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WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

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"Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius." – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Freemasonry is composed of men from all walks of life. For centuries the fraternity has boasted pioneering scientists, courageous leaders, and revolutionary artists. Among them is a man whose musical compositions we regularly hear, whether in movies, TV, radio, or in our own free time: [Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart](#).

This man created an unparalleled legacy. He single-handedly altered the course of Western music, creating over 600 compositions in his short life. While he was only 35 when he passed away, he spent his last years engaged with Freemasonry, fascinated by its lessons, history, and symbolism. So enraptured was he that he began weaving Masonic themes into his works, pieces that still enchant today.

Masonic Inspiration

While living in Vienna, Mozart was [initiated into Austrian Freemasonry](#) on December 14th, 1784 to Lodge 'Zur Wohltätigkeit' at the age of 28. Little is known regarding what brought Mozart to Masonry, but it is clear he was passionate about the fraternity. The year before, Pope Clement XII issued a decree that prevented Catholics from pursuing membership in Freemasonry.

Mozart clearly saw no conflict, becoming a Master Mason and remaining active in the Craft until he passed away in 1791. The effect Freemasonry had on his life must have been profound. Not only is there evidence that he attended Lodge regularly, but Masonic influences began cropping up in his work.

In the seven years he was [active in the fraternity](#), Amadeus wrote at least eight compositions specially for the Masons, including his Freemason's Funeral Music. There are also notable Masonic themes and symbolism residing in his famous opera "The Magic Flute." The overture sheet music shows a dotted figure that Mozart used to represent the three knocks a Brother would make to initiate a Masonic ceremony. Mozart began his opera the same way he would a Master Mason ceremony – with a musical "three knocks." Mozart's compositions intended for use by his Brethren include:

- Song: O heiliges Band der Freundschaft treuer Brüder" (O sacred bond of friendship between true brothers)
- Cantata: "Dir, Seele des Weltalls"
- Song: "Lied zur Gesellenreise: Die ihr einem neuen Grad" (For use at installation of new journeymen)
- Cantata for tenor, male chorus, and orchestra: Die Maurerfreude (The Mason's Joy)
- The Masonic Funeral Music
- Two songs for the opening and closing ceremonies of the lodge:
- Zur Eröffnung der Freimaurerloge: "Zerfließet Heut, Geliebter Brüder"
- Zum Schluß der Freimaurerloge: "Ihr Unsre Neuen Leiter"
- The Little German Cantata: Die ihr die unermesslichen Weltalls Schöpfer ehrt, for tenor and piano, for use at meetings of the "Colony of the Friends of Nature"
- The Little Masonic Cantata (Kleine Freimaurer-Kantate) entitled Laut verkünde unsre Freude "Laßt uns mit geschlungenen Händen," K. 623a, (For the close of the Lodge)

Despite the unceremonious end, Mozart's name and music remain ubiquitous over two centuries later. He and his compositions are known worldwide for their brilliance, made even more impressive by the young age at which he wrote most of his pieces. You can draw a line from the work of Mozart through the evolution of Western music up till today. He was tirelessly committed to bettering his craft, and for that, he was a true Freemason.

JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Inspection, Dinner at 6:15 pm	6 Orient Inspection in MM, at 9am. Lucasville Inspec- tion in FC 1pm
7	8	9 Chillicothe Chapter # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	11	12	13 Inspections: Winchester FC 10am West Union EA 1pm Manchester 5pm
14	15	16	17	18 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 Lynchburg Inspection in FC 5pm
21	22	23 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Practice Full Form Opening	24 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	25	26 Logan Elm Inspection in FC 7pm	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Annual Inspection Begins with Dinner Ban- quet 12 Noon
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Grand Masters Reception	3 Bainbridge Inspec- tion in FC at 9am Frankfort Inspec- tion in EA at 1pm
4	5	6 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Nauvoo Inspec- tion in EA at 7pm	10 Western Sun Inspection in EA at 1pm Aurora Inspec- tion in EA at 5pm
11	12	13 Chillicothe Chapter # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	15	16 Rome inspec- tion in EA at 7pm	17 Highland Inspec- tion in MM at 5pm
18	19	20	21	22 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	23 Leesburg In- spection in FC at 7pm	24
25	26	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	28 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	29		

Installation of Officers of Scioto Lodge



W.M. Terrell Fairrow being presented for installation by W.M. Harold Ramsey, LEO and Installing Marshall.

Photo by W.B. Tom Castor

The officers of Scioto Lodge #6 was duly installed into their respective positions on Tuesday evening December 5th prior to the Stated Meeting. Family and guests were welcome to attend the Open Installation. Serving as Installing officers were: W.B.'s Michael Hines, Harold Ramsey, Fritz Schafer and Michael Ash. Those elected/appointed to serve Scioto Lodge as officers for the 2023/2024 year include.

WM— Bro. Terrell Fairrow
SW—Bro. Michael Smallwood
JW— Bro. Nicholas White
Sec— W.B. James Fritz Schafer
Tres— M.R.E.C. Ryan Adams
SD—Bro. Paul Smallwood

JD—W.B. Steven Grant
Tyler—Bro. Joseph Clarke
Chaplain—W.B. Michael Ash
L.E.O.— W.B. Harold Ramsey
S.S.—Bro. Darryl D.C. Palmer
Trustee—W.B. Stephen Steele

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Chillicothe Masonic Lodge once again helped ring the Salvation Army collection bell for donations this past Holiday Season. Members took turns in 2 or 4 hour shifts manning the kettle at Walmart and Kroger on Western Ave. on Weds and Friday along with some Saturdays.

Thanks to all who participated!

Pictured to the right are WM Terrell Ferrell and WB Michael Hines who spear headed the coordination of the event.



Veterans, Ladies and Widows Night Banquet

Scioto Lodge #6 held a joint banquet in the Moll Dining Room to honor those who served our military, ladies and friends as well as widows of fallen brothers.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed along with a presentation from Ed Tasy from the V.A.M.C. and Jodie Augustine from the Order of Eastern Star who has accompanied 26 Honor Flights to Washington D.C. with veterans.

Masonic Christmas Nativity Scene

The attached nativity scene had been on display at the Pump house Art Gallery this past Holiday Season for all to enjoy. This is thanks to Worshipful Brothers Steven Steele, Harold Ramsey, Evan Steele and Bro. Randy Swepston who constructed the structure (twice) and moved it from the YMCA to it's current location for better exposure to the community. Special thanks to Bro. John Payne for his involvement in the placement of the structure to help keep Christ in Christmas.



Chillicothe Chapter #4 News

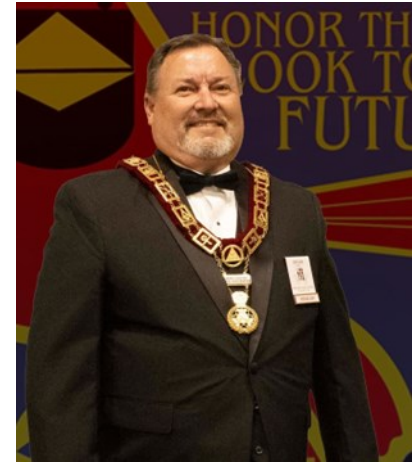
By Michael Hines—Excellent High Priest



M.E.C. Ryan Adams



R.E.C. Joseph Shilling & Wife Bonnie



R.E.C. Michael Ash

We are proud of the members of Chillicothe Chapter #4 serving as Grand Royal Arch Masons for the state of Ohio for the 2023/2024 capitular year including the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position Held</u>
Ryan Adams—	Grand High Priest	Ryan Adams—	Grand Rep. of IN
Joseph Shilling—	Grand Royal Arch Captain	Joseph Shilling—	Grand Rep. of KY
Michael Ash—	Grand Guard	Michael Ash—	Grand Rep. of SC
Fred Shoemaker—	Associate Grand Guard	Michael Hines—	Grand Rep. of MA
Robert Junk—	Grand Parliamentarian	Roger Jones—	Grand Rep. of IA
William Adams—	Grand Steward		
Terry Deal—	Grand Steward		
Scott Rigsby—	Grand Steward		
Jodie Augustine—	OES—Grand Photographer		



Thank you all for your service to Royal Arch Masonry.



Chillicothe Commandery #8

“The Christian Order of Freemasonry”

By Michael Ash, Eminent Commander



Well Sir Knights, the 2024 Inspection season is upon us, so we will be practicing the Full Form Opening at our Stated Meeting in December and will call a special meeting for practice for the Order of the Temple. Please come help if you are able to attend. Our Inspection will take place Saturday, January 27th beginning with a noon banquet.

Chillicothe Commandery held their annual Christmas Observance on Tuesday evening Dec. 12th immediately proceeding the Chapter and Council Stated Meetings. 16 Sir Knights were in attendance. A total of \$119 was collected for the annual donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Thank you to all those that participated/contributed in this event.

Scioto Lodge Halloween Parade



Members of Scioto Lodge # 6 participated in Chillicothe's annual Halloween Parade.

Thank you to Brother Frank Penwell for driving and providing the truck, while WB Gene Hardman, WB Harold Ramsey, Bro. Joe Clarke and Bro. D.C. Palmer rode on the back.

Treva Hardman and Denise Ramsey walked beside the truck while passing out candy to the many children watching the parade.



The next time you visit the 4th floor hallway, look for trophies that were won in the 1990's for our float entries for the parade by our not so ancient brothers of Scioto Lodge #6.

This was a great way for our Lodge to show our support for the Community!

Ross County Shrine Club Spaghetti Dinner



Members of Scioto Lodge #6 and other area Lodges volunteered at the Ross County Shrine Club's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

A Fraternity defined by Fun, Fellowship and Philanthropy, Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. With nearly 200 local chapters and thousands of clubs on six continents, Shriners are known for their fellowship, brotherhood, compassion and generosity. The fraternity established Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922, and continues to support it today, while striving to make the world a happier, better place.

Masonic Temple Board News—T-Mobile

An agreement has been reached between T-Mobile and the Masonic Temple Association to allow cellular antennas to be installed on top of the Masonic Lodge Building with very little structural changes taking place. Equipment will be installed on the ground floor between the back of the Antique Emporium and the boiler room. We are awaiting for the signatures from the Chillicothe Design and Review Board.

Ten Master Masons

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.
Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.
Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.
Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.
Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.
Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.
Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said, "What's the use," then there was one.
One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.
Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.
Four Master Masons saved their Lodges fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.
Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.
So, we can't put our troubles at the Lodges door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.
Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

-Author Unknown

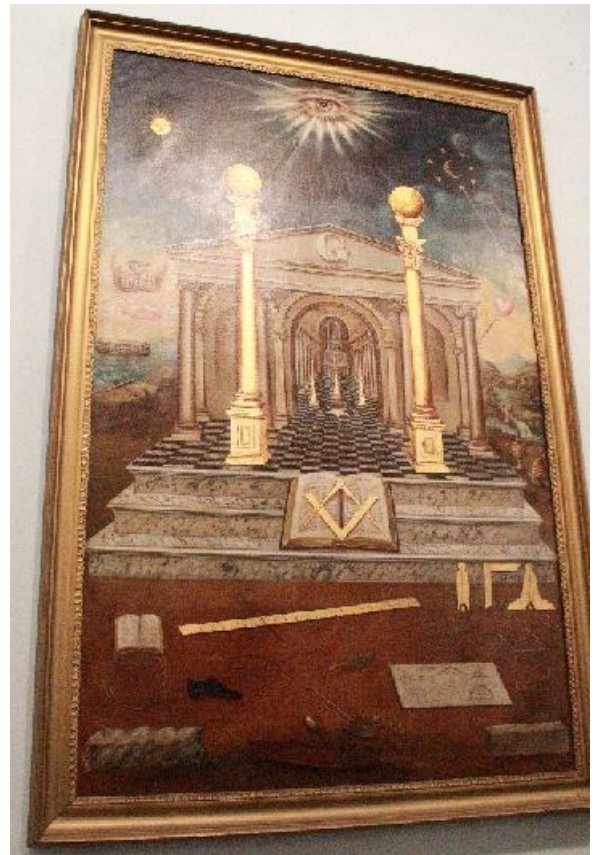
Masonic Temple Board News

I am proud to announce the electrical project for the Lodge is nearing completion. We have completely new service coming in from the alley to the Temple, new meters servicing all tenants throughout the building and new service wiring and panels for the 9 apartments on the second floor.

A new laundry facility has been added to the second floor for tenants, removing the necessity for laundry rooms in the apartments.

Buss fuses are being replaced with breakers in all electrical boxes on the third and fourth floors and the dimmers in the Red and Blue rooms are being replaced with update dimmer switches. All light bulbs in these two areas will be changed over to LED dimmable to help reduce electrical loads to the lines as well as reduce electrical usage. These are much needed improvements getting completed.

We are currently accepting referrals for 2 or 3 one bedroom apartments on the second floor of the Masonic Temple. Interested parties should contact our Building Manager W. Brother Stephen Steele at (740) 701-1622 for further information.



Painting Restoration

The painting, that can be found hanging in the East behind the Master's station was recently sent off for restoration work by a professional company to help clean the many decades of dust and debris from the canvas. It took several months for the work to be completed as they had to be extremely careful due to the age and gold leaf found to be used in the painting.

The portrait is what we believe to be a one of a kind without knowledge of who the actual artist was that painted it. It measures 4 feet wide by 6 feet tall and is surrounded by a majestic and beautiful gold frame.

The items depicted in the portrait are a representation of but not limited to those items delineated on the Master's Carpet. Every time one examines the painting, new items can be discovered in this wonderful and beautiful work of art. Please be sure to notice this on your next visit to the Blue Room.

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It appears our new candidate has been researching the secret handshake on the internet!

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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.