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## The Trestle Board

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#### Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling Jr.



I would like to thank all of the brethren that have put their trust and faith in me, by electing me as your Grand Master. I am very humbled and honored and will do my very best to see that Freemasonry in Ohio continues to live by the tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. As I travel this great State, I know Masons everywhere will join with me in seeing that our Fraternity is alive and well in their communities. I firmly believe in a saying that I have used for many years, which is "excitement breeds excitement" and this is very true. With the help, commitment and understanding from each of you, together we can have

an enjoyable year. **Freemasonry – Together we can...** is my theme this year and it can be used in so many different ways.

Together we can help those in need or are less fortunate in our Fraternity and in our communities. Together we can continue to support our troops who fight for our freedoms that we enjoy each and every day. Together we can work on membership and in keeping our members active in Lodge. For our new members, educate them on all the great things our Fraternity has to offer and that the bond of Brotherhood is very special.

I pledge to you that myself, the Grand Lodge Officers, DDGM's & DEO's will be working hard to educate, encourage and inspire each of you and your Lodge this coming year. The vision of our forefathers has not been and will not be forgotten. We must always search for more light and show others that we are the greatest Fraternity in the world.

Do you make a difference? I have asked this question many times in Lodges here in Ohio and have received many different and interesting answers. I believe that each of us as a Freemason do make a difference, in the lives of our families, in our vocation and to those around us, in our communities and in your Lodge.

In closing I hope that each of you will help in making this a great Masonic year. May God Bless our Service men and women, our Nation and each of you who I call my friend and brother.

**Freemasonry – Together we can...**

Fraternally,  
James F. Easterling Jr.  
Grand Master

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ross County Shrine Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner 11:00 am 7:00 pm	2	3
4	5	6 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm Annual Meeting & Elections	7	8	9 Veterans' Night Honors Banquet Social 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm	10
11	12 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm  Euchre Afterward	13 Chillicothe Chapter  Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	14 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	15 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Chillicothe Council  Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm  Euchre Afterward	27 Chillicothe Commandery  Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	28 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	29	30	December 1st Past Masters' Convocati- Breakfast 8:00 am

## Marilyn Mahaffey Award Recipient at Grand Chapter R.A. M. of Ohio

### **October 10, 2012, Crowne Plaza – Dayton, Ohio:**

Marilyn Mahaffey, the widow of Ralph Mahaffey, a member of the Chillicothe York Rite bodies, was named the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio "Lady of the Year". Ralph had served the Grand Chapter RAM as the District Deputy Grand High Priest two times and held many offices at the local chapter level including High Priest.

Marilyn was nominated by Ryan Adams, the current District Deputy Grand High Priest for her service and dedication to not only Ralph but to the Masonic Fraternity. It was noted in the nomination, that Marilyn was very dedicated to her husband throughout their marriage and was Ralph's pillar when he became ill with cancer. Marilyn always saw that Ralph came first before herself and also made sure that he made every Masonic meeting, dinner, VFW gathering, etc. as his health would allow.

Marilyn was also recently been named the "District Lady of the Year" this past April at the Annual District Grand High Priest Reception in Hillsboro, Ohio. When asked for comments, Marilyn merely blushed and said that she did not deserve such an award and that Ralph was looking down on us all. Marilyn still resides in Chillicothe where she still attends Masonic activities with her family and friends.

The award reads:

**The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio is please to recognize Lady Marilyn Mahaffey for her generous giving of time and love to Capitular Masonry and is hereby awarded the SPECIAL LADY AWARD for the State of Ohio**

**Your late husband, Ralph was the Patriarch of the Fifth Capitular District for may years and with that made you the Matriarch. You were the ideal Mason's wife with your personal commitment, support and dedication to your husband Ralph and your devotion and love the Fifth Capitular District. The Royal Arch Masons of Ohio salute you for your heartfelt dedication and service to Capitular Masonry and the Fifth District. Presented October 10, 2012 George M. Shell, Grand High Priest**



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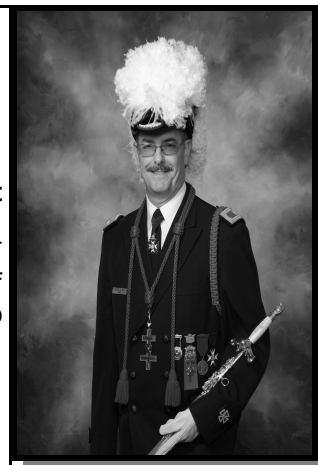
Most Excellent Companion Donald W. Owens Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter R.A. M. of Ohio

### **Introducing**

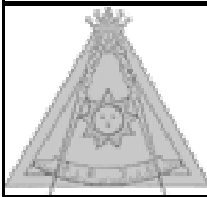
#### **Right**

Sir Knight Richard J. Brady KCT  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of  
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons does not have its web-site up-to-date with information from the Annual Assembly as of this writing.



## Two Lodges of Perfection will host Grand Master Classes:



What is a Lodge of Perfection? A Lodge of Perfection confers the Ineffable Degrees, from the 4th to the 14th inclusive. They are called "Ineffable" because they are concerned with the ineffable or unutterable Name of God and with man's eager quest for the true Name. In these eleven degrees there is a profound unveiling of the character and purposes of God, "that high and holy One who inhabits eternity but dwells with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit."

In formal ritual and in drama, ten of these degrees, based upon Old Testament Scripture and legends from the era of King Solomon, elaborate the teachings of Symbolic Masonry and apply them to practical situations which are faced in everyday life. The Fourteenth Degree summarizes what has been taught and is a moral and philosophical climax.

Important practical lessons are taught in the eleven Ineffable Degrees: secrecy and silence in all confidential relationships; reverence and obedience to God; faithfulness to family and country; justice tempered by mercy; universal brotherhood; honesty in business relations; forgiveness of past injustices; and perseverance in overcoming the difficulties encountered in our progress toward Perfection. The honor of Masonry is placed in the hands of those who seek Perfection in character and who reverence the Ineffable Name of God.

## We Remember



Brother Robert R. Thornton, 97, of Chillicothe, passed from this mortal life peacefully Monday, October 22, 2012 at his residence. Brother Thornton was a member of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M., Chillicothe Chapter #4 R. A.M. Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. and Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Brother Thorn-

ton was born August 18, 1915. He was Initiated an Entered Apprentice September 22, 1947, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft November 26, 1947 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason December 20, 1947.



Brother James "Jim" Wade 89, passed away on October 23, 2012 in Traditions of Chillicothe following a brief illness. Jim was born November 8, 1922 in Huntington, West Virginia to the late Clarence R. and Louise Kathryn (Michael) Wade. Brother Wade was a member of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M., Chillicothe Chapter #4

R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. He was

Initiated an Entered Apprentice May 4, 1956, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft September 7, 1956 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason December 12, 1956.



Brother Edward J. "Jim" Brunett Jr., 65, of Lucasville, formerly of Chillicothe, died 1:40 pm, Friday, October 12, 2012 at Mercy-Clermont Hospital, following a brief illness.

He was born December 10, 1946 in Dayton, OH to the late Edward J. and Mary M. Garrison Brunett Sr. He was a member of Scioto Lodge 6 F & AM, Chillicothe Chapter

#4 R.A.M. Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. and Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T., the Aladdin Shriners, the Ross Co. Shrine Club

Brother Brunett was Initiated an Entered Apprentice February 7, 1995. Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree March 7, 1995 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason March 18, 1995.



## Seventh Masonic District Past Master Convocation

### October 25, 2012:

Right Worshipful Brother Karl Douglas Akers, District Deputy Grand Master announced the Grand Master Convocation.

The convocation will be held at Orient Lodge #321 with breakfast being served at 8:00 am. The meeting will convene at 9:00. The meeting will be formally opened by Past District Deputies Grand Master. There will be no changes in the deputies from last year. Right Worshipful Brother Samuel Keith Johnson Sr. and Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones will continue to serve in their capacities as District Deputies Grand Master.

R.W.B. Akers indicated District Deputies will confer the Past Master Degree on the Incoming Worshipful Masters-elect.

For purposes of proficiency the Deputies will assign incoming Worshipful Masters-elect to open a Lodge of Master Masons. This "lodge" will have the presiding secretary read "minutes" of a hypothetical meeting. These minutes will be rife with errors of protocol which the class of Masters will be asked to identify and correct. The Deputies will select a line of Worshipful Masters-elect to close the lodge of Master Masons.

Under the leadership of R.W.B. Akers, the staff of District Deputies Grand Master will present the Grand Master's program of **Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling Jr.** Grand Master of Masons of Ohio

The District Deputies Grand Master will outline the requirements for lodges to qualify for the 2012-2013 Grand Master's award. The Special Olympics program and the Summer Olympics games at the Ohio State University's Horseshoe Stadium will be discussed.

Introduction protocols for the upcoming inspection season will be reviewed to update the Worshipful Masters-elect on any changes.

**The 2013 Grand Master Reception** will be held at Grace United Methodist Church 104 South High Street in Waverly, Ohio Saturday, February 2, 2013. Social hour is slated for 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00. Pricing for tickets to the event have yet to be established.

**2013 Grand Master Classes** at this writing are as follows:

- **April 20th** — Ashtabula Mason Temple, Toledo, Dayton, and Gallipolis
- **May 11th** — Akron, Canton Cambridge, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Portsmouth, Steubenville, and Youngstown

The venues will be held in Scottish Rite Valleys with the 4th Degree to follow the Grand Master Class.

**Printed Inspection Schedules** will be available to all attending Worshipful Masters-elect to present to their lodge.

**Note:** If a Worshipful Master-elect can't attend he must attend a Past Master Convocation in another district.

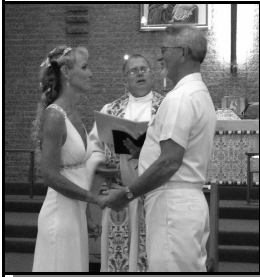


The 203rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio was held in Akron, Ohio October 19—20, 2012. The delegates representing Scioto Lodge #6 (pictured left to right): Brother Neil A. Zizelman, Senior Deacon; Worshipful Brother Joe D. Curtis, Worshipful Master; and Brother Stephen J. Steele, Junior Warden. Brother Zizelman carried the proxy for Brother Larry A. Eyre who was unable to attend due to illness. The delegates will present their report at the annual meeting of Scioto Lodge Tuesday, November 6, 2012. This is the meeting at which the election of officers will take place.

## David V. and Andrea C. (Busse) Medert

## Education & Information

La Jolla, California October 12, 2012:



**Right Worshipful Brother** David Vaughn Medert and Andrea Christina Busse were united in marriage Father Robert Blessing at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in La Jolla.

Caitlin G. Roberts, Andrea's daughter was maid of honor. Dalton K. Busse, son of the bride presented his mother at the altar.

**Brother** Matthew David Medert, son of the groom served as best man. Andrea and David are making their home at 72 Limestone Blvd, Chillicothe, Ohio. Congratulations are extended to the newlyweds.

Retired Master Chief, David V. Medert and son Matthew D. Medert, Machinist Mate Chief—Submarine Service.



Andrea was employed as a financial analyst. David is an Account Executive with Clear Channel Broadcasting WBEX, WCHI, WKKJ, WQLX Chillicothe, Ohio

The wedding party, along with friends and family, visited the San Diego Zoo on Saturday after the wedding.

**By the way, who has the rings?**



The wedding party from L to R: Caitlin, Andrea, Dalton, David & Matthew

Our diversified membership dictates that we develop a strategy and curriculum that will serve all of our members. Some feel that we have drifted away from the fundamental teachings. Information for the curious non-mason who is trying to decide if he should ask his friend for a petition.

Members often ask themselves "what about the Masonic Education that teaches a deeper understanding of self, of our surroundings, and of our relationship with the Supreme Architect of the Universe". Those members have the means of accomplishing that level of Education

MWB Jack Allen provides leadership, management and ritual training. As a member [of a Masonic Lodge] if you are serving as a Candidate Councilor or are a Master Craftsman who is about to be assigned an Entered Apprentice your manual can be found under the Handbooks and Manuals on the Grand Lodge website [or check with the secretary of your lodge].

Listings of preferred reading for Candidates and members alike can be found by reading Bulletin 11 under the Education Forms tab on the Grand Lodge website. Officers, Members and new candidates will be better informed than ever before if the website is utilized to its fullest.

Members are encourage the use of the online Code Courses available on the Grand Lodge website. There are additional training exercises available that cover questions and answers for the three degrees of Masonry. Brethren taking these courses will be instructed to do so through their Lodge Education Officer for grading purposes. Once successfully completed, he will request the Grand Lodge Certificate for you.

**Note:** Excerpted form the Grand Lodge website

## Lunch at the Lodge Mondays & Euchre

Lunch at the Lodge Mondays are a very social event for Brethren Companion and Sir Knights, their ladies, friends and family to get acquainted in a very relaxed atmosphere. Typically they are held the 2nd & 4th Monday except May and December, during these months they are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday due to holidays. Menu for November is **Hearty Chili** on the 2nd and Sweet Potato Bisque on the 26th. For December Ham & Bean soup with cornbread in the 3rd and Creamy Swiss Onion soup on the 17th. Euchre players are invited to participate.

## Focus on a Past Master— Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum (1994)



Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum was elected to the Office of Worshipful Master November 1, 1994. Most Worshipful Brother James E. Olmstead installed him and his officers on November 11th.

Worshipful Brother Landrum announced a "Go to Church

Sunday" program for Sunday, December 4th at the Walnut Street United Methodist Church.

A Christmas Party was announced for December 23 everyone was invited to bring their children, grandchildren and friends.

**December 6th** At the stated meeting of Scioto Lodge a letter was read from Robert Feters inquiring about the cemetery plots in Grand View. It requested to what end the lodge planned to make disposition. This issue was assigned to a committee for study and recommendation.

**December 15th** A committee of Brother Michael A. Ash, Worshipful Brother Jack H. Case and Brother Alvin E. DePugh were appointed to investigate the acquisition of a sound system. Worshipful Brother William Bennett proposed the purchase of a copier for the office.

**January 3rd** Discussion focused on purchasing a VCR for use by the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies.

**February 6th** Formal discussion was introduced establishing a scholarship program. Initial discussion centered on naming the scholarship the "**Luther Carter Memorial Scholarship**" The concept was assigned to a committee consisting of Brother Gerald McCorkle, Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas, Worshipful Brother Don Ellis, Brother Brian Putnam, and Brother Michael A. Ash.

**February 16th** A group of Brethren, which met informally for a "coffee clutch", purchased and presented a VCR for use by the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies.

**March 7th** New Lexington Lodge #250 suffered a devastating fire and the call was issued to lodges for contributions of equipment. Scioto Lodge voted

to donate a slide projector with degree slides.

**March 16th** The committee on the sound system project reported to the lodge that the best pricing on a sound system was \$1, 886.11. The report was tabled at that time.

**March 16** Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas chaired a committee to investigate and report on the correspondence from Robert Feters presented to Scioto Lodge on December 6th. The committee findings are as follows:

**The Request of The Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the Son of the American Revolution to use the cemetery site at Grandview for the placement of markers honoring veterans of the Revolutionary War who are buried in unmarked or unknown graves in the area. Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas moved to notify the above named group that we, upon careful consideration, regrettably do not wish to contribute the site for this purpose. Brother Marco DePugh seconded the motion and the motion carried. (file: min 03.16.92)**

**April 4th Discussion on the standing resolution of September 10, 1871** a motion was made to amend the original resolution by adding "**Destitute Master Masons...**"

A vote was taken to contribute \$100.00 to the Grand Lodge of Ohio Scholarship Fund

**April 20th** It was announced that the breakfast following attendance at Easter Sunrise Services was great success.

Established a budget item for entertainment expense of \$75.00. A similar item of discussion concerned changing the limit on refreshments for stated meetings from \$20.00 to read "reasonable amount.

**May 1st** Move to sponsor 20 Special Olympics Athletes for \$600.00

**May 18th** Committee report to adopt and establish a Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund. Report tabled until the next meeting

**June 6th** The Scholarship proposal failed 16-9; the issue was turned back to committee.

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## **Points to Ponder**

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60 & 70's; and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your

heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever; but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

***MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART.***

### ***Focus on Past Master (con't from page 7)***

**June 6th** The Worshipful Master announced that the pizza party for Special Olympics Athletes and their families from Pioneer School was well attended.

**June 15th** Brother Alvin E. DePugh moved for Scioto Lodge to proceed with plans to sponsor a booth at the Ross County Fair regardless if other lodges in the county participate.

**September 21** A motion was made to sponsor a brick in the Bicentennial Park area located in Yoc-tangee Park. The committee of Worshipful Brother Jack H. Case, Brother Harold Allen and Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas handled the details.

**October 3** The committee for the establishment of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee presented their final report. The program was adopted by a vote of 21-7. Brethren were appointed to terms.

### **Stats of the Masonic year 1994-1995**

**Membership 1994**.....659

Received on Dimit..... 1

Reinstated..... 1

Initiated..... 8

Passed..... 5

Raised..... 5

Deaths..... 16

**Membership 1995**.....650

Meetings held:

- Stated 20
- Special 6

Attendance at the installation of officers for Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum was particularly impressive. There were 51 members of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. and 107 non-Masons for a total of 158. It is worthy of note that Worshipful Brother Landrum returned as Worshipful Master in 1998.