



March/April 2019

The Trestle Board

Grand Master's Class 2019



**Most Worshipful Brother
Jess N. Reins
Grand Master**

The Seventh Masonic District will host the 2019 Grand Master's Class authorized by Most Brother Jess N. Reins, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. The class will be held at Lucasville Lodge #465, **Registration begins at 8:00 am.**

Scioto Lodge #6 will pay the \$11.00 lunch charges for all of its candidates and mentors.

Deadline for reporting candidates to the District Deputies Grand Master is March 9, 2019. No other candidates will be accepted after that date.

Exemplar candidates will received the various degrees in a one on one basis while the majority of candidates will rely on their mentors to comply with the instructions of the director of each degree.

Western Sun Lodge #91 will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree beginning at 9:00 am. The Fellow Craft Degree will be conferred by Logan Elm Lodge #624 following.

Lunch will follow the Fellow Craft Degree. Lucasville Lodge #465 will then confer the Master Mason Degree. Both sections of the Master Mason Degree will be under their direction.

Scioto Lodge #6 candidates will use a cloth apron and must return to the next stated meeting **April 2, 2019** following the Grand Master's Class to be presented their White Leather Apron, dues card and a gift from the Lodge.

If there are any questions by candidates of Scioto Lodge #6, they may contact the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485. The office is located on the 3rd floor of the Masonic Temple at 57 East Main Street.

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Scioto Lodge #6

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Chillicothe Council

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Eminent Commander
Chillicothe Commandery

MARCH 2019

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					1 Grand Masters Reception Christopher Conference Center 6:30 pm	2 7th Masonic District Officers Mtg. 8:00 am Orient Lodge #321
3	4	5 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	13 Chillicothe Chapter Order of Eastern Star #419	14	15	16 Lynchburg Lodge #178 Inspection
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Special Mtg Chillicothe Chapter #4 7:00 pm	20	21 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm	27 Chillicothe Chapter Order of Eastern Star #419	28 Ross County Shrine Club		

APRIL 2019

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

	1	2 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	3 Chicken Noodle Dinner Prep Day	4 Chicken Noodle Dinner 11:00 am— 7:00 pm	5	6 Chillicothe Commandery Inspection 2:00 pm
7	8	9 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	10 Chillicothe Chapter Order of Eastern Star #419	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	19	20
21 Sunrise Service First Presbyterian Church	22	23 Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm	24 Chillicothe Chapter Order of Eastern Star #419	25 Ross County Shrine Club	26	27
28	29	30				

Grand Master's Reception



Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines, President of the Seventh Masonic District Association

We regret the deadline for registration has come and gone for this event.

Most Worshipful Brother Jess N. Raines will be honored by the Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District on Friday, March 1, 2019 at the Christopher Conference Center on North Bridge Street at 6:30 pm for the social hour. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Many of the Grand Line Officers will be attending this function. For those Brethren attending the suggested attire is business casual.

Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines, President of the Seventh Masonic District Association has indicated 125 Brethren from the district have made reservations. Worshipful Brother Hines extends his appreciation to the leadership provided by Most Worshipful Brother Raines and the Grand Line.

Chillicothe Commandery #8 Inspection



Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr
Division Commander

Chillicothe Commandery #8 will host its Annual Inspection for the visiting inspecting officer Sir Knight Frank C. Boner, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Ohio. The Order of the Temple will be conferred upon one candidate. Companion Brice Deval Sparks.

Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr, Division Commander will be present at the stated meeting of Chillicothe Commandery #8 Tuesday, February 26, 2019 to view the Full Form Opening prior to our Annual Inspection.

The inspection will begin at 2:00 pm with dinner being served at 430 pm.



Sir Knight
Howard E. Leach
Eminent Commander

2019 Chicken Noodle Dinner Thomas R. Castor , Chairman



Senior Warden Brother Thomas R. Castor is chairing the 2019 Funding event that supports Special Olympics for Scioto Lodge #6. As in the past, the Dinner will be held at the Ross County Shrine Club at 500 Belleview Avenue. This event will be **Thursday, April 4, 2019** from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. There are no changes from previous years as it pertains to the menu. Of course one thing remains constant **The Need for Assistance.**

Signup sheets will be at the Registration Table in the anteroom on the third floor. Prep day will be Wednesday, April 3, 2019—time to be announced at the next four meetings. Please volunteer all day, half day or a few hours—all assistance is greatly appreciated.

Donations of Desserts is a vital part of the Chicken Noodle Dinner. Work in that area is usually handled by Brother Neil Smith and his Lady Debbie. Other opportunities exist in the kitchen, dining room and generally what ever you see needing done pick your.

In 2018 receipts were \$3,662.00 with expenses of \$1,821.47 leaving a realized project fund of \$1,840.53 contributed to Special Olympics. The proceeds were split three way between the Grand Lodge of Ohio Special Olympics Support, Pioneer School Boosters and Ross County Public Schools Special Olympic group.

Fish/Tenderloin Fry James F. Schafer, Chairman

The Fish/Tenderloin Fry will be held on **the second Friday, June 14, 2019.** This is a huge project and requires some selfless volunteer hours for what is a very long day. “Same Time— Same place” at the saying goes. The project requires moving table to the Lions Shelter, Pots & Pans, signs need to be positioned around the park to advertise the event. Some notices printed in the Chillicothe Gazette. As with the Chicken Noodle Dinner Tickets will be sent in early May to all Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6. The event time is 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Junior Warden James F. Schafer, will be chairing the event and seeking lots of support. When he issues the request please consider supporting this valuable event. Tickets are \$8.00.....pray for good weather, a cold wet day is not a good thing,



2018 income	\$5,035.22
2018 Expenses	<u>\$2,429.91</u>
Proceeds	\$2,605.31

Ohio Valley Rainbow—Waverly, Ohio

The annual installation of officer for the Ohio Valley Rainbow Assembly #209 was held Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Orient Lodge #321, Sponsor of the Assembly. Susan S. Thomas is the Mother Advisor for the Ohio Valley Rainbow Assembly #209

Rainbow is a social and service organization open to girls ages 11 to 20 who are daughters and granddaughters of Master Mason, Order of Eastern Star Chapters, White Shrine or Amaranth and Friends of Rainbow Girls. The Assembly extends an invitation to all Masons, Eastern Stars, parents and adults relatives to attend our stated meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. For information you may contact the Mother Advisor or any Rainbow Girl or Board Member for membership.



Pictured in no particular order are Skysea Thomas, Worthy Advisor; Jayda Whitt, Worthy Associate Advisor; Destiny Kille, Charity; Kalix Chandler, Hope; Kieada Trowbridge, Drill Leader; Josie Tackett, Love; Emily Graffe, Immortality; Hanna Tackett, Patriotism; Haley Laughlin, Confidential Observer.

Marie L. Hamilton Assembly #170 and Logan Assembly #164 assisted in the installation ceremonies. Brother Ryan W. Adams is the Chairman of the Advisory Board for the 2019-2020 year. Lori Rigsby is the Secretary of the Board. Serving the Board as Treasurer is Worshipful Brother Fred Shoemaker. Brother Scott Rigsby is Vice Chairman of the Board. Cathy Adams is Assistant to the Mother Advisor. Filling out the Advisory Board at Jodie Augustine, Cindy O'Dell, Judie Whitt, Bridgette Chandler and Talley Pratt.

Special Event: March 9, 2019 at Orient Lodge #321. The Ohio Valley Rainbow is hosting a **Mad Hatter Tea Party** especially designed to host prospective members, The event begins at 11:00 am. Come learn about Rainbow and their upcoming events. If you're interested in giving back to your community, learn leadership and earn service hours toward graduation, Rainbow may be what you're missing

Sweats4VETS by William Bennett, Seventh Masonic District VA Representative

At the Seventh Masonic District meeting September 15, 2018 a project called “**Sweats4VETS**” was kicked off with the support of the district. The goal was to collectively raise funds to provide sweats for distribution at the Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Congratulations are due to the response of the lodges and two private contributions in the Seventh Masonic District for their total support for the project. On Sunday, January 6th thirty-six VETERANS in attendance, at the Seventh Masonic District Veterans' Bingo Event in Building #9 left with a Sweat Suit in hand. Through this support \$2,360.00 was raised. Through your efforts we were able to purchase 312 pieces of clothing (equaling 156 Sweats Suits). This could not have been possible except through Right Worshipful Brother Charles Curt Shank who assisted in purchasing them at cost from his company “**Black Rabbit Designs, LLC**”. Thank you Curt!!!

As the Seventh Masonic District VA Representative working in concert with Heather Murphy, Voluntary Service Specialist and Voluntary Service Assistants Jamie Russell and Ryan Gumm who worked to arrange the tables with various colors of sweats the veterans' could select from.

Left to right: W.B. Harold C. Ramsey Jr., W.B. Fred G. Shoemaker; W.B. Michael L. Hines; R.W.B. R. Joseph Shilling, Heather Murphy and Jamie Russell Volunter Service Starr and W.B. William Bennett, District VA Rep



So as not to misidentify Brethren in this photo let me say they are from:

Lucasville Lodge #465
Orient Lodge #321
Scioto Lodge #6
Logan Elm Lodge #624

As the representative I wish to **Thank these Brethren for their characteristic support for our VETS.....**

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The Birthplace of Freemasonry—from the web

Before Freemasons there were stone masons, skilled craftsmen employed to work on Scotland's landmark building. The masons grouped together into something like a trade union to protect the secrets of their craft and hand them on to the next generation. In 1589 and 1599 William Schaw's statutes set down how masons should behave both on and off the construction site. They included instructions such as: "They shall be true to one another and live charitably together as becometh sworn brethren and companions of the craft". Professor Steve Murdoch, from the University of St. Andrews, says "They are often seen as the founding documentation for freemasonry in Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland's curator, Bob Cooper, said people soon became curious about this new brotherhood and asked to join. In 1641, Sir Robert Moray—a Scottish soldier, statesman, diplomat, judge, spy and natural philosopher—joined a stone masons' lodge and many consider this to be the moment when the freemasons began.

The infamous Masonic handshake arose with a practical purpose, according to Mr. Cooper. He says "The handshake is a way of identifying one another, especially when they had to move around Scotland looking for work. "If you went to a place where you weren't known you had to have some kind of proof that you were able to work on a construction site. The ability of masons to secretly identify each other has led to accusations of them excluding those who were not part of the society. Another Masonic ritual is the rolled-up trouser leg, "It's one that gives us the most trouble" says Bob Cooper. When it means is that your skin touches the lodge so there is a physical contact between you and the lodge. "It's just a very old and peculiar way of emphasizing the fact that you have entered an organization that you are never going to renege on.

Despite giving BBC access to film in its lodges, its initiation ceremonies have never been filmed, leading to many theories about what happens.

BBC Scotland/Matchlight