



A Publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

The Trestle Board

November/December 2020

Stated Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Scioto Lodge #6 annual meeting and election of Officer is on the calendar. Senior Warden Brother James Fritz Schafer is expected to assume the East following retiring Worshipful Brother Thomas R. Castor, Worshipful Master.

Other Brethren currently anticipated to move through the line are Brother Steven Ray Grant, Junior Warden; Brother Eugene L. Hardman, Senior Deacon; Brother Byron Keith Greene, Junior Deacon; Brother Terrell Anthony Fairrow, Senior Steward; , Junior Steward and Brother Joseph A. Clarke, Tyler. One Trustee will be elected for a three year term of office.

Appointments of Chaplain, Lodge Education Officer and Audit Committee will be announced on the evening of the installation.

Brother Schafer has indicated his installation will be open to family members and guests, **Monday, December 7, 2020**. Everyone is invited to join together in the small dining room on the third floor beginning at 6:00 pm. The ceremonies of Installation will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Worshipful Brother Evan M. Steele will be the installing Officer, Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele will serve as the Installing Marshal, Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash will be the Installing Secretary. Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines is the Installing Chaplain



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Grand Encampment Knight Templar

From the Recorder Chillicothe Commandery #8:

I telephoned Sir Knight Al Johnson, Grand Recorder of Grand Commandery Knight Templar on Friday, September 11, 2020. It was his view that no subordinate commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Grand Commandery Knight Templar can open any in-person conclave until the orders of the Eminent Grand Commander have been lifted permitting such in-person. The current order regarding suspension of meetings extends until December 31, 2020.





November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm ELECTIONS	4	5 Ionic Lodge #6 Stated MTG. PHL 7:30 pm	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 No Commandery Convocation	25	26	27	28
29	30					



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	2	3 Ionic Lodge #6 Stated MTG. PHL 7:30 pm	4	5 Past Masters' Convocation 8:00 am
6 VA Bingo 1:00 pm Bldg #2 CANCELED	7 Open Installation of Officers 6:00 pm	8 Chillicothe Chapter #4 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	9 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	10	11	12
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Service Awards

25 Year Service Awards

- Richard Oakley Martin
- Richard Allen Wardell Jr.
- Charles Benjamin Schrader III
- Blain Steven Speakman

40 Year Service Awards

- Thomas Scott Gustin
- Dorral Wayne Cunningham Jr.
- Ronald Eugene Trego
- Phillip William Griffie

50 Year Service Awards

- William Bennett
- Don Edwin Carnes
- Robert Lowell La Gard
- John Howard Mayfield
- Dean Edwin Rinehart

60 Year Service Awards

- Robert Clarence Bumen
- Chester Lewis Collins
- Arthur L. Devore
- William Earl Garrison Jr.
- George Peter Jayne
- Ranold Sherry Seymour
- Sanford Vaughn Jr.

65 Year Service Awards

- Harold Warren Bradbury
- Edward Keith Duffy

These awards will be presented Thursday, November 19, 2020 during the stated meeting. Please contact the Office of the Secretary **if you are unable to attend.**

Out of State awards will be mailed.

Fraternally and Sincerely
William Bennett, Secretary

Scioto Lodge #6—Election of Officers 2020-2021

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The Annual Meeting of Scioto Lodge #6 and the election of officers will be held according to Chapter 18.01 of the Code of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. The elective officers of a Lodge shall be **(1) Master; (2) Senior Warden; (3) Junior Warden; (4) Treasurer; (5) Secretary; (6) Senior Deacon; (7) Junior Deacon (8) Tyler (9) One Trustee for a three year term.** Appointed Officer of the Lodge shall be Chaplain, Senior Steward and Junior Steward and shall be installed within 60 days from the date of election.

Section 18.01 (c) Nominations for election of Lodge officers and trustees shall not be permitted. Further, Section 18.01 (d) Electioneering in connection with the selection of an officer or trustee of a Lodge is strictly forbidden and constitutes un-Masonic conduct.

IN MEMORY

Right Worshipful Brother Les L. Bowers

Loren "Les" Lester Bower Jr., 80, passed way Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 at the Madison Health Hospital in London, Ohio. He was the son of the late Loren Lester Bower Sr. and Josephine (Jackson) Bower.

Les proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He retired following 34 years in banking as president and CEO of the Fayette County Bank in Washington C.H., vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati, private banking specialist at U.S. Bank in Columbus, and was also president and CEO of the Colonial Staircase & Woodworking Co., which specialized in circular staircases. He was a member of Kiwanis International in Washington C.H. and he was past president and former longtime member. He was also a longtime member of Hillsboro American Legion Post 129 and a former longtime member of the Washington Court House Planning Commission. Les is survived by his wife, Penny Bower; three children, Debbie (Doug) Rinehart of Wilmington, Bradley (Janet Geissinger) Bower of Clarksville and Stephanie (Barry) Dewees of London; four grandchildren, Dirk Zachary Rinehart, Heather (Justin) Keith, Kimber Geissinger and Tyler Geissinger; two great-grandchildren, Max McDowell and Anna Keith; his first wife of 30 years and the mother of his children, Joyce Ann Bower; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Les joined Fayette Lodge #100 on December. 12, 1967, and was Worshipful Master at both Fayette Lodge #100 and Highland Lodge #38. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, Secretary of Highland Lodge #38, an Administrator at Highland Lodge #38 for the Mitchell Fund, and 7th District Representative for the Ohio Secretary's Association. He was also an Excellent High Priest of Highland Chapter #40 and later served as the secretary, and Secretary for the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Highland County Club. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, watching the sunsets and birds, and he loved fishing and spending time with his family.

September 24, 2020—Veterans' Administration Hospital Volunteer Services

From Ms. Jamie Russell, Staff Volunteer responding to my questions regarding resuming activities at the Veterans' Administration Hospital:

As of now we have not heard anything about having Volunteers back doing activities due to the pandemic and the need for social distancing. The hospital still has **NO** visitation policy for our inpatients at the facility. When Volunteers are allowed back on station Voluntary Service will contact organizations to resume activities. The Veterans miss playing bingo and the interacting with Volunteers. We are seeking monetary donations to host a meal of our Veterans choice last month they chose Olive Garden. Voluntary service works with staff on the units to serve the meals to our Veterans. We are also in need of items for the clothing room, refreshments, craft kits, and always hygiene items. Donations can be dropped off at building 9 Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please call with any questions and concerns.

In Masonic lore, the **pyramid symbol is known as a sign of the eye of God watching over humanity.** The Masons have been both criticized and praised for their influential role in U.S. history. George Washington reached the top level of the Masons on August 4, 1753, securing the leadership of the influential lodge in Alexandria, Virginia.



Chillicothe York Rite Officer 2020-2021

Chillicothe Chapter #4

High Priest.....Excellent Companion David V. Medert
 King.....Excellent Companion Ryan Adams
 Scribe.....Thomas R. Castor
 Captain of Host.....Excellent Companion Roger Ray Jones
 Principle Sojourner....Excellent Companion R. Joseph Shilling
 Treasurer.....Excellent Companion John R. Ashton
 Secretary.....Companion William Bennett
 Royal Arch Captain...Excellent Companion Michael L. Hines
 Master 3rd Veil.....Excellent Companion Howard E. Leach
 Master 2nd Veil.....Companion Joseph A. Clarke
 Master 1st Veil...Excellent Companion Fred G. Shoemaker, III
 Education Officer....Excellent Companion Robert K. Brown
 Guard.....Companion Brick D. Sparks

Chillicothe Council #4

Illustrious Master.....Excellent Companion Michael L. Hines
 Deputy Master.....Companion Ryan Adams
 Principal Conductor of the Work.....Companion Thomas R. Castor
 Treasurer.....Excellent Companion John R. Ashton
 Recorder..... Companion William Bennett
 Conductor of Council Excellent Companion Roger Ray Jones
 Captain of the Guard Excellent Companion Howard E. Leach
 Sentinel.....Excellent Companion David V. Medert
 Steward Companion Joseph A. Clarke

Chillicothe Commandery #8

Eminent Commander
 Sir Knight Michael A. Ash
 Generalissimo.....
 Sir Knight Michael L. Hines
 Captain General.....
 Sir Knight Howard E. Leach
 Senior Warden.....
 Sir Knight R. Joseph Shilling
 Junior Warden.....
 Sir Knight Roger Ray Jones
 Prelate.....
 Sir Knight David V. Medert
 Treasurer.....
 Sir Knight John R. Ashton
 Recorder.....
 Companion William Bennett
 Sword Bearer.....
 Sir Knight Ronnie Ford
 Standard Bearer.....
 Sir Knight Joseph A. Clarke
 Warder.....
 Sir Knight Ryan Adams
 Sentinel.....
 Sir Knight Thomas R. Castor

Past Master's Convocation

December 5, 2020

Orient Lodge #321 will host the annual Past Master's Convocation Saturday, December 5th with breakfast served at 8:00 am. The Convocation will begin promptly at 9:00 am. All Masters-elect are required to attend this meeting before they can be installed into their office for the 2020-2021 Masonic year.

All officers of Scioto Lodge #6 in possession of the blue bound Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Code must returned them to the Office of the Secretary for updates as a results of newly adoption legislation at the 211 Annual Communication October 23, 2020.

We Mourn the Passing of Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Robert S. Jones



September 17, 2020

Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones, Past District Deputy Grand Master and holder of the Knight York Cross of Honor passed away the morning of September 17th at 1:15 am. Right Worshipful Brother Jones was a member and Past Master of Logan Elm Lodge #624 in Kingston

Companion and Sir Knight Jones was a member of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Chillicothe Council #4 and Chillicothe Commandery #8.

HIS Official Published Obituary Reads:

Robert "Bob" Silas Jones, 63, Gallipolis, Ohio passed away following a lengthy illness at his home Thursday, September 17, 2020. Born October 17, 1956 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Robert H. and Edith (McWilliams) Jones, of Florida. Bob was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Logan Elm F&AM Lodge #624, Kingston, Ohio, Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite and Aladdin Shrine, Columbus, Ohio.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Suzanne Martin Jones, Gallipolis, Ohio; children: Christopher Jones and Bethany Greenhill; several grandchildren; sisters: Kimberly Kroll, Dayton, Ohio; Tracy (Karl) Foster, of Texas; K.C. (Doug) Schaefer, of Georgia and brothers: Gregg (Jeannie) Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio and Sean (Kristy) Jones, New Jersey.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM Friday, September 25, 2020 in the McCoy-Moore Funeral Home, Wetherholt Chapel, Gallipolis, Ohio with Rev. Ray Cain officiating. Friends were invited to visit with the family Friday 11:00 AM-12:45 PM at which time a Masonic Service would be held. Cremation services will be conducted following the services. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and CDC Guidelines, social distancing were observed and facial coverings were required.



The Lighter Side

The Master of the lodge and his two wardens went golfing one day. As they were about to tee off the first hole the course marshal came and asked if a young woman could join their group. Being a charitable group they all agreed. She turned out to be a scratch golfer but on the 18th hole she drove the green in two and was about to putt for eagle. She then ask the three brothers if any one of them helped her make the putt she would be eternally grateful. Well then, the Junior Warden look at the putt and told her it was uphill and broke to the right. Well the Senior Warden being a more expert workman looked at it second, and said " That is partially correct but five inches from the hole it breaks back to the left. Well the Master of Lodge then took his turn. He looked at the putt carefully and then went over to the ball, Picked it up and exclaimed " It's a gimme !!!"

Two candidates were elected to enter on the same lodge night, one was a butcher and the other a sales representative on the night of initiation the butcher went in first, when it came to the charge at the north east corner it was discovered that he had a quarter pound of liver in his pocket that he was going to deliver on his way home, obviously this had to be taken away. The Junior Deacon took this to the Tyler and said this is the butchers liver.....and to this day we haven't seen the sales representative.

Chillicothe Chapter #4 to Celebrate its 200th Anniversary

The Excellent High Priest announced that during the Reaffirmation Service of October 24, 2021 Chillicothe Chapter #4 will be recognized on its 200th Anniversary. In the documented history prepared by Excellent High Priest Allan W. Hamill whose research resulted in the published history of Chillicothe Chapter #4. The paper was entitled appropriately... "**One Hundred Year of Capitular Masonry**" and read **Tuesday, December 13, 1821** at the 100th Anniversary of Chillicothe Chapter #4.

Past High Priest Oakley B. Graves updated the history when he served as High Priest in 1971-1972 when Chillicothe Chapter #4 celebrated its Sesquicentennial Anniversary at a program on May 20, 1972.

From the year 1792 until the organization of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio on October 24, 1816, the Capitular Degrees were conferred in Ohio by Chapters held under the authority and auspices of American Union Lodge #1; Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge #2; New England Lodge #4 and Scioto Lodge #6 .

As a matter of Masonic history, up to 1972 in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions, Craft Masonry controlled and conferred until its authority all other grades in Free Masonry was recognized as possessing supreme authority in their government, and all subsequent independent organization of Capitular and Templar grades, were by and with its consent, tacitly or officially given. The growth of Capitular Masonry in Ohio may be termed phenomenal, from its less than 20 working Chapters at the close of its first quarter of a century in 1841 to 153 working Chapters and a membership of over 17,000 Companions (circa 1972) .

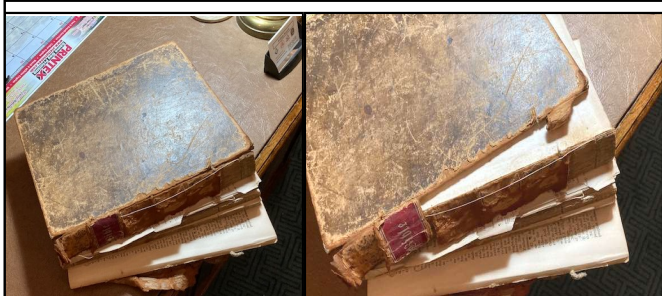
VA Bingo Event by William Bennett, Seventh Masonic District Representative



Veterans' Administration Hospital—September 23, 2020

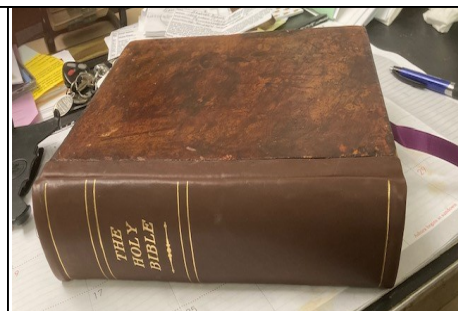
Ms. Jamie Russell, Staff of Volunteer Services, telephoned me on the above date telling me that the VA Bingo originally scheduled for Sunday, December 6th **would not be held**. As yet the volunteer staff does not have access to the patient area due to COVID-19. The restrictions are for the protection of the resident patients.

Compounding the situation—all visitors from volunteer organization are not being permitted to interact with patients for social activities and gatherings. Ms. Russell said that when the restriction are lifted visitors must provide proof that they have had a flu shot before participating in social activities where patients may be put at risk.



Before restoration of the April 1883 Bible

Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert came across this Bible and a project was adopted to refurbish it according to the stipulations written on the inside front cover. The Bible was put in use April 1833 and was used by all Chillicothe Masonic Bodies. The instruction on refurbishment was limited to the spine of the book.



Completed Restoration

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Grand Master's Class Hosted by Scioto Lodge #6 and Frankfort Lodge #309

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Twenty-six Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 and nine Brethren from Frankfort Lodge #309 joined in hosting a Grand Master's Class. Other Lodges participating were Pickaway Lodge 23 (2 candidates); Heber Lodge #501; Western Sun Lodge #91 (2 candidates); Orient Lodge #321. **Fourteen** candidates received their Master Mason Degree in splendid fashion.

Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert served as moderator for the class.

Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling was in attendance and

