage a new worthy potential brother.

Our Inspection this year is scheduled for March 13, starting early at 7:00p, in the Master Mason Degree, which I am sure will be challenging; but with a lot of practice and help, I am certain it will be a great experience.

In closing I would encourage all of our newer and inactive members to please get as involved as possible with all activities within the Lodge and within Masonry.

Looking forward to seeing all in Lodge.

22nd Masonic District Installation Schedule

| Dec 3 | Tue | Theodore Breck #714 | 7:30p | Tyled | Stands |
|--------|-----|-------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Dec 4 | Wed | LaGrange #399 | 7:30p | Open | Morgan |
| Dec 5 | Thu | Rocky River #703 | 7:30p | Open | Morgan |
| Dec 5 | Thu | University Heights #738 | 7:30p | Open | Stands |
| Dec 7 | Sat | Blue Steel #791 | 11:00a | Open | Stands |
| Dec 7 | Sat | Black River #786 | 3:00p | Open | Stands |
| Dec 7 | Sat | Collinwood #582 | 3:00p | Open | Stands |
| Dec 7 | Sat | Quarry #382 | 5:00p | Open | Morgan |
| Dec 7 | Sat | Solon #757 | 7:00p | Open | Mankowski |
| Dec 8 | Sun | North Star #638 | 3:00p | Open | Stands |
| Dec 8 | Sun | Stonington #503 | 7:00p | Open | Stands |
| Dec 12 | Thu | Euclid #599 | 7:30p | Open | Mankowski |
| Dec 13 | Fri | Mid-Century #725 | 6:00p | Open | Morgan |
| Dec 13 | Fri | Acacia #651 | 7:30p | Tyled | Mankowski |
| Dec 13 | Fri | Heights-Lion Heart #633 | 7:30p | Open | Mankowski |

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Advancement Hurried

Nothing can be more certain than that the proper qualifications of a candidate for admission into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and the necessary proficiency of a Mason who seeks advancement to a higher degree, are the two great bulwarks which are to protect the purity and integrity of our Institution. Indeed, I know not which is the most hurtful—to admit an applicant who is unworthy, or to promote a candidate who is ignorant of his first lesson. The one affects the external, the other the internal character of the Institution. The one brings discredit upon the Order among the profane, who already regard us, too often, with suspicion and dislike; the other introduces ignorance and incapacity into our ranks, and dishonors the science of Masonry in our own eyes. The one covers our walls with imperfect and worthless stones, which mar the outward beauty and impair the strength of our temple; the other fills our interior apartments with confusion and disorder, and leaves the edifice, though externally strong, both inefficient and inappropriate for its destined uses.

But, to the candidate himself, a too hurried advancement is often attended with the most disastrous effects. As in geometry, so in Masonry, there is no "royal road" to perfection. A knowledge of its principles and its science, and consequently an acquaintance with its beauties, can only be acquired by long and diligent study. To the careless observer it seldom offers, at a hasty glance, much to attract his attention or secure his interest. The gold must be deprived, by careful manipulation, of the dark and worthless ore which surrounds and envelopes it, before its metallic lustre and value can be seen and appreciated.

Hence, the candidate, who hurriedly passes through his degrees without a due examination of the moral and intellectual purposes of each, arrives at the summit of our edifice without a due and necessary appreciation of the general symmetry and connection that pervade the whole system. The candidate, thus hurried through the elements of our science, and unprepared, by a knowledge of its fundamental principles, for the reception and comprehension of the corollaries which are to be deduced from them, is apt to view the whole system as "a rude and undigested mass" of frivolous ceremonies and puerile conceits, whose intrinsic value will not

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22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

| Jan 20 | Mon | Harding-Concordia #345 | 7:00p | MM | Mankowski |
|--|-----|------------------------|--------|----|-----------|
| Feb 11 | Tue | Meridian #610 | 10:30a | FC | Morgan |
| Feb 12 | Wed | Lyndhurst #508 | 7:30p | EA | Morgan |
| Feb 13 | Thu | Black River #786 | 7:00p | MM | Stands |
| Feb 18 | Tue | Theodore Breck #714 | 7:30p | FC | Stands |
| Feb 19 | Wed | Quarry #382 | 7:00p | MM | Morgan |
| Feb 26 | Wed | John W. Barkley #621 | 7:30p | EA | Morgan |
| Feb 27 | Thu | Euclid #599 | 7:30p | EA | Mankowski |
| For the latest information visit www.ohiodistrict22.org. | | | | | |



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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:

We had our 93rd annual Installation of officers on October 19; and Ken Killinger and I, Wanda King, are honored to be your Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron for the next year. Our Theme this year is, "Prayer, With prayer, all things are possible," with our Motto being, "Prayer does not change the purpose of God, but prayer does change the action of God."



We recently enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal together, and we had a wonderful time of fellowship. The Zechariah House sent two wonderful ladies to speak to us about their program, which is one of our charities this year. It was very heartwarming and informative. On December 18 we will be holding our annual Christmas party. Please join us for this festive occasion during this wonderful Season of Giving. Our first meeting in January is cancelled, being that it is New Year's Day, so, HAPPY NEW YEAR! On January 15 we will be having our Obligation Meeting. Another one of our charities this year is Paralyzed/Amputee Veterans, and on February 19 we will have a special guest speaker from the VA Medical Center presenting the way benefits from donations help our servicemen and women. Ken and I would like to thank all of our officers for accepting their positions, and we look forward with eager anticipation to a exciting and event filled year! This year we are honoring "Grand Representatives."

Auxiliaries

Around the Town Dinner Club—4th Friday, 6:00p. Dates & locations TBA. Busy Bee—3rd Friday, Noon, at the Temple, bring sack lunch & craft project.

In Your Light, We See the Light of God

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



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Elaine Hammond, PM



Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M.

Stated Convocation Third Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.cunningham187ram.org

High Priest's Message

Companions:

I hope all Companions will be enjoying this year's holiday season. Our December 18 convocation will be our annual Awards Night. That evening we will pay special tribute to Excellent Companion Cecil Hamilton, who retired last June after serving many, many years as our Secretary.

The calendar for the rest of our year is shown below. Our Inspection this year will be on March 19 in the Most Excellent Master Degree. We will need many Companions to come forward to take parts in the large cast in this degree. Please contact me if you can help us.

If you are a Master Mason and interested in joining our Chapter, contact any one of our officers. We have several candidates already in progress through the Capitular degrees and would be happy to welcome more.

December 18, 2013—Awards Night—Appreciation of Cecil Hamilton January 15, 2014—New Year Welcome Sharing Gifts February 19, 2014—Leisure Accompanied by Sean Benjamin March 19, 2014—Inspection—Most Excellent Master Degree April 16, 2014—OPEN May 21, 2014—Election of Officers June 2, 2014—Installation of Officers

16th Capitular District Inspection Schedule

| Jan 29 | Wed | DeMolay Mark Master #2 | 7:30p | MkM | Kubach |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|-----|----------------|
| Feb 10 | Mon | Summit-Baker #74 | 7:30p | MkM | Berteau |
| Feb 24 | Mon | Berea #134 | 7:30p | MkM | Kubach |
| Mar 19 | Wed | Cunningham #187 | 7:30p | MEM | Berteau |
| Mar 27 | Thu | Covenant-Thatcher #222 | 7:30p | MEM | Kubach |
| Apr 4 | Fri | Mt. Olive #189 | 7:30p | RA | Berteau |
| Apr 9 | Wed | Chagrin Falls #152 | 7:30p | MkM | Berteau |
| Apr 28 | Mon | Corwin-Webb #205 | 7:30p | RA | Kubach |
| For the la | atest ini | formation visit www.ram16.org | 1. | | |

Ancient Craft Masonry

This is the name given to the three symbolic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The degree of Royal Arch is not generally included under this appellation; although, when considered (as it really is) a complement of the third degree, it must of course constitute a part of Ancient Craft Masonry. In the articles of union between the two Grand Lodges of England, adopted in 1813, it is declared that "pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more; viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

—From Mackey's Masonry Defined, 1930.



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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 want to thank all of you for the help you have given me at the onset of this Council year. Without you we would have no Lakewood Council. I would like to encourage all of you to help me in stepping up our efforts to reach all our members in this new age of electronic communications. We are truly blessed to live in a time where you can freely communicate on so many different levels. If you have a database of Companions and you receive a communication or message from one or more members that can be shared with all, please pass this on; it will let them know that we are not just meeting once a month at the Temple but that we are "Companions" all year long. If my message this quarter is to have any meaning, my hope is all of you will carry our Masonic teachings with you at all times and for us to do the right things in our lives even when no one is looking.

I encourage you to mark your calendar now for each of our meetings, making special note of two oddities that will occur early in 2014. This January our normal first Wednesday is the New Year's Day holiday, so we will meet instead on TUESDAY, January 7. In April 2014, we will move our normal first Wednesday meeting to the first THURSDAY, April 3, AT ELYRIA TEMPLE, in conjunction with our joint S.E.M. Degree conferral.

Also, please mark your calendar on February 5 for our Inspection in the Select Master Degree.

I would like to congratulate the new Lodge Masters and Officers who were installed this past month and wish them much success in the coming year.

In closing I would hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it be your best year ever.

7th Arch Inspection & SEM Schedule

| Jan 16 | Thu | Elyria #86 | 7:30p | SM | |
|--------|-----|------------------|-------|-----|---------------|
| Jan 20 | Mon | Cleveland #36 | 7:30p | RM | |
| Jan 25 | Sat | Penn-Ohio Day | 2:00p | | at Beaver, PA |
| Jan 28 | Tue | Windermere #113 | 7:30a | RM | |
| Feb 5 | Wed | Lakewood #125 | 7:30p | SM | |
| Feb 8 | Sat | Beuchner #107 | 9:00a | RM | at Warren |
| Feb 8 | Sat | Niles #130 | 9:00a | SM | at Warren |
| Feb 8 | Sat | Warren #58 | 9:00a | SEM | |
| Feb 17 | Mon | Painesville #104 | 7:30p | SM | |
| Mar 8 | Sat | Woodward #118 | 7:30p | SM | |
| Mar 15 | Sat | Niles #130 | 7:30p | SM | |
| Mar 22 | Sat | Painesville #104 | 9:00a | SEM | |
| Mar 25 | Tue | Geneva #145 | 7:30p | RM | at Conneaut |
| Mar 25 | Tue | Conneaut #40 | 7:30p | SM | |
| Apr 3 | Thu | Lakewood #125 | 7:00p | SEM | at Elyria |
| Apr 3 | Thu | Elyria #86 | 7:00p | SEM | - |
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Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

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

Commander's Message

Greetings, Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery. I hope that will have a good holiday season. This year has already been a busy and productive one. We have several candidates who have received the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta and are now waiting to receive the Order of the Temple in the new year. Beyond those we have new petitioners. This is great for the future of our Commandery, but we need all of our present members to help confer the Orders and help our new members in their Commandery education.

On December 11 we have our Christmas observance and a program by Sir Knight Robert Niebaum on his trip to Roslyn Chapel in Scotland. Ladies, family and friends are welcome to join us for the open portions of this evening. As always, please plan on attending our meetings. Your presence would be greatly appreciated, we would be very glad to see you, and our newest members would be pleased to meet you.

7th Division Inspection Schedule

| Jan 25 | Sat | Forest City #40 | Pugh |
|--------|-----|-------------------|----------|
| Feb 1 | Sat | Oriental #12 | Beard |
| Feb 15 | Sat | Holyrood #32 | Davis |
| Mar 1 | Sat | Coeur de Lion #64 | Trent |
| Mar 15 | Sat | Holy Grail #70 | Beard |
| Mar 22 | Sat | Allenby #73 | Pugh |
| Mar 29 | Sat | Elyria #60 | Holcombe |

All Inspections Open 2:00p

Full Form Opening 4:30p

Dinner 5:30p or 6:00p

For the latest information visit www.ohioknightstemplar.com

Golden Fleece

In the lecture of the first degree, it is said of the Mason's apron, that it is "more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter." The reference is here evidently not to the Argonautic expedition in search of the golden fleece, nor to the deluge, of which that event is supposed to have been a figure, as Dr. Oliver incorrectly supposes, but to certain decorations or honor with which the apron is compared. The eagle was to the Romans the ensign of imperial power; the Order of the Golden Fleece was of high repute as an Order of Knighthood. It was established in Flanders, in 1429, by the Duke of Burgundy, who selected the fleece for its badge because wool was the staple production of the country. It has ever been considered, says Clark, one of the most illustrious Orders in Europe. The Order of the Garter was, and is still considered, the highest decoration that can be bestowed upon a subject by a sovereign of Great Britain. Thus, the apron is proudly compared with the noblest decorations of ancient Rome and of modern Europe. . . .

-From Mackey's Masonry Defined, 1930.



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

Recorder's Message

The members of Cleveland Assembly No. 15 Social Order of the Beauceant have had a busy and fruitful autumn. Several members attended Supreme Assembly in September. A huge thank you is in order to all of our sisters who helped with the organization and production of decorations for the Past Presidents' Breakfast at Supreme. We had many compliments on the decorations and the program. Part of the theme was patriotism, and the Assembly had a display in the hallway with a tree with ornaments recognizing the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. Many people took an ornament and reminisced about their or their relatives' participation in military service.

On October 22 the Supreme Worthy President Mrs. (T. Michael) Debhra Fegan made her Official Visit to our Assembly. It was a wonderful evening with a dinner prior to the meeting, the meeting, and dessert after the meeting. The evening was even more special with the presence of visiting sisters from other Assemblies.

Installation of Officers will be January 8, 2014, at 7:30p.

Lunch Bunch met on November 22 at 12 noon at Molly's Tea House in Medina. Following the meeting, members visited Ruth's Candle Shop. The time and place of our annual Christmas Party are to be announced.

Women eligible for membership are wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Knights Templar of the United States of America or mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of a member who are, or were at the time of decease, in good standing in a Commandery or an Assembly. A petitioner must be at least 18 years old at the time of petitioning. For further information, contact our Recorder.

The primary charity of the Social Order of the Beauceant is The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which supports research concerning conditions that affect the eye. Research is a very important aspect of medicine, as research protocols lead to effective clinical treatment of conditions that cannot be adequately treated at the present time.

Patience

In the ritual of the third degree, according to the American Rite, it is said that "time, patience and perseverance will enable us to accomplish all things, and perhaps at last to find the true Master's Word." The idea is similar to one expressed by the Hermetic philosophers. Thus Pernetty tells us that the alchemists said: "the work of the philosopher's stone is a work of patience, on account of the length of time and of labor that is required to conduct it to perfection; and Geber says that many adepts have abandoned it in weariness, and others, wishing to precipitate, it, have never succeeded." With the alchemists, in their esoteric teaching, the philosopher's stone had the same symbolism as the Word has in Freemasonry.

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Lakewood Chapter Order of DeMolay

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Lakewood DeMolay meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, and all Masons are encouraged to visit at any meeting. Membership is open to young men aged 12 to 21. No Masonic affiliation is required for membership other than to be sponsored by a Mason. If you know of a young man who would be a good DeMolay and who would enjoy the great experience that is DeMolay, please contact Chapter Advisor Dad Craig Haskett at 440.892.1738 or byhomeloans@yahoo.com. Many of our older members left for college or the military this past year, so our need for new and younger members is particularly great. We especially invite Masons to recommend young men for membership and to attend our meetings. Our young men are always encouraged by your presence.

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adequately pay him for the time, the trouble, and expense that he has incurred in his forced initiation. To him, Masonry is as incomprehensible as was the veiled statute of Isis to its blind worshippers, and he becomes, in consequence, either a useless drone in our hive, or speedily retires in disgust from all participation in our labors.

But the candidate who by slow and painful steps has proceeded through each apartment of our mystic temple, from its porch to its sanctuary, pausing in his progress to admire the beauties and to study the uses of each, learning, as he advances, "line upon line, and precept upon precept," is gradually and almost imperceptibly imbued with so much admiration of the institution, so much love for its principles, so much just appreciation of its design as a conservator of divine truth, and an agent of human civilization, that he is inclined, on beholding, at last, the whole beauty of the finished

building, to exclaim, as did the wondering Queen of Sheeba: "A Most Excellent Master must have done all this!"

The usage of many jurisdictions of this country, when the question is asked in the ritual whether the candidate has made suitable proficiency in his preceding degree, is to reply, "Such as time and circumstances would permit." I have no doubt that this was an innovation originally invented to evade the law, which has always required a due proficiency. To such a question no other answer ought to be given than the positive and unequivocal one that "he has." Neither "time nor circumstances" should be permitted to interfere with his attainment of the necessary knowledge, nor excuse its absence. This, with the wholesome rule, very generally existing, which requires an interval between the conferring of the degrees, would go far to remedy the evil of too hurried and unqualified advancement, of which all intelligent Masons are now complaining. . . .

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