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Our History as a Lakewood Community Center

When The Lakewood Masonic Temple Company was founded in 1912 to raise funds, acquire a building site and erect a suitable Masonic Temple for the Freemasons of Lakewood, Ohio, and vicinity, the incorporators agreed that any space in the new building not needed for Masonic activities would be made available to the community. One imagines that this intent was a strong motivator to include a Ballroom in the new facility in addition to the customary Lodge and Banquet Rooms.

Over the years since our Temple's dedication in 1916, a number of community groups and events have gotten their start in our facilities. The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood was presented its charter at our Temple in 1921 and met at our Temple for over seven decades. West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church's first services were held at our Temple in 1946. The first Lakewood Home Show was held at our Temple in 1965. The West Shore Assembly of God met at our Temple from 1977 until purchasing its own building in 1999. Lakewood New Life Church met at our Temple from its inception in 2006 until purchasing its own building in 2016. King's Church first services were held at our Temple in Fall 2016. The Lakewood Earth and Food (LEAF) Community's initial LEAF Nights were conducted at our Temple until its Lakewood Public Library venue was completed. There are also old stories and records of Lakewood High School proms and Baldwin Wallace College sorority parties held in our facilities many years ago.

This tradition of community use continues. Lakewood Vineyard Church meets in our Tem-

ple each Sunday morning. Our Ballroom is used for contra dances by the Mud-in-Yer-Eye Band on first Saturday evenings and for swing dances by various promoters, both featuring live bands. There are also many individual events each year such as weddings, receptions, meetings, and fund raisers.

We partner with Lakewood Alive, a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) economic development corporation whose mission is to improve the quality of life of residents by creating alliances with community leaders, leveraging community assets and expanding the pool of available resources in order to facilitate economic stability and growth in the City of Lakewood. Our Ballroom and other facilities host Lakewood Alive and Downtown Lakewood community events such as the Light Up Lakewood pre-holiday celebration on the first Saturday of December. We also partner with the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation, which stages its Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives and its spring cleaning products drive from our Temple each year; and with the Lakewood Arts Festival annually on the first Saturday of August, during which our facilities are open for tours.

Over the past two decades, through the generosity of our donors, we have been able to fund significant historical preservation projects through the loyalty of our donors. Will you help? 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.

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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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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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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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Dues

The payment of annual dues by a member to his Lodge is a comparatively modern custom, and one that certainly did not exist before the revival of 1717. As previous to that period, according to Preston, Lodges received no Warrants, but a sufficient number of Brethren meeting together were competent to practise the Rites of Freemasonry, and as soon as the special business which called them together had been accomplished, they separated; there could have been no permanent organization of Speculative Freemasons, and no necessity for contributions to constitute a Lodge fund. Dues must therefore have been unknown except in the Lodges of Operative Freemasons, which, as we find, especially in Scotland, had a permanent existence. There is, accordingly, no regulation in any of the old *Constitutions* for the payment of dues. Brother Mackey held that it is not a general Masonic duty, in which the Freemason is affected to the whole of the Craft, but an arrangement between himself and his Lodge, with which the Grand Lodge ought not to interfere. As the payment of dues is not a duty owing to the Craft in general, so, in his opinion, the non-payment of them is not an offense against the Craft, but simply against his Lodge, the only punishment for which should be striking from the roll or discharge from membership. Brother Mackey reports that in his day it was the almost universal opinion of Masonic jurists that suspension or expulsion from the Order is a punishment that should never be inflicted for non-payment of dues. However, the reader must be referred to the *Masonic Code* of his own Jurisdiction for the precise prevailing there.

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

Exemplification of the Work

This term is of frequent use in American Freemasonry. When a lecturer or teacher performs the ceremonies of a Degree for instruction, using generally one of the Freemasons present as a substitute for the candidate, e is said “to exemplify the work.” It is done for instruction, or to enable the members of the Grand or subordinate Lodge to determine on the character of the ritual tht is taught by the exemplifier.

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Golden Fleece

In the lecture of the First Degree, it is said of the Freemason'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, alluding to the Greek myth in the ship *Argo*, nor to the deluge, of which that event is supposed to have been a figure as Doctor Oliver incorrectly supposes (*Dictionary of Symbolic Masonry*), but to certain decorations of 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 of 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. But the Freemasons may have been also influenced in their selection of a reference to the Golden Fleece, by the fact that in the Middle Ages it was one of the most important symbols of the Hermetic philosophers.

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Furniture of a Lodge

The Bible, Square, and Compasses are technically said to constitute the *furniture of a Lodge*. They are respectively dedicated to God, the Master of the Lodge, and the Craft. Our English Brethren differ from those in the United States in their explanation of the furniture. Brother George Oliver gives their illustrations, from the English lectures (in his *Landmarks* i, 169) as follows:

The Bible is said to derive from God to man in general, because the Almighty has been pleased to reveal more of His divine will by that holy book than by any other means. The Compasses, being the chief implement used in the construction of all architectural plans and designs, are assigned to the Grand Master in particular as emblems of his dignity, he being the chief head and ruler of the Craft. The Square is given to the whole Masonic body, because we are all obligated within it, and are consequently bound to act thereon.

But the lecture of the early part of the eighteenth century made the furniture consist of the Mosaic Pavement, Blazing Star, and the Indented Tarsel, while the Bible, Square, and Compasses were considered as additional furniture.

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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:

Ann Rutledge Chapter is alive and well, please come and join us as often as you can.

Our Inspection was Wednesday, May 1; and our officers did very well and did have a new member, Patricia Muntz. She is the daughter of our Associate Patron, Harold Siburt and sister of our Associate Conductress, Wendy Metzger. We have speakers and entertainment at most of our meetings.

If you have not been to Chapter for a while, please come to our meetings; we would love to see your smiling face. Our meetings are still on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30p. Come to our meetings and stay for lunch.

We all keep our Sisters and Brothers in our prayers. If you know of someone who could use a call just to talk or card, please let us know.

Also we have a new directory of all of our members that was hand delivered or mailed to our members.

We hope you took a moment to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day. Have a fun filled 4th of July and a safe summer, and don't forget to use sunscreen.

Please pray for our first responders where ever they may be.

Stay happy, healthy and safe in the coming days, and keep us informed of how you are doing by calling our Worthy Matron Trudy Gollmer or our Secretary Gloria Cazan.

Dates to Remember:

- June 5 Stated Meeting with a speaker.
- June 16 Father's Day, please remember Dad
- June 19 Stated Meeting with Sister Lynn Miller Penegor as our entertainment.
- July & August Have a safe and enjoyable summer and come back to your Chapter refreshed in September.
- Sept 4 Stated Meeting
- Sept Our Birthday Dinner is in September, the date and location to be determined.
- Sept 18 Stated Meeting
- Sept 26- 29 OES Grand Chapter in Cincinnati, OH

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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If Tomorrow Never Comes

MOTTO

Don't put off something you want to do until it's too late.

Please report sunshine, good or bad, to our Worthy Matron Trudy Gollmer at 440.239.6446 or our Associate Conductress Wendy Metzger, 216.408.1396.



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Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M.

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

High Priest's Message

Companions:

Another successful year of Cunningham Chapter #187 comes to a close. I wish the best to our outgoing Excellent High Priest and District Education Officers for the 16th Capitular District Jonathan Hupp. Thank you for a great year, and I wish you the best in your duties as DEO for the upcoming year.

Our annual elections were held on May 15, and I am honored to have been elected as the next Excellent High Priest for Cunningham Chapter. I would like to take this moment to say thank you to those that were elected to be my officers, and I look forward to working with you throughout the year. I am also looking forward to leading the Chapter and what the year may behold. Installation for this coming year will be on Monday, June 3, at 7:30p and will be an open installation with refreshments afterwards.

Below is our schedule for 2024-25. Our meetings are every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30p:

- June 10 16th District Association Annual Meeting – Twinsburg
- August 3 LMT Open House During Lakewood Arts Festival
- August 19 16th District 2025-26 Committee Golf Outing
- September 18 Stated Convocation – Table Chapter
- October 16 Stated Convocation – Mark Master Practice
- November 20 Stated Convocation – Mark Master Degree (Inspection)
- December 18 Stated Convocation – Past Master Degree
- January 15 Stated Convocation – Most Excellent Master Practice & DEO Night
- February 19 Stated Convocation – Most Excellent Master Degree
- March 19 Stated Convocation – Royal Arch Practice
- April 16 Stated Convocation (Holy Week)
- May 21 Stated Convocation – Royal Arch Degree & Election of Officers
- June 2 (Mon) Annual Convocation & Installation of Officers

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

I wish you all a safe and excellent summer.



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Lakewood Council #125 R. & S. M.

Stated Assembly First Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • www.lakewood125rsm.org

Master's Message

Companions:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who elected me as your Illustrious Master. I am honored by your trust and confidence, and I look forward to serving the Council in this capacity for the upcoming year.

As our Stated Assemblies take a break during the summer months, it presents a great opportunity to serve the community. Mark your calendars! Many of you are already aware of the upcoming Medina County Fair, running from July 29 to August 4. This year Lakewood Council #125 will once again be volunteering our time in support of Camp Ho Mita Koda. It's a fantastic cause, and a great way to exemplify our Masonic values. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to me for details.

As a reminder, there will be no stated assemblies in July and August. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30p. Here's a look at the remaining schedule for Stated Assemblies for the year:

- Sept 4 Table Council
- Oct 2 Royal Master Practice
- Nov 6 Royal Master Degree - INSPECTION
- Dec 4 Select Master Practice
- Feb 5 Select Master Degree
- March 5 Educational (Topic TBD)
- April 2 SEM Coordination/Practice
- May 7 Election of Officers
- June 4 Annual Assembly & Installation of Officers

We look forward to reconvening in September and picking up on our fraternal endeavors. In the meantime, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.



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Clean Hands

Clean hands are a symbol of purity. The Psalmist says “that he only shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or shall stand in his holy place, who hath *clean hands* and a pure heart.” Hence, the washing of the hands is an outward sign of an internal purification; and the Psalmist says in another place, “I will wash my hands in innocence. And I will encompass thine altar, Jehovah.” In the Ancient Mysteries the washing of the hands was always an introductory ceremony to the initiation; and, of course, it was used symbolically to indicate the necessity of purity from crime as a qualification of those who sought admission into the sacred rites; and hence, on a temple in the Island of Crete, this inscription was placed: “Cleanse your feet, wash your hands, and then enter.” Indeed, the washing of hands, as symbolic of purity, was among the ancients a peculiarly religious rite. No one dared to pray to the gods until he had cleansed his hands. Thus, Homer (in the *Iliad* vi, 266) makes Hector say:

I dread with unwashed hands to bring
My incensed wine to Jove an offering.

In a similar spirit of religion, Aeneas, when leaving burning Troy, refuses to enter the Temple of Ceres until his hands, polluted by recent strife, had been washed in the living stream (see the *Aeneid* ii, 718).

In me, now fresh from war and recent strife,
'Tis impious the sacred things to touch,
Till in the living stream myself I bathe.

The same practice prevailed among the Jews, and a striking instance of the symbolism is exhibited in that well-known action of Pilate, who, when the Jews clamored for Jesus that they might crucify him, appeared before the people, and, having taken water, washed his hands, saying at the same time, “I am innocent of the blood of this just man, see ye to it” (see Matthew xxvii, 24).

The white gloves worn by Freemasons as a part of their clothing, as well as the white gloves presented to the initiate in the Continental and Latin Rites, allude to this symbolizing of clean hands; and what in some of the advanced Degrees has been called *Masonic Baptism* is nothing else but the symbolizing, by a ceremony, this doctrine of *clean hands* as the sign of a pure heart (see *Baptism Masonic, and Lustration*).

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President's Message

My Dear Sisters:

Once again it is my pleasure to share in our quarterly newsletter the upcoming events. As summer approaches it is with great joy that I am able to share how beautiful the Spring flowers have been in spite of all the rain and wide diversity of temperature from the chilly 40's to the 90's; but then that is Spring in our area.

Looking forward we have many exciting things coming up, and they are listed below:

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| June 6 | 6:00p | Dinner with Commandery |
| | 7:30p | Stated Meeting. After a brief meeting, we have been invited to join Holy Grail Commandery for their annual Installation of Officers |
| June | | Lunch Bunch To be announced |
| July | | No Stated Meeting as we will be dark |
| July 4 | | Independence Day |
| August | | No Stated Meeting as we will be dark |
| Summer Picnic | | Date & Location to be announced. REMEMBER THAT OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE ALL INVITED TO THIS EVENT |
| Sept 5 | 6:00p | Dinner with Commandery |
| | 7:30p | Stated Meeting |
| Sept 23 thru 27 | | Supreme Session – Tulsa, Oklahoma – Hope to see you there |
| Oct 19 (Sat) | | Reminder – Combined Inspection with Columbus here at the Lakewood Temple. Please be studying your manuals during the summer months to be prepared. |

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.



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The twenty-second and last Grand Master of the Templars at the destruction of the Order in the fourteenth century. He was born about the year 1240, at Besançon, in Burgundy, being descended from a noble family. He was received into the Order of Knights Templar in 1265, by Imbert de Peraudo, Preceptor of France, in the Chapter of the Temple at Beaune. He immediately proceeded to Palestine, and greatly distinguished himself in the wars against the infidels, under the Grand Mastership of William de Beaujeu. In 1298, while absent from the Holy Land, he was unanimously elected Grand Master upon the death of Theobald Gaudinius. In 1305, he was summoned to France by Pope Clement V, upon the pretense of a desire, on the part of the Pontiff, to effect a coalition between the Templars and the Hospitalers. He was received by Philip the Fair, the treacherous King of France, with the most distinguished honors, and even selected by him as the godfather of one of his children. In April, 1307, he repaired, accompanied by three of his knights, to Poitiers, where the Pope was then residing, and as he supposed satisfactorily exculpated the Order from the charges which had been preferred against it. But both the Pope and King were guilty of the most infamous deceit. On September 12, 1307, the order was issued for the arrest of the Templars, and De Molay endured an imprisonment for five years and a half, during which period he was subjected to the utmost indignities and sufferings for the purpose of extorting from him a confession of the guilt of his Order. But he was firm and loyal, and on March 11, 1314, he was publicly burnt in front of the Cathedral of Nôtre Dame, in Paris. When about to die, he solemnly affirmed the innocence of the Order, and, it is said, summoned Pope Clement to appear before the judgment-seat of God in forty days and the King of France within a year, and both, it is well known, died within the periods specified (see *Transactions*, Quatuor Coronati Lodge, volume xx).

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

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| 5 | Wed | 1:30p | Ann Rutledge OES <i>Annual Meeting</i> | 12 | Wed | 7:00p | LMTC Board of Trustees |
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| 6 | Thur | 7:30p | Holy Grail KT <i>Installation</i> | 19 | Wed | 1:30p | Ann Rutledge OES |
| 6 | Thur | 7:30p | Cleveland Beauceant | 24 | Mon | 7:30p | Lakewood F&AM |
| | | | | 27 | Thur | 6:30p | Clifton-Allen F&AM <i>Table Lodge</i> |

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