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| Eminent Commander | Michael A. Ash |

Lodge Fund Raisers Benefit Others

Masons around the world effectually support others in their communities by hosting efforts to raise funds. This is especially true in the support Chillicothe Masonic Bodies gives to other in the form of financial support from fund raising activities.

Actually everyone can benefit from these activities from those whom we support to the members of the Scioto Lodge #6 and the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. When we join together, lending a hand in the activities that are held, everyone is a winner. The comradeship and personal participation makes us richer for the effort that is put forth.

Annually Scioto Lodge #6 host its Chicken Noodle Dinner on the first Thursday in April. Funds are raised to support Special Olympics Funding. Several years ago it was determined to share the proceeds between three entities.

In 2018, proceeds in the amount of **\$1,880.46** were distributed to Pioneer School Boosters, the Ross County Public Schools Special Olympics and the Grand Lodge of Ohio Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio Special Olympics program. The support of \$626.82 to each of these three organizations was a tremendous leg up all because the Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 stepped up to the plate and gave of themselves to support Special Olympics on a local and state level.

In 2019 **\$2,095.92** in proceeds were realized sending \$698.64 to the three organizations previously listed. Mr. Chris Hiles of the Ross County Public Schools and Ms. Miriah M. Park with the Pioneer School Boosters both wrote letters of appreciation to Scioto Lodge #6 sharing the uses they made of the funds provided to them, Mr. Hiles writes, **"to support individuals with disabilities speaks highly of the integrity and care of the Masons for their local community"**.

Ms. Park shared that they were able to purchase new uniform Tee-shirts with a sparking **"Tiger Pride Shines"** logo. She continued that during away games funding was use to help pay athletes lunches at McDonalds and a banquet was hosted at the end of the season.

Support the Lodge Fund Raiser with your Labor of Love

March 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm | 4 | 5 Ionic Lodge #6 Stated MTG. PHL | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Chillicothe Chapter #4 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm | 11 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Convocation | 25 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm | 26 Ross County Shrine Club | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Ionic Lodge #6 PHL meets on the
First and Third Thursday in the
Chillicothe Masonic Temple.

April 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <div> <p>Ionic Lodge #6 PHL meets on the First and Third Thursday in the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.</p> </div> | | | 1 | 2 Chicken Noodle Dinner Ross County Shrine Club 11:00 am - 7:00 pm | 3 | 4 |
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| 12 Easter Sunday Observance | 13 | 14 Chillicothe Chapter #4 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm | 15 | 16 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm | 17 | 18 |
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Seventh Masonic District Grand Master's Class

MAY 9, 2020—Lucasville Lodge #465

Registration for the Grand Master's Class will open at 7:30 am at Lucasville Lodge #465. A continental breakfast will be featured. Work in the degrees will begin promptly at 9:00 am. A list of candidates must be in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Larry Dean Cornwell by April 20th.

In order for Scioto Lodge #6 to process and investigate petitioners, the deadline for acceptance of petitions is Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The petition must be accompanied by a photo and degree fees of \$140.00. These may be brought to the office at 57 East Main Street, the Office of the Secretary is on the third floor. Petitioners may make reservations to contact the Secretary by calling 740-774-3485.

ADDRESS CHANGES

PLEASE NOTE

Did you know you can access the Grand Lodge of Ohio Membership Portal. Visit the following website to change your address or other member information.

https://oh.grandview.systems/users/sign_in

You can still call the Office of the Secretary by calling 740-774-3485 to report any changes in address and the secretary will take care of the information for you.

Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

Dues notices for 2021 will be mailed to Companions and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies May 4, 2020.

If your 2020 dues are not paid you should have received a **Third Notice** by now. Companions or Sir Knights whose dues are in arrears for 2 or more years will be **Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues**.

If you have a financial hardship, health issues or are unable to pay your dues for any other reason. Please call the Office of the Secretary/Recorder to discussed these matters. It isn't the purpose of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies to make any hardship worse by penalizing a member if there are extenuating circumstances.

There are 13 Companions of Chillicothe Council #4 whose dues are in arrears and face Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.

Scioto Lodge #6 Dues—by William Bennett, Secretary

February 11, 2020

On the above date, I mailed second notices for dues to 70 Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 to the address I have on record. It is very important the Office of the Secretary has your most current contact information including but not limited to your mailing address. Other important contact information is your home (landline) telephone number; your cellular phone number—a lot of people are converting to cell phone use only, these number are limited to very few people. Please understand the Office of the Secretary does not make this information available to anyone but official use at the lodge office.

Dues notices (2020) for Scioto Lodge #6 were mailed to the Brethren October 7, 2019. Presently we remit the dues of twelve Brethren for illness, age, and hardship.

2020 Chicken Noodle Dinner, Brother James Fritz Schafer, Chairman



The Masons of Ohio have been supporting athletes to the Special Olympics Ohio State Summer Games for many years. Part of our obligation as Masons is to support charities such as Special Olympics. We are holding a **Chicken and Noodle Dinner** to raise funds that will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio as well as locally.

The dinner will be held **April 2, 2020** from **11:00 am to 7:00 pm** - at the **Ross Co. Shrine Club, 500 Belleview Avenue**. This location will enable us to offer drive up service, sit down service, and delivery of the dinners. Plenty of parking is available. There will be a prep day on Wednesday, April 1st at 10:00 am.

Tickets for the 2020 Chicken Noodle Dinner will be mailed to every Brother of Scioto Lodge #6 February 27th. Please purchase the two tickets or sell them to someone in an effort to support this very worthwhile fund raiser. You may call the office at 774-3485, if you are able to work that day or sign up at the lodge at the Registration Desk in the outer room of the Blue Lodge. We will need help in shifts 10:30—2:30 and 4:00—7:00.

Chillicothe Commandery #8 Easter Observance



Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Michael A. Ash would like the Sir Knights of Chillicothe Commandery #8 to participate in a 2020 Easter Observance. However, no decision was reached as to what plans there are for such an event.

To Be Announced

Visit the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies website at www.chillicothemasons.org.

There is an icon of the Bi-Centennial book containing an enormous amount of information on the history of the first 150 years of Masonry in Ohio.

This book list every member of Scioto Lodge #6 in alphabetical order as well as a listing of Brethren who served the lodge in elected officers between 1805-1955..

The history of the lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Ohio is important information

Resource Program

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center is looking to expand its Masonic Volunteer Program into the 7th Masonic District. The program utilizes volunteers to act as its "eyes and ears" in the community to alert the OMH Liaison of members of the Masonic family that may be in need of assistance. Volunteers can be as active in the program as they choose. Please contact the Worshipful Master at 740-774-3485 if you wish to participate in this program.

Beyond the Third Degree—Master Mason

When the Grand Master's Class is completed on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Both York and Scottish Rites will confer the 4th Degree in each of those organizations. Prospective candidates should notify their lodge of this interest and provide that information at the time petitioners register for the Grand Master's Class. The District Deputy Grand Masters of the Seventh Masonic District require this information in advance.

From the Worshipful Master:**Bylaws Change Would Hike Annual Dues**

Did you know that Scioto Lodge #6, F. & A.M. has one of the lowest – if not the absolute lowest – dues structure in the State of Ohio? Matter of fact, we have had members of other area lodges demit from their home lodge and join here because we have lower annual dues: \$40 per year.

As your Worshipful Master, with the responsibility for the success of the Lodge both now and in the future, I am going to ask the audit committee to meet with our Treasurer and investigate the idea of changing our bylaws so that each individual member of Scioto #6 would take responsibility for the per capita payments made to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Currently, that yearly per capita payment stands at \$17. That leaves our lodge with a scant \$13 of your annual dues payment to assist us in operating the lodge and contributing to all our charitable works.

Should the proposed change in bylaws be approved that would raise our annual dues payment to \$57 per year – \$40 for the local lodge and \$17 for the Grand Lodge. Any future increase in per capita payments by the Grand Lodge would be paid by members. And there most certainly will be a future increase!

All these changes will be voted on at a regular, stated meeting. We are not going to poll non-attending members by mail. So if you want to give your input on this study and proposal, now would be the time to start attending stated meetings on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month. See you there!

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Thomas R. Castor, Worshipful Master

**The Grand Master's Reception in pictures**

1. The Grand Master circulating among the guests
2. The gathering at dinner
3. Brother Byron Keith Greene, Grand Master Newton, Brother Ryan Adams and his Lady Cathy with Megan Schiltz, Youth in Excellence Recipient. Brother Greene and Cathy taught Megan at Huntington Schools
4. The buffet line for the evening
5. The Grand Master and Megan
6. Ryan Hornschemeier and the Grand Master

2020 Grand Master's Reception Youth in Excellence Awards



Most Worshipful Brother Keith Newton, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio was the distinguished guest in the Seventh Masonic District Saturday evening February 8, 2020 in Hillsboro, Ohio.

Megan Schiltz is currently a senior at Huntington High School and has lived in that district since the spring of her eighth grade year. Megan has been an active Rainbow Girl with Marie L Hamilton Assembly in Circleville since before her move. At the time, there were no closer assemblies, yet she maintained an active membership serving at the assembly and state level. Megan also participates in many school activities including cheerleading, Drug Free

Club Ambassador, NHS, and drama club. Megan has been accepted to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio to continue her education after high school. Pictured with Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling and the Grand Master.

Ryan Hornschemeier

Mr. Hornschemeier is a senior at Lynchburg-Clay High School where he is an honor roll student. He participates in track for Lynchburg-Clay where he set many school records. Ryan has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio where he plans to study Automotive Technician. Outside the classroom He holds the rank of Life Scout in Highland County Troop #6120 (second highest rank obtainable in Scouts) and also serves as Den Chief. He is a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) where he holds a state degree for Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture and Career Preparation.



Ritual and Codes

The Ritual—The Grand Lodge of Ohio allows the purchase of the Cipher Code for use by the Brethren. However, Scioto Lodge #6 has rituals that are specifically the property of the Lodge. The problem is accountability of these rituals. If you did not purchase your personal copy of the ritual please present the Scioto Lodge #6 ritual to the Office of the Secretary for examination as to its physical condition.

The Code—The Grand Lodge of Ohio Code provides updates for these codes annually and its important to keep them up to date with legislative changes. It is not uncommon to loan a copy to a Brother when taking the online courses that are available. The problem is, when a code has been loaned and not returned. A copy of the Code with “**SECRETARY**” was not returned. **Please Return it to the Office of the Secretary.**

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THE CUP OF BROTHERLY LOVE

On September 7, 1929, after raising his son, Brother Norman B. Hickox, Master of Events Lodge No. 524, Illinois, formally presented a beautiful silver cup to the lodge. He also presented a book of travel and a specially prepared carrying case. The cup was to be sent on a journey, traveling always from West to East by land sea or air, and always in the custody of a Master Mason.

On November 19, 1929, the book and cup were taken to Ashlar Lodge No. 308 in Chicago to start the journey. The book recorded the places and circumstances of each visit of the cup.

On the journey the cup was received by more than 150 host lodges. It touched places all over the world. On May 24, 1958, a homecoming celebration was held at Events Lodge #524 to commemorate the return of the cup to the lodge. The Cup of Brotherly Love, an illustrated account of this odyssey, was published by the Masonic Service Association in 1959.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with Masonic ceremonies

FREEMASONRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.