



# The Trestle Board

A Publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

## A Report Card from the VA Rep

At the southern most entrance to the Campus of the Veterans' Administration Hospital on State Route 104 in Chillicothe there is a sign with the cryptic message that reads simply. **"The Price of Freedom is Visible Here"**. It has an auspicious meaning, especially to Veterans who served this country in both times of war and peace. Veterans who seek assistance from the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Chillicothe range from a few Veterans from WWII to those who served in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq and other operations for which the call to service was made.



The Masonic Service Association of North American directs activities on the statewide level. Right Worshipful Brother Gary Cox, from the First Masonic District, is the state representative. Right Worshipful Brother Cox has worked tirelessly to provide items to the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Chillicothe.

The Seventh Masonic District Association has appointed Worshipful Brother William Bennett

as the VA Representative.

**Participation Report Card** indicates the level of service by the 16 Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District. It accounts as to how the Masons in the district served the Veterans' at the Veterans' Administration Hospital. A spreadsheet will be sent to all Lodges in the District providing information to the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of each lodge for their review. It is my hope that this report will provide information regarding under participating lodge activity in the Seventh Masonic District and hopefully, encourage a resurgence in participation.

It is important for each Lodge look inward and consider the number of Veterans' who are numbered among the craft. As the VA Representative for the Historic Seventh Masonic District please join me by supporting with your attendance at the VA Bingo and **Picnic with the VETS**. Consult your 2020 Seventh Masonic District Association Calendar for dates and times.

January—February  
2020

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- William Bennett



# January 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 Ionic Lodge #6 Stated MTG. PHL 7:30 pm	3 Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Inspection Dinner 6:15 EA. ° 7:00	4
5 VA Bingo Building #9 1:00 pm	6	7 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	8 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	9	10	11
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# February 2020

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# Inspections for January and February 2020

Seventh Masonic District Inspections begin January 3, 2020 with Lodges slated for their annual Inspection as follows. Dinners will be held at 6:15 pm with Lodge at 7:00 pm excepted as noted.

## **Entered Apprentice°**

Scioto Lodge #6 January 3rd

## **Entered Apprentice°**

Lynchburg Lodge #178 January 10th

## **Master Mason°**

Nauvoo Lodge #769 January 11th

## **Master Mason°**

Western Sun Lodge #91 **January 18** at 1:45 pm

Aurora Lodge #48 **January 18th** at 6:45

## **Entered Apprentice°**

Lucasville Lodge #465 January 23rd

## **Fellow Craft °**

Manchester Lodge #317 January 24th

## **Master Mason°**

Rome Lodge #535 January 25th

## **Fellow Craft °**

Orient Lodge #321 January 31st

## **Fellow Craft °**

Bainbridge Lodge #196 February 7th

## **Entered Apprentice°**

Logan Elm Lodge #624 February 14th

## **Fellow Craft°**

Leesburg Lodge #78 February 21st

## **Master Mason °**

Frankfort Lodge #309 February 22nd

## **Fellow Craft °**

Highland Lodge #38 February 28th

## **Fellow Craft °**

Winchester Lodge #236 **February 29th** 1:45 pm

## **Master Mason °**

West Union Lodge #43 **February 29th** 6:00 pm

Become a Traveling Masons and enjoy the Brotherhood experience.

## Seventh Masonic District Association Meetings

- Aurora Lodge #48 Saturday, January 18, 2020 5:00 pm
- Lynchburg Lodge #178 Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:00 am\*\*
- Lucasville Lodge #465 Saturday, September 19, 2020 9:00 am\*\*

\*\* These two meetings will open immediately following breakfast at 8:00 am

You may contact Worshipful Brother Jason W. Throckmorton with any questions regarding the agenda. Inspection Schedules for 2021 will be established at the May 16th meeting. Please be present to schedule to your lodge's annual inspection.

# Notes of Appreciation

Scioto Lodge #6 host its annual Chicken Noodle Dinner on the first Thursday in April. Proceeds from this event are shared equally between the Grand Lodge Special Olympic Fund, the Ross County Public Special Olympic Fund and the Pioneer School Special Olympic Program. Funding to the three entities was distributed April 18, 2019. These two acknowledgements were received.

## ***To the Brothers of Scioto Lodge #6***

***December 3, 2019***

The athletes, Coaches, parents and volunteers of the Ross County Public Special Olympics wish to thank you for your generous and increasing support of our local chapter.

During our typical season we incur expenses in the following areas, Transportation, Event Registration Fees, Lodging, Uniforms and Food.

Transportation, event registration fees and lodging are by far the most expensive. Thanks to the efforts of Scioto Lodge #6 during your annual Chicken Noodle Dinner we are able to supplement our other donations and attend Special Olympics and local events.

The donations from Scioto Lodge #6 makes the difference in our ability to participate in a variety of events. The decision to support individuals with disabilities speaks highly of the integrity and care of the Masons for their local community.

Thank you again for your continuous and generous support of the Ross County Public Special Olympic.

Chris Hiles  
Chapter Coordinator

## ***Good Afternoon,***

The Pioneer School Staff and students are very appreciative for the generous donation that helps fund our students athletes participation in the Special Olympics of Ohio events.

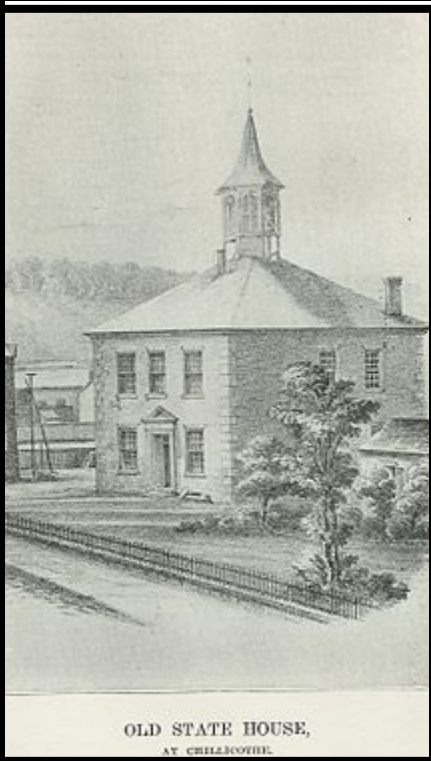
During the 2018-2019 school year, the donated funding was used for our Special Olympics Basketball and Cheer Team as well as track and Field team. Our cheerleaders were able to purchase new uniform tee-shirts tops with a sparkling Tiger Pride Shines that the athletes really enjoyed. Two basketball players and one cheerleader "lettered" this year and were able to receive their lettered Columbia jackets personalized with their names and sports emblem sewn onto their jacket. Funding was also used for fun activities and games during the Special Spirit Day for our basketball players and cheerleaders.

During away games we used the funding to help pay for our athletes lunch at McDonalds restaurants where our students got to choose their own Happy Meals. At the end of the Basketball season the coaches hosted a banquet for our basketball players and their families. Funding helped pay for their families dinner as well as funding our athletes' individual trophies

During Track and Field Season we traveled all the way to Rio Grande to competed. Last year it was forecasted to rain and we purchased our athletes ponchos for this event, unfortunately the event ended up being canceled due to rain. For future Track and Field meets we are now prepared for rain or shine. In the upcoming basketball season we will be using the received funding for new practice basketballs, trophies, letterman jackets and another spirit day and banquet event. We can not thank you enough for all the possibilities that you have created for our students with the generous donations.

Miriah M. Park  
Adapted PE Instructor

# Grand Lodge of Ohio Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio—A Primer



The Grand Lodge of Ohio was formed on January 4–8, 1808 by a convention of five of the six Masonic lodges then meeting in Ohio. The convention was held in the statehouse at Chillicothe and, on January 7, Rufus Putnam was elected Grand Master.

Prior to formation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, six lodges operated under authority of charters issued by their individual parent grand lodges in the eastern United States:

1. American Union Lodge No. 1 – chartered in 1776 by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New England (Moderns), one of the predecessors of the current Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Originally a military traveling lodge, it settled permanently in Marietta in June 1790.
2. Cincinnati Lodge No. 13 – chartered in 1806 by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and located in Cincinnati. Its members had originally formed Nova Caesarea Lodge No. 10, chartered by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1791, which charter they returned to that Grand Lodge previous to requesting a new one from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
3. Erie Lodge No. 47 – chartered in 1803 by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and located in Warren, Ohio.
4. New England Lodge No. 48 – chartered in 1803 by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and located in Worthington.

5. Lodge of Amity No. 105 – chartered in 1805 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and located in Zanesville, Ohio
6. Scioto Lodge No. 2 – chartered in 1805 by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and located in Chillicothe.

Erie Lodge was the driving force behind the formation of the Grand Lodge, and proposed the idea to the other lodges in the state. Due to a dispute over the credentials of its representative, James Kilbourne New England Lodge was not present at the convention but is considered a founding lodge nevertheless.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has had a continual existence since 1808 and in 2018 had over 450 chartered lodges operating in Ohio with a total membership of over 75,000.

## **Communication Concerning Masonic Widows (Lost Contact)**

Very frequently, mailed is returned from Masonic Widows to the Office of the Secretary i.e. The Trestle Board, Special mailings such as invitations, holiday greeting cards or get well cards, generally no updated mailing address are included. The options are few so those widows names are removed from the lodge database.

I am seeking mailing information for the following widows: Ms. Charles H. Moore, Ms. Douglas W. Lockhard, Ms. Dwight E. Maul, Ms. Robert E. Kutschbach, Mr. Philip N. Hendershot, Ms Ronald E. Stauffer, Ms. Robert L. Walsh, Ms. David R. Brandum, Ms. Carl P. Basye, Ms. Bernard Huffman, Ms. Jack (Lola) Beeler



# Grand Master's Reception



Friday, February 8, 2020

Hillsboro Orpheum

135 North High Street

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Most Worshipful Brother Keith Newton will be the honored guest at the 2020 Grand Master's Reception, hosted in Hillsboro, Ohio on Saturday, February 8, 2020 beginning at 5:30 pm. Worshipful Brother Eddie Moore, President of the Seventh Masonic District Association will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The venue is located directly across the street from Highland Lodge #38 at 135 North High Street Hillsboro, Ohio. Social begins at 5.30 pm with dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$16.00 per person and may be purchased from your lodge secretary. Individual checks from members is discouraged. Please make your reservation no later than January 18, 2020

You may pay by check or cash with the Office of the Secretary who will then send one check from their lodge to Worshipful Brother Jason W. Throckmorton Secretary/Treasurer of the Seventh Masonic District Association.

Scioto Lodge #6 Masonic Widows who wish to attend this event in Hillsboro, please contact the Worshipful Master Thomas R. Castor or the Secretary so transportation can be arranged.

## 2020 Grand Master's Class

May 9, 2020

Most Worshipful Brother Keith Newton has made it possible for good men to petition the fraternity for membership and participate in a statewide Grand Master's Class. The location in the Seventh Masonic District where the class will take place has yet to be announced. Right Worshipful Brother Cornwell has confirmed all degree work will be performed by Brethren of Seventh Masonic District. He indicated he and Right Worshipful Brother Aaron Buckler are actively working on bringing this event together as expeditiously as possible. The location is contingent on participation level so it is imperative to keep them informed as to the number of potential participants from each lodge..

Brethren who know interested potential candidates who wish to petition Scioto Lodge #6 for membership must have their petitions completed, questionnaires prepared, submit a photograph and petition fees of \$140.00 in the hands of the Secretary not later than **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** to participate in the May 9, 2019 Grand Master's Class;

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Brother Tomme David Cockrell 2/16.2019

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Brother Hobart William Jenkins III 4/23/2019

Brother Warren Eugene Park 5/13/ 2019

Brother Vernard Edwin Knapp 7/7/2019

Brother Morgan Leslie Reese 7/201/2019

Brother James Chris Hertler 8/05/2019

Brother Delbert Jackson Doles 8/12/2019

Brother Donald Calvin Strausbaugh 8/23/2019

Brother Donald Zane Malott 10/19/2019

Brother Richard Arthur Evans 10/22/2019

Right Worshipful Brother James Robert Derexson 11/1/2019

Brother Robert Thomas Mossbarger 11/ 123/2019