



The Trestle Board

2013 Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. Annual Inspection

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Brother Harold C Ramsey, Jr was raised in due Masonic form on January 5, 2013 at Scioto Lodge's Annual Inspection. Officers of the Line, the Craft Team and members of the Lodge hosted nearly one hundred Masons to an excellent dinner of seasoned chicken breasts prepared by Worshipful Brother Mike Haller and his team of chefs.

After opening in full form, visiting distinguished Masons, including Right Worshipful Brother Robert Jones, District Deputy Grand Master as Inspecting Officer representing Most Worshipful Brother James Easterling, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio. Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Cokonougher, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio, and the current Seventh District Deputies Grand Master were introduced. Also in attendance were several Past District Deputies Grand Master and 14 Past Masters of Scioto Lodge #6.

Assisting Worshipful Brother Steele with the raising was Brother Mark A. Steele, longtime friend of the candidate. Attendees were witness to the bi-sectioned work which included a nearly flawless Master Mason Lecture and education by Worshipful Brother Gary Wheeler. Senior Warden Brother Neil Zizelman delivered the Charge of the Degree. Comments were made by Right Worshipful Brother Jones. Of most importance were Right Worshipful Brother Jones' and the candidate's comments relative to the number of Masons necessary to raise a single Brother. Right Worshipful Brother Jones' report of Inspection is due by the first stated meeting on February 5, 2013.

Database Changes

Names deleted from database:	Markley , Howard E.	Robb , Paul E.
Ackley , Ronald A.	Meadows , Glenn D.	Stephens , Lee W.
Burkle , William S.	Minnix Gary A.	Webb , Jeffery L.
Cunningham , Derwood D.	Numberger , Patrick M.	Wells , Gregory S.
Elliott , Ralph E.	Overly , Robert O.	Uhrig , Mrs. Paul K.
George , Harold R.	POWELL , Roger Lee	Yates , Michael R.
Hines , Kevin S.	Rinehart , Roger E.	

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:00 Library	2 Grand Master's Reception (see article page 4)
3	4	5 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm Euchre Afterward	12 Chillicothe Chapter Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	13 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Chillicothe Council Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	20	21 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	22	23
24	25 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm Euchre Afterward	26 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	27 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	28 Ross County Shrine Club 7:30 pm		

Officers Present 25-Year Service Pin

Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele, Senior Warden, Brother Neil A. Zizelman, W.B. Michael A. Ash, and Secretary W.B. William Bennett formed a delegation for the presentation of a 25-year pin to Brother William E. Gothard.

Brother Gothard was unable to attend the annual inspection of Scioto Lodge #6. He and Brenda received the delegation at their home just off route 159 Sunday, December 30, 2012.

Former co-worker, W.B. Michael A. Ash, presented the 25-year pin to Brother Gothard surrounded by his Lady Brenda and visiting family members.

Brother Gothard and W.B. Harley Thomas signed

the petition of W.B. Ash for his admission into the Masonic Fraternity which prompted some reminiscing. Brother Gothard was raised June 21, 1986

when Right Worshipful Brother James R. Derexson was the presiding Worshipful Master.

Brother William E. Gothard (seated) surrounded by Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele, Brother Neil A. Zizelman and Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash.



I-Care Committee Proposed

At the January 17th stated meeting, Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele introduced the concept of establishing an I-Care Committee for Scioto Lodge #6 and the Affiliated bodies of the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. As we have published before, the I-Care Program is a statewide system affiliated with the Masons of Ohio and serves to assist aging Masons and their widows.

The proposed committee shall be made up of any members in good standing of said bodies who wish to volunteer. Information, help with small, simple chores and coordinating home services are some of the areas which we already provided outside of the committee structure.

Once assigned, the committee will be trained by our local area I-Care Service Coordinator, Melissa Pulliam. Pamphlets and posters are at the Temple, further explaining the I-Care Program. Please remember your oath or obligation and consider joining us in providing this much needed service.



THE OHIO MASONIC HOME

The Masonic Senior Services of Ohio Corporation is addressing the aging needs of our Brethren and their wives and widows through I-CARE. This program coordinates services that allow our senior Brethren to age successfully at home.

Are you or a family member caring for a senior? Do you know a member who is caring for an elderly relative? Are you a senior interested in knowing the services available in your area? I-CARE may be of assistance. I-CARE promotes independence through:

- Coordination of community and governmental services
- Assistance with applications, making connections with service providers, and solving problems in those connections
- Referral to agencies offering resources or support
- Education on issues related to accessing services and dealing with senior related issues

The I-CARE program serves Masons, wives, and widows, as well as Eastern Star members, age 65 and older. Together, we can support brotherly love, relief and truth for us all.

Grand Master's Reception



Lodge representatives from around the Seventh District will gather on the evening of February 2, 2013 to greet Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio and his Lady Jill. Sir Knight Robert K. Brown is seeking participants from Portsmouth, Hillsboro and Chillicothe Commanderies to form an arch of steel for the Saturday evening reception which is being held at Grace United Methodist Church in Waverly, Ohio. A social gets underway at 6:30 pm with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. Sir Knight of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. should notify Sir Knight David V. Medert if they wish to participate in this event. This is an excellent event to invite your lady or other guests because it displays Masonry in a very positive way. Non-Masonic guests and active petitioners who are working on their degree work are welcome to attend. Money from ticket sales are due to the district at the January 19th Seventh Masonic District Association meeting. If you would like to reserved a ticket you may do so by calling the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis. I am generally in the office Monday—Friday 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Members of Scioto Lodge #6 may also contact Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele for ticket information 701-1622.

Inspections Elsewhere

Inspections in the Seventh Masonic District for February

Bainbridge Lodge #196 Entered Apprentice Degree

- February 11, 2013 Sam Skinner Worshipful Master

Manchester Lodge #317 Entered Apprentice Degree

- February 8, 2013 Hobart Crase Worshipful Master

Rome Lodge #535 —Fellow Craft Degree

- February 9, 2013 Robert Green, Worshipful Master

Nauvoo Lodge #769—Fellow Craft Degree

February 15, 2013 Gene Colburn, Worshipful Master

Western Sun Lodge #91—Fellow Craft Degree

- February 16, 2013 Robert D. Lindamood, Worshipful Master

Winchester Lodge #236—Entered Apprentice Degree

February 22, 2013 Kimmy Rogers, Worshipful Master

Logan Elm Lodge #624—Master Mason Degree

- February 23, 2012 James E. Stevens, Worshipful Master

Grand Master's One-Day Class

Portsmouth Masonic Temple Saturday, May 11, 2013

Right Worshipful Brother K. Doug Akers, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District has provided the following outline for the Grand Master's Class.

8:00 am Registration and continental breakfast.

9:00 am Open Entered Apprentice Degree. This degree will be conferred by Logan Elm Lodge #624

10:45 am Fellow Craft Degree Aurora Lodge #48

12:00 noon Lunch (\$6.00)

1:00 pm Master Mason Degree conferred by Lucasville Lodge #465

4:00 pm

Scottish Rite Valley of Cincinnati to confer the 4th Degree. Fees \$100 (with gold plated ring) \$200 (solid gold ring)

W. B. William Bennett Presented Gold Award

Right Worshipful Brother Robert K. Brown at the special meeting of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. December 18, 2012 made a special presentation sponsored by The York Rite Sovereign College of North America, an invitational body of the York Rite.

The purpose of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, as set forth in its Constitution and By-Laws includes to reward outstanding service to York Rite Masonry by awards, honors and other methods of proper recognition.

I can only conjecture that along with Sir Knight Brown, other Sir Knights, Brethren and Companions were instrumental in this recognition.

The award reads: **"This Gold Honour Award has been presented to William Bennett in recognition for his outstanding service in York Rite Masonry by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, which is composed of members of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery or Preceptory.**

The Gold Award was signed by the Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College.

I appreciate the confidence and support of those to endeavored to secure this award on my behalf. It is one that I hold with the utmost gratitude because of what it represents. Thank you, *William Bennett*



They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed they headed for a store and bought some really outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, sunglasses, etc.

The next morning they went to the beach dressed in their 'tourist' garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine and the scenery when a 'drop dead gorgeous' blonde in a topless bikini came walking straight towards them. They couldn't help but stare. As the blonde passed them she smiled and said 'Good Morning, Father ~ Good Morning, Father,' nodding and addressing each of them individually, then she passed on by.

They were both stunned. How in the world did she know they were priests? So the next day, they went back to the store and bought even more outrageous outfits. These were so loud you could hear them before you even saw them! Once again, in their new attire, they settled down in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine. After a little while, the same gorgeous blonde, wearing a different colored topless bikini, taking her sweet time, came walking toward them. Again she nodded at each of them, said 'Good morning, Father ~ Good morning, Father,' and started to walk away.

One of the priests couldn't stand it any longer and said, 'Just a minute, young lady.' 'Yes, Father? 'We are priests and proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world do you know we are priests, dressed as we are?' She replied, 'Father, it's me, --- Sister Kathleen.

Adams, Jeffrey E.
Beisel, Robert R.
Bennington, Corey B.
Britton, Tony W.
Cydrus, Albert E.
Cryder, Dan D.
Cydrus, Scottie A.
DePugh, Marco L.
Dubois, David D.
Garrison, Tony R.
Hamman, Thomas L.
Hendershot, Ty I.
Large, Robert A.
Lewis, Russell P.
Marshall, Alexander J.
Miller, Roger A.
Neff, Aaron V.
Powell, Roger L. Jr.
Reynolds, Benjamin B.
Storts, Walter R.
Swafford, Ishmial D.
Walker, Donald L.
Webb, Jeffery L.
Wicker, Damon R.
Williamson, Brad M.
Woods, Robert R. Jr.

These names will not appear in the 2013 directory.

Chillicothe Masonic Temple Open House

March 9, 2013

Stephen J. Steele, Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6, Michael L. Hines, Excellent High Priest of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Michael K. Burchwell, Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council #4 and David V. Medert, Eminent Commander of Chillicothe Commandery #8 will welcome members of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies and their guests to tour the Chillicothe Masonic Temple from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm March 9, 2013. Members of the community at large are invited to attend. All Brethren, Companions and Knights Templar are invited to serve as tour guides for our guests. Refreshments will be served in the small dining room. Articles of historic significance will be on prominent display. There will be sign up sheets in the anti room at the registration tables for those who can be available to serve. Ideas regarding the Open House may be passed along to the presiding officers of Blue Lodge and the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. Ideas as to how best to showcase our historic building will be most welcome. You may call the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies to shared your thoughts.

Chillicothe York Rite Festival

Thursday, May 30th—June 1, 2013

Action has been taken to schedule a York Rite Festival that would be held Thursday evening May, 30th, May 30th with both evenings beginning at 7:00 pm. Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. will conclude the York Rite Festival on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 am June 1, 2013.

All petitions should be accompanied with a check, cash or money order in the amount of \$100.00. Every effort will be made to include all petitioners for this festival.

Chapter	Chapter/Council	Commandery
Thursday, May 30, 2013 7:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Master Degree • Past Master Degree • Most Excellent Master Degree 	Friday, May 31, 2013 7:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Arch (Chapter) • Royal Master (Council) • Select Master (Council) 	Saturday, June 1, 2013 9:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order of Malta • Order of the Red Cross • Order of the Temple

Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Annual Inspection

March 23, 2013—Eminent Commander David V. Medert invites all Sir Knights of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. to attend the annual inspection Saturday, March 23, 2013. Several rehearsals have been held at Stated Conclaves focusing on Full Form Opening, Sword Manual and floor work for the event. The Annual Inspection will open at 2:00 pm followed by the Full Form Opening at 4:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in the Moll dining room. The Ladies and families of Sir Knights who attend may witness the Full Form Opening. Ladies are invited to engage in refreshments in the fourth floor lounge after the opening.. Sir Knights who wish to volunteer on a pro tem basis are encouraged to contact the Eminent Commander. Past Eminent Commander are cordially invited to attend,

On the MOON

On July 20, 1969, as Commandery of Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon were "THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND," were televised to earth and hear by millions. But just before he re-entered the lander he made the enigmatic remark "Good luck Mr. Gorsky. Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs.

Over the years many people questioned as to what the—Good Luck Mr. Gorsky statement meant but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995 in Tampa Bay, Florida, while

answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question about Mr. Gorsky to Armstrong. This time he finally responded because Mr. Gorsky had died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could now answer the question. Here is the answer to "Who was Mr. Gorsky".

In 1938 when he was a kid in a small mid-western town, he was playing baseball, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball which landed in his neighbor's year by their bedroom. His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball young Armstrong hear Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, "SEX!!! You want SEX!!!? You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!!!"

We Remember



**Brother
Robert Clarence Drake
December 14, 1927
January 9, 2013**

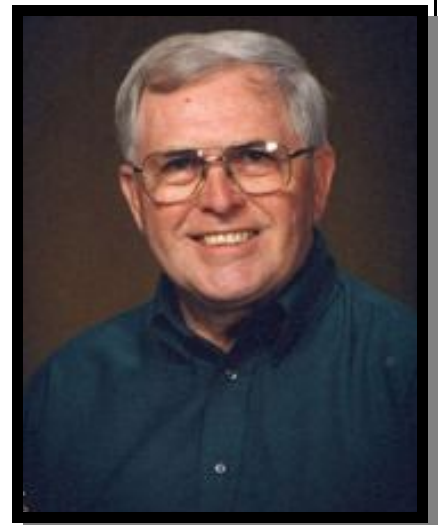
God Can Handle It Day By Day

Brighton Books, 1999—

edited by Dr. S.M. Henriques

"We are standing on a shore. A large sailing ship is about to pull out. Friends and relatives of ours are standing on the deck, waving goodbye, throwing streamers, calling to us, calling our names. And we call to them and to each other. . . A bell sounds. The ship begins to move away. "We stand silently for a very long time and watch as the ship goes further and further away until, finally, the mast is just a vertical pencil line on the distant horizon. Then it too goes down, until we can no longer see it. And we sigh, 'Oh, she's gone.'

"But gone from where? Gone from our sight. That's all. "For at the very moment we sigh, 'Oh, she's gone,' another cried on another shore is jumping up and down, laughing and yelling and pointing excitedly out to sea saying, 'Look! She's coming. Look, the ship is coming home! Look! The ship is coming home. There is another shore, another dimension in which we have already begun to live. We are filled with the Spirit of our Risen Savior—forever.



**Companion and Sir Knight
Joseph Edward Bowsher
Member of Chillicothe York
Rite Bodies
December 4, 1938
November 14, 2012**

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The Legend of Cupid



Cupid is the most famous of Valentine symbols -- a mischievous, winged child armed with bow and arrows. Cupid aims his arrows at people, causing them to fall deeply in love. In Roman mythology, Cupid's mother Venus was jealous of the beauty of Psyche, and ordered Cupid to punish the mortal. Instead, Cupid fell deeply in love with her. He took her as his wife, but as a mortal she was forbidden to look at him.

Psyche was happy until her sisters persuaded her to look at Cupid. As soon as Psyche looked at Cupid, Cupid punished her by leaving. Their lovely castle and gardens vanished too. Psyche found herself alone in an open field with no signs of other beings or Cupid. As she wandered trying to find her love, she came upon the temple of Venus. Wishing to destroy her, the goddess of love gave Psyche a series of tasks. Psyche was given a small box and told to take it to the underworld to capture some of the beauty of Proserpine, the wife of Pluto. During her trip she was given tips on avoiding the dangers of the realm of the dead and was warned not to open the box. But Temptation overcame Psyche and she opened the box. Instead of finding beauty, she found deadly slumber. Cupid found her lifeless on the ground. He gathered the deadly sleep from her body and put it back in the box. The gods, moved by Psyche's love for Cupid made her a goddess. Today, Cupid and his arrows have become the most popular of love signs, and love is frequently depicted by two hearts pierced by an arrow -- Cupid's arrow.

Happy Valentines Day to you and yours

