



The Trestle Board

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Scioto Lodge will have an Open House at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. The event is Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6, Companions and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are encouraged to volunteer to serve as tour guides. Sir Knights may be in full uniform, Green or Red Jackets may be worn if available.

The presiding officers of Blue Lodge and Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are asked to be present for all or part of the event. Refreshments will be served in the small dining room throughout the four hour open house.

Sheriff's Deputy J.R. Brooks will be on hand from the Office of the Ross County Sheriff to conduct the **Kid Print Program**. This program provides children with an ID card containing their photo, name, age, height, eye and hair color, and right thumb print. In addition there is a database into which the name of the parent or guardian and current address is entered.

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Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Annual Inspection

March 23, 2013. The opening for the inspection will take place at 2:00 pm, Full Form Opening will be at 4:00 pm. Ladies and other non-Masonic guests are invited to witness this section of the degree work. Interested non-members of the Chillicothe York Rite are also invited to attend.

Activities for the ladies will be arranged by Lady Andrea Medert, Lady Shelba Brown and Lady Carol Ash. This will be held in 4th Floor lounge. All Sir Knights of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. have been rehearsing the various parts of the Order of the Temple and Full Form Opening since its stated Conclave September 2012.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in the Moll Dining Room on the fourth floor. Reservations are suggested so a count can be provided for the dinner preparation staff.

March 2013

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

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Scioto Lodge
Stated
Meeting
7:30 pm

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**OPEN
HOUSE**
11:00 am to
3:00 pm

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11

Lunch at the
Lodge
12:30 pm
Euchre

12

Chillicothe
Chapter #4
Stated
Convocation
7:30 pm

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Chillicothe
Chapter #419
Order of
Eastern Star
7:30 pm

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16

Grand High
Priest
Reception
5:30 pm

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18

19

Chillicothe
Council #4
Stated
Assembly
7:30 pm

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21

Scioto Lodge
Stated
Meeting
7:30 pm

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23

Chillicothe
Commandery
Annual
Inspection
2:00 pm

24

Palm
Sunday

25

Lunch at the
Lodge
12:30 pm
Euchre

26

Chillicothe
Commandery #8
Stated
Conclave
7:30 pm

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Chillicothe
Chapter #419
Order of
Eastern Star
7:30 pm

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Ross County
Shrine Club
Monthly
Meeting
7:00 pm

29

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31

Easter
Sunday

April 1

April 2

April 3
Chicken
Noodle Dinner
Preparation
Day 10:00 am

April 4
Chicken
Noodle Dinner
11:00 am
7:00 pm
Shrine Club

April 5

April 6

Grand High Priest Reception



The Chillicothe Masonic Temple will be the site of a visitation by Most Excellent Companion Donald W. Owens. He will be honored at a reception hosted by the Fifth Capitular District Saturday, March. Held in the Moll Dining Room on the fourth floor; events will get underway with a social at 5:30 pm. Excellent High Priest Michael L. Hines invites all Companions of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. to attend and make welcome Most Excellent Companion Owens to our wonderful facility. He will be accompanied by Chester Burton, Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion John Donohoo, Grand Master of the 1st Veil and his two Grand Aids.

Right Excellent Companion Ryan W. Adams, District Deputy Grand High Priest and Lady Cathy would like to see as many Companions from Chillicothe Chapter #4 R. A.M. as possible, since we are the host Chapter.

Dinner by reservations, which will be accepted until March 8th, is \$15.00 payable in advance or at the door. Catering by JOHO of Chillicothe, will feature beef or pork with side dishes, desserts and drinks. The Chillicothe High School String Ensemble will perform during the social and dinner hour. Award presentations will begin at 7:00 pm. The Royal Arch Widow Degree portrayal will be held.

Rentals available at Temple

We have several apartments and one storefront available at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. Two apartments have been used as either professional offices or more recently as one bedroom residences. At the last Temple Association Board meeting, it was agreed to consider using these spaces for either purposes and we will consider remodeling-to-suit either an attorney or other professional tenant. Larger residential apartments are also available. Heat, water and trash removal are included in the very reasonable rates.

The storefront was recently used as a photographer's studio and a bike shop before that. As the new court complex is near opening, we may be able to attract suitable businesses to enhance our Temple, our other tenants and the neighborhood.

If you hear of any such potential tenants in your travels or business dealings, please do not hesitate to mention this to them or contact the Temple office.

Advertising for Open House

The Masonic Lodge in Chillicothe is having an Open House on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Listen for the voice of Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele and Right Worshipful Brother David Medert on air as they promote the event on the Dan & Mike Show March 7, 2013. This show is aired daily on WBEX at 9:00 am. Be sure to catch it!

Advertising spots will be aired from March 1st to the 9th on **WKKJ, WBEX, WQLX WCHI and iheart** radio. Word of mouth is great so tell all your friends and family to listen, attend and bring their children to participate in the Open House and **KID Print Program**.

On March 10th advertising will shift focus to the **Chicken Noodle Dinner** held at the Ross County Shrine Club April 4, 2013 from 11:00 am—7:00 pm. Dinner tickets will be mailed to all member of the craft.

Masonic Encounter

by Michael A. Ash, KYCH Scioto Lodge #6

Does the Grand Hailing Sign still have a place in the 21st Century or has it too been replaced with technology? If one were to ask Brother Jack Davis from Western Sun Lodge #91 in Wheelersburg, Ohio, he would be quick to tell you that not only is there a place and time for the Grand Hailing Sign, ***BUT*** also that **it still works!**

You see Brother Davis' van broke down along State Route 23 just south of Columbus where he remained stranded in 23 degree weather with no cell phone. After spending about 15 minutes trying to flag down passing motorists, Paul remembered and decided to give the Grand Hailing Sign a try. Traveling home from work that evening happened to be Worshipful Brother Michael Ash from Scioto Lodge #6 who saw Jack next to his van displaying the signal of distress. With traffic being too heavy, W.B. Ash had to continue on until he could find a place to turn around to assist.

Upon approaching Brother Davis' van he asked why W.B. Ash stopped to help and he simply displayed to him his Masonic ring and said "You're a Brother aren't you?" Jack said he just knew it had to be a fellow Mason. W.B. Ash gave him a ride to Chillicothe where Brother Davis met his wife that they had phoned along the way. As you might have guessed, both enjoyed the car ride home that evening.

We should add that both a Pickaway County Sheriff and State Highway Patrol officer did stop to offer assistance, but only after a Fellow Mason was already on the scene!

Inspections Elsewhere

Frankfort Lodge #309 Fellow Craft Degree

- March 1, 2012 William B. Harmon, Worshipful Master

Leesburg Lodge #78 Master Mason Degree

- March 2, 2013 Larry Cornwell, Worshipful Master

Peebles Lodge #561 Master Mason Degree

- March 16, 2013

West Union Lodge #43 Fellow Craft Degree

- March 22, 2013 Ferrell Ross, Worshipful Master

Thus endith the 2013 Inspection schedule for the Seventh Masonic District.

Fourth Division Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio

March 23, 2013

- 1) Chillicothe Commandery #8 Knights Templar
 - Open 2:00 pm
 - Full Form Opening 4:30 pm
 - Dinner 5:30 pm
- 2) Scioto Commandery #35 Knights Templar
 - Open 2:00 pm
 - Full Form Opening 4:30 pm
 - Dinner 6:00 pm
- 3) Lancaster Commandery #2 Knights Templar
 - Open 2:00 pm
 - Full Form Opening 4:30 pm
 - Dinner 6:00 pm

Members of Harry Stark Council #186

Stated meeting for 2013 are as follows:

April 28th—Moyer's Winery on US Route 52 near Manchester

July 29th—To be announced

September 30th—Olive Garden in Chillicothe

December 30—Annual Meeting at Aurora Lodge #48

All meetings are at 7:00 preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm

We Remember



David M. Consolver 86, passed away Wednesday February 6,, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family. David worked at National Fireworks, VA Hospital, Mead Corporation and retired from the Federal Prison Industries. David was a 57 year member of Scioto Lodge #6, A member of all Chillicothe York Rite Bodies and affiliated with Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus 32nd degree Mason. He is survived by his wife, Prissy Consolver. Masonic Services were conducted by the Lodge. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Saturday, February 9, at the Haller Funeral Home with Rev. Donald Rossman. Brother Consolver and Brother Harold Allen worked as co-managers of the Chillicothe Masonic Temple for a number of years updating residential apartments on the second floor as well as caring for the business rental on the ground floor.

Blind Cashier...

...at Cabela's:

A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get, so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. The clerk was standing behind the counter wearing dark glasses. She says to him, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this Rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes." She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway..... He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. test line. It's a good all-around combination, and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. "Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes.....there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was her who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around? The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please." The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?" He replies, "Yes, ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00, and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50." She paid it and left without saying a word.

Grand Master's Class

Registration deadline for the receipt of petitions for the 2013 Grand Master's Class (also known as the One Day Class, as all three degrees are offered in one day), is **April 1, 2013**.

This means that all petitions must be presented, investigated and voted on no later than our stated meeting **March 21, 2013**.

Grand Master's Classes in the immediate surrounding area are scheduled as follows:

April 20, 2013

- Gallipolis, Ohio
- Dayton Masonic Temple

May 11, 2013

- Portsmouth Masonic Temple
- Columbus, Ohio at Aladdin Temple

The report of candidates participating must be received by the Grand Lodge and processed to the locations where he will be registered.

Remember the Deadline is **April 1, 2013**

Watch Your Mail

Arriving in your mail box soon will be a letter containing two tickets to our Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner which will be held **Thursday, April 4, 2013 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm** at the **Ross County Shrine Club Pavilion 500 Belleview Avenue**. This venue allows for plenty of parking and easy access for all attendees. Eat in and carry out options. Deliveries are available by calling 772-4119 or 649-1815 the day of the event. Dinners are \$7.00 and desserts at a nominal cost are available. Brethren are encourage to contribute desserts and if you are not a baker perhaps your lady might take some time to prepare a cake, pie, cookies or brownies for sale the day of the dinner. **By the numbers:** Some stats for the past five years are as follows:

Year	Dinners Sold	Income	Expenses	Proceeds
2008	568	\$3,410.50	\$1,486.83	\$1,923.67
2009	805.	\$4,833.00	\$1,637.38	\$3,195.32
2010	494	\$3,461.50	\$1,700.32	\$1,761.18
2011	564	\$3,948.50	\$2,021.04	\$1,927.46
2012	485	\$3,396.00	\$2,756.41	\$ 639.59



Chillicothe York Rite Festival

Petitions for the upcoming Chillicothe York Rite Festival are being accepted for the three day event Thursday, May 30, 31 and June 1, 2013. The petitions need to be acted upon at all stated meeting of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M., Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. and Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. prior to the festival.

Excellent Companion David V. Medert will be the Degree Director for Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A. M. and Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Illustrious Companion Robert K. Brown will be Degree Director for Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Assistance from all Companions and Sir Knight is earnestly solicited. Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master and Past Eminent Commander are very much needed in any capacity in which they have experience. Please consider volunteering when called up by the current presiding officers.

Commandery petitions has their own reward. The Top Line Signer of each petition receives a patch for 1 petition, a cap for 3 petitions, and a jacket for 6 petitions (in the same Templar year, or 10 petitions over the years since this program has been in place). These will be awarded at

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

the Grand Com-mandery Conclave in October 2013. The schedule below, which appeared in the February issue of **The Trestle Board**, will appear in all issues until June 2013 to keep you informed.

DID YOU KNOW:

Often a brother will ask “How can I find out my Raising date?” The answer is... Its right in your hands. On your mailing label there are a series of numbers which appear above your name. The first set of numbers (6) is your Grand Lodge number beginning with an “M”. The second set of four numbers is the month and year of your birth, The next set of six numbers is the month, day, and year of your Raising. The last series of numbers of up to 4 digits reflect the bodies to which you belong: **1** (Blue Lodge), **2** (Chapter), **3** (Council) and **4** (Commandery). Have a Great Masonic Day!

An Historic Meeting is being Explored

Scioto Lodge #6 Worshipful Master Stephen Steele and Greg Griffith, Worshipful Master of Prince Hall Lodge, Ionic #6, are exploring an historic meeting of the two Lodges.

While both Lodges are located in Chillicothe, neither have had an official visitation in the extensive and long histories of the two Lodges. In communications with the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother C. Michael Watson indicated there were no objections to this event were it made. Such visitations are not uncommon in other Lodges throughout the state.

The evenings of either Tuesday April 2nd or Tuesday May 7th are being considered for the prospective meeting, as Ionic Lodge #6 meets on Thursdays only. Input and feedback for the plans will be sought at Scioto Lodge #6's stated meeting on March 5th. Please come and join us and add your input in making plans for this historic event.

Patton staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Patton sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Patton woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room. She said, 'You were drunk again last night weren't you?' Patton said, 'Why you say such a mean thing?' 'Well,' Kathleen said, 'it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.

MASTER'S NOTES: Brethren, I want to address a few things on which I would like feedback. While I have taken on the task of recording the “phone tree” myself, I would appreciate any comments or suggestions on how you think we could better communicate events and activities at the Lodge. Also, be sure to check out our Website at cmb@chillicothemasons.org.

Secondly, if you haven't been in attendance at Lodge lately, please think about planning to attend a stated meeting soon. We have streamlined the business meeting in order to make it a little less formal. Also we have REALLY been improving our pre-meeting meals in the small dining room. Having traveled extensively during the Seventh Masonic District Inspection season, I can humbly attest to the quality of the ritualistic work that we, in the current officer line, have endeavored to perform. Come see it for yourself.

And, finally, if you have not attended Lodge in a significant period of time has put you off from coming, I can say these words, “You are welcome with Brotherly and Fraternal greetings to come to Lodge”. I assure you, I will assign a mentor to help you, if needed, to reacquaint you with the nuances of any degree that we may be in for the evening. Meetings, with no degree work, are usually over in less than an hour and often end with “bonding sessions” as my wife likes to call them. Come and see what new plans that we are contemplating to make your Masonic experience more meaningful.

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TWO STORIES

#1

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago . Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example. One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street ... But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read: "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY #2 Next Month