



The Trestle Board

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Prayers of Thanksgiving

We gather today, Lord of abundant life, as grateful children. Delighted and humbled by our bounty, we celebrate gifts of food and shelter, of colors that dance at dawn and dusk; we relish the scent of cooking foods, of burning leaves and summer's wet grass, of snowflake, of animal fur. We marvel at the intricacy of spiders' webs and fish bones, newborn babies and lines etched on faces of grandparents come for a visit today. All gifts from Your hand. When our meal is completed, leftovers stashed, and naps taken, we will leave replete, energized, and eager to go generously into the world and share our good fortune. Author Unknown

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see for joy and health, friends and family, For daily provision, your mercy and care. These are the blessings you graciously share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days.

--Mary Fairchild

O Thou whose bounty fills my cup, with every blessing meet! I give Thee thanks for every drop— The bitter and the sweet. I praise Thee for the desert road, and for the riverside; for all Thy goodness hath bestowed, and all Thy grace denied. I thank Thee for both smile and frown, And for the gain and loss; I praise Thee for the future crown and for the present cross. I thank Thee for both wings of love which stirred my worldly nest; and for the stormy clouds which drove me, trembling, to Thy breast. I bless Thee for the glad increase, and for the waning joy; and for this strange, this settled peace which nothing can destroy. --Jane Crewdson (1860)

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele extends a hearty welcome to the Brethren of Scioto Lodge to attend The Annual Meeting which will open promptly at 7:30 pm November 5, 2013. Preceding the meeting refreshments will be served in the small dining room at 6:15 pm. Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. will be electing Officers of the Line. All Master Masons attending will cast a ballot during the course of the election without exception. Approaching the balloting process with due decorum is expected..



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November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Unique outdoor raising at Olive Hill Masonic Lodge #629 where the first section will be conferred. The second section will be conducted in Cascade Cave which is the largest and most beautiful underground structure in Carter Caves State Resort Park. Approximately 2 hours from Chillicothe.			1	2
						Outdoor Master Mason Degree 12:00 pm Olive Hill Kentucky
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6th Arch Association Fall School of Instruction Jackson, Ohio 2:00 pm		Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. Annual Election 7:30 pm			Veterans' Night Honors Banquet Social 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm	Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 2:00 pm Open Installation by invitation
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Lunch at the Lodge 12:30 pm Euchre to follow	Chillicothe Chapter Mtg. 7:30 pm Inspection Rehearsal	Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm			Ross County Shrine Club Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner 7:00 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Chillicothe Council Mtg. 7:30 pm		Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm		
24	25	26				
	Lunch at the Lodge 12:30 pm Euchre to follow	Chillicothe Commandery Mtg. 7:30 pm				Happy Thanksgiving to One and All

From the Archives of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M.

By Laws of Scioto Lodge #2 F. & A.M.—1805

At a meeting of a Majority of the Brethren of Scioto Lodge #2 F. & A.M. under the jurisdiction of the State of Massachusetts at the house of Thomas Needham in Chillicothe November 22, 1805 the following Brethren were elected Thomas Gibson, W.M., Jervis Cutter, S.W., Nathaniel Willis, J.W. Adjourn to Wednesday, the 4th of December 1805...(Attest) Joseph Dix, Secretary Pro Tem

34th By-Law: That any Candidate Entered, Passed and Raised in the Lodge pay twenty dollars to the Lodge and one dollar to the Tyler to wit Ten Dollars on entering, five dollars on being passed and five dollars on being Raised. The Tyler's fee to be paid on entering, the money to be paid before admitting into the Lodge and at the time of presenting their Petitions.

35th By-Law: That any Brother being in arrears to the lodge on either the Festivals of St. John the Baptist or St. John the Evangelist when the sun is at high meridian, shall be suspended from his seat and functions until such time arrearages shall have been fully paid. That the name of such Brothers in default shall be handed to the Tyler by the Secretary intoning to remind him more particularly of his duty lest they might enter in an unwary moment when the Lodge is engaged in more important business. It is understood that our Brethren belonging to this Lodge living at a distance out of the length of their cable tow are not to be fined for not attending at our Regular Lodge night but at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist although specified in Section 5.

Notes from 4-H Clubs—Several of the participating club acknowledge their appreciation with notes to those organization who have youth outreach support programs. Here are a few:

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you for your support of the Ross County 4-H program and Junior Fair Night.

Signed by members:
Emma; Tabby; Kendra Branscomb, Sarah Everhart, Cassidy Eberle, Zack Thompson, Cole Thompson & Allison Minney

Clover Clan 4-H Club

Scioto Lodge:

Thank you so much for your donation for our outhouse [reference to outhouse races]. The kids have so much fun each year with it. We won **2nd place!**

Thank you
Teresa Park, Advisor

Super Kids 4-H Club

OUR THANKS:

Thank your for supporting Junior Fair Night

Members:
Buster Trent
Averi McFadden
Anthony McFadden
Lea McFadden
Teagan McFadden
Caleb Strausbaugh

*For each new morning
with its light,
For rest and shelter of
the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

**Brother Ralph Waldo
Emerson (1803-1882)**

In anticipation of the election of Brother Neil A. Zizelman to the office of Worshipful Master, I would like to announce an **Installation of Officers** for Friday evening, November 15, 2013. A reception will be held in the Moll Dining Room at 6:00 pm. R.W.B. David V. Medert will be



the Installing Officer, W.B. John R. Ashton will be the Installing Marshall, W.B. Michael A. Ash will serve as Installing Chaplain and W.B. Chad Simpson will serve as Installing Secretary. This is an open installation to which all Brethren are encouraged to bring their ladies, families and friends. The Ceremonies of Installation will begin at 7:00 pm in the Red Room. Attire for officers-elect is formal. Any questions please call Brother Neil A. Zizelman at 703-7932 or me 701-1622.

Stephen J. Steele, Worshipful Master

Meet Most Worshipful Brother Norman L. Mick, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio



Most Worshipful Brother Mick was born in Hamilton, Ohio on December 23, 1945. He received a strong religious family upbringing from his parents, Elmer N. and Anna Mick. He attended St. Ann's parochial school in his formative years. He later graduated from Hamilton Catholic High School. His family's strong religious background led him to attend St. Gregory Seminary to search out his vocational calling. Later he went on to study Business Administration and Accounting at Xavier University.

Norman met Lois G. Miller through mutual friends and they married in November of 1966. They have three children, Anna (Ronald) Herrmann, Elizabeth (Tom) Feller and Christopher Mick. This resulted in six grandchildren, Kyle Covert, Kristin Covert, Tyler Mick, Evelyn Herrmann, Holly Herrmann and Anthony Herrmann. Norman and Lois currently attend St. John the Baptist Church in Harrison, Ohio. In previous Parishes, he served when needed as liturgist and on various committees and served as Fall Festival Chairman for many years. He spent several years in the Taylor Creek Youth Organization coaching soccer and softball for his children and served five years as the Boys Soccer Coordinator.

It was while working at Dubois Chemicals that he became associated with several Masons, which led to his joining Hoffner Lodge No. 253 in the fall of 1982. He also holds plural membership in Cincinnati-Lafayette Lodge No. 483 and is proud to have received many Honorary Memberships.

His thirst for Masonic knowledge led him to join the York Rite and Scottish Rite in 1983. He became immediately involved with the Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 1986, Lodge Trustee, Lodge Education Officer and then Secretary from 2001-2005. He served Cumminsville Chapter No. 158 R.A.M. as High Priest in 1987 and 1994. He was appointed to serve as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1991—1993. MEC Terry Meyers appointed him as Grand Guard for Grand Chapter R.A.M. in 1998. He was Illustrious Master of Cincinnati Council No. 1 R.S.M. in 1994 and served one year on the Education Committee for Grand Council R.S.M. He then served as Eminent Commander of Cincinnati Commandery No. 3 K.T. in 1996. This service culminated in his receiving the Knight York Cross of Honour in Ohio Priory No. 18 in November, 1996.

He served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as District Deputy Grand Master 2005-2006. Most Worshipful Brother Michael A. Himes appointed him as Junior Grand Deacon in October, 2006. He was subsequently appointed Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshall, and Grand Orator and was sequentially elected Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master. The Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio elected him as their Grand Master on October 18, 2013, and he was regularly installed in that office on October 19, 2013. **From the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio website.**

From the Desk of the High Priest

The High Priest invites all Past High Priest to attend the annual inspection Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Dinner at 6:15 pm with the opening at 7:30 pm.

Excellent High Priest Joe D. Curtis announced a rehearsal at our next stated Convocation November 12th. All officers are urged to prepare for the inspection.

Attention: Fellow Craft Team Members

To facilitate contacting the Fellow Craft Team when conferring the Master Mason Degree, I would like to assist R.W.B. David V. Medert by notifying you via email. To accomplish this please communicate your email address at your earliest convenience. Send email to cmb@chillicothemasons.org

William Bennett, Secretary

Note from a Masonic Widow

I appreciate your newsletters and cards. Thank you so much. **Mrs. Jerry Charles Wellinghoff**

It is always great to hear from our Masonic Ladies. William Bennett

From the Desk of the Worshipful Master by Stephen J. Steele



Autumn and Masonry –Enjoy the Beauty

As the trees show their autumn colors I am reminded of how quickly the seasons change. Being a busy man, I need to consciously make the effort to enjoy the beauty of the season. Brethren when was the last time you visited our beautiful woodlands? Was it a visit to one of the local state parks, i.e. Tar Hollow, Scioto Trails or the Paint Valley Ridges? Or perhaps a more exotic trip to Virginia's Sky Line Drive or to New England's famed color tours. For many of us it takes no more than a walk outside our back door.

Some autumns show the splendor of the season boldly in great splashes of Red, Gold and Yellow. Other autumns can be dull and almost drab causing the observant to nearly gasp at the glimpse of a single tree afire with color among a sea of brown, each scenario echoes the coming of winter and further change.

So it goes in our Masonic lives, if we take the time, and have the presence of mind to notice, we'll see the beauty and glory of the day before us. We are each able to reflect that Masonic beauty in the way we live our lives. Alone, we shine brightly in a sea of drab, common behavior. Collectively and especially together, we shine the light of Masonry as the brightly colored forest in autumn.

We should always strive to walk uprightly before God and man, squaring our actions with the square of virtue; ever remembering that time marches on. The seasons change. The beauty found in the ways of our fraternity are permanent. See beauty. Share it.

Thank you for allowing me to served from the East during the 2012-2013 Masonic Year.

On the back of ***The Trestle Board*** is the Most Worshipful Brother Norman Mick's Grand Master's Pin for the 2013-2014 Masonic Year, a Treasure chest. His theme for the year is "*Freemasonry...A Timeless Treasure*". In the treasure chest are found the working tools of a Mason and the open chest reveals a heart at the center of which is the Square and Compass.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays giving to charities should be among our priorities.

The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary.

Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

Make a Wish: For children's last wishes. 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child.

St. Jude Research Hospital 100% goes towards funding and helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and cannot afford to pay.

Ronald McDonald Houses All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critical Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding the families.

Lions Club International 100% of donations go to help the blind, buy hearing aides, support medical missions around the world. Their latest undertaking is measles vaccination (only \$1.00 per shot).



Pictured left to right are: Brother Neil A. Zizelman, Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele of Scioto Lodge #6 and Worshipful Brother Chad Simpson, who is Director of Program Development for the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio. Worshipful Brother Simpson is a

member and Past Master or both of Arts and Science #792 in Hillard, Ohio and York Lodge #563 (primary lodge) in Worthington, Ohio. Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele and Brother Neil A. Zizelman attended the 204th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Akron, Ohio October 18 and 19, 2013.

An Invitation

To all Masonic Widows

You are cordially invited to attend the
Chillicothe Masonic Bodies
Annual Veterans' Night
Honors Banquet
Friday, Evening November 8, 2013

Hors d'oeuvres will be served
during the social at 6:00 pm.
Dinner will be served at 6:45 pm
**Reservations are required by
Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert K. Rinehart



Grand Chapter R.A. M. of Ohio hosted its 184th Annual Grand Assembly at the Crown Plaza Columbus, Ohio October 7, 2013. Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert K. Rinehart was elected and Installed to lead Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons. No other biographical information was available at press

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert W. Thomas



Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert W. Thomas was born on November 16, 1960, the only child of the late Walter G. and Marjorie Thomas. He met his wife Donna at an Eastern Star Installation in 1999 and they were married on June 1, 2003. He has two step daughters Rebecca Ferguson (Joshua) who reside in San Diego, California and Ra-

chel Elliott (Sam) who reside in Dorset, Ohio. M.E.H. P. Thomas graduated from Newbury High School in 1979 and Hiram College in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He is retired from a Pharmaceutical Company after 22½ years of service. He began his Masonic career in DeMolay with Geauga Chapter.

He was raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Village Lodge #274 Burton, Ohio in 1982 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1985 and again in 2006. He was Exalted in Willoughby Chapter R.A.M. #231. Advanced in Woodward Council R. S. M #118 in 1984 and Knighted in Eagle Commandery #29 Knights Templar at Painesville, Ohio. He is a member of Ohio Priory #18 Knight York Cross of Honor.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Thomas was elected and installed at the 184th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Ohio held October 9th in Mason, Ohio at the Great Wolf Lodge.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Dennis L. Hughes



Sir Knight Dennis was born in Wichita Falls, Texas at Shepherd Air Force Base in 1944. After graduating from Miami East High School he joined the Air Force and spent much of his time at McGuire Air Force Base, in New Jersey, attached to the 46th Air Defense Missile Squadron. Dennis and Susan were high school sweethearts and married in 1965. Both pursued college careers and Susan became a licensed Registered Radiological Technologist, specializing in mammography thus her avocation of breast cancer prevention. Dennis became a salesman working initially for Hobart Manufacturing in Troy, Ohio. Dennis' Masonic road started in Spencerville, Ohio in Acadia Lodge # 306, where he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 3, 1971. He was elected and proceeded thru the chairs and was installed as Worshipful Master on

his birthday November 6, 1977. He has served as president of 2nd Division CTA, served as Deputy Division Commander from 2000-2002, and as Division Commander of the 2nd Division 2003-2006. In 2007-08 appointed as Grand Standard Bearer, and was elected into the Grand Line the following year.

The life and times—Masonry through Photos



Left to Right 1st row:

Kenneth Endlich; Gary Turley; Unidentified Deputy Grand Master, Charles A. Brigham, Jr. Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, William Donnell, **David Hatfield, Candidate**, Robert See, District Deputy Grand Master . Roger Bost District Deputy Grand Master, Charles F. Fine;

Left to Right second row:

Richard Wardell, Harold Miller, Robert Butchers, Jack Case, Jon Mark Hall, John C. Hall, James Derexson.



Pictured left to right: Jean Justice, Lloyd Eichenlaub, R. Keith O'Dell, Dale Exline and Ryan W. Adams.

Fifth Capitular District Reaffirmation Day Service was held Sunday, October 20, 2013 in the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. There were 15 Companions and 8 Ladies present. A featured event included the installation of E.C. Lloyd Eichenlaub as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Fifth Capitular District . E.C. Dale Exline was installed as the District Education Officer. R. E.C. R. Keith O'Dell, Grand King of the Grand Chapter served as the Installing Officer. R.E.C. Ryan W. Adams, Grand Marshall and P.D.D.G.H.P. was on hand to for the ceremonies of installation.



Dale Exline and his Lady Judy



Lloyd Eichenlaub and his Lady Tricie

Communication Demographics by William Bennett, P.M. & Editor

The Trestle Board reaches a vast number of communities throughout Ohio and across the United States. Eighty-nine widows receive this publication predicated on their husband's membership in the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies. Widows of Past District Deputies Grand Master are included. Four hundred fifty two members of Scioto Lodge and two hundred and ninety one members of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies receive our news letter.. Past and current District Deputies Grand Master are kept abreast of activities and events via this publication. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, Grand Illustrious Master of Grand Council and the Most Eminent Grand Commander of Grand Commandery Knights Templar are on our mailing list. **The Trestle Board** for October was distributed to 735 Masons and widows.

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Thy Rod and Staff...analogy of the 23rd Psalm from articles by Tim Finlay and Jim Herst

David says, "When I walk through the valley of deep darkness, I will not be afraid." What kind of courage does a sheep need? A sheep does not need courage to fight its enemies. The most courageous sheep would be an easy victim to the smallest wolf. A sheep needs courage to trust the shepherd.

David says, "Your rod and your staff, they comfort me." The rod was a small club, usually about 2 feet long, with stones embedded in the wood. The skillful shepherd could use it like a missile or as a weapon to beat off a predator. The staff was the long stick with the crook at the top. The staff was used to keep the sheep in line, or to rescue a sheep that had stumbled into a ravine. Both the rod and the staff were emblems of the shepherd's power. Undoubtedly they made enemies afraid. We can have comfort in dangerous situations when we realize that God's power is at our disposal. We often think of God's power with awe, but not necessarily with comfort.

What does the rod and staff means in Psalm 23?

The use of the words **Rod** and **Staff** are examples of Jewish poetry, the rhyming of ideas, and they mean the same thing just said differently. Psalms 23 is the Shepherd psalm, so the Rod and Staff mentioned here is the main tool of the shepherd. The shepherd had a long wooden pole, often called a **staff**, with one end bent into large hook. The long straight end or **rod** was used to defend the sheep from predators and to discipline wayward sheep. The hook end was used to rescue sheep from where ever they had fallen and to pull them to safety. "Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." It was a comfort to David that the Lord used His "tools" as the Good Shepherd to defend, discipline and rescue us as His sheep.

..."thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The rod is used for protection or defense and the staff is for guidance, for steadiness. If we have God's rod and staff, then it follows that we would be able to use those items. How? We seek God first. He provides protection, peace, rest. He has been saying this throughout the Psalm. He has not let us down, has not run away from us. He's helping us THROUGH the situation, the shadow of death. Or you could say that He is giving us the Light to go through the situation. What an AWESOME God He is!! What a wonderful Jesus, Who is the Shepherd that leads us.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." The phrase "shadow of death," which can also be translated "deep darkness," is used figuratively of extreme danger. The right path may lead through ravines and river valleys where steep slopes block out the sun; the presence of the shepherd, however, calms the sheep. Similarly, we may go through great trials in life, but God is always there to help us.