

# The Foundation Light

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## Partnering for the Lakewood Community

Several decades ago, in 1988, the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation was founded as a 501(c)(3) charity to solicit donations to expand on a Lakewood Jaycees program to address food insecurities in the Lakewood community. The LCAC ([www.lcac.info](http://www.lcac.info)) has since become known to many as the "Food Drive People."

The early pre-Thanksgiving and pre-Christmas food drive events involving volunteers sorting, bagging and delivering donated goods were conducted at the Lakewood YMCA. But as the events grew in size, the YMCA building's configuration and impending expansion made that facility less suitable, so our Lakewood Masonic Temple began hosting the food drives beginning in 1996.



Our 3500 square foot Banquet Room, accessible at grade on our ground level and full of tables, is the perfect venue for sorting food items into categories on respective tables and accommodating the snaking line of volunteers moving from table to table with bags. At each table other volunteers, often young children supervised by parents, place a des-

ignated number of items in each bag as it passes by.

Nonperishable items such as canned and boxed



foods are bagged on Friday nights and positioned for loading into delivery vehicles the next morning. On Saturday morning, the bagging process repeats itself with perishable

items such as turkeys, potatoes and breads.

Finally, on Saturday morning, the line of volunteers' vehicles snakes through our parking lot adjacent to our building; and the bags of nonperishable and perishable foods are loaded for delivery to deserving families and seniors.

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### 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?

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. See the form on page 11.

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

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

## Master's Message

I humbly thank you for honoring me with the opportunity to serve Clifton-Gaston Allen Lodge as Worshipful Master for the 2024-25 Masonic Year. We had an excellent and encouraging year of growth under Worshipful Brother Robert D. Bruce-Bey, initiating several enthusiastic new Brothers.

The theme of our Grand Master, MWB William M. Carter III, is *Be Legendary*. Our Lodge has a long legacy of legendary Brethren that have brought us thus far, from our namesake Gaston G. Allen to Brethren still serving today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two such legends who have been pillars of our Lodge for many years and whom I will be blessed to have at my left and right during my time in the East. I speak of course of our Secretary, RWB John H. Whitehouse, Jr. and our Treasurer, RWB Robert W. Niebaum. Sincerely, Brethren, I thank the Great Architect for you both.

May we all be granted the opportunity to serve our gentle Craft with some small measure of their dedication.

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!

## Near-Term Dates for Our 2024-25 Year

Thur	Dec 12	7:30p	Stated Meeting
Thur	Dec 26		NO MEETING – Merry Christmas!
Thur	Jan 9	7:30p	Stated Meeting
MON	Jan 20	7:00p	Special Meeting – 22nd District Typewritten Ritual (Dinner 6:00p)
Thur	Jan 23	7:30p	Special Meeting
Thur	Feb 13	7:30p	Stated Meeting
Thur	Feb 27	7:30p	Special Meeting – Fellowcraft Degree – Inspection
Thur	Mar 13	7:30p	Stated Meeting
Thur	Mar 27	7:30p	Stated Meeting

I especially call your attention to our special meeting on MONDAY, January 20, when we will host our 22nd Masonic District for an evening with the Typewritten Ritual – an opportunity to discover the correct words corresponding to those pesky ciphers! We will be hosting a dinner at 6:00p prior to the meeting.

You are also encouraged to visit other Lodges in our 22nd District. You can find the latest calendars for 22nd District Installations and Inspections at [www.tremendous22nd.org](http://www.tremendous22nd.org). Pick up a Brother and take him along!



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**Be Legendary**



# Lakewood Lodge #601 F. & A. M.

Stated Meetings Second & Fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m. • [www.lakewoodfreemasons.com](http://www.lakewoodfreemasons.com)

## Cathedrals, American

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City was built according to the designs and methods used by Operative Freemasons of the Middle Ages as nearly as modern knowledge, skill, and circumstances made it possible. Except that its founder, Bishop Henry C. Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was an active Freemason, this first American Cathedral, properly and strictly so called (architecturally), has received little attention from the American Fraternity, though each year an increasing number of Masons visit it to see with their own eyes what kind of work had been done by the founders of their own Craft. The second genuinely Gothic cathedral to be erected on the Continent, the National Cathedral at Washington, has been in a different case, for so many Grand Bodies have taken a share in building it that they must in the future ever feel a small sense of proprietorship in it. A charter to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation was granted by Congress in 1893. A cathedral close of 65 acres was purchased on Mount Saint Alban, 400 feet above the general level of Washington, D.C. Its central tower will stand higher in the sky than the Washington Monument; it and the Washington Masonic Memorial (Freemasonry's own national cathedral) will be in full view of each other. Washington had expressed a hope for "a church for national purposes"; L'Enfant had embodied it in his city plan; the National Cathedral is a realization of their dreams. The bodies of Admiral Dewey, President Wilson, and Bishop Saterlee already are entombed in it; in the course of time it may become another Westminster Abbey. There will be in it a Masonic Section, as planned for by Bro. and Bishop James E. Freeman; hundreds of Masons or Masonic Bodies have paid for stones to be used in it. A Masonic Committee of the National Cathedral Association was formed, led by Bro. John H. Cowles, head of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction; the Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, Honorary Chairman.

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



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# Be Legendary



# 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:

The Installation on November 9 initiated the one hundred fourth year of Ann Rutledge Chapter. The theme this year is "Tend the Garden of Life with a Caring Heart", and the motto is "A Garden Grows with Love and Care". This theme goes well with the theme of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, "Bloom Where God Plants You", although the Grand Chapter's theme was not known when ours was chosen. Can this be more than a coincidence?

We will be doing many things this year. Our Charities are first on our mind. There will be a wine jug in the dining area to collect pull tabs from aluminum cans. Also, outside the Lodge room, Teddi the stuffed dog will be begging for donations to two charities. One jar will be labeled, "OES Service Dog Project, and will be collecting dimes, and "D" dollars. The other will be labeled, "Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and will be collecting "E", "F", and "K" dollar bills.

Another focus will be on the star points, as we honor all those who have served as Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa throughout the years.

We also plan to attend plays as a group at the Cassidy Theater. The sign-in sheet will be in the dining area when appropriate. Another social gathering opportunity, Lunch Bunch, will begin in January. Again, sign-up sheets will be in the dining room.

Dates to Remember:

- December 4 Stated Meeting.
- December 18 Stated Meeting. Honor the station of Ruth, and celebrate Christmas.
- January 1 No Meeting. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- January 15 Stated Meeting.
- February 5 Stated Meeting. Celebrate Valentine's Day.
- February 19 Stated Meeting. Observe President's Day. Initiation.

## Auxiliary

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

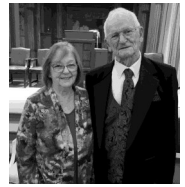
### THEME

*Tend the Garden of Life with a Caring Heart*

### MOTTO

*A Garden Grows with Love and Care*

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# Bloom Where God Plants You



# 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:

Below you will find the upcoming schedule for the months of December, January and February together with some key District events. Cunningham Chapter Stated Convocations are every third Wednesday at 7:30p (except June on the first Monday). Our Inspection was held on November 20, and we conferred the Degree of Mark Master upon two candidates who petitioned this year.

## Coming Events

- Dec 14 2025-2026 GHP Fund Raising Brunch for REC Robert Nilsen at Summit Masonic Temple in Twinsburg; 10:00a to Noon
- Dec 18 Stated Convocation. Past Master Degree.
- Jan 15 Stated Convocation. DEO Night. 16th District Meeting. Most Excellent Master Degree Practice
- Feb 19 Stated Convocation. Most Excellent Master Degree
- Feb 22 16th District Royal Arch Ball / GHP Reception at the Holiday Inn Independence
- Mar 19 Stated Convocation. Royal Arch Degree Practice.
- Apr 16 Stated Convocation. Holy Week
- May 21 Stated Convocation. Royal Arch Degree. Election of Officers
- Jun 2 Stated Convocation. Annual Convocation. Installation of Officers.

Please be on the lookout for any communications for new events that may be upcoming from our Chapter and District. I encourage those that have not attended our Chapter in a while to please attend, as it would be nice to see and interact with Companions that have not attended in a while.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

## Nebuchadnezzar

About 630 years before Christ, the Empire and City of Babylon were conquered by Nebuchadnezzar, the King of the Chaldeans, a nomadic race, who, descending from their homes in the Caucasian Mountains, had overwhelmed the countries of Southern Asia. Nebuchadnezzar was engaged during his whole reign in wars of conquest. Among other nations which fell beneath his victorious arms was Judea, whose King, Jehoiakim, was slain by Nebuchadnezzar, and his kingdom given to his uncle, Zedekiah, a monarch distinguished for his vices. Having repeatedly rebelled against the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar repaired to Jerusalem, and, after a siege of eighteen months, reduced it. The city was leveled with the ground, the Temple pillaged and burned, and the inhabitants carried captive to Babylon. These events are commemorated in the first section of the English and American Royal Arch system.

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



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**Be a Beacon**



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

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

## Master's Message

Companions:

We got an early start to our degree rotation this year with our Inspection in the Royal Master Degree at our November 6 Stated Assembly. We will practice the Select Master Degree at our December 4 Stated Assembly but won't confer it until February 5, since our January 1 Stated Assembly will be cancelled as that is New Year's Day. (Companions are encouraged to attend Golden Gate Lodge #245 on New Year's morning for its annual New Year's Entered Apprentice Degree!)

Just after our March 5 Stated Assembly, on Saturday, March 8, we will join with other Councils in our Seventh Arch for our annual joint conferral of the Super Excellent Master Degree. While this Degree is only required for Council officers, it is an interesting and engaging Degree and is recommended for all Companions. If you haven't taken the opportunity to witness this Degree in the past, please join us on March 8 at Painesville.

We have another opportunity to raise funds for our Seventh Arch and Diabetic Kids Fund by volunteering as ushers for The Nutcracker on Saturday, December 7. Please reply if you can help.

Here's a look at the remaining schedule for Assemblies for the year:

- Dec 4      Select Master Practice
- Jan 1      NO ASSEMBLY – Happy New Year!
- Feb 5      Select Master Degree
- March 5    Super Excellent Master Degree Preparation
- March 8    Seventh Arch Super Excellent Master Degree at Painesville
- April 2     Education
- May 7      Election of Officers
- June 4     Annual Assembly & Installation of Officers

Companions, since we only have two mandatory Degrees in Council, we still have time to schedule work for any new petitioners you can bring to Lakewood Council. Encourage your Royal Arch Companions to "fill in the blanks" by taking their Degrees in Cryptic Masonry. Bring their petitions to any Stated Assembly.

## Nebuzaradan

A Captain, or, as we would now call him, a general of Nebuchadnezzar, who commanded the Chaldean army at the siege of Jerusalem, and who executed the orders of his sovereign by the destruction of the city and Temple, and by carrying the inhabitants, except a few husbandmen, as captives to Babylon.

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



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# 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:

At the time of this writing we are well into our year, and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. We returned in September and conferred the Order of the Red Cross in October. Our Sir Knights did good job conferring the Full Form Red Cross on several candidates. We will confer the Order of Malta at our Stated Conclave in December, preceded by a Short Form Red Cross on a couple of candidates who missed it in October. Also in December on the 7th will be the CTA meeting and Stop-Action Order of the Temple and Full Form Opening. The Division's annual Christmas Observance will be on the 15th at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina.

We will begin working on the Order of the Temple in January, with Sunday practices beginning in February. We have received three petitions this year, so the plan is to confer one Order at our March 6 Stated Conclave, the second on Saturday, March 15 (Inspection) and the final one at our April Stated Conclave. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

I had the honor of representing Holy Grail Commandery at Grand Commandery in Columbus in October this year. There were no major changes to announce. Next year we will return to Columbus, so make your plans accordingly.

## North Central Division 2025 Inspection Schedule

		OOT	FFO	Banq
Jan 4	Mansfield #21 (at Galion)	1:30p	4:00p	Noon
Jan 18	Medina #84 (at Wadsworth)	2:15p	1:00p	5:00p
Jan 25	Forest City #40	1:30p	4:30p	6:00p
Feb 1	Oriental #12	1:30p	4:30p	6:00p
Feb 15	Canton #38	2:15p	1:00p	4:30p
March 1	Massillon #4	1:30p	4:00p	Noon
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Holy Grail #70</b>	<b>1:30p</b>	<b>4:30p</b>	<b>6:00p</b>
March 29	Wooster #48	1:30p	4:30p	6:00p
Apr 5	Coeur de Leon #64	1:30p	4:30p	6:00p
April 26	Clinton #5 (at Mount Vernon)	1:30p	4:00p	Noon

As a reminder, dues for our 2024-25 year were due on May 31, 2024. To those who have paid, thank you. To those who have yet to pay or are unsure please contact our Recorder as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind that our companion organization, the Social Order of the Beauceant, especially needs new members from amongst the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Knights Templar or Beauceant members; at least 18 years of age at the time of petition.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Sir Knights and their families.



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# Christ Gives Us Direction



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

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## President's Message

My Dear Sisters:

Where has the year gone? Thanksgiving is just past, and Christmas and New Year's are not far behind.

My apologies for not being able to attend Supreme, but my daughter Jane went as my representative and did a wonderful job. Several of our members that attended came home with COVID. They are all well now, and we are most grateful for that. We had our annual Inspection combined with Columbus and received good reviews. It is always a little stressful since we are not able to practice together very much and frequently are not even doing our normal parts; but, as always, with the love and patience all worked out nicely.

We held our annual elections, and I was given the honor of being elected as your Worthy President again for the upcoming year. Thank you for this honor. Debbie Wykoff was elected 1st Vice President, Elinor Bayse will continue to be our Recorder and Janice Freitag will continue to be Treasurer. With this in mind please find below the upcoming schedule:

December 5	6:00p	Dinner - Turkey with all the trimmings
	7:30p	Stated Meeting & Memorial Service
January 2	6:00p	Dinner
	7:30p	Stated Meeting & Installation
February 6	6:00p	Dinner
	7:30p	Stated Meeting
March 6	6:00p	Dinner
	7:30p	Stated Meeting

Just a reminder, Lunch Bunch dates will be announced at our meetings.

I want to thank all of my Sisters for their love and support during my year as your Worthy President. I want to wish all of you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

## Nazareth

A City of Galilee, in which Jesus spent his childhood and much of his life, and whence he is often called, in the New Testament, the Nazarene, or Jesus of Nazareth. *Jesus Nazarenus* was a portion of the inscription on the cross (see *I. N. R. I.*). In the Rose Croix, Nazareth is a significant word, and Jesus is designated as "our Master of Nazareth," to indicate the origin and nature of the new dogmas on which the Order of the Rosy Cross was instituted.

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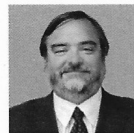
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