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Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.

*Commandery
Inspection
March 21st*

Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. will exemplify the Order of the Temple Saturday, March 21, 2015. The 3:00 pm inspection will be observed by Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr Division Commander of the 4th Division.

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Unique to the 2015 Inspection schedule is the separation of the Full Form Opening and the Order of the Temple. By scheduling these two components of the work in the Commandery, it eliminates the long inspection process. Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. was inspected in the Full Form Opening at its Stated Conclave Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Sir Knight Dale A. Exline, Deputy Division Commander of the Fourth Division reviewed the performance of the new ten-man Full Form Opening. In attendance was Right Eminent Grand Commander Thomas H. Gault and his Lady Dora.

A number of Sir Knights were accompanied by their Ladies who were our guests for dinner at 6:00 pm in the Moll Dining Room. Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Michael L. Hines, expressed to the Sir Knights that his Lady Judy prepared a most delicious Lasagna to which he added salad and garlic bread. His impassioned heartfelt appreciation was evident as he related that Lady Judy was unable to attend due to her mother's health.



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	4 Plan of Action and Milestone Committee 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. 7:30 pm	11 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 9:00 am
15	16	17 Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	18	19 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	20	21 Chillicothe Commandery Annual Inspection 3:00 pm
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From the Desk of the Eminent Commander

Thanks to each of you for a very successful Full Form Opening inspection. Sir Knight Dale A. Exline, Deputy Division Commander of the Fourth Division, was very pleased and commented on the amount of improvement he saw between the first time he went over it with us and the work at the inspection. The traveling Sir Knights with whom I spoke afterward reported that it was the best rendition of the ten-man Full Form Opening they had seen. Our special thanks to Sir Knight Lloyd Eichenlaub for filling in at the last minute for our beloved, but stranded, Senior Warden Michael Ash.

I will remind you that the Right Eminent Grand Commander informed me last night [2/24/15] that, by code we can only Knight one candidate at our Order of the Temple inspection which is Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 3:00 pm. Therefore I have scheduled a special meeting for Saturday March 14, 2015 at 9:00 am to Knight three candidates and, by doing so, practice for our inspection. Attached is a procedural letter sent to me by Sir Knight Ralston who is our inspecting officer. It is clear and concise and should not be a problem. Please add these dates to your calendars for Chillicothe Commandery. Let me know if you have scheduling problems so that other arrangements can be made.

Generalissimo David Medert, Standard Bearer Sir Knight Joe Clarke, and I will present the colors for Frankfort Lodge 309 inspection on Friday, March 6, 2015. Thanks to all.
Fraternally, Michael Hines, EC



Who's Guarding the West Gate?

The above question is by no means meant as an affront to our capable Tyler Brother John W. Malone. Recently Scioto Lodge has received several application from potentially excellent candidates for membership in the fraternity. Our obligation to support the Fraternity meant more than simply paying one's dues annually or giving "lip service" as to how great an institution Masonry is. Currently to remain in "good standing" in Scioto Lodge #6 it is only necessary to do the former. There are growing concerns through-out the Brotherhood that this is an aberration to the intent and meaning of being an upright and just Mason.

How can we love and aid our Brothers if we do not know our own Brothers? How can we guard the West gate if we aren't aware of who is knocking at the door? Do we rely on the few Brothers who attend Lodge to do our work for us? I have seen applications with recommendation signatures of Brethren who haven't attended Lodge for many months, if not years. More than once I have had to look up the name of a Brother's signature to verify that he is indeed a member of our Lodge and eligible to sign a petition for membership in Scioto 6. I simply do NOT know all of my Brother Lodge members. In a Lodge as large as ours, that is to be expected. I wish it were

not so.

However, in many Lodges to sign an application means that the signor not only recommends the candidate but also promises to attend the potential Brother's travels through the several degrees leading to Master Masonry. More observant Lodges also require that they act as a mentor to the candidate; answering questions, helping him with memory work and "being there" for him and with him in his Masonic travels. That, to me, would be ideal for the candidate and for the Lodge.

In 1805, at our Lodge's founding, a fine (the equivalent of more than a days' labor) for absence from a regularly stated meeting was levied upon every Brother unless sufficient evidence was presented before the Lodge and voted upon to waiver said fine. Our Masonic founding Fathers understood their obligations. Do we?

The future of the Lodge is shining and bright. Are you doing your part in making it so?

Stephen J. Steele, Lodge Education Officer

In Remembrance

CHILLICOTHE:

Dr. Frank G. Uhrig 97 of Chillicothe died Saturday February 28, 2015 at National Church Residences-Chillicothe following an extended illness. He was born November 13, 1917.

Brother Uhrig was a 70 year member of Scioto Lodge #6. He was initiation and Entered Apprentice January 10, 1944, Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree February 3, 1944 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason March 27, 1944

Full obituary was not available at press time.

FRANKFORT:

Ruth V. Hines 95 of Frankfort died at 2:04 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Vineyards at Concord, Frankfort. She was born on April 9, 1919, in Ross County, the daughter of the late Thomas E. and Ruth Vause Porter. She married Robert D. Hines, who preceded her in death on February 22, 1993.

She is survived by her son, Michael L. (Judy) Hines of Chillicothe; four grandchildren, Jason (Lori) Tress, Jackie (Karl) Davis, Josh (Jill) Hines, Angie (Stephen) Beasley; seven great-grandchildren. Ruth was a 1938 graduate of Frankfort High School, and worked as a nurses aide for the Chillicothe Hospital. She also served on the Concord Twp EMS until she was 83. Ruth served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mrs. Hines was the mother of Brother Michael L. Hines, Junior Warden of Scioto Lodge #6, Eminent Commander of Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. and Past Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.

Coming Events—Mark your Calendars

April 10, 2015	April 15, 2015	May 11, 2015	June 5, 2015	July 5, 2015
Chicken Noodle Dinner Ross County Shrine Club. 11:00 am—7:00 pm Dinners \$8.00 Proceeds benefit Special Olympics	Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus Ross/Pike County Dinner Moll Dining Room Social 6:00 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Reservations Required by April 8th	Top Scholars Banquet Moll Dining Room Social 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:45 pm Scholarship Awards Program Reservations Required by May 6th	Annual Fish Fry and Tenderloin event. Yoctangee Park Lions Shelter 11:00 am—7:00 pm Dinners \$8.00 Sandwiches \$5:00 pm Bring the family	August 2, 2015 7th District Bingo Building #9 on the campus of the Veterans Administration Hospital 1:00 pm All Masons and Guests are invited to attend.

Apologies

Eminent Commander Sir Knight Michael L. Hines extends his apologies to those Past Eminent Commanders, Past Deputy Division Commanders of the Fourth Division that proper introductions were not conducted during the Full Form Opening inspection. These dedicated Sir Knight have served Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. and he wants you to know the foundations you laid are dissevering of the respect of that service. He noted that Sir Knight Neil A. Zizelman, Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6 was not introduced and wished to extend his regrets for this oversight.

On the Lighter Side

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

From the Desk of Matthew Schetter—Sixth Cryptic Arch Inspector

The Spring School of instruction will be held at Athens Council #15 at 9:00 am Saturday, March 21, 2015. This is a very important school because we are going to put into motion fundraising ideas and educational information for distribution to promote Diabetic Kids Camps of Ohio. I would like to see each of our councils contributions to the Diabetic Kids Camperships Benevolent Fund increase significantly with the ultimate goal of establishing a South East Ohio Diabetic Camp.

Dr. Ross R. Black II will be in attendance and has been a fundamental motivator in the positive effects these camps have had. Representatives from the other Diabetic Camps in Ohio will be on hand to share what these camps do for our kids. They will address what it takes to establish a South East Camp. Members of the Diabetes Institute at Ohio University will offer guidance and support for this worthy cause.

As Grand Conductor of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons I would like to have a great showing at this School of Instruction to show that we can do this for south east communities. Please encourage officers and non-officers alike to give earnest thought about attending. The officers of the Sixth Cryptic Arch are working to create form letters, banners and other opportunities to assist with fundraising ideas.

The meeting will be over by noon to allow those who are planning to travel to Chillicothe Commandery #8 Annual Inspection in the Order of the Temple at 3:00 pm.

Companions this isn't just a York Rite cause or a Masonic cause. Diabetes effects all of us in some way. Perhaps a relative, a Brother or Companion or friend may be living with diabetes. We as Cryptic Masons ask "how can we positively affect our community?" This is a great opportunity and I want to see as many Masons in attendance as possible.

One day maybe our camps will no longer be needed, but until then let's keep our kids learning and support them. We will learn how to live with diabetes as opposed to suffering from its effects. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Fraternally and Sincerely Matthew Schetter



R.E.C. Ross R. Black II
Grand Principal Sojourner

Allied Masonic Degrees Quarterly Meetings



Members of the Harry E. Sark Council #186 Allied Masonic Degrees meet quarterly in months having a fifth Monday. This Council is an Honorary and Invitational Body Dedicated to Masonic Research. Membership in an Allied Council is limited by law to twenty-seven, and then only by invitation. It is predicated upon Royal Arch Masonry. The meetings are mostly social in nature with members and their Ladies dining out, enjoying conversation and sharing stories covering just about every topic.

Sovereign Master, Worshipful Brother William Bennett, is charged with conducting meetings, installing new members and scheduling dining venues. Worshipful Brother William

E. Landrum is the Secretary/Treasure and Worshipful Brother John R. Ashton is the Senior Warden for the 2014-2015 year. The following meetings are scheduled at 6:00 pm. All dinners are off menu.

- **March 31, 2015** River House 711 Second Street Portsmouth, Ohio
- **June 29, 2015** Moyer Vineyard Winery along the scenic Ohio River in rural Adams County
- **August 31, 2015** Olive Garden North Bridge Street Chillicothe, Ohio
- **November 30, 2015** Annual Tiled Meeting Chillicothe Masonic Temple

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 officers 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.

Confucius say... speech is like a bicycle wheel... the longer the spoke, the greater the tire.

Confucius say... if you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep

Confucius say... vegetarian is an Indian word meaning lousy hunter.

Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Applications

Worshipful Brother Dan M. Riddle, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced applications have been distributed to all Ross County High Schools.

Students should contact their respective Guidance Counselor to request the application. The Office of the Secretary has some applications on hand for distribution

Three One-thousand dollar scholarships will be awarded 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.

Chillicothe Masonic Bodies Delinquent Dues

Fifty Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 have outstanding dues pending. If you do not have a dues card which reads, "**...is a member is good standing having paid his dues by the annual meeting in November 2015**" you are **NOT** in good standing. To arrange for bringing you dues current call the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485.

Thirty-four Companions and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are in arrears with their dues, seven are in arrears for more than one year. Those whose dues remain in arrears as of March 15th will be Suspended for Non-payment of Dues. If you are not sure as to whether or not you have paid your dues, call the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies at 740-774-3485.

Meet Our Officer's William E. Landrum, 32^o Treasurer Masonic Service Association Representative,



Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum and Family at a Mother's Day dinner

Worshipful Brother Landrum was born November 13, 1934 in New Martinsburg, Ohio in Fayette County and grew up on a farm on Upper Twin Road about 3 miles North of Bourneville where he work with teams of horses and milked cows.

Worshipful Brother Landrum graduated from Twin Township Rural High School, earned an Associate Degree in Business from Ohio University receiving his BA in Business from Ohio University in 1980.

He began work at the Atomic Plant at Piketon in 1954 and retired from United States Enrichment Corporation in 1998.

Worshipful Brother Landrum is married to his wife Betty of 59 years. They have two daughters, Cathy Lynn Frizzell and Lori Ann Botchie. They share four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife Betty owns and operates the Shape & Style Beauty Salon on North High St. in Chillicothe.

Worshipful Brother Landrum was Initiated an Entered Apprentice in Scioto Lodge #6 October 25, 1956, Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree February 14, 1957 and Raised the Sublime Degree of Master Mason March 11, 1957. He is a member of all Chillicothe York Rite Bodies, a member and current county director of The Valley of Columbus Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is presently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Harry E. Sark Council #186 Allied Masonic Degrees and member and Past Patron of the Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of the Eastern Star.

Worshipful Brother Landrum has served Scioto Lodge #6 as Worshipful Master two terms 1994 and 1998 an honor he refers to as an honor. He has served as Lodge Education Officer under Worshipful Brother Jack Case and is currently Lodge Treasurer. He recounts being honored to have received the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award.

“Masons Lead Better”



District Advisor Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling distributed an email to those Brethren who registered for the educational seminar “**Masons Lead Better**”. It was held at Orient Lodge #321 in Waverly, Ohio. Due to the adverse weather, 4-8” of snow depending on where one lived, many were not able to attend the Saturday, February 21, 2015 session. He is happy to report a make-up session for those still interested is in the works. The date and location have not been determined, but he said it would probably be in June. Right Worshipful Brother Shilling will contact those interested when plans have been finalized. If you did not sign up for the first session 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 a new and exciting Masonic approach to personal improvement and Lodge leadership development. It is offered by The Grand Lodge of Ohio as a benefit to all Ohio Master Masons.

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The Final 10—how well you know U.S. Law and the government

21. The Constitution has how many Amendments?

- A 23 C 31
B 27 D 33

22. How many Amendments have been proposed officially by Congress but never ratified?

- A None C 6
C 1 D 12

23. Which of these amendments is a ratified and current amendment?

- A Declaring it illegal to desecrate the American Flag
B Equality of rights regardless of Gender
C Restricting marriage in all States to be between a man and a woman
D Prohibiting the importing of liquor into States where it is illegal

24. In what year was the last amendment ratified

- A 1868 C 1961
B 1920 D 1992

25. What is the Official Language of the United States?

- A None C English
B Latin D Esperanto

26. Who was the first Vice President of the United States?

- A George Washington C Thomas Jefferson
B John Adams D Andrew Jackson

27. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death?"

- A Nathan Hale C John Wilkes Booth
B Patrick Henry D Thomas Payne

28. How many Presidents were assassinated while in office?

- A 1 C 4
B 2 D 6

29. Which of these Presidents was born in Texas?

- A Dwight D. Eisenhower C Ronald Reagan
B Richard Nixon D George W Bush

30. How many Presidents have been impeached?

- A None C 2
B 1 D 4

Every day thousands leave their homelands to settle here in the land of the free. Before they become citizens they are required to take a citizenship test and score 80%. The quiz is made up of 30 questions, of which 20 were once used on the actual citizenship test. Ten additional questions were added, a few curveballs, but a score of 24 out of 30 is considered a passing grade. Check your February issue of the Trestle Board for the first 20.

Answers: 1 D; 2 C; 3 A; 4 D; 5 D; 6 B; 7 B; 8 D; 9 A; 10 B; 11 C; 12 A; 13 B; 14 C; 15 B; 16 A; 17 B; 18 D; 19 D; 20 D; 21 B; 22 C; 23 D; 24 D; 25 A; 26 B; 27 B; 28 C; 29 A; 30 C. This quiz is online by searching Independence Day Quiz.