

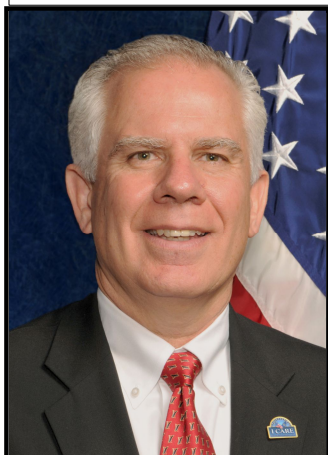


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VA Executive to Address Veterans' Banquet



Guest Speaker for the evening is Mr. Mark Murdock was appointed the Medical Center Director at the Chillicothe, Ohio, VA Medical Center (VAMC) on September 4, 2017. Mr. Murdock served as the Acting Director for the Chillicothe VAMC since January 2, 2017. Prior to that, Mr. Murdock served as the Associate Director of the Dayton, Ohio, VAMC since March 10, 2013. From August 1, 2011 to July 9, 2012, Mr. Murdock served as Acting Associate Director of the Dayton VAMC. Mr. Murdock was appointed the Assistant Director of the Dayton VAMC on September 26, 2010.

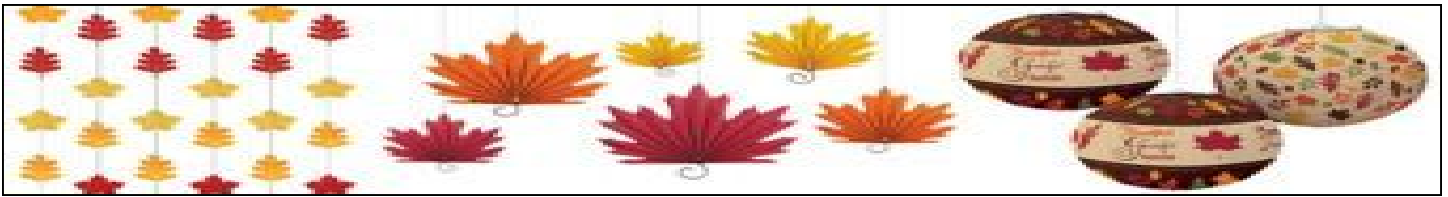
His VA career has included assignments as Health System Specialist, Surgical Service at the Dayton VAMC; and as the Program Manager, VISN 10/11 Tele-Nurse Triage Program, Dayton, OH. Before coming to the VA, following retirement from active duty, he worked for private sector companies and government contractors in the healthcare industry. Mr. Murdock retired as a Medical Service Corp (MSC) Officer from the United States Air Force in 1999. During his Air Force career, Mr. Murdock was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton OH, Charleston AFB, SC, Misawa AB, Japan, and Aviano AB, Italy. Mr. Murdock is board certified in healthcare administration by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in which he holds membership as a Fellow (FACHE), and is a member of the Greater Ohio Healthcare Leaders Forum (GOHLF). Mr. Murdock is also a graduate of the 2012 VHA Healthcare Leadership Institute (HCLI).

Mr. Murdock is a native of Sackets Harbor, New York. He is a graduate of Park University with a B.S. in Healthcare Management and holds a Master's Degree in Health Service Administration from Xavier University, Ohio. Mr. Murdock and his wife, Stephanie, have four daughters.



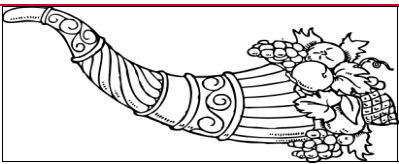
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November 2017



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		Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm\ Annual Election	Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star		Veterans' Night Honors Banquet 6:00 pm	Veteran's Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Open Installation Of Officers 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm		Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm Past Master's Night			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
		Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm		<i>Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone</i>			
26	27	28	29				
		Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm					

Historic Note: Abraham Lincoln in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.



December 2017

					1	2 Past Master Convocation Orient Lodge #321
3	4	5 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9 Chapter and Council Inspection See Below
10 Scioto Lodge Christmas Social 2:00 pm	11	12 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Mtg.	13 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of	14	15	16
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Annual Inspections for Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons will begin at 10:30 am for Chapter and 1:00 pm for Council. A lunch will be served between the two inspections.

Chillicothe Commandery #8 Christmas Observance and Social will be held Sunday, December 17th at 2:00 pm. Ladies and Families are invited to attend the social. Business casual attire is suggested,



Veteran's Day



At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compi gne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.

In 1915, the Allies attempted to break the stalemate with an amphibious invasion of Turkey, which had joined the Central Powers in October 1914, but after heavy bloodshed the Allies were forced to retreat in early 1916. The year 1916 saw great offensives by Germany and Britain along the western front, but neither side accomplished a decisive victory. In the east, Germany was more successful, and the disorganized Russian army suffered terrible losses, spurring the outbreak of the Russian Revolution in 1917. By the end of 1917, the Bolsheviks had seized power in Russia and immediately set about negotiating peace with Germany. In 1918, the infusion of American troops and resources into the western front finally tipped the scale in the Allies' favor. Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies on November 11, 1918.

World War I was known as the "war to end all wars" because of the great slaughter and destruction it caused. Unfortunately, the peace treaty that officially ended the conflict—the Treaty of Versailles of 1919—forced punitive terms on Germany that destabilized Europe and laid the groundwork for World War II. On October 8th, 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation.



Ralph Arthur White presented 60 Year Certificate and Lapel pin by Roger Ray Jones Past Eminent Commander



Companion and Sir Knight Richard A. Evans, recipient of 60 Year Certificate and Lapel Pin, Companions Ryan W. Adams, R. Joseph Shilling, Roger Ray Jones and Howard E. Leach



Sir Knight Evans, his Lady and Sir Knights Robert S. Jones and Howard E. Leach



Annual Meeting of Scioto Lodge #6

As Scioto Lodge #6 approaches its annual meeting, Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and the election of officers for the 2017-2018 Masonic Year, there remains four Brethren whose 2017 dues remain unpaid.

Delinquent Brethren have been notified of their status of being suspended for non-payment of dues. They must therefore petition the Lodge for reinstatement before they are eligible to cast a vote in the election process on November 7, 2017.

It is indeed regrettable that such action is necessary but to remit their dues in lieu of suspension the lodge must pay per capita on these non-affiliated Brethren. The Grand Lodge has limited our ability to recover dues in arrears.

To bring your fraternal ties up to date you may all the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 to make arrangements.

Veterans' Night Honors Banquet



The Veterans' Night Honors Banquet will be held Friday, November 10, 2017 with a social at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Plans are being finalized for this event with reservation due not later than Tuesday, November 7, 2017. A sign up sheet is available on the registration table for those attending meetings.

Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines requests the honor of hosting all Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6, their Ladies and families and our Masonic Widows for this event. The Veterans' Night Honors Banquet is intended to bring focus to the Masonic Veterans' of Scioto Lodge #6, the branch of the Military in which they served and the years they served.

Greetings,

Thank you for inviting me to the Chillicothe Masonic Temple to speak at your Ladies and Widows Night Banquet about "**Keys to Success**". It is my hope the presentation about the program helped create awareness and was informative. We are very passionate about the program at Chillicothe High School and how it is needed in our schools. I would like to have the Masonic Fraternity's involvement in some way. I have even thought about a Masonic scholarship at the end of the year to present to one of our "**Keys to Success**" Students. I would enjoy the opportunity to perhaps come to one of your board meetings to discuss possibilities. Thank you again for having me join your gathering

Best Regards, *Debbie Bettendorf*





Scioto Lodge #6 Christmas Social

Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr. is looking forward to hosting the Brethren, their Ladies and families for a ***Christmas Social Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 pm.***

There will be a visit from Santa who will distribute gifts to all the children along with a special holiday treat. Gifts are to be provided by the family, be sure to have your child's name clearly marked and prominently displayed on the gift.

Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines and Brother Ramsey are jointly coordinating this effort. Brethren are encouraged to invite friends to the afternoon event. Refreshments will be mostly light finger food, but forks will be provided for the less venturesome guests.

Plan now to attend reservation deadline is Friday, December 7, 2017

Chillicothe Commandery #8 Christmas Observance



Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17, 2017. Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Howard E. Leach will receive all Sir Knights and their families in the Asylum for the Annual Chillicothe Commandery #8 Christmas Observance. This is the first time in recent history the Observance will be held on Sunday.

The celebration of the Christmas Holiday will also be observed in the Moll Dining Room. Refreshments will be served.

The traditional Christmas Observance will be held in the Asylum where the Christmas Toasts are read, any guests who would like to participate may,

Make your reservations to attend by Thursday, December 14, 2017



2017 Annual Ladies and Widows Night Banquet September 15th featured The Chillicothe String Ensemble entertaining the Brethren their ladies and families. Our honored guests included Widows of our departed Brethren—Ruth Black, Donna Sparks, Eileen Hatfield, Betty Alexander, Shelby Case, Jody Augustine, Linda Hardin, and Lida Meadows. More than 50 Brethren and their ladies were in attendance at the annual event.



30 Years Ago



November 3, 1987 the Annual Election of officers was conducted for Scioto Lodge #6. The installation of officers was held November 21, 1987.

Pictured from left to right are the officers-elect for the 1987-1988 Masonic Year. Michael Oney, Everett G. Sheets, John W. Peters, William Bennett, Worshipful Master; Harold Miller, Tyler; Ted Jones, Junior Warden; William Landrum, Treasurer and Kenneth Endlich, Chaplain. Not pictured was Brother Harley Thomas, Senior Warden.

Worshipful Brother Harley E. Thomas served as Worshipful Master in 1988-1989; Worshipful Brother John W.

Peters became Worshipful Master, serving in 1989-1990; Worshipful Brother Everett G. Sheet in 1990-1991; Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum became Worshipful Master serving in 1993-1994, then again in 1998-1999; Worshipful Brother Kenneth was Worshipful Master in 1958-1959 and served as chaplain for many years thereafter. Brother Michael Oney and Brother Ted Jones assumed work transfers and never served as Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6.

2017 Election of Officers and Open Installation

Senior Warden, Brother Harold C. Ramsey Jr. has indicated he would serve Scioto Lodge #6 as Worshipful Master if elected at the Stated Meeting November 7, 2017. The officers-elect will serve the Lodge for the 2017-2018 Masonic year. Brother Ramsey was elected to receive the several degrees of Masonry on April 19, 2012. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on May 1, 2012, Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree November 15, 2012 and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason January 5, 2013. Brother Ramsey was elected Junior Deacon November 2013 and advanced through the chairs to his present office of Senior Warden.

If elected as Worshipful Master, Brother Ramsey has indicated he would have an open installation Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.



Harold C. Ramsey Jr.

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George Washington Masonic National Memorial



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is located in Alexandria, Virginia. It is rated as a must see by Masonic Brethren and is worth the time to take this seven story memorial tour when you visit the capitol



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial offers guided tours that provide an opportunity to learn about the history of Freemasons and about George Washington, to whom the memorial is dedicated. Tours visit all seven floors of the building. You can't ignore the grand exterior of the building, which is fashioned after the light house of Alexandria, one of the wonders of the ancient world. The 17 foot tall statue of Washington attired in his Masonic regalia.

The museum is dedicated to Masonic history containing artifacts belonging to Freemasons of note throughout U.S. history, including a field trunk belonging to George Washington himself. The distinctive, unusually proportioned, building is a major feature of the City of Alexandria. It towers over Old Town, the memorial is visible from all directions.

