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Grand Master Lays Centennial Cornerstone May 30



One hundred years ago, in the spring of 1915, the hopes and dreams of our Lakewood Masonic Family became reality. Sufficient funds had been raised to begin construction of our now historic fraternal home. On April 3, 1915, ground was broken. The cornerstone was laid in front of a large crowd on June 26, 1915, by Edwin S. Griffiths, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio. One can only imagine the excitement and enthusiasm that prevailed among our members and, no doubt, the Lakewood community.

A century later we have our own opportunity to demonstrate our own excitement and enthusiasm. M. W. Brother Steven E. Cokonougher, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, and the Grand Lodge Officers, will lay a Centennial Cornerstone on Saturday morning, May 30, 2015, assisted by members of our

Lakewood Masonic Family.

Weather permitting, beginning at 9:00a we plan to process from our original home at the northwest corner of Detroit Avenue and Warren Road [then the Lakewood Market, where we met on the second floor; now First Federal of Lakewood] three blocks west to our Lakewood Masonic Temple. The ceremony is open to guests such as family and friends as well as the general public. This is an occasion you won't want to miss!

As we begin our Centennial celebrations of our important century-old milestones, please consider making a special gift to honor the foresight and hard work of our forbearers who conceived our fraternal home, developed the plans, raised the necessary funds and brought their dreams to fruition. You may make your donation by using the form on page 11.

Lenten Fish Fry Fundraisers

Lakewood and Clifton-Gaston Allen Lodges are holding fish fries each Friday during Lent, serving from 4:00p to 8:00p. These events are open to the public as well as our Lakewood Masonic Family. The proceeds will be used to defray necessary operating expenses, repairs and/or improvements to our Lakewood Masonic Temple. Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup. Contact Bert Horne to volunteer (see page 3). If you can't help, bring your family and friends to enjoy a meal and fellowship together!

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Making an Honor Gift

From time to time as we pass life's milestones we are mindful of our friends and loved ones who have done so much to enrich our lives. It naturally comes to mind that we would like to give each some special gift as a token of our relationship. But what to give, especially to the person who seems to have everything?

Our Lakewood Masonic Foundation provides an easy alternative for you. Consider making "honor gifts" to friends or loved ones who hold a special cause close to their hearts. For Masons and Eastern Star members, that cause may well be our Lakewood Masonic Family. You may wish to honor our Centennial.

What is an "honor gift?" It is simply a donation that you make in recognition of someone significant in your life. Honor gifts are often made on traditional occasions but can be made at any time in recognition of a significant achievement or milestone or as a method of saying "congratulations" or "thank you."

The procedure for making an "honor gift" to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation is straightforward. Our donation forms, such as the one on page 11, and our pre-printed donation envelopes have an "Honor" box to check and a space in which to write the name of the person to be honored. In addition to the tax receipt letter that we send you, we will send a letter to each person you honor advising that you have made a gift in his/her name.

As with other gifts, you may designate your donation to be used for our historic preservation, educational or charitable purposes; split your gift among these purposes; or simply ask that it be devoted to our greatest need.

And, as with other gifts, you have a number of options for making your donation, such as by check, stocks or bonds (valued at current fair market value), a life insurance policy that you may no longer need, or a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust.

Your gifts can 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 income and estate taxes to the extent permitted by law. Gifts to our Endowment and Operating Funds are not deductible. 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.

As we begin to celebrate our Centennial, we are stretching our resources more than ever; and your gift to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation means more than ever before. We still have pressing needs if we are to catch up on deferred maintenance. Windows must be repaired or replaced, plumbing and electrical systems must be updated, and decorations must be refreshed. We have made significant progress, but there is more to do. Worthy charitable and educational endeavors also need our support. Don't delay; make your gift today. Make it in honor of our Centennial.

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Master's Message

Brethren:

We've had a busy calendar so far this year, and we need all our Brethren to help achieve our goals. Our 2nd Annual Fish Fry Fundraisers started Friday, February 20, and will continue through Friday, March 27. We need volunteer helpers in the kitchen and dining room, and we need customers! Encourage your family, friends, neighbors, business acquaintances and others who cross your path to come and dine between 4:00p and 8:00p on these Fridays at a cost of just \$10 for fish, fries or pierogis, coleslaw, roll and drink. Dessert is extra.

We had a successful Children's Christmas Party in partnership with Lakewood Lodge. Our next family Lodge event will be our Awards Night on May 28, preceded by dinner, at which time we will also honor our Past Masters and memorialize our Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above over the past year.

That will be an especially busy time for us as we expect to journey to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, the previous weekend for the Installation Weekend at our sister Lodge, Trinity #521. The following Saturday, May 30, will be a most special occasion as our Lakewood Masonic Family hosts our Grand Master Steven E. Cokonougher and the Grand Lodge Officers for the laying of a centennial cornerstone for our historic Lakewood Masonic Temple, beginning at 9:00a. Family members, guests and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

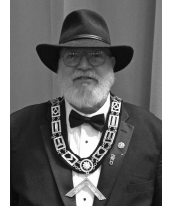
I encourage every member of our Lodge, especially our officers and Fellowcraft Team members, to attend as many Inspections as your schedules will permit. In addition to gaining greater appreciation for the lessons taught in the degrees, it's a great aid to learning the various degree roles.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you once again for your continued support and look forward to serving all of you to the best of my ability.

Corner-Stone, Symbolism of the.

The corner-stone is the stone which lies at the corner of two walls, and forms the corner of the foundation of an edifice. In Masonic buildings it is now always placed in the northeast; but this rule was not always formerly observed. As the foundation on which the entire structure is supposed to rest, it is considered by Operative Masons as the most important stone in the edifice. It is laid with impressive ceremonies; the assistance of Speculative Masons is often, and ought always to be invited to give dignity to the occasion; and for this purpose Freemasonry has provided an especial ritual

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22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Visit www.ohiodistrict22.org/inspec15.html

Freemasonry—The Time Is Now!



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

Master's Message

Greetings, My Brethren and Friends:

I hope that you have made it through the winter unscathed and can now start to recuperate during the spring warm-up. The Lodge continues to have a steady flow of degree work going on with more petitions and interested gentlemen coming in. I encourage you to come visit and enjoy some quality time with your Brothers and some good degrees. With March upon us, that means that Inspection season is in full swing. Lakewood's Inspection will be on March 23rd in the degree of Fellowcraft. Dinner will be at 6:00p with Lodge starting promptly at 7:00p. There's no RSVP and only a request for a small donation for dinner. This time is earlier than our normal Stated Meetings, so keep that in mind. The early start is per the Grand Master's wishes to accommodate visiting Brethren who travel a good distance to see an Inspection. With that, I would like to see some of our 601 members out and about when I start visiting Inspections in the 22nd District this year. Visiting other Lodges not only shows support and Brotherly Love for our fellow Lodges in the District, but it is also a great learning tool to improve one's self in Masonry. You pick up a lot of different nuances when seeing the work of another Lodge. And honestly, that's what we're here for, isn't it? To try and improve ourselves a little bit each day; be the example for our communities. One example of the memories and friendships you make visiting is a story I heard from a District Deputy at another Lodge's Inspection and will always remember it, "though we may never fully reach perfection until we reach the Celestial Lodge above, as long as we strive to keep moving forward away from our rough and rude state, we will better ourselves each day and become better men. Better Masons." It was just a 2 minute talk he gave after the Inspection report, but it's something I'll remember for the rest of my life. And that's why I love being a Mason. You, my Brothers, and all the great memories we've had and the many, many more we've yet to make! See you at Lodge soon!

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which is to govern the proper performance of that duty.

Among the ancients the cornerstone of important edifices was laid with impressive ceremonies. These are well described by Tacitus in the history of the rebuilding of the capitol. After detailing the preliminary ceremonies, which consisted in a procession of vestals, who with chaplets of flowers encompassed the ground and consecrated it by libations of living water, he

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Matron's Message

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers!

It is hard to believe there have already been eight chapter meetings and so much to share. In December we purchased cookie dough from the De-Molays, and our bakers met and baked five hundred cookies for the members to share. We had the honor of having Grand Electa, Sandy Zikursh, visit in February. All current and past Electas were honored that afternoon. A speaker from Saïdo Learning shared some wonderful opportunities for those with Dementia or Alzheimer's at our last meeting in February.

Our month of March will be fun filled but will also have some work to do as we have an initiation and celebration of St. Patrick's Day and birthdays. This initiation will help prepare the officers for our Annual Inspection on April 15. Speaking of Inspection, have you thought about someone who would be a wonderful candidate for Inspection? The Order of Eastern Star has so much to offer. Why not ask? There is no Chapter on April 1 as it is Holy Week. No, it is not an April fool's joke; there really is no meeting.

With Inspection over, we can relax and enjoy the rest of the term. In May we will have speakers at each of our meetings. The Masonic Services on May 6 and Western Reserve Hospice on May 20. We hope you will be able to join us the next few months, as we look forward to seeing each of you.

We hope you will make plans to come and be a part of Ann Rutledge's family. Each member is extremely important to us. If you are unable to join us at Chapter, maybe you can share an evening with Around the Town auxiliary. We go out to different restaurants on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The food is good, but the fellowship is so much more. With the winter weather breaking soon into spring, our travels will be much easier. Hope to see you soon.

Families Are Tied Together With Heart Strings

Report sunshine to Gloria Cazan, Worthy Matron, 440.886.1453; or Gay Whieldon, Associate Conductress, 440.333.7536.

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adds that, after solemn prayer, Helvidius, to whom the care of rebuilding the Capitol had been committed, "laid his hand upon the fillets that adorned the foundation stone, and also the cords by which it was to be drawn to its place. In that instance the magistrates, the priests, the senators, the Roman knights, and a number of citizens, all acting with one effort and general demonstrations of joy, laid hold of the ropes and dragged the ponderous load to its destined spot. They then threw in ingots of gold and silver, and other metals which had never been melted in the furnace, but still retained, untouched by human art, their first formation in the bowels of the earth."

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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:

As we enter into these snowy months, I hope that all of you are taking precautions and taking care of yourselves. In these dark days I advise all of you to pick up your books and keep the mind strong. Winter can be a little rough on the soul sometimes. For it is the season of death. But the rebirth is right around the corner. And with that assurance I plan on hopefully doing some degree work in the spring for our candidates that have fallen behind on their degrees. There are not many people in the world that pursue Masonry, or a way to better themselves for that matter. Not saying that Masonry is THE way, but it definitely is a great foundation for filling the mind with wisdom and understanding. With these candidates pursuing a better cause, I feel that we need to be there to fulfill these desires. For few seek wisdom for it's own sake, but only for the discomforts in life. If we are obtaining wisdom for the sake of others, then that is the greatest of accomplishments. To be able to meet anyone in the world on a level that is comprehensible to them. Every truth we can conceive is just the surface of it's source, but for every mind, a frame of reference is born. But in our Masonic family, we will impress knowledge upon the minds to those who are searching. I only have a couple more months in the East, and what a ride it's been, but once again I cannot show enough thanks to my officers and the Companions behind the scenes, helping me through each step. Presiding in the East really shows one how the brotherhood is united. There are so many willing to listen, to help, and to resolve. Philosophy is the perfect science, and the science of perfection. For the word philosophy itself is derived from philo—"love for"—and Sophia—"wisdom." Have a peaceful winter my friends, and whether the sun is shining or not, please, seek wisdom.

"When we quit thinking primarily about ourselves and our own self-preservation, we undergo a truly heroic transformation of consciousness. A hero is someone who has given his or her life to someone much bigger than oneself. I don't believe people are looking for the meaning of life as much as they are looking for the experience of being alive. Life is without meaning. You bring the meaning to it. The meaning of life is whatever you ascribe it to be. Being alive is the meaning. It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life. Where you stumble, there lies your treasure. Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging. Participate joyfully in the sorrows of the world. We cannot cure the world of sorrows, but we can choose to live in joy. The goal of life is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe, to match your nature with Nature."

—Joseph Campbell

16th Capitular District Inspection Schedule & Calendar — 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:

We are entering the final phase of our Cryptic year. In February we had a very successful Inspection in the Royal Master Degree on a very cold and snowy evening, at which time we were presented with another Grand Council award for our program of printed communications.

We are planning a Select Master Degree this spring, followed by our annual elections in May. Please join us whenever you can, and don't be bashful in volunteering for a Council office or a speaking or non-speaking degree part. We can only be successful if our Companions are involved.

We are in the midst of Inspection and SEM season for all Councils, and I encourage all Companions to travel and observe and participate in as many Inspections and SEM Reviews as your cable-tow will allow. By seeing and helping we learn to be stronger in our own rituals and fulfilled in our own lives.

Our own Super Excellent Master Degree Review will be on Saturday, May 30, in partnership with Elyria Council. This will be a mid-day Assembly in our own Lakewood Masonic Temple, following the centennial cornerstone laying ceremony that morning. There's never a shortage of roles to be filled in an SEM Degree, so please contact me or any officer to offer.

Reputation

In the technical language of Masonry a man of good reputation is said to be one who is "under the tongue of good report;" and this constitutes one of the indispensable qualifications of a candidate for initiation.

—from Masonry Defined, 1926.

Ohio Council Inspection Schedule

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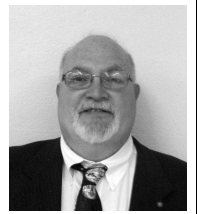
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Commander's Message

Greetings, Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery:

We are in the heart of our Templar year, faced with both opportunities and challenges.

At our February stated conclave we had a very successful review of our execution of the new ten-man full form opening. Our Grand Commandery now offers this as an option to the traditional full form opening that requires many more participants. We completed the new opening with great efficiency and within the suggested 20 minute time frame. I especially thank all our officers for doing such an excellent job and for all the hard work invested in learning the new opening. They made us all look good. I have not seen this done any better by any other Commandery. That same evening our Junior Warden Sir Knight Bob Niebaum was presented with a Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding service and participation in Holy Grail Commandery and Templar Masonry in Ohio.

Our Inspection will be on Saturday, March 21. The afternoon will be much shorter than in past years, because we will not perform the full form opening that day. We will open in short form at 3:00p, formally receive our Inspecting Officer and move directly to the Order of the Temple. After its completion, we will retire to the Banquet Room for dinner. While the new schedule eliminates the "refreshment" break for the Sir Knights, our traditional tea table and ladies' program will continue as in the past.

As always, please plan on attending our meetings. We would be very glad for your moral support and especially for your participation, even in a non-speaking role; and our newest members would be pleased to meet you.

Finally, speaking of our newest members, several of our new young members have taken offices in our Commandery and are in need of uniforms. If you have uniform items that no longer fit or you no longer need—e.g., coats, jackets, sword belts, swords, sword cases, chapeaux, chapeau cases— please consider donating them to our Commandery for the use of our young officers. All these items have grown ever more costly over the years, and your donation will assist a worthy young Sir Knight.

Ohio Commandery Inspection Schedule

Visit www.ohioknightstemplar.com/trestle-board/inspection-schedule/

Cable Tow's Length

Gaedicke says that, "according to the ancient laws of Freemasonry, every brother must attend his Lodge if he is within the length of his cable tow." The old writers define the length of a cable tow, which they sometimes called "a cable's length," to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice. But the expression is really symbolic and, as it was defined by the Baltimore Convention in 1842, means the scope of a man's reasonable ability.

—from *Masonry Defined*, 1926.



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Let's Have Some FUN: Faith—Unity—New

† Cleveland Assembly #15 S. O. O. B.

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

President's Message

It was a wonderful evening on January 14, 2015, as Mrs. (Robert) Marilyn Robertson was installed as Worthy President of Cleveland Assembly No. 15, Social Order of the Beauceant along with the 2015 corps of officers. We enjoyed the company of sisters from other Assemblies.

This year the Assembly will continue with the monthly Lunch Bunch meetings, as well as the charities that we have been supporting in the past years. Our primary charity is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation which supports research into the care and healing of eye diseases as well as some support for specified patients receiving care for those diseases. In addition, we support the RTS program at MetroHealth Medical Center by supplying clothing, blankets, small toys, memory boxes and silk flowers for deceased neonates and stillborn babies so that the families can hold the baby and have pictures taken to remember their child. A third charity is collecting soda can tabs to donate to Al Koran Shrine to support their transportation for patients to the crippled children's hospital. There is a container in the dining room to place tabs if anyone would like to contribute to the cause.

We support our Masonic Youth Organizations and have a yearly Children's Day when we have young people as guests at an activity to introduce them to our adult organization. This year that will be our annual picnic during the summer. The exact date, time, and place are to be announced.

Those eligible to petition for membership are wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of Sir Knights or S.O.O.B. members.

Corner-Stone, Symbolism of the.

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The symbolism of the corner-stone when duly laid with Masonic rites is full of significance, which refers to its form, to its situation, to its permanence, and to its consecration.

As to its form, it must be perfectly square on its surfaces, and in its solid contents a cube. Now the square is a symbol of morality, and the cube of truth. In its situation it lies between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light; and hence this position symbolizes the Masonic progress from darkness to light, and from ignorance to knowledge. The permanence and durability of the corner-stone, which lasts long after the building in whose foundation it was placed has fallen into decay, is intended to remind the Mason that, when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away, he has within him a sure foundation of eternal life—a corner-stone of immortality—an emanation from that Divine Spirit which pervades all nature, and which, therefore, must survive the tomb, and rise, triumphant and eternal, above the decaying dust of death and the grave.

The stone, when deposited in its appropriate place, is carefully examined with the necessary implements of Operative Masonry,—the square, the level, and the plumb, themselves all symbolic in meaning,—and is then

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Corner-Stone, Symbolism of the.

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declared to be "well formed, true, and trusty." Thus the Mason is taught that his virtues are to be tested by temptation and trial, by suffering and adversity, before they can be pronounced by the Master Builder of souls to be materials worthy of the spiritual building of eternal life, fitted, "as living stones, for that hoise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

And lastly, in the ceremony of depositing the corner-stone, the elements of Masonic consecration are produced, and the stone is solemnly set apart by pouring corn, wine, and oil upon its surface, emblematic of the Nourishment, Refreshment, and Joy which are to be the rewards of a faithful performance of duty.

The corner-stone does not appear to have been adopted by any of the heathen nations, but to have been as the *eban pinah*, peculiar to the Jews, from whom it descended to the Christians. In the Old Testament, it seems always to have denoted a prince or high personage, and hence the Evangelists constantly use it in reference to Christ, who is called the "chief corner-stone." In Masonic symbolism, it signifies a true Mason, and therefore it is the first character which the Apprentice is made to represent after his initiation has been completed.

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