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Scioto Lodge #6 Hosting Annual Top Scholars Banquet

May—June 2017

Top Scholars from Ross County Schools have been invited to share an evening at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple as the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge host its 28th annual Top Scholars Banquet honoring top scholars.

Worshipful Brother Dan Riddle a member of Scioto Lodge #6 and chairman of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee held a meeting Tuesday, April 28th. The committee had twenty-five applications for review and consideration. From this group the committee was charged with singling out three scholars.

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Worshipful Brother William Landrum, Worshipful Brother Dan Riddle, Brother Todd Bost, the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines and Senior Warden Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr.

All Top Scholars will receive a gift the evening of the banquet to recognize their excellence in achievement as they now take another step in their pursuit of higher education.

A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with a dinner to follow at 6:30 pm. Deadline for making reservations is Friday, May 6, 2017. All Brethren are welcome to invite their ladies and family.

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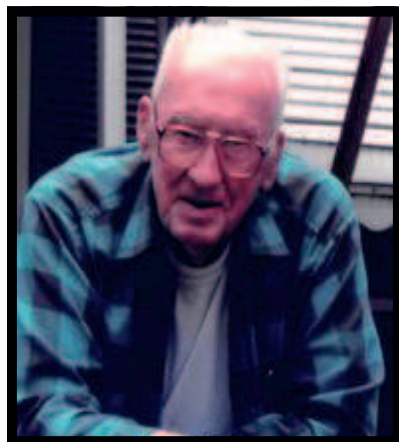
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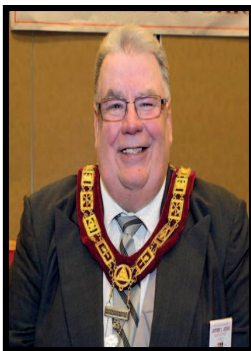
Brother Harry J. Oyer 92, of Chillicothe, passed away at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born March 8, 1925, in Chillicothe. On September 6, 1947 he married the former Nellie J. Snyder who survives.

Harry served in the United States Navy during World War II. He retired from the Mead Corporation. Harry was a member of the First Church of God, U.P.I.U. Local 731, VFW Post 108, Scioto Lodge #6 F&AM, Chillicothe York Rite Bodies, Aladdin Temple Shrine of Columbus, the Ross County Shrine Club and OES Chapter 419. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 62. Harry was a proud member of the Ross County Gideon's for over 30 years.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm Annual	10 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	11	12	13 Grand High Priest Reception Chillicothe Masonic
14	15	16 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	17	18 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	19	20
21	22	23 Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm Annual	24 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	25 Ross County Shrine Club	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Fifth Capitular District Grand High Priest Reception



Most Excellent Companion Jeffrey L. Addis, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio will be the guest of honor Saturday May 13, 2017 at a 6:00 pm reception at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. Right Excellent Companion R. Joseph Shilling, District Deputy Grand High Priest urges all Companions to mark their calendar. Right Excellent Companion Shilling indicated the format for the event will be "low key". The event will be run by the District President Doug Adkins but foresees it will go like this.. Opening prayer and pledge, presentation of District awards, (e.g. traveling and attendance at inspections), introductions of guests and dignitaries and finally the GHP and his words of encouragement. I also figure there will be somewhere between 30 and 50 people. I realize that it is hard to plan a meal on that information. I'm assuming that we will be in the Moll Dining room for the event but that should be Doug's call. If anyone has any questions they may contact Right Excellent Companion Shilling

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1		2 Fish/ Tenderloin Fry 11:00—7:00 Yoctangee Lions Shelter	3
4 Ohio Masonic Home Day	5	6 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10
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Remember When? Brother Kenny Graves at the 2006 Fish Fry coping a piece of fish. The 2017 Fish/Tenderloin Fry will be held at the Lions Shelter in Yoctangee Park Friday, June 6, 2017 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Brother Kyle W. Henderson, Junior Warden will be the event chairman. He is seeking LOTS of assistance from willing Brethren who can devote time to the project. This is the fund raiser for the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund for 2018. Sign up at the registration desk in the lodge anti-room at any stated meeting or call the Office of the Secretary 740-774-3485 to reserved a time.



Seventh Masonic District Cook-out by Charles C. Shanks

June 24, 2017 (Saturday)

300th Anniversary Celebration and completion of 2017 Grand Master's Class. Seventh District Event will be held at the Ross County Shrine Club 500 Belleview Avenue Chillicothe, Ohio. The festivities will begin at 4:00 PM. This is going to be a cookout type event. Dress is business casual.

Please: No shorts, tank tops and so forth. While this is casual, a certain degree of "appropriate" attire for Masons is expected. It is each Lodge's responsibility to contact each of their GM Candidates and Mentors/Attendees and inform them of the event date, time, location, cost and attire.

Cost is \$8.00 per person and reservations are required (to ensure sufficient food and drinks are supplied). **Candidates who completed the Grand Master's Class in March are expected to attend this function as part of the requirements for the getting their Master Mason Degree.**

These men are not official Master Masons until after June 24 and have attended a Lodge meeting between receiving the degrees on March 25 and June 24, 2017. Candidate's Master Craftsman is encouraged to accompany the new Master Mason to the 300th Celebration in Chillicothe. Candidates and/or Master Craftsmen may bring a guest with them on June 24 if they wish. This will not be a tiled meeting. All Masons are welcome.

Each Lodge is to bring one check made out to the *Seventh Masonic District* covering everyone registered from your Lodge to cover the meal expenses. Registration deadline is Saturday, June 17, 2017.

We will need the names of all Candidates who attended the GM Class, in addition to verification if they have or have not attended a Lodge meeting between March 25 and June 24, 2017. The candidates must meet this requirement to be updated in MORI as completing all requirements for degree completion.

A reminder that Candidates are not be contacted by any other Masonic body for membership until after June 24 as per the Grand Master's edict. To do so may be considered a Masonic offense, so take care to observe proper procedures.

Reservations and Payment Form for Picnic

Name _____

(Please Print)

Grand Master Class Candidate _____ Mentor _____ Other _____

(check one of the classifications above)

Enclosed your check in the amount of \$8.00 payable to Scioto Lodge #6.

Please note on the memo line "District Picnic" All Brethren who are going to be attending must pay in advance to the Office of the Secretary.

William Bennett, Secretary

Scioto Lodge #6 Happenings— 50, 60, 65 & 70 Year Awards



Scioto Lodge Senior Awards Presentations

Photos top row left to right: Brother Lewis Coppel **70 Year**, James Edward Zickafoos **70 Year**, James Edward Hinkle, **65 Year**, **60 Year** Harold W. Bradbury.

Left Photo: **60 Year** Keith Edward Duffy

Right Photo: **50 Year** David Maxwell Lyons



Chillicothe Commandery #8 Fifty Year Service Awards



Eminent Commander—Sir Knight Roger Ray Jones presented fifty year service award certificates to four Sir Knights.

1. Sir Knight Robert E. Butchers was Knighted February 22, 1967
2. Sir Knight Lewis Chester received his Knighthood January 31, 1967
3. Sir Knight Ralph Arthur White was Knight May 8, 1967
4. Sir Knight Thomas Lloyd DePugh was Knighted May 15, 1967



2017 Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Awards

Award recipients for 2017 were selected at the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee composed of Worshipful Brother Dan Riddle; Worshipful Brother William Landrum; Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash; Brother Todd Bost, Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines, Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6 and Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr., Senior Warden. The committee met on Tuesday, April 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Recipients are:



Mr. Tanner Kunz who, originally wanted to study to become an engineer, who would be, as he put it, "making a lot of money," but his involvement with his church caused his goals to shift.

Now his mind is set on becoming a pastor of a Christian Church.

"I had to plan a new goal on the thought that at the end of life, the amount of money in my bank account will not matter as much as the number of people I was able to serve throughout my life on earth," he wrote in a brief biography submitted with his scholarship application.

Tanner is graduating from Zane Trace High School as one of the school's valedictorians. He was an honor student throughout his high school days and excelled in wrestling, football and track as well.

Here's what his guidance counselor, Ty Wertman, says about him:

"In addition to excelling in the academic areas, Tanner also has been involved in extracurricular activities that have helped him develop leadership skills.

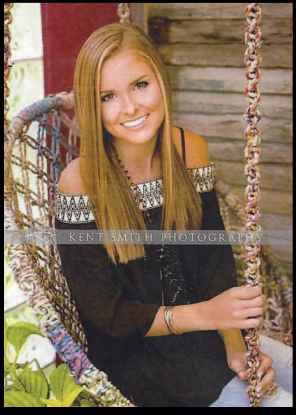
"Tanner is the president of his senior class and the captain of the Zane Trace branch of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a member of the National Honor Society and an exceptional student athlete," said Wertman.

Tanner served as captain of the football and wrestling teams in his senior year and placed in fifth in the State Wrestling Tournament this year.

He has been accepted at Cedarville University where he plans to work toward an advanced bachelor's degree in biblical studies, then a master's of divinity.

"This education will equip me for the office of pastor," he says. Tanner attends Chillicothe Baptist Church.

Some few years back, just after the introduction of Random Breath Testing, the Police officers of a small country township had to show the community that the RBT was working. They decided to stake out the local Masonic Hall, then as the night wore on, eventually a mason slowly came down the stairs and got into his car. The moment he started the engine the two officers approached him and asked him to "blow into the bag". He did of course but to the amazement of the officers proved negative. Fearing a faulty bag tried again, with the same results. Sure of a possible conviction they then escorted him to the Police station to do a blood test, with it also proving negative. Being upset with this they then asked him what had gone on and what he had done that evening, to which he answered, "The Grand Master was there, the Grand Secretary was there, the Grand Stewards were there and we all had a great time, as to my job I was the Grand Decoy".



Kali Mitten is listed as the top scholar (valedictorian) of the 2017 Southeastern High School graduating class and she has her sights set on becoming a civil engineer with an eye toward improving our local transportation systems.

She will be following his father's footsteps. He is Chad Mitten, a civil engineer with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Kali says she wants to take a job locally so she can stay close to her family.

She has already been accepted at the Russ College of Engineering & Technology at Ohio University in Athens.

"As a woman in this career field, I know I will face extra challenges since women often are not treated with the same amount of respect as their men colleagues," she writes in her mini-biography.

"I want to prove to others, and to myself, that I am capable of accomplishing anything I set my mind to."

She gets a vote of confidence from her high school principal, Leonard Steyer: "Kali has excellent leadership skills and her abilities and potential appear to be unlimited."

She has participated in many clubs and organizations during high school. These include the National Honor Society, student council, Spanish Club, Key Club and the Drug-Free Clubs of America.

Kali also excelled in varsity basketball and soccer.



Mr. Seth McDonald is an honor student graduate of Logan Elm High School who wants to become a teacher and coach and has already been taking college courses toward that end.

"I want to serve the youth of south central Ohio," he said in his biography.

"It is my dream to become a junior high math teacher and coach. I want to coach baseball for Scioto Valley teams at Mary Lou Patton Park where I played baseball throughout childhood. It is my goal to serve our community's kids."

Seth already has been accepted at Ohio Christian College in Circleville.

"Here's what Michael R. Burchett, an assistant professor at Ohio Christian says about Seth: "Though in high school, he has been in my Educational Technology Course and four history courses at Ohio Christian University. He has maintained an excellent average in each of them.

"Additionally, he is a member of the National Honor Society, was selected Golf-Academic All-Ohio and was on the dean's list at Ohio Christian for the fall semester."

He has served his church by helping with Vacation Bible School, making kits for the homeless. He also has volunteered with community organizations like United Way, YMCA, and Toys for Tots.

Seth is the grandson of Everett Sheets, a past master of Scioto Lodge #6

"People tell me I am just like him...and that makes me very proud. He is the kind of man I want to be."

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July—August—September Events

JULY

- Sunday, July 2nd Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event building #9 1:00 pm
- Sunday, July 10th Super Excellent Master Solomon Council #79 Portsmouth, Ohio refreshments 6:00 pm. Degree Work at 7:00 pm. Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons must have at least 7 Companions in attendance at the event.
- Thursday, July 20th Deputy Grand Master's Roll Out Program 7—9 pm Chillicothe Masonic Temple

AUGUST

- Sunday, August 6th Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event Building #9 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 8th Ross County Junior Fair Night in the Grandstand. Lodge representatives need to be present at 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday, September 2nd **"Picnic with the Vets"** at the Shelter in front of Building #35
- Saturday, September 16th District Meeting Highland 38 Lodge Hillsboro breakfast 8:00 AM meeting to follow

Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling,

As a follow-up, will you please confirm that this location and date is secured for my Roll-out Program? Light refreshments would be nice.

Thursday July 20 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Scioto Lodge No. 6 - 57 E. Main St., Chillicothe, OH 45601

Thanks,
Rick Schau
Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Ohio