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Top Scholars Banquet

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Chillicothe, Ohio

Worshipful Brother Dan M. Riddle will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 26th annual Top Scholars Banquet Co-chair Worshipful Brother William Bennett will be preparing dinner Monday, May 11, 2015.

Reservations are required to attend the event which begins with a social at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:45 pm. Reservations may be made by calling the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 or they may be made via email at cmb@chillicothemasons.org. Please make reservation by May 8th.

Presentation of Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarships began in 1989 including the 2015 awards Top Scholars for higher education funding has reached \$30,000.00.

Top scholars from all area high schools, their family members, the administrative staff and their guests are invited to attend the evening event. Top Scholars attending will take the microphone and address the gathering.

About 35 applications were submitted to the Scioto Lodge #6 to review Scholarship Committee who met on Monday, April 20, 2015 You may read about the three scholars on pages 4 and 5 of this publication.

Article by William Bennett, Editor

Seventh Masonic District Association

2015 Chicken Noodle Dinner

May 16, 2015

Lucasville Lodge #465

The District meeting will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015. Lucasville Lodge #465 will host the meeting. No details are available as to the business to be addressed.

The meeting is open to ALL Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District.

Brother Evan M. Steele chairman of the 2015 Chicken Noodle Dinner reported to the Brethren at the stated meeting Thursday, April 16th reported income of \$3,514.00 this includes contributions over and above ticket sales (pre-sales and same day sales) along with dessert sales.

His report on expense report shows a total of \$871.29. This figure is tempered due to returned items and other overages being charged back to other events and classifications. Proceeds were \$2,642.71 which will be sent to the Grand Lodge Special Olympics project.

Accolades are extended to Brother **Neil Smith and his Lady Debbie** who spent the entire day slicing and wrapping specialty baked good for sale to diners.

Brother Steele extends his thanks to all who assisted in making this event successful.

Neil A. Zizelman, W.M.

Roger R. Jones, H.P.

James L. Stevens. I.M.

Michael L. Hines, E.C.

William Bennett, Editor

Stephen J. Steele, Past Master, Bldg Mgr.



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9 Fifth Capitular District All Degree Day Chillicothe Masonic Temple 8:00 am
10	11 Top Scholars Banquet 6:00 pm	12 Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. 7:30 pm	13 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	14	15	16 Seventh District Meeting Lucasville Lodge 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 am Mtg.
17	18	19 Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	20	21 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	27 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	28 Ross County Shrine Club 6:00 pm	29	30
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Mary K. Young

Many thanks are extended to Ms. Mary K. Young of Texarkana, Texas for her Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) contribution to our Special Olympics Benefit Fund.

Her contribution is in memory of her father Brother Ellis B. Hatton who was raised in Scioto Lodge #6 January 6, 1945 and her husband, Brother Robert L. Young who was raised March 18, 1952. Brother Young passed away December 2, 1995.

Ms Young has made other contributions in the past and the Brethren appreciate her generosity.

York Rite Bodies Elections

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S. M. two York Rite Bodies will entertain their election of officers for the 2015-2016 Capitular and Cryptic Year.

The Stated Convocation of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. is Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the meeting opens at 7:30 pm. Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. will open its Stated Assembly on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

If any Companions are interested in either assuming an elective or appointed position please notify Excellent Companion Roger R. Jones, High Priest of Chapter or Illustrious Companion James L. Stevens, Illustrious Master of Council.

There is always a place for Companions of either body to serve in any office.

Fifth Capitular District All Degree Day

Chillicothe, Ohio

March 18, 2015

Right Excellent Companion Lloyd Eichenlaub wrote to Chapters in the Fifth Capitular District concerning a project to called, "**All Degree Day**" in which all the degrees of Chapter will be conferred on one date.

That day is Saturday, May 9, 2015...the day will get underway in the Chillicothe Masonic Temple with registration beginning at 8:00 am and work opening at 8:30 am [the temple will be open at 7:00 for registration if you wish to arrive early]. A continental breakfast will be served in the small dining room with coffee, orange juice and donuts.

Right Excellent Companion Eichenlaub was asked to schedule this day to "Clean up" the outstanding candidates from around the district. Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. has 2 candidates who require all Chapter Degrees; 3 who require the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degree. Only 1 candidate requires the Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degree. This makes a total of 6 candidates from our Chapter. One of our candidates, Mark Alan Turley resides in Pennsylvania. Communications have been sent to all Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. petitioners/candidates concerning this day.

Excellent High Priest Roger R. Jones spoke with Right Excellent Companion Eichenlaub and learned as of April 21, 2015 the following Chapters will confer specific degrees

- Mt. Vernon Chapter #23 and Hillsboro Chapter #40 will do the Mark Master Degree
- Circleville Chapter #20 and Trowel Chapter #70 will confer the Past Master Degree
- Right Excellent Companion Lloyd W. Eichenlaub is coordinating the Most Excellent Master Degree
- Manchester Chapter #129 is conferring the Royal Arch Degree
- Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. will handle props, robes set up and tear down the props as required. They will provide the breakfast and lunch and Companions will fill in as cast members in degrees as required. All Companions who are available are being called upon to attend this special event in an effort to bring candidates to the completion of their Capitular degrees.

2015 Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Recipients



Abby Perry, daughter of Rick and Sherry Perry is a 2015 Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship winner. Is a student of Southeastern High School with a 4.000 GPA and ranking first in her class of 85. She has been accepted at Shawnee State University in the fall. Abby is the Senior Class Treasurer, Student Council member and secretary, National Honor Society member and secretary, a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club, Art Club, yearbook staff and Vice President of Finance for the Junior Achievement Company. Outside of the classroom Abby was a participant in the Summers Scholars Program in 2013 and 2014. She was a member of the TNT 4-H Club for 14 years. She has exemplified a zealous work ethic at Coffee Craze and Rayz and Sears Optical as an apprentice Optician working some 15-20 hours a week.

Her list of Volunteer Work is too extensive to include in this article, however the short of it is that she gave of her time to more than 14 separate endeavors over the past three years. Aside from that her list of honors and awards in English, Psychology, Life Skills, Mathematics, Arts, Science, Spanish and History speaks volumes as to her professionalism as both a student and person.

Her undergraduate plans include carrying a double major in biological sciences and general business. Her post graduate aspirations are to attend The Ohio State University School of Optometry and establish her own practice in Chillicothe. **Congratulations Abby!**



Mr. Evan D. McDonald, a senior at Logan Elm High School will be graduating 8th in his class of 160 students. Evan is the eldest of three children and values their close knit family relationship. Mr. McDonald has taken college classes while in high school which he feels will better prepare him for the college level of further studies. Both of his parents are educators, so an atmosphere of educational values and work ethics were strong in the home environment.

Evan has work experience both at his high school and at the Ohio Christian University. He has been accepted at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey for the fall term. He regards that school as his choice because they offer a degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology. He will also be able to undertake a dual degree in Statistics. He considered the fact this university was ranked in the top 10% for this degree.

Mr. McDonald played baseball in the Scioto Valley Youth League at the Mary Lou Patton park. He developed a drive during his association with the league that he wanted to play Major League Baseball and potentially donate money to the league park. To this end he is looking forward to fulfilling his dream at Fairleigh Dickinson and having an opportunity to play NCAA Division I Baseball.

Continuing to advance his education while at Fairleigh Dickinson, this university has a 5 year Bachelors to Master's Degree Program for Industrial Organizational Psychology which he plans to apply for in his sophomore year. Reading the list of his high scholar honors, his extra Curricular Activities, Community and Church involvement, it would seem impossible for him to fail in achieving his educational goals. He certainly has a firm foundation on which to build since he will be graduating with an Associates Degree from Ohio Christian University on May 2, 2015. Best wishes to Evan, he has earned everything he has accomplished. **Evan D. McDonald is the grandson of Worshipful Brother Everett Sheets**



Eighteen year old Jared Dean Mitten, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Mitten, a senior at Zane Trace High School will be graduating with a weighted GPA of 4.45 and ranks first in his class of 115 students. Jared has been accepted as a pre-major enrollee at The Ohio State University College of Computer Science and Engineering. In his letter of introduction Jared admits to being kicked out of his first day care and ended up going to a Christian daycare which he relates as being a blessing.

Jared was inducted into the National Honor Society He was eleven year member of 4-H where he learned a very broad set of skills ranging from leadership and cooperation to survival skills, woodworking, poultry production, cooking and blacksmithing.

As an eight grader he joined a mission to New York City to assist in a local soup kitchen where he witnessed people in poverty, it was a real culture shock and he realized how lucky he was. When he was a Sophomore another trip took him to Peru where they played soccer in various towns such as Lima, Urbamba and Cusco. After games they ministered to the teams, socializing with them. Assisting in building an orphanage was a life changing experience too.

He earned the Rank of Eagle Scout in 2014 just before his 18th birthday. Jared relates that Scouting was very good for him as an individual. His community services, honors, awards, out of school activities and interests represent a broad range that makes him a well rounded student and an academic worthy of the consideration of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee.

Brother David C. Mitten, Jared's father, is a member of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M.

Roger R. Jones Excellent High Priest Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.

Excellent Companion Jones was born in Chillicothe, Ohio March 30, 1960 to Bob and Hermie (Tisdale) Jones. He attended Tiffin Elementary, Mt. Logan Jr. High and Chillicothe High School until he enlisted in the United States Army. His military service took him to Mannheim Germany. He returned stateside when he met and married his Lady Karen Dowler Jones in 1981. They were blessed with two children, a son Zachariah and a daughter Amy. The family was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas the first of numerous duty stations throughout the world. He left the military after 22 years while stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky in June 2003.

Excellent Companion Jones attended several different colleges at his various duty stations and was conferred an Associates of Applied Business from Hartford Community College in Bel Air, Maryland. He was introduced to Masonry by his father-in-Law, Brother Warren Dowler, a member of Scioto Lodge #6. He was aware that Brother Dowler was a Mason which peaked his curiosity about Masonry. Brother Jones participate in a Grand Master's class in March 2010 and became a member of Scioto Lodge.

He received his York Rite Bodies degrees and Orders during a Festival in April 2010. He attended a Fall Scottish Rite Reunion, Valley of Columbus and receiving his 32nd degree. Traveling with various Brethren to numerous Scottish Rite Reunions, receiving his Gold Passport in the Spring of 2014. It was during this time that he held several offices in Chillicothe York Rite. He was elected Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council for the 2013 - 2014 Cryptic year. During his term as Illustrious Master he was privileged to receive the Order of the Silver Trowel Degree. Currently he is serving a High Priest in Chillicothe Chapter #4, he received the Order of High Priesthood Degree. Initially he was a member of Scioto Lodge #6 however he Dimitted and petitioned Frankfort Lodge 309 where he is currently serving as Junior Warden. He comments that his journey through Masonry has thus far has been a very rewarding experience and he thoroughly enjoys the fellowship that Masonry brings. Outside the fraternity he enjoys bee keeping, motorcycle riding and traveling across this great land with his wife and family.

Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Inspection Report by Timothy G. Ralson

Eminent Commander Michael L. Hines,

It was an honor and pleasure to inspect Chillicothe Commandery #8. I appreciate the hospitality that the Sir Knights extended to me during my visit. I would also offer Lady Sandy's regrets for not being able to be present during my inspection this year. Please express my thanks to all who were responsible for planning such a wonderful day.

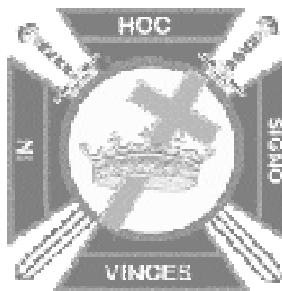
The Deputy Division Commander of the Fourth Division, Sir Knight Dale A. Exline had performed the administrative review and the Full Form Opening prior to my inspection [February 24, 2015] and there were no issues. I would encourage your participation in any local festival to help build your membership. In addition please consider establishing a budget for the upcoming year to assist in your fiscal planning.

The ritualistic work of the Order of the Temple was very good. You and the Sir Knights of Chillicothe Commandery #8 are to be commended for your work and preparation. It was great to see the number of Sir Knights from around the Fourth Division assisting in forming the Prelate's Escort and the Triangle Guard. Please make note of my comments at the close of the Order of the Temple to follow the tactics when forming the officers and line around the Triangle.

Again, I would like to thank you for the courtesies and hospitality, and the generous gift given to Honor Flight Tri-State in honor of Lady Sandy.



Left to right Sir Knight David V. Medert, King, Sir Knight Ralston, Inspecting Officer, Sir Knight Michael L. Hines Eminent Commander and Generalissimo Sir Knight Robert S. Jones



Annual Inspection Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T.
March 21, 2015



Arch of Steel for the reception of Timothy O. Ralston Inspecting Officer



Commandery Ladies



S.K. t Michael L. Hines E.C., S.K Timothy Kraftherfer, candidate, S.K. Timothy O. Ralston



We Remember

Brother Garland Vester Mathis

Clearwater, Florida

Garland V. Mathis (GV) died on March 18, 2015 in Clearwater, FL with his sister Katie and daughter Maggie by his side, after a long battle with cancer. He was 80 years old. His wife Anne Peek Mathis, his father Sylvester Mathis, his mother Blanche Fry Mathis, and brothers Dewey Mathis and Luther Mathis preceded in death.

He was born in Logan County, West Virginia his family moved to Chillicothe, Ohio where he graduated from Chillicothe High School class of 1953 and married Lucy Anne Peek class of 1955 and had one child.



Brother Donald S. Skinner

Chillicothe, Ohio

Donald S. Skinner 77 of Chillicothe went to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, April 21, 2015 at his home following an extended illness, surrounded by his family. He was born May 23, 1937 in Chillicothe to Warren and Marie (Wilkins) Skinner. On July 19, 1962 he married Eloise McGraw who survives. .

Brother Skinner was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Park Officer at Hocking Hills State Park for 25 years and was a Deputy Sheriff for Ross County for 12 1/2 years.

He was a member of Crouse Chapel United Methodist Church, a Life member of VFW Post 108, a member of Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Chillicothe Chapter #4, Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons and Chillicothe Commandery #8, Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus and the Ross County Shrine Club.

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 5th

Fish Fry and Tenderloin

Brother Kyle Michael Hines will be chairing the 2015 annual event in Yoctangee Park at the Lions Shelter.

Preparation for this will be Thursday, May 4, 2015. Bread will be prepackaged in the kitchen, loading equipment and supplies for moving to the park.

A sign up sheet will be on the registration table in the anteroom near the Blue Room. Brother Hines may be contacted by calling 740-649-4109

Sunday June 7th

Fourth Division Grand Commandery

Annual Council for Templar Advancement Meeting in Athens, Ohio 2:30 pm.

Tuesday, June 25th

Chillicothe Commandery #8 election of officers for the 2015-2016 year.

Eminent Commander Sir Knight Michael L. Hines welcomes all Sir Knight to attend and perhaps consider participating. If you are interested in serving in the line or perhaps another

position contact Sir Knight Hines at 740-649-4109

Sunday, July 5th

Sunday, August 2nd

7th District Bingo

1:00 pm

Building #9 on the Campus of the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Host Lodges

- Nauvoo Lodge #769
- Rome Lodge #535
- Western Sun Lodge #91
- Winchester Lodge #236

Monday, July 6th

Super Excellent Master

Aurora Lodge #48 6:00 pm

The Super Excellent Master Degree must be conferred on any Companion who wishes to hold an office in Council.

Tuesday, August 4th

Ross County Junior Fair Night 6:00 pm Grand Stand

Saturday, September 12th

Seventh Masonic District outdoor Master Mason Lynchburg, Ohio 10:00 am with lunch to follow.



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Do you own or wear articles of clothing, jewelry or emblems displaying Masonic symbolism?

We as a Master Masons are permitted to do so. Have you ever considered the weight that doing so brings to your shoulders?

When we choose to show the “profane” world that we are indeed Masons, we take on an onerous burden. Each Mason when exhibiting the recognized symbols of the Fraternity chooses to become a walking billboard advertising, well or poorly, for the Fraternity. That Square and Compasses on our finger, lapel, hat, coat, shirt or automobile shows the outside world what WE are. Our behavior, or in the archaic terms of the ritual, deportment, reflects upon us, our fellow Masons, the Lodge and the Fraternity in general.

Displaying your Masonry openly while doing “good works” can bring out conversations in other Brothers, potential candidates and admiration to the Craft. And, conversely, unbecoming acts in the same outward display can bring shame and disgust to many.

Our outward deportment and behavior should always reflect the positive tenets of the Craft. We should encourage each Brother to be that positive “walking billboard” of Freemasonry. Remember to be slow to react, subdue our passions and be quick to forgive and forget. Be the better man and be the better Mason.

Come to Lodge, review and renew your Obligation and get to know your fellow Brethren. Also, as a reminder, the six digit number above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter represents the month, day and year that you were raised in Masonry. Will you consider attending the stated meeting nearest your anniversary date to rededicate yourself to the Fraternity? The officers of the Line and I stand ready to make you feel welcome, refresh your knowledge of the signs and symbols used at meetings and reintroduce you to the Brethren in attendance.

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