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Seventh Masonic District Grand Master's Class 2017

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Location: Scioto #6 Lodge 57 East Main St. Chillicothe, OH

Time: Registration 8:00–8:50 AM (coffee/donuts)
Degree Work will begin promptly at 9:00

Lunch: \$10.00/person

Attire: Business Suit or Sport Coat and tie, dress slacks and shoes It is the Lodge's responsibility to see their Candidates, Master Craftsman and other Brethren are informed of appropriate dress for this event. Bring aprons for participants.

Registration: Registration will be processed through the Lodge Secretary in writing (email). **Unregistered Candidates arriving the day of degree cannot be accepted**, since we cannot verify that they qualify for the degrees, nor does time permit District Deputy Grand Master investigations. Registration deadline is **March 1, 2017**. Any special considerations must be made through the appropriate District Deputy Grand Master for your Lodge. Candidates are to be listed in MORI as soon as elected to receive degrees. Be sure to include the Candidate's email address. The Grand Master is planning on sending information to Candidates who are to receive the degrees, so their information is to be entered in MORI as soon as it is definite that they are eligible to receive the degrees.

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March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30	8 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chillicothe Chapter Stated Convocation 7:30 pm	15	16 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30	17	18
19	20	21 Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons 7:30 pm	22 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	23 Ross County Shrine Club 6:00 Dinner	24	25 Grand Master's Class 8:00 am Registration 9:00 am Work
26	27	28 Chillicothe Commandery #8	29	30	31	

A story that made the rounds a few years ago as "Gospel Truth"...A Brother was on a hunting trip in the wilds of Maine. Day after day of his vacation went by without bagging a deer. On the last day, as he was about to give up in desperation, he heard a crashing in the woods and saw a glimpse of a brown and fired. Silence. Rushing over to where he fired, he found that he had killed a bull moose, which is protected from hunters to save it from extinction. As he stood there staring at the dead moose, a Game Warden stepped out into the clearing. Our Brother found his hands involuntarily raised in a certain position, "What shall we do with the body?" "Cover it, you damn fool, said the warden, and make your escape!"

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Annual Inspection 2:00 pm
2	3	4 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30	5 Chicken Noodle Dinner Prep Day	6 Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner 11:00 am 7:00 pm	7	8
9	10	11 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	12 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons 7:30 pm	19	20 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30	21	22
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The week of April 9th—16th has been declared as HOLY WEEK by ALL Grand Bodies

Fiscal Alert for Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

A published article appeared in the January—February issue of *The Trestle Board* addressing a fiscal alert for Chillicothe Commandery #8. This alert has had an overriding impact on all Chillicothe York Rite Bodies with regard to the checks and balances for Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons as well.

To explain the nature of the alert it is important to detail the issue of dues PLUS assessments levied on the various York Rite Bodies. To address this issue it is prudent to begin by setting forth the present ratio of dues allocation.

1) Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.:

Currently the Companions of this body pay Ten (\$10.00) dollars in dues. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio require fees and per capita payable to them in the amount of Eight (\$8.00) dollars. Any elementary mathematician can conclude this is a serious imbalance of dispersion of funds.

2) Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons

Similarly Companions of this Appendant Masonic Bodies has been paying Sixteen \$16.00) in dues, the Grand Council of Ohio R. & S.M. have been leveling fees and per capita in the amount of Eight (\$8.00) per member of Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons.

3) Chillicothe Commandery #8 Knight Templar

The Explanation of current Dues were discussed in the January/February and is here revisited for your review. Current dues are \$29.00 + \$1.00 for Knight Templar Eye Foundation = \$30.00 dues. This is inclusive of the current \$19.00 assessment from the Grand Commandery that Chillicothe Commandery has been absorbing since 2013. Our assets are no longer such that we can keep paying these additional costs for our members.

Committees for the three Chillicothe York Rite Bodies have been charged by the respective presiding officers to review By-laws which govern the dues structure for each. Below are the results of these committees and their recommendations. Action will be taken to adopt these changes which are here presented pursuant to the Codes of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, Grand Council of Ohio R. & S.M. and Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Ohio.

These are the By-Law changes presented at the Stated Convocation of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Stated Assembly of Chillicothe Council #4 and the Stated Conclave of Chillicothe Commandery #8. Voting on these recommended changes will occur in the March Stated meetings of each of these organizations.

1. Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.

Section 7: The annual dues shall be ten (\$10.00) payable on or before the first day of June. If such dues are not paid or before June 30, notice shall be given at one by mail to each member who has not paid his dues. Failure to receive notice shall not excuse the non-payment of dues (Section 110.03 of Code may not be less than \$5.00 Section 110.02 of Code).

Fiscal Alert for Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. (Continued)

Change Shall Read:

Section 7: The annual dues shall be ten (\$10.00) plus any annual assessment from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio payable on or before the first day of June. If such dues are not paid or before June 30, notice shall be given at one by mail to each member who has not paid his dues. Failure to receive notice shall not excuse the non-payment of dues (Section 110.03 of Code may not be less than \$5.00 Section 110.02 of Code).

2. Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons

Currently Reads:

Section 4: The annual dues to be paid by each member of this council shall be Sixteen (\$16.00), due and payable *in advance* at the first Stated Assembly in June of each year. No notice of the time of payment other than this By-Law shall be required. (Rev 02.15.05)

Change Shall Read:

Section 4: The annual dues to be paid by each member of this council shall be Sixteen (\$16.00), plus any annual assessment of the Grand Council of Ohio R. & S.M., due and payable *in advance* at the first Stated Assembly in June of each year. No notice of the time of payment other than this By-Law shall be required.

3. Chillicothe Commandery #8 Knight Templar of Ohio

Currently Reads:

Article 4. Dues : The annual dues of each member shall be \$29.00 dollars, plus (\$1.00) one dollar for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (except those who are Life Sponsors, Patrons or Associate Patrons) and shall be payable on or before May 31st of each year.

Therefore a By-Laws change is necessary to keep Chillicothe Commandery intact. Our previous dues were \$24.00 prior to the last increase when the assessment was \$5.00. We are now reverting dues back to the amount of \$24.00 but each member will now be responsible for any assessments the Grand Commandery applies to each of our members. Currently this assessment is \$20.00 (\$19.00 plus \$1.00 for Knight Templar Eye Foundation). This proposal change will make 2017 dues \$44.00 per member if no changes are made to the assessment amount by the Grand Commandery.

Change Shall Read:

Article 4. Dues : The annual dues of each member of Chillicothe Commandery No. 8 K.T. shall be \$24.00 dollars, plus any annual assessments from The Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Chillicothe Masonic Bodies—We Remember

Companion Jack Ferguson

A Companion and Sir Knight of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies passed away January 16, 2017

Ernest Eugene "Gene" Day

A member of Scioto Lodge #6 and the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. Brother Gene served as Worshipful Master in the 1991-1992 Masonic Year. He was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe February 7, 2017.

Masonic Temple Association

The management of the Chillicothe Masonic Temple falls in the jurisdiction of the Masonic Temple Association. Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash is presently serving the board as President. He submitted the following list of items that constitute just some of the updates that have been made to the building to ensure it is preserved in good order for years to come.

- New carpeting for Susie's gifts to help us in renting the space to a tenant.
- Renovations to the 3rd floor men's room
- Renovations to the 4th floor ladies and men's restrooms.
- Numerous upgrades to apartments on 2nd floor which has helped to keep them rented.
- New roof installed – Thanks to Plan of Action and Milestone Committee donation of Moll Estate interest. This project was funded by this committee and cost \$40,500.00
- Ceiling and border repair in the Lobby and the Moll Dining Room due to plumbing and roof leaks
- New 10 burner cook stove and exhaust hood vent installing according to current code
- New ice machine
- Keyless entry installed in the elevator which allows access into building for members
- Security camera system—Blue Lodge paid for this item
- In the infancy of the electrical upgrade for the entire building
- Ongoing Elevator and boiler repairs and maintenance to maintain them in proper working order
- Scioto Lodge #6 underwrote the refurbishing of the Pool Table on the fourth floor at a cost of \$2,500; also many of the cues need replaced due to age and warped condition.

Note from the Worshipful Master

To the Brethren, Companion and Sir Knight:

I would like to comment that our communications are critical to the fraternity. The last **Trestle Board (January/February)** went out was very well done! Our Brethren deserve to know what is transpiring. We have a balancing act in keeping our member notices [phone tree] short enough to maintain a member's focus and providing him all the information they should have.

[It is with] regret [the fiscal alert status for the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies] [and that] finances force us to cut back on the [publication of the] **Trestle Board** [but consider using] shorter bursts of information [email and phone tree] more [frequently] may be more effective. We could accomplish that and cut expenses if we send the **Trestle Board** electronically. I would propose that we try this with the next issue and include an explanation of our efforts to reduce cost and increase quality with more information and color photos. Hopefully, we could print in house for those with no email. I will be glad to help to set up a mass file list or in any way necessary. Worshipful Brother William Bennett, I appreciate all you do and hope that while this may add to your tasks in the short term, it may make them easier over all.

Michael L. Hines, Worshipful Master

Editor's Note:

The problem with sending the **Trestle Board** electronically or by email is that attachments to emails may be difficult to open because the newsletter is drafted in Microsoft Publisher and may not be accessible for many users if they do not have the software in which to open it. Printing in house may not be cost effective due to the volume of units printed by Printex who prints 800 copies on 11 x 17, which our printer will not accommodate. The use of color to print pictures is very expensive versus black and white printing even with Printex doing the work. Additionally the cost of ink cartridges would not be cost effective. These are my views on the topic of printing alternatives.

Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

Delinquent Dues and Second Notices

Emails were sent to all Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 for whom we have contact information with a Courtesy Reminder regarding their delinquent dues. Despite sending second notices by first class or email reminders there remains **33** Brethren whose dues remain unpaid. Brethren, if you do not have one of the **PLASTIC DUES CARDS** you have not paid your 2017 dues. Please take a moment and send your dues to the Office of the Secretary at 57 East Main Street Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

Similarly, delinquent dues for members of Chillicothe York Rite Bodies are at modest levels across the board Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. has **21** Companions in arrears. Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons has **32** Companions, and Chillicothe Commandery #8 has **32** Sir Knights. Second notices were sent to these members on February 20, 2016 in specially marked envelopes to alert them of their dues status.

**Thank you William Bennett, Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies
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Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

Mark your calendars for ***Thursday, April 6th*** to attend the Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner which funds the Special Olympics Summer Games in Columbus, Ohio. This Masonic charity event is being chaired by Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr. and requires a lot of manpower. Masonic Ladies are most welcome to participate in the event which is held at the Ross County Shrine Club Pavilion at 500 Belleview Avenue. Brother Neil Smith and his Lady Debbie have long assisted in the sale of desserts which by the way we need volunteers to provide any baked goods for sale. Desserts makes a great treat after an excellent dinner on the hill.

You may sign up at all stated meeting of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies or may register to volunteer by calling the Office of Secretary at 740-774-3485 or email at cmb@chillicothemasons.org. Proceeds are use 100% of the net proceeds go to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio Special Olympics Project.

A Mason was telling a fellow Mason about the trouble he was having with his ritual. His friend said he knew a Brother down the road who sells parrots that know the ritual and then prompt you when you have any trouble. So the next day off he went to the shop. After strict examination, the owner pulled a curtain to reveal three parrots. The first was wearing a Master's apron, the second had on a MM apron, and the third wore a Grand Lodge apron.

"How much is the one with the Master's apron on?" "\$6000. He knows all the ritual including the inner workings, and will always prompt you when you get stuck" "No, too expensive".

What about the one with the MM apron on?" "Well, that one is only \$3,000. He doesn't know the inner workings, but knows all the ritual and will always prompt you when learning." "No, still too much I'm afraid.

What about the one wearing the Grand Lodge apron?" "Oh, I can let you have him for just \$10 bucks!" "Why so cheap? He must know all the ritual and the inner workings?"

"Oh yes, he knows all the ritual alright. But when you make a mistake all he does is sit there and mutter 'Tut, tut, tut!'"