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# The Trestle Board

A Publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

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## Sir Knight Ash Awarded Highest Honor



Pictured is Right Eminent Grand Commander Dale A. Exline, Sir Knight Michael A. Ash, Grand Warder, nine time Past Commander of Chillicothe Commandery #8, & currently Captain General and his lady Karyl..

At this years Grand Commandery Conclave, Sir Knight Michael A. Ash was awarded the oldest and highest honor a Grand Commandery can bestow. The Knights Templar Cross of Honor or KTCH which is actually presented through the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

This award was first approved in 1964, ironically the year in which Sir Knight Ash was born, and is still being presented today.

A nomination for the award shall be made by the Grand Commandery of which the nominee is a member and must be submitted in writing and approved by the Grand Commander of the respective state. The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member. No present or past elected grand officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award. One nomination may be made from each Grand Commandery, regardless of the number of members, plus one additional nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery for each 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, during any one year.

The award shall consist of a gold medal upon the center of which shall be a Patriarchal Cross in purple. Around the cross shall be inscribed the words "Knights Templar Cross of Honor." A lapel pin in the form of the medal as described above shall also be provided. A suitable certificate of award shall be issued by the Grand Encampment and signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder bearing the seal of the Grand Encampment.

## Special Announcement!

### Hear ye, Hear ye, .....

York Rite dues are being sent out late this year due to unfortunate and unavoidable events taking place. Please be looking for these in the US Mail and respond with payment at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

# N O V 2 0 2 5

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Ohio Priory Mtg Tiffin, Ohio
2 Daylight Saving Time—set clock back 1 hour at 2:00 am	3	4 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  Election of Officers Election Day!	5	6 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Ladies, Widow and Veterans Night Banquet 6:00 pm  Bring a Friend	8 Ohio Priory Reception Dinner 5 pm Jackson Parks Edge located in Jackson, OH
9	10 Tomorrow is Veter- an's Day - Thank a Veteran!  	11 Chillicothe Chapter # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  Chillicothe Council # 4 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	21	22 Ionic Lodge #6 in Red Room 10am—1pm
23	24	25 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  Full Form Opening Practice	26 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	27 	28	29 AMD Raboni Council #435 Meeting
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# Scioto Lodge #6 Participates in Halloween Parade



Pictured to the left are WB Harold Ramsey and wife Denise, WB Eugene Hardman and Brother Frank Penwell who was kind enough to drive us through the parade on his roll-back tow truck.

Special Thanks to everyone that came out to show support of Scioto Lodge by riding / walking in the 2025 Downtown Halloween Parade on a chilly Saturday night. Members and their families bundled up and some dressed up to pass out candy to children along the parade route and to let the community see the distinguished members of our fraternity. What a great way to show our commitment to the Chillicothe community.

## Chillicothe Chapter #4 has two of it's members receive the Earl C. Gifford Service Award



Companions David Fouch and Michael Ash were honored at the 208th Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio Banquet by being selected and awarded the Earl C. Gifford Service Award. This award is presented to no more than 4 individuals in the entire state of Ohio each year for service and dedication above and beyond to capitol masonry.

Pictured to the left and proudly displaying his yellow ribbon and medal are David Fouch, dual member of Circleville and Chillicothe Chapters, Michael A. Ash and presenting the award PGHP Ryan W. Adams, also a proud member of Chillicothe Chapter #4.

## Adams to serve as Grand Sentinel

Ryan W. Adams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio and current Treasurer of Scioto Lodge #6 was just appointed as the 2026 Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of Ohio Order of the Eastern Star. As the line progresses, this means in the fall of 2027, he should be elected to be the 139th Worthy Grand Patron.

The last person to hold this office from the Chillicothe Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was Charles Hagley who held the office in 1997 and was also a member of Scioto Lodge #6. Congratulations Ryan!



Answer to Picture This? - This empty chair is in the Blue Room of the Lodge just waiting for you and other Brothers to come to a meeting and join in our fellowship and ceremonies. Make it a goal this year to attend YOUR Lodge.

# Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

## Chillicothe Commandery #8

“The Christian Order of Freemasonry”



### Sir Knight Michael L. Hines Awarded Grand Prelate Emeritus

At the 183rd Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Right Eminent Commander Dale A. Exline awarded Sir Knight and current Grand Prelate Michael L. Hines with the Emeritus title which enables S.K. Hines to be called Grand Prelate Emeritus for life.

Most officers of the Grand Commandery lose their title after the year in which they serve in that capacity. Therefore, they are not referred to as a Past (Grand Warden) for example after their term has expired. This means S.K. Hines will always have the distinct honor of being called and identified as Grand Prelate Emeritus whenever he is being introduced within the Masonic order.

### Chillicothe Commandery Receives Traveling Award

Members of Chillicothe Commandery #8 received 2nd place for the Traveling Award presented by the South-Eastern Division for their high attendance at Commandery Inspections within the S.E. Division for the 2025 Templar year.

Pictured L to R Front Row, SK Roger Jones S.W, SK Frank Penwell, SK David Fouch PC, SK Joseph Shilling PC, Back Row SK Michael Hines Prelate, SK Eugene Hardman PC, SK Michael Ash C.G., SK Michael Laws EC, SK Joseph Clarke Treasurer, SK William Greene and SK John Ashton Recorder



### Masonic Temple Association

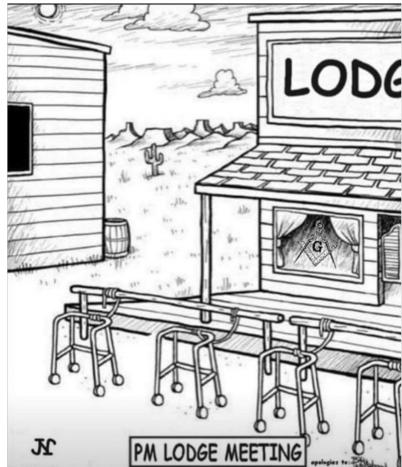
The Masonic Temple Association is currently researching turning one of the apartments on the 2nd floor into an Air BNB type rental where it could be rented by the night, week or month for visitors traveling to our city. No Masonic affiliation will be required. It is being updated and renovated to allow for the best possible return on our investment. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

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## Return Service Requested



### The Trestle Board Electronic Delivery

We would like to research if there are individuals who receive a copy of the printed Trestle Board that would be interested in receiving it in color via way of an electronic email instead of the current hard copy in the US mail.

You could print off the calendars to hang in your home if you wished or simply read its contents on your electronic device or home computer at your leisure. This would also enable you to access it multiple times wherever you may be for reminders, etc.

This would accomplish several things. First, it would cut Lodge costs of printing and mailing the Trestle Board directly to everyone's home via US mail. Second, you would receive a better publication with it being sent in color format. And Third, you would receive it in a more timely fashion as we would control how quickly you would receive it thus not missing any first of the month events.

If interested, please send your Full Name and Email Address to:  
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Please write Trestle Board in the subject line. Thanks!

### Picture This?

