

# The Foundation Light

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# **Leaky Windows Come Into Focus**

Our Lakewood Masonic Foundation's campaign for window repair and restoration switches into high gear this year as our partner, The Lakewood Masonic Temple Company, continues its focus on keeping water outside the building and heat inside the building. The first priority is the set of steel-framed pivot windows that wrap the building at the Lodge Room balcony level. While there are fourteen windows that open into the Lodge Room balcony, there are many more of the same style window that continue around the entire building. They are variously located in such spaces as backstage in the Lodge Room, at the top of the front and rear stairwells and in offices and hallways.

According to the National Park Service's Technical Preservation Division, "uncontrolled moisture is the most prevalent cause of deterioration in older and historic buildings." These windows are a prime example of this jeopardy. Water infiltration around these windows is causing serious damage to interior plaster and painted decorations and

must be corrected as quickly as possible. The deteriorated windows also contribute to heat loss, a problem that has been especially costly this winter in light of record high natural gas prices.

The Lakewood Masonic Temple Company has applied to our Foundation for a grant to help finance these urgently needed window repairs. Ann Rutledge Chapter OES has agreed to consider funding a portion of the work. Our Foundation has agreed to help raise additional funds toward the completion of this crucial historical preservation project.

Your gift will help keep water outside where it belongs and heat inside where it belongs, so that our historic home can be preserved for future generations of the Lakewood Masonic Family. You can use the form on page 11. Gifts to The Lakewood Masonic Foundation are deductible for federal income tax and estate tax purposes to the extent permitted by law.

# New Gutters Are Installed and Draining

Thanks to the generosity of our Lakewood Masonic Foundation donors, two of our Masonic Family organizations and The Lakewood Masonic Temple Company's Endowment Fund donors, new copper gutters, replaced as original, now ring the top of our building. Unseen modern ice and water shield fabric installed beneath and behind the new gutters and beneath the bottom rows of roof tiles makes

our new gutters functionally better than the original. The total project cost of \$37,553 was funded by an historical preservation grant of \$10,000 from The Lakewood Masonic Foundation; gifts of \$10,000 and \$1,000, respectively, from Lakewood Lodge and Holy Grail Commandery; and \$16,553 from accumulated earnings of the LMT Endowment Fund. Thanks to all who supported this vital project.

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#### **Does Your Will Reflect Your Life?**

Untold thousands of generous Masonic and Eastern Star families regularly provide financial support to their favorite charitable groups by way of personal contributions above and beyond the dues they pay for their memberships in the Masonic Family of organizations. Charitable groups use these donated funds to finance special projects, endowment campaigns and their everyday work.

When a donor dies, his or her intentions to support a favorite charity or program may also die, unless that donor uses his or her will to make a bequest that enables the donor's support to carry on after death.

One way of ensuring that your love for the Lakewood Masonic Family is perpetuated is to make a charitable bequest to The Lakewood Masonic Foundation. There are many types of bequests, including giving money, naming our Foundation as beneficiary of an insurance policy or retirement account, or creating a trust. Whatever your choice, a bequest can reflect your support of our mission long after you are gone and help us to make our dreams for the future come true.

Our Foundation is now prepared to accept gifts of stocks, bonds or other securities. Please contact the Foundation for details that you or your broker will need to effect the transaction.

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# A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Storm Sewer . . .

Well, not so funny after all. After our new gutters were installed, we still saw certain wet areas opposite each other on outside and inside surfaces of our exterior walls. After a little detective work we concluded that some of our downspouts must be leaking. Unfortunately, the offending downspouts were encased in the exterior walls in 1916 and hadn't been seen since. To access the problem piping we had to carve three holes from the inside. (The fourth had previously been left exposed in a storage area.) Unfortunately, two of the holes had to be made through the decoratively painted plasterwork on the Lodge Room balcony. While the vertical downspouts were constructed from long-lived cast iron pipe, a 45 degree extension at the very top of each downspout, where it receives gutter water, was made from steel pipe which had perforated after 90 years of erosion and corrosion. (This Old House viewers will not be surprised by this adventure.) The pipes have been fixed, and wall restoration will follow.

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

Stated Meeting Second Thursday 7:30 p.m. • Special Meetings Third Friday & Fourth Thursday

### Master's Message

Greetings, Brethren! First of all I would like to say thank you to Ann Rutledge Chapter #453 OES for their very gracious and generous gift of banquet tables. They look great in the Temple.

Our annual Christmas Party with the children was a big success. WB Rick Ross was an outstanding Santa as always. All left stuffed with food, toys and good cheer.

Our Awards Night was a pleasure to attend. We had close to 50 people in attendance. We ate, went upstairs, came back down and ate some more. The friendship was awesome. Unfortunately not all our honorees could attend, but our thoughts were with them. They are F. Ross Ellis-75 years, Jack Farrance-60 years, Michael J. Friedrich-60 years, Richard E. Degarmo-50 years, Alvin F. Kintzel Jr.-50 years, Lee O. Mesenhimer-50 years, Conrad F. Paulus-50 years, Calvin E. Ratcliff-50 years, Richard C. Wurz-50 years, Robert M. Holmok-25 years, Richard R. Ross-25 years and Terry B. Ward-25 years. Brethren, how do we show our appreciation?

Coming up on March 17 is our Inspection in the EA Degree. We need your show of support for your Lodge. A quick brush-up of procedures will be given by our LEO for those in need. There will be good Irish fare after.

Friday, May 19, will be our Wives and Widows Appreciation Night, which will include another potluck meal (6:30p) and guest speakers. We look toward the older brethren of our Lodge to help us in contacting many of these lovely ladies. We can help with the transportation. Then at the end of May we are all going up to Windsor, Canada, for Dominion Lodge's annual Installation. This is one of the highlights of our year. All are welcome. Details will be finalized in Lodge.

Our annual Lodge picnic will be held at a new location this August. We will be in a pavilion, with a nearby fishing pond, horseshoe pits, a large open field and a children's play area. More details in the next newsletter.

Brethren, let us not forget our young members of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. On March 4 a Tri-Youth Day is being held at the Masonic Center at 3615 Euclid Avenue at 1:00p. A visit of Masons at all their meetings is very much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to recognize and bring to your attention three members of our Lodge who have distinguished themselves in their pursuit of Masonry. RWB John H. Whitehouse, Jr. just completed three years as DDGM and is now Eminent Commander of Holy Grail Commandery #70 KT and President of Western Reserve Chapter, Philalethes Society. WB Ted Hadde is President of Cleveland Chapter #23, National Sojourners; and WB Bob Trigg is District Deputy Grand High Priest, 16th Capitular District, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Your Lodge congratulates you.

Brethren, remember why you joined the Masons and then participate in the unlimited opportunities that Masonry offers. May God bless you, your wife, family, and friends.

[Special note—not all our Friday meeting dates will be used. Please check before heading out.]



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

Stated Meetings Second & Fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m. • Special Meeting Third Monday

## Senior Warden's Message

Greetings from the West! Brethren, we currently have two candidates for degrees. Last year we raised two new Master Masons, Brothers Ron Klimko and Matthew Biddlecomb, who are currently serving as Stewards and are eager to progress through the line. Lakewood Lodge is starting to recover slowly. Please contribute your support to speed this recovery.

Lakewood Lodge wishes to extend a gracious thank you to Ann Rutledge Chapter for the new tables and chairs donated to the Temple Company. Also they have agreed to support the cost and work with our Temple Company effecting repairs to our Lodge Room windows. Once again, thank you Ann Rutledge.

Please note that WB John R. White is residing at Normandy Nursing Home on Detroit Avenue, Room 809. John is looking forward to hearing from his brethren.

Lakewood Lodge has a new email address: lakewood601@netscape. com. Steve Toth welcomes your mail. Also I would like to extend my personal email address: n8jwn@sbcglobal.net.

March 6 Officers Meeting at Lodge

March 13 Stated Meeting

March 20 Special Meeting—Inspection—Fellowcraft Degree

March 27 Stated Meeting

### 22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mar 2	Thu	Rocky River #703	7:00p	EΑ	Cygan
Mar 4	Sat	Solon #757	1:00p	MM	Lynch
Mar 8	Wed	LaGrange #399	7:30p	EA	Cygan
Mar 13	Mon	Wellington #127	6:00p	MM	Rodeheaver
Mar 15	Wed	Forest City #388	7:30p	FC	Lynch
Mar 17	Fri	Clifton-Gaston Allen #664	7:00p	EA	Phelps
Mar 20	Mon	Lakewood #601	7:30	FC	Phelps
Mar 22	Wed	John W. Barkley #621	6:30p	MM	Phelps
Mar 22	Wed	Raymer-Covenant #683	7:30p	FC	Cole
Mar 23	Thu	Edwin S. Griffiths #749	7:30p	EA	Rodeheaver
Mar 25	Sat	Parma #721	7:30p	EA	Rodeheaver
Mar 28	Tue	Meridian #610	9:30a	MM	Cole
Mar 28	Tue	Mid-Century #725	5:00p	MM	Phelps
Mar 29	Wed	Lyndhurst #508	7:30p	EA	Rodeheaver
Mar 30	Thu	University Heights #738	7:30p	EA	Cole
Mar 31	Fri	Heights-Lion Heart #633	6:00p	MM	Rodeheaver
Apr 5	Wed	Golden Gate #245	7:30p	FC	Cole
Apr 5	Wed	Quarry #382	7:30p	EA	Phelps
Apr 6	Thu	Dover #489	7:30p	EA	Cygan
Apr 19	Wed	Cleveland #781	7:30p	EA	Cole
Apr 22	Sat	Stonington #503	7:30p	EA	Rodeheaver



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

Stated Meetings First & Third Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.

### Matron's Message

Winter is winding down. You may not agree, but it is, and Spring is upon us. Even I, as I sit here and write this article, I am enjoying my Christmas Tree, the lights and festive decorations; and it is already the middle of January. I just can't, or rather won't, give up the beauty of Christmas just yet. How can anyone or why would anyone want to let go of the warmth, the love or the joy we feel when we are all together? The beauty of watching our children, grand children, or great grand children open gifts, laugh, run and giggle in their dressy festive clothes. We must let go and move on and we do. That is the beauty of Spring. New beginnings, that is what Spring is all about. Starting afresh, starting anew, being born or re-born.

This quarter we celebrate Spring. "New Beginnings." If you haven't been to lodge in a while, missed a few meetings, or have been away for a long time, get back into things because it is Spring.

Come and grow anew with us sisters and brothers. Come and enjoy our "Angelic" atmosphere as we continue to celebrate "Angels Watching Over Us." We are waiting for all of you. Come and move forward anew with us this Spring, with the cords that bind us so and cannot be broken.

Don't forget our "Angel House." Let us fill it with our "Angel Blessings" for our Charities. Those little "Angels" at the Christian Home need us, and so do the Providence House and the Masonic Learning Center.

We have lots planned for this quarter, so come and join us this Spring for New beginnings. Maybe you will be our next "Angelic Star."

Lastly I want to wish all of my sisters and brothers a Happy and Blessed Easter, as well as a Happy and Blessed Mothers Day.

We would also like to inform you that we donated 100 chairs to the Temple Company for the dining room. We also donated 3 serving tables at no cost to Ann Rutledge. We are discussing repairing 14 windows in the Chapter Room.

## **Stated Meetings**

Mar 1 "Happy St. Patrick's Day"—Honor March Birthdays, PMs and PPs

Mar 15 Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Apr 5 "Happy Easter"—Honor April Birthdays—Mock Initiation

Apr 19 Honor Secretary's Day

May 3 "Happy Mother's Day"—Honor May Birthdays—Celebrate Mothers and Daughters Day

May 6 Saturday, Visit "Our Lady of Lourdes" shrine (Weather permitting)

May 17 Inspection

#### **Auxiliaries**

Busy Bee meets the 4th Friday, 11:00a, at the Temple.

Evening Star meets the 2nd Tuesday, place announced at Chapter.

Around the Town Dinner Club meets the 4th Friday, 6:00p, dates TBA.

**Report sunshine** to Jean Killinger, 440.933.4663 or Wanda King, 440.331.7211.



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## High Priest's Message

Greetings, Companions!

When you read this our Inspection will probably be history. It will have been on February 22. Hopefully the Past Master Degree will have been conferred on 3 candidates. I would to take this time to thank all who helped with the degree.

The second half of the year has started off as busy as the first half and will continue to be. At our meeting on March 22 we will be conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree. On April 26 we will be conferring the Royal Arch Degree. May 24 will be our Awards Night; and on June 6, Cunningham Chapter will have their Annual Meeting and Installation.

Cunningham Chapter continues to grow, and its great to be a part of that. If you're a Companion and are able, I hope to see you at our meetings. If you have any questions please contact me.

## 16th Capitular District Inspection Schedule

Mar 27	Mon	Berea #134	RA	Trigg	
Mar 30	Thu	Senior DeMolay #2	MM	Trigg	
Apr 7	Fri	Mt. Olive #189	RA	Addis	
Apr 18	Tue	Heights #206	RA	Trigg	
Apr 25	Tue	Covenant #222	RA	Trigg	
All Inspections open at 7,20p					

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#### Charges of 1722

The Fraternity had long been in possession of many records, containing the ancient regulations of the Order; when, in 1722, the Duke of Montague being Grand Master of England, the Grand Lodge finding fault with their antiquated arrangement, it was directed that they should be collected, and after being properly digested, be annexed to the Book of Constitutions, then in course of publication under the superintendence of Dr. James Anderson. This was accordingly done, and the document now well known under the title of The Old Charges of the Free and Accepted Masons, constitutes, by universal consent, a part of the fundamental law of our Order. The charges are divided into six general heads of duty, as follows: 1. Concerning God and religion. 2. Of the civil magistrate, supreme and subordinate. 3. Of Lodges. 4. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices. 5. Of the management of the Craft in working. 6. Of behavior under different circumstances and in various conditions. These charges contain succinct directions for the proper discharge of a Freemason's duties, in whatever position he may be placed, and are as modern researches have shown, a collation of the charges contained in the Old Records and from them have been abridged, or by them suggested, all those well-known directions found in our monitors, which Masters are accustomed to read to candidates on their reception (see Records, Old).

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

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

Stated Meeting First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

## **Seventh Arch Inspection and SEM Schedule**

Mar 11	Sat	Woodward #118	RM	7:30p
Mar 20	Mon	Painesville #104	SM	7:30p
Mar 31	Fri	Conneaut #40 (with Geneva)	SEM	7:30p
Apr 1	Sat	Windermere #113	SEM	9:30a
Apr 8	Sat	Woodward #118	SEM	7:30p
Apr 17	Mon	Painesville #104	SEM	7:30p
Apr 22	Sat	Niles #130 (with Warren & Buechner)	SEM	9:30a
Apr 29	Sat	Cleveland #36 (with Lakewood & Forest City	)SEM	9:00a
May 13	Sat	Elyria #36(with Lorain)	SEM	9:00a

## **Seventh Division Inspection Schedule**

Mar 4	Sat	Coeur de Lion #64	Herr		
Mar 18	Sat	Holy Grail #70	Holcomb		
Mar 25	Sat	Allenby #73	Webb		
Apr 8	Sat	Lorain #65	Shaw		
Apr 22	Sat	Elyria #60	McCleod		
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## **OES District 3 Inspection Schedule**

Mar 7	Tue	Strongsville	8:00p	DGM
Mar 17	Fri	New Hope	7:30p	WGM
Mar 20	Mon	Nottingham	7:45p	DGM
Mar 27	Mon	The River	8:00p	DGM
Apr 6	Thur	Western Reserve	7:45p	DGM
Apr 17	Mon	Windermere	7:30p	AGC
Apr 19	Wed	Fairview	7:30p	DGM
Apr 27	Thur	Brecksville	7:30p	DGM
Apr 28	Fri	Forest City	7:30p	DGM
May 3	Wed	Faith	7:30p	DGM
May 11	Thur	Golden Rule	7:30p	DGM
May 17	Wed	Ann Rutledge	1:30p	AGP
May 18	Thur	Ellbrook	7:30p	DGM
May 23	Tue	West Park	7:30p	WGP

#### **OES Dates to Remember**

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Mar 12	Charities Dinner/Entertainment to Benefit ESTARL & Homes
	@ New Hope Chapter
Mar 19	OES Home Meeting—3:00p
Mar 25	66 Club Dinner Dance
Apr 1	Reception for WG Matron/WG Patron @ Villa Milano
Apr 15	Charities Cancer Luncheon @ New Hope Chapter
May 13	Reception for Grand Organist, Elaine Hammond @ Summit
	Chapter 7:30p
May 31	District Meeting 7:30p



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# Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T. Stated Meeting Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

#### Commander's Message

Sir Knights, I pray for the very best for you and yours for the New Year. On Sunday, December 18 we hosted a very nice traditional Commandery Christmas Observance, having welcomed Forest City Commandery and Lorain Commandery to share with us in this observance. What a fine gathering of Sir Knights to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Our Inspection is coming up on Saturday, March 18, and we welcome your presence and assistance. We will be holding two or three practices prior to Inspection, the dates of which were announced at our February meeting. I would like to report that I had a most enjoyable telephone conversation with our 1970-71 Past Commander, Joseph E. Bennett, who now resides in Idaho, reminiscing of Holy Grail's past. That conversation was a great pleasure to both of us, having known many of the same fine Sir Knights from the 1950s and some years prior to that. He knew them as a Sir Knight, while I knew them as the son of our 1956-57 Past Commander. It is unfortunate that he can't be here to share those memories with all of us.

I would like to conclude this article with a continuation of last month's inspirational quotations from Thomas à Kempis' (1429) Imitation of Christ ... "Devote more time to reading spiritual books; withdraw from casual conversations and leisurely pursuits; don't gossip. In guiet and silence, the faithful soul makes progress; the hidden meanings of the Scriptures become clear. Forgive the vain things that vain people have done to you. Discipline your senses; don't let them dance you at the end of a string. We should throw our vanities to the wind. We spend so much time on earthly grapplings that we have almost no time to give to celestial contemplations. The more you attend to the sweetness of spiritual things, the more you realize how bitter the human experience is; that's because you feel more dearly and see more clearly the defects of human corruption. The wisdom of the flesh is all that some people know. In everything you think and do, you ought to conduct yourself as though you were going to die tomorrow. For the faithful, purgatory is a lot like life on earth ... one bears up under the terrible weight of injustice, he indulges the bad behavior of others and yet he's slow to seek indulgence for his own shortcomings. At the Final Bar ... clear conscience will rejoice over learned philosophy, contempt of riches will weigh in over earthly goods, guarded silence will out-talk excessive conversation and Holy Works will have more value than pretty words. Suppose you lived every day up to your hip, up to your lip even, in honors and pleasures. What good would they do if you dropped dead this instant? Not a whit! That's why I say that everything is vanity except to love God and serve him alone. Inventory your virtues and concentrate your efforts on filling in the gaps. If self-analysis has never been your strong suit, don't despair. Note down all the nil admiraris in others and avoid the same sorts of things. If and when you see or hear examples of good behavior, make haste to imitate them. When you stop seeking consolation from created things below, you start receiving godly wisdom from above. Everything

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# Cleveland Assembly #15 S. O. O. B. Stated Meeting Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

#### President's Message

I look forward to this year when we can work together as we ALL help make Cleveland Assembly #15 strong, something our Most Worthy Oracle Mrs. Ronald (Donna) Ebert started us out on doing.

The excitement and enthusiasm is building in our Cleveland Assembly #15 as our new members have taken an office this year. With your help we will have more new members coming in this year, so please bring in your petitions. We have a wonderful group of ladies, and we would like to add more wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and widows of Sir Knights. TOGETHER and with the help of our Heavenly Father, we will succeed.

Take the life you have and give it your best, Think positive, be happy, let God do the rest Take the challanges that life has laid at your feet, Take the pride and be thankful for each one you meet. To yourself give forgiveness, if you stumble and fall, Take each day that is dealt you, and give it your all. —Author Unknown

Spring is a very special time of the year for Christian Knights and their ladies. One of our symbols is the Passion Cross. The PASSION CROSS (one bar) is worn on the Ritualistic robes used by the officers of a chartered Assembly. The Passion Cross is named from the original meaning, and refers to Christ's suffering on the cross—not just the obvious physical pain, but the immeasurable suffering of paying for our sins (see Mark 14 and 15). Please take note of our calendar for this spring:

Stated Meeting—Potluck 6:30p—Mrs. Ken Killinger, Chair Mar 8 Mar 18 Holy Grail Inspection Dinner—Mrs. Robert Robertson, Chair Apr 12 Stated Meeting—Potluck 6:30p—Mrs. George Wadge, Chair May 10 Stated Meeting—Potluck 6:30p—Mrs. Ed Beiser, Chair Celebrate Mother's Day

#### Commander's Message

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comes to an end and time lost is gone forever. As for spiritual progress, you get out of it what you put into it. Even if you need people to do for you or just to be friends with, don't put any great confidence in them; they try, of course, but eventually they trip up. This is another way of saying, don't shed a tear if they behave badly in public. One day they're slapping you on the back and the next they're stabbing you in the back. Of course, we all need friends ... but invest your friendship in God. Christ was willing to be assaulted and despised, so why should we moan and wail just because something untoward happens to us? Christ had accusers and detractors, yet we so often seek to have only friends and benefactors. How can patience be crowned with prosperity if it's never been crushed by adversity? So many things still displease you, drive you to distraction, sadden and even madden you. Why? You're not completely dead to yourself."

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