



# *The Trestle Board*

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## **Annual Inspection**

Scioto Lodge will host its annual inspection in the Fellow Craft Degree Friday, January 2, 2014. Dinner will be served at 6:15 with Lodge opening at 7:00 pm. Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman, the officers and Brethren of Scioto Lodge welcome Masons from across the Seventh Masonic District.

## **Subject: Brotherly Love Shown & Appreciated**

**From: Brother Raymond Sean Walters**

**TO: Chillicothe Masonic Bodies**

### **Message:**

I recently had a medical appointment on Wednesday, December 10 with an endocrinologist due to exasperated issues related to my diabetic condition. I have reached the point I can no longer drive and do not have a family member within reasonable distance.

I was surprised that W. Bro. Chad Simpson, a longtime friend (and diabetic) who I also call Brother offered to drive 3 hours to my home to take me to this medical appointment, and also speak on my behalf as an advocate since I had shared with him previous difficulty in getting previous medical professionals to LISTEN to what I was sharing about my physical condition and symptoms.

The additional surprise with W. Bro. Simpson's offer was that W. Bro. Neil Zizelman accompanied him as well, as he too was concerned about my lengthy health issues I have been having. I AM not only thankful to know these two Brother, I AM thankful that they were willing to give of their time to assist me with this urgent matter

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## **Seventh Masonic District VA Representative**

The last 2013-2014 Masonic Year Veterans' Administration Hospital Bingo event will be held Sunday, January 4th at 1:00 pm. **January Lodges** are Aurora Lodge #48, Lucasville Lodge #465. Peebles Lodge #561 and Orient Lodge #321.

December 7th Bingo—**Brad Minney** from Bainbridge Lodge #196—**John Cox** and his lady from Frankfort Lodge #309—**George Minshall, Tim Kraftefer, Robert Jones and Michael Carroll** from Logan Elm Lodge #624, **Michael L. Hines, David V. Medert, Joseph A. Clarke, Neil A. Zizelman and I** from Scioto Lodge #6, **Curt Shanks** and his lady from Leesburg Lodge #78, and **Karen Cydrus**. Guest caller was Michael Ashley. Refreshments were served to 64 on-campus veterans.

Make it a point to attend  
a meeting of the  
Chillicothe Masonic  
Bodies in 2015





# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 pm Work 7:00 pm FC°	3
4	5 Ohio Council #92 Inspection Royal Master° 7:00 pm Refreshments	6 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8 Hillsboro Chapter #40 Inspection Mark Master° Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Solomon Council #79 Inspection Royal Master° 7:00 pm Refreshments	13 Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. 7:30 pm	14 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	15 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Annual Inspection 7:30 pm	21	22 Ross County Shrine Club Stated Mtg.	23	24
25	26 Trowel Chapter #70 December 27th Past Master° 7:30 pm Dinner 6:30	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	28	29	30	31 Logan Commandery #78 Inspection Order of the Temple



# Annual Installation of Officers



The annual installation of officers for Scioto Lodge #6 was held at the stated meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Most Worshipful Brother Steven Cokonougher served as the Installing Officer.

Worshipful Brother Chad Simpson was the Installing Marshal for the event. Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash was the installing chaplain.

Serving the Lodge for the 2014-2015 Masonic Year are W.B. Neil A. Zizelman, Worshipful Master; Brother Evan M. Steele, Senior Warden; Brother Michael L. Hines, Junior Warden; Brother Harold Ramsey Jr., Senior Deacon' Brother Kyle William Henderson, Junior Deacon; W.

B. William E. Landrum, Treasurer; W.B. William Bennett, Secretary; Brother John W. Malone as Tyler. Brother Andrew Joseph Guba was appointed as Senior Steward.

Worshipful Brother Zizelman and his Lady Heather hosted a Christmas Social Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2014 at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.



M.W.B. Steven Cokonougher poses as Brother John W. Malone takes a "selfie".



Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman and Most Worshipful Brother Steven Cokonougher



## Dues and Fees across the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

Scioto Lodge #6	Chillicothe Chapter #4	Chillicothe Council #4	Chillicothe Commandery #8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petition Fees \$140.00</li> <li>Annual Dues \$ 40.00</li> <li>Affiliations Fees \$50.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petition Fees \$25.00</li> <li>Annual Dues \$10.00</li> <li>Per Capita Paid to Grand Chapter \$8.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petition Fees \$20.00</li> <li>Annual Dues \$16.00</li> <li>Per Capita Paid to Grand Council \$8.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petition Fees \$55.00</li> <li>Annual Dues \$30.00</li> <li>Per Capita Paid to Grand Commandery \$12.10</li> </ul>



## **Steven E. Cokonougher—The Time is Now!**

Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher was born in Chillicothe, Ohio on December 23, 1949 to the late H. Pauline (Anders) and John H. Cokonougher, Jr. He attended Unioto (Union Scioto Township) School through graduation in June 1968. Steve Attended several colleges and universities during the next 30 years, and graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene College in 1998 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. During School years at Unioto, he worked on the family and neighboring farms. After High School, Steve held jobs at the B & O Railroad, Mead Paper Mill, L & K Restaurant, Halley's IGA Supermarket, and Alber's Colonial Stores. He finished his career working with The Kroger Company in various positions for 38 1/2 years. Steve married Rebecca (Sedgwick) Tyne on February 14, 2012. Collectively, they have 7 children and step children, 14 grand children, and 1 great grandchild. They attend Mill Creek Church of Christ, Raymond, Ohio. Their hobbies are scuba diving, grandchildren's activities, and traveling.



Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher is a member of Linden Lodge No. 637 in the 14th Masonic District, serving as Worshipful Master in 1988 and 2000. He is an Honorary Member of Sunrise Lodge No. 783, Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Groveport Lodge No. 240, Blendon Lodge No. 339, Shade River No. 453, and Somerset Lodge No. 76.

MWB Cokonougher is a Thirty-Third Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus, serving as Commander in Chief of Scioto Consistory from 2004 to 2006. He also served The Valley of Columbus as Chairman of Finance for 10 years, and Chairman of the Executive Board for 2 years.

Steve is a member of Community Chapter No. 227 Royal Arch Masons (High Priest of Linden Chapter 1987), Zabud Council Royal and Select Masons (Illustrious Master 2001), Columbus Commandery No. 69 (Eminent Commander 1993), Ohio Priory No. 18 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Charlemagne Conclave Red Cross Of Constantine, Aladdin Shrine, Aladdin Past Masters Unit, Kentucky Colonel, Achbar Grotto, Andrew J. White Council No. 45 Allied Masonic Degrees (Sovereign Master 2011), Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Lorraine Chapter No. 1 Order of Easter Star, Thomas Smith Web College No. 192, York Rite Sovereign College, and Franklin Count Memorial Lodge. He served as Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 28 International Order of Jobs Daughters and as Chairman of the Advisory Council for Linden Chapter Order of DeMolay. Steve has served on the Linden Demolay advisory council for the last 18 years. Steve's daughter Amie was Ohio Miss Jobe's Daughter in 1991 and his son Jason was Master Councilor of Linden DeMolay in 1997.

Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as District Education Officer from 2001 to 2002 and as District Deputy Grand Master in 2003, 2004, and 2006. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by Most Worshipful Brother Ronald L. Winnett in October 2007 and has moved through the Grand Lodge offices in the normal manner. Steve was elected to serve the Grand Lodge of Ohio as Grand Master and installed into that position in Cincinnati on October 18, 2014.

**This article was taken from the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio website**





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



Right Illustrious Companion James L. Stevens will be in fine form for the annual inspection of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Tuesday, January 20, 2014.

Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with Council opening at 7:30 with the inspection in the Royal Master Degree.

All of the candidates who attended the four degree event at Loveland Chapter #211 are invited to attend and receive this degree.

Past Illustrious Masters' of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. are cordially invited to witness the work preformed by the officers of the line.

## Breakdown on Membership and Per Capita

### Membership—455

The annual return of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. reflects the following activity for the 2013-2014 Masonic Year:

Brethren Raised to the degree of Master Mason....	9
Reinstated.....	2
Brethren Called by the Supreme Architect.....	14
Brethren granted dimitts.....	3
Brethren Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.....	31

### Per Capita

Paid to Grand Lodge for 8 Entered Apprentices	\$16.00
Per Capita for 455 Brethren.....	\$5,824.00
Per Capita to O.M.H. for 455 Brethren.....	\$1,001.00
O.M.H.E.F. for 8 Entered Apprentice.....	\$160.00
George Washington Memorial for 9.....	\$45.00
Per Capita for GWM for 455 Brethren.....	\$113.75
Dues Cards for 455 Brethren.....	\$45.50
Shipping & Handling.....	\$8.00

**Total to Grand Lodge .....\$7,213.25**

## Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.

Eminent Commander Michael L. Hines reminds all Sir Knights of three events for the 2015 calendar.

- Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:30 the new 10 man Full Form Opening will be portrayed
- Saturday, March 14th East Central Department Meeting, time and location to be announced
- Saturday, March 21st at 3:00 pm annual inspection Order of the Temple with dinner at 6:00 pm



Does the pace of your schedule feel like the depiction to the left?

Here is one more:

Attend a  
Masonic  
meeting in 2015

## From the Desk of the Eminent Commander by Michael L. Hines

### Sir Knights—

I give you, for the new year, a this commonly paraphrased prayer and ask that you reflect upon it. While most have heard the first line, the end is mostly overlooked.

Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

The Serenity Prayer—Reinhold Niebuhr  
God grant me the serenity to accept the things  
cannot change, the courage to change  
the things I can, and the wisdom  
to know the difference!

**May your New Year be filled with  
peace  
and happiness**



## **Lodge Education Officer Corner** by Stephen J. Steele

Historical article for Jan 2015:

The Chillicothe Masonic Temple Company was organized on April 4, 1900. By May, a Building Committee was organized to begin the process of constructing our present Temple. In addition to the Company, a Chillicothe Masonic Temple Club was formed, made up of Scioto Lodge #6 members. The dues collected from the Club furnished and supported the Club Rooms on the fourth floor until 1909 when the Club turned over all of its equipment and furnishings to Scioto #6 "for use by all Masons within the jurisdiction of Scioto Lodge".

On December 20, 1937, the Temple Company was reorganized and incorporated as a non-profit entity becoming the Masonic Temple Association. The M.T.A., since its inception, is the owner and has control of the debt-free Temple. The 800 original corporate shares had been originally purchased at considerable sacrifice by the members of the various Masonic bodies. Through the years all shares have been donated to or bought back by the corporation so that no outstanding shares are remaining.

The share proportions now stand as follows: Scioto Lodge #6 365; Chillicothe Chapter #4 215; Chillicothe Council #4 35 and Chillicothe Commandery #8 185

Rent paid to the MTA and representation to the MTA board is reflected in those proportions.

Representing the various bodies today are:

Worshipful Brother Michael Ash	President	Trustee of Scioto Lodge #6 (2015)
Brother Michael Hines	Secretary/Treasurer	Representing Council #4
Brother D. Fred Steele	Member, at large	Appointed by the board
Brother Harold Ramsey	Member, at large	Appointed by the board
Worshipful Brother William Landrum	Member, at large	Appointed by the board
Worshipful Brother Ralph Cyrus	Member	Trustee of Scioto Lodge #6 (2016)
Worshipful Brother Stephen Steele	Building Manager	Trustee of Scioto Lodge #6 (2017)\
Worshipful Brother Everett Sheets	Member	Representing Chapter #4
Worshipful Brother John Peters	Member	Representing Commandery #8

In Pursuit of Excellence:

The 1980 book of the above title, written by Terry Orlick, PHD, was an overnight success. It is still in print and many professionals have followed his advice regarding: goal setting, committing to that goal, initiating actions toward attaining that goal, and avoiding distractions and criticism and detractors in general. I recommend it as a guide to self-improvement.

Masonry was founded upon and has always been about improving its Brothers. How many of us can see the similarity of the need and obligation we made to work ourselves from the rough Ashlar to the perfect Ashlar? While excellence is not perfection, it is in the movement toward perfection that excellence must be attained and when possible passed beyond.

To produce good work is the goal of the operative Mason. To become a better man should be the goal of all speculative Free and Accepted Masons. The Lodge stands ready to help in attaining that goal BUT it is incumbent upon the individual Mason to internalize and set those goals which make him a good Mason in the dark as well as in the Light.



## In Memory

The following were members of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M.; Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.; Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. and Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.

**Brother Ralph Maynard Immell**

- January 1, 2014

**Brother Ronald Leroy Montgomery**

- January 23, 2014

**Brother Robert Wayne Patrick**

- April 30, 2014

**Brother Jack Martin Arnold Martin**

- May 3, 2014

**Brother James E. Smith**

- May 16, 2014

**Brother David Lloyd Maille**

- July 7, 2014

**Brother Wayne Eugene Mallow**

- July 18, 2014

**Brother Leo Woods**

- November 19, 2014

The following Brethren were members of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. only:

**Brother Russell Allen Bethel**

- June 19, 2014

**Brother William Paul Von Voorhes**

- September 3, 2014

**Brother Bruce Allan Rinehart**

- September 9, 2014

**Brother Milford Sidney Clary**

- October 9, 2014

**Brother Donald Vincent Riley**

- November 29, 2014

The following Companion was only a member of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.

**Companion Charles Adam Duff**

- June 26, 2014

We remember them fondly as Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights of the Craft. Our thoughts are with the family and friends whom they left behind and wish them God speed as they journey forth with the loss we all have sustained.



### December Seventh Masonic District Bingo

**Left to right Back Row**

1. William Bennett
2. Tim Kraftefer
3. Robert S. Jones
4. Curt Shanks
5. Mike Ashley
6. David V. Medert
7. Joseph A. Clarke
8. Michael L. Hines

**Left to Right Front Row**

1. Karen Cydrus
2. George Minshall
3. Sandy Shanks
4. Brad Minney
5. Ross Irvin

Thanks to one and  
ALL

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## This and That

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and family values.

Bill said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?'

Larry replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. 'How was he killed?' asked one detective.

'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied. 'A golf gun! What the heck is a golf gun?' 'I don't know. But it made a hole in Juan.'

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the Divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week.'

'That's very fair, your honor,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the

looks of your wife at all.'

'Me neither doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'

A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, 'Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?'

The agent replies, 'Just a minute.' 'Thank you,' the blonde says, and hangs up.

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling. 'I'm O.K. But I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery,' he answered. 'What did he say,' asked the nurse. 'Oops!'

While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice.

'What do you think?' I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?' 'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.' He's still in intensive care

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance...

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

'An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?' 'Just water,' says the priest. The trooper says, 'Then why do I smell wine?' The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'