



# The Foundation Light

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## A Temple Rises in Lakewood



Imagine the excitement a century ago as the growing and ardent band of Freemasons and Eastern Stars watched their dreams coming to fruition. Each day, each week and each month brought new construction to view at the corner of Detroit and Andrews Avenues. Excavations. Foundations. Structural steel. Masonry walls. All in their own turns.

This was not an adventure for the timid, for it was only in 1908 that Lakewood Lodge F&AM was chartered as the first Masonic organization in the Village of Lakewood, which itself would not become a city until 1911. Lincoln Chapter OES and Cunningham Chapter RAM followed quickly, chartered in 1909 and 1910, respectively, as our Lakewood Masonic Family of organizations took shape. And only shortly thereafter, confidence was riding high enough that this hardy band was willing to

undertake the significant burdens of raising funds and financing the construction of a magnificent new edifice to serve the needs of their growing Lakewood Masonic Family in particular and the Lakewood and West Shore community in general.

By the time ground was broken in April 1915 and the cornerstone laid in June 1915, Gaston G. Allen Lodge F&AM, chartered in 1914, had become a part of the Lakewood Masonic Family, responding to a need perceived when the membership of Lakewood Lodge approached 350.

While the other organizations in our Lakewood Masonic Family were not formed until several years after the new Temple opened in 1916, it was clear that the facilities would have to be designed taking into account the particular needs of many different organizations.

In the book *Masonry Defined* [40th Edition, 1930, compiled from the writings of Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33° and others], Article 238 addresses the subject of Masonic Halls, which were first constructed in the eighteenth century as buildings designed for, and dedicated to, the particular functional and privacy needs of Masonic Lodges, which had historically met in taverns. (Lakewood's first Masonic Hall was located on the second floor of the Lakewood Market, a building that still stands on the northwest corner of Detroit and Warren as a part of the First Federal of Lakewood complex.)

In Article 238, Dr. Oliver's directions for the construction of a proper Masonic Hall suggest that the building should be isolated and surrounded by  
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## Appreciated Assets As One-Time Gifts

With stock markets once again approaching their all-time highs, the opportunity to make gifts in the form of appreciated assets becomes more attractive to many donors.

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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 lifetime income gift, which will provide you with income for your lifetime or for some other specified period of time.

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. You may also email [donate@lakewoodmasonicfoundation.org](mailto:donate@lakewoodmasonicfoundation.org).

If you prefer to make a more straightforward gift, you may simply write a check using the form in our newsletter (see page 11), by responding to our letter appeals or by adding a donation to your annual dues.

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. All gifts, other than a small percentage spent for printing and mailing, are used for our stated purposes.

Your donation is a special way of showing your love for our Lakewood Masonic Family and for our historic home. Our 2016 Centennial is fast approaching, and we still have lots of catch-up maintenance to complete on our facilities.

While gifts and bequests may be directed to our Lakewood Masonic Foundation, our Lakewood Masonic Temple Endowment Fund or our Lakewood Masonic Temple Company Operating Fund, please note that only 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; but, depending on your tax situation, deductibility may not be an issue for you.

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

Stated Meeting Second Thursday 7:30 p.m. • Special Fourth Thursday • [www.cliftonallen664fam.org](http://www.cliftonallen664fam.org)

## Master's Message

Brethren:

I thank the Brethren for their confidence in electing me to serve as Worshipful Master once again. We had a good Installation and were happy to see Wor. Bro. Roy Gellner and Rt. Wor. Bro. Barry Evans, together with their wives, from our sister Lodge Trinity #521 of Windsor, Ontario. We have a good line of officers, but we still need the help of many other Brethren to make our Lodge a success.

Our Inspection this year will be early, on January 28, in the Fellowcraft Degree. Please note that this meeting will start "early" at 7:00p.

Friday, February 12, will be the first of our weekly Lenten Fish Fries. This fundraising project was started by our Past Master Bert Horne, and we have two successful years behind us. With your help—volunteering on Fridays, attending the meals with your family and friends, and/or promoting this project in the community—we can make our third year even more successful. We serve from 4:00p to 8:00p. Please contact Wor. Bro. Bert at 216.551.7700 for more information or to volunteer.

## 22nd Masonic District Installation Schedule

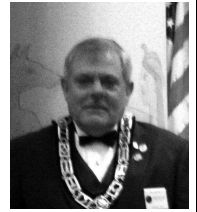
Dec 2	Wed	LaGrange #399	7:30p	Open
Dec 3	Thu	Euclid #599	7:00p	Tyled
Dec 4	Fri	John W. Barkley #621	6:30p	Open
Dec 5	Sat	Mid-Century #725	11:00a	Open
Dec 5	Sat	Theodore Breck #714 @ Berea	1:00p	Open
Dec 5	Sat	Black River #786	3:00p	Open
Dec 5	Sat	Collinwood #582	3:00p	Open
Dec 5	Sat	Oberlin #380	7:00p	Open
Dec 5	Sat	Quarry #382	7:30p	Open
Dec 6	Sun	North Star #638	7:00p	Open
Dec 8	Tue	Parkside #736	7:00p	Open
Dec 9	Wed	Eastgate #796	8:00p	Open
Dec 10	Thu	University Heights #738	7:30p	Open
Dec 11	Fri	Acacia #651	7:30p	Tyled
Dec 12	Sat	Blue Steel #791	11:00a	Open
Dec 12	Sat	Elyria #787	2:00p	Open
Dec 12	Sat	Solon #757	6:00p	Open
Dec 16	Wed	Golden Gate #245	7:30p	Tyled
Dec 17	Thu	Rocky River #703	7:30p	Open

For the most current information visit [www.ohiodistrict22.org/instal08.html](http://www.ohiodistrict22.org/instal08.html)

## 22nd Masonic District Calendar

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Stated Meetings Second & Fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m. • [www.lakewoodfreemasons.com](http://www.lakewoodfreemasons.com)

## Master's Message

It would be an understatement to say that I am honored to have been elected to the office of Worshipful Master of Lakewood Lodge. The brethren of this Lodge have given me so much in the form of brotherly love, timely advice and relief, that I am forever in their debt. Our Lodge has seen a wave of a new generation of young Masons, eager to take on responsibilities and challenges; but it has only been possible with the guidance, generosity and dedication of our elders. It is important that our enthusiasm to improve our Lodge is channeled into strengthening our ritual work, candidate coaching, communication, fraternal programming and philanthropy. Our outgoing Worshipful Master has deservedly earned a reputation as a stellar ritualist, contributing time and energy to learning degree work and lectures. It is my hope that we follow his example of dedication to the Lodge with our regular attendance and willingness to increase in knowledge. I look to you all for ideas on fun and engaging Lodge programming, fundraising opportunities and philanthropic endeavors. As you know, our stated meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. However, we will also meet on the 1st Mondays for the purpose of officers meetings, ritual practice and to discuss other Lodge programming. The 3rd Mondays will be dedicated to fraternal, social and philanthropic programming. We will communicate Lodge activities via our Lodge website, email, text messaging, phone trees and social media. Some of you know my love of Arthurian lore, and I have always considered a lodge to resemble the legendary Round Table. Let us conduct ourselves as just and upright Masons to each other and our community, reminiscent of the chivalrous knights that characterized Camelot, so that our city of Lakewood knows what I have learned, that Freemasonry makes good men better.

## 22nd Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Jan 16	Sat	Blue Steel #791	11:00a	FC	Carter
Jan 20	Wed	Quarry #382	7:00p	FC	Bollinger
Jan 25	Mon	Collinwood #582	7:00p	EA	Bollinger
Jan 26	Tue	Meridian #610	10:30a	EA	Carter
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Clifton-Gaston Allen #664</b>	<b>7:00p</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>Bollinger</b>
Jan 30	Sat	Black River #786	3:00p	FC	Bollinger
Feb 2	Tue	Theodore Breck #714	7:30p	EA	Carter
Feb 3	Wed	North Star #638	7:00p	FC	Krapf
Feb 4	Thu	Euclid #599	7:00p	FC	Carter
Feb 9	Tue	Parkside #736	7:00p	FC	Krapf
Feb 10	Wed	John W. Barkley #621	7:00p	FC	Carter
Feb 16	Tue	Stonington #503	7:00p	FC	Krapf
Feb 17	Wed	Cleveland #781	7:00p	MM	Krapf

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

Stated Meetings First & Third Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. • [www.annrutledge453oes.org](http://www.annrutledge453oes.org)

## Matron's Message

Dan and I would like to thank all who helped with the Installation. We had a great turnout, and we do believe that our officers were the most beautiful and handsome of all.

On November 3 a few of the members from Ann Rutledge boarded a bus and headed for General Grand Chapter in Pittsburgh, PA. We had a great time, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. It was a memorable experience.

On November 11 Ann Rutledge sponsored a bus trip to Amish Country. We played games, did a lot of shopping, and did too much eating. It was great to get better acquainted with other members, families, and friends.

We hope that all had a Happy Thanksgiving!! We're looking forward to meeting and greeting you at our meetings.

December 2, 2015—Stated Meeting. Honoring Present and Past Organists.

December 18, 2015—Stated Meeting. Christmas Potluck Dinner, bring your favorite holiday dish to share with us. Dress in your favorite Christmas attire. Bring wrapped 50 CENT gift for playing games.

December 30, 2015—Round the Town will be going out to eat. Bonnie Barnicle is in charge of picking the restaurant.

January 6, 2016—Stated Meeting. Obligation, and celebrating November, December, and January Birthdays.

January 20, 2016—Stated Meeting. Guest speaker from the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter. Please bring dog biscuits, treats, paper towels, blankets, anti-bacterial hand soap, bleach, dish soap, dog food (canned or dry), dog toys, hand sanitizer, laundry soap, oatmeal (quick), peanut butter, pumpkin (canned), rice, towels, or wax paper.

January 27, 2016—Round the Town will be going out to eat. Pat and Jack Gorze will be in charge of picking the restaurant.

February 3, 2016—Stated Meeting. Valentine's Day. Guest speaker from the food bank.

February 17, 2016—Stated Meeting. Bring a member back to Chapter and receive a gift. Mock initiation.

February 24, 2016—Round the Town will be going out to eat. Joan Bechtold will be in charge of picking the restaurant.

## Count Your Blessings

**Report sunshine** to Norma Jean Crown, Worthy Matron, 216.741.0685; or Gay Whieldon, Associate Conductress, 440.333.7536.



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# This Is the Day!



# Cunningham Chapter #187 R. A. M.

Stated Convocation Third Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • [www.cunningham187ram.org](http://www.cunningham187ram.org)

## High Priest's Message

Companions:

Our Capitular year is off to a great start! At our September stated convocation we held our first-ever Table Chapter, with REC Abraham Kay as guest speaker on the subject of the Jewish half shekel and its symbolism. This was a most appropriate topic as we were inspected in the Mark Master Degree at our November stated convocation by our District Deputy Grand High Priest REC Bob Nilsen. With so many of us in new roles we had a few "bumps," but our own three candidates plus one visiting candidate appeared to be impressed. The Mark Master Degree provides very personalized experiences for the candidate and is a most appropriate way to continue one's Masonic journey in the York Rite. In many ways the Mark Master provides a smooth transition from the Blue Lodge, since the Mark Master feels very much like an extension of the Fellowcraft Degree. In fact, in some jurisdictions, the Mark Master Degree is part of Blue Lodge Masonry.

Our Inspection was also a very special experience for me personally, inasmuch as I was REC Nilsen's District Deputy Grand Master nearly three decades ago when he first served as Worshipful Master of the former Fairview Lodge. It was also a reminder to me that ritual work was so much easier for me to memorize three decades ago!

Looking ahead on our calendar, we will confer the Past Master Degree at our December 16 stated convocation on as many as five of our own candidates. We will complete our annual cycle with the Most Excellent Master Degree at our February 17 stated convocation and the Royal Arch Degree at our April 20 stated convocation. It's not too late to start new candidates through the degrees, since we can take them to other Chapters for courtesy work to get them "caught up." So let's do our best to recruit new members for our own Chapter in particular and Royal Arch and York Rite Masonry in general. This will be a very special year for new and experienced members alike, as our Grand Chapter is celebrating its 200th anniversary.

## 16th Capitular District Inspection Schedule

Feb 8	Mon	Corwin-Webb #205	7:30p	PM	Kubach
Feb 10	Wed	Chagrin Falls #152	7:30p	MEM	Nilsen
Feb 16	Tue	Heights #206	7:30p	MEM	Nilsen
Feb 25	Thu	Covenant-Thatcher #222	7:30p	PM	Kubach
Mar 29	Tue	Sr. DeMolay Mark Lodge #2	7:30p	MkM	Kubach
Apr 1	Fri	Mt. Olive #189	7:30p	PM	Nilsen
Apr 11	Mon	Summit-Baker #74	7:30p	MEM	Kubach
Apr 25	Mon	Berea #134	7:30p	RA	Kubach

For the most current information visit [www.ram16.org](http://www.ram16.org)

16th Capitular District Calendar — Visit [www.ram16.org](http://www.ram16.org)

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

Stated Assembly First Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • [www.lakewood125rsm.org](http://www.lakewood125rsm.org)

## Master's Message

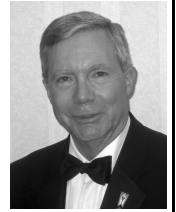
Companions:

Our Cryptic year started with mixed emotions with the passing of our Past Illustrious Master Dave Foyer, but we celebrated his life and devotion to Cryptic Masonry as we launched our year with a Table Council at our September stated assembly. We had a number of visiting Companions join us for the occasion, making it all the more special. Wasting no time, at our November stated assembly we conferred the Royal Master Degree on two of our own candidates. What a thrill it was that evening to see so many visiting Companions turn out to assist as Giblites! We have already started returning the favor.

Looking ahead on our calendar, we will practice the Select Master Degree at our December 2 stated assembly ahead of our Inspection in the Select Master Degree at our January 6 stated assembly. While we're always looking for volunteers to learn speaking parts, WE ESPECIALLY NEED WORKMEN for the Arches with only a few words to learn. Please contact me if you can help us. On Inspection night we will serve a chicken dinner at 6:30p at a cost of \$10.00 per person. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. Please contact me to reserve your place. Sorely needed work on the SEM Degree will occupy us in the months to follow.

## 7th Arch Inspection and SEM Schedule

<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Lakewood #125</b>	<b>7:30p</b>	<b>SM</b>
Jan 12	Tue	Windermere #113	7:30p	RM
Jan 18	Mon	Cleveland #36	7:30p	RM
Jan 21	Thu	Elyria #86	7:30p	SM
Jan 23	Sat	Penn-Ohio Day (Pittsburgh)	2:00p	RM-OH, SM-PA
Feb 15	Mon	Painesville #104	7:30p	SM
Feb 20	Sat	Warren #58	9:00a	SM
Feb 23	Tue	Woodward #118	7:30p	SM
Mar 3	Thu	Forest City #111	7:30p	SM
Mar 22	Tue	Conneaut #40 & Geneva #145	7:30p	RM-40, SM-145
Mar 28	Mon	Buechner #107	7:30p	RM
Mar 29	Tue	Conneaut #40, Geneva #145 & Painesville #104	7:00p	SEM
Apr 16	Sat	Windermere #113	9:00a	SEM
Apr 30	Sat	Forest City #111, Windermere #113 & Woodward #118 @ Woodward	9:00a	SEM
May 16	Mon	Buechner #107 & Warren #58 @Buechner	7:00p	SEM
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Cleveland #36, Elyria #86 &amp; Lakewood #125 @ Elyria</b>	<b>2:00p</b>	<b>SEM</b>



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# Fraternity First



# Holy Grail Commandery #70 K. T.

Stated Conclave Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • [www.holygrail70kt.org](http://www.holygrail70kt.org)

## Commander's Message

Greetings, Sir Knights of Holy Grail Commandery:

Good things are happening at Holy Grail! At our October Grand Commandery conclave, our Captain General SK Bob Esarey, PC, who is also President of our 7th Division Council for Templar Advancement, was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. These awards are very limited in number and are presented "only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member." Those of us who know him have witnessed SK Esarey's decades of devotion to Templar Masonry that qualified him for this distinction. Well done!

[Editor's note. Eminent Commander SK Ford Cole is too modest to mention that he received his Scottish Rite MSA [Meritorious Service Award] cap and jewel at the 118th Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation this past June. Congratulations to both our long-time leaders!]

Please join us for a special program at our December 9 stated conclave. Our guest speaker will be a local minister who will recount her experiences on one of our Knights Templar-sponsored Holy Land Pilgrimages.

We've already started practicing the "old" full form opening, requiring Sir Knights to march in the Army along with designated officers. Can you help us? You don't have to memorize anything; just learn and follow marching and sword manual commands. Our Deputy Division Commander will inspect our full form opening at our March 9 stated conclave. Our Inspection in the Order of the Temple will follow on Saturday, March 19. Our Inspection candidate will be one of our own who received his Orders of Red Cross and Malta at a 7th Division joint conclave in November.

As always, please plan on attending our meetings. We would be very glad for your moral support and especially for your participation.

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.

## 7th Division Inspection Schedule

Jan 7	Thu	Forest City #40 FFO	Siegel
Jan 23	Sat	Forest City #40	Starr
Feb 6	Sat	Oriental #12	Boner
Feb 27	Sat	Holyrood #32	Ebert
Mar 5	Sat	Coeur de Lion #64	Vicars
Mar 9	Wed	Holy Grail #70 FFO	Siegel
Mar 19	Sat	Holy Grail #70	Gault
Apr 2	Sat	Allenby #73	Wymer
Apr 16	Sat	Elyria #60	Trent



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Stated Meeting Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m. • [www.cleveland15soob.org](http://www.cleveland15soob.org)

## President's Message

Whew! Another Official Visit is now history. I think each of us needs to feel a certain sense of pride in doing a fairly good job under some very trying circumstances. I wish to begin by expressing my thanks to our Sisters from Columbus who traveled a great distance to be here to help us and support us. Our own members as always were there for me. I so appreciated all that everyone did. It was exciting to be in the beautiful Lodge Room. Our Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Derby, was very kind in helping us over some rough spots. One of the very special highlights of our Official Visit was the Supreme Worthy President presenting Debbie Wykoff with her 25 year pin. Our upcoming schedule is listed below:

December 9 - Regular Stated Meeting and Memorial Service  
January 13 - Regular Stated Meeting

In November we elected a new slate of officers. Please be thinking of how you can best serve your next Worthy President. Perhaps you would like to think about entering the line. It is an awesome thing to be the Worthy President and see our Assembly grow. Did you know that we have the privilege of being the oldest assembly east of the Mississippi?

During our December 9th meeting we will be performing our annual Memorial Service in honor of all our Sisters who have gone to be with our Lord. Each officer has been given her own personal memorial book, so please be sure to study so that we may do a beautiful service in honor of our dear departed Sisters.

Our Installation date has not been set as of this date.

Well, dear Sisters, this is my last article as your Worthy President. I have done my best this year, and I hope that you have had an opportunity to grow in the beauty of this fellowship. I appreciate all that each of you has done to make our meetings more meaningful. We truly are a family full of love and caring. I wish you and yours a beautiful and happy holiday season.

## Preceptory

The houses or residences of the Knights Templar were called *Preceptories*, and the superior of such a residence was called the *Preceptor*. Some of the residences were also called *Commanderies*. The latter name has been adopted by the Masonic Templars of America. An attempt was made in 1856, at the adoption of a new Constitution by the Grand Encampment of the United States, which met at Hartford, to abolish the title *Commanderies*, and adopt that of *Preceptories*, for the Templar organizations; a change which would have undoubtedly have been more in accordance with history, but unfortunately the effort to effect the change was not successful.

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



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## A Temple Rises in Lakewood

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lofty walls, and set apart from any other buildings. Since this is seldom achievable in large towns, he suggests that the Lodge should be formed in an upper story, with windows either in the roof or very high from the floor. To preserve a just proportion, the room should be lofty. After making several suggestions regarding décor, Dr. Oliver states, "But in all cases a due proportion should be observed in the several members of the fabric wherever it is practicable, that no unsightly appearance may offend the eye, by disturbing that general harmony of parts which constitutes the beauty and excellence of every architectural production."

Dr. Oliver further states, "In every convenient place the architect should contrive secret cryptae or closet. They are of indispensable utility; but in practice are not sufficiently attended to in this country." He suggests a room for visitors, a Tiler's room, a vestry for storage of regalia, a room for preparations, a chapel for the dead, a Master's conclave for storage of documents and records, and many others. While he admits that every such apartment may not be equally necessary, such considerations "should be impressed on every Lodge that undertakes the construction of a building exclusively for Masonic purposes; and such a building only is entitled to be called a Masonic Hall."

Dr. Oliver also notes that the division of the degrees of the American Rite among different bodies (e.g., Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Councils and Commanderies) imposes the necessity, or at least the convenience, of designating rooms for each body. In the vast majority of Masonic buildings, including our own Lakewood Masonic Temple, this situation was and is an unaffordable luxury, so our facilities were designed and built to accommodate, as best possible, the varying particular needs of a family of Masonic organizations. Our purely Masonic level serves variously as a Lodge Room for Ancient Craft Lodges, Apartments for a Royal Arch Chapter, a Secret Vault for a Council of Royal & Select Masons, an Asylum for a Commandery of Knights Templar, and a Chapter Room for the Order of Eastern Star.

The contract for both design and construction of our Lakewood Masonic Temple was awarded to James W. Chrisford, a local builder. Wor. Bro. Mark G. Snow, 33°, in his talk on the occasion of our Temple's 50th Anniversary, observed that Bro. Chrisford "went far beyond what his contract called for in appointments and décor, and these are reported to have cost him a considerable sum over and above his contract price." Since our records show that many additions and changes were indeed made during the construction period, some paid for by additional fund raising; it is not difficult to imagine the additional personal commitments and sacrifices that so many made to bring their dream to fruition. A century later, *will you sacrifice a portion of your worldly wealth to make a similar commitment?* You may make your donation by using the form on page 11.

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2	Wed	7:30p	Lakewood R&SM	14	Mon	7:30p	Lakewood F&AM
8	Tues	7:00p	LMTTC Board of Trustees	16	Wed	1:30p	Ann Rutledge OES
9	Wed	7:30p	Holy Grail KT	16	Wed	7:30p	Cunningham RAM
9	Wed	7:30p	Cleveland Beauceant	28	Mon	7:30p	Lakewood F&AM

**January**

6	Wed	1:30p	Ann Rutledge OES	14	Thu	7:30p	Clifton-Allen F&AM
6	Wed	7:30p	Lakewood R&SM <i>Inspection</i>	20	Wed	1:30p	Ann Rutledge OES
11	Mon	7:30p	Lakewood F&AM	20	Wed	7:30p	Cunningham RAM
12	Tues	7:00p	LMTTC Board of Trustees	25	Mon	7:30p	Lakewood F&AM
13	Wed	7:30p	Holy Grail KT	27	Wed	7:00p	LMF Board of Trustees
13	Wed	7:30p	Cleveland Beauceant	27	Wed	7:30p	16th District Royal Arch Assn
				28	Thu	7:00p	Clifton-Allen F&AM <i>Inspection</i>

**February**

3	Wed	1:30p	Ann Rutledge OES	12	Fri	4:00p	Fish Fry Fundraiser
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11	Thu	7:30p	Clifton-Allen F&AM	26	Fri	4:00p	Fish Fry Fundraiser

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