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# The Trestle Board

A Publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

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Top left: Picture of Lodge Officers dignitaries and special guests including Most Worshipful Master Paul A. Weglage, center.

Above: Introduction of visiting Grand Officers of Grand Bodies for the State of Ohio.

Left: Picture of the dinner banquet located in the Moll Dining Room on the 4th floor.

Scioto Lodge held its annual inspection on Friday January 5th with a dinner at 6:15 and the work commencing at 7:00 pm in the Fellowcraft Degree. This was the first inspection in the Historic 7th Masonic District as tradition has so many times prevailed.

Lodge was opened in the Fellow Craft Degree and WB Michael Hines, acting as Marshall, escorted and introduced the numerous visiting dignitaries west of the alter. It is customary, when a Grand Officer's Lodge is being inspected for the heads of the various other Grand bodies to attend. Thus, since Most Excellent High Priest Ryan W. Adams is a member of Scioto Lodge #6 we had a full compliment of Grand Officers in attendance.

WM Terrell Farrow, began with the degree work on Brother Graham S. Matter and was followed by the Lecture given by JW Nicholas C. White and WB James Fritz Schafer. The Charge was given by SW Michael Smallwood and Education by WB Harold C. Ramsey. A great job was done by all.

It was quite evident the time and practice the officers had put forth to make the day go smoothly as it could be seen in the near perfect work they presented to the candidate.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Ohio Priory Meeting
3	4	5 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	8	9
10 Scottish Rite Practice	11	12 Chillicothe Chapter # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  Chillicothe Council # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm  Fellowcraft Team Practice 6 pm	14	15	16 Scottish Rite Degrees 4, 8, 9 and 19. 9am-1pm Red Room
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# Past Master's Plaque Presentation



A Past Master's plaque was presented to immediate Past Master Eugene Hardman at our first Stated Meeting on January 2nd, 2024. A Past Master's Jewel and apron were also given to WM Hardman to thank him for his dedicated service to Scioto Lodge #6 as Master of the Lodge in the 2022-2023 year.

Pictured, from left to right, is WM Terrell Fairrow, PM Eugene Hardman and Brother Nicholas White, JW.

## Chicken Noodle Dinner

Our Senior Warden Michael Smallwood has been hard at work preparing for our Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner which will be held on April 4th at the Ross County Shrine Club.

All brothers are encouraged to come volunteer, and/or support our lodge by enjoying a great dinner for a worthy cause. The proceeds from the dinner will again go towards the Special Olympics in our local area. Tickets will be arriving in the mail sometime mid March.

Last year Scioto Lodge raised over \$6,000 from this one-day event. Special thanks goes to the Ross County Shrine Club for allowing us to use their facilities for this worthy cause.

## Crime Does Not Pay

A famous art thief attempted to steal paintings from the Louvre in Paris, but he was caught only two blocks away from the scene of the crime because his van ran out of gas.

When the police found him on the side of the road, all the thief could say for himself was, "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the van Gogh, so I had to try stealing the paintings and making my getaway because I had nothing Toulouse!"

## Picture This?

Can you identify what this does at your Lodge.

Ans. bottom of page 6.



## Excellence in Youth Award



The excellence in Youth Award for the 7th Masonic District was awarded Friday evening January 27th at the Grand Masters Reception for Most Worshipful Master Paul A. Weglage. Hailey Laughlin and A.J. Guba were the 2024 recipients and both are from Chillicothe High School and nominated by the Most Excellent High Priest Ryan W. Adams.

This award is presented to youth in the Southern Ohio Historic 7th District for distinction in leadership, community involvement and scholastic achievement. Hailey is the daughter of Patrick and Tammy Laughlin and the grand-daughter of PM William Bennett. A.J. is the son of Bro. Andrew and Katie Guba.

Pictured from left to right are AJ Guba, Jodie Augustine, Eastern Star, Hailey Laughlin, Most Excellent Companion Ryan Adams, and his wife Cathy Adams.

## Chillicothe Chapter #4 News

By Michael Hines—Excellent High Priest



Grand Family meeting picture Feb. 3rd 2024 in the Red Room of the historic Chillicothe Masonic Lodge, Most Excellent High Priest Ryan W. Adams Presiding.



Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month for our Stated Chapter Meeting.

## Chillicothe Commandery #8

“The Christian Order of Freemasonry”

By Michael Ash, Eminent Commander



Chillicothe Commandery held their Annual Inspection on Saturday January 27th. A noon banquet was enjoyed by all thanks to Ryan and Cathy Adams and Evelyn who prepared the meal. Right Eminent Past Commander Richard Brady was the inspecting officer. Special Thanks goes out to Dale Exline who performed as our Pro-Tem Captain General due to the back surgery of P.C. David Fouch who was unable to attend.



## Unpaid York Rite Dues Plea

There are a substantial number of Companions, and Sir Knights who have not yet paid their current years dues. Notices were sent out in mid October last year and to date we have only received payment from 57% of our membership. If you do not have a set of current years dues cards, you may be in the rears.

A second notice will be mailed shortly, please respond asap if you get one. Dues are as follows

Chapter \$18—Council \$24—Commandery \$44 or a total of \$86.00 for all three bodies.

# Traveling Brothers / Companions

The following Brothers of Scioto Lodge #6 and Companions of Chillicothe Chapter #4 attended the Blue Lodge Inspection of Millennium Lodge #779 at the Dayton Masonic Center on Monday January 29th. This is the home lodge of our Most Worshipful Master Paul A. Weglage. The inspection was held in the Entered Apprentice Degree and was well conducted. There were actually a few less Masons in attendance than the number that attended the Scioto Lodge's annual inspection.



Pictured front row left to right are Bro. Paul Smallwood, M.E.C. Ryan Adams, R.E.C. Michael Ash, Bro. Mike Smallwood, Bro. Nick White, back right, W.B. Steven Grant and W.M. Terrell Fairrow.

Cathy Adams also traveled with the group, not pictured.

## Masonic Temple Board News

The electrical project has been completed with all new service entering the building from the back alley and all services updated to the businesses on the first floor and the nine residential apartments on the second floor. Electrical boxes were updated in the Blue Room, Red Room, 3rd floor hallway, and the 4th floor hallway. New electrical outlets were installed strategically in areas that did not have any electrical access in the past but were needed for sweepers, etc.

The Masonic Temple Association has ordered a new steam boiler to be installed this summer to replace the current one that is only running at about 3/4 capacity. The new boiler will be able to produce more steam but will hold a smaller footprint in space needed and will be much more efficient than the current boiler.

The Chillicothe Design and Review Board voted to grant T-Mobile permission to carry out the construction of 4 small towers to be placed on the roof of the Masonic Temple Building to service the downtown and surrounding area with cellular service. We are currently waiting on T-Mobile to receive title work and this will be turned over to their legal department who will send the contact to the board for signatures. We will be collecting monthly rent from that point forward. This will not change the appearance of the building and will take up limited space on the ground floor between the Antique Emporium and the boiler room behind the building.

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

The Masonic Temple Board meets the second Monday one month after the end of each quarter in the J.W. Best Library on the 4th floor of the Temple. The meeting months are Feb., May, Aug, and Nov. to help with any confusion. Any Master Mason in good standing is welcome and encouraged to attend.

("Picture This" Answer: Elevator switch gear to automatically operate elevator from floor to floor.)

# Masonic Summons on Membership / Attendance

When was the last time that you attended Scioto Lodge #6?

For most Brothers, I predict the honest answer is ... "a long time ago".

How can I be sure of this? Because very few of us attend.

Our next question is... Why are the very large majority of Brothers not coming to Lodge?

It is not our intent to make any Brother feel uncomfortable or uneasy about not attending. But, like most other institutions, our Fraternity is experiencing low attendance. The perennial answer to this issue for most "leaders from above" has been to recruit more members. We disagree with this approach for many reasons, but mostly because it is hard to recruit good men in today's world AND we already have literally hundreds in our ranks.

You may remember, "Harmony is the strength and support of all institutions, especially this". It is difficult to achieve harmony and grow the Lodge to become better men without a mutual understanding through knowing our Brothers.

With this in mind, WM Terrell Fairrow has appointed a committee of these Past Masters to address the situation. I use the word "situation" and not "problem" for exact reasons.

Freemasonry, in making good men better, is based on two major concepts, freewill and accord.

Each of you became a Brother through your own freewill and no-one else's.

Freewill is defined as "the power to act without constraint, the ability to act within one's own discretion."

Accord is defined as " to agree with, to be consistent with, to be in harmony." So mote it be.

It is clear that most Brothers throughout our Masonic Fraternity are acting by their individual freewill and accord by not attending Lodge. We believe that the Fraternity suffers universally from this and that we know only a few of our many Brothers well.

We, as active Past Masters of Scioto Lodge #6, are asking that you seriously think about the reasons you do not attend, even infrequently or never, if not regularly.

In the near future you will receive, in the mail and also available on our website, a survey regarding this subject. The survey will be in the form of a summons.

Our Masonic Code allows the Worshipful Master to make such a request. We all agreed "...to answer and obey all signs and summons sent to us by a Lodge...". This survey is a legal summons allowed by our Constitution which in a like manner we agreed "to abide by and conform to". As such, this summons becomes a mandate.

If you are physically and mentally able and as a true and loyal Brother, we are asking that you honestly reflect in answering the survey's questions.

In closing, our Lodge is strong and changing for what we believe is for the better.

Please help **YOUR** Lodge grow in strength and harmony. You can do so by simply answering the Master's summons.

Fraternally and humbly, Stephen Steele, PM      Michael Hines, PM      Eugene Hardman, PM  
As directed by Worshipful Master Terrell Fairrow

## To relieve the distressed...

Four Scioto Lodge #6 members traveled to Pickaway Lodge in Circleville, which is in the 8th Masonic District, on Saturday February 10th to assist with their annual inspection. P.M.'s Michael Hines, Stephen Steele and Michael Ash along with Brother D.C. Palmer agreed to help them as Craft Team members to make their numbers complete. Shane Osborne and the inspecting officer were both impressed and thankful with the way the work was performed and thanked them many times for their assistance.

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## Return Service Requested



## Report of Contact Information Update

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership- Blue Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ York Rite \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enter information Yes or No)  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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.