



# *The Trestle Board*

## **Local Degree Experience of Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus**



**HONORING**

*Brother*

*William E. Landrum, 32°, MSA*

Local Degree Experience (LDE) **Saturday, May 3, 2014.** Presenting the 4th, 20th, & 26th Degrees registration starts at 8:00 a.m. - Coffee and donuts provided Open at 8:45 a.m. Lunch provided (no cost). Program will conclude by 1:30 p.m.

Brother William E. Landrum, M.S.A., a long time resident of Chillicothe attended Twin Rural High School and Ohio University receiving a Bachelors of Business Administration. He retired from United States Enrichment Corporation. Worshipful Brother Landrum holds membership in many Masonic Bodies. He is a 55 year member of Scioto Lodge #6, where he served as its Worshipful Master in 1994 and again in 1998. He is currently serving as Treasurer, a position he assumed in 1999.

A Companion in Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. and Sir Knight of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Worshipful Brother Landrum, a 14 year member of Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron on several occasions. He is also a member of White Shrine and is a Past Watchmen of Shepherds. He served as a Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Home and was chairman the last three years he served on the Board. Brother Landrum joined the Valley of Columbus in 2002. He has been actively involved in many ways including serving as Pike/Ross County Director from 2003 to present. Brother Landrum received his Meritorious Service Award on June 3, 2001 during the Ohio Council of Deliberations held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother Landrum and his wife Betty are long time members of Chillicothe Baptist Church where he serves as a Greeter and Usher.


**The event will take place at:**

Scioto Masonic Lodge No. 6  
57 E. Main Street  
Chillicothe, OH 45601

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# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Masonic Temple Association Board Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus LDE 8:45 AM
4	5	6 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8	9 York Rite Festival Mark Master Past Master Most Excellent Master	10 Royal Arch Royal Master Select Master
11 	12 Top Scholars Banquet 6:00 pm Chips, Dips and Euchre 1:00 pm	13 Chillicothe Chapter 7:30 pm	14 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	15 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	16 May 17th York Rite Festival Order of Malta Order of Red Cross Order of the Temple	17
18	19	20 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	21	22 Ross County Shrine Club 6:00 pm	23	24
25	26 Chips, Dips and Euchre 1:00 pm	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	28 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	29	30	31

# Chillicothe York Rite Festival

Schedule of events for the 2014 York Rite Festival

## May 9, 2014

6:00 pm Registration

7:00 pm Degree work to get underway

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. Degrees Conferred:

- Mark Master
- Past Master
- Most Excellent Master

## May 10, 2014

• 7:00 am Registration

• 8:00 am Degree work to get underway

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. Degrees conferred

- Royal Arch Degree

Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Degree conferred

- Royal Master
- Stated Meeting

## May 17, 2014

Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.

- Order of Malta
- Order of Red Cross
- Order of the Temple

Petitions for the festival will be accepted up to and including Friday, May 9th. A special meeting will be held for all Chillicothe York Rite Bodies prior to the opening of the festival.

Petitions may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. You may call the office at 774-3485 to secure a petition.

Presiding officers are:

Excellent High Priest pro tem Roger R. Jones.

Illustrious Master Roger R. Jones

Eminent Commander Sir Knight David V. Medert

Refreshments will be served each day.

## Elections

### Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.

Annual election of officers will be held at its stated meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2014. An open invitation is extended to all Companions of record whose dues are current in both Blue Lodge and Chapter.

### Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.

Annual election of officers will be held at its stated meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2014. An open invitation is extended to all Companions of record whose dues are current in both Blue Lodge and Council.

Installation of officers will be held at stated meetings in June.

## Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.



The annual election of Officers for Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. will be held at its stated meeting Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

Eminent Commander Sir Knight David V. Medert extends an invitation to all Sir Knights desirous of presenting themselves for elective office to attend this annual meeting of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.

Sir Knights from the past three York Rite Festivals have been sent a communication advising them of the upcoming elections along with a notation of the viability of seeking election to the position of an officer of the progressive line.

Any questions may be directed to the Office of the Recorder 774-3485 or may contact Sir Knight Medert 703-7660.

# Report from Sir Knight William C. Dillon

I want to thank you again for the very nice day I had at Chillicothe Commandery # 8 on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The Right Eminent Commander S.K. Dennis L. Hughes, KCT has directed me to adhere to General Order # 2, that I inspect your commandery with the criteria in these four areas: Administrative, Financial, Membership, and Ritual and Tactics.

**Administrative:** The Recorder, S.K. William Bennett was present and had all necessary files in order for inspection. All files were correct and I received the necessary copies needed to submit to the Right Eminent Commander. S.K. Bennett has done an excellent job as your recorder and knew exactly what was needed. Chillicothe Commandery # 8 should feel lucky that they have a Recorder who does such an excellent job.

**Financial:** Chillicothe Commandery # 8 has no budget but lives well within its parameters. While not having a huge surplus of monies, it is financially stable and should be able to continue for several years barring any unforeseen circumstances.

**Membership:** Chillicothe Commandery participates in a York Rite Festival. They have a membership program, and make personal contact via news letter, telephone and e-mail. They participate in Church and Civic activities, and Holy Day Observances.

**Ritual & Tactics:** Chillicothe Commandery used a pro-tem candidate, but will have a live candidate to knight later in the year after the York Rite Festival held at Marietta Ohio. The Chamber Lecture was given by S.K. Ronnie Ford, who did an excellent job in his presentation of said Lecture. The Commandery was opened promptly at 2:00 p.m. by Eminent Commander David Medert in correct order with a Quorum present. The Order of the Temple was then confirmed in a professional manner by the Sir Knights of the Commandery. Eminent Commander David Medert preformed all 5 Libations with only few prompts. The Sir Knights who portrayed the Hermits, Prelate's Escort, and Guards did a fine job. Likewise the Prelate did an excellent job. The Chapeau, Sword, and Remaining Attribute Lectures were likewise given with little or no errors. We then recessed with the 12 ladies in attendance for tea and re-convened at 4:30 p.m. to begin the Full-Form Opening.

**Full form Opening:** Chillicothe Commandery has performed a Full-Form Opening prior to Inspection. I was received with all the courtesies and honors due an Inspecting Officer who was representing the Right Eminent Grand Commander. I was impressed with the participation by the 4th Division in assisting in the lines and escorts, and in the quality of their Chapeau and Uniforms. I felt that they made a positive impression.

**Rehearsal of Duties:** The Sir Knights did a very nice job and completed them in a professional manner. The Commandery was then correctly closed by the Eminent Commander and we retired to an excellent dinner. I then shared the Grand Commander's program for this year.

Eminent Commander, it will be my pleasure to report to the Right Eminent Grand Commander that Chillicothe Commandery # 8 had a great Inspection and passed with flying colors. I was proud to be the Inspecting Officer of this fine Commandery, and my thanks to you and your Sir Knights for the courtesies and friendship you extended to me and Lady Linda.

# Annual Scholarship Fish Fry

Friday, June 6, 2014

**What:** Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund Raising Annual Fish Fry  
**When:** *Friday, June 6, 2014 11:00 am to 7:00 pm*  
**Where:** Lions Shelter Yoctangee Park  
**Who:** All Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6, friends, family and public. Spread the word!!!

## 2013 Statistics

**Income:** \$6,789.00      **Expenses:** \$3,604.45      **Proceeds:** \$3,184.55

# Member Contributions

Many Brethren submit contributions to various Masonic Charities when paying their annual dues. The breakdown for our contributions to those charities are.

- Ohio Masonic Home Endowment Fund \$467.00
- Scioto Lodge #6 Building Fund \$420.00
- Special Olympics Funding \$244.00
- Chillicothe Masonic Temple Benevolent Fund \$117.00
- Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund \$252.00

These contributions are distributed not later than March 1st to each of these funds. Participation in these charities are worthwhile endeavors.

1. Ohio Freemasonry is built upon principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Thus, its involvement in charitable work is a natural, practical representation of this philosophy. The establishment of the Ohio Masonic Home Foundation is a great example of that philosophy translated into service delivered with care, compassion and concern every day for over 120 years.
2. The Scioto Lodge #6 Building Fund is set up now to serve in part as a maintenance fund to ensure up-keep of the Historic Building our Masonic Forefathers of 1904 left to present and future generations of Masonic Brethren.
3. The Special Olympic Fund accepts contributions from Brethren to assist in the broader program of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio to fund Ohio Special Olympics Summer games held each June at the Ohio State University Stadium. Opening ceremonies held on the last Friday of June welcome Brethren from across the State Of Ohio.
4. The Benevolent Fund accepts contributions to underwrite the needs of Worthy distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans. Administered by a select committee on the Masonic Temple Association Board of Directors. Applications and request are reviewed by this committee and reported to the Masonic Temple Association.
5. The Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund directs funds to award two \$1,000.00 scholarship annually at the Top Scholars Banquet held the second Monday in May. The Plan of Action and Milestone Committee has worked in concert with the Scholarship Committee to award a third \$1,000 scholarship to a student with Masonic ties, if not such application meets the criteria then two \$500.00 scholarship are awarded.

**Support to any or all of these Masonic Charities are welcome and accepted at any time during the year**

# Never Judge

'Some people!' snorted a man standing behind me in the long line at the grocery store. 'You would think the manager would pay attention and open another line,' said a woman. I looked to the front of the line to see what the hold up was and saw a well dressed, young woman, trying to get the machine to accept her credit card. No matter how many times she swiped it, the machine kept rejecting it. 'It's one of them welfare card things. Damn people need to get a job like everyone else,' said the man standing behind me. The young woman turned around to see who had made the comment. 'It was me,' he said, pointing to himself.

The young lady's face began to change expression. Almost in tears, she dropped the welfare card onto the counter and quickly walked out of the store. Everyone in the checkout line watched as she began running to her car. Never looking back, she got in and drove away. After developing cancer in 1977 and having had to use food stamps; I had learned never to judge anyone, without knowing the circumstances of their life. This turned out to be the case today.

Minutes later a young man walked into the store. He went up to the cashier and asked if she had seen the woman. After describing her, the cashier told him that she had run out of the store, got into her car, and drove away. 'Why would she do that?' asked the man. Everyone in the line looked around at the fellow who had made the statement. 'I made a stupid comment about the welfare card she was using. Something I shouldn't have said. I'm sorry,' said the man.

'Well, that's bad, real bad, in fact. Her brother was killed in Afghanistan two years ago. He had three young children and she has taken on that responsibility. She's twenty years old, single, and now has three children to support,' he said in a very firm voice. 'I'm really truly sorry. I didn't know,' he replied, shaking both his hands about. The young man asked, 'Are these paid for?' pointing to the shopping cart full of groceries. 'It wouldn't take her card,' the clerk told him.

'Do you know where she lives?' asked the man who had made the comment. 'Yes, she goes to our church.' 'Excuse me,' he said as he made his way to the front of the line. He pulled out his wallet, took out his credit card and told the cashier, 'Please use my card. PLEASE!' The clerk took his credit card and began to ring up the young woman's groceries.

'Hold on,' said the gentleman. He walked back to his shopping cart and began loading his own groceries onto the belt to be included. 'Come on people. We got three kids to help raise!' he told everyone in line. Everyone began to place their groceries onto the fast moving belt. A few customers began bagging the food and placing it into separate carts. 'Go back and get two big turkeys,' yelled a heavyset woman, as she looked at the man. 'NO,' yelled the man. Everyone stopped dead in their tracks. The entire store became quiet for several seconds. 'Four turkeys,' yelled the man. Everyone began laughing and went back to work. When all was said and done, the man paid a total of \$1,646.57 for the groceries. He then walked over to the side, pulled out his check book, and began writing a check using the bags of dog food piled near the front of the store for a writing surface. He turned around and handed the check to the young man. 'She will need a freezer and a few other things as well,' he told the man.

The young man looked at the check and said, 'This is really very generous of you.' 'No,' said the man. 'Her brother was the generous one.' Everyone in the store had been observing the odd commotion and began to clap. And I drove home that day feeling very American.

**We live in the Land of the free, because of the Brave! Remember our Troops of Yesterday and Today !**

# Darkness, the Cable-tow and the Tiled Lodge

From the Desk of the Lodge Education Officer, Stephen J. Steele. Junior Past Master.

Darkness symbolically refers to the absence of knowledge in Masonry. The antithesis of darkness is Light, as in understanding. Through the Light of Masonry we come to understand our need to practice the compassion of faith, hope and charity by becoming better men and Masons.

As a candidate, and later as a Brother, you were conducted throughout the Lodge with a “cable-tow”, arranged in various manners; symbolically restraining you during your ritual work. It was removed only after you took an obligation; an even stronger bond to the Fraternity and your fellow Brothers. Those obligations were meant to bind you closer to your Brothers than to others, setting us apart by our own free will and accord. It is our obligation to support the Fraternity and our Brothers, both in a tiled Lodge and in the outside (profane) world.

The tiled lodge symbolically represents the world of Masonry: A new world is presented to the Entered Apprentice, further explained as a Fellowcraft and ultimately illuminated as a bright place as a Master Mason. A tiled lodge is where the ritual and normal practices of Masonry have been traditionally exhibited. Attendance at regular meetings is always encouraged so that Brothers may come to know Brothers and good governance can prevail. As with all practices, repetition improves performance. Masonry is best employed throughout the world by Brothers who know and practice their work and craft.

Come to lodge, Brothers. Practice your craft.

## From the Desk of the Worshipful Master

Fraternal Greetings:

Our annual Chicken Noodle Dinner was well received and I am pleased with the turn out of Brethren to assist Brother Mark I Cooper who chaired the event.

Seven Brethren from Scioto Lodge were raised on April 5, 2014—two at Dayton Lodge #147 and five at Lucasville Lodge #465.

Newly raised Brethren were: Ryan E. Furniss, Brian J. Knight; John C. Payne; J. Sayre Payne Jeremiah J. Peterson, Jamie A. Sharp Jr., Robert A. Waller.



John and Sayre Payne (middle)

## Chicken Noodle Dinner

At this writing, income and expenses for the 2014 Chicken Noodle Dinner reflect net proceeds of \$1,998.49 which will support the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games.

**April 3, 2014** was a very inclement day, however there were several breaks in the rain that seemed to spark people in braving the elements. Brother Mark I Cooper, chairman was very busy in the kitchen along with several Brethren who signed up to assist in the event. Meals were delivered and calls-ins augmented the dine-in guests, who also had an array of desserts from which to choose. Brother Neil Smith and his lady Debbie were an incredible help in preparing them for sale. Brother Smith turned in \$266.00 in sales for the day. That amount is included in the income.

<b>Sales:</b>	<b>\$3,446.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$1,447.51</u></b>
<b>Net:</b>	<b>\$1,998.49</b>

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#### **For Me, Two Mothers Aren't One Too Many**

For me, two mothers aren't one too many:  
One's for real, and one's for other things.  
Remember: there are those who haven't any,  
Missing their one chance at angel's wings.  
You're the one most free to mother me,  
Giving without worrying I'll be spoiled.  
Often my real mother "has to see,"  
Dreading I might get my future soiled.  
More than just an aunt, what's in your heart  
Opens doors within where I can go  
To learn the difficult and gentle art  
Happiness embraces those who know.  
Each moment that you love me makes me whole:  
Rare is she who can so grace a role.

**By Turlough O'Carolan**

#### **Grandmothers Are Mothers Who Are Grand**

Grandmothers are mothers who are grand,  
Restoring the sense that our most precious things  
Are those that do not change much over time.  
No love of childhood is more sublime,  
Demanding little, giving on demand,  
More inclined than most to grant the wings  
On which we fly off to enchanted lands.  
Though grandmothers must serve as second mothers,  
Helping out with young and restless hearts,  
Each has all the patience wisdom brings,  
Remembering our passions more than others,  
Soothing us with old and well-honed arts.

**By Turlough O'Carolan**

#### **Happy first Mother's Day!**

A joint venture of Puberty, pregnancy, Poop, pee,  
and love! Yet speaking of mothers, Maybe you've  
heard Of how much sheer wonder There is in a  
word: Home to each pilgrim, Enduring embrace,  
Roost for each rambler 'Twixt grievance and grace;  
Salve for each wound, Dappling despair, A love one  
must leave Yet always is there.

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If I could give my mom the world Or anything she  
wanted, I'd give her my own heart and soul  
And leave my own heart haunted.  
I'd take upon myself her life

With all its strife and pain, And let her ease into  
some space Where she could live again. The pain for  
me would not be pain, At least not for a while; For  
I'd be doing it for her, And I would see her smile. I  
wish that I could take her heart And cleanse it with  
my tears, And make her sorrow go away, And an-  
swer all her fears. I wish, I wish, but then I can't, As  
I watch helplessly, And take her in my arms and say  
I wish that it were me. But loving is a hard, hard  
way, With all the pain it brings. And yet there is no  
other way To touch the heart of things.