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Time, Patience and Perseverance



We learned early in our Masonic lives that Time, Patience and Perseverance will accomplish all things. And so it is with our ongoing campaign to preserve our historic home for future generations.

Just as operative masons assembled our Lakewood Masonic Temple one stone at a time, our program of historic preservation proceeds one key project at a time with a primary focus on keeping out water, which is a damaging force when it invades our historic home via aging windows or eroded mortar joints.

Our next steps in our continuing battle against water will be to replace our Lodge Room balcony windows and to repoint the balance of our exterior masonry. Our windows pose a particular challenge as we strive to preserve the historical integrity and appearance of our home while incorporating the functional and energy-saving technologies of modern windows.

Critical projects such as these are made possible in large measure by gifts, including persistent series of seemingly modest gifts, to The Lakewood Masonic Foundation and/or The Lakewood Masonic Temple Company. Donors desiring preferred federal tax treatment will want to donate to our Foundation. Gifts to our Temple Company are also greatly appreciated but are not deductible for federal income or estate tax purposes. Please make your contribution by using the form on page 11.

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We are pleased to announce that current and back issues of our newsletter are now available through the Newsletters link on our web site at www.lakewoodmasonicfoundation.org.

We also update the Lakewood Masonic Family calendars on our web site as new information becomes available between the quarterly issues of our newsletter, so you may find it helpful to bookmark one or more of these pages for regular review.

Take a few minutes to browse through our site, and share our web address with your non-Masonic friends. It may spur an interest in membership or in a hall rental. Every such interest benefits our Lakewood Masonic Family and our historic home.

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Appreciated Assets As One-Time Gifts

There are various reasons to use appreciated assets to make one-time gifts to an organization such as The Lakewood Masonic Foundation. Chief among them are the sense of personal satisfaction that you will achieve from making a special gift and the likely benefit that you will receive from the unique tax breaks for this type of gift.

There are two ways to use appreciated assets—such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, real estate and insurance policies—to make a special gift. One option is to donate the asset outright, meaning that it would be transferred immediately from you to The Lakewood Masonic Foundation. Another option is to fund a life income gift, which will provide you with income for your lifetime or for some other specified period of time.

A gift of an appreciated asset often provides you with a greater tax benefit than a gift of cash. For example, a gift of appreciated stock that you have held for more than 12 months can be deducted at its current value if you itemize deductions, and you won't have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated portion of your gift. As always, you are encouraged to consult with your legal and tax advisors before making a gift of this type.

Donating an appreciated asset is a special way of showing your love for our Lakewood Masonic Family and for our historic home. You can rest assured that all gifts, other than a small percentage spent for printing and mailing, are used for our stated purposes of historic preservation, charity and education.

If you are interested in donating an appreciated asset, please contact The Lakewood Masonic Foundation, 15300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107-3888 to discuss proper arrangements.

Paving the Way

Every year the City of Lakewood repaves a certain number of streets. This year the City's repaving program has come to us.

The repaving of Detroit Avenue in the blocks near our Lakewood Masonic Temple looks to be complete. Elmwood Avenue is currently under reconstruction, and the City has advised us that Andrews Avenue will be resurfaced from Detroit Avenue to the railroad tracks yet this year.

In the Andrews Avenue project the asphalt pavement will be heated and removed by a milling process to a depth of approximately two inches. The old asphalt thus removed will be mixed with a rejuvenating additive and then placed back on the roadway and compacted with rollers. This process eliminates the wasteful disposal of the old pavement. The entire Andrews Avenue project is projected to last three days, weather permitting.

These projects are funded through the City's Street Construction Maintenance & Repair (SCMR) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds at no cost to the adjacent property owners [whew!].

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Master's Message

Have you heard the story of Chief Pontiac or Dominion Lodge in Windsor, Ontario? Well, let's go back forty years ago to 1967. Then-Worshipful Master Tom Wanner and several of his officers including WB AI Cawrse and WB Tom Flegge were traveling all over the Midwest and ended up in a lodge in Michigan. The Michigan lodge gave them a portrait of Chief Pontiac which was displayed in our lodge room and now resides at the Masonic Library downtown. So what does this have to do with Dominion Lodge? As best we can recollect, WB Wanner in his numerous travels also met some brethren from Dominion Lodge. They invited the Clifton Lodge brethren and their families to Windsor. So, in the summer of '67, a busload of about 40 Clifton men and women sojourned to Windsor. They were met at the border by a full police escort and sped off to the Viscount Hotel in downtown Windsor. By accounts it was a wonderful weekend, and thus started the wonderful relationship we now enjoy with our Canadian brethren in Windsor.

Since that first trip there have been annual exchanges of friendship. At times we would not only visit for the two lodges' installations but also visit in the warmer months to enjoy putting on degree work and sharing good time with our spouses.

In the late 1970's WB AI Loney from Dominion livened things up by inviting many of the brethren to his camp in northern Ontario. With the help of Worshipful Brothers Rudy Holm, Dwight McVicker and Bob Wykoff he created the Tunnel Lake Advisory Board (TLAB) as a fun way of promoting our visitations across the border. The Tunnel Lake "Hat" is presented to worthy brethren who promote the Masonic relationship and make the so-journ to the sister lodge.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the visitations, and great celebrations are planned. For the Clifton-Gaston Allen installation November 24 we will also exemplify the Master Mason degree for our visiting Dominion brethren. And on May 24, 2008 plans are in the making to continue the celebration in Windsor. Happy 40th Anniversary!

Until then, brethren, be sure to come to lodge and join us in the important work on our trestleboard. We are conferring the degrees on the son of one of our past masters, and we have at least one other petition in the works. Whether you choose to take a part in the work or just watch and learn that small detail that escaped you before, the lessons of our various degrees are timeless. Every one of us can benefit from revisiting these foundation stones of life in our turbulent and ever-changing world.

See you in lodge!

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Lakewood Lodge #601 F. & A. M.

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

Master's Message

As our 100th anniversary of Lakewood Lodge #601 approaches in 2008, we need to prepare for our big year. We encourage your participation in meetings this year as we can always use your leadership and wisdom as we prepare for 2008. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Please call WM Jorge Dorantes or Secretary Wor. Bro. Steve Toth for the latest news on this year's schedule of meetings and events.

I especially invite you to Lakewood Lodge's Taco Bash on Monday, September 17, at 6:00p. Please RSVP to Senior Steward Matt Biddlecomb at 216.221.4191 or Junior Steward Brian Carpenter at 440.239.7999 by Friday, September 14, to reserve you seat at the fiesta.

Quorum

The parliamentary law provide that a deliberative Body shall not proceed to business until a *quorum* of its members is present. This law is applicable to Freemasonry, except that, in constituting a quorum for opening and working a Lodge, it is not necessary that the quorum shall me made up of actual members of the Lodge; for the proper officers of the Lodge being present, the quorum may be completed by any Brethren of the Craft. As to the number of Brethren necessary to make a quorum for the transaction of business, the *Old Constitutions* and Regulations are silent, and the authorities consequently differ. In reply to an inquiry directed to him in 1857, the editor of the London *Freemasons Magazine* affirmed that *five* Freemasons are sufficient to open a Lodge and carry on business other than initiation; for which latter purpose *seven* are necessary. This opinion appears to be the general English one, and is acquiesced in by Doctor Oliver; but there is no authority of law for it.

When, in the year 1818, the suggestion was made that some regulation was necessary relative to the number of Brethren requisite to constitute a legal Lodge, with competent powers to perform the rite of initiation, and transact all other business, the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, to whom the suggestion had been referred, replied, with (continued on page 10)

OES Dates to Remember

Sept 1 Co-workers' meetings

Sept 10 Ann Rutledge to Sister/Neighbor Night at The River, 8:00p

Oct 6 Co-workers' meetings

Nov 24 School of Instruction at Lakeside High School, Ashtabula, 11:00a

OES Auxiliaries

Busy Bee meets the 4th Friday, 11:00a, date or location changes TBA. Evening Star meets the 2nd Tuesday, location announced at Chapter. Around the Town Dinner Club meets the 4th Friday, 6:00p, dates TBA.



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

Matron's Message

Sisters and Brothers, NOTHING is as constant as CHANGE! We observe changes daily in our lives, nature, the world as we know it. Socrates is purported to have said that, "The unexamined life is not worth living," but he failed to explain how that examination should be conducted. Wetherill explained that, "All our troubles are caused by disregard for a created law of nature," and that there's a nature's social law of rational, honest behavior. It calls for thoughts and actions that are inclusively LOGICAL because they work, APPROPRIATE to the situation, and MORALLY true to the facts. He also taught that among the principles people reason from, CAUSING their behavior, many of them are COUNTERFEITS! Consider counterfeit money. It isn't REAL, but it ASSUMES a kind of reality when ACCEPTED. In that sense, there are counterfeit PRINCIPLES that people act on, causing them to have problems and trouble.

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Stated Meetings

Sept 5 WELCOME BACK! Honor July, August & September Birthdays Honor Stations of Chaplain, Associate Matron & Associate Patron Refreshments and cleanup assistance by the EAST

Sept 19 INITIATION. Honor Stations of Hostess, Host, Prompter; Audit Committee and Trustees

Refreshments and cleanup assistance by STAR POINTS

Oct 3 SERVICE PINS. Honor October Birthdays
Honor Stations of Conductress & Associate Conductress
Refreshments and cleanup assistance by LINE OFFICERS
CHAPTER BIRTHDAY DINNER following meeting
(Reservations REQUIRED—Guests welcome for \$5.00 each)
SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT

Oct 17 HALLOWEEN FUN! Bring a home-made Halloween mask (costume optional) for after the meeting.

Refreshments and cleanup assistance by ASSOCIATE MATRON & ASSOCIATE PATRON

Nov 7 Honor November Birthdays Honor Station of Worthy Patron Refreshments and clean-up assistance by the EAST

Nov 21 THANKSGIVING
Farewell to Ann and John. Farewell to Berda Allen.
Refreshments and cleanup assistance by LINE OFFICERS

Dec 1 INSTALLATION of OFFICERS—2:00p
Robert Palmer, Past Grand Patron, Installing Officer

Dates to Remember and Auxiliaries—see page 4

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Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M. Stated Meeting Fourth Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Purple

Purple is the appropriate color of those Degrees which, in the American Rite, have been interpolated between the Royal Arch and Ancient Craft Masonry, namely, the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters. It is in Freemasonry a symbol of fraternal union, because, being compounded of blue, the color of the Ancient Craft, and red, which is that of the Royal Arch, it is intended to signify the close connection and harmony which should ever exist between those two portions of the Masonic system. It may be observed that this allusion to the union and harmony between blue and red Masonry is singularly carried out in the Hebrew word which signifies purple

In the religious services of the Jews we find purple employed on various occasions. It was one of the colors of the curtains of the Tabernacle, where, Josephus says, it was symbolic of the element of water, of the veils, and of the curtain over the great entrance; it was also used in the construction of the ephod and girdle of the High Priest, and the cloths for Divine Service.

Among the Gentile nations of antiquity purple was considered rather as a color of dignity than of veneration, and was deemed an emblem of exalted office. Hence Homer mentions it as peculiarly appropriated to royalty, and Vergil speaks of *purpura regum*, or the *purple of kings*. Pliny says it was the color of the vestments worn by the early kings of Rome; and it has ever since, even to the present time, been considered as the becoming insignia of regal or supreme authority.

In American Freemasonry, the purple color seems to be confined to the intermediate Degrees between the Master and the Royal Arch, except that it is sometimes employed in the vestments of officers representing either kings or men of eminent authority—such, for instance, as the Scribe in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

In the Grand Lodge of England, Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers wear purple collars and aprons. As the symbolic color of the Past Master's Degree, to which all Grand Officers should have attained, it is also considered in the United States as the appropriate color for the collars of officers of a Grand Lodge.

—From Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1946

Purple Brethren

In English Freemasonry the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and the Past Grand and Deputy Grand Master and Past and Present Provincial Grand Masters are called *purple brethren*, because of the color of their decorations, and at meetings of the Grand Lodge are privileged to sit on the dais.

—From Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1946

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Freemasonry—A Way of Life



Lakewood Council #125 R. S. M.

Stated Meeting First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Sublime

The word is from the Latin *Sublimis*, meaning *lofty*, an allusion properly expressive of the teaching in the final symbolic ceremony of our ancient Craft. The Third Degree is called the *Sublime Degree of a Master Mason*, in reference to the exalted lessons that it teaches of God and of a future life. The epithet is, however, comparatively modern. It is not to be found in any of the rituals of the eighteenth century. Neither Hutchinson, nor Smith, nor Preston use it; and it was not, probably, in the original Prestonian lecture. Hutchinson speaks of "the most sacred and solemn Order" and of "the Exalted," but not of "the Sublime" Degree. Webb, who based his lectures on the Prestonian system, applies no epithet to the Master's Degree. In an edition of the *Constitutions*, published at Dublin in 1769, the Master's Degree is spoken of as "the most respectable"; and forty years ago the epithet "high and honorable" was used inn some of the instructions of the United States.

The first book in which we meet with the adjective *sublime* applied to the Third Degree, is the *Masonic Discourses* of Dr. T. M. Harris, published at Boston in 1801. Cole also used it in 1817, in his *Freemasons' Library*; and about the same time Jeremy Cross, the well-known lecturer, introduced it into his teachings, and used it in his *Hieroglyphic Chart*, which was, for many years, the text-book of American Lodges. The word is now, however, to be found in the modern English lectures, and is of universal use in the rituals of the United States, where the Third Degree is always called the *Sublime Degree of a Master Mason*.

The word sublime was the password of the Master's Degree in the Adonhiramite Rite, because it was said to have been the surname of Hiram, or Adonhiram. On this subject, Guillemain, in his Recueil Précieux, or Choice Collection (i, page 91), makes the following singular remarks: "For a long time a great number of Masons were unacquainted with this word, and they erroneously made us of another in its stead which they did not understand, and to which they gave a meaning that was doubtful and improbable. This is proved by the fact that the first knights adopted for the Master's Password the Latin word Sublimis, which the French, as soon as they received Masonry, pronounced Sublime, which was so far very well. But some profanes, who were desirous of divulging our secrets, but who did not perfectly understand this word, wrote it Jiblime, which they said signified excellence. Others, who followed, surpassed the error of the first by printing it Giblos, and were bold enough to say that it was the name of the place where the body of Adonhiram was found. As in those days the number of uneducated was considerable, these ridiculous assertions were readily received, and the truth was generally forgotten.

The whole of this narrative is a more visionary invention of the founder of the Adonhiramite system; but it is barely possible that there is some remote connection between the use of the word *sublime* in that Rite, as a significant word of the Third Degree, and its modern employment as an epithet of the same Degree

—From Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1946

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General Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

Stated Meeting Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Commander's Message

WELCOME SIR KNIGHTS!!!

We are pleased to note that we may use "Welcome Sir Knights" in a full spectrum in this particular issue of the newsletter. First of all the "Traditional Welcome Back," after the summer break – we have had a delightful summer break this year. Many of the officers gathered on the shores of Lake Erie on a Saturday afternoon early in June, my back yard, and laid out our plans for the coming year. Every month is filled with an activity you should or will want to attend. Calendar cards are being prepared by the Recorder to be mailed out soon. We also conducted an Officer School of Instruction for not only the Sir Knights but for their Ladies as well so they best know what is coming up and how to support the officer corps when needed.

Our next "Welcome Sir Knights" goes out to the SEVEN new Sir Knights that were created this year. Wow, seven new Sir Knights! That has to be a modern day record for Holy Grail. We will have to go back through many volumes of the minutes book to see when that was done last. We extend a hearty hand of welcome to each of our new Sir Knights and their Ladies, some who have joined the S.O.O.B. already. Our new Sir Knights are Edward G. Adams, Jr., Carl M. Carlson, Jr., Roy Cornett, Steven R. Furman, Paul E. Gray II, David O. Maiden and William J. Rohlke, Jr.

The next "Welcome Sir Knights" goes to the new Officer Corps. An excellent 50/50 mix of Lorain and Lakewood Sir Knights, all have pledged to support the Commandery in every way possible and return Holy Grail to the pinnacle that we once held. We are going to confer all three orders, in full regalia and with all the props. We are going to be using our people to do the work. We are done farming our responsibilities. Our goal is "7 More + 1."

The final and most important "Welcome Sir Knights" goes to all the Sir Knights that have been sitting at home and not attending meetings. You now have a purpose and a need to be at our monthly meetings. Every contribution is needed, if just stand in a line of Sir Knights, if you just march around the room, if you just read a part from a cue card, if you just help a guy get his costumes on, if you just help the candidates get ready, if you just recruit a new candidate, you are needed; and we have something for everyone to do. We even need Sir Knights to sit on the side lines and applaud, and anyone can do that, but you are needed to do just that. At one of the many summer picnics I heard an officer ask a SK why he hasn't been coming to meeting. "Well, I don't drive at night anymore" was the response. The officer responded that he drives at night, so from now on I will be picking you up on the second Wednesday of the month. AND, on time enough to get there for the Pot Luck Dinner that precedes all our meetings.

WELCOME SIR KNIGHTS!!!



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So Mote It Be.

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

Stated Meeting Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Matron's Message

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Those principles are described in the following points. Studying them to apply them enables people to examine their lives and effectuate many **WANTED CHANGES!**

- (1) What are counterfeit principles? They are commands to self that people form such as "My mind is made up and I won't change it" or "I'm always shy around strangers."
- (2) How are counterfeit principles formed? When emotional, people do unrealistic thinking that gets lodged in memory such as "When I feel attacked I fight back" or "After what happened I'll never be the same."
- (3) What do counterfeit principles cause? They cause attitudes and actions contrary to natural law such as "Nobody's going to tell me what to do" or "I like things to go my way."
- (4) How are counterfeit principles RESCINDED? When the concepts are consciously recognized as untrue, they DROP from memory and no longer influence behavior as long as a person chooses to do what is RIGHT.
- (5) What results? Rational thinking replaces the counterfeit principles and puts behavior on the right track. Observing people's behavior confirms the validity of nature's social law. Often counterfeit principles are heard during conversation such as "If I don't like it I won't do it" or "Even if I'm wrong I'm afraid to or hate to admit it."

It is widely known that lifestyles impact people's health. Medical reports list certain foods, bad habits and stress as causes for illness. Also, consider the millennia it has taken to make that connection. Despite those warnings, many people continue irrational lifestyles, because counterfeit principles drive their behavior. This writing states the formula that when applied by enough people will stem the tide of society's pandemic irrationality. Since God wants to break our self-sufficiency, adversity usually hits in areas where we feel most confident. The dark moments of our lives will only last as long as necessary for God to accomplish HIS purpose in us. And a best way to gauge our own progress is to ask, "GOD, is this okay?" --Because self-deception can mask GOD'S will! What actions, attitudes, or habits in YOUR life might require a CHANGE of mind?? Make CON-SCIOUS DECISIONS to maintain good and healthy attitudes. We CAN determine our own happiness in MANY areas of our lives. (Multiple sources contributed to this article.)

At this time, Worthy Patron John and I wish to express our GREAT JOY in having served you this past year! It is bitter-sweet to draw to the close of our recent term. While we can look FORWARD to a NEW year with new officers and activities, we will also be reflecting on the precious moments spent with the membership in perpetuating our Order and our Chapter! We sincerely invite you to support our new officers, and to enjoy whatever opportunities arise for fellowship! We wish you and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas! May GOD bless you and keep you. Thank you for a GREAT year!

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Lakewood Chapter Order of DeMolay

Stated Meetings First & Third Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Lakewood DeMolay meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, and all Master Masons are encouraged to visit at any meeting. Membership is open to young men aged 12 to 21 and who are sponsored by Masons.

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Quorum

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something like Dogberrian astuteness, "that it is thought advisable not to depart from the silence on the subject which had been observed in all the *Books of Constitutions*."

In the absence, then, of all written laws upon the subject, and without any constitutional provision to guide us, we are compelled to recur to the ritual for authority. There the answer to the question in each Degree, "How many compose a Lodge?" will supply us with the rule by which we are to establish the quorum in that Degree. For whatever number compose a Lodge, that is the number which will authorize the Lodge to proceed to business. The ritual has thus established the number which constitutes a "perfect Lodge," and without which number a Lodge could not be legally opened, and therefore, necessarily, could not proceed to work or business; for there is no distinction, in respect to a quorum, between a Lodge when at work or when engaged in business.

According to the ritualistic rule referred to, seven constitute a quorum, for work or business, in an Entered Apprentice's Lodge, five in a Fellow Craft's, and three in a Master Mason's. Without this requisite number no Lodge can be opened in either of these Degrees

—From Mackey's *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1946 [Editor's Note: The Grand Lodge of Ohio specifies that, in its jurisdiction, the constitutional number of brethren required for a quorum is *eight*.]

South

When the sun is at his meridian height, his invigorating rays are darted from the south. When the sun rises in the East, we are called to labor; when he sets in the West, our daily toil is over; but when he reaches the South, the hour is high twelve, and we are summoned to refreshment. In Freemasonry, the South is represented by the Junior Warden and by the Corinthian column, because it is said to be the place of beauty.

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