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Summer Events—Plan to Participate

With the close of the stated meetings in June, the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies will go dark during the months of July and August. This simply implies that no meetings will be held. This does not, however, mean there will be a total cessation of Masonic activity on the local or district level.

- VA Bingo in Building #9 will be held on Sunday **July 6th** and Sunday **August 3rd** at 1:00 pm
- Scioto Lodge #6 Sponsorship of Junior Fair Night **August 5th** at the Ross County Fair—representatives on stage at 6:00 pm.
- VA Annual Picnic Shelter in front of Building #35 Saturday, **August 30th** 11:00
- Back in session September 2nd, a joint Outdoor Raising by the Sixth and Seventh Masonic Districts at Fort Salem Indian Earthworks (pictured at the right) September 13 2014 beginning at 10:00 am.



Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.

June 24, 2014

Annual election of officers of the line will be held at the Stated Conclave Tuesday, June 24, 2014. All chairs are open for consideration. Eminent Commander David V. Medert invites all Sir Knights to attend and consider assuming a chair.

Section 1054 of the By-Laws provide that officers, except that of Sentinel, Guard, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer who may be appointed, are to be elected annually are specifically: Commander; Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Treasurer and Recorder.

JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	4	5	6 Annual Fish Fry & Tenderloin 11:00—7:00 Lions Shelter City Park	7 Grand King Mtg. Chillicothe Masonic Temple 4:00 pm
8 Ohio Masonic Home Day 10:00 am	9	10 Chillicothe Chapter 7:30 pm	11 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 PM	12	13	14
15 Happy Father's Day	16	17 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	18	19 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	20	21 Ionic #6 District #2 Mtg. Chillicothe Masonic Temple Breakfast 8:00 am
22	23	24 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm Annual Elections	25 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 PM	26	27	28
29	30	July 6, 2014 VA Bingo Bldg #9 1:00 pm August 3, 2014 VA Bingo Bldg #9 1:00 pm August 5, 2014 Junior Fair Night Grandstand 6:00 pm August 30, 2014 Seventh Masonic District Picnic with the Vets at the shelter in front of Bldg #35 11:00 am				

Chillicothe Masonic Temple Benevolent Fund

On the next occasion when you sit at refreshment in the small dining room, or perhaps purchase a can of soda from the refrigerator, consider the broad reach of your couple of dollars or the price of a drink when you make a purchase. Worshipful Brother Keith Bost, secretary/treasurer of the Masonic Temple Association provided the following information assistance for our Masonic Brethren.

October 3, 2002—\$1,500.00 to make repairs on the roof of Brother Jack Beeler's home. The Grand Lodge benevolent fund contributed and additional \$2000.00 for the repair project.

July 15, 2003—\$1000.00 to assist James Locke destitute due to financial losses as a result of illness and medical expenses. Mr. Locke lost his wife to a catastrophic and incurred huge debt as a result. He too was in poor health and eventually lost his job being unable to work for health issues. The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund contributed \$2000.00 to cover expenses.

June 4, 2004—Worshipful Brother Gene Day was issued a check to assist him with expenses incurred due to an accident involving his son Jason who was charged by a bull on the farm where he worked. A promising student at Southeastern High School, Jason is confined to a wheelchair as a result of this incident. Jason is now our Webmaster for www.chillicothemasons.org website.

October 2, 2004—\$470.00 to Helen Catt (daughter of Brother Don Dick, now deceased) to assist her with rent expenses.

November 2, 2004—\$200.00 to Gerald Bailes to help pay for a prosthetic eye for granddaughter of Brother William Alexander

December 28, 2006—\$1,200.00 to William Bennett to pay for wheelchair ramp for Brother Harry Oyer

March 19, 2007—\$500.00 to Brother Jeffery DePugh to help with his daughter's brain tumor illness

March 10, 2008—\$250.00 to Robert Champ to assist with financial burden due to heart transplant. Request from Worshipful Brother Paul K. Bennington

May 20, 2011—\$500.00 to Worshipful Brother Randy Campbell, Past Master of Highland Lodge #38, injured in an workplace accident, this assistance was to alleviate some financial burden

December 10, 2012—\$250.00 to assist Masonic Widow Patricia Snyder in paying for medication

October 28, 2013—\$500.00 to assist Brother Brad Williamson in covering traveling expenses to visit his ill father in Florida.

More recently W.B. Stephen J. Steele and Brother Harold Ramsey purchased materials with funding from the Benevolent Fund and constructed a wheelchair ramp for Brother Donald V. Riley to assist him in accessing the back door of his residence. I do not know about you, but I would much rather be on the giving end than the receiving end of these financial assists.

Sincerely, William Bennett

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck.." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

Ohio Masonic Home Day



The Ohio Masonic Home Day will be held on Sunday, June 8th. Worshipful Service will begin at 10 am. Food vendors will open at 11 am. This year's festivities will include a parade, cornerstone ceremony, and the Nomads - playing tunes from the golden age of Rock-N-Roll. This is an excellent venue for all members of the family to take a day away to visit the "Home on the Hill". It is a pleasant drive from the Seventh Masonic District to Springfield and to stroll around the grounds. Many vendors will be setting up around the main campus area.

Deputy Grand Master' Meeting of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio

In anticipation of his election as Grand Master in October, the Deputy Grand Master Steven Cok-nougher has announced the schedule to roll out his plans for the 2014-2015 Masonic Year. The Roll Out meetings will be held in each District during the Summer of 2014.

There will be some differences from previous years. The Deputy Grand Master is requiring attendance by all current Wardens and Deacons. Lodge Education Offices are also requested to attend. The meetings are not limited to these Brothers, but are open to any Mason who wants to attend. If a Warden or Deacon cannot attend his District's Roll Out meeting, he may attend one in another District. District Deputies Grand Master and District Education Officers serving in 2015 are also required to attend one of the Roll Out meetings.

This year, the Brethren are strongly encouraged to bring their wives or significant other to the Roll Out meeting. This is a great opportunity for the ladies to get to know each other. The Deputy Grand Master's wife will explain the Charity of her choice and program for the year.

Roll Out meetings will have a brief presentation, but most of the meeting will be "Town Meeting" style. There will be ample time allotted for question and answers. The meeting for the Seventh Masonic District is scheduled in Chillicothe, Ohio at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

We Remember

Brother Ralph M. Immell
May 17, 1938—January 1, 2014

Brother Ronald LeRoy Montgomery
July 24, 1918—January 23, 2014

Brother Robert Wayne Patrick
October 28, 1939—April 30, 2014

Companion Jack A. Martin
February 18, 1947—May 3, 2014

Companion James E. Smith
September 2, 1938—May 16, 2014

Our Brothers all, we bid a fond farewell as you journey to that undiscovered country from whence no traveler returns.

**Chillicothe Council #4
Royal and Select Masons**

May 20, 2014

Members of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. met at the appointed hour and the Illustrious Master opened the meeting in due form. Among the items of discussion were, "How to serve the best interests of those who petitioned to become member of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies.

In other business the annual election of officers was held, those elected were:

- Illustrious Master.....Companion James L. Stevens
- Deputy Master.....Companion Michael L. Hines
- Principle Conductor
of the Work..... Companion Stephen J. Steele
- Treasurer.....Ill. Companion John R. Ashton
- Recorder.....Companion William Bennett
- Conductor of Council.....Companion John E. Stevison
- Captain of the Guard.....Companion Neil A. Zizelman
- Sentinel.....Ill Companion Robert S. Jones

The installation of officers will be held at the Stated Assembly Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Illustrious Companion Robert S. Jones will serve as the Installing Officer. Illustrious Master-elect Stevens will appoint the Chaplain and members of the Financial and Welfare committees at this time.

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.

June 10, 2014

As the records will reflect, the Stated Convocation of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. of May 12, 2014, was cancelled, as a quorum of Companions were not in attendance. Therefore the annual election of officers could not be held.

The next Stated Convocation will be Tuesday, June 10th at which time the election of officers of the line will be held.

All Companions of record of which there are 272 are invited to attend and be a part of this vital function of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.

Traditionally elections have been held the second Tuesday in May. However, by Code of the Grand Chapter R.A. M. of Ohio Section 102.04 states: The elective officers of a subordinate chapter shall be chosen annually at a stated convocation in the month of June. No dispensation has been requested.

2014 Chillicothe York Rite Festival

The cancellation of the Chillicothe York Rite Festival has resulted in some complexities. Informal discussion has been held to establish a means of conferring the degree work at stated meetings in the upcoming months. No firm outline or schedule has been established as of this date.

Lack of participation, unsupported roles in the cast and a general feeling of abandonment led presiding officers of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M., Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. and Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. to reluctantly suspend the festival.

Official Photographer

It is a well established fact that one person can really only wear one hat at a time and be effective. This has led to discussion to appoint an "Official Masonic Photographer". The function of this position would be to record a pictorial history of activities of Scioto Lodge #6.

The Chillicothe York Rite Bodies should deliberate this same action so as to preserve for posterity a record for the archives as to the various functions of the three York Rite Bodies.

Brother Thomas Castor as been approached and expressed interest in serving in this capacity, but at this writing nothing has been confirmed.

Grand King Program

June 7, 2014

The Fifth Capitular District Grand King's Roll out program will be held at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Saturday, June 7, 2014 beginning at 4:00 pm. The gathering will be in the York Rite Room and refreshments in the small dining room.

Right Excellent Companion R. Keith O'Dell will be outlining his 2014-2015 program of the Grand Chapter R.A. M. of Ohio over which he will pre-side.

Ryan W. Adams, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest submitted this report.

Annual Fish Fry & Tenderloin

Friday, June 6, 2014

All hands on deck for the Annual Fish and Tenderloin Fry at the Lions Shelter in Yoctangee Park. Brother Evan Steele, Brother Kyle Henderson and Brother Michael Hines are coordinating this event.

A sign up sheet is in the anti-room or you may sign up via phone at 774-3485 indicating your availability in assisting.

If you would prefer to just show up in the park and notify any of the Brethren I am sure they would be more than happy to put you to work. One hour or four hours or all day, whatever you can work is great.

Desserts are needed for the event and may be delivered to the Lodge on Thursday or dropped off the day of the event.

William Morgan (1774—1826) and the Anti-Masonic Movement

by Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele

William Morgan was born in Culpepper Virginia in 1774; he claimed to have served as a Captain with distinction in the War of 1812, though there is no evidence he did so. He married 19 year old Lucinda Pendleton in 1819 and moved to York, Ontario where he operated a brewery which was lost in a fire. In poverty he returned to the United States settling in Batavia, New York where he worked in stone quarries. Contemporary local historians described him as a heavy drinker and a gambler. Morgan attempted to join a Masonic Lodge in Batavia but was denied admission. Angered by the rejection, he vowed to publish a book exposing Freemasons and their rituals. A local newspaper publisher, David Miller, along with Morgan's landlord and a third man, Russell Dyer, all had entered into a \$500K penal bond with Morgan as an advance on his book.

By the late summer of 1826 Morgan had many misfortunes, the publisher's newspaper offices had been burned and Morgan had been placed in debtors for debts claimed by several men, allegedly Freemasons. On September 11, 1826 Miller paid the claimed debts freeing Morgan only to be arrested again for another debt. Later that night a man claiming to be a friend paid that debt, secured Morgan's release and together they climbed into a waiting carriage. The following day the carriage arrived at Fort Niagara without Morgan. He was never to be heard from again. In October of the next year a badly decomposed body was found washed up from the sands of Lake Ontario. All indications were that it was Morgan, murdered and buried in the sands by Freemasons.

Soon after Morgan's disappearance Miller published his book: *Illustrations of Masonry*. Three Freemasons were charged and sentenced in the kidnapping and murder of Morgan. Rumors and local lore aside, the body had been identified by two different widows, one Canadian and Morgan's. The body was buried as Morgan's in Batavia and a pillared monument stands there today.

Public opinion and outcry backed the Anti-Masonic movement. A political party of that name was formed by New York Politician Thurlow Tweed. The Anti-Masonic Party ran a presidential candidate in 1828 and again in 1832 but in particular was opposed to Brother and President Andrew Jackson. By 1835 the party was nearly defunct. Two prominent politicians of the day, William Seward (of Seward's folly fame) and John Quincy Adams, had joined in denouncing Freemasonry. A printed copy of a more complete history of the Morgan Affair will be posted outside the Lodge for any interested Brethren to read before or after the Lodge meeting.

Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Recipients



Catherine V. Matheny
Chillicothe High School

The Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee revised the guidelines to allow for three \$1,000.00 scholarships two to be awarded in the 2014 program. A Top Scholars Banquet was held Monday, May 12, 2014 at which all top scholars were honored for their scholastic achievements. Sixteen scholars were invited to attend along with their parents and guests. Thirteen accepted the invitation and all were presented with a pen and pencil set. Each scholar addressed the assemblage comprised of their peers, Brethren and their ladies from Scioto Lodge #6, along school administrative staff from three area high schools.

Ms. Catherine V. Matheny, a senior from Chillicothe High School where she is ranked ninth in a class of 234 students and carried a 4.149 grade point average.

Ms. Matheny from her self-described “shy girl” demeanor to student body President in her Senior year, has blossomed as a person and an academic. Ms. Matheny has been accepted at the University of Dayton where her focus will be on becoming an orthodontist. She envisions carrying her profession far beyond just being a professional orthodontist having aspirations to give back by offering affordable orthodontic care and doing missionary work in undeveloped countries providing basic dental care. Ms. Matheny’s grandfather is Samuel Brent Myers, a member of Scioto Lodge #6. Congratulations Catherine.

Mr. Andrew D. Corcoran, a senior at Zane Trace High School, ranking fifth in a class of 131 students and holding a GPA of 3.976. Mr. Corcoran cites his work ethic from the examples set by his parents. His father was the 13th in his family to attend and graduate from college, while his mother graduated with honors (summa cum laude) and was the first in her family to attend and graduate. In 2012 Andrew was awarded the Air Force Engineering Award for the Southeast District Science Fair. The basic foundation for his upbringing was “work hard, take responsibility and do your best. He was Vice-President of student council and of his 2014 graduating class. Mr. Corcoran has been accepted at the Ohio State University and will become the 10th graduating member of his father’s family to do so. He shall be studying Computer Science and Engineering. With the history of his academic excellence, his goal to be on the Dean’s List during every semester of his college career. Congratulations Andrew.



Andrew D. Corcoran
Zane Trace High School

Mr. Brian A. Richter, a senior at Unioto High School with a GPA of 3.763 and ranking 15 in his class of 147. He plans to attend Shawnee State University where he plans to study pre-med. His goal is to participate in cross country and track, an activity in which he has been engaged since fifth grade. While an eighth grade student Mr. Richter was recognized and the Scioto Valley Conference Cross Country Champion. One of the things he has achieved from running is it has enabled him to set personal goals for himself, taught him a higher level of patience and underwritten the confidence he had within himself. In Scouting since kindergarten, he indicated that participating with his troops special activities with the local Veterans Administration Hospital has taught him to have a true understanding of the sacrifices that men and women have made “so that I could be blessed with a safe and productive life”. He earned his Eagle Scout in 2011 with a project near Unioto Elementary School involving nature, clearing, placing bird feeders and planting a butterfly garden. Brian’s father, David D. Richter is a member of Scioto Lodge #6. Congratulations Brian.



Ethan A. Richter
Unioto High School

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DUH!!!!!!

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: My kids just came home with pockets full of range balls and said they stole them from your driving range. Would you like to buy them back?

In one 12th grade high school class, they were discussing the qualifications to be president of the United States. They are pretty simple the teacher said: The candidate must be a natural born citizen and at least 35 years of age. One girl in the class immediately started complaining about how unfair the requirement to be a natural born citizen was. In short, her opinion was that this requirement prevented many capable individuals from becoming president. The class were just taking it in and letting her rant, but everyone's jaw hit the floor when she wrapped up her argument by stating: 'What makes a natural born person any more qualified to lead this country than one born by C-Section?'....

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.

Cheerleader to Sniper

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have a twilight rate?

Staff: Yes, it's 15 dollars after 2 o'clock.

Caller: And what time does that start?

This nineteen-year-old ex-cheerleader (now an Air Force Security Forces Sniper) was watching a road that led to a NATO military base when she observed a man digging by the road. She engaged the target (i.e., she shot him). Turned out he was a bomb maker for the Taliban and he was burying an IED that was to be detonated when a US patrol walked by 30 minutes later. It would have certainly killed and wounded several soldiers. The interesting fact of this story is the shot was measured at 725 yards. She shot him as he was bent over burying the bomb. The shot went through his butt and into the bomb which detonated; he was blown to pieces.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?

Staff: Yes.

Caller: How much for a large bucket?

Staff: Four dollars.

Caller: Does that include the balls?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, my husband just called me on his cell phone and told me he's on the 15th hole.

How many more holes does he have to play before he gets to the 18th?