



# The Trestle Board

September 2016

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## Seventh Masonic District Picnic with the Vets by William Bennett, M.S.A. Representative

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 3rd and plan to attend the Seventh Masonic District's **PICNIC with the VETS** which will be held on the grounds of the Veterans' Administration Hospital in **Building #9**. Those working and providing foods should arrive around 10:00 am.

Hosting the picnic at building 9 is a change in venue and is better for several reasons. It is closer to Building 210 and 211 where most of the vets are located and attend. Most of the wheelchair Vets are in these two buildings. The Vets in Building 35 are more mobile and can walk to the new location. The building is air conditioned which is another plus and makes for more comfort for the Vets attending.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be prepared on the south side of the building just outside the pedestrian door. Serving will be inside on the building and will feature all the same refreshments as in the past beginning at 11:00 am.. An email was sent to R.W.B Timothy D. Martin, R.W.B. Sam Sutherland, who provides hamburgers; R.W.B. Keith Johnson provides hot dogs and R.W. B. Robert K. Brown provides sliced onions and tomatoes. Scioto Lodge #6 will provide Hamburger and Hot Dog buns and hot dog sauce. The Brethren of Western Sun Lodge #91 will provide drinks,

A phone tree will be activated and sent out as a reminder to all Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District for whom I contact phone numbers on file.

An added feature is Bocce Ball on the south side of Building 9. If you are not familiar with the game just Google "**Bocce Ball**", you can find the history of the game, rules of play and other interesting facts. Michael Astley will be providing the equipment for play. Everyone is invited to try their hand at play.

I am looking forward to seeing members of all 16 Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District in attendance on **Saturday, September 3rd**.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thanks and a hearty appreciation to Timothy D. Martin, Sam Sutherland, Doug Akers and Steve Williams for providing hamburgers, Keith Johnson for providing hot dogs and Robert K. Brown for providing the tomatoes and onions for the picnic event.				1	2	3 Picnic with the Vets 11:00 am Bldg #9
4	5	6 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10 Outdoor Master Mason Fort Salem Lynchburg 10:00 am
11	12	13 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm	14 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	15 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	16	17 Seventh Masonic District Association Logan Elm Lodge #624
18	19	20 Chillicothe Council #4 Stated Assembly	21 Ladies and Widows Night 6:00 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Conclave 7:30 pm	28 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	29	30	

## A Note from District Education Officers

Worshipful Brother Larry Cornwell and Worshipful Brother Mark White, District Education Officers of the Seventh Masonic District would like to convey their appreciation to the 16 Lodge Education Officers for the work and support that you have displayed during the 2015-2016 Masonic Year. Worshipful Brother Larry Cornwell was in attendance at the Seventh Masonic District Bingo event, Sunday August 7th. He especially wanted to thank all the Lodge Education Officers for the support given to the educational programs in the Lodges. Worshipful Brother Cornwell and Worshipful Brother White felt a special thank you was warranted because of the difference the Lodge Education Officers have made in Education in the Seventh Masonic District. A special thank you is sent out to Worshipful Brother Neil A. Zizelman and Scioto Lodge #6 for receiving the Grand Master's Education award at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in October of 2015.

## Bingo Events July and August

Seventh Masonic District Bingo events are held on the first Sunday in July, August, December and January. The first two events for the 2015-2016 were in July and August. On July 3rd there were 13 Masons and their Ladies. On August 7th there were 21 Masons and Ladies. Fifty Vets were supplied with refreshments in July and 64 Vets were treated August 7th. The next two Bingo Events are Sunday, December 4, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Bingo is held in building #9 and Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District host Lodges should arrive by 1:00 pm. The caller starts the games at 1:30 pm and some refreshments are circulated at the beginning of the third game. As the Masonic Service Association Representative it gives me great pleasure to see the Ladies accompany their Masonic husbands to these events. They are very helpful in serving the refreshments and assisting in many ways too numerous to mention. Thank you....William Bennett



Guest caller Michael Astley

## Euchre Tuesday

The Chillicothe Masonic Bodies host Euchre in the 4th Floor Lounge on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Anyone interested in participating may attend, you do not have to be a member of the Masonic Fraternity, so invite a friend to come. Ladies are welcome to attend this interactive event. No refreshments are provided by the Masonic Lodge or the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies so if you wish to bring something you are welcome to do so. Please call the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 if you plan to attend.

# ***LADIES and WIDOWS NIGHT BANQUET***

Scioto Lodge #6 is hosting its annual Ladies and Widows Night Banquet, Wednesday, September 21st. This event is open to everyone in the family, all that is asked... *please* make your reservations on or before Monday, September 19th. Invite friends, potential candidates and their families to this night of celebration of the role Wives and Widows of Masonry played and continue support their Masonic husbands.

The evening will begin with a hospitality and refreshments at 6:00 pm prior to dinner being served at 6:45 pm. Held in the Moll Dining Room on the 4th Floor, the evening can only be a success if you take advantage of the opportunity to mingle with your fellow Brethren and their Ladies.

## **Seventh Masonic District Association Meeting**

***Saturday, September 17, 2016***

The Seventh Masonic District Association will be meeting at Logan Elm Lodge #624 in Kingston for the final association meeting. Inspection dates were selected at the May district meeting for the 2016-2017 Masonic Year.

Election of association officer will be held at this meeting.

Current officers are:

**Brother Jerry Bullis**....President

**W.B. Mark Allman**...2nd Vice President

**W.B. Jason Throckmorton**

Secretary/Treasurer

**District Advisor**

R.W.B. R. Joseph Shilling

**District Trustees**

- W.B. Richard Refitt
- W.B. William Stansberry
- R. W. B. Robert S. Jones



Fort Salem Earth Works

Lynchburg, Ohio

Location of the outdoor Master Mason event Saturday, September 10, 2016 10:00 am

The Fort Salem earthwork, also known as the Workman Works, was created by a group of Ohio Valley Indians (with both Adena and Hopewell cultural influence) sometime between 50 B.C. to AD 500. It is a circular enclosure about 450 feet in diameter that surrounds a conjoined mound. The larger mound of the conjoined pair was about 6 feet high and 60 feet in diameter, while the smaller one was about 4 feet high and 40 feet in diameter. The wall that surrounded the enclosure was about 3 feet high and was paralleled for much of its 700 foot plus length by an exterior ditch.

Today both mounds are about 2 feet lower and the wall is only about 1 to 2 feet high. Due to a long period of the property being used as a simple pasture, and the presence of beech trees up to 10 feet in circumference, the site has been described as one of the best preserved earthworks remaining in private ownership in America. The Ohio Historical Society nominated the site to the Historical Register of Historic Places in 1971, but no scientific excavations have taken place there.

## Scioto Lodge #6 2016 Dues

Delinquent Dues in Scioto Lodge #6 which remain unpaid at this time total 22, these Brethren may bring their membership current by calling the Office of the Secretary if they think they may have overlooked paying their dues. Calls will be made in the next couple of weeks to those whose names appear on the roster.

Please note that the 2017 dues card will be a plastic card similar to a bank/credit card. There is currently a \$1.00 fee for replacement of the paper card. That cost will raise to \$2.00 if you need to replace a lost or damaged dues card.

## 2017 Chillicothe York Rite Bodies Delinquent Dues

Fifty-nine Companions and Sir Knights are in arrears for their 2017 dues for which notices were sent to them in early June. Despite the delay in posting the notices most have responded well to the appeal for submission of dues payment.

These 59 Companions and Sir Knights will be suspended either for Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues or Non-affiliation at the end of the quarter.

Please consider sending your dues in as soon as possible.

## Veterans' Night Honors Banquet

Invitations will be mailed to the various Veterans Organizations the 22nd of August to attend the Annual Veterans' Night Honors Banquet Monday, November 7, 2016. The banquet will require reservation which must be made on or before Saturday, November 5th. If you know members of any of the following Veterans Organization please contact them with a personal invitation, Social 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:45pm.

American Legion Post #14 in Bainbridge; American Legion Post #483 in Frankfort; American Legion Post #62 53 East Main Street Chillicothe, American Legion Post #757 Cooks Hill Road Chillicothe; AmVets Club 317 East Main Street Chillicothe or Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post #108 at 115 East Main Street. It is regrettable that despite invitations being sent very few members of these organizations take advantage of the event we host. We avoid having our banquet on the actual Veterans' Day because those groups often have events planned on that day.

Worshipful Brother William Landrum is chairing the event which will be held in the Moll Dining room with entertainment in the Red Room following dinner. All Brethren are encouraged to attend this event which includes current candidates and petitioners. It is open to all family members and friends who wish to attend.

NOTE: Some assistance in dinner preparation and clean up afterward is earnestly solicited.



# Theodore Roosevelt's Masonic Birthday

On April 14, 1901 Theodore Roosevelt was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Following are some quotes from T.R. himself:

"One of the things that attracted me so greatly to Masonry that I hailed the chance of becoming a Mason, was that it really did act up to what we are, as a government and as a people, are pledged to—namely, to treat each man in the merits as a man, When Brother George Washington went into a Lodge of the fraternity he went into the one place in the United States where he stood below or above his fellows according to their official position in the Lodge. He went into that place where the idea of our government was realized, as far as it is humanly possible for mankind to realize lofty ideals. I know that you will not only understand me, but sympathize with me, when I say that, great though my pleasure is in being here as your guest in this beautiful temple, and in meeting such a body of men as that I am now addressing, I think my pleasure is even greater when going into some little lodge where I meet the plain, hardworking men—the men who work with their hands—and meet them on a footing of genuine equality, not false equality, of genuine quality conditioned upon each man being a decent man, a fair dealing man." Roosevelt said at a later date: "Masonry should make, and must make, each man who conscientiously and understandingly takes its obligations, a fine type of American citizen, because Masonry teaches him his obligations to his fellows in practical fashion".

If we could get wage earn-workers and employers in any given occupation of in any given district in a lodge together, I would guarantee the result...and I would guarantee it, because if that thing happened we would come into the lodge, all of us, each recognizing that in our government every man of us has to be his brother's keeper; not recognizing it in any spirit of foolish emotionalism, not under the impression that you can benefit your brother by some act of weak, yielding complacency that will be a curse to him (and of course to you). That is not the way to benefit him.

Masonry teaches us in this direction, and makes us care for the brethren that stumble and fall, and for the wives and little ones of those who are beaten down in the harsh battle of life. Masonry teaches and fosters in the man the qualities of self-respect and self-help—the qualities that make a man fit to stand by himself—and yet it must foster in everyone who appreciates it as it should be appreciated the beautiful and solemn ritual—it must foster in him a genuine feeling for the rights of other and for the feelings of others; and Masons who help one another help in a way that is free from that curse of help, patronizing and condescension. You take a lodge, where, a in the case of our little lodge, you see the capitalist and wage-worker, men of all classes, men of every kind of social position and wealth, and see them meeting together with the feeling for one another that should always go with Masonry; when one sees a lodge such as that, a meeting such as that, one sees how a certain small fragment of our industrial problem is being solved". "It is not possible to have the ideal that I would like to have, as I said, all of the best of all classes and creeds represented in Masonry in every district; but it is possible for each of us to go out into the world trying to apply in his dealings with his fellows the lessons of Masonry as they are taught in the lodge, and as they are applied in the brotherhood.

Such was the Roosevelt theory of Masonry enunciated only a few months after he was made a Mason. It was the theory which he held until he died. In one of his last interviews quoted in the July, 1919 McClure's Magazine he said: "I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords the opportunity for men in all walks of life to meet on common ground, where all men are equal and have one common interest". (continues on page 7)

# Contact Information Request

Every effort is under way to cut costs of the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies. Our primary resources are funds from dues collection. Postage remains a large part of those expenses and when the Secretary/Recorder can utilize email as a communication tool it represents a significant savings.

Please provide the Office of the Secretary Recorder of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies with your email address in helping to reduce overall costs of communication to the Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights.

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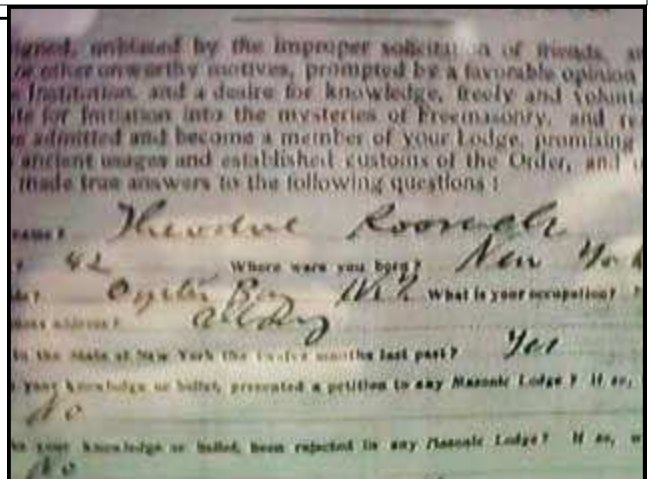
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## Roosevelt (continued)

At a stirring speech made before the Grand Lodge of New York in 1917, Roosevelt took the opportunity to advocate a large army to wipe out European tyranny. He personally wanted to lead such an army, a desire that was never realized.

James Amos, Roosevelt's butler and private valet said, "Roosevelt was not much of a joiner. But I think the only one



This is the petition that Brother T. Roosevelt completed to join his home town lodge Matinecock #806 in New York. The year is 1901. This was just weeks before President McKinley was assassinated.

he ever joined of his own volition was the Matinecock Lodge of Masons at Oyster bay. I am sure he did this largely because his gardener, Seaman, was the Master of the lodge. He used to go to the meetings occasionally. He enjoyed going there as a simple member while his own gardener sat in the seat of authority and presided and call him "Brother Roosevelt."

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## Back Page Story Headline



Master Mason Brent Thompson a Dallas Police Officer was murdered yesterday in Downtown Dallas, Texas. He was on duty protecting the lives, and Constitutional Rights, of Black Lives protesters during a lawful march demonstrating their grievances. His life was taken by a Sniper who was filled with hate who is now no longer with us.

Brother Brent was a seven year Veteran of the Dallas Rapid Area Rapid Transit Police, He left a wife and family. He was a member of Corsicana Lodge #174 in Corsicana, Texas

Brother Brent's death is a senseless tragedy. He is a hero for defending other citizens constitutional rights. He paid the supreme sacrifice to support, and defend the clause of his oath.

**Veterans' Bingo** Sunday, December 4, 2016 Building #9 1:00 pm

**Past Masters' Convocation** Saturday, December 6, 2016 Orient Lodge #321 Waverly, Ohio 8:00 am. All Worshipful Masters-Elect are required to attend this district meeting.

**Scioto Lodge #6 Christmas Social** Sunday, December 11, 2016 2:00 pm

**Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. Annual Inspection** Saturday, December 17, 2016

**Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons Annual Inspection** March 18, 2017

**Veterans' Bingo** Sunday, January 1, 2017 Building #9 1:00 pm

**Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Inspection** Friday, January 6, 2017 Dinner 6:15 pm Lodge of Entered Apprentice will open promptly at 7:00 pm