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12 Realistically Mundane New Year's Resolutions — 2012 Edition by Curtis Silver

There's a thing about New Year's resolutions: we don't keep them. We make lists of empty promises to ourselves but usually the complexity of them doesn't help them come to fruition. Back in 2010 I wrote a list of resolutions that I didn't keep. Last year I wrote a list of resolutions... that I didn't keep. Though I did end that list with this statement: "Scrap the whole damn list. Who am I kidding? I'm just gonna sit around and play Black Ops all year."

- 1. Smile at More Random People 2. Eat More Fruits and Veggies 3. Watch Less Crap on TV 4. Trip Emo Kids. 5. Don't Eat Any Chain Pizza. 6. Mayans Say We're all Gonna Die by Rabid Draconian Bunnies. 7. Go Straight for Project Funding 8. Phone Bank for Someone. 9. Complete the #onegoal 10. Be Happy 11. Don't Be Overtaken by Paperwork. 12. Take More Naps Good Luck!!!!**

My Masonic List of New Years Resolutions

1. Practice more closely the tenets of Freemasonry in all my undertakings
2. Establish more realistic deadlines for myself with reports and publications
3. Endeavor to attend more York Rite meeting in Fifth Capitular District, Sixth Cryptic Arch and the Fourth Division of Knight Templar
4. Encourage others and support my Lodge in ways that are progressive
5. Take more time for myself to improve my philosophy thus making me more productive and healthy mentally and physically
6. Be sure to remember I am a Mason and a Christian before I utter a harsh word to others
7. Communicate with others to ensure an understanding of schedule conflicts that prevent others from participating in Masonic meetings and events.
8. Live life with passion to achieve self satisfaction with the road I have chosen
9. Dedication myself to making myself accessible when others have a more difficult time than I.
10. Be a friend, a Brother, Companion and Sir Knight that brings honor to the fraternity
11. What resolutions as a Mason would you make for yourself.

Consider attending a Blue Lodge meeting or Chillicothe York Rite meeting during 2014. Make it your anniversary present to yourself. As I said at the stated Convocation of Chillicothe Commandery #8, my affiliation with Masonry was indirectly influenced by Rev. Raymond Kelly, Pastor of the Jordan Baptist Church in rural Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia when I was only a child of 10 or so, but the memory of seeing his Masonic Ring Sunday after Sunday was a source of curiosity and wonder. My father in law Brother Charles E. Bullock was my second source and my reason for joining the Oldest Fraternity in the World.

William Bennett, Past Master 1987

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Neil A. Zizelman
Worshipful Master

Joe D. Curtis,
High Priest

Roger Ray Jones,
Illustrious Master

David V. Medert
Eminent Commander

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Scioto Lodge Annual Inspection E.A. ° Dinner 6:15 Work 7:00	4
5	6 Twelfth Night	7 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	8 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13 Chips, Dips and Euchre 2:00 pm (formerly Lunch at the Lodge)	14 Chillicothe Chapter 7:30 pm	15	16 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Chillicothe Council #4 Inspection Select Master° Refreshments 6:30 pm	22 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	23 Ross County Shrine Club 7:00 pm	24	25 Registration Deadline for Grand Master Reception
26	27 Chips, Dips and Euchre 2:00 pm (formerly Lunch at the Lodge)	28 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	29	30	31	

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

Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman and the Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 will greet members from around the Seventh Masonic Friday evening, January 3, 2014. The evening will get underway with dinner at 6:15 pm and lodge opening at 7:00 pm.

District Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones will inspect Scioto Lodge #6 in the proficiency of the officers of the line as they confer the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Service pins will be presented to Brethren present and wish to receive their 25, 35 and 40 year pins. Senior Awards 50 year and above will be presented.

Please contact the Office of the Secretary to confirm your attendance. Certificates for 25, 35 and 40 year service need to be prepared in advance. You may call the office at 774-3485.

Grand Master's Reception

The Seventh Masonic District Grand Master's Reception, honoring Most Worshipful Brother Norman J. Mick, will be hosted by Highland Lodge #38 in Hillsboro, Ohio Friday, February 7, 2014. The reception begins with a social at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.

Reservations may be made by contacting Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman at 703-7932, or you may contact the Office of the Secretary at 774-3485. Highland Lodge #38 is located at 136 North High Street. Deadline for reservations is January 25, 2014.

The cost for the evening is \$20.00 per person. When arriving at the reception please check in with the registration table. Your name must be on the list. There will not be a printed ticket as in years past.

Twelfth Night the Holiday that Time Forgot by Sandy Levins



The historic holiday of "Twelfth Night" has been abandoned and forgotten by almost all the rest of the country. The Twelfth-day, mid-winter festival Twelfth Night ended with great public fanfare has receded to leave behind our truncated modern holiday season that views December 25th and January 1st at its high points, January 2nd as the day life goes back to normal. But it was not always so for the people who inhabited the Delaware Valley and other parts of the Colonies in the 18th century.

The holiday celebrated as Twelfth Night in 18th century American cities like Philadelphia and Williamsburg was a high-spirited mid-winter event whose practices date back to the days of ancient Rome. By the time of the late Renaissance, Christmas was a day of low-key observance that opened an annual twelve day festival of religious ceremony and secular celebration. The English word "Yuletide" actually means the Twelve-day period between December 25th and January 6th. In many communities, large bonfires were set in village centers and, on Christmas Eve, each family burned a ceremonial Yule log to start the hearth fire around which its members and visitors would gather throughout the rest of the Christmas festival days.

While that period's most important holiday was New Year's, its second most important ended the twelve days on January 6th and was called Twelfth Night which was a final frenzy of feasting, drinking and merry making before the community returned to its daily working grind for the rest of the winter.

The spirit of that annual European custom which joyfully convulsed all society each year is captured in an extraordinary mid-17th century painting by David Teniers the Younger, a Flemish artist who specialized in documenting life among the common folk along Europe's western edge. Titled "Twelfth Night" the painting, now in the Prado Museum of Madrid, meticulously details a tavern scene on January 6th. Dancing, clowning, and consuming prodigious quantities of liquor and food, the patrons are depicted as they follow the practice of crowning one of themselves "king" to rule over the Twelfth Night's festivities. Those who donned the crown were also expected to treat their fellow revelers to a round of drinks.



Chillicothe Council #4 Annual Inspection



Illustrious Master Roger Ray Jones is looking forward to January 21, 2014 with great anticipation when Chillicothe Council #4 hosts its annual inspection. This evening is

our stated meeting night and all Companions are encouraged to attend.

The inspection will be in the Select Master Degree. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with degree work at 7:30 pm.

Two rehearsals are scheduled in preparation for the inspection night program. The first is Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 am, the second is Saturday January 18 at 9:00 am. The practice sessions are vital to our performance on the evening of January 21st.

Chillicothe Commandery #8

December 17, 2013

Annual Christmas Observance for the 2013 Templar Year was held by Chillicothe Commandery #8 at a special meeting arranged by special dispensation following the stated meeting of Chillicothe Council #4.

During the observance, toasts were made according to the edict of Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Ohio. Following this annual event and offering is taken to support the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. The generosity of Sir Knights resulted in a offering of \$203.00 which is mailed to the Eye Foundation. Thanks to all who participated in this celebration.

Sir Knight David V, Medert, Eminent Commander

A lady about seven months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing. She complained to the driver and had the man arrested. The case came up in court. The judge asked the man what he had to say for himself. The man replied, "Well your Honor, it was like this, When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat under a sign that said, "The Gold Dust Twins are coming" and I had to smile. " Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, "Slogan's Liniment will reduce the swelling" and I had to grin." Then she placed herself under a sign that said, "William's Big Stick Did the Trick" and I could hardly control myself." "BUT....when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, "Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this accident." I couldn't help not laughing out loud." "Case Dismissed" said the Judge.

Chip, Dips and Euchre

The Lunch at the Lodge program has been suspended. The second and fourth Monday has been reestablished with a focus on a card social. The time has been changed to 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be lighter and, while Euchre players are solicited to attend, others whose interests may not include card games are welcome to attend and establish other forms of entertainment, other card games or board games such as Chess, Backgammon, Checkers, cribbage are available. Contact the Office of the Secretary at 774-3485 if you are interested in this event it is open to all Brethren, non-Masonic guests and Masonic Widows.

2014 Grand Masters' Class

Lucasville Lodge #465 will host the Grand Master's Class for the Seventh Masonic District. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 5, 2014. Registration opens at 7:00 and a continental breakfast is provided. Lunch arrangements are not known at this time. Candidate lunches will be paid for by the Lodge. For petitions contact the Office of the Secretary at 774-3485. Deadline for presenting applications for Scioto Lodge #6 is March 20, 2014. Degree fees are \$140.00 and must be paid in full at the time of submitting the petition. A photograph is required at the same time.

Food for Thought—Education is key to understanding

The earliest Masonic texts each contain some sort of a history of the craft, or *mystery*, of Masonry. The oldest known work of this type The Halliwell Manuscript or the Reguis Poem, dating from between 1390 and 1425, has a brief history in its introduction, stating that the "craft of Masonry" began with Euclid in Egypt, and came to England in the reign of King Athelstan. Shortly afterwards, the Cooke Manuscript traces Masonry to Jabal son of Lamech (Genesis 4: 20-22), and tells how this knowledge came to Euclid, from him to the Children of Israel while they were in Egypt, and so on through an elaborate path to Athelstan. This formed the basis for subsequent manuscript constitutions, all tracing Masonry back to biblical times, and fixing its institutional establishment in England during the reign of Athelstan (927-939).

Shortly after the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge of England, James Anderson was commissioned to digest these "Gothic Constitutions" in a palatable, modern form. The resulting constitutions are prefaced by a history more extensive than any before, again tracing the history of what was now Freemasonry back to biblical roots, again forging Euclid into the chain. True to his material, Anderson fixes the first Grand Assembly of English Masons at York, under Athelstan's son, Edwin, who is otherwise unknown to history. Expanded, revised, and republished, Anderson's 1738 constitutions listed the Grand Masters since Augustine of Canterbury, listed as *Austin the Monk*. William Preston's *Illustrations of Freemasonry* enlarged and expanded on this Masonic creation. I

n France, the 1737 lecture of Chevalier Ramsay added the Crusaders to the lineage. He maintained that *Crusader Masons* had revived the craft with secrets recovered in the Holy Land, under the patronage of the Knights Hospitaller. At this point, the history of the craft in Continental Freemasons diverged from that in England.

In 1733, Henry Price, the Provincial Grand Master over all of North America for the Grand Lodge of England, granted a charter to a group of Boston Freemasons. This lodge was later named St. John's Lodge and was the first duly constituted lodge in America. North America would have many independent lodges in the 18th century. Authorization, which later would become a Warrant, took time and expense, especially in the period when the nearest Grand Lodge was on the other side of the Atlantic. Many lodges became "self starters", and only applied for Grand Lodge authorization when they were reasonably confident that the lodge would survive for more than a few years. George Washington was initiated into the Lodge of Fredericksburg in 1752. Source: History of Freemasons From Wikipedia



Chillicothe York Rite Schedules 2014 Spring Festival

Plans have been approved to host a 2014 Chillicothe York Rite Festival May 9, 10 and 18, 2014 by the Companions and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. The first three Degrees of Chapter will be conferred Friday, May 9th beginning at 6:00 pm. On Saturday May 10th the Royal Arch Degree of Chapter will be conferred beginning at 8:00 am and followed by the two Degrees of Council. The Orders of Red Cross, Malta and Order of the Temple will be conferred on Saturday, May 18th beginning at 8:00 am.

Former cast members for the degrees and orders will be contacted for a commitment to participate in the work. Invitations will be extended to all Past High Priests, Past Illustrious Masters and Past Eminent Commanders for their participation. The one invaluable asset to the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies is the support of past presiding officers. Please mark your calendar for this event.

BY-LAW Amendment

Article XIV

Section 03: Comments regarding the need for more operating money by the Lodge was made by several committee members and Brethren of the Lodge. A motion to adopt the resolution was made and it was moved and ordered that the Lodge establish a building fund for the expressed purpose of constructing a new building at some future date when money and events warranted such action. Lodge voted to accept it by $\frac{3}{4}$ of those presented needed for a [majority vote] there were two Nay votes June 18, 1970

Section 05: Worshipful Brother James W. Kitchen spoke on the necessity of the dues increase that was voted upon in the spring [May 5, 1970], of increasing expenses of maintaining the building that is [managed] by the Masonic Temple Association, and why it is important that we start considering establishing a building fund for a new temple to be built at some future date. October 15, 1970

Section 07: It was moved and ordered to amend the By-Laws of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. to elect a trustee for a three year term to serve on the Building fund committee. The initial Building Fund Committee of three members would be elected accordingly: one member would be elected for a three-year term, another for a two-year term, and another for a one-year term. At the end of the first year a member would be elected for three years to replace the one year term, at the end of two years a member would be elected for a three year term to replace the two year term, and at the end of each succeeding year one new member would be elected as a trustee for a three year term.

Proposal to amend Article XIV of the BY-Laws of Scioto Lodge by replacing the existing Article XIV with the following:

- **“ The Scioto Lodge #6 Building Fund shall be re-named the Scioto Lodge Building Maintenance Fund. The Fund principle shall only be used as the Lodge membership directs to assist the Masonic Temple Association with catastrophic/extraordinary maintenance needs.**
- **Member donations to the Fund shall accrue in the principle of the Fund. The interest/dividends of the Fund may be used as the Lodge membership directs.**
- **The Fund shall be maintained as a separate entity from the other Funds of the Lodge. ”**

Rationale:

The original Building fund was established with the idea of someday building a new Lodge. To build a facility that could provide adequate space for the Lodge, The York Rite and the archives would cost probably four million dollars. Our Lodge generates about \$20,000.00 per year in excess of our operating costs of the Lodge. The \$20,000.00 would not come close to servicing the size debt that would be required to build a new facility and would require the Lodge to give up most of it 's charitable projects. The Temple Association has income from rentals to supplement the Masonic rentals. With assistance from the Lodge, when needed, the current facility can be adequately maintained.

Seventh Masonic District Association 7th District Bingo

Veterans Administration Hospital

January 5, 2014

Aurora Lodge #48, Lucasville Lodge #465, Peebles Lodge #561 and Orient Lodge #321 are scheduled to host 7th District Bingo on the first Sunday of January 2014 in building #9 on the grounds of the Veterans Administration Hospital.

The event is open to all Masons, non-Masonic guests, wives and families. The 1:00 pm event is staged to welcome on campus veterans to an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments.

December 1, 2013—Recap

Seventh Masonic District Bingo was held on the first Sunday in December 43 Veterans and guests were greeted. Lodge representatives from assigned Lodges were:

Frankfort Lodge #309 Brother John Cox and his Lady Elizabeth.

Logan Elm Lodge #624 Brother Randy Davis, Brother James L. Stevens and his lady Kathy, Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones, Brother James Newland and Brother George R. Minshall.

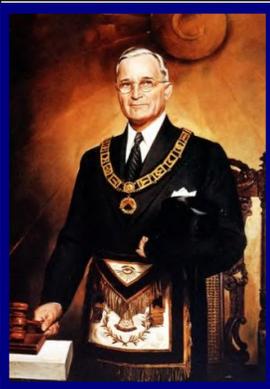
Scioto Lodge #6 Worshipful Brother William Bennett, Brother Michael L. Hines, Worshipful Brother John R. Ashton, Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert, Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman and Brother James E. Smith and his Lady Vicki.

Other lodges represented were:

Lynchburg Lodge #178 Right Worshipful Brother Terry Moore and his Lady Ruth

Orient Lodge #321 Right Worshipful Brother Robert K. Brown.

Masonic Services Association



During World War II Most Worshipful Brother and President Harry S. Truman made an appeal, asking each one of his Brother Masons to support the work of the Masonic Services Association's Hospital Visitation Program. That appeal held Masonic Services Association expand its programs to Veterans' Medical Centers and State Veterans Home across the country. Our Masonic volunteers have given attention and support to injured and aging veterans who have returned from WW II as well as those who fought for freedom in Korea, Vietnam and the continuing conflicts in the Middle East. Brother Truman's request is as relevant today as it was in the 1940's. Our brave veterans and the dedicated Masons who provide these services, need your support in this continuing display of true Brotherly Love. The Masonic

Services Association Hospital Visitation Program is wholly supported by the voluntary contributions of Masons and Masonic bodies.

MASONIC RECORD of Most Worshipful Brother Truman

Initiated: February 9, 1909, Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, Missouri. In 1911, several Members of Belton Lodge separated to establish Grandview Lodge No. 618, Grandview, Missouri, and Brother Truman served as its first Worshipful Master. At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, September 24-25, 1940, Brother Truman was elected the ninety-seventh Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, and served until October 1, 1941.

HARRY S TRUMAN (1884-1972) Thirty-third President (1945-1952)

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

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Brother Clinton Richard Sheets—United States Army Chaplain Posted



Clint Sheets II, son of Sandra Sheets, of Chillicothe, and the late Clinton R. Sheets, was selected to serve as a chaplain in the rank of captain on active duty for the U.S. Army. He was selected in August and received his orders in October after a rigorous process that involved earning his bachelor's degree at Ohio University and then attaining his masters of divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky.

After graduating in 2011 from the seminary, Sheets served as an assistant pastor at First Wesleyan Church in Chillicothe, where he was officially ordained as a full-fledged licensed minister by the Wesleyan Church in 2012. He has been assigned to the Third Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, where he will serve soldiers and their families by providing spiritual and religious support. Sheets will join a time-honored tradition of nurturing the living, caring for the wounded and honoring the dead, which has always been a hallmark of the 2,900 chaplains currently serving on active duty and in years past dating back to the formation of this country. His fiancé, and soon to be wife, Sammi Vinkovich, daughter of Stephen and Mikki Vinkovich, of Circleville; will accompany him to "The Land of the Midnight Sun" after their wedding in November. Brother Sheets was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason February 7, 2013.