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May 30, 31 & June 1, 2013

Petitions for the upcoming Robert K. Brown Chillicothe York Rite Festival will be accepted up to Tuesday, May 28th for the three day event—Thursday, May 30, 31 and June 1, 2013. Late petitions will be handled by Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M., Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. at special meetings called for that purpose.


Serving as Degree Directors are KYCH David V. Medert for Chapter and Commandery and KYCH Robert K. Brown for Council. Past High Priests, Past Illustrious Masters and Past Eminent Commanders are welcome to participate during all phases of the festival. Please consider volunteering when called up by the current presiding officers. The following schedule will be observed:

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

Registration begins at 5:00 pm Thursday May, 30th and 1 hour prior to events on Friday and Saturday. Refreshments will be available at 6:00 pm both Thursday and Friday. A sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday. There is no charge for refreshments; however a donations are appreciated. All monies will be applied to the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Benevolent Fund.

Names of candidates participating from other York Rite Bodies should be communicated to the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. Email address: cmb@chillicothemasons.org

MAY 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Lunch at the Lodge 12:30 pm Euchre Afterward	7 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	8 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	9 Ross County Shrine Club 7:30 pm Potentate's Visit	10	11
12 Mother's Day 	13 TOP Schol- ars Banquet Social 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm	14 Chillicothe Chapter Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm ELECTIONS	15	16 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	17	18 Seventh Masonic District Association Meeting
19	20	21 Chillicothe Council Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm ELECTIONS	22 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	23 No meeting of Ross County Shrine Club	24	25
26	27 Lunch at the Lodge 12:30 pm Euchre Afterward	28 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	29 Robert K. Brown York Rite Festival	Thursday Register 6:00 pm Opening 7:30 pm Friday Register 6:00 pm Opening 7:30 pm	Saturday (AM) Register 7:00 am Breakfast 8:00 Opening 9:00 Questions? Call Office of the Secretary/Recorder 740-774-3485	

Lunch at the Lodge—Date Change

Lunch at the Lodge usually scheduled for the **2nd Monday** has been moved to the **1st Monday** due to the Top Scholars Banquet on May 13th.

Monday the 6th's lunch will feature Tomato, Bacon, Basil soup with grilled cheese sandwich, Kosher pickle spears and chips.

Annual Meeting

Chapter May 14th
Council May 21st

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S. M. will hold their annual election of officers at Stated Meetings in May.

Interested Companions may notify the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies or the presiding dais officers

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

Brother James E. Barrington submitted this article:

Many of you know I've helped Dan Brown on all his novels. Our relationship started over 10 years ago when he was soliciting fellow Mesa members on their views of governmental surveillance of citizens and other privacy concerns. Hew was working on his first book ***Digital Fortress***. I had engaged in some of that type work in the service and I found that I had a lot of other things in common with Dan. We are both highly inquisitive about the meaning and origins of the universe and of life in general. I recruited then (but since retired) OU-C librarian Stan Planton to help with our research and the three of us had what seemed to be at least a dozen shared exchanges per day on various subjects. The most rewarding body of work was Biblical studies, but as soon as his second novel ***Angels and Demons*** was finished he turned to the ancient mysteries, where of course Freemasonry lies at the core. His independent research came up with a lot of spurious material, which I thought would lead him in the wrong direction and could both embarrass him and damage the Masonry. So, without divulging any secrets or confidences, I tried to steer him in the right direction—toward the light—and I feel that I was successful. One resource we both found most helpful was ***Morals and Dogma*** by Albert Pike, a former Confederate General, which was routinely given to Masons in the south during the latter half of the 19th Century.

I am happy to report that Masonry has received fair and positive treatment in ***The Lost Symbol***. I believe it will bring renewed interest in Masonry. Dan Brown is the largest selling author in history, so many will hear the call. Be ready to sponsor new candidates. If anyone wishes to discuss this further, email me at barringtonj@horizonview.net or my number is in the telephone book.

Brother James Edward Barrington was Initiated an Entered Apprentice February 14, 1977, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft March 21, 1977 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason April 25, 1977. He is a Companion and Sir Knight of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies.

Do you take your spouse Wal-Mart Shopping?

Mr. and Mrs. Pallone are retired. Mrs. Pallone insists that he go with her to Wal-Mart. He gets bored with all the shopping, he prefers to get in and get out, but Mrs. Pallone loves to browse. Here's a letter sent to her from the store.

Dear Mrs. Pallone,

Over the past six months, your husband has been causing quite a commotion in our store.. We cannot tolerate this behavior and may ban both of you from our stores. We have documented all incidents on our video surveillance equipment. All complaints against Mr. Pallone are listed below. Things Mr. Pallone has done while his spouse was shopping in Wal-Mart:

1. **June 15:** Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. **July 2:** Set all the alarm clocks in House wares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. **July 7:** Made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the restrooms.
4. **July 19:** Walked up to an employee and told her in an official tone, 'Code 3' in house wares... And watched what happened.
5. **Aug 4:** Went to the Service Desk and asked to put a bag of M&M's on layaway.
6. **Sept 14:** Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
7. **Sept 15:** Set up a tent in the camping department and told other shoppers he'd invite them in if they'll bring pillows from the bedding department.
8. **Sept 23:** When a clerk asks if they can help him, he begins to cry and asks, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?'
9. **Oct 4:** Looked right into the security camera; used it as a mirror, and picked his nose.
10. **Nov 10:** While handling guns in the hunting department, asked the clerk if he knows where to find the anti-depressants.
11. **Dec 3:** Darted around the store suspiciously loudly humming the Mission Impossible" theme.
12. **Dec 6:** In the auto department, practiced his "Madonna look" using different size funnels.
13. **Dec 18:** Hid in a clothing rack and when people browse through, and yelled "PICK ME!" "PICK ME!"
14. **Dec 21:** When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumes the fetal position and screams "NO! NO! It's those voices again!!!!" And last, but not least ..
15. **Dec 23:** Went into a fitting room, shut the door waited awhile, then yelled very loudly, "Hey, There's no toilet paper in here!"

2013 Masonic Directory

W.B. Stephen J. Steele,
R.W,B. Roger Bost,
Brother John Malone,
Brother Michael L. Hines
and W.B. William Bennett
met at noon, April 9, 2013
to review the errors contained
in the newly printed directory.

Input to the revisions to ensure an accurate directory are hereby solicited.

Your input is of vital importance and welcome as the task at hand is being resolved.

Contact information

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2013 Fish / Tenderloin Fry—Yoctangee Park

Hear Ye Brethren, ***YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.*** A cover letter along with two tickets will be mailed to everyone for the 2013 Fish and Tenderloin Fry. This fund raiser is for the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund. The lodge has been very fortunate to receive assistance from Brethren from all states and cities wherever dispersed. Brother Evan M. Steele, Senior Deacon, is the event coordinator. Brother Evan M. Steele wants to make this the best scholarship fund raiser ever!!!! A sign up sheet will be at the registration desk at all stated meetings with time preferences. You may sign up for the entire day or time slots of four hours each 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or 2:00 pm until clean up. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for dinners and \$4.00 for sandwiches. If you do not think you will be in attendance at the stated meetings up to the date of the event, of which there are three, please consider calling the Office of the Secretary at 774-3485 and request your name be added to the work sheet. Mark your calendars at home and put a reminder in your cell phone. This is a plea for all Masons to come to the aid of the Lodge.

Plan of Action and Milestone Committee 2013 Projects

W.B. William E. Landrum, chairman of the Plan of Action and Milestone Committee along with Officers of the line, Brother James Barrington, W.B. Alvin E. DePugh, W.B. William Bennett, officers of the Masonic Temple Association comprise the committee. This outlines the projects and contributions for 2013.

Chillicothe Youth Softball teams	\$500	High school After Prom Programs	
Ross County Shrine Club Tabloid	\$200	• Adena High School	\$50
Ross County Junior Fair Night	\$500	• Chillicothe High School	\$50
Grand Lodge of Ohio		• Huntington High School	\$50
• Charitable Foundation	\$50	• Paint Valley High School	\$50
• Scholarship Fund	\$50	• Southeastern High School	\$50
• Model Student Program	\$50	• Unioto High School	\$50
Masonic Home Endowment Fund	\$300	• Zane Trace High School	\$50
		
			Good Samaritan Food Pantry
			Hope Clinic
			Masonic Temple Association appropriation for their 2013 projects used at the discretion of the association for care and upkeep of the Temple. Projects for consideration should be directed to W.B. William E. Landrum by January of each year..
			\$200
			\$200

School Note

April 23, 2013

To: Scioto Lodge #6

I greatly appreciate the \$50.00 donation toward our After Prom Activities. Your dedication to our community is immeasurable.

James N. Osborne, Principal
Unioto High School

Grand Master's Class May 11, 2013

**May 11, 2013
Portsmouth, Ohio**

NOTICE TO:

Candidate and Mentors from Scioto Lodge #6 Cloth aprons, Candidates' Bible and Book Marks will be available from Worshipful Brother William Bennett. Scioto Lodge has six candidates attending the Portsmouth Class; however, at press time, we only have four mentors. Please consider volunteering to assist a candidate in receiving his degrees. The best ratio is one mentor for each candidate. Can you help?

House Bill 59 by House Speaker William G. Batchelder

From the Grand Lodge Web site:

At 3 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 Speaker of the House William G. Batchelder, an active Ohio Freemason, released House Bill 59 which contains the House version of the Governor's proposed budget. HB 59 includes language that offers property tax relief to Masonic lodges as well as those of the Prince Hall Masons, Granges, Odd Fellows and Knights of Columbus by removing these properties from the tax rolls.

Annually, Ohio Freemasons contribute \$15 million in charity within the state of Ohio. Most lodge halls are not used to generate income but rather are the central location for the distribution of charity, community activities and the promotion of the general good in Ohio's rural and urban community. The property tax burden carried by individual lodges constitutes a major part of their annual budget, while providing very little financial support to local schools or public services through tax revenue. As lodges are forced to sell their buildings, local communities lose one of their limited charitable resources. History has shown that once these assets are lost to their respective communities, there is little chance of their, or their charitable efforts, returning to these communities in the future.

Several years ago, Worshipful Brother Jim Hughes, then an Ohio Representative and currently an Ohio Senator, sponsored two bills that would have removed the lodge buildings from the tax rolls. Though one bill passed the House, it never made it out of committee in the Senate.

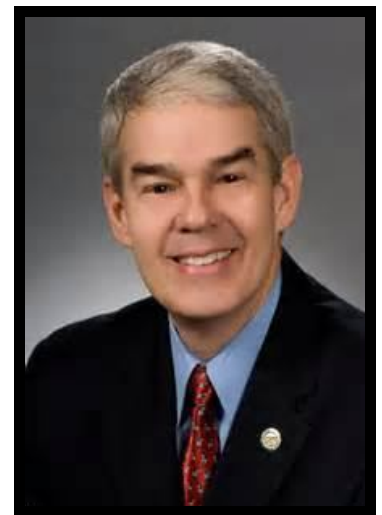
HB 59 is our greatest chance to receive this well-deserved property tax and enable these fraternal orders to continue their charitable and social work. To support Brother Batchelder's efforts to enable our continued charitable and fraternal existence in Ohio communities, please send him as well as your state Representative and Senator a letter to that effect.

Mention one or more of the following in your letter:

- Your support of this section of HB 59
- The amount of your property taxes versus the lodge's annual income
- The charitable work your lodge does and the community's use of the building, i.e. blood drives, voting, community meeting space for boy & girl scouts, youth groups, and clubs, benefit dinners, food drives, etc.
- That statewide, Ohio Masons contribute about \$15 million in charity and pay approximately \$3 million in property taxes. The elimination of that property tax burden will have little effect on local and state coffers but will enable Ohio Freemasons to continue their charitable efforts in rural and urban areas.

The mailing address of the Speaker of the House is:

William G. Batchelder
Speaker of the House
77 S. High St
14th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215



William G. Batchelder

Deputy Grand Master's Meeting

Chillicothe Masonic Temple

June 21, 2013

Right Worshipful Brother Norman J. Mick, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio will present a program for his expected term as Grand Master Friday, June 21, 2013 at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. R.W.B. Mick will announced his program goals for the 2013-2014 Masonic Year.

Registration begins at 6:30 pm with the meeting at 7:30 pm. Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. will host the meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

A note from Right Worshipful Brother Mick:

WB Bennett

I am in the final stages of preparations for the rollout programs. The times that you have are correct and any light refreshments will be appreciated by the Brethren. I appreciate and thank Scioto Lodge for hosting the evening.

Norman J. Mick

Deputy Grand Master
10110 Crosby Road
Harrison, OH 45030

2013 Chicken Noodle Dinner

Preliminary numbers for the 2013 Chicken Noodle Dinner are tabulated. This event funds our Special Olympics Fundraising for the 2013 Special Olympic Summer Games held at the Jessie Owens Stadium at the Ohio State University.

Expenses:	Income:
Advertising \$300.00	Presales: \$996.00
Supplies: <u>\$1,338.08</u>	Same Day Sales;
\$1,638.08	<u>\$2,024.00</u>
Exempt Chargeables	Total Income \$3,020.00
<u>\$ 436.11</u>	
Total Expenses	Less Expenses <u>\$1,201.97</u>
\$1,201.97	Proceeds \$1808.03

7th District VA Project Schedule

SUPPORT THE VETERANS' PROJECTS

Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights Seventh Masonic District are urged to consider lending their assistance for the **VA Bingo Project** and **Picnic with the Vets** in the coming months. The following schedule outlines these opportunities:

Sunday, July 7, 2013	Bldg. #9 1:00 pm
Sunday, August 4, 2013	Bldg. #9 1:00 pm
Saturday, August 31, 2013	Shelter @ Bldg. #35
"PICNIC WITH the VETS"	10:30 am
Sunday, December 1, 2013	Bldg. #9 1:00 pm
Sunday, January 5, 2014	Bldg. #9 1:00 pm

Refreshments must be prepackaged but may also include fresh fruit. Lodge representatives, District Officers, District Deputy Grand Master and District Education Officers are expressly urged to attend, after all this is YOUR project!

Top Scholars Banquet

May 13, 2013

Mark your calendar for the 24th Annual Scioto Lodge Top Scholars Banquet, make your reservations on or before Friday, May 10th. This banquet represents a significant community function as the Lodge welcomes scholars and their families into the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.

This an excellent opportunity for us to put our "Best Masonic Footprint" into the lives of many non-Masons. It is one of the three public relations functions taking place at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple in 2013. The others were the OPEN HOUSE held in March and the November Veterans' Night Honors Banquet.

The Scholarship Committee reviewed 36 applications from 14 male and 22 female scholars from the six high schools in Ross County. This is a tremendous task as the caliber of high school scholars; the level at which they perform scholastically, the broad spectrum of extracurricular activates, both at school and in their communities at large speaks volumes about these students.

Worshipful Brother Dan M. Riddle and Worshipful Brother William Bennett will co-chair the event.

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Thomas Paine—These are the times that try men's souls

Paine is best known for his 1776 pamphlet, *Common Sense*, advocating American independence from England. The phrase "these are the times that try men's souls" was the opening line from the first of a series of pamphlets Paine began writing in December 1776. Titled ***The American Crisis***, or *The Crisis*, the "time" the pamphlets referred to was the start of the American Revolutionary War.

As researcher Richard C. DeStefano points out, Paine "used media as a weapon against British rule." The movement towards independence was not universally supported in the American colonies at that time. While patriots like General George Washington led his troops into battle, other colonists were either loyal to Britain or neutral and didn't want war. Paine's eloquent yet straightforward writing emphasized the injustice of British actions towards the colonies. And Paine wasn't above slinging some mud, describing the British king as "a sottish, stupid, stubborn, worthless, brutish man."

Another familiar sentiment from *The Crisis* is this: "The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value." To the patriots, independence and freedom were worth the price of war. This idea was probably well-received by General Washington's troops when it was read aloud to them on Christmas Eve in 1776. The whole series of *The American Crisis* was influential in the colonies, and support for the War of Independence grew. Many loyalists turned away from

the British Crown, and neutral colonists saw the need to protect their human dignity by force of arms.

After the war, Paine continued to write about revolutionary topics, both in Europe and America. However his critiques of Christianity made him many enemies, and he died with few mourners in 1809. But the power of his prose was not entirely forgotten. As Andrew Jackson said: "Thomas Paine needs no monument made by hands. He has erected a monument in the hearts of all lovers of liberty."

"Other times that tried men's souls"

