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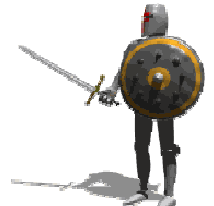
Chillicothe Commandery #8



Saturday, March 22, 2014

Eminent Commander Sir Knight David V, Medert

Annual Inspection of Chillicothe Commandery #8



To All Sir Knights of Chillicothe Commandery #8, Past Eminent Commanders and to all whom these presents appear. You are cordially invited to join the current line of officers as they prepare to confer the Order of the Temple on the above date.

The opening will commence promptly at 2:00 o'clock pm. The Full Form Opening will begin at 4:00 o'clock pm with the attendance of the Ladies of attending Sir Knights welcome. Any Mason who has not yet decided to petition the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are invited to witness the Full Form Opening. Non-Masonic Guests are also welcome to attend.

Dinner will be served in the Moll Dining Room at 6:00 o'clock pm following the Full Form Opening and is open to everyone attending. Reservations requested.

Eminent Commander Sir Knight David V, Medert, Past Eminent Commander

Generalissimo Sir Knight Joe D. Curtis

Captain General Sir Knight Robert S. Jones. Past Eminent Commander

Senior Warden Sir Knight Michael A. Ash, Past Eminent Commander

Junior Warden Sir Knight Ronnie L. Ford. Past Eminent Commander

Prelate Sir Knight Ralph W. Cyrus, Past Eminent Commander

Standard Bearer Sir Knight Joseph A Clarke


Sword Bearer Sir Knight John E. Stevison

Warder Sir Knight Michael L. Hines

Sentinel Sir Knight Daniel E. Strausbaugh



FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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From the Desk of the Worshipful Master by Neil A. Zizelman

Greetings Brethren,

I am pleased to report the Annual Inspection of Scioto Lodge #6 on January 3, 2014 was a success. Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones, Inspecting Officer, wrote in his report, **“This Lodge was on display for several of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and you acquitted yourselves well.”**

A well deserved “Thank you” is extended to the officers of the line and the Brethren who prepared the Pork Loin dinner. Brother Kyle W. Henderson was the chief chef for the evening. Assisting him was Brother Joseph A. Clarke, Brother Michael L. Hines and Brother Michael A. Hoffner. A special thanks to Brother Bryan Wellinghoff and Brother Randy Wellinghoff for their assistance on Saturday after the inspection for clean up assistance. Your efforts are most appreciated.

The inspection of Scioto Lodge #6 launches the Seventh Masonic District Inspection season. I would encourage all Brethren to consider attending as many inspections as possible between now and the end of March. It is very enjoyable to meet and mingle with the Brethren from across the district. There are 17 lodges in the Seventh Masonic District which includes five counties: Highland, Ross, Pike, Scioto and Adams.

I look forward to traveling with my Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6.

Neil A. Zizelman,
Worshipful Master



2014 Inspection Schedule

February

- Logan Elm Lodge #624 February 1st— Randy Davis, W.M.
- Highland Lodge #38 February 6th—Anthony Gulley, W.M.
- Rome Lodge #535 February 8th—William Koeppe, W.M.
- Nauvoo Lodge #769 February 15th—Ronald Newman, W.M.
- West Union Lodge #43 February 21st—Kris Blanton, W.M.
- Lynchburg Lodge #178 February 22nd—Trigg Pendleton, W.M.
- Winchester Lodge #236 February 28—Charles Zinser, W.M.

Grand Lodge Representatives

District Advisor

Right Worshipful Brother
Terry L. Moore

District Deputies Grand Master

Right Worshipful Brother
S. Keith Johnson

Right Worshipful Brother
Robert S. Jones

From the Desk of the Lodge Education Officer

A QUESTION AT THE DOOR...

At the door of the Blue Lodge, as a candidate for admittance to this Fraternity, you were asked, "What came you here to do?"

There are probably as many answers to that question as there are readers of this missive. Did you become a Mason...

- To improve your mind?
- To add another dimension to your life?
- To share your life with like minded men?
- To help your neighbor and community?
- To advance to other levels of Masonry?

Whatever the reason, are you moving toward that goal? Or have you already arrived? If you are still striving to meet your goals, what can we as Brother Masons do to help you to achieve them? Come and tell us.

If you are satisfied with your life as a Mason, what can you do to bring other Brethren to that "state of grace?" Come and share your experiences and your time

As I wrote last year from the East, we welcome any Brother what wants to return and to the tiled Lodge. He will be welcomed, re-introduced to those parts of the ritual at which he may be a "little rusty" and enjoy our Society of Friends and Brothers.

To wrap up, these questions can best be answered by examining your status in Masonry. Having done that analysis, the next step may be to decide to come to Lodge. The act of communing with our Brethren before, during and after attending a tiled Lodge can re-store our purpose and serve to improve ourselves in Masonry, our life and our community.

Darken the Door, come share in the Light of Masonry. I'll see you in Lodge Brethren.

Stephen J. Steele, Past Master and Lodge Education Officer



Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?"

One old guy says to his buddy: "Ya know, the world is getting all messed up. Every other day, you hear about someone else getting some debilitating disease. It's too bad you don't get a choice as to how you end up in life! What would you rather have, Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?" His buddy quickly replies: "Parkinson's definitely, yep, Parkinson's...its better to spill half and ounce or good whiskey, than to forget where you keep the **#@%** bottle!

Ever wonder why Old Men don't get hired? Imagine this...JOB INTERVIEW:

Human Resources Manager "What if your greatest weakness? " **Old Man:** "Honesty." **Human Resources Manager:** "I don't think honesty is a weakness." **Old Man** "I don't really give a crap what you think." He probably did not get hired.

Report from District VA Representative by William Bennett

The last of four Bingo events of the Seventh Masonic District was held Sunday, January 5, 2014. I would like to extend my appreciation to R.W.B. Doug Akers and R.W.B. Timothy Martin from Aurora Lodge #48 for their attendance. Orient Lodge #321 was also a host lodge and I would like to thank Brother Ray Poynor and his Lady Sherry, W.B. Clyde Blanton and R.W.B. Robert K. Brown for their representation.

Other Lodges in attendance were Scioto Lodge #6 represented by Brother Joseph A Clarke, R.W.B. David V, Medert, Brother Michael L. Hines and W.B. John R. Ashton who took time to participate in the event. Representatives from Frankfort Lodge #309 included Brother John Cox and his lady Liz.

W.B. James L. Stevens and his Lady Kathy, Brother Tim Krafthefer, and R.W.B. Robert S. Jones with Brother James E. Smith and his Lady were representing Logan Elm Lodge #624.

It is well to note this activity is an official function of the Seventh Masonic District and encourage District Officers and other District Representatives to attend and lend support to Veterans' on the local VA campus.

July—Bingo	August—Bingo	December—Bingo	January—Bingo
Nauvoo Lodge #769	Highland Lodge #38	Bainbridge Lodge #196	Aurora Lodge #48
Rome Lodge #535	Leesburg Lodge #78	Frankfort Lodge #309	Lucasville Lodge #465
Western Sun Lodge #91	Lynchburg Lodge #178	Logan Elm Lodge #624	Peebles Lodge #581
Winchester Lodge #236	West Union Lodge #43	Manchester Lodge #317	Orient Lodge #321
		Scioto Lodge #6	

By the Numbers: Over the course of the four events

- Total Number of Masons participating 60
- Total Number of Ladies attending 18

Labor Day Picnic 2013

- Scioto Lodge #6—5 1 Lady
- Highland Lodge #38—2
- West Union Lodge #43—0
- Aurora Lodge #48—4
- Leesburg Lodge #78—4 1 Lady
- Western Sun Lodge #91—6
- Lynchburg Lodge #178—1 1 Lady
- Bainbridge Lodge #196—1

- Winchester Lodge #236—0
 - Frankfort Lodge #309—1
 - Manchester Lodge #317—0
 - Orient Lodge #321—5
 - Lucasville Lodge #465—5 2 Ladies
 - Peebles Lodge #581—0
 - Rome Lodge #535—0
 - Logan Elm Lodge #624—2
 - Nauvoo Lodge #769—2
- Visiting Lodge**
- North Bend Lodge #346—2 2 Ladies

Inspection Report Scioto Lodge #6 R.W.B. Robert S. Jones

It was my good fortune to inspect Scioto Lodge #6 on Friday, January 3, 2014, the home of Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman. This Lodge has a solid foundation upon which to build. With the encouragement of its senior members, this Lodge now has two of its current line officers that have given one of the Lectures [Brother Evan M. Steele] and one officer that has given the Charge [Brother Mark I. Cooper; which is an increase over last year, as only one of the officers had given a Lecture and only one other had given a Charge. All that is needed to learn either a Lecture or Charge is the courage to start and the perseverance to finish. This Lodge lost 11 of its members to the grave over the past year; how many Lectures and Charges die when we bury those good men? The Officers of Scioto Lodge gave a fine portrayal of the Entered Apprentice Degree, all parts were done from memory. I love the scene at the Altar during the Obligation, the effect of the flames of the three Lesser Lights upon the Candidate and the Brethren just cannot be equaled. Your Chaplain Worshipful Brother Alvin DePugh has a tremendous speaking voice, and it was nice to see him take the Candidate by the arm and walk with him around the Lodge as he delivered the prayer. All these little things help to convey the feeling that we are speaking to the Candidate, Brother Robert C. Waller, throughout the Degree presentation. This Lodge was on display for several of the Officer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and you acquitted yourselves well.

The Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 have been actively engaged in promoting Freemasonry in their community over the past several years; and this year has been no different. While each Lodge in the Historic Seventh Masonic District is proud of the work they undertake, Scioto Lodge has by far one of the most ambitious outreach programs of any.

Each of the three Degrees were exemplified over the past year a minimum of two times. The Brethren contributed \$1,211.00 over the most recent reporting period to our Ohio Masonic Home, with an accumulative total of \$90,853.71. This total does not take into account the contribution of this Lodge and its members make each year through its annual assessment from the Grand Lodge. Scioto Lodge enjoys a strong financial foundation.

Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele, [junior past] has picked up the responsibility of Lodge Education Officers continuing the education component which should enhance the stated meeting experience for our Brethren. While a quality education program will add an important ingredient to our meeting it alone should never be looked upon as the only reason a Brother attends Lodge. Most of the Lodges in Ohio are consumed with getting more men into our Fraternity. I believe that we need to focus less on getting more men into Freemasonry, and start getting more Freemasonry into men. We must never give up on our efforts to provide our Brethren with compelling reasons to attend their Lodge.

Brethren, no matter how much or how little we travel, it's never enough. The individual Lodges as well as the Historic Seventh District functions need each of us to participate. As a group we are only as strong as our weakest link. One of the underlying themes of Freemasonry is Charity. But far too often we tend to equate charity in terms of dollars and cents. This, my Brethren, is not as it should be. The purist form of Charity is when we give of ourselves for the betterment of another. It can truly be said, ***"This is not your Grandfathers Freemasonry."*** The torch has been passed to a new generations of men that are proud of the ancient heritage of Freemasonry. Take pride in our District; be proud of your Lodge and of each other; only by working together can we make a positive impact on Freemasonry.

Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones

Grand Master's Reception at Highland Lodge #38

Brethren from across the Seventh Masonic District will gather in Hillsboro Friday, February 7, 2014 for the district reception honoring Most Worshipful Brother Norman J. Mick, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Worshipful Brother Anthony Gulley and the Brethren of Highland Lodge #38 will host the event at the Highland Masonic Temple with the social at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:00 pm.

While no tickets are being sold, the cost to attend is \$20.00 per person with reservations being submitted by the Worshipful Master of each lodge. Payment is due upon arrival at the reception.

Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus

May 3, 2014

Local Degree Experience (L.D.E.) will come to Chillicothe Masonic Temple Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 8:00 am. Two Degrees will be conferred prior to lunch and one degree in the afternoon.

Worshipful Brother William Landrum, Masonic Service Association the Ross and Pike County Director for the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus has been named as the Honoree for the Local Degree Experience. Robert K. Brown is seeking Scottish Rite members from Ross County and the surrounding areas to put together a cast for the Fourth Degree. Brother Jean Justus II, MSA and Brother Ed Jackson the Regional Directors for the southern Half of the Valley of Columbus will assist in the Local Degree Experience and the fourth degree.

April—A Busy Month

April 2, 2014—Chicken Noodle Dinner preparation day at the Ross County Shrine Club 10:00 am

April 3, 2014—The Chicken Noodle Dinner will be held Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

April 5, 2014—Grand Master's Class for the Seventh Masonic District will be held at Lucasville Lodge #465 on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Petition Deadline for Scioto Lodge #6 will be March 20, 2014. The Mark Master Degree will be offered to those candidates who wish to begin their York Rite Experience/

April 12, 2014—The Fifth Capitular District Grand High Priest's Reception at Circleville Chapter #20 Saturday, April 12 at 6:00 pm. The Royal Arch Widow's Degree will be conferred.

January 1, 2014



Scioto Lodge #6 bids farewell to Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Ralph Maynard Immell. He was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe from this imperfect world to that all perfect and Celestial Lodge above where the Grand Master of the Universe presides.

His Lady Lucinda K. Carmean survives. Brother Immell was a member of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Chillicothe Council #4, and Chillicothe Commandery #8. Brother Immell received his Entered Apprentice November 17, 1990. Fellow Craft March 21, 1991 and Master Mason May 25, 1991. A Masonic Funeral Service was performed at Ware Funeral Home January 5, 2014

January 23, 2014



Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Ronald Leroy Montgomery was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe from this imperfect world to that all perfect and Celestial Lodge above where the Grand Master of the Universe presides.

His Lady, Evelyn R Hill Montgomery survives. Brother Montgomery was a member of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Chillicothe Council #4, and Chillicothe Commandery #8. Brother Montgomery received his Entered Apprentice January 4, 1944, Fellow Craft January 20, 1944 and Master Mason February 7, 1944. A Masonic Funeral Service was performed at Hill Funeral Home in Kingston, Ohio January 25, 2014

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Two priests died at the same time and met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "I'd like to get you guys in now, but our computer's down. You will have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can't go back as priests. What'll it be?" The first priest says, "I've always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains." "So be it," says St. Peter, and off flies the first priest. The second priest mulls this over for a few minutes and asks "Will any of this week 'count' St. Peter?" "No, I told you the computer is down; there's no way we can keep track of what you are doing." "In that case" says the second priest, "I've always wanted to be a stud." "So be it," says St. Peter and the second priest disappears. A week goes by, the computer is fixed and the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the two priests. "Will you have any trouble locating them?" He asks? "The first one should be easy," says St. Peter, "he's somewhere over the Rockies, flying with eagles. But the second one could prove more difficult." "Why?" asks the Lord. "He's on a snow tire somewhere in Montana."

The Grocery List—Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer scoffed at her and requested she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family need, she said 'Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.' Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?' Louise replied, 'Yes sir,' "OK", he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.' Louise hesitated a moment and with a bowed head, she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed. The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scale, turned to the customer and said begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.' The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales could hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said: '**Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.**' The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a hundred dollar bill to the grocer and said, 'it was worth every penny of it, Only God know how much a prayer weighs.'