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WHEN PRESERVATION = CHARITY

Charity, being one of the three Masonic Graces (the others being Faith and Hope), principles and acts of charity have been a central part of Freemasonry from its earliest days.

For the purpose of being recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a "charitable" Section 501(c)(3) organization, the stated purposes of our Lakewood Masonic Foundation are *Historic Preservation*, *Charity* and *Education*. There are, of course, many other purposes that qualify under Section 501(c)(3); but, by definition, one cannot focus on everything.

At the first meeting of the several Lakewood Lodge Brethren who convened in 1912 to form our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company, it was agreed that any spaces and times not needed for Masonic purposes would be made available to the community. And so we have, for the entire 102 years since our beloved fraternal home opened in October 1916, provided an event venue for many organizations and individuals in the Lakewood and West Shore communities. The continued preservation of our facilities enables us to serve the interests of our community as well as the organizations and individual members of our Lakewood and Ohio Masonic Families.

Operating largely "below the radar," and as acts of Masonic Charity, we continue to make inkind contributions to our community by donating the use of our facilities at no charge as part of our larger program of community engagement. Some of the recipients of our Charity are listed in the adjacent box on this page.

Other community users pay rates that some consider modest in comparison to the size and beauty of our spaces, especially our Ballroom, which is unequalled anywhere in the Lakewood and West Shore communities. As its name implies, our Ballroom was built especially for dances; and it has been a popular venue for swing and contra dances for many years. And now that we are able to host events with alcoholic beverages (under certain conditions), our facilities have become increasingly popular for fundraising events held by notfor-profit organizations and for weddings, receptions and other social events.

Your donations will help us preserve our beautiful Masonic Temple as a venue for Masonic activities, Masonic Charity and Community Engagement. You may make your donation by using the form on page 11 or by consulting the details on page 2.

Some of Our Charitable Engagements

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation

- Thanksgiving Food Drive (November)
- Christmas Food Drive (December)
- Spring Cleaning Products Drive (May)

Lakewood Community Festivals

- Lakewood Arts Fest (August)
- Light Up Lakewood (December)

Masonic Youth Festivals

- Tri-Youth Day (March)
- Ohio Miss Jobs Daughter Pageant (April)

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Sharing Your Earthly Treasure

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.

The unique character of our historic home has inspired many past and present members of our Lakewood Masonic Family to share a portion of their earthly treasure with us as a testimony to their love for our beautiful fraternal home. We hope you are one of our growing list of supporters who have gone beyond their annual dues to make special contributions in support of our Temple.

There are many ways to make donations of your earthly treasure. The most straightforward is to donate to our Annual Fund. Gifts may be made by using the form in our newsletter (see page 11), by responding to our letter appeals or on Facebook. Most gifts are made by check, but we are also able to accept gifts of stocks or other securities which, in many cases, offer additional tax benefits to the donor. Those who are 70-1/2 years of age or older may make gifts directly from an IRA to qualified charitable organizations such as our Lakewood Masonic Foundation. In this case the donor receives no charitable tax deduction but also pays no income tax on the withdrawal.

As you grow older, and especially in uncertain times, you may fear that you will run out of money during your lifetime; but you would still like to make a special gift in support of our Lakewood Masonic Temple. Under such circumstances you may feel more comfortable in making a more significant gift through your will, which could be expressed either as a dollar amount or as a percentage of your estate. Similar alternatives are to name us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy that you no longer need, or to establish a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust.

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.

Your gifts may be directed to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation, to our Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund or to our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company Operating Fund. Gifts and bequests to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation are deductible for federal estate and income taxes to the extent permitted by law. Gifts to our Endowment and Operating Funds are not deductible, but some donors anticipate that their estates will not benefit from additional charitable deductions or prefer that their gift be preserved in our Endowment Fund principal with only the income used for qualified expenses. As always, we encourage you to consult your legal and financial advisors for assistance in determining in what form and in what amount you should make your gift or bequest.

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Mystery

From the Greek $\mu\nu\sigma\tau\eta\rho\iota\sigma\nu$, compound word meaning an *initiate* and a *secret*, something to be concealed. The Gilds or Companies of the Middle Ages, out of which we trace the Masonic organization, were called *mysteries*, because they had trade-secrets, the preservation of which was a primary ordination of these fraternities. "Mystery" and "Craft" came thus to be synonymous words. In this secondary sense we speak of the "Mystery of the Stone-Masons" as equivalent to the "Craft of the Stone-Masons."

Adam Smith, Wealth of Nations (volume i, page 126), refers to the old stipulation that unless he had served an apprenticeship to it of seven years, "it was enacted, that no person should for the future exercise any trade, craft, or mystery." But the Mystery of Freemasonry refers rather to the primary meaning of the word as immediately derived from the Greek.

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

22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Feb 8	Fri	5:30p	Acacia #651	MM	Kita		
Feb 9	Sat	3:30p	Black River #786	FC	Hall		
Feb 12	Tues	10:30a	Meridian #610	EA	Hieb		
Feb 12	Tues	7:30p	Theodore Breck #714	EA	Hall		
Feb 13	Wed	7:30p	John W. Barkley #621	FC	Hall		
Feb 16	Sat	11:00a	Blue Steel #791	FC	Hall		
Feb 19	Tues	7:30p	Stonington #503	FC	Kita		
Feb 20	Wed	7:30p	Quarry #382	EA	Hall		
Feb 26	Tues	7:00p	Elyria #787	MM	Hieb		
Feb 27	Wed	7:30p	North Star #638	FC	Kita		
Feb 28	Thur	7:30p	Clifton-Gaston Allen #664	FC	Hall		
Mar 6	Wed	7:00p	Golden Gate #245	MM	Hall		
Mar 6	Wed	7:30p	Forest City #388	EA	Kita		
Mar 7	Thur	7:00p	Solon #757	EA	Kita		
Mar 12	Tues	7:30p	Parkside #736	FC	Kita		
Mar 13	Wed	7:00p	Eastgate #796	EA	Kita		
Mar 14	Thurs	7:30p	Dover #489	EA	Hieb		
Mar 19	Tues	7:00p	Mid-Century #725	EA	Hieb		
Mar 20	Wed	7:00p	Harding-Concordia #345	MM	Hieb		
Mar 21	Thur	7:30p	Rocky River #703	FC	Hieb		
Mar 25	Mon	7:30p	Wellington #127	EA	Hall		
Mar 27	Wed	7:30p	LaGrange #399	FC	Kita		
Apr 3	Wed	7:00p	Cleveland #781	MM	Hieb		
Apr 11	Thur	7:00p	University Heights #738	FC	Hall		
Apr 22	Mon	7:00p	Lakewood #601	MM	Kita		
Apr 23	Tues	7:00p	Oberlin #380	MM	Hieb		
Apr 29	Mon	7:30p	Collinwood #582	EA	Hieb		
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Lakewood Lodge #601 F. & A. M.

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

Master's Message

Another Masonic year is upon us, as we have completed the election of officers at our Annual Meeting. Our new officers will be installed at our regular meeting on Monday, December 10. I hope you will join us.

I do want to say thank you to those elected officers, as I am humbled that you accepted my request to be in those chairs. I wish to say thank you to WB Curtis Hendzell, as it was a pleasure to serve you in the West this past year. It is also my pleasure to be elected as your Master for this Masonic year. I am the third Hoyer to be sitting in the East at Lakewood Lodge #601, as my grandfather and father have sat in that chair before me. I can only hope to lead this Lodge to the best of my ability and look to live up to the expectations set before me. This Masonic year looks to be very busy; as we will be looking to initiate, pass, and raise numerous candidates. We also look to potentially have several more returning to our Lodge to continue their journey for more light.

I ask and reach out to those members of our Lodge that have not been in attendance for some time to please attempt to return if able, because without you we would not be where we are today. This year our Grand Master's theme is to Invest. Not only should we invest into ourselves to improve as Masons as well as human beings but also invest into our Lodge to help it grow and keep it alive. That is why participation is key, and I ask for those able to return please do so. With your help we can look to make Lakewood Lodge #601 strong once more and continue that trend into the future. I look forward to seeing all my brethren on every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30pm every month. Thank you, and I wish you all Happy Holidays!

Sheriff

According to Brother Preston, the sheriff of a County possessed, before the Revival of 1717, a power later confined to Grand Masters. He says (*Illustrations*, page 182) that "A sufficient number of Masons met together within a certain district, with the consent of the Sheriff or chief magistrate of the place, were empowered, at this time, to make Masons, and practise the rites of Masonry without a warrant of Constitution."

This is confirmed by the following passage in the *Cooke Manuscript* (lines 901-12): "When the masters and fellows be forewarned, and are come to such congregations, if need be, the Sheriff of the Country, or the Mayor of the City, or Aldermen of the Town in which such Congregation is holden, shall be fellow and sociate to the master of the congregation in help of him against rebels and (for the) upbearing the right of the realm."

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

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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

The summer months are gone, and we hope everyone had a chance to sit back and relax. Fall is a busy time with the Chapter Installations. Ann Rutledge had their installation on October 17, 2018. The new Worthy Matron is Kathy Hubert, and the new Worthy Patron is Robert Hubert, Jr.

Our Secretary for many years, Sister Mary Beth Cascio, has stepped down; and our new Secretary is Brother Ken Killinger. We wish him the best as he takes on the responsibility of that office.

We are going to continue doing our soup kitchens. There is a basket that anyone can put in their donation into. We will be having speakers from Ronald McDonald House, Make a Wish and Special Room.

We are going to have the youth take part in some of the meetings.

The holidays are just around the corner, and we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a beautiful and peaceful Christmas. Happy New Year to everyone.

Dates to Remember

November 7 Stated Meeting

November 21 NO MEETING. Thanksgiving Eve.

December 5 Stated Meeting

December 19 Stated Meeting. We will say thank you to our retiring

Secretary Sister Mary Beth Cascio. You may wear red or green for the meeting. Christmas dinner and Christmas

Card exchange.

January 1, 2019 HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2 Stated Meeting. We will have Obligation and Instruction

this meeting.

January 16 Stated Meeting

February 6 Stated Meeting. Happy Valentine's Day. Wear red.

February 20 Stated Meeting

Auxiliary

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

Stars

<u>Report sunshine, joys, illness or sorrow</u> to Kathy Hubert, Worthy Matron, 216.521.5557; or Kathy Schafer, Associate Conductress, 216.224.5886.

Nature's Life and Beauty



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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:

I want to congratulate all the newly elected officers of the Blue Lodges for the coming year. If there is anything we at Cunningham can do to help you, let us know.

Here is wishing everyone a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season and New Year. I wish for each one of you that this will be your best year ever, and I am so thankful that I am here to make this wish. So, from a grateful heart, Linda and I hope you are all as blessed as we have been this year.

Companions, since this is our newsletter, I will use this as our official notification that our Companions of Berea Chapter #134 have asked to merge with our Chapter. We have read the request at our meetings in October and November, and we will vote on the request at our meeting in December. We do need a quorum to vote, so please do your best to attend.

We conferred the degree of Mark Master on three Brothers on November 21 and took a fourth to Heights Chapter the previous evening for courtesy work. We will confer the Past Master Degree on December 19. We will practice the Most Excellent Master Degree in January and confer it on February 20. Please check our web site calendar for all the District meetings and events. And, as always, remember to visit our District Chapters and help whenever possible with all degree work so our new Companions can receive the best degree possible.

Remember, "Freemasonry is a spiritual practice that good men of every spiritual practice can agree upon."— Bro. J. Adams Snyder

Cunningham Chapter Degree Dates 2018-19

Dec 19 Wed 7:30p Past Master Degree

Feb 20 Wed 7:30p Most Excellent Master Degree

May 15 Wed 7:30p Royal Arch Degree—Inspection

For the most current information visit: www.cunningham187ram.org

16th Capitular District Dates to Remember

Dec 8	Sat	10:00a	2025-26 Grand Chapter Fundraising Brunch @		
			Summit MT		
Dec 10	Mon	7:30p	Summit-Baker #74 Inspection—RA—Niebaum		
Jan 16	Wed	6:30p	16th District Association @ Cunningham #187		
Feb 22	Fri	7:30p	DeMolay Mark Master Lodge #2 Inspection @		
			Summit MT—Niebaum		
Feb 23	Sat	6:00p	16th District Royal Arch Ball/GHP Reception @		
			Holiday Inn Independence		
Mar 28	Thur	7:30p	Covenant-Thatcher #222 Inspection—MkM—Bokan		
For the most current information visit: www.ram16.org					

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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 hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday and are looking forward to the end of the year holiday season we have ahead of us.

Our annual Inspection is coming up fast on January 2, which will be in the Royal Master Degree. We are always happy to have assistance from Companions interested in taking part in the degree; and many parts are available, both speaking and non-speaking. The more Companions we have participating in the degree, the greater impact we will make on the candidate and further stoke the zealous embers of a Companion as he joins us on our cryptic journey in Masonry.

After January's Inspection we will begin work on being able to perform the Select Master Degree for our meeting in March. All the same as above applies—the more participation we have in these degrees the better. I encourage you to come out and support Lakewood Council.

As always, we should be cognizant of Brothers in the Blue Lodge, and especially Companions in our Chapters, who are willing and ready to receive further light in the form of the cryptic degrees and the York Rite in general. I encourage all the Companions of Lakewood Council to share their experiences in the cryptic degrees, and otherwise in the Rite, with our Brethren who show the interest and willingness to expand on their Masonic knowledge.

Lakewood Council Degree Dates 2018-19

Jan 2 Wed 7:30p Royal Master Degree—Inspection

Mar 6 Wed 7:30p Select Master Degree

May 18 Sat 2:00p Super Excellent Master with Cleveland #36 &

Elyria #86 (at Elyria)

For the most current information visit: www.lakewood125rsm.org

7th Arch Dates to Remember

Jan 2 Wed 7:30p Lakewood #125 Inspection—RA

Jan 8 Tues 7:30p Windermere #113 Inspection—SM

Jan 19 Sat 1:00p Penn-Ohio Day @ Warren MT—Penn RM, Ohio SM

Jan 22 Tues 7:30p Woodward #118 Inspection—RM

Jan 31 Thur 7:00p Elyria #86 Inspection—RM

Feb 18 Mon 7:30p Cleveland #36 Inspection—SM

Mar 16 Sat 9:00a Windermere #113 SEM

Mar 18 Mon 7:30p Painesville #104 Inspection—RM

Mar 29 Fri 7:00p Conneaut #40 (RM) & Geneva #145 (SM) Inspections

@ Geneva MT

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Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

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

Commander's Message

Sir Knights:

Our next two conclaves in December and January are especially important. Holyrood Commandery #32 in Berea has requested to merge with us at Holy Grail. Their proposal will be officially read at our December conclave, and we will vote on it in January. Of course we must have quorums at our conclaves to make our business official, so please make every effort to attend, especially in December and January.

Also at our December conclave we have a special program jointly with the Ladies of Cleveland Beauceant featuring a speaker from Petitti Garden Centers. Your own lady is invited to attend. Remember, come early (by 6:30p) to our stated conclaves for our traditional pot luck supper prepared by the Beauceant ladies.

On Sunday, December 9, at 2:00p, you and your family are encouraged to attend our joint 7th Division Christmas Observance hosted by Forest City Commandery at the Parkside Masonic Temple, 10200 Memphis Ave.

We had two candidates receive the Orders of Red Cross and Malta in November, so now we turn our attention to preparing for the Order of the Temple and Full Form Opening for Inspection in March. In preparation we will soon begin our usual Sunday afternoon practices. Please let me know if you will help. We always need help, even to practice. We always need more candidates for our Commandery and ladies for Beauceant, so talk to your Lodge Brothers and Chapter Companions.

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Holy Grail Commandery Order Dates 2018-19

Mar 13 Wed 7:00p Order of the Temple

Mar 16 Sat 1:00p Order of the Temple & Full Form Opening Inspection For the most current information visit: www.holygrail70kt.org

7th & 8th Divisions Dates to Remember

Dec 9	Sun	2:00p	Joint Christmas Observance @ Forest City
Jan 12	Sat	2:00p	Medina #84 Inspection
Jan 19	Sat	2:00p	Canton #38 Inspection
Jan 26	Sat	1:30p	Forest City #40 Inspection (Noon Banquet)
Feb 2	Sat	2:00p	Mansfield #21 Inspection
Feb 9	Sat	2:00p	Oriental #12 Inspection
Mar 2	Sat	2:00p	Coeur de Lion #64 Inspection (by Grand Commander)
Mar 16	Sat	2:00p	Holy Grail #70 Inspection
Mar 23	Sat	2:00p	Massillon #4 Inspection
Mar 30	Sat	2:00p	Clinton #5 Inspection
Apr 6	Sat	2:00p	Wooster #48 Inspection

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President's Message

Well, it has been a busy time for our Assembly. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their summer. Our Assembly had a lovely picnic at the Lake View Park in Lorain. It was our annual end of summer picnic and Children's Day. Our thanks to Ellen Wadge and Summer Michalski for all their hard work. It was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

At our September meeting we enjoyed a wonderful potluck as always. During the meeting we practiced for our upcoming Official Visit. It was a very busy meeting but productive.

Many of our members were able to travel to Las Vegas for our annual meeting. Our Worthy First VP Meldia Childers, Worthy 2VP Debbie Wykoff, Preceptress Linda Boken, Jane Boken, Recorder Elinor Bayse, Treasurer Janice Freitag, Inner Guard Ellen Wadge; as well as our Sisters from Columbus, Kim Burnett, Karen Baughman and Patricia Glass; all were in attendance. It was a busy time. We were very blessed to have our dear Dana Wadge, who we have named a member of our Beauceant Auxiliary, present to help in running so many errands as well as providing transportation on some of the bus trips. Many of us were able to attend the School of Instruction which I am sure they found very informative. The meetings were productive, and the bonds of friendship with our dear Sisters grew stronger because of the shared experience. Of course we all ate well, laughed much, loved each other and came home both tired and excited about all we experienced. The most wonderful part of the whole time was watching our dear Sister Kim Burnett installed as Supreme Worthy President for the year 2018-2019. We are "as proud as peacocks" to have her as a dual member of our Assembly. Also she has appointed Meldia Childers as Chairman of the Examining Committee and Janice Freitag as General Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

At our October meeting we further prepared for our combined inspection with Columbus. On October 27 six of us traveled to Columbus for our Official Visit. Jan Sutter, Worthy President, did a fabulous job. Debbie Wykoff was outstanding. Elinor Bayse was the Recorder for the entire meeting. Janice Freitag and Marilyn Robertson were Marshal and Assitant Marshal and Ellen Wadge served as Inner Guard. A successful Official Visit was accomplished.

Now it is time to look forward to the upcoming time. Below is a list of dates. Please mark your calendars and participate as much as you are able:

Dates to Remember

December 12 6:00p Potluck Dinner

Stated Meeting will be brief giving us a chance to enjoy a

special program by Holy Grail Commandery.

January 9 6:00p Installation Potluck Dinner

Annual Installation of Officers



Worthy President (Mrs. John) Janet Sutter, PP 2119 West Erie Avenue Lorain, OH 44052

> Most Worthy Oracle Ms. Kimberly Burnett

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(Mrs. Ralph) Pamela Sheetz

Standard Bearer

(Mrs. Grant) Bonnie Rollason

Color Bearer

Mistress of the Wardrobe (Mrs. Franklin) Shirley Huffman Daughter of the Household

Inner Guard (Mrs. George) Ellen Wadge, PP Outer Guard

(Mrs. Arthur) Patricia Glass, PP

East

The *East* has always been considered peculiarly sacred. This was, without exception, the case in all the Ancient Mysteries. In the Egyptian rites, especially, and those of Adonis, which were among the earliest, and from which the others derived their existence, the sun was the object of adoration, and his revolutions through the various seasons were fictitiously represented. The spot, therefore, where this luminary made his appearance at the commencement of the day, and where his worshipers were wont anxiously to look for the first darting of his prolific rays, was esteemed as the figurative birthplace of their god, and honored with an appropriate degree of reverence.

Even among those nations where sun-worship gave place to more enlightened doctrines, the respect for the place of sun-rising continued to exist. The camp of Judah was placed by Moses in the East as a mark of distinction; the tabernacle in the wilderness was placed due East and West; and the practice was continued in the erection of Christian churches. Hence, too, the primitive Christians always turned toward the East in their public prayers, which custom Saint Augustine (*Serm. Dom. in Monte*, chapter 5) accounts for "because the East is the most honorable part of the world, being the region of light whence the glorious sun arises." Hence all Masonic Lodges, like their great prototype the Temple of Jerusalem, are built, or supposed to be built, due East and West; and as the North is esteemed a place of darkness, the East, on the contrary, is considered a place of light.

In the primitive Christian church, according to Saint Ambrose, in the ceremonies that accompanied the baptism of a catechumen, a beginner in religious instruction, "he turned towards the West, the image of darkness, to abjure the world, and towards the East, the emblem of light, to denote his alliance with Jesus Christ." And so, too, in the oldest lectures of the second century ago, the Freemason is said to travel from the West to the East, that is, from darkness to light. In the Prestonian system, the question is asked, "What induces you to leave the West to travel to the East?" And the answer is: "In search of a Master, and from him to gain instruction." The same idea, if not precisely the same language, is preserved in the modern and existing rituals.

The East, being the place where the Master sits, is considered the most honorable part of the Lodge, and is distinguished from the rest of the room by a dais, or raised platform, which is occupied only by those who have passed the Chair.

Bazot (*Manuel*, page 154) says: "The veneration which Masons have for the East confirms the theory that it is from the East that the Masonic cult proceeded, and that this bears a relation to the primitive religion whose first degeneration was sun-worship."

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

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