



The Trestle Board

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2021 Chicken Noodle Dinner



Senior Warden Brother Steven Ray Grant is making plans to host the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner held at the Ross County Shrine Club at 500 Belleview Avenue Thursday, April 1, 2021 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The proceeds from the event will go to fund Special Olympic Funding for the 2021 Summer Games held in Columbus, Ohio.

Tickets for the event will be mailed to all Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 seeking their support and participation. Brethren are encouraged to sign up for help at the event.

There is a sign-up sheet on the registra-

tion desk at the lodge.

The Lodge is seeking help in donation of desserts which may be delivered to the Ross County Shrine Club on Thursday, April 1, 2021 for sale. All Ladies are invited to participate in providing anything they wish to donate.

Fish/Tenderloin Fry



Eugene L. Hardman

Junior Warden Brother Eugene L. Hardman will be heading up the Fish/Tenderloin Fry project to be held on June 11, 2021. This event is scheduled on the second Friday in June beginning at 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.

This event presents limitless numbers of opportunities for fraternal bonding and service to properly raise funds for the 2021 Scioto Lodge Scholarship Awards. Sign-up sheets will be on the registration Desk in the anteroom outside the Blue Room. If you have time available, your assistance is graciously appreciated. You may call the Office of the Secretary if you have any questions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4 Ionic Lodge #6 PHL 7:30 pm	5	6
7	8	9 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Chillicothe Council #4 7:30 pm	10 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. Zoom Mtg	11	12	13
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Chillicothe Commandery #8 Resumes In-Person Meetings

I would like to welcome all Sir Knights back to our first in-person Conclave that will take place on March 23rd at 7:30 pm.

It has been a long time since we have been able to meet in fellowship and there are still certain protocols the must be observed.

1. No meals or snacks may be served
2. A health assessment form will be filled out prior to the meeting. (Simply, are you feeling sick?)
3. No visitors may be in attendance
4. All Sir Knights should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the meeting and depart by 10 minutes after the conclusion.

In addition, all State and local rules will apply such as Social Distancing, Masks worn by all Sir Knights and I will provide hand sanitizer for anyone who would like to use it as well as soap and water in the lavatories for hand washing.

Please do not allow these small restrictions to be an excuse not to attend; but do what you are comfortable with.

Dress will be casual but I know we will all be wearing a smile, even if it can't be readily seen behind our masks.

Michael A. Ash
Eminent Commander

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio

The Grand Illustrious Master has allowed Constituent Councils to have regular meetings if that Council wishes to do so. It was left to the Illustrious Masters to dictate when in-person meetings may resume. The only stipulation was that all councils must follow the guidelines set forth from the State of Ohio. Masks and social distancing specifically

Ionic Lodge #6 PHL

Meetings for Ionic Lodge #6 PHL are held at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple the first and third Thursdays. This arrangement was entered into through the auspices of Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio and the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies under the guidance of the Masonic Temple Association.

There meetings appear on the business calendar of each month space available.

Work is progressing on a new Voice Phone Tree system to be implemented in the very near future. If you are not receiving notification of meetings and events, call the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485.

Grand Chapter of Ohio Clears the Way for In-Person Meeting

An Edict dated February 15, 2021 from the Grand Chapter of Ohio of Royal Arch Degree Masons allow for In-Person Meeting. The edict reads...."Now therefore, I, Daniel S. Smith, Grand High Priest... decree that: all Royal Arch Chapter...will be permitted to confer all four Capitular Degrees beginning March 1, 2021.

Phone Tree communication will be issued from the Office of the Secretary/Recorder. Past Master Gary W. Wheeler will be sending these announcement out temporarily using our former phone tree software until our new software is installed and operational.

The Excellent High Priest David V. Medert is recovering from surgery and is receiveing cards at his residence....72 Limestone Blvd. Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

March is Mental Health Awareness Month from the Web

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Mental health, defined by the World Health Organization, is "a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community". According to the WHO, mental health includes "subjective well-being, perceived self-efficacy, autonomy, competence, intergenerational dependence, and self-actualization of one's intellectual and emotional potential, among others". From the perspectives of positive psychology or of holism, mental health may include an individual's ability to enjoy life and to create a balance between life activities and efforts to achieve psychological resilience. Cultural differences, subjective assessments, and competing professional theories all affect how one defines "mental health".

The "National Mental Health Act," which created the National Institute of Mental Health, passed as a result of Mental Health America's advocacy. In 1949 Mental Health America launched Mental Health Week (which eventually became Mental Health Month) with the Jaycees to educate Americans about mental illness and mental health. 1950's.

Scioto Lodge #6 has lost three Brethren as a result of personal issues, the first in 1990 then in 2017 and now in 2021. The Worshipful Master is planning platform on which the Brethren of the lodge can address this "other" illness. Many mental health problems can be avoided by taking positive lifestyle choices in how we act and think before they can manifest.

Themes in **2017 Risky Business, 2018 Fitness 4 Mind and Body. 2019 4 Mind & 4 Body, 2020 Tool 2 Thrive, 2021 Stamp Out Stigma.** Themes do not save lives but you can help.

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason—

Benjamin Franklin

We Mourn the Passing of Our Brethren



Brother Steven Jeremy Merritt

Brother Merritt was 41 at the time of his passing. He was born January 7, 1980 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He leaves behind his wife Courtney R. Felts and four children; Torrance, Adelyn, Rett and Ester.



Brother Philip Wendell Putnam

Brother Putnam was 86 when he was called by the supreme architect of the Universe, He is survived by his wife Betty Jayne Gilfillan and two sons Brian and Eric. Four grandsons.



Brother Lloyd David Trego

Brother Trego was 94 years old at the time of his death. He passed away February 12, 2021. His son, Michael A. Trego survives along with two grandchildren and a great grand son.



Brother James M. Caldwell

Brother Caldwell was 81 when went to be with the Lord while surrounded loving family at 8:18 p.m. on January 26th, 2021



Worshipful Brother Everett Glenn Sheets

Worshipful Brother Sheets was 85 at the time of his passing on January 1, 2021. He served as Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masters of Ohio in 1990.



Brother Jackie J. Tackett

Jackie Joe Jeremiah Edward Tackett, 88, of Big Run Road, Piketon, Ohio passed 4:45 p.m. Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Adena Regional Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Chillicothe Chapter #4 History Update

The History of Chillicothe Chapter #4 and efforts to bring this history up to date from records and files were addressed by the Excellent High Priest David V. Medert resulting in the formation of a committee. This committee is made up of Excellent Companion Michael L. Hines, Excellent Companion Roger Ray Jones, Companion Thomas R. Castor and Companion William Bennett.

This committee is charged to undertake the task of adding to the works already published from works by then Excellent High Priest Oakley B. Graves in 1971 and 1972. Other works by Companion James C. Hertler, Secretary in 1996 are available for establishing the foundation.

From the Desk of the Excellent High Priest, David V. Medert

Greetings Companions,

As we begin 2021, it is impossible not to reflect on the beginning of this Capitular Year. We are bearing witness to a pandemic that has forced many changes in our everyday lives. Not just with having to quarantine or wear a mask, but the manner in which we conduct our daily lives. At the beginning of last year, we never considered conducting meetings via telephone or Zoom. We did not believe we would have to school our children or grandchildren at home rather than send them to school. We did not believe we would not be able to visit a restaurant, witness grocery stores without inventory, unable to attend school plays and sporting events, or attend funerals. But here we are, doing just that. What many of us believed to be a new strain of flu and a brief inconvenience, has expanded into a global pandemic that has affected our daily lives. Fortunately, a vaccination has been discovered and has provided a glimmer of hope for the future. We must remain vigilant and continue to practice known safeguards.

Most Excellent Companion Daniel S. Smith, GHP of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, through his Edicts, left the decision to meet in person or virtually to the EHP of each Chapter. I made the decision that Chillicothe Chapter #4 should meet virtually until such time it is safe to have in person meetings. We have met virtually for stated meetings December 2020 – February 2021.

As you are aware, Chapter Inspections have been postponed until further notice. Most recently, Most Excellent Companion Smith issued an amendment to EDICT 2020-8a, permitting Chapters to begin Inspections in all degrees commencing 1 March 2021. During our virtual meetings with REC Sheeley, DDGHP 5th Capitular District, we elected to be inspected in the Past Master Degree at our stated meeting on 11 May 2021. We have a candidate in waiting, Brother Darrell Palmer, to receive the PM degree which is why the decision was made to confer this degree rather than the MEM as previously scheduled.

This meeting is also our stated meeting for the annual election of officers. Further discussion on what time this will occur will be determined at our next stated meeting.

We are also returning to in-person meetings commencing with our March stated meeting, on March 9, 2021. Unfortunately, per Edict 2020-8, only officers are permitted to attend in-person meetings. There will be no refreshments before or after our stated meeting. All safety guidelines for social distancing remain in effect for our meeting and masks are strongly recommended. The important thing to remember is:

1. DO NOT feel obligated to attend a Royal Arch Chapter, Mark Lodge, or any Capitular event in person until YOU are comfortable that your health and safety of others are not compromised.
2. If you have a temperature or do not feel well, please stay home.
3. Respect each other's decision pertaining to personal contact - brotherly love should always prevail.
4. Before accepting any position or office during elections if you are not comfortable with any of the safety guidelines outlined, I encourage you to respectfully decline the position especially if you are unwilling to perform the duties required of your office.

Companions, we will be faced with challenging times. Let us all remember to practice safety guidelines. I am anxiously looking forward to seeing each of you again. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally yours,

David V. Medert

EHP, Chillicothe Chapter #4

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- Attend a Stated Meeting of your home lodge.
- Attend an Extra Meeting of your home lodge.
- Attend at least one meeting of another lodge in your District.
- Serve as greeter for one of your lodge's Stated Meetings.
- Attend an Official Visitation of the DDGM within your District.
- Attend at least one of your lodge's fellowship events.
- Assist in a fundraising event held by your lodge (if applicable).

Chillicothe Masonic Temple Resources

- Check out the web site of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies at cmb@chillicothemasons.org
- Call the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 if you have any questions regarding acquiring a petition
- James Fritz Schafer, Worshipful Master
- Harold C. Ramsey, Jr., Lodge Education Officer
- William Bennett, Secretary Recorder of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies
- David V. Medert Excellent High Priest Chillicothe Chapter #4
- Michael L. Hines Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council #4
- Michael A. Ash, Eminent Commander of Chillicothe Commandery
- For an appointment or to reach out to the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies call the Office at 740-774-3485
- Masons—Helping