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# The Trestle Board

A Publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

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## Message from Michael C. Smallwood, most recent Past Master of Scioto Lodge #6

My Brothers,

As the year 2025 draws to a close and my time in the East comes to an end, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on the journey we have shared together. Serving as Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge No. 6 has been one of the greatest honors of my life, a year filled with fellowship, learning, and renewed commitment to the principles that define our Craft.

From the very beginning, my goal was to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood and ensure that our lodge remains a place where friendship and Masonic light flourish. Throughout this year, we have welcomed new Brothers into our ranks, performed our ritual with dignity and purpose, and continued our proud tradition of service within the community. Each meeting, degree, and event reminded me why this lodge and this fraternity endured through the ages.

I want to take a moment to extend my deepest appreciation to our Past Masters, whose outstanding support and wise counsel have guided me every step of the way. Their experience and steady leadership have been a constant source of strength and reassurance. The legacy they have built continues to inspire all who follow, and I am profoundly grateful for their guidance and example.

To my officers and to every Brother of Scioto Lodge No. 6, thank you for your dedication, cooperation, and commitment throughout the year. The success of our lodge rests not on one man, but on the collective efforts of many united in friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

As I prepare to pass the gavel to Bro. Nicholas White, I do so with complete confidence in his leadership and vision for the coming year. I know he will continue to uphold the high standards of our lodge and guide us forward with wisdom and integrity.

May we all continue to meet on the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square, ever mindful that our true labor as Masons is to build a better world through the work we do in our hearts and in our communities. This reminds me of a favorite quote:

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”  
by Bro. Winston Churchill

Thank you, my Brothers, for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve you as Worshipful Master.



Fraternally yours,  
Michael Smallwood  
Worshipful Master, 2025  
Scioto Lodge No. 6, F. & A.M.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Scioto Lodge #6 Annual Inspection in Entered Apprentice Degree 3:00 pm
4 VA Bingo at VA Building #9 1:00 - 3:00  Shoe and Sock Drive	5	6 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8 Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 Jackson Commandery Insp. 12 Noon Banquet
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 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  Ionic Lodge # 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	20	21	22	23	24 Marietta Commandery Insp. 12 Noon Banquet
25	26	27 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	28 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	29 Red Cross of Constantine Lafayette Conclave	30	31 Ohio Valley Commandery Insp. 12 Noon Banquet

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22	23	24 Chillicothe Commandery #8 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	26	27	28

## Scioto Lodge Christmas Party

Scioto Lodge #6 held their annual Christmas Party on Friday night December 12th with a very un-traditional carry-in dinner. A great time was had by all who attended. As you can see by the photos, we had a very special visitor when Santa Claus stopped by to hear Christmas wishes and spread Holiday cheer.



### 2026 Blue Lodge Inspection Schedule for the 7th Masonic District

1/3/26	Scioto Lodge #6	3:00 pm	EA
1/3/26	Logan Elm	7:00 pm	EA
1/10/26	West Union	9:00 am	MM
1/10/26	Manchester @ W.U.	after MM	FC
1/10/26	Winchester @ W.U.	after Lunch	EA
1/16/26	Orient	7:00 pm	FC
1/17/26	Frankfort	9:00 am	MM
1/17/26	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting	after MM	
1/23/26	Nauvoo	7:00 pm	FC
1/24/26	Lynchburg	10:00 am	EA
1/24/26	Highland	1:00 pm	FC
1/24/26	Leesburg	3:00 pm	MM
2/5/26	Lucasville	7:00 pm	EA
2/7/26	Western Sun	9:00 am	MM
2/7/26	Aurora	1:00 pm	MM
2/20/26	Bainbridge	7:00 pm	EA
2/27/26	Rome	7:00 pm	MM

(Dinner served 45 minutes prior to Inspection)

At the first stated meeting in December, Worshipful Brother Michael C. Smallwood was presented a plaque from the officers of Scioto Lodge #6 for his performance as Worshipful Master last year. Thanks Mike for your work and dedication.



Answer to Picture This? - Past Master Michael C. Smallwood requested a gift card to Lowe's as his Past Master's Gift so he could purchase tools to use in his new home. This is Michael with his "presents" on Christmas morning!

## Chillicothe York Rite Bodies

### Chillicothe Commandery #8

“The Christian Order of Freemasonry”

Chillicothe Commandery held their Christmas Observance at the stated meeting on Tuesday December 23rd just prior to Christmas Eve. There were 12 Sir Knights present along with one guest, Treva Hardman, Lady to Past Commander Eugene Hardman. A collection was taken in honor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation where \$133 was raised.



Watch the calendars for information on upcoming Saturday Commandery Inspections and join us.

### Scioto Lodge #6 Rings Bell for Salvation Army at Christmas

Once again this year, members of Scioto Lodge assisted the Salvation Army by manning the red kettle collections bucket at the Western Ave. Kroger Store. Brothers signed up for 2 hour shifts from 10 am until 6 pm where they greeted customers and shared Christmas spirit with the community. Special Thanks goes out to Michael L. Hines who organized the event and sang Christmas carols during the many shifts that he covered. Below are pictures of only a few of the brethren who participated by braving the cold conditions on most days. A great time was had by all who helped and Thank You to EVERYONE who volunteered!



### Masonic Temple Association

The Masonic Temple Association is pleased to announce that Al Jordan, owner of the Chillicothe Bike Company has rented the commercial property of 51 East Main Street just west of our entrance doors for his business. He is making drastic improvements to the interior of the space with our permission and appreciation. Stop by to see these improvements, introduce yourself, say hello and welcome him to our building.

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#### 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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#### Picture This?

