



# The Trestle Board

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## Chillicothe York Rite Festival

The dates for the 2012 Chillicothe York Rite Festival have been finalized and the ground work has been laid **June 28—30, 2012**. Registration will open at 5:30 pm Thursday, June 28th in the small dining room on the third floor. Work will begin at 7:00 pm both Thursday, June 28th (Chapter) and Friday, June 29th (final Chapter degree), and Degrees of Council. Degree work will resume Saturday, June 30th at 9:00 am with the Orders of Knights Templar.

Letters were sent to Bainbridge Lodge #196, Frankfort Lodge #309, Orient Lodge #321 and Logan Elm Lodge #624 with an invitation to their members who would like to received the degrees of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry and the Orders of Knights Templar during this festival. A petition for these degrees and orders are part of this newsletter. Degree fees are \$100.00 and includes dues for the current year.

Candidates participating from Hillsboro York Rite Bodies and Portsmouth York Rite Bodies in this festival should contact the Office of the Secretary/Recorder in those locations. Letters of participation were sent to your respective York Rite Bodies.

Chapter	Chapter/Council	Commandery
<b>Thursday, June 28, 2012 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Friday, June 29, 2012 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday, June 30, 2012 9:00 am</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Master Degree</li> <li>• Past Master Degree</li> <li>• Most Excellent Master Degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Arch (Chapter)</li> <li>• Royal Master (Council)</li> <li>• Select Master (Council)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Order of Malta</li> <li>• Order of the Red Cross</li> <li>• Order of the Temple</li> </ul>

## Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

**Thursday, April 5th from 11:00 am—7:00 pm**

**Shrine Pavilion 500 Belleview Avenue**

**Dinners \$7.00—Desserts \$1.00**

**Assistance is needed to make the day a success**

**Needed: Contribution of desserts**

**Open to the public**

# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. E.A. ° 7:30 pm	4 Prep Day Set-up for Chicken Noodle Dinner	5 Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner 11:00—7:00 Shrine Pavilion	6	7
8 Easter Services Portsmouth Masonic Temple	9 Lunch @ the Lodge 1:00 pm Euchre 1:30 pm	10 Chillicothe Chapter Stated Convocation 7:30 pm	11 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 Chillicothe Council Stated Assembly 7:30 pm	18	19 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. E.A.° 7:30 pm	20	21
22	23 Lunch @ the Lodge 1:00 pm Euchre Afterward	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	28
29	30 Harry Stark Council AMD Olive Garden 6:30 pm					

## Fifth Capitular District Grand High Priest Reception

**Saturday, April 21, 2012:**

Hillsboro Masonic Temple at 136 North High Street will be the site of the Fifth Capitular District's Grand High Priest Reception. Most Excellent Companion George M. Shell will be honored at an event featuring a social at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. High Priest and District Awards will be presented at 7:00 pm. Dinner by reservation only will be \$12.00, payment may be made at that time or you may pay at the door. You may contact **Dale Exline** at 740-418-7301 or **Ryan Adams** at 740-703-5446.

## How would you like to be 3rd Base?

Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal was born March 6, 1972, nicknamed "Shaq" is a former American professional basketball player. Standing 7 ft 1 in (2.16 m) tall and weighing 325 pounds (147 kg), he was one of the heaviest players ever to play in the NBA. Throughout his 19-year career. Shaq became a Prince Hall Mason June 11, 2011. He was raised at Widow Son Lodge No. 28 Under The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston .



## Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio

**From the Office of Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**Napoleon, Ohio—Easter 2012**

Communication is a key element in our Grand Commandery Program this year, and our first communication is with God. At times we need to sit quietly and listen to God as He speaks to us. At other times we think He is not answering our pleas. And sometimes the answer is "No". As we celebrate this Easter Season with music, drama and flowers, let us listen carefully to God's Word. A cantata by John Petersen entitled "No Greater Love" clearly states that "there is not greater love than Jesus' dying love." We are reminded that death is not the "end" but the beginning of something beautiful.

In the words of William and Gloria Gaither [in a well known gospel song] "Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion He understood ; All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife; But He made something beautiful of my life." With the knowledge that Christ died for our sins, may we live in accord with God as we continue our journey in "Harmony Through Communication"

**August C. Holzer, Grand Commander**

### Good Friday

The Friday within Holy Week, and is a time of fasting and penance, commemorating the anniversary of Christ's crucifixion and death. For Christians (Catholic, Orthodox, Methodist, etc), Good Friday commemorates not just a historical event, but the sacrificial death of Christ, which with the resurrection, comprises the heart of the Christian faith.

### Easter

According to Scripture Jesus was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. The death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday. Through his death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

### Ascension

The word "ascension" means "going up". According to the Bible, Jesus ascended to heaven with his apostles. The holiday is celebrated forty days after his resurrection. Jesus' body went to heaven, and that in heaven he sits at the right-hand side of God the Father. this day. It is a very important feast in the calendar of the Christian Church.

## Pike/Ross County Dinner Hosted

**Chillicothe Masonic Temple April 18th 2012.** Masters and their ladies are invited to attend the 2012 Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus dinner for Pike and Ross County. Held at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple at 57 East Main Street, guests will be welcomed beginning at 6:00 for a social gathering. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. **Reservations** must be made on or before Friday, April 13th.

There is no cost for the dinner compliments of Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus. Brethren Companions and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies will serve the dinner. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the **Chillicothe Masonic Temple Benevolent Fund**. The fund, managed by the Masonic Temple Association, fields requests for limited assis-

tance by worthy distressed Master Masons.

Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum is the director for the Pike/Ross County region. Brother Brad Burns and his staff will prepare the following menu.

### *Menu*

#### *Appetizers*

#### *Entrée*

#### *Baked Steak*

#### *Mashed Potatoes & side Vegetable*

#### *Desserts & Drinks*

It is recommended that all officers of the line who aspire to govern the lodge **“with equal regularity”**, should avail themselves of the opportunity to comply with the Ohio Masonic Code by enrolling in the Continuing Education Courses.

While Robert’s Rules of Order is a great guide to conducting an orderly meeting—the Grand Lodge Code regulates actions and conduct required of The Worshipful Master that are not contained in rules of order for a business meeting.

Governance of a Masonic Lodge is more than just presiding over the stated meeting. Rather it is a hands on affair that requires knowledge of the code, correct protocols, procedures that employ the “voice of reason”, an ability to assemble all the facts and digesting that information before declaring action that may be otherwise inadvisable.

If you’ve ever wanted to be at the Cross when Jesus gave His life for you, then this is your chance.

### **CALVARY COMMANDERY # 13 PORTSMOUTH, OHIO**

will be hosting an Easter Service which is open to the Public, Easter Sunday Evening, April 08, 2012 at 6:00 pm. All Sir Knights of Chillicothe Commandery are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service. Fifth floor of the Portsmouth Masonic Temple located at 602 Chillicothe Street. Anyone wanting to attend in a car pool may meet at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple at 4:30 pm.

The following telephone contact information has been determined to be obsolete for Phone Tree purposes and has been deleted from the Funeral Call list data base

1. Bennington, Paul K.
2. Brown, James R.
3. Clarke, Christopher
4. DeCamp, Kristopher
5. Mallow, Donald E.
6. McCloskey, Mitchel
7. Morgan, Aaron
8. Morgan, Robert M.

9. Salyer, Toby P.
10. Scott, Christopher
11. Shaw, Shane A.
12. Simpson, Larry A.
13. Trego, Lloyd
14. Wardell, Richard

Please contact the Office of the Secretary by phone or email to update your contact information.

*William Bennett, Secretary*

# Focus on a Past Master—the War Years

## **Dateline: Chillicothe Masonic Temple November 19, 1942.**

Worshipful Brother Edgar A. Royer became the Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. The installation of officers took place immediately following with Worshipful Brother A.W. Hamill serving as the Installing Officer. Louis Rehuss was the Installing Marshal. Brother John H. McGee and Brother Kenneth N. Langley were appointed as Senior Steward and Junior Steward respectively.

Brother Max M. Fulks, chairman of the committee to erect the Military Honor Roll bulletin board were prepare to install the same in the lobby of the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. The purchase was from Horder's Inc. at a price of \$27.75.

The final installment of \$131.00 was approved January 21, 1942 for payment to the George Washington Memorial Fund.

The annual inspection of Scioto Lodge was held Monday, February 22, 1942. There were 85 of our own members in attendance 10 of whom were Past Masters, 21 guests registered.

Among some of the bills presented for payment was to Collector Internal Revenue for Pool Table Tax. This tax appeared to be an annual assessment in the amount of \$63.74.

In September 26 it was decided to purchase \$1,500 in series "G" war bonds. A committee was appointed to work with the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies to publish 800 membership directories.

Unfortunate as the occasion may be, the Worshipful Master was called upon to attend to the matter of a complaint of alleged Un-Masonic Conduct. The matter was addressed at the stated meeting of March 18, 1943 in which a member, "did in violation of his obligation as a Mason unlawfully promote a scheme of chance called "Numbers", contrary to section 130.64 of the General Code of the State of Ohio; for which he was arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced to pay a fine and costs amounting to \$29.70 which fine and costs were paid on January 27, 1943.

The audit committee composed if Brother Howard W. Layman and William L. Stocklin submitted their report dated November 1, 1943. Receipts to the treasurer totaled \$3,654.50 adding \$1,409.87 which was the balance of last report for a total of \$5,064.37. Part of the report reflected assets of the lodge to be: Masonic Temple Association shares at \$18,250.00, Series "G" war bonds \$5,000.00 and checking/savings account balances of \$2,634.28. The sum total \$25,884.28

The lodge met for 20 stated meetings and 9 special meetings.

### **Membership statistics:**

• Raised	20
• Affiliations	2
• Reinstated	2
• Deaths	9
• Suspension for Non-payment of Dues	5
• Suspended Un-Masonic Conduct	1

Total membership as of July 31, 1943.....**640**



### **The Ascension**

The Ascension of Christ is the consummation and the culminating point of Christ's redemptive work (Hebrews 8:1). It took place after 40 days of resurrection appearances when Jesus ascended from the Bethany side of the ridge of Mount of Olives (Acts 1:12). The Ascension is Christ's exaltation and glory after His saving work on earth had been accomplished (Philippians 2:9). He is the exalted Son of God at the right hand of the Father (Luke 24:26; 1 Peter 1:21). It is the proof of His victory (Ephesians 4:8). He is now in the position of honor in heaven at the right hand of His Father (Psalm 110:1). It is the permanent place of power (Acts 2:33), happiness (Psalm 26:11) Jesus rose from the dead. "He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

**EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE YORK RITE MASON**

## Lunch @ the Lodge—Recap

Creamy Tomato Bacon Basil Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches were served to twelve members and their guests when **Lunch @ the Lodge** was hosted Monday, March 12th. This event is held the second and fourth Monday of each month. I would like to thank Brother Ralph White who carried the day as dish washer extraordinaire afterward while two tables of Euchre players enjoy themselves. There was dealing and stealing “tricks” when players, using their strategic skills called trump in seven games of this somewhat fast paced use of cards and conversation. All Masons and their guests are welcome to attend the lunch and try their “hand” in this bi-monthly event. Lunch is served at 1:00 pm.

As a reminder **Lunch at the Lodge** is held the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. Brother Dean Rinehart is coordinator for Euchre and may be reach by calling 775-4137 or via email at [dkriney@roadrunner.com](mailto:dkriney@roadrunner.com). No reservations are required for lunch.

An email announcement is sent prior to the event regarding lunch menus. All Masons, their ladies, Masonic Widows and guests are invited to attend. Lunch is served in the kitchen dining are which is located on the 3rd floor. Drinks are provided. Contributions for lunch is open but not required.

## We Remember

### BROTHER, COMPANION AND SIR KNIGHT KENNETH LEROY GRAVES



Born February 21, 1934

E.A.: June 10, 1968

F.C.: October 21, 1968

M.M.: January 20, 1969

**Called by the Supreme  
Architect of the Universe**  
Sunday, March 11, 2012



1973 Past Illustrious Master  
Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.



#### A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today; And give us not to think so far away, As the uncertain harvest; keep us here, All simply in the springing of the year. Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white, Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night; And make us happy in the happy bees, The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird That suddenly above the bees is heard, The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill, And off a blossom in mid air stands still. For this is love and nothing else is love, To which it is reserved for God above To sanctify to what far ends he will, But which it only needs that we fulfill.

**By Robert Frost**

## Plan of Action and Milestone Committee

Proposed funding includes twelve Projects for 2012. Those projects are as follows:

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| 1. Little League team sponsorship (major & minor team)                             | 7. Contribution to the Ohio Masonic Home Endowment Fund                  |
| 2. Contribution to the American Legion Post 757 baseball park for backstop repairs | 8. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio Charitable Foundation                |
| 3. Co-sponsoring of Ross County Junior Fair Night                                  | 9. Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund  |
| 4. Ross County Shrine Club Tabloid sales which benefit Shriners Hospital           | 10. Grand Lodge Model Student Program                                    |
| 5. Participation in all Ross County schools' After-Prom programs                   | 11. Brother Clinton Richard Sheet's Missionary trip Kenya, South Africa. |
| 6. Contribution to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry                                  | 12. Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund                                     |
|  | 13. Chillicothe Masonic Temple Courtyard beautification                  |
|  | These projects total \$5,650.00  |

## Masonic Code Courses

The five Continuing Education Courses can be taken online or by printing out the exams. If the exams are taken online, they will be graded automatically. If they are printed, then the Lodge's LEO will need to grade them. If you take the online version of the course, at the end of the exam it will mention that an essay question has not been graded. The essay question is the answer to the question asking your member number.

### Photo Album

I have inserted some photos of yet another inglorious end to a piece of Chillicothe history. More than 200 members and widows, once residents of the city and who receive the **Trestle Board**, reside in 21 states.

## HELP!!!!

### DATE to REMEMBER

#### **Wednesday April 4, 2012**

- *Prep day for the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner*

#### **Thursday April 5, 2012**

- *Ross County Shrine Club Chicken Noodle Dinner to benefit Special Olympics 11:00 am to 7:00 pm*

## Freemason University

Ohio's Freemason University has been created to provide Master Masons with essential tools for their Masonic journey and for the betterment of our whole Craft. Every individual has unique talents, and those talents can be developed into strengths by adding skills and knowledge. The University will continually evolve and grow to meet the needs of Ohio Freemasonry. This year, there will be three main areas of focus: Ritual Appreciation, Lodge Management, and Lodge Leadership, each with their own resources including video, audio and handouts. If you are ready to pick up your tools and get to work, visit [freemasonuniversity.com](http://freemasonuniversity.com)

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Union Station and B. & O. Shops and Yards, Chillicothe, Ohio



Pre-fire view of the Union Station with a train passing on the NS Railway, and the CSX Transportation line abandoned across the station's front



A popular postcard view of Union Station, Chillicothe, Ohio, c1905, with a train on the B&O crossing the station's front, and the N&W crossing in the foreground



Fire investigators said that the blaze that destroyed an abandoned train depot was deliberately set.

Masonic Brethren who are members of the Chillicothe Fire Department responded to the Railroad Depot fire in the early morning hours of February 8th [04:11 Brethren Stephen J. Steele, Donald Zindren, and Evan M. Steele **Scioto Lodge #6** and Brother Noel Akers, a member of **Avery Lodge #493**



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<b>Law of the Garbage Truck</b>	Analogy of Death Wonderful to Explain it.
<p>One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.</p> <p>So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'</p> <p>This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, <b>'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'</b> He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ... Love the people who treat you right. <i>Pray for the ones who don't.</i></p> <p><b><i>Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!</i></b></p>	<p>A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know.." "You don't know? You're, a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?"</p> <p>The doctor was holding the handle of the door; On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, And as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room And leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear."</p> <p>"I know little of what is on the other side of death, But I do know one thing...I know my Master is there and that is enough."</p>