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Companion Ryan Adams Installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest!

On October 5, 2023, Ryan W. Adams was installed as the 208th Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Most Excellent Companion Ryan is the first "Grand Presiding Officer" from the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies since Cecil Blair in 1967, who was Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Ohio.

Ryan was born November 30, 1980, in Hillsboro, Ohio to William C. Adams, Jr. and Cindy (Clemmons) Adams. He attended Paint Valley Local Schools in Bainbridge, OH and graduated from Ohio University with both an Associate's & Bachelor's Degree in Business Management & Economics. He also has post graduate work in Career & Technical Education through Western Michigan University. While being a community banker by trade, Ryan currently manages the Sales Operations group with Computer Services, Inc. located in Paducah, KY where he helps community banks in core processing decisions.

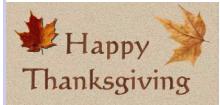
Ryan began his "Masonic Journey" 20 years ago on March 29, 2003, at the Majestic Theatre in downtown Chillicothe at the 2nd Annual Grand Master's One Day Class becoming a member of Scioto Lodge #6. Membership to the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies followed in May 2003, and membership to the Valley of Columbus AASR was completed in November 2003. Ryan holds a number of memberships in the Masonic Fraternity including Orient Lodge #321 F&AM, Trowel Chapter #70 RAM, Trowel

Council #71 R&SM, Rabboni Council #435 Allied Masonic Degrees, Irish Council #67 & Killian Council #106 Knight Masons USA, Kilwinning Council Knight Masons of Ireland, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Thomas Smith-Webb York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Grand College of Rites of the USA, American Union Chapel #16 St. Thomas of ACON, Grotto MOVPER, Chillicothe Chapter #419 & Waverly Chapter #99 Order of the Eastern Star, Lancaster #57 White Shrine of Jerusalem, & Valley Lodge Knights of Pythias. He has received the Honorary Legion of Honor from Ohio DeMolay and the Grand Cross of

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NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4
5	6	7 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Annual Election of Officers	8 Eastern Star #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm Masonic Temple Board Mtg Q-3 7:00 pm	9	10  Veterans Day Honoring All Who Served	11
12	13	14 Chillicothe Chapter # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council # 4 stated meeting 7:30 pm	15 Veteran's and Widows Night Banquet 6:30 RSVP by 11/7	16 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21	22 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30		

DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Pearl Harbor Day	8	9
10	11	12 Chillicothe Chapter # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Christmas Observance	13 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	14	15 Chillicothe Council # 4 Inspection in Select Master. 6pm	16
17	18	19	20	21 Scioto Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm and Christmas Party Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	22 Happy First Day of Winter	23
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Bombas Sock Presentation to Veterans at V.A. Hospital

Worshipful Brothers' Michael Ash, William Bennett, and Senior Warden Terrell Fairrow presented over 100 pairs of Bombas Socks worth \$850 to the veterans at the V.A. Hospital on Monday, September 25th. In the spirit of gratitude for the generosity of Bombas, we would like to commend and recognize this company who donates one pair of socks for every pair sold.

The socks were procured and distributed by the Masonic Service Association of North America. An organization dedicated to serving Freemasonry, our country and the world.



Come join the food and fun!

Brothers enjoy great food and fellowship prior to our stated meetings each month starting around 6:30 pm. New members are invited and encouraged to attend these dinners so they can be introduced to the membership prior to their joining.

The menu is at the sole discretion of the cook for the evening who has typically been WB Steele, Hines or Brothers Smallwood, Palmer and many more.

It is also typical that we also get to enjoy a delicious cake made by Brother Joe Clarke, Tyler.

We invite all that can make it to attend including any widows who are able to join us for the meal.

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt

Last night I knelt where Hiram Knelt
And took an obligation,
Today I'm closer to my God
And I'm a Master Mason.
Tho' heretofore my fellow men
Seemed each one like the other,
Today I search each one apart;
I'm looking for "my brother".
And, as I feel his friendly grip,
It fills my heart with pride;
I know that while I'm on the square
That he is on my side.
His footsteps on my errand go
If I should such require;
His prayers will plead in my behalf
If I should so desire.
My words are safe within his breast
As though within my own;
His hand forever at my back
To help me safely Home.
Good counsel whispers in my ear
And warns of any danger;
By square and compass, Brother now!
Who once would call me stranger.
I might have lived a moral life
And risen to distinction
Without my Brother's helping hand
And fellowship of Masons.
But God, who knows how hard it is
To resist life's temptations,
Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt
And took that obligation.

-Author Unknown



Endowment Membership Certificates Presented

WB Evan Steele and WB Fritz Schafer were recently presented with certificates from the Grand Lodge of Ohio for purchasing a Lifetime Membership Endowment that will entitle them to be dues free for the rest of their lives.

Any Master Mason in good standing is able to take advantage of this offer by submitting a one time payment of \$800 to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. This is then paid back to the lodge each year in the form of member dues by the Grand Lodge even after the endowed members passing.

What makes this so attractive at this time is by the end of the year, the fee for an endowed membership will be increasing from \$800 to \$1,600. Also to be considered is Scioto Lodge currently has the lowest dues in the State of Ohio but given the increased nature of expenses, this may not always remain to be the case.

Anyone interested in purchasing an endowed membership can search Grandview or simply contact the office of the Secretary or Treasurer for assistance.

Pictured left to right are Worshipful brothers Evan Steele, WM Eugene Hardman and WB Fritz Schafer.



Chillicothe Commandery #8

By Michael Ash, Eminent Commander

Well Sir Knights, the 2024 Inspection season is rapidly approaching, so each stated meeting of Chillicothe Commandery will be utilized for practicing our Full Form Opening and Sword Manual drill to hone our skills for this event. The 2024 Inspection schedule is currently planned as follows: 

I had the honor of representing Chillicothe Commandery at the 182nd Grand Conclave for the Grand Commandery of Ohio at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus on Friday October 6th. This will be my 9th time serving as E.C.

Our annual Christmas Observance will take place on Tuesday Dec. 12th immediately following the Chapter/Council Meeting or at approx. 8:30 p.m. All Masons and their guests are invited to attend. A donation will be collected as customarily done for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at that time.

Anyone needing items for their Commandery uniform, including sword, please see me as we have quite a selection built up to choose from and I would love to see them put them to good use!

2024 Inspection Schedule:

Ohio Valley #24	1/13/24
Marietta #50	1/20/24
Chillicothe #8	1/27/24
Jackson #53	2/17/24
Athens #15	2/24/24
Lancaster #2	3/16/24

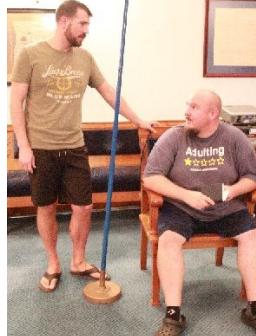
All inspections will begin with a noon banquet this year.

Scioto Lodge Degree Practice

Officers and members of Scioto Lodge have been working diligently on the Masonic degree work so as to give the best presentation to our new candidates. Several practices have been held where Past Masters have attended to help new officers with floor movements and memory work.

At our stated meeting on September 21st all line officers advanced to the next station to perform two E.A. degrees on our newest candidates. Terrell Fairrow sat in the East as Worshipful Master for the whole evening including the opening and closing ceremonies.

Pictured are those who participated in the practices to help prepare for future ritual work.



Chillicothe Council No. 4 R.A.S.M.

Greetings Companions. My name is Michael Laws and I'm honored to have been elected as Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council No. 4 R.A.S.M. I am the current sitting Secretary of Pickaway No. 23, which I am also a PM, PHP and PIM.

Our Inspection in the degree of Select Master will be held at Scioto Lodge No. 6 on December 15th, 2023 at 6 pm where we hope to put on another fantastic degree. We do have a few parts that will need filled, especially Azariah. If there are any Companions who have performed Azariah in the past and would like to dust off the cob webs a bit, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is mikelaws@twc.com and my Cell is (614)226-3452. I look forward to seeing you at our next Stated Council Meeting which will be held on November 14th, 2023. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm and the Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm.

Thank you Companions,

WB and Chaplain Michael Ash presented new white lambskin aprons and Holy Bibles to our newest Master Masons at the first stated meeting in October.

This has been a custom of Scioto Lodge #6 for many, many years. The apron is a symbolic emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason to be deposited with our lifeless remains during our interment. The Bible is to light our path and guide us through a well spent life as our moral and Masonic trestle board.

Pictured left to right are Brothers Paul Smallwood, Timothy Brown and WB Michael Ash.



The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months went by, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fire place and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After a few minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. He sat back in his chair still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was not more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, I began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for the fiery summons, my brother. I will be back in our lodge next meeting."

Masonry is a fraternity of men who meet and have fellowship with each other. Fellowship is especially important to our own existence as human beings. We were not meant to be alone. Every one of us has a talent that a Lodge needs and it is up to you to offer your talent to your Lodge. Do not be that single ember fading away.

CHILLICOTHE CHAPTER #4

Congratulations to our newly installed Grand Excellent High Priest, Ryan W. Adams! May you have fair winds and following seas on your journey.

Chillicothe Chapter #4 will participate in the District wide degree inspection on Saturday, December 9, at Aurora Lodge in Portsmouth. Our Chapter will be doing the Past Master Degree in conjunction with our Companions from Circleville, Chapter #20. All Chapter degrees will be presented. Participants should be at Aurora at 8:00 a.m.

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Color from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls for his service to our Masonic Youth Groups. Ryan is also the current Treasurer of Scioto Lodge #6 and holds a position on the Masonic Temple Association Board of Directors.

In his spare time (outside of Freemasonry), Ryan likes to travel and spend time with his family. The Chillicothe Masonic Bodies wish Most Excellent Companion Ryan safe travels and thank you for representing Chillicothe in his travels during his term in office.

Masonic Temple Board News

New gas service has been updated into the Masonic Lodge building which is necessary to run the boiler, kitchen stove and water heater.

Pictured to the right is building manager Steve Steele with the old service meter in the basement and the new to the right of building.



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better. It's not!

-Dr. Seuss

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When changing address, please contact the office secretary or recorder so we may update our mailing list and Grandview. We realize this request is mentioned each time in the Trestle Board but it can't be stressed enough the importance of notifying us. When addresses are not updated, you stand a chance of not receiving the newsletter or any other communication deemed important. We have improved in this area dramatically and we do appreciate everyone's help. You may email the Office of the Secretary at cmb@chillicothemasons.org or send surface mail to: Scioto Lodge #6 57 East Main Street Chillicothe, Ohio 45601. The same applies for our new phone tree system. Brothers may opt out of receiving notifications via phone tree if you desire. If you change phone numbers, unless we are notified, that number is deleted from the system.

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