



THE TRESTLE BOARD

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THE OHIO VILLAGE—COLUMBUS. OHIO



Main Street in the Ohio Village

Worshipful Master Neil A. Zizelman has been in dialogue with events director at the Ohio Village to arrange use of the Masonic Lodge on the grounds of the Ohio Village. This is an event planned for a Saturday morning. The exact date has yet to be confirmed.

The plan is to confer either the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree. Scioto Lodge has done this in times past and it is one of Worshipful Brother Zizelman goal for his year to accomplish this type of event. Parking is compatible for those who may have concerns about walking great distances.

The Saturdays being considered are June 28th; July 12th, 19th or 26th. Arrangements will include selecting a restaurant to go to dinner as a group after the degree work.



Do you have an article you would like to publish in **"The Trestle Board?"** Email it to the lodge at cmb@chillicothemason.org.

Article will be subject to editing.

Want to being a guest to tour the building? Call the office at 774-3485 to make arrangements.

May 12, 2014

Plan now to make your reservations for the Top Scholars Banquet to be held Monday, May 12th. All members of Scioto Lodge are invited to attend (you do not need to be a Master Mason to attend). This event to award the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship to the two top scholars from the six area high schools. New this year is to award a third \$1,000 dollar scholarship to any top scholar with Masonic ties to Scioto Lodge. If no student submits an application with Masonic connections the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee will select an additional two top students to each receive a \$500.00 scholarship. Social is at 6:00 pm and dinner is at 6:45 pm. Worshipful Brother Dan M. Riddle is Master of Ceremonies.

April 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	2 Chicken Noodle Dinner Prep Day	3 Chicken Noodle Dinner Shrine Club Pavilion 11:00 am - 7:00 pm	4	5 Grand Master's Class Lucasville Lodge #465
6	7	8 Chillicothe Chapter 7:30 pm	9 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	10	11	12 Grand High Priest Reception Circleville Chapter #20
13	14 Chips, Dips & Euchre 1:00 pm	15 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	16	17 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	18	19
20	21	22 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	23 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	24 Ross County Shrine Club 7:00 pm	25	26
27	28 Chips, Dips & Euchre 1:00 pm	29	30			

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

April 3, 2014

The annual Chicken Noodle Dinner to raise funds for The Ohio State Special Olympics Summer Games will held at the Ross County Shrine Club Pavilion at 500 Belleview Avenue. Serving will begin at 11:00 am and continue until 7:00 pm. Eat in or carry out service available.

Brother Mark I Cooper is chairman of this event and has expressed the need for volunteers for the day to be servers, table place setting setup detail and various other duties. Please consider sharing some of your time that day to make the event a great success. We need donations of desserts of any kind, these may be delivered to the Shrine Club on the morning of the dinner. Brother Neil Smith and his lovely wife Debbie have been volunteering their services to prepare the dessert table.

Authorized and Accredited by Special Olympics, Inc., for the Benefit of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Special Olympics was created by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. The Ohio Special Olympics summer games will be held in Columbus, Ohio June 27,2014 thru June 29,2014. This is one of the major Charities of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio and subsequently supported by the lodges of Ohio.

Scioto Lodge #6, like other lodges in the state hold some type of fund raiser to generate monies to support this most worthwhile charity. All proceeds from our Chicken Noodle Dinner are sent to Grand Lodge to underwrite the Summer Games. In 2013 \$175,000 was raised statewide.

You may call 772-4119 to arrange delivery service.

COMING EVENT BY RYAN W. ADAMS, P.D.D.G.H.P.



Right Excellent Companion Ryan W. Adams has announced that the Fifth Capitular District Grand King's School is schedule at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Right Excellent Companion R. Keith O'Dell (pictured at the left) and presently Grand King of the Grand Chapter R.A. M. of Ohio will lay out his plan for the 2014-2015 Capitular Year. All Companions currently serving their Chapter as King in the Fifth Capitular District Chapters are urged to attend.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR YORK RITE

President John F. Kennedy, in his inaugural speech in 1960 spoke these words, " Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans - born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace."

If I may take license, "Let the word go forth that the torch has passed to a new generation of Companions". You are being presented the mantle of responsibility to step up and take charge. If you have a genuine interest in accepting a chair please attend either or both of these meetings in May.

Elections of officer in Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. will be Tuesday, May 13th and Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Tuesday, May 20th. Installation of officer will take place at stated meetings in June.

NEEDHAM HOUSE II UPDATE

April 1, 2014

The Chillicothe Masonic Temple Board granted a request from Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele to enter into a lease agreement with a contingency of Brethren of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies. The goal was to have at least 10 "founders" by April 1, 2014.

The proposal, advanced by 7 Brethren at the February 7th Masonic Temple Association meeting, would allow them to utilize apartment #6 as a fraternal hospitality room. The points of the proposal are as follows:

1. At least five (5) Brethren shall enter into a contract to lease apartment #6 for a period of one year beginning and renewable April 1, 2014 free of charge during the initial period. It was noted the intent was to have this number increased to ten (10) founders by the above date mentioned.
2. We plan to decorate and furnish the space as a "Social Area" to include facilities to allow games, darts, cards and viewing of sporting and other event on an ongoing basis.
3. Access will be at the discretion of the member, on his own recognizance and will be controlled by use of a touch pad using a four digit access code or pin number.
4. "House Rules" will be established later using a democratic process among members to include usage of a schedule or calendar.
5. We would also like to potentially make this facility open to Sojourners of the Craft on an as-available basis.

In approving the proposal the Masonic Temple Association provided \$500.00 in remodeling funds. The newly named "**Needham House II**" named in honor of the first Brother initiated and raised in Scioto Lodge #2 at whose tavern our Brethren met until the construction of the first Masonic Temple in Chillicothe. To date Needham House II has fifteen (15) member/subscribers. Membership is open to any Brother, Companion and Sir Knight of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies.

Monthly operating expenses will be covered from subscription fees levied to establish funds for such things as electric, purchasing of furnishings, smoke eater, large screen television, monthly cable charges. Needham House II subscribers agreed to paying the Masonic Temple Association a nominal fee of \$1.00 per month.

Somewhere I got the impression that golfers are a bit smarter than your average athlete. It now appears I was wrong.
TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED AT A PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?
 Caller: What are your green fees?
 Staff: 38 dollars.
 Caller: Does that include golf?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?
 Caller: Yes, we have a tee time for two weeks from Friday.
 What's the weather going to be like that day

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?
 Caller: Yes, I'd like some info about your golf course.
 Staff: OK, what would you like to know?
 Caller: I don't know; that's why I called.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?
 Caller: Yes, do you have one of those areas where you can buy a bucket of golf balls and hit them for practice?
 Staff: You mean a driving range?
 Caller: No, that's not it.

Great Smoky Mountains Masonic Monument/Marker



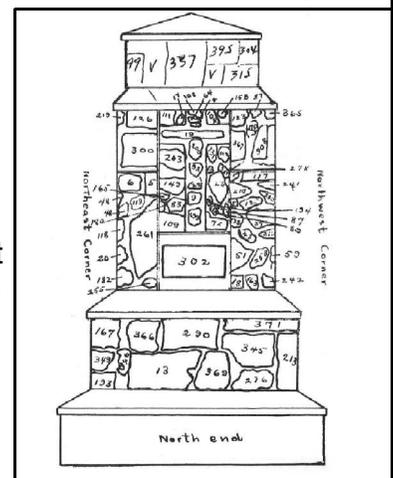
Located near Black Camp Gap, it is 17 miles from Waynesville, North Carolina stands a most singular and significant monument to Freemasonry—The Masonic Shrine or Marker, is a tribute to the universality of Masonry that should be viewed by all. Through the efforts of Right Illustrious Companion T. Troy Wyche, Companion J. R. Boyd contributed one and one-half acres of land to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina during the Cryptic Year 1936-37. Plans for the monument were drawn by Companion Wyche, it being 12 feet high and 9 feet square at the base. T. Troy Wyche passed through the Ninth Arch and to his just reward on April 26, 1939. That summer, the Grand Council voted to have an appropriate marker erected in his memory at the Shrine site at Black Camp Gap.

Work of constructing the Marker was under the supervision of a non-Mason, Oscar L. Briggs, Supt. of the Water Department in Waynesville, North Carolina. The city contributed the labor and the trucks for hauling the materials to the site. M.I. Companion Wyche compiled a catalog showing the location and giving a history and description of each stone. The completed marker was unveiled and consecrated at the Summer Assembly on July 11th, 1938. It was estimated that this was the largest group of Cryptic Masons, (over 600) ever to meet outside the General Grand Council. There were ten Illustrious Grand Masters present, distinguished Masons from 21 states, Canada, Cuba, and the Canal Zone. After preliminary ceremonies at the Masonic Temple in Waynesville, the group journeyed to Black Camp Gap for the unveiling and dedication. Right Worshipful Brother Companion Thomas J. Harkins, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, made the dedication address.

Contained in construction of the Marker are 687 separate items or memorial pieces, consisting of various types of stones, granite, quartz, marble, slate, jade, onyx, tile, brick, crystal, gypsum, fluorspar, agate, garnet, fossil stone, and petrified wood. The stones are reported to vary in weight from one ounce to a 170-pound stone from a Cuban fortress constructed by Don Hernando DeSoto in the 1500's.

From the proceedings of the Grand Council's Annual Assembly in Greensboro, North Carolina, on May 10th, 1938: "To mark the spot where the Grand Council last year buried its Memorial Deposit, we conceive the idea of a Masonic Marker as a true symbol of the universality of Masonry, and therefore have requested Masons of all countries and states to contribute stones to go therein. Interesting stones have come from five continents, the isles of the seven seas, and from historic spots of nearly every state in the Union. The idea has caused manifestation of great interest in the United States and among Masons in foreign countries, and consciousness that Freemasonry does have a message for this troubled world." (This was at a time when war clouds were gathering over Europe and we were destined to involvement in World War II.)

Of primary significance was the enthusiasm and cooperation of Masonic Bodies throughout the world in contributing to the Shrine Freemasonry's belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man is more appreciated when viewing the tranquil and scenic setting of the Marker. The universality of our great Fraternity was truly demonstrated in a tangible manner, but let us not forget that all of the stones contributed would be nothing more than a pile of rubble were it not for the cement that binds them together. It is the responsibility of each member of the Craft to make certain that the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection continues to hold us together as Masons, as Brothers, and as the children of God.



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF COLUMBUS

May 3, 2014

The Chillicothe Masonic Temple will host the 2014 Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus spring reunion May 3, 2014. Lunch will be provided at no cost to all attendees. Registration opens at 8:00 am and the day event should be concluded by 1:30 pm.

Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum, Past Master of Scioto Lodge #6 and a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus will be honored in Chillicothe during the Local Degree Experience of Scottish Rite. The 4th^o, 20th^o and the 26th^o will be presented. Reservations must be made by April 23, 2014.

If you wish to be a candidate petition fees are \$100.00 (which include 2014 dues) and may be submitted to Worshipful Brother Landrum, who is the Director of the Ross/Pike County Scottish Rite.

Reservations for the event may be made by email to susan@valleyofcolumbus.com or by phone to the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus office at 1-800-344-9741.

From the Desk of the Lodge Education Officer

January 1808

Worshipful Brother Thomas Orr served as Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6 four times and seven years as secretary. During his years as an active Mason he held various other offices totally eighteen (18) years. Worshipful Brother Orr later became a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Scioto Lodge #6 had grown enough to warrant a permanent home, land was purchased on the site where the Majestic Theatre now stands. The lower room of a forty-eight by twenty-five brick building to be occupied by the Chillicothe Bank with an eight foot passage to the second floor which was built for and occupied by Freemasons. This became Scioto Lodge's meeting place from 1809 until the great fire of 1852. Scioto Lodge #2 F. & A.M. became Scioto Lodge #6 in 1812 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio.

It was at this time the Grand Lodge issued charters based on each lodge's beginnings. American Union Lodge #1 in Marietta, Ohio retained its number designation. They surrendered their original charter in 1816. Scioto Lodge #2 F. & A.M. continued to use its original #2 designation conspicuously until April 1, 1812. From that date until May 6th 1812 no number was inserted in its minutes, on that date "No. 6" appears but was erased each time until July 12, 1812. After that day the number 6 appears regularly. Scioto Lodge surrendered its Massachusetts charter on January 15, 1812. Interestingly enough it is relevant to note that all but one of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio signers of our new charter were Brethren of Scioto Lodge #2 F. & A.M.

Of note to the astute reader—The Morgan Affair annotated in last month's Lodge Education Officer report will be forthcoming, as I have found too much local information to skip over.

Next: The War of 1812 and beyond

MASONIC NIGHT AT THE ALADDIN TEMPLE SHRINE

April 28, 2014

The Past Masters Unit of the Aladdin will portray the Master Mason Degree for Baltimore Lodge #475—the home Lodge of Potentate, Illustrious Sir Garol Rogers. If you have never watched the Past Master Unit portray the Master Mason Degree it is highly recommended you take this opportunity to do so. All Lodge members are encouraged to attend this annual event. This event is to promote the working relationship between Shrine and the Blue Lodges.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm, Lodge will open at 6:45 pm. The activities of the evening should conclude around 9:35 pm. Introductions will be kept to a minimum and refreshments will follow on the upper level of the Ball Room. The Oasis room will be opened across the hall from the Ball Room. This is a Masonic function so wearing of the Fez is not necessary. Blue Lodge members attending should be sure to have their dues card while aprons will be at the door, if you have your own it would be a good idea to bring it. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Norman J. Mick will be in attendance along with several Grand Lodge Officers.

Reservations should be made not later than April 18th so that sufficient refreshments can be provided following the degree work. You may make reservation by email to Kim Luckeydoo at the following address kluckeydoo@aladdinshrine.org

CLARA BARTON—HER MASONIC FATHER

Clara Barton, known as the “Angel of the Battlefield” during the Civil War, was a nurse, teacher, and humanitarian and today is honored as the “Founder of the American Red Cross.” Much of the inspiration for her life of service came from her father, Captain Stephen Barton, a Master Mason, who impressed her with the tenets of Freemasonry.

Captain Barton, a native of Oxford, Massachusetts, enlisted at the age of 19 to fight in the Indian Wars in the west under General Anthony Wayne. After his return to Oxford he married and later moved to the farm where Clara was born. He was chosen a Captain of the militia and served as moderator of town meetings, select men and a member of the legislature.

Two months after his marriage he became a Master Mason in Olive Branch Lodge. Brother Barton combined a military spirit, gentle disposition and spirit of philanthropy—characteristics inherited by his daughter.

After his death Clara said, “As the daughter of an accepted Mason, he bade me seek and comfort the afflicted everywhere.” Before his death he presented his daughter a gold Masonic emblem to wear in his memory for luck and protection. Clara Barton wore that emblem throughout the Civil War.

Later in life Clara became a member of the Order of Eastern Star and was initiated by Rob Morris, the founder of the Order. Just after her Eastern Star initiation, she said, “My father was a Mason; to him it was a religion and for the love of and honor I bear him, I am glad to be connected with anything like this.

From an article by George L. Marshall, Jr. in the Royal Arch Mason Magazine—Summer 2013.

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The Pastor: After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up and walked over the pulpit and before he gave his sermon for the evening he briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service that evening. In the introduction the pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest friend and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak. "A father, his son and a friend if his son were sailing off the Pacific coast," he began, "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high that, even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized. The old man hesitated for a moment making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continues with his story, 'grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life, to which boy would he throw the other end of the life line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son. He threw out the life line to his son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend

back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered. By this time the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously awaiting for the next words to come out of the old minister's mouth. The Father, he continued, knew this son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus, therefore he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that he should do the same for us. Our heavenly Father sacrificed his only begotten Son that we could be saved. With that the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. The Pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However no one responded to the appeal. Within minutes after the service the two teenagers were at the old man's side. 'That was a nice story,' politely stated one of them, but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in the hopes that the other boy would become a Christian. Well you've got a point there,' the old man replied, glancing down at his work Bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face. He once again looked up at the boys and said, 'it sure isn't very realistic, is it' but I am standing here today to tell you that story gives me a glimpse of what it most have been like for God to give up his Son for me. 'You see I was that father and your pastor is my son's friend.