



The Trestle Board

2017 Scholarship Fund Raiser At Lion's Shelter

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Junior Warden Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr. is looking for a lot of good men and true for assistance during the 2016 Fish / Tenderloin Event on Friday, June 3rd.

A clean up crew is also part of the task and will be done on Saturday, June 4th. Volunteer your time and energy to help out.

Thanks to the Brethren who have sent in funds for the pre-sales part of the fund raiser.

Call Brother Ramsey or the Office of the Secretary.

The Lion's Shelter in Yoctangee Park **Friday, June 3, 2016** will be a busy place for the Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 as it works to raise funds for its Scholarship Fund for 2017 awards. The Fish and Tenderloin fry will get underway at 11:00 am. Workers are requested to show up at the lodge around 8:00 am to assist in transporting the equipment to the park.

Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr. will serve as the event chairman and you are invited to help with the project. A sign up sheet will be on the registration table for your convenience in signing up to help. Preparation activities will be held Thursday, June 2nd. There is a lot to do and many hands make for light work for all concerned.

You may call the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 if you want to add your name to the sign up roster.

Scioto Lodge #6 sponsors three \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving graduates in Ross County. A Top Scholars Banquet is held the second Monday in May to recognize outstanding student from all Ross County Schools. Scioto Lodge #6 hosted 10 Top Scholars and their families at its annual banquet. Also in attendance were several of the administrative staff from some of the local schools.

Summer Events to Mark on your Calendar

Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Administration Hospital Representative William Bennett would like you to mark your calendar for VA Bingo Sunday, July 7th and Sunday, August 7th held in Building #9 on the Veterans' Administration grounds. The District Picnic is Saturday September 3rd at 11:00 am. Something new will be added for entertainment—Bocce Ball on the lawn in front of the shelter in front of Building #35. Those wishing to play (2 teams of 2 people are required to) Instructions available.

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Annual Fish Fry Yoctangee Park Lions Shelter 11:00 am to 7:00 pm	4 Sixth Cryptic Arch Reunion McArthur Ohio
5	6	7 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	8 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	9	10	11 Logan Elm Lodge #624 Scholarship Breakfast 7:00 am
12	13	14 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm	15	16 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Chillicothe Council #4 Stated Assembly 7:30 pm	22 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	23	24 Special Olympics Summer Games Jessie Owens Stadium	25
26	27	28 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Conclave 7:30 pm	29	30		

Chillicothe York Rite Bodies 2016-2017 Election of Officers

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. held its annual election of Officers at its Stated Convocation Tuesday, May 10, 2016. The slate of officers presented and elected to lead Chillicothe Chapter #4 is as follows:

High Priest.....	Companion Stephen J. Steele
King.....	Companion Howard E. Leach
Scribe.....	Companion Thomas R. Castor
Treasurer.....	E.C. John R. Ashton
Secretary.....	Companion William Bennett
Captain of the Host	E.C. Michael L. Hines
Principal Sojourner	E.C. Alvin DePugh
Royal Arch Captain	E.C. Roger Ray Jones
Master of the 3rd Veil	E.C. James L. Stevens
Master of the 2nd Veil	Com Joseph A Clarke
Master of the 1st Veil	E.C. Robert S. Jones
Guard.....	E.C. David V. Medert

Installation of Officers will be conducted at the Stated Convocation Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

June 4, 2016

Sixth Cryptic Arch Reunion will be held Saturday, June 4, 2016 beginning at noon in McArthur, Ohio. Right Illustrious Companion Edwin G. Herrik, Deputy Master of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio will deliver his rollout program for the 2016-2017 Cryptic year.

The Sixth Cryptic Arch will provide the entrée while those attending are requested to bring a covered dish.

Other Arch news of note is the appointment of John E. Winnett as the new Sixth Arch Inspector.

Illustrious Companion Winnett was installed as Inspector of the 6th Arch in the Athens Masonic Temple 12 West Carpenter Street, Athens, Ohio at 3:00 pm May 15, 2016 refreshments followed the Installation.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons held its annual election of Officers at its Stated Assembly Tuesday, May 17, 2016. The slate of officers presented and elected to lead Chillicothe Chapter #4 is as follows:

Illustrious Master	Companion Stephen J. Steele
Deputy Master	Companion Howard E. Leach
Principle Conductor of the Work	Illustrious Companion Roger Ray Jones
Treasurer	Illustrious Companion John R. Ashton
Recorder	Companion William Bennett
Conductor of Council	Illustrious Companion James L. Stevens
Captain of the Guard	Illustrious Companion Michael L. Hines
Sentential	Companion Thomas R. Castor
Steward	Companion Timothy A. Kraftherfer

Installation of officers will be held Tuesday June 21, 2016 at the Stated Assembly of Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons.

Top Scholars Banquet & Awards



Jonathan P. Putnam, a graduate of Chillicothe High School, ranking 33rd in his class of 250 students with a 3.852 GPA was one of three Top Scholars honored at the 2016 Top Scholars Banquet. He received one of three one thousand dollar scholarships from the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Program. Jonathan was accepted by Shawnee State University for the fall term. He has chosen to major in Biomedical Sciences with a goal of attending Medical School and to one day become a trauma surgeon. Jonathan has accumulated over 300 hours working for various organization among them Adena Health System, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, United Way

and the Red Cross. Jonathan writes, "My love learning is one of the reasons that I desire to become a surgeon. Biology has always been my favorite area of study." While a student at Chillicothe High School Jonathan founded the Healthcare Careers Club whose purpose it is to host healthcare professionals during meetings and allow them to speak about their education and careers. The club has over twenty members and allows for students to [ask] any questions they many have concerning the medical field. Mr. Putnam is the son of Worshipful Brother Brian J. Putnam of Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio and grandson of Worshipful Brother Philip Putnam, Past Master of Frankfort Lodge #309.

Ms. Madison Ray writes in her biography "While the objective leadership roles I have obtained have been defining in my life, I believe that my character is expressed best through my benevolence.". Madison has accumulated over 500 hours of community service through youth clubs and other organizations. One of those is Pursuit Student Ministries where she says the most impactful experience was a trip to South Texas where she was greeted by poverty and hardships that many [would] never believe exist in the United States. Madison worked with children of all ages and backgrounds while she served as a Camp Councilor and Bible School Leader. Ms. Ray has been admitted to The Ohio State University for the autumn class of 2016. Scholastically she ranks first in her class of 250 at Chillicothe High School with a GPA of 4.52. Madison is the daughter of Brother Douglas Anthony Ray and granddaughter of Brother Douglas Marion Ray both members of Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.



Top Scholars Banquet & Awards



Adena High School graduate, Josie Shea was presented with a one-thousand dollar scholarship from the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund at the Top Scholars Banquet May 9, 2016. Her love of reading gave way to a passion for writing thus her goal while attending Ohio University Chillicothe is to pursue a degree in Creative Writing. She plans to transfer to The Ohio State University at some point to complete her degree.

Josie attained a 3.934 GPA ranking her first in a class of 79 students. She is the granddaughter of Brother Glenn F. Price a member of Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio/

Among the many honors and recognitions Ms. Shea has achieved are top student in the area of studies including Agricultural Science II, Physical Science, U.S. Court Cases, Lifestyles I and English I. Josie was President of the National Honor Society and Science Club. Vice President of the Key Club and a member of

Adena Chapter of the FFA and Adena Drama Club. Active in sports as a three year member of the Adena Cross County Team, Girls basketball, Volleyball and track team.



Pictures Of Top Scholars Banquet May 9th

Clockwise Group Photo

Michael A. Ash, MC



Assisting Special Olympians Locally

At the stated meeting Thursday, May 19th discussion was held on how best to support Special Olympics so it would have an impact on the program from a local level. It was decided delaying any disbursements from proceeds from the Chicken Noodle Dinner pending discussion with local organizations who typically send participants to the Summer Games in Columbus. Spokespersons will make a presentation at our stated meeting Tuesday, June 3, 2016 to discuss their needs in sponsoring Special Olympics athletes.

Pioneer School

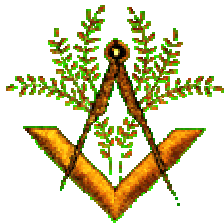
Ms. Debbie Kennedy is the physical therapist and coach at Pioneer School who coordinates the Special Olympic teams at that location. Ms. Kennedy will be joining us for dinner on our stated meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2016. She will be speaking on the subject of the Special Olympians 2016 Summer Games held in Columbus. She informed us the work she does with those with whom she works in the following areas. They play basketball, go bowling, run track and participate in field events at Rio Grande College. She needs about 50 Special Olympic T-Shirts for kids because the ones she has now are from eight to 20 years old. She is checking on a price.

Special Olympics Athletes (other than pioneer school)

Mr. Chris Hiles coordinates Special Olympics in Ross County for kids and adults graduates of Pioneer School and kids in public schools. Mr. Hiles is assisted by Bob Malone who also serves as coach. They sponsor Special Olympics Athletes but are unable to go to Columbus this year because they just bought new basketball uniforms. They plan to go in 2017 for the June event. Mr. Hiles indicated the cost is something close to \$3,000. These two men also have been invited to the June 7th meeting to talk to the Brethren while they break bread.

In Memory

As we just observed Memorial Day 2016, we would to remember those of our Brethren who have laid down the working tools of life and gathered with those Masonic Brethren who have preceded them. We remember our Masonic Widows at this time as well.



David Howard Acton	05/22/2015
Marvin Julius Beach	01/20/2016
Thomas Harold Boggs	05/12/2016
Larry Allen Eyre	08/09/2015
Donald Eugene Herron	04/20/2016
Charles Richard Lones	05/10/2015
Kenneth Edward Magill	02/01/2016
Everett Lunda Montgomery	01/29/2016
Steven Lynn Morgan	05/11/2015
David Edgar Sparks	05/12/2015
Rufus Marvin Turner	12/26/2015
Richard Stephen Walsh	04/13/2016

Masonic Charity to occur in the American Civil War

One of the first acts of Masonic Charity to occur in the American Civil War occurred at the First Battle of Manassas or Bull Run on July 21st, 1861. This act was reported in the Boston Masonic Monthly which started publishing in November, 1863, and was edited by Edward L. Mitchell.

Colonel W.H. Raynor of the 1st Ohio left his command and in the company of two sergeants went to fetch water at a nearby creek. Suddenly, as they neared the stream, they heard the yell that eventually became known as the Rebel Yell and the thundering hoofs of hundreds of horses. Colonel Raynor instinctively raised his pistol just as a buckshot from a pistol hit the instep of his foot and numbed it. Finding a large tree nearby he dropped upon his knees behind it and watched the battle rage around him. A horseman fired his pistol at Raynor and missed and then as he passed by struck Raynor with his sabre. Lights flashed through Raynor's brain and he fell to the ground senseless looking almost dead. After a period of time Raynor, slightly becoming conscious, realized that someone was tugging at his clothes. Bewildered he leaned upon one elbow and realized that a Rebel soldier was stripping the dead. He had already taken Raynor's pistol, sword, canteen, and cap and was trying to take his coat. The robber, being startled at the resurrection of the man he was trying to rob, jumped on his horse and rode off.

Later coming completely to his senses, Raynor realized he was surrounded by the Confederate cavalry. Two cavalymen seeing him standing there grabbed him between their horses and dragged him off a considerable distance. Finally one lifted him and placed him in front of him on his horse. They rode till they came to a group of Rebel wounded. There he was placed upon the ground and a group gathered around him cursing him and calling him names. Being weak from the loss of blood and in considerable pain, he just laid back and ignored them. His being quiet caused even more of a commotion to the point that one angry wounded Confederate fired his pistol at Raynor but missed. Then the Southerners argued over this cowardly act. By this time, Raynor had almost wished that the ball had pierced his brain. Raynor was soon lifted behind a Rebel cavalryman and carried to the junction about four miles away. Here fresh Confederate troops were unloading and heading to the battle. Raynor was again met by verbal abuse. It was now early evening and the Southern wounded from the front were being treated at the junction in a stable. Raynor was taken first to a surgeon who refused to treat him because he was a Yankee and who said that he had enough others to take care of from his own army. Finally another more compassionate surgeon was found and his wounds were taken care of. He was made as comfortable as possible. His guard, J.H. Lemon of Radford's Cavalry truly acted the part of the good Samaritan. Lemon somewhere found some ice and put it on the pounding head of Raynor and inquired if Raynor needed any money.

In response to Raynor's expressions of gratitude, pointing to the Masonic pin on Raynor's shirt, Lemon replied, "I can only hope to get the same treatment from your men if I ever fall into their hands. If you will relieve the distresses of a suffering Brother Mason when in your power, I shall be well paid." Lemon then mounted his horse and rode away. The next morning Raynor was removed to a barn that contained 20 other Union officers, and he learned the full extent of the Confederate victory.

An example from a unit which also belongs to our famed Iron Brigade of which we belong. Colonel Henry A. Morrow commanded the 24th Michigan of the 1st Brigade (Iron Brigade) of the 1st Corps. Wounded during the fighting on the first day at Gettysburg, he was captured by the Confederates. As the Confederates prepared to retreat after the disastrous Pickett's Charge, a Confederate (also a Mason) surgeon decided that Morrow's scalp wound was "too serious" for him to be taken along as a prisoner. He also figured that he would get better care in the North. The surgeon probably saved his life due to the hardships of prison life. Another example: L.J. Williams of Harvard, New York, enlisted in the 114th New York Volunteers at the beginning of the Civil War. He received the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees in Downsville Lodge No. 464 prior to his leaving home.

Later during the war he was captured and imprisoned near Savannah, Georgia. While in the prison, he communicated with his friends in the North. His lodge in New York through the proper officials got in touch with Zerubbabel Lodge in Savannah and stated that they would consider it a favor if the lodge in Savannah would confer the Third Degree on the Fellowcraft Brother Williams. One night Brother Williams was taken from the prison and conducted to the lodge room in Savannah. He only had his blue tattered uniform to wear, a token of his sympathy with the cause he believed in. The officers of the lodge were all in Confederate gray. Although on opposite sides in the struggle going on the battlefields of the South, they were all Brethren. He was then and there raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and acclaimed a full Brother and friend to those who wore the gray. (Continued page 8)

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Later that night Brother Williams escaped. When asked about his escape he would "smile peculiarly. You might put it down as an escape, but it wasn't an escape strictly speaking. They put me in a boat and carried me off some distance. Then they deposited me on neutral soil between the lines." From there Williams was able to find his friends. Williams never knew who exactly helped him escape. He considered it as their secret and it was never disclosed. Williams stated: "I know exactly to whom I may attribute my escape, His name is Hiram." An example of how a lodge was saved: After 4 years of war, the weary and almost defeated Confederate Army was retreating and leaving the Confederate capital of Richmond to its own fate. As the army retreated, fires broke out in all sections of the city. Hoodlums, deserters, and criminals, with no law and order, began to pillage the city.

Just as the city seemed to be doomed, a Union cavalry unit swung up Franklin Street. The bearded colonel looked warily at the riff raff around him who were about to fire a building which bore a sign "Masonic Hall." Taking command of the moment, he halted his troopers and ordered that an adjutant "have all Masons wheel out of column." Almost half of his force moved out. From this group he ordered a suitable guard to protect the Masonic Temple. The column reformed and resumed its ride. Later General Godfrey Weitzel, a Mason, gave the order, after a request by the Lodge, to continue the guard. The building saved is said to have been the oldest purely Masonic building in America with records dating back to 1787, and the historic building itself was built in 1785 by Richmond Lodge 10. The Grand Lodge assembled here after its formation in Williamsburg until its move in 1869.

R.W. Houghton in a report relates a slightly different story to the saving of the lodge in Richmond, or he could be referring to a different building. Emanuel Semon reported that Major A.H. Stevens, the Provost Marshal of Richmond, raised the first Union flags over the city of Richmond and that immediately after doing so went looking for the Masonic Lodge. Brother Semon was one of the first he met there and Semon stated that he had "quartered against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers for the last 25 years." Major Stevens immediately sent Semon a guard and made sure that the officer of the guard was a Mason. He also sent a guard to Semon's home, Semon's daughter's home and to a number of other Masons' homes in the city.

A third account exists of the saving of the Masonic Hall. In the history of Lodge Francaise No. 53 A.F. & A.M. published in 1874 their Tiler, Brother Thomas Angel, was commended for saving the temple. Recognizing that his duties as Tiler not only pertained to "guarding the entrance" but also to the general protection and "covering" the lodge from all harm, Brother Angel with "commendable zeal, energy and presence of mind" took action even with the Federal troops bearing down on the city of Richmond.

After conversing with Grand Secretary Dove of the Virginia Grand Lodge, he proceeded to collect all the jewels and what clothing he could find from every lodge in the city and deposited them in the Masonic Hall on Franklin Street. Angel then proceeded to dress himself in the "time honored badge of a Mason" and took his place at the door of the Temple. The Northern troops respected the guard placed at the Temple by Major Stevens. The guard under the command of another Mason, Sergeant Gibbs, remained with Brother Angel day and night for three months. **Written by: John Howey**