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## Grand York Rite Bodies Hold Annual Meetings



R.I.C. R. Keith O'Dell

Right Illustrious R. Keith O'Dell, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Fifth Capital District was elected Most Illustrious Grand High Priest during the business session of Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Ohio. The Annual Convocation was held October 7-9, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South-Independence. Ceremonies of Installation were held Tuesday morning October 7th.

Illustrious Companion Roger R. Jones attended the event representing Chillicothe Chapter #4.

The 185th Annual Grand Assembly of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons was held October 5-7, 2014 in Independence, Ohio. Right Illustrious Companion Lynn B. Alexander was installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master at ceremonies held Tuesday, October 7th.

Illustrious Companion James L. Stevens represented Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. at Grand Assembly.



I.C. Lynn Alexander and his Lady



Sir Knight Thomas Gault and his Lady

The 172nd Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio was held in Columbus, Ohio Thursday—Saturday October 9, 10 & 11, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Thomas Gault, Sr. was installed during closely ceremonies on Saturday, October 11th.

The Second Division, Council for Templar Advancement composed the Conclave Committee. All Constituent Commanderies were granted to appear in full Templar Uniform for the purpose of attending.

Sir Knight Michael L. Hines will be in attendance for the business session Friday, October 10th.

Reports from attending representatives will be presented at stated meeting in October. **October 14th Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.**

**October 21st Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.**

**October 28th Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.**

# October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg.  7:00 pm	8 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	15	16 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg.  7:00 pm E.A. Degree	17  205th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio—Sharonville, Ohio. Headquarters Hotel "LivINN Ho- tel. Grand Lodge Session at the Sharonville Convention Center	18
19  Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day	20	21 Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	22 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	23 Ross County Shrine Club Meeting 7:00 pm	24	25 Ross County Shrine Club Halloween Parade and Open House  following parade
26	27	28 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	29	30	31	

## Veterans Administration Hospital—by VA Representative William Bennett, P.M.

The Seventh Masonic District Veterans Administration Hospital Bingo program saw an increased participation level for both the July and August events.

### July 6, 2014

Nauvoo Lodge #769, Western Sun Lodge #91, Winchester Lodge #236 and Rome Lodge #535 were the designated host Lodges for the July 6th Bingo. Thirteen Brethren were in attendance. Only Rome Lodge #535 had no representation.

Gene Colburn and his lady Pam from Nauvoo Lodge #769, Jasper Jordan from Western Sun Lodge #91, Brother Bill Foster, Brother Dan Foster, Brother Jeff Foster, Brother Gary Skinner, Brother Jerry Bullis and his Lady Kay represented Winchester Lodge #236. Other Lodges had representatives in attendance, Scioto Lodge #6 and Logan Elm Lodge #624. Refreshments were provided for 56 VA residents.

### August 3, 2014

Assigned Lodges from the Seventh Masonic District for the August Bingo event are Highland Lodge #38, Leesburg Lodge #78, Lynchburg Lodge #178, West Union Lodge #43. No representatives were in attendance from West Union Lodge #43.

Brethren in attendance from Highland Lodge #38 were: Philip Burdett, Rick Grand, Gregory Grant, Mike McCarty and his lady Mary Ellen, H. Ray Haynes and his Lady Donna Jean, Les Bower and his Lady Penny, Tony Gulley and his Lady Jenny.

Brethren in attendance from Leesburg Lodge #78 were" Chuck Georges and his Mary, Charles Dunsiek, Charles Shanks and his Lady Sandy and E. Rinehart. Brethren in attendance from Lynchburg Lodge #178 were Terry Moore and his Lady Ruth Ann, Gene Malott and his Lady Janet.

Five Brethren represented other Lodges in attendance which included Scioto Lodge and Orient Lodge #321. Sixty-two resident veterans were our guest, twenty-eight of whom are from wards who can't actually participate in the Bingo segment of the event.

### Picnic with the VETS August 30, 2014

Thirty three Brethren and their ladies were in attendance for the picnic held at the shelter in front of Building #35. The day was perfect and so was the food, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, soft drinks and plenty of snack foods were served.

**Lodges represented** were: Aurora Lodge #48, Bainbridge Lodge #196, Frankfort Lodge #309, Highland Lodge #38, Leesburg Lodge #78, Logan Elm Lodge #624, Lucasville Lodge #465, Orient Lodge #321, Nauvoo Lodge #769, Scioto Lodge #6, Western Sun Lodge #91, Winchester Lodge #236.

Gary C. Cox and Most Worshipful Brother Michael A. Himes and his Lady Brenda from North Bend Lodge #346 were in attendance. Brother Cox is the State of Ohio VA Representative.



#### Event Schedule for 2014-2015

All Bingo events begin at 1:00 pm

7th District Bingo:

- Sunday, December 7th
  - Sunday, January 4th
  - Sunday, July 5th
  - Sunday, August 2nd
- Bingo is held in Building #9

#### 2015 Picnic with the VETS

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Picnic is held at the Shelter in front of Building #35

For inquires contact  
William Bennett  
740-774-3485

## Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

A proposal was made in Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. to schedule degree work for the Mark Master and the Past Master Degrees Saturday, November 8, 2014. Registration and continental breakfast would be at 7:30 am with degree work slated to begin at 9:00 am. Excellent Companion David V. Medert has distributed an email detailing the cast requirements and has yet to receive the necessary responses.

For the event to confer the degree upon our candidates in waiting listed below it is vital to enlist the support of all Past High Priests and Companions to fill out the casting list.

Brother William Clyde Adams	Orient Lodge #321
Brother Clayton D. Clark	Orient Lodge #321
Brother John M. Durham	Orient Lodge #321
Brother Danny S. Howard	Orient Lodge #321
Brother Jackie S. Howard	Orient Lodge #321
Brother Timothy A. Kraftefer	Logan Elm Lodge #624
Brother Andrew S. Lansing	Orient Lodge #32
Brother Frank W. Penwell	Scioto Lodge #6
Brother Jamie A. Sharp	Scioto Lodge #6
Brother Leonard Tackett	Orient Lodge #321
Brother Mark A. Turley	Scioto Lodge #6

**First section Mark Master Degree:** Excellent Companion David V. Medert has committed to the role of Right Worshipful Master with Excellent Companion Michael L. Hines filling the Role of Chaplain.

**Slots remaining:** Senior Deacon, Junior Warden. Senior Deacon and Tyler.

**Second Section Mark Master:** Excellent Companion David V. Medert will perform the role of Right Worshipful Brother and Excellent Companion Michael L. Hines will do the Charge.

**Slots remaining:** Marshall, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Master Overseer, Senior Overseer, Junior Overseer, Craftsman 1 and 2, Guard

**First Section Past Master Degree:** Excellent Companion David V. Medert will fill the Right Worshipful Master role.

**Slots remaining:** Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Chaplain, Guard

**Allegory:** King Solomon—Excellent Companion David V. Medert, Noah—Excellent Companion Michael L. Hines.

**Slots remaining:** South Gate, West Gate, 1st East Gate, 2nd East Gate, Lecture and Charge.

Please contact Excellent Companion David V. Medert to assume a cast member 703-7660 ASAP.

## Ross County Shrine Club

The 2014 Activities Program

- Annual Spaghetti Dinner **Thursday, October 16th** 11:00 am—7:00 pm Dine in or Carry Out
- Halloween Parade and Open House **Saturday October 25th**. Parade participants will meet at the Shrine Club at 5:00 pm and the Open House will immediately follow the parade.

- Thanksgiving and Appreciation Dinner Saturday, November 15th gathering begins at 6:00
- Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 13th with gathering at 6:00 pm

Noble Bobby Anderson, President · Noble Randy Davis, Vice President · Noble Roger Remy, Secretary · Noble Rob Coolidge Sr. Treasurer

## Ladies and Widows Night Banquet



Scioto Lodge #6 hosted it's annual Ladies and Widows Night Banquet Friday evening, September 19, 2014. Brother Evan M. Steele served as Master of Ceremonies welcoming the gathering of Brethren and their ladies.

The social began at 6:00 with an offering of Shrimp Cocktail, barbeque and spicy meatballs, cheese with a variety of crackers,

mixed nuts. Dinner was served at 6:45 pm consisting of Lemon Dilled Salmon Filets, baked spicy new potatoes and sautéed oriental vegetables. A variety of cookies, pineapple upside down cake and fresh fruit with coffee, tea or lemonade rounded out the evening.

Reservations were made in advance with a total of 47 anticipated. As with many plans of mice and men things do arise, so only thirty-four were in attendance. Dinner is typically planned to allow for about 10% overages to accommodate attendees who do not make reservations. Average attendance over the past 14 years has been 48 with the highest reservation level was 68 and the lowest at 34. Widows of Scioto Lodge #6 and all Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are invited along with their guests. You need not be a Master Mason to attend and we encourage attendees to bring their ladies and families to this event.



## Gifts for the Vets

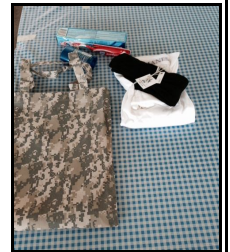
Most Worshipful Brother Michael Hines and Brother Gary Cox of the First Masonic District presented gifts to the veterans attending the **"Picnic with the Vets"** event August 30, 2014. The left photo shows the work of Brother Cox and the right photo shows the gift which included in the camouflage tote: socks, T-shirt, toothpaste, brush and soap.

These are among the type of items approved for distribution. The next Seventh Masonic District Bingo event is Sunday, December 7th and a perfect occasion to present our vets with items that they must purchase. An appeal will be sent to all Lodges in the district to make a contribution for the purchase of such items.



**Toiletries:** Kits containing shaving and grooming items such as face lotion, talcum, shampoo, deodorants and shaving crème, brush and comb sets. Plastic bottles are preferred. However no razors or blades are permitted.

**Accessories:** Billfolds, brush sets, blankets, playing cards, boxed candy or cookies, boxed stationary, puzzle books, baseball caps, handheld games, alarm clocks, pop-up hampers, wheelchair organizers and watches.



## Veterans' Night Honors Banquet

**Chillicothe, Ohio—November 10, 2014**

Scioto Lodge #6 will host its annual Veterans' Night Honors Banquet Monday, November 10th in the Moll Dining Room on the fourth floor of the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum is chairing the event and reservations **are required** not later than Thursday, November 5th; so mark your calendars. You may make your reservation upon receipt of this notification. Please call Worshipful Brother Landrum at 773-4698 or the Office of the Secretary at 774-3485. All Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies are invited to attend. Ladies, other invited guests and their families are welcome to attend. **However**, you do not have to be a Mason to attend. The menu will be stuffed pork chops, baked sweet potato, green bean casserole, cole slaw, rolls, butter, ice tea Lemonade, tea, coffee and dessert.

## Master's Corner by Neil A. Zizelman, Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren,

Scioto Lodge #6 came out of its annual summer darkness with the stated meeting on September 2, 2014. As a Master Mason, and as Master of Scioto Lodge #6, this past summer was eventful and a memorable experience.

In August I attended the Masonic Restoration Foundation Symposium at the beautiful Cincinnati Masonic Center. I was privileged to listen to several Masonic authors and speakers. It was a privilege to see the Pennsylvania version of the Master Mason Degree exemplified in splendid fashion, which is truly awe inspiring. There were brethren from 30 states and one province in Canada. The weekend left me recharged and inspired about Freemasonry. Next year's symposium will be in Philadelphia on August 21-23, 2015. I highly recommend that any Master Mason who may wish to broaden his horizons in Freemasonry attend this event. For details visit <http://masonicrestorationfoundation.org/>

September was memorable for me as well. On September 10, 2014, while on vacation, I had the honor of being guided on a personal tour of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Worshipful Brother Robert Huke. As I walked through those hallowed halls and lodge rooms of the Grand Lodge building erected in 1898 at 186 Tremont Street in Boston, I came upon the portrait of Past Grand Master Isaiah Thomas who served from 1803 -1805 and again in 1809. He also served as Senior Grand Warden in 1797 while Most Worshipful Brother Paul Revere was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. Most Worshipful Brother Thomas is the Grand Master who approved and signed the original charter for Scioto Lodge #2 on September 10, 1805. At that moment, I suddenly realized that I was looking at a portrait of the Grand Master who gave life to what is now, Scioto Lodge #6, 209 years ago on that **exact date**. I wondered what Most Worshipful Brother Thomas' thoughts might be concerning the series of events he set in motion that changed forever, the course of Freemasonry in Ohio when he set his quill to the charter of Scioto Lodge #2. Too, I wondered what his thoughts might be knowing that exactly 209 years later, the presiding Master of the Lodge he created, with the stroke of his quill, would be gazing at his portrait in serendipitous wonder. I also realized that from his hand and quill is truly "from whence we came".

## Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Make a note on your calendar for Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Not only is it Election Day in the State of Ohio but also the annual meeting of Scioto Lodge and its election of Officers.

All offices of the lodge are open for election and that of one Trustee for a three year term.

In accordance to Chapter 18, Section 18.01

**(a)** Election of Officers shall be Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tyler. It

further states...

**(b)** by a majority vote by written ballot, annually, at such meeting stated in the November as fixed by the By-Laws of such Lodge, and together with the Trustees.

**(c)** Nominations for election Lodge Officers and trustees shall not be permitted.

**(d)** Electioneering in connection with the selection of an officer or trustee of a Lodge is forbidden and constitutes unmasonic conduct.

### Due notice for 2015

Mailing of dues notices will be posted the week of October 6th and are payable by the stated meeting November 4, 2014. Notices were sent to seventeen Brethren whose dues are in arrears for 2014. They are encouraged to contact the Office of the Secretary if they have questions. Remitted dues card members will receive the same notice with "REMITTED" stamp across the envelope payment portion.

## Lodge Education Officer Corner by Stephen J. Steele, Past Master

The history lesson about our Fraternity continues with the period following the Anti-Masonic Movement of the 1830s.

"...Lodges closed by the hundreds, Grand Lodges went dormant and the fraternity faced extinction. In 1843, the Baltimore Convention assembled Grand Lodges from all around the country to bring uniformity to ritual and develop new rules for governing lodges." Many of the changes thus adopted are still in effect today, "Time between degrees was uniformly reduced, from months or a year down to a week or less. Masonic study was replaced by the rote memorization of the question and answers, lectures or catechism. The practice of meeting in taverns and pubs ended, in favor of the construction of individual lodge halls or temples. To afford those new buildings required more members."

"Masonry again began to spread throughout the country because of war. The Civil War introduced soldiers on both sides to the Craft, and membership again began to grow. American Grand Lodges also became allied with the growing prohibitionist movements and, one-by-one, most Grand Lodges outlawed the serving of alcohol in lodge buildings or at lodge functions, effectively removing the last vestiges of its tavern hall origins."

Above is an excerpt of ***"Laudable Pursuit: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Response to Dwight Smith"***. As a Past Grand Master of Indiana, Most Worshipful Brother Smith wrote in the 1960s asking important questions and giving astute hypotheses about Freemasonry and its future. "Laudable Pursuit" attempts to answer century old questions that thinking Masons continue to ask. For a complete copy or to peruse the text inquire at the Office of the Secretary by calling 774-3485.

Stephen Steele, Past Master  
Chillicothe, Ohio

## From the Desk of the Eminent Commander - Sir Knight Michael L. Hines

Chillicothe Commandery #8 Knights Templar has enjoyed the first gathering of the year since coming out of the darkness of July and August. Fellowship and food was enjoyed by all Sir Knights in attendance. As Eminent Commander I informed you of the proposals of the Grand Commandery and a lively discussion was enjoyed.

Several changes have been proposed with respect to the annual inspections of subordinate Commanderies of Ohio. It is anticipated these changes will result in making these inspections shorter and more enjoyable. Among the revisions is the deletion of the Full Form Opening as part of the annual inspection. It will remain a part of the requirement of all Commanderies however it will be conducted at regular meeting. Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. will perform the Full Form Opening at its stated Conclave February 24, 2015. It has been updated to help expedite the process while maintaining its formal nature. We will be rehearsing the new opening for the first time at our October meeting. Our annual Inspection, will be in the Order of the Temple and will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015. The inspection will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. and a banquet will follow at 6:00 p.m.

All regular meetings of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. are the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. There are many opportunities to serve as a Sir Knight either in line or to assist those less fortunate. That aid is made more productive by many hands. All Sir Knights are invited to travel in and share simple fare with your fellow Sir Knights. We are looking forward to your attendance in Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. as you continue your journey in Freemasonry.



Fraternally  
Michael L. Hines  
Eminent Commander

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**The 7% by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio .**

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more: 1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good. 2. When in doubt, just take the next small step. 3. Life is too short – enjoy it. 4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will. 5. Pay off your credit cards every month. 6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself. 7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone. 8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it. 9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck. 10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile. 11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

12. It's OK to let your children see you cry. 13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about. 14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it. 15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks. 16.. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind. 17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways. 18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger. 19.. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else. 20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer. 21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special. 22. Over prepare, then go with the flow. 23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple. 24. The most important sex organ is the brain. 25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you. 26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?' 27. Always choose life. 28. Forgive. 29. What other people think of you is none of your business. 30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time. 31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change. 32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does. 33. Believe in miracles. 34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do. 35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now. 36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young. 37. Your children get only one childhood. 38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved. 39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere. 40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back. 41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need. 42. The best is yet to come... 43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up. 44. Yield. 45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."