



The Trestle Board

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Remember your Masonic Lady in all that she does to make your Masonic Journey.

Remember behind every successful man there is support team.

Remember Valentines Day February 14th

Grand Master's Reception



Waverly Grace United Methodist Church in Waverly, Ohio is the site of the 2018 Grand Master's Reception for the Seventh Masonic District welcoming **Most Worshipful Brother Rick Schau**. The reception will be Friday, February 2, 2018. Masonic Brethren will gather at 6:00 pm for the social and dinner. Any Mason may attend; All Masonic Ladies are also welcome and are encouraged to attend this district event, Masonic Widows are especially invited.

The church is located at 104 South High Street in Waverly, Ohio

Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 planning to attend must pay the \$15.00 dinner charge at the Office of the Secretary, preferably no later than January 15, 2018.

Most Worshipful Brother Rick Schau, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	3	4	5 Annual Inspection Scioto Lodge Dinner 6:15 pm Work 7:00 pm	6
7 Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo 1:00 pm	8	9 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	10 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	11	12	13
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	24 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	25 Ross County Shrine Club 7:00 pm	26	27
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Valentine Day is
Wednesday,
February 14, 2018

Annual Inspection Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio



Worshipful Brother
Harold C. Ramsey Jr.
Worshipful Master

In the 212th year of the history of Scioto Lodge #6 will, on **Friday, January 5, 2018** open its doors to the Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District on the occasion of its Annual Inspection. The Fellow Craft Degree will be exemplified in the presence of the Brethren and distinguished guests.

Right Worshipful Brother Larry Cornwell, District Deputy Grand Master, the inspecting officer and Worshipful Brother Mark Allman the District Education Officer.

Dinner will be served in the Moll Dining Room beginning at 6:15 pm with the opening of Lodge at 7:00 pm. Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star will prepare the dinner.

The Officers and Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 wish our traveling Brethren a safe journey.

Officers of Scioto Lodge #6

From the Desk of the Secretary of Scioto Lodge #6:

As a cost cutting measure “**The Trestle Board**” publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies revised its publication and printing from a monthly edition to bi-monthly. At the stated meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2017 the following Brethren were elected or appointed to lead the Lodge for the 2017-2018 Masonic Year,

Harold C. Ramsey Jr., Worshipful Master
Thomas R. Castor, Junior Warden
Ryan E. Furniss, Junior Deacon
Joseph A Clarke, Tyler
W.B. William Bennett, Secretary
W.B. Stephen J. Steele, Lodge Education Officer

Kyle W. Henderson, Senior Warden
James F. Schafer, Senior Deacon
Andrew J. Guba, Senior Steward
W.B. William Landrum, Treasurer
W.B. Alvin E DePugh, Chaplain

Learn Other Names for the Lodge

Historically, there are many names for the Lodge. In various lodges around the world, it may be called a Masonic Lodge, a Blue Lodge (in the United States), a Symbolic Lodge, an Ancient Craft Lodge, a Craft Lodge or St. John's Lodge. All are correct.

Masonic Principles Proficiencies

From the Desk of: Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele, P.M., Lodge Education Officer

Masonry changes slowly. Tradition dictates it to be so. The petitioning candidate at the west gate is now more capable of knowing about his future Masonic journey than at any other time in history. TV, movies, books and social media abound with Masonic folk lore; both true and false. To inculcate proper information the Brethren, at the Lodge level, need to give proper instruction and guidance to the new Brother.

To address this need the Grand Lodge has instituted the Masonic Principles Proficiency Program. The candidates are assigned a "Master Craftsman" (mentor) who will council and instruct throughout the program. The One Day class may or may not be scheduled by the sitting Grand Master at his preference. To date there are none scheduled for 2018.

An alternative to the traditional memorization "work", the principle program stresses knowledge and understanding versus rote recitation of the proficiency.

The 2017-2018 Ohio Masonic Proficiency program offers the candidate a new option. Three parts are to be completed with the assistance of the Master Craftsman.

Part I An extensive question and answer examination, open book not a "grade school test".

Part II Is a counseling session to review, understand and read the ciphered obligation for each degree. And review questions to be asked later in open Lodge.

Part III Answering previously discussed questions is done in open Lodge in order to demonstrate the candidate's understanding of the principles and his obligation; memorization is not required. At the conclusion of the questions, the candidate must demonstrate the step, due-guard and sign of each degree. Master Mason candidates must also communicate the substitute.

To quote the Master Craftsman notes..."Compared to the traditional memorized proficiency, (this) insures that the Lodge understands that the candidate is to demonstrate understanding of the Masonic tenets and principles, not just a rote answer that will be the same from one Brother to the next.

As Lodge Education Officer, I encourage any Brother to pursue the Master Craftsman position. Like the on-line code courses, the Brethren involved cannot help but become a better Mason and hence, a better man.



Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event



Seventh Masonic District Association Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event

These pictures are from the photo achieve.

Every Mason in the Seventh Masonic District is urged to support this project in support for the resident veterans on the campus of the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Chillicothe.



The Masonic Service Association serves the Veterans' Administration Hospital in a variety of ways. The Seventh Masonic District hosts the Bingo Events which are hosted four times a year.

Bingo Event 1:00 pm on each of the following dates:

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Annually there is a **"Picnic with the Vets"** supported by all 16 Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District and it held on the last Saturday before Labor Day—this year it is September 1, 2018 beginning at 11:00 am. Participating Masons should arrive at 10:00 pm.



30 Years Ago—Snowball Dance—February 1988



Remembering our Departed Brethren of 2017

<i>W.B. Ernest Eugene Day</i>	<i>February 7, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Paul Edward Hough</i>	<i>March 24, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Harry Junior Oyer</i>	<i>May 2, 2017</i>
<i>W.B. Neil Allen Zizelman</i>	<i>June 23, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Homer Eline Miller</i>	<i>July, 16, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Ronald Hershel Harper</i>	<i>July 31, 2017</i>
<i>Brother James Edward Hinkle</i>	<i>August 28, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Ronald E. Newman</i>	<i>September 28, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Bernard Martin Huffman</i>	<i>October 17, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Eugene Gail Vinings</i>	<i>November 7, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Richard Leroy Smith</i>	<i>November 27, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Ralph Arthur White</i>	<i>December 14, 2017</i>
<i>Brother Michael Ray Ellison</i>	<i>December 18, 2017</i>

Most glorious God, author of all good and giver of all mercy, pour down Thy blessings upon us and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection. May the present instance of mortality remind us of our own approaching fate and, by drawing our attention toward Thee the only refuge in time of need, induce us to regulate our conduct here, that when the final moment shall arrive at which we must quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of Thy mercy may dispel the fear of death; and that after our departure hence, in peace and Thy favor, we may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom and there join in union with our friends and enjoy that uninterrupted and unceasing felicity which is allotted to the souls of just men made perfect. *Amen.*

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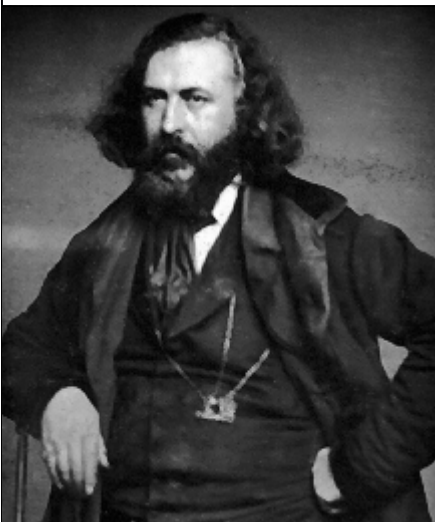
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Albert Pike—a Masonic Thinker and Reformer



Albert Pike was a Masonic thinker and a reformer of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Pike is known not only for his work, but also as a target of several anti-Masonic attacks made on him posthumously. Due to the gravity of these attacks some Masonic authors have openly acknowledged his controversies and extravagance and sought to distance themselves from him. For most Masons, Pike remains a legendary and enigmatic figure with an aura of mysticism and scandal. Few people now read his books, which may be considered too complex for today's readers. Nevertheless, within the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. he is still highly esteemed almost to the degree of veneration. His works on the Scottish Rite are now presented via the adaptation prepared by Illustrious Brother Rex Hutchens. Albert Pike was a real seeker and had a multifaceted personality. He was a hunter, pioneer, school teacher, journalist, lawyer, politician, poet, Confederate general, and also a

Masonic leader and visionary. We begin with the story of his life and later on we shall try to summarize his contributions to Masonic philosophy.

It was said about Pike that in his labors for Masonry he worked harder and wrote more than any other author. Searching for the roots of Masonic ideas and symbolism, he studied an enormous amount of literature including ancient texts in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Sanskrit. The complete list of his writings takes up a book of 70 pages and includes 517 published items as well as an impressive array of unpublished manuscripts, including commented translations of Rig-Veda and Zend-Avesta on 15000 pages. The most complete collection of Pike's poetry is 532 pages long; it was published posthumously. As a poet, Pike belongs to Romanticism. Pike is not regarded as a great poet, but his poetic talent helped him to write prose with a poetic dimension to it.

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