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Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner



Scioto Lodge #6 held its annual Chicken Noodle Dinner at the Ross County Shrine Club pavilion on Thursday April 4th from 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. To date it is believed we raised over \$3,200 to help support the Ross County Special Olympics.

A Special Thank You to all who donated their time, desserts, purchased tickets and came out to enjoy the meal and a day of fellowship with their brothers.

Pictured above is a few of our members who showed up early to help get the food prepared, tables set and day started. Below is a few of the helpers hard at work.



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Father and Son / Brothers!

Pictured to the left are Brother Paul Smallwood, Senior Decon and Brother Michael Smallwood, Senior Warden. While Michael was responsible for the Chicken Noodle Dinner this year you can see Dad was also ready to lend a helping hand even when it came to tasting the finished product before serving it to the many patrons who helped to make this day a huge success!

Scioto Lodge Annual Fish Fry



All profits from this event will be donated to the **Scioto No. 6 Local Scholarship Fund**

SCIOTO 6 F&AM ANNUAL TENDERLOIN & FISH FRY

Scioto Lodge No. 6, F&AM invites the public to attend our annual Tenderloin & Fish Fry. Located at the Lions Shelter in Yoctangee Park, on Enderlin Circle, Chillicothe, Ohio. Friday June 7th, between 11am-6pm.

We will be serving fish and tenderloin dinners that include potato salad, baked beans, rye and/or sourdough bread. Sandwiches are also available to be purchased individually.

FISH DINNER - \$12.00
 TENDERLOIN DINNER - \$12.00
 FISH SANDWICH - \$8.00
 TENDERLOIN SANDWICH - \$8.00
 SOFT DRINKS AND WATER - \$1.00

Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Awards Night and Banquet

Recipients of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Awards will be invited, along with their family, to attend a dinner at the Masonic Lodge. This dinner will take place on the 3rd Thursday in June prior to our Stated Meeting. They will be presented with the scholarship award after dinner at that time.

The Scholarship Committee is currently meeting to select the recipients of the three \$1,000 scholarships to be presented to this graduating class of 2024.

In order to be eligible, the student must attend school in one of the seven High Schools located in Ross County. We had a total of 19 girls and 10 boys submit applications for consideration.

One boy and one girl with top honors, ACT scores, scholastic achievement, school participation and community service will be selected to receive one of the \$1,000 scholarships.

In addition, one student that has/had a family member who is affiliated with a Masonic Order will be considered for the 3rd \$1,000 scholarship.

Ionic Lodge #6 holds Annual Inspection

The Ionic Lodge, who also meets in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple, recently held their Annual Inspection of Officers. With the date falling on the evening of a Scioto Lodge #6 stated meeting night, a dinner was prepared, shared and enjoyed by all in attendance. What a great opportunity to visit with and get to know our Ionic, Masonic Brothers!

Pictured is the meal taking place in the small dining room.



Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

The annual election of officers will be taking place during the June Stated Meetings of all of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies with discussions to be held at the meetings in May. Anyone interested in holding an office in Chapter, Council and/or Commandery should make their wishes known to Michael Hines, Michael Laws, or Michael Ash so a slate of officers can be compiled to be introduced to the membership for voting.

Members desiring to gain access to become a Knight of the York Cross of Honor must be a Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master and Past Commander to be eligible for consideration to this high honor. As we see more and more closings occurring in Chapters, Councils and Commanderies around the state, this honor will become more difficult to obtain and will have fewer numbers in its membership. Come and start (or continue) your journey today!

Chillicothe Chapter #4 News

By Michael Hines—Excellent High Priest

Michael Hines had announced a special One Day Class is taking place at the Chapter of the Blendon Masonic Lodge #339 in Westerville, Ohio on April 27th where applicants were able to receive their Chapter and Council degrees all in one day. The Commandery degrees will be conferred at a later date. At this time, we expect to have traveled with at least three brothers from Chillicothe who are excited to join the Chillicothe York Rite bodies.

Chillicothe Commandery #8

“The Christian Order of Freemasonry”

By Michael Ash, Eminent Commander



I would like to start by congratulating Sir Knight Joseph Clarke on being presented the honor of the Meritorious Service Award of Chillicothe Commandery for the 2024 year. Joe has been instrumental in helping with Posting Colors in many events inside and outside the Commandery and is always quick to assist with meals and clean up before and after meetings.

I have also just received a letter from our Inspecting Officer Richard Brady who praised Chillicothe Commandery for their work during the Order of the Temple and the impressive degree the candidate received. He spoke directly to the presentation by our Prelate, PC Michael Hines, for the exemplar memory work and sincerity he presented during the ascension scene. All officers and helpers were mentioned for their devotion to the craft they exhibited and the courtesy and honor that was extended to him during his visit. The inspection report shows a very favorable review of **YOUR** Chillicothe Commandery. The 2025 Inspection will take place on Saturday March 15th with the banquet starting at 12:00 noon. Mark your calendars now to attend.



Larry Wills Marks Half-Century in Scioto #6

Larry Wills marked 50 years of membership in Scioto Lodge #6, Free & Accepted Masons during ceremonies of the stated meeting of March 21st.

The 81-year-old brother drove from the Newark area where he lives to receive a certificate and lapel pin from the hands of Worshipful Master Terrell Fairrow and Lodge Chaplin WB Michael Ash.

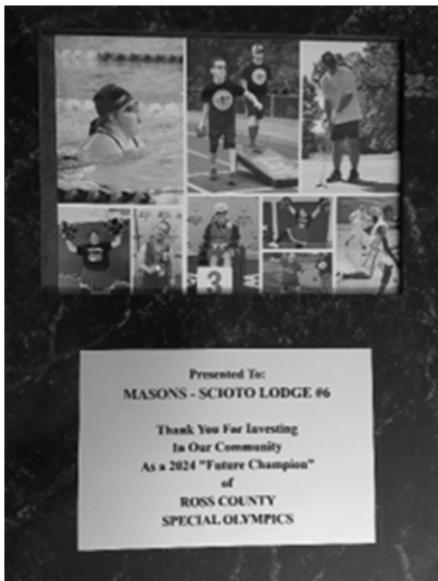
Wills expressed gratitude for the honors and stayed for the remainder of the meeting where he saw the lodge confer the Master Mason degree on another brother.

Wills has been active in the Scottish Rite and in the Shrine but even though he moved away from Chillicothe, he has maintained his membership in Scioto Lodge #6.

Proud Sponsor of Special Olympics of Ross County

Scioto Lodge #6 received a plaque for contributions of nearly \$6,000 to the Special Olympics program during 2023, which resulted from the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner as well as individual contributions from our members. "We are proud to be so honored," said Fairrow. "This money was raised locally and we're glad to donate it locally. We know it is being used to expand the Special Olympics program like never before thanks to Courtney Davis, Coordinator."

Pictured are members of the Trailblazers Celebrity game March 20th Chillicothe High School gym.



Plaque presented to Scioto Lodge #6 from Ross County Special Olympics



Left to Right—Courtney Davis, Coordinator, Terrell Fairrow, Worshipful Master and Dan Riddle PM and Director of Special Services at Huntington High School.

Masonic Temple Board News



We will soon be accepting referrals for 2—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 will be meeting on the evening of Monday May 13th in the JW Best Library on the 4th floor of the Masonic Lodge. Any Master Mason in good standing is welcome and all officers of the Lodge and York Rite Bodies are encouraged to attend.

{Picture This Answer: A Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. "Magic Lantern" or a Model C Dual Balopticon}

This is used to display glass slides onto a large screen like a slide projector.

What is your Masonic Goal?

We each joined the Masonic fraternity for many reasons. I believe that the prime Masonic goal is to make good men better. Yes, we do charity work. We do community improvement; but the overriding reason to continue the order is to improve ourselves and through that improve others.

My personal goal has been for 15 years is to be an Observant Mason.* Observant Masons try to instill and practice the *intent* of the founders of speculative Masonry. We believe and know that they were NOT building a social club or a service organization.

I am an Observant Mason through years of trying. It is difficult, I believe, because many of my Brothers, from the youngest Entered Apprentice to many Grand Lodge officers, are ignorant of that *intent*.

From 1982 until 2007 I was what many in Masonry call a Card Carrying Mason (CCM). I believe that CCMs are the norm throughout the craft. It is hard to argue otherwise. CCMs go through their Initiating, Passing and Raising for their own personal reasons. After that they attend infrequently and remain ignorant of the *intent* of the original Masonic founders' purpose of setting up a ritualistic method of instilling an order of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The Observant movement in Masonry strives to correct that trend.

In general, most CCMs don't know their Lodge Brothers well because they haven't taken the time to do so. As a CCM I was busy raising my family, making a living, and being involved in my church and community. In my heart I knew my Degree Obligations. There is certainly no question that those things are important. But in my normal, ordinary life I really didn't get to know my Lodge Brothers.

In my 42-year history as a Mason some of my best Fraternal experiences have been in getting to know my fellow Lodge Brothers, most of whom I would not have known otherwise. From trash truck drivers to CEOs, these good men came to Lodge for renewal and learning. When I finally did start attending regularly, I was saddened to realize how many of the older Brothers were not on the sidelines. Most of the line officers involved in my joining were gone: passed to the Celestial Lodge or infirmed and unable to attend. The WWII veterans had nearly all passed: most of the Korean War vets were too. I regretted not getting to know them better. The loss of their experiences and Masonic knowledge caused me to rethink my Masonic life. The Past Masters, Chaplains, Wardens, Deacons and Tylers were valuable to the Lodge because they attended and passed on the heritage of the Ritual and the Light of Masonic education. They did the same for me and for each of you.

Recently, as we Raised a friend of more than fifty years, I thought of the many who had performed that same work and taught us all over the years. They did so by attending and becoming proficient in the work. As an Observant Mason I strive to know the work better, remaining as proficient as possible. The Craft only survives if Brothers do this important work.

As good men and even by being to the outside world an example of a 'Good man, a Mason', Card Carrying Masons will not perpetuate the Order. Only those who attend and learn the Craft as best as they possibly can will be able to do that. (*See OBSERVINGTHECRAFT.COM)

If you have not attended our Lodge recently, we, the Past Masters, current Master and officers of the Line extend a warm welcome your return to Scioto Lodge #6. Any of us would be happy to "brush you up" on the pertinent ritual for the evening.

While the Ritual remains the same, a few things have changed:

Typically, at 6:15 we now enjoy a well prepared, full meal on our good china with real utensils before each Lodge meeting. We feel that we, our Brethren deserve that.

Gone are the constant bad pizza, cold chicken or cold cuts once served after the meeting.

Our founders put on a "Festive Board" for all Brethren to enjoy and develop camaraderie during the meal.

We try to streamline the business portion of Lodge meetings to make the Lodge experience more meaningful and pleasant.

Speaking of pleasant, when you return, I think that you will immediately notice an atmosphere of welcome and a less stern, lighter presence in the Lodge. Come, see it for yourself.

The formal dress code of the past is much less adhered to by attending Brothers. Yes, the Line Officers are usually in tuxedos, but it is far more common to see casual wear rather than coats and ties on the sidelines. We want to see your smiling faces and not necessarily your finest attire.

And finally, Scioto Lodge #6 now numbers less than 350 Brothers (in 1982 we had nearly 1000). Now, we are smaller in numbers, more centered on observing the original ideas and intents of Masonry. We would enjoy your attendance and participation.

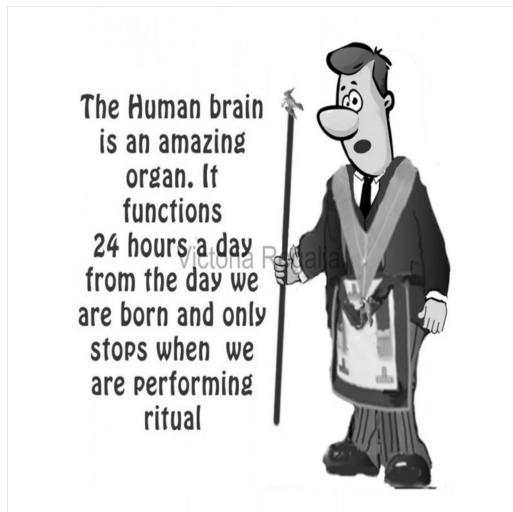
Come to Lodge. See the difference while becoming a better man and a better Mason.
By PM Stephen Steele

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Contact Information for Transportation to Lodge Meetings / Functions

It has come to our attention there may be a need for some of our members who are no longer able to drive at night or simply do not feel comfortable driving to our meetings who may want to be picked up prior to the meeting and/or taken home when the meeting is concluded. If you are in a situation that you would find this service helpful, several of your Brothers have agreed to help with this endeavor to ease the burden of your family and friends.

Simply call the Lodge at 740-774-3485 at least 24 hours prior to the function you wish to attend so arrangements can be made of who is available to pick you up or drop you back off. Leave a message with your name, phone number and address to make a better choice of who your driver will be. The WM Terrell Fairrow has also asked that his cell phone number 740-701-1946 be included if you should have any questions or need further assistance.

Anyone willing to help pick up a member on your way to Lodge should make your name and phone number available to the WM and Secretary along with the direction you travel from to the Lodge.

Picture This!

Can you identify what this piece of equipment is and what it could be used for at your Masonic Lodge? (Hint: It is actually still being used today.)

[Answer at the bottom of page 6]

