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2023 Scholarship Awards Presented

The Scioto Lodge # 6 Scholarship Committee awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to the following very deserving students at a dinner prior to our stated meeting on June 6th.

Allison Lutz, (Pictured 2nd from left) who will be attending Dennison University.

Sydney Foglesong (Pictured 2nd from right) who will be attending the University of Cincinnati.

Merrill Haller who will be attending Miami University.
(Not Pictured)

Ethan Folk—who will be attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University. (Not Pictured)

Also pictured are Brother Keith Greene, Scholarship Committee Chair (left), and Worshipful Master Eugene Hardman.

Congratulations to not only the four recipients but to all of the impressive student applications we received.



SEPTEMBER 2023

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Local Special Olympics Shift Into High Gear



Powered by donations, including a \$4,700 check from Scioto Lodge 6, the Ross County Special Olympics is doing more than ever, expanding into bowling, power lifting, as well as traditional basketball and track competitions and they have had a busy summer.

“The most remarkable thing is the friendships our athletes are forming,” says Courtney Davis, Special Olympics coordinator. “They can flourish with these new friendships, something they may not have had in their lives before.”

Terrell Fairrow, Senior Warden of Scioto 6, was chairman of the annual Chicken-Noodle Dinner put on by the Masonic Lodge with the proceeds earmarked for donation to the local Special Olympics.

Brother Fairrow presented the check to Davis and Deion Ford, one of her Special Olympians, who have adopted the nickname “Trailblazers.” The new mascot was drawn by one of the athletes, which is an oxen wearing a Trailblazer Hat. The team colors are red and black.

The Ross County Special Olympics program is offered to any individual eight years or older who has been diagnosed with an intellectual disability, according to Davis who is employed by the Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Their roster now includes 48 athletes, ages 9-58.

They proudly marched their local banner through Ohio State University’s Jesse Owens Stadium for the June 2023 Summer Special Olympics in which they registered 28 athletes, three coaches and nine chaperones. The Trailblazers participated in three categories—track and field events, power lifting and bowling, garnering a host of medals and awards.



Davis said Scioto Lodge’s donation “helped transform our newly accredited program in a big direction.” One of the first things purchased were black and red track uniforms that can be used for the next five to eight years in various events to give the program a uniform identity.

“Through the power of sports,” Davis says, “people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths, abilities, skills and success.”

Masonic Lodge Open House



Most Worshipful Grand Master, Steven M. Grindle, had requested all Ohio lodges hold an Open House on April 22, 2023 to allow the communities to come view our beautiful buildings and to learn what local Masons are doing to improve their neighborhoods.

Worshipful Brother Eugene Hardman hosted this event at Scioto Lodge #6 from 2 - 5 p.m. On April 22nd. Of course before inviting guests into our "home" it is always necessary to spruce and tidy up lodge rooms and hallways, kitchen, dining room, game rooms and library, etc.

The Worshipful Master called for a cleaning party day at the lodge where WB Steven Steele, building manager, led a team of volunteer helpers with cleaning supplies who did an absolute fabulous job. Pictured are some of the volunteers including Steven Grant, PM, just outside the photo. (Sorry Steven!)



Chillicothe Commandery #8

By Michael Ash, Eminent Commander

All officers of Chillicothe Commandery #8 were presented with a York Rite Lariat Tie by Commander Michael Ash as a way of saying Thank You for their dedication to the office or position they held last year and all have agreed to hold the same for this upcoming year as well. I look forward to seeing them worn to special events.

I am pleased to announce I was able to attend every inspection in our District last year and one outside of our district. This is the first time in the 8 years I've held the role of Eminent Commander that I was free to attend them all. Special thanks to David Fouch, Captain General, who attended all but one with me and others who traveled.

The Ionic Lodge #6 was presented a Triangle for degree work by Circleville Commandery who merged with Lancaster and many members have since joined us as well. It was an amazing display of generosity and comradery between the two bodies. They were very grateful as they are hoping to develop a Commandery following within their own ranks.

Scioto Lodge #6 2023 Fish Fry

The annual fish / tenderloin fry of Scioto Lodge was held on Friday June 16th in Yoctangee Park at the Lion's shelter. We saw an outstanding turnout of both workers and diners and had to purchase more fish during the day. A total of \$3,500 was raised for the scholarship fund from this single day event. A huge Thank You to all who participated in whatever role you played. Congratulations to Michael Smallwood, JW, who chaired the event.



The Masonic Temple Association—What's Happening?

The first phase of the electrical upgrade is now complete bringing new power into the 1st and 2nd floors. We have rolled into the 2nd phase which will be to update 3 of the apartments switching them from gas to electric appliances. Everything is moving as predicted.

The Masonic Temple Board is in discussion with T-Mobile who is interested in leasing space to place a communication device on the rooftop of Scioto Lodge. No agreements have been signed as this is still in the early discovery stages with more updates to follow.

Masonic Temple Board Members for **YOUR** Lodge Building include at this time:
Mike Ash—President, Mike Hines, Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Steele—Building Manager, Harold Ramsey, Fritz Schafer, Eugene Hardman, Roger Jones, Tom Castor, and Ryan Adams.

This board meets quarterly and all Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be taking place the first week in November for the 3rd Quarter. Time TBD.

Past WBs Mike Hines, Mike Ash, Fritz Schafer and SW Terrell Fairrow played golf in the Scottish Rite golf outing in Columbus. As expected no awards were won but a lot of fun (and strokes) took place. Thanks to Mike Hines and Fritz for carrying the team all day.



Tecumseh Usher Project

As a fund raising project again this year, Scioto Lodge participated in ushering at our local outdoor drama Tecumseh the week of August 14th.

Each night it was requested that we have 5 to 6 volunteers present to wipe down chairs and help visitors to their seats prior to show times. We could then stay and watch the show if we wanted.

Thanks to all 18 participants who helped with this event and for those that couldn't make it, we had a great time! Pictured to the left is the Wed. night team who had more fun than they should have.



CHILLICOTHE CHAPTER #4

Companions, September will begin an exciting new year for Chillicothe Chapter #4. Plans are set for a district wide inspection which will be held at Aurora in Portsmouth on December 9, 2023. Our Chapter will participate in the Past Master Degree and to help hone our skills we will present the degree September 12 to our newest member, Brother Simpkins from Orient Lodge 329. We hope all will be there to welcome our new Brother.

This year we will also potentially see Com. Ryan W. Adams be elevated to the position of Grand High Priest. Over the last years Ryan has traveled extensively to perform his duties in the Grand Line. He has demonstrated the pride and conviction which our Chapter holds in high esteem. It is my hope that Chillicothe Chapter will turn out at the Grand Chapter Convocation October 4th-5th at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus to support and congratulate our dear Companion. Information is available on the Grand Chapter website at ohioram.org.

Com. Joe Shilling is set to advance to Grand Royal Arch Captain and Michael Ash will become Grand Guard. Companions Ryan, Joe and Mike, we pledge to assist you in any way possible and thank you for labors past and future. Hope to see all Companions when we return on September 12.

Companion Michael Hines, Excellent High Priest

Gun “and More” Raffle Tickets Sold

The results of the “Gun Raffle” is complete as the winners were drawn prior to the Lodge going dark for the summer. To help your memory, tickets were sold for \$10.00 each and a limited number of 100 tickets were printed to be sold. The 1st place winner received a \$350 certificate and the 2nd place winner received a \$150 certificate good toward any gun of their choosing, new or used, or any other item they might encounter at the Pike County Pawn Shop.

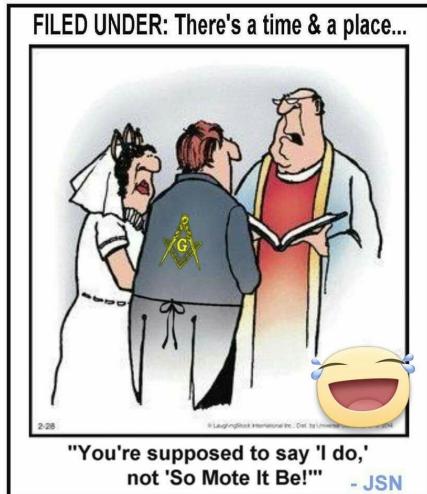
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Again, thanks to all of you for your help in simplifying these issues to maintain contact.