



# The Trestle Board

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## Chicken Noodle Dinner to Support Special Olympics



Brother Kyle W. Henderson, Senior Warden of Scioto Lodge #6 will chair the 2018 Chicken Noodle Dinner. The event will be held at the Ross County Shrine Club at 500 Bellevue Avenue Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the 2018 Summer Special Olympics Games to be held at the Jesse Owens complex in Columbus, Ohio. Opening Ceremonies Friday, June 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Tickets will be mailed to all Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 in advance of the event. Tickets are \$8.00 each. Desserts will be available at an additional price.

The following is the award program for the "Sponsor-An-Athlete" program:

- A donation of \$500.00 to \$999.00 from a Lodge will receive a certificate
- Bronze Medal Award for those Lodges donating \$1,000.00—\$1,499.00
- Silver Medal Award to those Lodges raising \$1,500.00—\$1,999.00
- Gold Medal Award to those Lodges contributing \$2,000.00 or more
- The "**Jerry C. Rasor Award**" will be presented at Grand Lodge to the Lodge that raises the most money and contributed to "Sponsor-an-Athlete Program for the year.

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## Permanent Dues Card from the Office of the Secretary

There have been a number of calls to the Office of the Secretary regarding 2018 dues cards. Please be advised, when you paid your 2017 dues you received a plastic (credit card type) dues card which is your "Permanent Dues Card". The Grand Lodge transitioned from the yearly paper dues card. This not only saves the Grand Lodge annual printing costs but also reduces mailing cost for Scioto Lodge #6 not having to send out dues cards. Scioto Lodge #6 still sends recognition notes to those Brethren supporting the various Masonic Charities. **William Bennett, Office of the Secretary**

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**Harold C. Ramsey Jr.**  
Worshipful Master

**Howard E. Leach**  
Excellent High Priest  
Illustrious Master  
Eminent Commander

**William Bennett**  
Editor


# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Lynchburg Lodge #178 Annual Inspection	10
11	12	13 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	14 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	15 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	16	17 Highland Lodge #38 Annual Inspection
18	19	20 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	21	22 Ross County Shrine Club	23	24 Wardens and Deacons Class
25 HOLY WEEK Begins 3/25—4/01	26	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm	28 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star	29	30	31

- Lynchburg Lodge #178 Annual Inspection in the Fellow Craft Degree is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm. Worshipful Brother Edward Moore is the Worshipful Master.
- Highland Lodge #38 Annual Inspection will be in the Master Mason Degree and will begin at 5:45 pm. Worshipful Brother Kraig Walker is the Worshipful Master

This concludes the 2018 Annual Inspection season for the Seventh Masonic District

# APRIL 2018

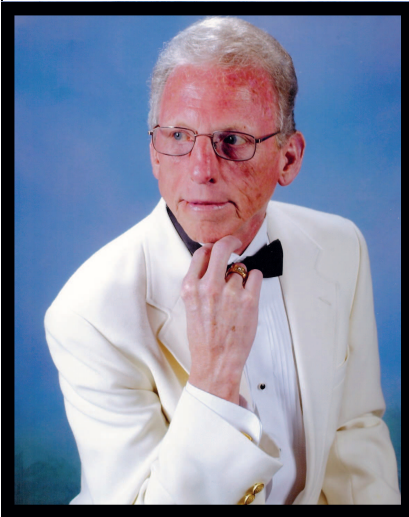
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**Sir Knight Howard E. Leach**, Eminent Commander will welcome Sir Knights from the Southeast Region (formerly the 4th Division) to Chillicothe Commandery #8 for its Annual Inspection which begins at 2:00 pm with the Order of the Temple. This will be followed by the Full Form Opening at 4:30 pm. Dinner will be served in the Moll Dining Room at 6:00 pm. All Sir Knights and their Ladies are welcome to attend.

Sir Knight Leach plans to announce the Easter Observance at Adena Mansion and Gardens at the overlook Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 6:30 am. All Sir Knights and their ladies are invited to attend.

## **“SHOES for VETS”** by William Bennett Veterans' Administration Hospital Representative



Hello, my name is William Bennett, I'm a United States Marine Corps veteran, I currently serve as the Seventh Masonic District VA Representative by appointment and under the authority of the Masonic Service Association. I'm writing this to introduce you, the reader, to an urgent need for both on campus and off campus veterans being served by the Chillicothe Veteran Administration facility in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Ms. Jamie Russell, a staff member of Volunteer Service, briefed Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling, District Advisor and me, about the need for shoes for veterans. As a result of this conversation I introduced a **"Shoes for Vets"** appeal throughout the Seventh Masonic District. My approach was to enlist the assistance of the sixteen lodges in the district and the Brethren who are members of those lodges. This is being done by announcing the Shoes for Vets program at all of the annual district inspections. The response has had immediate and very generous on the part of the Masonic Brethren..

Support can take the form of individual financial contributions, the donation of new shoes to the individual lodges, or supporting special projects hosted by lodges to support this effort. These funds would then be used to purchase tennis shoes, boots and dress shoes in sizes 10, 11 and 12 which would be placed in stores department located in the basement of building 9 on the campus of the VA in Chillicothe. Veterans are able to come to this location and get shoes at no cost to them at least twice a year. Financial support by Brethren should be made to the Secretary of your Lodge, the contributed funds would then be channeled to the Seventh Masonic District Association's Secretary-Treasurer for distribution.

If you would like to participate in this effort please contact me at the Office of the Secretary (740-774-3485) or make contributions by check or money order payable to your lodge. Put "Shoes for VETS" in the memo line. Send the contribution to Scioto Lodge #6 Office of the Secretary 57 East Main Street Chillicothe.

Fraternity

William Bennett  
VA REPRESENTATIVE

The Grand Lodge has again instituted an "Amnesty Program" which grants the privileges of "Good Standing" in the Lodge for those Brethren suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. The Grand Lodge will be sending letters to these members inviting them to reinstate with the payment of a fee of \$100.00. If you know of a Brother who has been suspended under these provisions you may contact him and inform him of the Grand Lodge of Ohio program. This will reinforce the Grand Lodge's program by spreading this information, Scioto Lodge #6 routinely drops all suspensions of this type from our data bases, consequently said former members do not get **"The Trestle Board"**.

## Traveling Pocket Inserts

Pocket insert badges are available to any Brother requesting one. While they are referred to as “**Traveling Badges**” which identifies the Brother by name and the Lodge to which he belongs (Specifically Scioto Lodge #6 and are used by each Brother who travels to any of the sixteen Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District during the Inspection season.

These badges are also convenient for wearing to stated meetings at our Lodge. It is not unusual to recognize a person but names can escape us. This badge will alleviate that problem.

To get a identification badge contact the Office of the Secretary and your name will be added to the next order. There is no charge for the badge, you will however be required to pick up your badge at the office, they will not be mailed.

### SAMPLE ID BADGE



## Service Award Pins and Certificates

Twenty-five, thirty-five and forty year service pins are purchased by the Lodge on a limited basis. They are awarded at any stated meeting of Scioto Lodge #6 (with prior notification) but not mailed to the individual unless they provide \$2.50 for postage and handling. They may be picked up at the office during business hours which are typically 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You may make an appointment to pick up your pin.

### NOTE:

Brother Kyle W. Henderson will be looking for a lot of manpower on the Chicken Noodle Dinner on prep day April 4th and again on April 5th for the dinner.

Brethren are asked to provide desserts for sale during the dinner. Brother **Neil Smith** and his Lady **Debbie** have been most generous with their time and labor to handle the dessert table sales.

This event also encourages good fellowship with other Brethren and the many guests who come to this event. Please remember our Masonic Widows who may not be able to come to the Ross County Shrine Club. Consider buying them a dinner and delivering it to them. They truly appreciate this gesture from the Brethren.



**Wardens and Deacons Class**—Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple beginning at 8:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be served prior to the opening which begins as soon as possible. It will be held in the third floor dining room. The sessions will be conducted by Worshipful Brother Mark Allman and Worshipful Brother Aaron Buckler, District Education Officers. All participants should register upon arrival.



## Report on Tax Exemptions Obtained on Temple



Thomas R. Castor, Secretary-Treasurer Masonic Temple Association submitted information to the association with the following report:

We have received our determination of the exemption of part of the Masonic Temple from Real Estate Property Tax according to a new Ohio Law which provides for an exemption on property of a fraternal organization used primarily for meetings and other social functions and not for commercial purposes.

The determination was made last August after an application was submitted. Both Worshipful Brothers Stephen J. Steele and Michael L. Hines give a great deal of credit to the Grand Lodge of Ohio in general and to Chad Simpson in particular for helping Scioto Lodge #6 make the application in a successful manner.

Here are the figures: the state determined that the first and second floors of the Temple are used for commercial purposes and do not qualify for the exemption. But the third and fourth floors do.

Therefore, our annual real estate taxes to the auditor of Ross County have been reduced from \$4,774.57 to \$1,365.58, or a whopping savings of \$3,408.94 a year for the foreseeable future.

Since the law is retroactive to 2013, we were given a total of \$13,895.66 as a refund of taxes paid from 2013 to the present. They paid our real estate taxes for 2018 and gave us the remainder in a check for \$12,530.08 which was deposited into our checking account January 19<sup>th</sup>.

I think you can see how help from the Grand Lodge has benefited us a great deal on this occasion. Also, the lodge owes a debt of gratitude to all the officers who participated in this effort.

## Scholarships

### Grand Lodge of Ohio

Application available on the Grand Lodge website at <http://www.freemason.com>  
**2 @ \$1,200.00**

#### **Complete and mail to:**

Timothy B. Allen  
213 Eckhart Road  
Lucasville, Ohio 45648

Application deadline **March 1st**

### Scioto Lodge #6

Applications are available at all Ross County Guidance Councilors offices. **3 @ \$1000.00**

#### **Complete and mail to:**

Scioto Lodge #6  
57 East Main Street  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Application deadline **April 15th**

### 7th Masonic District Association

Applications information was emailed to school guidance by Worshipful Brother Dan Riddle.

2@ 500.00

#### **Complete and mail to:**

Timothy B. Allen  
213 Eckhart Road  
Lucasville, Ohio 45648

Application deadline **April 7th**

## Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus

I'll try and be as brief as possible with this communication. I'm writing to follow-up regarding the upcoming Valley of Columbus Reunion to be held on April 14, honoring Illustrious Brother Owen E. Johnson, 33°. The Valley of Columbus has been hard at work on what we believe is an important project for Craft Lodges related to this event, and we want to be sure that you know about it.

As a Past Master, one of the things that is most troubling is Brothers who, for one reason or another, find themselves suspended for non-payment of dues. While this may sometimes occur due to financial or other reasons, it is also true that Brothers sometimes just "drift away" from Lodge. Now for the good news. There is a growing body of data which shows that Brothers who remain active and engaged,, particularly through membership & Brotherhood events with Appendant Masonic bodies, are less likely to find themselves in this situation. We believe this can be especially true of recently raised Master Masons. Valley of Columbus leadership has recognized this idea, and are actively working to extend invitations to Brotherhood, as an effort to give more opportunities for Masonic involvement to more Brothers. We have discussed this project with Grand Lodge and hope that, if proven successful, it can be used as a model for involving and engaging Brothers in other Ohio Valleys and perhaps eventually even other States.

As part of our outreach efforts, we are reaching out to all Master Masons, but especially two groups with special programming:

1. Those who have been raised in the past several years at Lodges within the Valley of Columbus
2. Officers of Craft Lodges within the Valley of Columbus region.

Worshipful, if you could please take just a little time in what I know is your busy upcoming meeting schedules to let your Lodge know about the upcoming Scottish Rite Reunion, I would be deeply grateful. Perhaps you would also consider reaching out to your members in an effort to send at least one candidate to represent your Lodge at the Reunion.

**ESPECIALLY FOR LODGE OFFICERS AND PAST MASTERS:** Any Blue Lodge Officer or Past Master will receive a 50% discount on their petition fees. This means for officers and Past Masters it's \$50. The Valley of Columbus Office can provide full details by calling: 614-766-2272 or 800-344-9741. Or you can email: [susan@valleyofcolumbus.com](mailto:susan@valleyofcolumbus.com)

Thanks for your time Worshipful. I hope to see you at this Reunion.

Very Fraternally Yours,

Tim "TC" Adams, P.M.  
Membership Chairman  
Valley of Columbus AASR

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## **Electrical Upgrade for Chillicothe Masonic Temple**

The Masonic Temple Association is currently working on a plan to replace the electrical service to the building. Outdated materials are present throughout the structure. Over the last year the blueprints have been updated and engineering has been done to be able to begin the process of putting the project out for bid. This will bring our building up to modern code standards and ensure safe operation for many years to come. This project will be a major upgrade and is not anticipated to be a complete for about 2 years.

### ***The Lighter Side of Masonry***

A Mason who had just been installed as Worshipful Master of his Lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could was having a hard time with his wife who said..."All those Masters-in-office have to do is snap their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you?.....I wish I was a Master!!!!' After do thought he said, "So do I dear....we swap them for a new one every year.

Two experienced Master Masons were enjoying a flight in a hot air balloon when suddenly a thick cloud formed between them and the ground. Being without instruments, after half an hour they realized they were well and truly lost. A short time later they came across a large hole in the clouds and spied a gentleman below walking his dog across the field. They had time to exchange pleasantries and found that he too was a member of the Craft. The guys in the balloon inquired of him as to their location and received the reply, "About 200 feet up in a balloon." Just then the cloud closed the hole and they were alone again. One turned to the other and said, "I bet he is the Secretary of his Lodge!!" Why do you say that?" the other asked. "Well what has told us is absolutely true—but in our present predicament is totally useless!!!"