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Veterans' Night Honors Banquet



Scioto Lodge #6 will host its Annual Veterans' Night Honors Banquet Thursday, November 8, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Moll Dining Room. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Worshipful Brother William Landrum is chairing the event with reservations being received until Tuesday, **November 6, 2018.**

Worshipful Brother Landrum extended invitations to all Veterans' Organizations in the Ross County area.

All Masons are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring their Ladies and families. There will be introductions of those Veterans' in attendance.

A briefing of by Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling and Worshipful Brother William Bennett on the Seventh Masonic District program conducted in 2018 **"SHOES4VETS"** The District raised over \$6,000.00 and purchased or had donations of more then 300 pairs of shoes for men and women.

Mr. Gerardo Navarro, Voluntary Service Program Manager and Ms. Jamie Russell received the shoes on behalf of the Veterans' Administration Hospital for distribution to the Veterans it serves. Right Worshipful Brother Gary Cox, State Director of the Masonic Service Association and Worshipful Brother William Bennett VA District Representative made the presentation,

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 is the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for Scioto Lodge #6. All Master Masons in good standing are urged to attend this meeting to elected the leadership of the Lodge for the 2018-2019 Masonic year.

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11	12	13 Chillicothe Chapter #4 / Chillicothe Council #4	14 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star	15 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	16	17
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25	26	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8	28	29	30	



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Past Masters' Convocation Orient Lodge #321
2 Seventh District Veterans' Bingo Event	3	4 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	5	6	7	8 —Inspections Chapter #4 9:00 am Council #4 12:00 pm
9	10	11 Chillicothe Chapter #4 / Chillicothe Council #4	12 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star	13	14	15
16	17	18 Chillicothe Commandery #8	19	20 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Please note the Eminent Commander moved the Stated Conclave of Chillicothe Commandery #8 to Tuesday, December 18th due to the Christmas Holiday.				



Transition to new Membership database for Grand Lodge of Ohio

Very recently the Grand Lodge of Ohio phased out the MORI membership database which Lodges in Ohio used for reporting activities of its members. As the secretary of Scioto Lodge #6 I am using the new database for entering information. Ohio Masonic Membership Manager as the new database is known provides sections for new membership information.

Military Service may now be added to the members profile, if you would like to add this information to your member profile complete the following form and send it to the **Office of the Secretary** Scioto Lodge #6 at 57 East Main Street Chillicothe, Ohio.

A photo may be added to your profile if you wish, enclosed a photo that you would like to be used, If you want to use a military photo that is welcome also..

Name _____
Branch of Military _____
Additional Service _____
Dates of Service From _____ to _____
Options: (circle one) Active Duty Retired Honorably Discharge
Comments:

Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Howard E. Leach announced the Chillicothe Commandery #8 Christmas Observance will take place immediately following the Stated Conclave on Tuesday, December 9, 2018. In keeping with tradition a collections will be taken to benefit the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend and take part in the meeting and observance. The Eminent Commander will be hosting a dinner to which the ladies and families are invited to attend. This dinner presided over by Lady Tomme will be in lieu of a Christmas Social. Please make reservations so a proper amount of food can be prepared.

Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Election of Officers

- November 6, 2018 7:30 pm

Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event

- December 2, 2018 1:00 pm

First Stated Meeting of Scioto Lodge #6 of the

- January 1, 2019 7:30 pm

Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event

- January 6, 2019 1:00 pm

Sweats4Vets Presentation

- January 6, 2019 12:30



Sweats4Vets

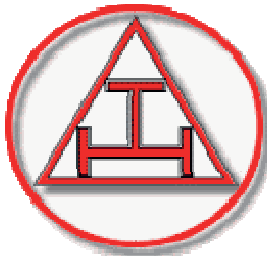
by William Bennett. Seventh Masonic District VA Representative

I would like to express my appreciation to the Seventh Masonic District Association for their support of the **Sweats4Vets** program introduced at the September 15th meeting. This need was in response to the Veterans' Administration Hospital Volunteer Service staff request.

The support of all Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District is greatly appreciated and gives a voice to the Veterans that our Masonic District is supportive of the need for both on campus and off campus VETERANS being served by our local VA facility.

Right Worshipful Brother Charles C. Shanks has volunteered to provide the sweat shirts and pants at his cost in an effort to get the most value for the dollar spent.

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons



As you may have noticed, the Stated Convocation of Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and the Stated Assembly of Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons are being held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Accordingly, the Annual Inspections for both of the York Rite Bodies will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. will be inspected

in the Mark Master Degree and Chillicothe Council #4 Royal and Select Masons will be inspected in the



Registration will begin at 7:30 am. A continental breakfast will be available. A light lunch will be served between the two inspections.

Excellent High Priest David V. Medert announced the Mark Master Degree would get underway at 9:00 am in the Blue Room. High Priest Medert solicits all Companions to attend the inspection and provide support in the casting of the degree.

Illustrious Master Roger Ray Jones will be presiding over the work in the Royal Master Degree in the Red Room beginning at 12:00 pm. All Companions are encouraged to attend the annual inspection and are cordially invited to participate in the conferral of the Royal Master Degree.

Degree Rituals may be purchase for the convenience of brushing up on the work or you may borrow a ritual.



2019 Dues Notices Mailed

Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 should have received their dues notice which was mailed Monday, May 15, 2018.

Thirteen Brethren had their dues remitted because of age, illness or financial hardship.

If you have not received your dues notice contact the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485.

I will reply with your due notice envelope.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

William Bennett
Secretary

Labour—Silas H. Shepherd

He who acts upon the Square

Will always well with all compare

The Mason uses tools of love

To build a Temple planned above

The Gauge he constantly employs

To measure work and limit joys

The Plumb imbues his soul and heart

With love Divine and sacred art

The Level guides his daily act

And makes good fellowship a fact

If we employ these tools each day

A beautiful Temple will be our pay

Masonic Jewelry Case Sales

An array of Masonic items are presented in the Jewelry Case for personal use and gift giving. The proceeds from the sale of these items benefit the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Benevolent Fund.

Available are:

- Auto emblems
- Belt Buckles
- Tie bars
- Neckties
- Lapel Pins
- Hats
- Money Clips



Contact the Office of the Secretary for assistance in purchasing these items.

Ross County Shrine Club

For a Spaghetti dinner, take your Lady and family to the **ANNUAL** Ross County Shrine Club Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Cakes, cookies, brownies and many other sweet treat are available at the dessert table.

Support YOUR Ross County Shrine Club.





Grand Master Jess N. Rains Installed as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio



On Friday, October 12th Ohio Masons elected a new Grand Master, he was installed on Saturday October 13th.

With almost 500 lodges and 75,000 Masons, Freemasonry is thriving throughout Ohio. Each year, the Grand Lodge of Ohio welcomes more than 1,000 new Masons into our fraternity.

But what is Ohio Freemasonry? What does it mean to be part of the world's leading fraternity in a state like ours? It's taking a solemn vow to be our brother's keeper. It's a promise to yourself and God to live a life of character. To learn to better yourself always, do good by your family and serve your community. But Ohio Freemasonry, at its core, is something more.

Ohio Freemasonry is men from virtually every city and village of this great state, quietly making a difference in the lives of others. Like-minded men who genuinely care about each other, who are loyal to each other and honor bound to help all those in distress. It's also the joy of golf in the early morning, and cigars and scotch as the sun sinks low. It's sponsoring charity softball games and little league baseball teams. It's polar bear plunges, muskrat dinners, and the pride of conquering a fear of public speaking or leading a meeting. All this with men, once strangers, now brothers.

Ohio Freemasonry is men who still believe in honor, integrity, truth and love for country. Men of respect, kindness and tolerance, fully accepting of our brothers' religion, race, age, status or culture. Bound as one in the continual pursuit of light and knowledge to be the best version of ourselves. The craft teaches men to:

- Act with civility and courtesy on all occasions
- Practice one's personal faith while allowing others to do the same
- Respect and protect the privacy of others
- Treat the least in society with the respect given to the favored and powerful
- Help those who cannot help themselves
- Care for friends and families in times of difficulty, most notably Brother Masons
- Protect and prepare the next generation to live a better life than we know today

As the Grand Master of this great state, I have experienced the power and brotherhood of Freemasonry

Sincerely,
Jess N. Raines
Grand Master

Excerpts of the Letter from the Grand Master

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Happy Thanksgiving to One and All!!!!



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia.

The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, delineated in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with Messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with Angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then further disseminated the information.

May the Peace of that still night be in your heart.

