

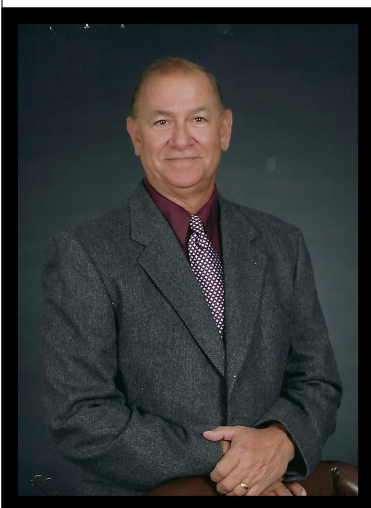


The Trestle Board

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May - June 2021

2021 Annual Fish/Tenderloin Fry



Junior Warden, Brother Eugene L. Hardman will be chairman of the 2021 Annual Fish/Tenderloin Fry to be held Friday, June 11, 2021 in Yoctangee Park from 11:00 am—7:00 pm.

Registration sheets for Volunteer sign up have been placed in the anteroom outside the Blue Room. This is an all hands on deck event with plenty of work for all those who wish to participate. It is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with other Brethren in the Lodge.

Proceeds from this event support the Scioto Lodge Scholarship Fund. Letters containing two tickets, which the Worshipful Master hopes you will consider purchasing, to support this very worthwhile endeavor in support of the youth of our region.

If you are available gather at the Lion's Shelter in Yoctangee part at 10:00. there will be several Brethren there to welcome you. Check in with Brother Eugene L. Hardman, event chairman. On Thursday, June 10th some preparations will be underway at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple on the third floor.

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Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

Excellent High Priest David V. Medert of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Illustrious Master Michael L. Hines of Chillicothe Council #4 and Sir Knight Michael A. Ash of Chillicothe Commandery #8 Knight Templar are looking forward to inviting Companions and Sir Knights to consider opening themselves to service to the Craft. This has been the most challenging part of the lifeline for the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. Leadership is of vital importance in the lifeblood of these organizations. Chapter and Council meet on the second Tuesday while Commandery meets on the fourth Tuesday.

May 2021

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**Scioto Lodge
#6 Stated
Meeting
7:30**

**Ionic Lodge
#6 PHL
7:30 pm**

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**Top Scholars
Banquet
6:00 pm**

**Chillicothe
Chapter #4
Chillicothe
Council #4**

**Eastern Star
Chapter #419
Stated Mtg.
7:30 pm**

**Seventh
Masonic
District
Association
Meeting**

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**Scioto Lodge
#6 Stated
Meeting
7:30**

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**Chillicothe
Commandery
#8
7:30.PM**

**Eastern Star
Chapter #419
Stated Mtg.
7:30 pm**

**Ross County
Shrine Club**

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June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30	2	3 Ionic Lodge #6 PHL 7:30 pm	4	5
6	7	8 Chillicothe Chapter #4 Chillicothe Council #4	9 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	10	11 Fish/ Tenderloin Fry 11:00 am - 7:00 pm	12
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Seventh Masonic District VA Representative—by William Bennett

The district meeting is slated for Saturday, May 15, 2021 at West Union Lodge #43 at 8:00 am. Its at this meeting I, as the VA Representative, seek support of the Officers of the Seventh Masonic District Association for the annual project.

I have been in contact via email with Ms. Jamie Russell, Volunteer Associate at the Veterans' Administration Hospital regarding the district's prospective 2022 project to provide assistance to both on and off campus Veterans using the services at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Chillicothe.

In 2018 eight of the sixteen Lodges, the Eastern Star Chapter #419 in Chillicothe and some individual Brethren participated and raised \$4,250.00 for the **Shoes for VETS** which saw more than 300 pairs of shoes, house slippers and shower shoes being given to Volunteer Service for distribution.

Our **Sweats for VETS** in 2019 was well received with the assistance of Right Worshipful Brother **Charles Curt Shanks**. The efforts of all sixteen Lodge in the seventh district, the Seventh Masonic District Association and two individual participants raised \$2,560.00 providing Sweats to the Veterans.

Twelve lodges in the Seventh Masonic District participated in the **Ditty Bags4VETS** in which we provided personal hygiene supplies at the VA Bingo event in December. Right Worshipful Brother Shanks provided the Ditty Bags with the Seventh Masonic District Logo and Vets were able to select supplies for their use. Personal hygiene products in the amount of \$1,226.31 were purchased and another \$1,173.69 was provided to Volunteer Services in cash for Recreational Therapy (\$586.69) and Canteen Coupon booklets (\$587.00) were provided to the Veterans.

In 2020, with COVID-19, things were more tentative and access to being on campus became impossible. The **Help-A-VET 21** resulted in collected funds in the amount of \$1,740.00 were sent to Volunteer Services for use in providing for the Veterans. The **Help-A-Vet21** project seemed to hit a wall with only seven lodges participating plus one individual Brother.

We seem to be experiencing donor fatigue among some of our lodges which I can appreciate. However, over the past 4 years you have my sincere gratitude for all the support and realize not every project meets with the approval of everyone. Please discuss VETERANS SERVICES among your Brethren, realizing that many of your members are **VETERANS**. Perhaps consider contributing one dollar per member or at a minimum one hundred dollars to the efforts put forth on behalf of the Veterans' Administration Hospital Volunteer Service.

Now its 2021 and Bingo events along with the annual **Picnic With the Vets** are not certain at this time. The Association has not spent its usual allocation to the VA Bingo which is \$300.00 from their annual budget. Veterans' Administration Hospital Representatives that have served the district are to be commended for their work on behalf of the district.

Sincerely and Respectfully

William Bennett. Past Master and District Representative



Top Scholars Banquet



Brother Byron Keith Greene

Scioto Lodge Scholarship Awards Banquet is being held, Monday, May 10, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be serve at 6:30 pm. Brother Byron Keith Greene, Senior Deacon, is the Chairman for the Scholarship Committee and will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

On the deadline date fifteen applications had been received for presentation to the Scholarship Committee.

Efforts to established The Scioto Lodge Scholarship Fund began in 1994 with the first two scholarship being awarded in 1999. In the intervening years 41 graduating high schools seniors from around the area each received \$1,000.00 to kick start their university education of higher learning with an additional two to be selected April 23, 2021.

Ms. Katelin Algeo
Mr. Andrew Clark
Ms. Hillary Conley
Mr. Chad Cunningham
Ms. Courtney Dye
Mr. Timothy Grigsby
Ms. Allison Hagley
Ms. Paige Hagley
Mr. Timothy Hawthorne
Mr. Dustin Hines
Ms. Sara Horning

Ms. Matthew Hutton
Ms. Amanda Kirkham
Mr. Tanner Kunz
Ms. Mia Lansford
Ms. Kimberly Lewis
Ms. Jessica Lewis
Ms. Abigail McDonald
Mr. Evan McDonald
Mr. Seth McDonald
Mr. Adam Mick
Ms. Kali Mitten

Mr. Jared Mitten
Mr. David Morgan
Ms. Rebecca Galloway
Mr. Brock Ginther
Ms. Addie Payne
Ms. Abby Perry
Mr. Jacob Piekarski
Ms. Amanda Prickett
Mr. Malachi Pulliam
Mr. Jonathan Putnam
Mr. Robert Riddle

Ms. Emily Schafer
Ms. Josie Shea
Mr. Jason Souers
Ms. Megan Shiltz
Ms. Cree Stully
Ms. Sara Sullivan
Ms. Bradis Thorton
Mr. Dylan Wolfe

Happy Belated 99th Birthday to Brother Chester L. Collins



Scioto Lodge #6 would like to extend a Happy Belated 99th Birthday Greeting to Brother Chester Collins.

Brother Collins is the last surviving member of WWII in our lodge. Brother Collins celebrated his 99th Birthday April 8, 2021.

Brother Collins, a Sixty-Year member of Scioto Lodge #6 was Raised January 23, 1961. The photo on the left shows him with his daughter on a return trip to Omaha Beach.

The photo to the right is on the occasion of him being presented with the French Legion of Honor.



Oil on Canvas Restored



The Oil on Canvas displayed in the East behind the Worshipful Master has been restored at a cost of \$1,200.00. The painting was mentioned in an 1857 article in the Scioto Gazette but research has yet to be completed in an effort to uncover the source as to when the painting was presented to the lodge.

The difference is remarkable with years of dirt and other contaminants being removed.

The restoration was a very worthwhile project in cleaning up the canvas and repairing the damage from years of neglect. It hung in the William A. Best Library for years on the east wall opposite the windows on the west where sun was an major negative enemy.

The painting has been returned and replaced in the original frame and new wire material installed to secure the painting in place. **David Terry Fine Art—Restoration and Conservation Service** located in Columbus, Ohio performed the work.

Masonic Temple Association

Meetings are held quarterly and are held on the first Monday following the close of the quarter.

The next meeting is Monday, May 3, 2021. Following meetings are August 2nd for the second quarter, November 1st for the 3rd quarter and February 2022 for the 4th quarter.

Anyone may attend the association meeting, it provides insight into the workings of the Officers and the roll they play in managing the affairs of the Chillicothe Masonic Temple. Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash is the president of the association. Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert is the Secretary/Treasurer.

Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele is the building manager and handles the affairs of the building attending to the repairs and troubleshooting issues that arises during the course of time.

Ghost Walk

Brother Dean O'Brian from Orient Lodge #321 is the chairman of the Ross County Community Event here in Chillicothe to raise funds for the Halloween Festival.

He contacted the Office of the Secretary regarding the possibly of opening up the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Building for the purpose of a walk through of the third and Fourth floor on Saturday, September 25, 2021. This request must be approved by the Masonic Temple Association at their next meeting. A preliminary visit is slated for Sunday, May 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

If you wish to participate in the Ghost Walk contact Ms. Mullins at 740-851-2534 for specific details



A couple of funnies from when I was a member of Augusta Lodge No. 141, A.F.& A.M. in Maine (now part of Bethlehem Lodge No. 35 F.& A.M. (Ohio) of which I am still a member).

First, back at the turn of the last century, there used to be a small Lodge in a small town somewhere just north of Farmington, Maine. Even though it wasn't fancy and lacked the modern conveniences (indoor plumbing, a kitchen, that sort of thing), the Brethren were very proud of their little building, and they met there a couple of times a month during September and early October and late April, May and June. In the winter they met once a month on the full moon (for the extra light at night since there was no such thing as electricity yet). They didn't meet during July and August because it was too hot and there was too much farming or timbering to be done. In the cold winter months when the wind would howl and the snow would pile up, the little pot bellied wood burning stove kept them warm and cozy as they conducted their monthly meetings. Now these were men who believed in and practiced the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. Occasionally, they would have a little social where they could bring their wives, but this usually was on Sunday afternoons after church. Beyond that, no women were allowed in the building!

Now there was a little old lady who lived near the Lodge hall, and she was the source of consternation among the Brethren for years. Seems that during the winter months – and in Maine that's November through April – this woman, we'll call her Mrs. Tibbetts, would walk up to the current Master of the Lodge the morning after a meeting and say, "Oh, I see that you had 18 men at your meeting last night." Sometimes the number was higher, and sometimes the number was lower, but Mrs. Tibbetts was always right. This went on for years, and drove the Brethren crazy. Every morning after a meeting the Master would dread Mrs. Tibbetts' approach because he knew what was coming..."Oh, I see you had (the correct number) men at your meeting last night." And darn it, she was right, but how did she know? Did she have a way of sneaking in the Lodge and spying on us?

Finally, as Mrs. Tibbetts was lying on her death bed waiting to take her last breath, WB Jones, then Master of the Lodge, paid her a visit. Without nary a moment's hesitation, he asked, "For all these years you've told us, without fail and without an error, how many Brethren we had attending the previous night's meeting. How did you do it? Where was your spy hole? I've got to know." Well, Mrs. Tibbetts looked up at the perplexed and frustrated man and smiled. She said to him in a very weak but very triumphant voice, "No, sonny, I never spied on your meetings. But it was easy enough to tell how many of you men were there. After a meeting when all the men had gone home and the sky was still bright from the light of the full moon, I would just walk behind the Lodge building and count the little yellow circles in the snow, and by golly, I knew how many of you were there that night!" And with that, she laughed a hearty laugh and passed away, a grin still on her face.

W.: Jeff Kaplan, Past Master

Right Worshipful Brother R. Joseph Shilling informed this writer that an announcement will be made at the Seventh Masonic District Association regarding the 2022 Annual Inspection schedule. The practice of Lodges selecting their own inspection dates has not been reinstated. The District Deputies Grand Master of the District have assigned inspection dates according to a text message I received on Monday, April 19, 2021.

William Bennett, Secretary



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**Pictured Left to Right—Worshipful Brother
Ranold Seymour Jr., Brother Ranold Seymour
Sr, and Most Worshipful Brother Doug Kaylor,**

On Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Brother Ranold S. Seymour Sr. a plural member of Morning Star Lodge #795, was presented with the 60 year Grand Lodge Award. Brother Seymour's home Lodge, Scioto Lodge #6 in Chillicothe, had requested assistance in presenting the award, owing to the fact that Brother Seymour is in assisted living at the Ohio Masonic Home and visitation is restricted.

Brother Seymour's son, Worshipful Brother Ranold S. Seymour Jr. contacted Worshipful Brother Phillip A. Hoffman and the Secretary of Scioto Lodge #6, to arrange to have the presentation made. Scioto Lodge #6 sent the award to Worshipful Brother Hoffman in November 2020.

Visitation was finally opened up in late March, Worshipful Brother Hoffman contacted Most Worshipful Brother Doug Kaylor, Past Grand Master, and asked if he would make the presentation. The presentation was made by Most Worshipful Brother Kaylor on Wednesday morning in the lobby of the Castle at the Ohio Masonic Home. Pictures were taken and it has already been publish in the Springfield News Star [April 2, 2021].

Phillip A. Hoffman, Past Master
Morning Star Lodge #795