



The Chillicothe Masonic Temple  
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# The Trestle Board

## Seventh Masonic District Grand Master's Reception



A reception to honor Most Worshipful Kevin B. Todd, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio will be hosted by the Seventh Masonic District Friday, January 27, 2012 at the Shawnee Resort Lodge at 4404 State Route 125 in West Portsmouth, Ohio. The Social will begin at 6:30 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Officers are encouraged to attend and your lady is invited. Attire is business casual or formal according to your desire.

### **From the Grand Master :**

What a great honor it is to represent the Masons of Ohio as your Grand Master. I pledge that I will put forth the utmost effort to see that the interests of the Brethren are promoted and protected for the future. I will try to uphold the tradition of great Grand Masters that have come before me and hopefully, in some small way, provide an example for those that follow.

I am a huge proponent of "individual responsibility." As a one of the largest Grand Lodges in the world, we will be able to accomplish anything to which we dedicate our resources. But nothing happens in any group if the individuals that comprise it do not make it their personal mission to reach their own goals and those of the group. So it is with this dedication in mind that I am promoting the theme that the **"Future Of Freemasonry Is Up To You."**

So take responsibility for the health of your family, the state of your lodge, the condition of the youth group your lodge sponsors or the other Masonic bodies to which you belong, and even the conditions in your local communities. The extent of your Freemasonry should not be just for the bumper sticker on your car, the ring on your finger, or the Square and Compasses on your ball cap. Being a Mason is an honor, a privilege, and a duty. When you achieved the ultimate status of Master Mason, you were told that this is just a beginning. They meant it! You could be a Master Mason for thirty years and you are just getting started on this journey. This Masonic path really has no end, it just gets wider the further we travel down it.

["**From the Grand Master** is an excerpt from his message and may be read in its entirety at [www.freemason.com](http://www.freemason.com)]



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# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Seventh Masonic District VA BINGO Event 1:00 pm Bldg #9	2	3 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg.  7:30 pm	4	5	6 Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 F.C. °	7 Highland Lodge #38 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 M.M. °
8	9 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm Vegetable Soup & Sandwich	10 Chillicothe Chapter  7:30 pm	11 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star  7:30 pm	12	13 Lucasville Lodge #465 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 F.C. °	14 Lynchburg Lodge #178 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 E.A. °
15	16	17 Chillicothe Council Annual Inspection 7:30 pm Select Master Degree	18	19 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg.  7:30 pm	20 Aurora Lodge #48 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 E.A. °	21 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Annual Inspection 2:00 pm
22	23 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm  Bean Soup & Cornbread	24 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Mtg.  7:30 pm	25 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star  7:30 pm	26 Ross County Shrine Club Stated Mtg. 7:00 pm	27 Grand Master's Reception Shawnee Resort Lodge 6:30 pm	28 Leesburg Lodge #78 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 F.C. °
29	30 January 30, 2011 Harry Stark Council of Allied Masonic Degree will meet at the Kenwood Restaurant in Washington Court House 6:30 pm	31	<p><b>NOTE TO TEMPLE KEY HOLDERS:</b> During the month of January the elevator will be re-keyed. The Masonic Temple Association Board of Directors has assigned Brother Stephen J. Steele the responsibility of assigning keys to authorize personnel. Everyone who presently has a key are asked to return them to the Office of the Secretary. During the transition loss of access will occur in which case you will have to contact Brother Steele, Building Manager 701-1622.</p>			

# Seventh Masonic District Association VA Bingo Project

**B ~ I ~ N ~ G ~ O** That fun game many have played over the years is a program the Seventh Masonic District hosts at Building #9 on the grounds of the Chillicothe VA Hospital. The event is held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on the first Sunday of December, January, July and August. This project is assigned to the 17 lodges in the district to host on an alternate basis. To familiarize the Brethren of the district as to what lodges are given the opportunity of hosting this event the following schedule is provided.

**DECEMBER—Scioto Lodge #6, Frankfort Lodge #309, Logan Elm Lodge #624, Manchester Lodge #317, and Bainbridge Lodge #196.**

**JANUARY—Aurora Lodge #48, Lucasville Lodge #465, Peebles Lodge #561 and Orient Lodge #321**

**JULY—Nauvoo Lodge #769, Rome Lodge #535, Western Sun Lodge #91, Winchester Lodge #236**

**AUGUST—Highland Lodge #38, Lynchburg Lodge #178, and West Union Lodge #43**

It is a rewarding project and is one many fail to take the advantage to experience. As administrative assistant to

Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert, the district representative, I would like to recognize the following Brethren who participated at the December **BINGO** event.

From

- **Bainbridge Lodge #196** R.W.B. Keith Johnson and Brother Michael W. Whitt.
- **Logan Elm Lodge #624** Brother Thomas Sommers, Brother Michael D. Carroll, Brother Ryan Newman, Brother James Stevens, Brother Larry Heshier, and R.W.B. Robert S. Jones
- **Manchester Lodge #317** Brother Hobert Crase
- **Scioto Lodge #6** Brother Neil Zizelman, Brother James E. Smith, Worshipful Brother Joe D. Curtis and Worshipful Brother William Bennett
- **Other Representatives** Right Worshipful Brother Robert K. Brown of Orient Lodge #321

The first event in the new year will be held **January 1, 2012 1:00 pm—3:00 pm**. Please consider taking a couple hours of your day to devote to the enjoyment of veteran residents on the campus of the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital. Participation is not limited to Master Masons but all Brethren regardless of degree standing. Ladies of all Masons are invited to attend.

**January 21, 2012**, is a date for Sir Knights to circle on their calendar. Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Michael A. Ash will welcome all Sir Knight from the 4th Division to Chillicothe for the annual inspection of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. The opening at 2:00 pm will be followed by the Full Form Opening schedule at 4:00 pm. For the first time Ladies are invited to sit in the Asylum for the Full Form Opening. This will eliminate the duplication of introductions at dinner. Sir Knight Ash is enthusiastic with the changes made by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio. A memo dated December 5, 2011 issued by Sir Knight August C. Holzer Grand Commander to all subordinate Commanderies provide uniform protocols for this. Past Eminent Commanders and all Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in the Moll Dining Room.

## Seventh Masonic District at a Glance

The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio is divided into 25 districts. The Seventh Masonic District is comprised of 17 lodges over a five county region. The District is referred to as the "**Historic 7th Masonic District**" because of the role it played as host at the forming of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in January 1808 and has as its motto "**Birthplace of the Grand Lodge Ohio**".

Seventh Masonic District Association has an officer corps headed by W.B. Michael Payton. Brother Jason Throckmorton serves at the Secretary/Treasurer. R.W. B. Terry Moore serves as District Advisor to all the

lodges and the District Deputies Grand Master of which there are three. There are also two District Education Officers.

The Seventh Masonic District Association has three meetings during the year January (Lucasville Lodge #465, May (Highland Lodge #38) and September (Logan Elm Lodge #624) and are held on Saturday evening with dinner at 5:00 and the meeting following at 6:00 pm. These meetings are open to all Masons who wish to attend. The annual meeting is held in September at which the election of officers take place.

# Focus on a Past Master—Gary E. Turley 1982-1983

The torch was passed by Worshipful Brother William D. Donnellis to Brother Gary E. Turley, Worshipful Master-Elect November 2, 1982. On November 13, 1982 Worshipful Brother Keith Bost assumed the gavel and declared the chairs of the officers of the line vacant for the purposes of installation. Worshipful Brother Richard Wardell served as the Installing Secretary.

Leading a Blue Lodge is challenging in and of itself, however for Worshipful Brother Turley he had the unpleasant task of presiding over issues involving un-Masonic Conduct charges of a member of the lodge. This is an unattractive aspect of Masonry but at times there is no recourse but to handle these things in the most appropriate manner.

Discussion was opened on the floor concerning sponsorship of the Order of Rainbow for Girls by Scioto Lodge, in the final analysis the lodge declined.

Action was taken at the stated meeting March 17, 1983

to install Casablanca style fans in the 4th floor dining room.

During Worshipful Brother Turley's term carpet was installed in the corridors on the third floor. Carpet in place at that time was removed and installed on the fourth floor.

Scioto Lodge purchased an ad in the Program for the International Masonic Day in April of 1983 which featured the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Degree Team.

There were 20 stated meetings and 12 special meetings. During these meeting 14 Brethren were Initiated as an Entered Apprentice and 8 were Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. The annual report statistics reflect 814 members as of July 31, 1983. Eight Brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, 2 affiliations and 4 reinstatements. Scioto Lodge experienced the death of 20 Brethren. Two Brethren requested dimits and 5 were suspended for non-payment of dues.

May the holidays work their very special magic filling your heart with a very special peace. Thanks for your holiday cards, they mean so much. Minnie is the widow of Brother Donald Arbaugh, Sr. who passed away October 25, 1999. Brother Arbaugh served as Tyler for the lodge for several years.

*Minnie Arbaugh*

Hi,  
I got out this past month and was delighted to see the beautiful lobby and the "outside patio" [courtyard]. Also saw for the first time the lovely planting on the east side of the parking lot. It means a lot to have you making "our home" so pretty and inviting. I appreciated resting on the chairs as I passed through.

*Thanks to you all  
Connie Hartmus  
Tennant*

## PHONE MEMO:

From: *Mrs. Wayne B. (Margaret) Tedford*

Mrs. Tedford called the Office of the Secretary expressing her appreciation to the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies for the Thanksgiving Day card and the Christmas card she received over the holidays. Brother Tedford was a 51 year Mason having received his Master Mason Degree in December of 1954. He was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in September of 2005.

Dear "Scioto Lodge #6"

I want to thank you for the cards you send to the Widows. My husband [Brother Russell P. Allman] was very proud to be in the [Masonic Fraternity] Lodge. He always told everyone he belonged to Scioto Lodge even though he attended meetings here [Heath, Ohio]. He was so glad he could come there for his 50 year pin. It was displayed in his casket with his Purple Heart and all of his other medals.

Thanks again for the cards,  
*Nellie Allman*

**Note:** Brother Allman was a 56 year member of Scioto Lodge #6 at the time of his passing October 22, 2006.

## **A Note to the Masonic Widow:**

The Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies continues to keep in touch with the Widows of our Brethren, Companion and Sir Knights, including the widows of our late District Deputies Grand Master. We extend invitations to our widows to attend the banquets hosted by the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies in addition to special programs and events we offer during the year. The addresses of our widows sometime become obsolete and mail is returned with the notation "unable to deliver", as such the only option is to delete the widow's name from the database until updated information is acquired. This sometimes comes in the form of a telephone call from a family member that the widow has passed away.



## Service Pin Presentation



Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 eligible to receive Twenty-five, fifty and sixty year service pins will be presented with their awards at the annual inspection of Scioto Lodge.

The inspection is to be held Friday, January 6, 2012, dinner will be served at 6:15 pm with lodge opening at 7:00 pm. The inspection will be in the Fellow Craft Degree.

Worshipful Brother Joe D. Curtis invites all recipients to attend the evening in commemoration of the event of your becoming a Master Mason

The following awards are scheduled:

### Twenty-five year recipients

- Brother E. Eugene Day
- Brother Glenn F. Price
- Brother Roger A. Remy
- Brother James R. Sowers

- Brother John C. Wise

### Fifty-year recipients

- Brother Jacob L. DePugh
- Brother Delbert J. Doles
- Brother Homer E. Notestone
- Brother Neil L. Smith
- Brother David E. Sparks
- Brother Franklin E. Walters

### Sixty-year recipient

- Brother Richard G. Klepinger

Awards will be sent to those Brethren living out of town. In home presentations may be arranged for senior awards. Contact the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 with any questions.

## PASSAGES



Velma Taylor Endlich, 83, of Chillicothe, passed from this life Saturday evening, Dec. 10, 2011 in the Adena Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. On Dec. 5, 1973 she married **Kenneth Endlich** who preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1990. Mrs. Endlich was a retired employee of J.C. Penney. She was a long-time member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, active in many church activities.

Velma was a member of the Story Place Garden Club, the Red Hat Society and the Century Club. She enjoyed gardening and loved her Scottie dogs, Jock and Mackie. Worshipful Brother Endlich was the long time Chaplain of Scioto Lodge and building manager for the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.

## Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.

Illustrious Master Richard W. Shanks will preside over Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. for its annual inspection Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The inspection will be in the Select Master Degree.

All Companions of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S. M. are urged to attend the inspection. Past Illustrious Masters are asked to support the Council by being in attendance and perhaps filling in positions that are vacant for whatever reason. The evening will open at 7:30 pm. The inspection is being held on our stated monthly meeting.

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?' The guy replies, 'I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Houston.' Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom.' The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, 'I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years.' Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom. 'Just a minute,' says the good father. 'That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?' 'Up here - we go by results,' says Saint Peter. 'When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed.'

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

## “Happy New Year!”

Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

### ANCIENT NEW YEARS

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

### THE CHURCH'S VIEW OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. But as Christianity became more widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances concurrently with many of the pagan celebrations, and New Year's Day was no different. New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations.

## Masonic Widow—Broken Column & its Significance



At those times of loss when a Brother has laid down the working tools of life and we preside at a Masonic Funeral service, at the request of the family of our fallen Brother, Scioto Lodge presents his wife with a widows pin. Until lately our supplier of the Black Rose has been unable to acquire them. We have presented "Angel Pins" while attempting to find another vendor. This has proven fruitless. We will be presenting a gold finish pin depicting the "Broken Column" wreathed in Acacia Leaves. There are numerous Masonic widow pin presentations which may accompany the Masonic broken column pin, Masonic broken column which is presented to the widow of a Freemason.

**Meaning of the Broken Column** The broken column memorializes the end of our earthly life. Surrounding the broken column are acacia leaves, symbolic of our eternal life. (1) Broken Column "In Freemasonry, the broken column is, as Master Freemasons well know, the emblem of the fall of one of the chief supporters of the Craft. The use of the column or pillars as a monument erected over a tomb was a very ancient custom, and was a very significant symbol of the character and spirit of the person interred. It is accredited to Jeremy L. Cross that he first introduced the Broken Column into the ceremonies, but this may not be true (see Monument) (2).

(1) *From Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929, page 155:*

(2) *Monument: Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929, page 678:*

## Publications by William Stephen Burkle

Several papers focusing on the Masonic Fraternity have been published by Brother William Stephen Burkle and are on the web. Those titled articles are:

- The Tarot and Blue Lodge Masonry
- Freemasonry and Geometry
- Pillars of the Portico
- Musings on the Geometric Properties of the Square and Compasses
- Mystical Reasons—The Rose Circle Research
- The Sephiroth and the Four Worlds in Three Dimensional Perspective
- The Broken Column and its Deeper Meaning
- A Proof of Euclid's 47th Proposition

Brother Burkle is a member of Scioto Lodge #6, Alpha Lodge #116 and Philo Lodge #243 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. He resided in New Jersey where he is employed as a metallurgist.

## Society for the Preservation of Euchre Players -- SPEP



**Any** avid Euchre player would recognize that hand of cards pictured at the left as a "LONER". Usually, when such a hand is held a Jack of Hearts (or some other red card) is usually turned up and someone ruins your hand by picking it up or being "ordered up". Hate it when that happens!!!

Brother Dean Rinehart has expressed an interest to arrange a day and time at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple for those interested in playing. Refreshment would be provided by those attending.

You may contact the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies at 774-3485 if you are interested in participating. You may email the lodge at [sciotalodge6@horizonview.net](mailto:sciotalodge6@horizonview.net) and your name and address will be added to the interest group. Bring a friend, he does not have to be a Mason to participate. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.



### NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS?

The desire of improving, the commitment to outperform is somehow inherent to the human being. However, most of these resolutions fail. Making a resolution is not enough, you need to structure a work plan to be successful and define the resolutions with a well thought methodology. We can create this roadmap with the following 7 steps:

1. Having the right mindset
2. Category identification
3. Selecting the resolution
4. Quantifying the resolution
5. Setting intermediate milestones
6. Setting the tracking tool
7. The tough decision: Abandon or persevere

### Editorial Apology

The December calendar announced the date of the annual inspection of Chillicothe Chapter #4 as Tuesday, December 13, 2011. The actual date for the inspection was Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 10:00 am. I apologize for the confusion and inconvenience this may have created. **William Bennett, Secretary**

## SCIOTO LODGE #6 ANNUAL INSPECTION

Worshipful Brother Joe D. Curtis will welcome Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones, D.D.G.M. to Scioto Lodge #6. R.W.B. Jones will experience his inaugural inspection duties of the inspection season as a newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master on Friday, January 6, 2012. Scioto Lodge will kick off the three month long trek of lodge inspection/visitations in the Seventh Masonic District. There are 17 lodges in the district and officers of the line are encouraged to attend as many of these inspections as possible.

The adage goes something like this, if you want your inspection to be attended and represented by the lodges in the district, then you must extend the courtesy of attending other lodges when they are inspected. This is especially true of the three principle officers of the lodge.

During this inspection season the Entered Apprentice Degree will be exemplified on six occasions, followed by the Fellow Craft Degree which will be conferred in five lodges. The Sublime Degree of Master Mason will be portrayed a total of six times. Highland Lodge #38, Orient Lodge #321, Bainbridge Lodge #196, Manchester Lodge #317, Winchester Lodge #236 and West Union Lodge #43 will confer the 3rd Degree.



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## The Thoughts of a Mason's Wife

How many wives of Masons have ever given much thought, To the wonderful biblical lessons that Masonry has taught. Have you asked yourself this question, when you sit alone at night? While hubby is away at lodge: is my reasoning straight and right? I know the nights are lonely and long, but this question has come to me, "If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?" I know nothing of their secret work, but this much I understand, That the lessons taught in Masonry have made a better man. "If my husband weren't A Mason, what kind of man would he be?" They call us Masonic widows, I've been one for many a year, I've spoken my piece on lonely nights, and berated my hubby dear. But, then again, I regret my words, and with wisdom try to see, "If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?" So I try to be a patient wife, as alone I meditate, And see his point, as he leaves for lodge, with these words, "I won't be late". Some say that men make Masonry, and this I understand, But, deep in my heart I still Maintain, "That Masonry makes the man." And as we journey the highway together, to the inner things of life, May their teachings go on forever.

Sincerely, A Masons Wife.  
(Author unknown)