

The Trestle Board

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Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.



Commandery inspection have taken a departure from convention. The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio has establish a new format for annual inspections for subordinate Commanderies. No longer will the long annual inspection be the rule with the adoption of separate inspections for the Full Form Opening and the Order of the Temple.

Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. will be inspected in the

Full Form Opening at its stated meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Ladies are invited to attend the dinner portion of the evening at 6:15 pm. The meeting will opened at 7:30.

The inspection in the Order of the Temple will be take place Saturday, March 21, 2015 beginning at 3:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Ladies are invited to attend.



Sir Knight Dale Exline
Inspecting Officer

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Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Applications

Worshipful Brother Dan M. Riddle, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced applications will be distributed to all Ross County Schools the week in the near future. Students should contact their respective Guidance Counselor to request the application. Plans are to award three One-thousand dollar scholarships at the Top Scholars Banquet Monday, May 11, 2015. Of those scholarships, one is reserved for a student with a Masonic relationship to a Brother of Scioto Lodge #6. The deadline for application submission is April 15, 2015.

February 2015

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1	2	3 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	4	5	6 Grand Master's Reception Ross County Shrine Club	7
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Meet Our Officer's Andrew Joseph Guba, Senior Steward



Greetings Brethren:

I was born in Sandusky, Ohio November 10, 1975 to Randolph and Candy (Till) Guba. We lived in Marblehead on the shores of Sandusky Bay, growing up there and on Lake Erie I grew to love the water and all things nautical, I still have an interest in maritime history as well as a love for boating.

I attended Danbury Local Schools until my senior year. After a few years of working in construction and factory work I decided it was time to pursue a college degree. I applied to Hocking College to attend course work for a degree in Ranger Services. In the fall of 1998 I began course work on an Associate of Applied Science in Recreation and Wildlife Management with a Major in Ranger Services. During this period I was fortunate enough to join the research team and go to Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve in Ontario, Canada to study the environment and determine the effects of logging on all aspects of ecosystem. This was when I met my wife Katie (Taylor) Guba originally from Circleville, Ohio who was also attending Hocking College. We were married September 9, 2000.

I was conferred with an Associates of Applied Science Degree. In the winter of 2002 I began work on my Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Psychology at Ohio University. I graduated Cum Laude June 11, 2005 in Psychology. My work with the State of Ohio began February 2007 as a Parole Office in the Adult Parole Authority, a position I hold currently. My son Andrew Joseph was born in 2008 in Circleville. I began work on my Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensic Psychology. At the same time I was working on my thesis on Secondary Traumatic Stress, Burnout and Social Support Systems among Parole Offices which was successfully defended. My daughter was born during this period on May 2011. My Masters Degree was conferred on December 17, 2011.

My Masonic Affiliation began as a result of my working around Freemasons in Pike County when I met Robert Junk, County Prosecutor. Worshipful Brother Junk and two others on his staff are members of Orient Lodge #321. I petitioned Orient Lodge #321 and on March 21, 2013 was Initiated and Entered Apprentice. Followed by my Fellow Craft on May 16, 2013 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason June 20, 2013. On November 9, 2013 I participated in the Fall Reunion of Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus and received the 32nd Degree. My family and I moved to Chillicothe I requested and was granted a Demit from Orient Lodge #321 and affiliated with Scioto Lodge #6. I have more to learn in Freemasonry and look forward to the journey with my Brethren.

Of interest to me is to eventually teach college level courses and finishing my PHD in Clinical Psychology. I enjoy Maritime History, fly fishing, art, Psychology and hiking. Anything I can do with my family or playing with my 9 year old Golden Retriever rounds out my hobbies.

Masonic Temple Association / Needham House II

The Masonic Temple Association granted a request by members of Needham House II make use of the 4th floor parlor and game rooms. Currently located on the second floor in apartment #6, that venue will be vacated April 1st and returned to the Masonic Temple Association as a rental. All activities of Needham House will transition to the 4th floor. Care and upkeep of the new space will rest solely on the member / subscribers. Subscriptions to Needham House II is \$10.00 email notifications have been sent to each person in an effort to bring them current to the end of March 2015.

Current members are William Bennett, Kyle William Henderson, Michael L. Hines, Gerald I. McCorkle, Frank W. Penwell, Harold Ramsey Jr., Bret A. Sharp, Jamie A. Sharp, Evan M. Steele, Mark A. Steele, Stephen J. Steele and Neil A. Zizelman.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Thomas H. Gault, Sr. Visit



Thomas H. Gault, Sr., KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander writes to Eminent Commander of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Concerning his visit to Chillicothe:

Sir Knight Michael L. Hines,

I am planning to visit Chillicothe Commandery #8 on February 24, 2015. Please provide me with a schedule for the evening (is there a dinner prior, are the ladies invited, is there refreshments after, are there any special award presentations, Order conferrals, and any other plans) so that I can be better prepared. I do expect to be received under an Arch of Steel with the Sir Knights in uniform, please comply if at all possible. Please respond to all copied so that everyone knows the plans for the evening. I am looking forward to my visit to your Commandery. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Courteously, Thomas H. Gault, Sr., KCT, REGC

Eminent Commander Sir Knight Michael L. Hines replies: I would like to follow my previous reply with this more detailed schedule. Chillicothe Commandery #8 will host dinner beginning at 6:15 p.m. with the work to follow at 7:30 p.m. Ladies are invited to dine with us, then retire to our lounge during the work. This is our regularly scheduled meeting as well as our Full Form Opening inspection. No order conferrals or special award presentations are planned. Your reception will be part of our FFO inspection and will be as you expect. We look forward to your visit to Chillicothe Commandery #8.

Sixth Cryptic Arch—School of Instruction

Saturday, March 21, 2015—Companions of the Sixth,

On Saturday, March 21st we will be having our Spring School of instruction at Athens Council #15 beginning at 9:00 am. This is a very important school, because we are going to put into motion fundraising ideas and educational information to be distributed for the Diabetic Kids Camps of Ohio.

I would like to see each of our councils contributions to the Benevolent Fund increase 10 fold. Our ultimate goal is to start a South East Ohio Diabetic Camp of our own. In attendance at this meeting will be Dr. Ross Black who has been a fundamental motivator in the positive effects of these camps and the support we give them. He presently serves in the Grand Chapter line. We will have representatives from the other camps in Ohio to share with us what these camps do for our kids as well as what it will take to establish our own camp. Members of the Diabetes Institute at Ohio University will be there to offer guidance and support for this worthy cause.

I would like to have a great showing at this School to show that we can do this for our own communities. Please encourage officers and non-officers alike to attend. Our Arch officers are working to create form letters, banners and other opportunities to assist you in fundraising ideas. We ask ourselves how can we positively affect our community. This is a great opportunity and I want to see as many Masons in attendance as we can.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. Companions all this isn't just a York Rite Cause or a Masonic Cause, diabetes effects all of us in some way or form, a friend, relative, brother may be living with diabetes. One day maybe our camps will no longer be needed, but until then let's keep our kids learning how to live with diabetes as opposed to suffering from diabetes. The meeting will be over by noon to allow those who are traveling to Chillicothe's Commandery inspection that afternoon.

Matthew Schetter,
Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Ohio
and the 6th Arch Inspector

Masons Lead Better at Orient Lodge #321

District Advisor Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling will be conducting the educational seminar **"Masons Lead Better"** at Orient Lodge #321 in Waverly, Ohio. You may make application to enroll on the Grand Lodge website under the Education tab. Become a Better Man, a Better Leader and a Better Mason. **Masons Lead Better** is new and exciting Masonic approach to personal improvement and Lodge leadership development being offered by The Grand Lodge of Ohio as a benefit to all Ohio Master Masons.

Memo from the Grand Master

At the 205th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio held October 17th & 18th, 2014 in Sharonville, Ohio legislation was submitted proposing a change to Article V of the Grand Lodge Constitution.

The proposed change: "Except for officer of the Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler, no Brother shall be eligible to any of the foregoing Grand Lodge Offices who has not served as Master of a subordinate Lodge, and provided further that no Brother shall be eligible to be elected Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary who shall have passed his seventy-fifth birthday.

Amended to read: The change is proposing raising the age limit from 70 to 75 years of age. In order for the question to come before the Grand Lodge at its 206th Annual Communication, this proposed change must be approved by two-thirds of the Lodges.

At a Stated Meeting of your Lodge between now and the end of April 2015, a simple majority voice vote needs to be taken approving or rejecting the discussion of this proposed change.

To be clear, an affirmative majority vote by the Lodge does NOT adopt this proposal. It merely permits the Grand Master to put the question before the delegates for discussion at the next Annual Communication.

This information is being disseminated for purposes of information. Scioto Lodge #6 will hold discussion and vote on this proposed change at the stated meeting March 19, 2015.



Masons Lead Better is designed to help an individual Brother take the ritual words he may have heard many, many times and understand practical ways he can use them to improve himself, his family, his job performance, his Lodge and his community.

By providing a method to improve the individual Mason and create more effective leaders, your Lodge, your Grand Lodge and Masonry in general will benefit greatly.

This program will be offered in your own Masonic District and will consist of a one day workshop and ongoing coaching and instruction using online conferences. You can apply online or obtain an application from your District Advisor. The program will be facilitated by Mike Clevenger, a Past Master of New England Lodge #4, Worthington, Ohio.

Mike is a founding partner of The John Maxwell Team, an international organization of Coaches, Trainers and Speakers who all have been trained personally by Dr. Maxwell. He also is a founding partner of The Deeper Path Team an international organization founded by Kary Oberbrunner that helps individuals realize their potential and live their passions.

Seventh Masonic District Advisor is Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling.

From the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio website

I wish to apologize for the delay in processing the February Trestle Board. Like so many others who have succumbed to the generalities of being house bound with various maladies associated with flu symptoms it took me out of the game for about 2 weeks. Being back to normal—what ever that is—I am feeling quiet like my old self again. Thanks for understanding. William Bennett, Editor.

Kasey McFadden—Community Service Award 2015



Kasey Mcfaddin

Mr. Kasey McFaddin owner of McFaddin was named the 2015 Community Award Recipient at the Grand Master's Reception. Unable to attend however due to conflicting schedules he was recognized for his many community involvement and commitments to the youth of his community. Mr. McFaddin attended Paint Valley High School where he graduated in 1991. His post secondary education was at Ohio Northern University, graduating in 1996 with a Pharmaceutical Degree.

Prior to becoming owner of McFaddin Pharmacy which he purchased in 2003. Kasey had career tenure with Rite Aid in both Chillicothe and Waverly and Allen's Pharmacy in Chillicothe.

About ten years ago Kasey was elected President of the Paint Valley Youth League in Bainbridge. His mission was not only to teach kids in the community how to play baseball but to have a family environment of which the community could be proud. Through fundraising events he was able to keep the league fees at \$25.00. There were no tryouts so no child was ever turned away. Since his election to President of the League the growth increased from 10 teams for 6-12 year olds to 21 teams for kids ages 3-16. The community has seen the ballpark grow from two baseball diamonds to five. Approximately 250 kids are part of the Paint Valley League. A new indoor facility has been built which houses two pitching mounds and a batting cage. Under Kasey's leadership a Meet the Team event is held every April to kick off the season. Mr. Mcfaddin has created an all-star tournament which is held in July which brings teams to Bainbridge from many surrounding communities with 15-20 participating teams. Kasey has coached a team every year in which all four of his children have played. His service extends to being President and coach of the Little Cats baseball and football program at Paint Valley School.

About three years ago Mr. McFaddin reestablished the Bainbridge Merchants which supports the kids of the community who are involved in 4-H. The merchants band together to purchase market animal at both the Ross and Highland County Fairs.

Mr. Faddin married his high school sweetheart Lisa Strouth in 1993 and have four children, Anthony 17; Lea 14, Cruz 13 and Averi 10. Congratulation to Mr. Mcfaddin, the Community Service Award is well place and a most worthy recipient of this award.



Members of the Masonic Fraternity received a "yellow postcard" from Harris Connect Company concerning an Ohio Masonic Album. This *Member Album* is in the final stages and will feature listings along with photo and essays submitted by members. There is absolutely no obligation on anyone's part to participate in this fund raising effort or to purchase an album. Proceeds from the sale of albums benefit the Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation. Harris Connect, a trusted partner of Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio has been chosen to produce the publication. Harris Connect's commitment to protecting the privacy and ensuring the integrity of the information collected for the project is reflected in their privacy policy on line at www.harrisconnect.com/privacy-policy.

Seventh Masonic District Grand Master's Reception—2015



The Seventh Masonic District Grand Master's Reception honoring Most Worshipful Brother Steven E. Cokonougher and his Lady Rebecca was held Friday, February 6, 2015 at the Ross County Shrine Club. The First Lady of Masonry addressed the assemblage regarding her support of the **"Child Abuse Prevention"** program. She indicated any funds presented to her and the Grand Master would be returned to an agency in each of the twenty-five districts through-out Ohio. She further stated they would personally donate a percentage of those contributions to district agencies. Pinwheel Lapel pins were distributed to the ladies on behalf of Lady Rebecca.



Most Worshipful Brother Steven E. Cokonougher addressed the Brethren and their Ladies sharing many of his goals and plans for Masonry in Ohio. He was called upon to make presentations of the **Youth in Excellence** award recipients.

Pictured at the left is Mr. Jonathon Andrew Dingess of Chillicothe. He is a Junior at Chillicothe High School where he is an honor roll student. He attends classes at Pickaway-Ross Career Technical Center where his field of study is Criminal Justice. Jonathon is a six year member of the Ross County Junior Deputy program. He is an interregional part in preparing Christmas baskets for those in need through-out the community.



Ms. Raelee Lynn Heistad, pictured at the right receives her Youth in Excellence award from Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher. Ms. Heistad is a Senior at Waverly, Ohio and the Pike County Technical Center where she is an honor student, she will graduate in the spring of 2015. She plans to become a law enforcement officer with an eye on joining the United States Air

Force.

Congratulations to both of these fine young people as they pursue their educational and career opportunities.

Among Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 attending the reception were Worshipful Brother Stephen J.

Steele and Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman posing with Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher. Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum and his Lady Betty, Lady Shelby Case, Worshipful Brother Michael B. Haller, Worshipful Brother John C. Hall, Worshipful Brother William Bennett, Brother Ronald Miner, Brother Brad Burns, Brother Jay Morgan and Brother Tom Castor (Lodge Photographer).



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20-question test to see how well you know U.S. Law and the government.

1. What is the title of the National Anthem?
A. Oh, Say Can You See C. America the Beautiful
B. God Bless America D. The Star Spangled Banner
2. Which of the following rights is guaranteed by the first amendment?
A. Right to Bear Arms C. Freedom of Religion
B. Right to Vote D. All of the Above
3. What is the title of the head of a city government?
A. Mayor C. Chancellor
B. Governor D. Chairman of the Board
4. Who has the ability to declare war?
A. The President C. The Joint Chiefs
B. The Secretary of Defense D. The Congress
5. How many full terms may a Senator serve?
A. 1 C. 4
B. 2 D. No term limits for Senators
6. How many full terms can a President serve?
A. 1 C. 4
B. 2 D. No term limits for Presidents
7. How many years is a full term for a Representative?
A. 1 C. 4
B. 2 D. 6
8. Which amendment sets the minimum voting age to 18?
A. 1st C. 19th
B. 18th D. 26th
9. Who becomes President if both the President and Vice President die?
A. The Speaker of the House C. The Chief Justice
B. The Secretary of Defense D. The First Lady
10. On July 4th, 1776 we declared Independence from whom?
A. Germany C. Spain
B. Great Britain D. Rome
11. How many branches of government do we have?
A. 1 C. 3
B. 2 D. zero
12. Which is part of the Judicial branch at the federal level?
A. The Supreme Court C. The Senate
B. The Congress D. The Presidential Cabinet
13. Who elects the President of the United States?
A. The House of Representatives C. The Senate
B. The Electoral College D. The State Governors
14. How many states are there?
A. 10 C. 50
B. 13 D. 100
15. How many stripes are there on the American Flag?
A. 10 C. 50
B. 13 D. 100
16. Who was the President of the United States during the civil war?
A. Abraham Lincoln C. Ulysses S Grant
B. George Washington D. Lyndon B Johnson
17. Who is the current President of the United States?
A. George Bush C. Hillary Clinton
B. Barack Obama D. Joe Biden
18. Who is the current Vice President of the United States?
A. George Bush C. Dick Cheney
B. Barack Obama D. Joe Biden
19. Why did the Pilgrims come to America?
A. to establish a trade route with India B. to set up fur trade with the Natives C. to establish a new nation D. to find religious freedom
20. How many total Senators are there?
A. 10 C. 50
B. 13 D. 100