



# The Trestle Board

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## 2016 TOP SCHOLARS BANQUET

Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio will host its Annual Top Scholars Banquet Monday May 9, 2016 at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. Reservations are required by Friday, May 6th. A social will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. Presentations to the Top Scholars and Scholarship recipients will be made following dinner.

Worshipful Brother Dan Riddle will be the Master of Ceremonies and will make presentations with the assistance of the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Evan M. Steele. Lodge photographer Brother Thomas R. Castor will be on hand to take pictures of the event.

Members of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship committee consisted of Worshipful Brother Dan Riddle, Worshipful Brother Evan M. Steele, Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash, Brother Todd Bost and Worshipful Brother William Landrum. They met Monday, April 25th to review more than 25 applications from area high schools located in Ross County.

Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio will again award at least \$3,000.00 in scholarship funds.

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## Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

### Annual Elections...

**Chillicothe Chapter #4** Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016

**Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons** Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016

**Chillicothe Commandery #8** Elections are scheduled Tuesday, June 28, 2016

# May 2016

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Sat

1	2	3 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9 Scioto Lodge Scholarship Banquet 6:00 pm	10 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm	11 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 Chillicothe Council #4 Stated Assembly 7:30 pm	18	19 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	20	21 Seventh Masonic District Association Meeting 9:00 am
22	23	24 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Conclave 7:30 pm	25 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	26 Ross County Shrine Club Stated Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

## Masonic Service Association, Seventh Masonic District Representative

Typically the Masonic Service Association has supplied "Goodie Bags" to Veteran Residents at the Veterans' Administration Hospital. These courtesy bags containing such things as socks, handkerchiefs, tooth paste and other toiletries prepared by the First Masonic District, Worshipful Brother Gary Cox and Most Worshipful Brother Michael A. Himes head up the committee on Veterans' Hospital Volunteers. This is done at the Annual Picnic on the last Saturday before Labor Day, this year that falls on September 3, 2016.

There will be a Bocce Ball court set up for play courtesy of a friend of mine. Play is extended to all Veterans' and Masons.

The Picnic is held at the shelter in front of Building #35 and begins at 11:00 am. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 10:00 am for set up.

As the Masonic Service Association Representative for the Seventh Masonic District I am seeking contributions from the 17 Lodges in the district to be distributed December at the Bingo event Sunday, December 4, 2016. It is my hope to prepare at least 40 "goodie bags". Acceptable items are:

- Board games / Individual Kleenex packs / Indoor/outdoor slipper socks (new only)
- Card Games / Socks (crew and diabetic socks (new only), toothpaste, winter gloves
- Combs or brush (new only) / knit caps / reading glasses / small hand held hair dryers
- Hand held games / Christmas cards / Light jackets or rain coats / Personal /portable C.D. players
- Body Wash (travel size) / Hospice snacks including K-cups / Craft kits / Small Address Book
- Shampoo (hotel size) / twin size blankets or throws (new only), wallets (new only)
- Deodorant roll on/no alcohol / undergarments for men and women (new only)
- Shaving crème / Radio Walkman headsets or ear phone (new only)

### Seventh Masonic District Association

The Seventh Masonic District meeting will be held at Winchester Lodge #236 in Seaman, Ohio. The meeting begins at 9:00 am May 21, 2016. Open to all Masons from the district.

The **Written Ritual** will be on hand for a questions and answer session.

### Section 1054 of the Laws of Templar Masonry in Ohio specifies...

All the officers of a Commandery except the Sentinel and Guard shall be elected by ballot at the first Stated Conclave in **June**. **PROVIDED**, however, by changing their By-Laws a Commandery may provide for the appointment of the Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer and Warder. Unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Ohio, the Sentinel and Guard shall be appointed by the Commander.

# Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus County Dinner



Wednesday, April 5, 2016 more than 50 members of the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus gather in Chillicothe for the annual Ross and Pike County Dinner under the direction of Worshipful Brother William Landrum, county director. Michael L. Hines and John W. Malone serve as ambassadors and were in attendance.

There are Seven Ambassadors for the for the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus in the Pike and Ross County area which include Michael L. Hines Scioto Lodge #6, John W.

Malone Scioto Lodge #6, Eric Williams

Orient Lodge #321, Randall C. Davis and Larry Heshiser both of Logan Elm Lodge #624, Samuel K. Johnson Bainbridge Lodge #196 and Gregory L. Cottrill Frankfort Lodge #309 .

## Valley Office Directory:

Ill. Ebby Brewer, Active Member for Ohio, Ill Fred S. Kyle, Executive Secretary, Brother Dale E. Bishop, Treasurer, Ms. Susan Henderson, Office Manager, Charles Hobson, Book-

keeper/  
Membership.



County Ambassadors Michael L. Hines and John W. Malone



Brother Fred Kyle and Brother William Landrum



## Local Historian and Author Awarded Community Service Award



Patricia Fife Medert was born in Columbus, Ohio, and lived in Gallipolis before moving to Chillicothe in 1947. She is a graduate of Chillicothe High School and Ohio University. She was a teacher for thirty years and taught at Huntington Local in Ross County, Madison Local in Mansfield, and Alexander Local in Athens County.

Since returning to Chillicothe to reside in 1989, Pat has devoted most of her time in researching, speaking and writing about local history. Her books include *Chillicothe's Publick Ground*, *Raw Recruits and Bullish*

*Prisoners: Ohio's Capital in the War of 1812*, and six books on the architecture of Chillicothe's historic district. She co-authored a children's book, *Chillicothe, Ohio: Frontier Settlement to State Capital*, and for seventeen years wrote a local history column for the *Chillicothe Gazette*, which have been compiled into two books, *Stories from Chillicothe's Past* and *More Stories from Chillicothe's Past*. As archivist for the Ross County Historical Society, she transcribed and edited for publication four manuscript collections from the archives: *Memoirs of a Pioneer Family*; *Dear Companion... Yours until death, Jacob Shively, 89<sup>th</sup> Regt. O.V.I.*; *The Civil War Letters of of Captain B. F. Stone, 73<sup>rd</sup> Regt., O.V.I.*; and *The Civil War Journals of Samuel H. Hurst*.

Pat served on the Chillicothe Bicentennial Commission and was a member of the committee responsible for the Bicentennial Monument in Yoctangee Park. She was one of the editors and contributing authors for the commission's publication, *Chillicothe, Ohio: 1796-1996*. She was also on the committee that planned for the celebration of Ross County's bicentennial in 1998. During the celebration of Ohio's bicentennial, she was a member of the committee responsible for the placement of historic markers in Chillicothe and Ross County. She wrote the text for six of those markers.

Pat has been recognized for her efforts in local history. She was inducted into the Ross County Women's Hall of Fame in 1992; awarded the Martha Washington Medal from the Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1993; received Awards of Achievement from the Ohio Association of Historical Societies & Museums in 1990 and 1992, the Ross Pride Civic Award from the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce in 1997, the Statehood Day Achievement Award in 2006, Individual Achievement Award from the Ohio Local History Alliance in 2010, the Excellence in Community Service Award from the Nathaniel Massie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2011, and the First Capital Historical Award from the Ross County Historical Society in 2011.

For more than twenty-five years, Pat has volunteered as the Ross County Historical Society's archivist and historian. She and fellow volunteer, the late Evelyn Walker, organized, catalogued and computerized the vast collections in the McKell Library. She currently serves on its board of trustees and has served as the society's president in the past.

Pat was married to David R. Medert for sixty-four years before his death in 2013. She has two children, David V. Medert and Melissa Darby, and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

## Note to Members of Scioto Lodge #6 and Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

On March 31, 2016 a number of Brethren were Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues in accordance to the Code of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio. To be reinstated you should contact the Office of the Secretary by email [cmb@chillicothemasons.org](mailto:cmb@chillicothemasons.org) or by phone 740-774-3485. The secretary can arrange to have you reinstated although you will lose 3 months of accumulated credit toward your service pin. Letters regarding this change were sent to all delinquent Brethren.

Presently 16 member of Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are in arrears for dues and will be reported for Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues effective May 31, 2016. While spreadsheets are document delinquencies this information is not posted for privacy concerns.

## 2016 Fish and Tenderloin Fry

Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr., Junior Warden of Scioto Lodge #6 will be chairing the 2016 Fish Fry and Tenderloin event in Yoctangee Park Friday, June 3, 2016 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Sign up sheets are on the registration table outside the Blue Room for your convenience in volunteering to work either half day or all day. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, June 2nd to stage all the equipment to be transported to the Lions Shelter on Friday Morning. Tickets will be mailed to all members of Scioto Lodge #6 and the responses to the appeal from out of state Brethren is most appreciated. The Lodge has had great success with the Fish Fry the proceeds go to the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund. Two tickets cost \$16.00 the same as last year. Come and enjoy the fellowship!!!!

## We Remember

**Brother Donald Eugene Herron 79**, passed away Wednesday April 20, 2016. His wife Sharon survives. A Masonic Funeral Service was held at Ware Funeral Home Monday, April 25th at 6:00 pm. Brother Herron was born October 16, 1936, he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice March 11, 1968, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft September 9, 1968 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason October 25, 1968.

Donald graduated from Centralia High School and Hocking Tech with an associate degree in Criminology. He retired from CCI. Donald was a member Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Chillicothe Chapter #4. Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons and Chillicothe Commandery #8. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and had also served in the National Guard. Donald was an avid stamp and coin collector and a huge fan of the Cleveland Browns,

**Brother Richard Stephen Walsh 72**, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2016. His wife Sherry survives. Richard was a graduate of Chillicothe High School, class of 1961. He retired from the Mead/Glatfelter Paper Company in August of 2008. During his employment with Mead, he served as a member of their fire department, as well as on their Emergency Response Team. He was the former assistant chief of the Scioto Township fire department and was a fire instructor in Ross County for many years. He was a member of the Grace Fellowship Church where he often ran the projection system for services.

He was also a member of the United Steel Workers, Local 731; and a member of the Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Chillicothe Chapter #4, Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons and Chillicothe Commandery #8.

# Masonic Etiquette Learn the Do's and Don'ts of Masonic Etiquette

Masonic Etiquette, for the most part, is merely good manners and respect for your lodge, its members, its Worshipful Master and the convention of Freemasonry, in general. Unfortunately, Masonic Etiquette ...or Blue Lodge Etiquette, (as it is called in the United States) is largely unpublished as well as unspoken, therefore, up until now, it has been more difficult to learn its rules and nuances.

You may study ritual work, degree work, floor work and know all Masonry's glorious history, Masonic symbols, jewels, etc. but there is very little written about how to comport yourself so you do not look foolish or be regarded as disrespectful.

Some are small things, and some are not, but your Lodge conduct is continually on display.

Few Masonic mentors include a list of proper Lodge behavior, as they have learned it, themselves, incident-by-incident, and usually learned by them after their having made an error and being kindly informed by another member as to the correct Masonic etiquette of the situation.

## **CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE**

Over time, and by watching others, members conform themselves to exhibit proper Masonic etiquette behavior to learn lodge customs.

As a newly Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason, it is expected that you will exhibit the proper decorum and propriety in observance of the formal requirements which govern behavior in polite societies...

## **THE MASTER'S AUTHORITY:**

During his term in office, the brother who has been elected as Master is the most powerful member of the Lodge. He also shoulders all of its many responsibilities.

The Worshipful Master has the authority to:

1. Rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
2. Decide what can and cannot be discussed. Should a brother believe that the Master is arbitrary, unjust or unfair or is acting in an illegal manner, he can appeal to the District Deputy Grand Master.

If that officer agrees that the appeal is a valid one, he will forward the complaint to the Grand Master.

If, however, that brother insists on speaking after the Master has ruled that he is out of order, he may be committing a Masonic offense.

Courteous brethren accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees such as the examination committee, the investigation committee and other duties, as determined by the Lodge's needs.

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The Chairman of the Lodge Committee who, by tradition, happens to be the Senior Warden in my lodge, was hospitalized and unable to attend the committee meeting. In the morning he was pleased to receive a get-well message from the secretary, which read: 'The committee took a decision to express their sincere good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Six in favor, three against, one abstention.

Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was under going renovations? One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were. The desk clerk replied: "Oh, those are the Masons. "The salesman said: "Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?" "Oh, no," said the clerk. "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!"

I heard this the other day: A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as no great distance was involved he would go on his bicycle. Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge. Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.