



The Trestle Board

A Publication of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies

From the Desk of the Worshipful Master

I would first like to thank you, my brothers, for electing me to serve the Lodge in the East this year. As many of you know, Brother Larry Eyre was unable to continue in the Line and assume the Worshipful Master position due to his heart condition. I want to express our continued concern and prayers in his efforts to resume a more normal life style. God Speed, Larry. Vouch-safe.

The Line:

Also elected to serve in the Line this year are: Senior Warden Neil Zizelman, Junior Warden Mark Cooper, Senior Deacon Evan Steele, Junior Deacon William Comer. We also re-elected our perennials; Tyler John Malone, Treasurer W.B. William Landrum and Secretary W.B. William Bennett. I want to thank the following brothers for accepting appointments W.B. Alvin DePugh, Chaplin, Joseph Clark and Fred Yingling (pro tem) as Senior and Junior Steward and Gary Wheeler as Lodge Education Officer.

My Promise: We are working hard to ensure good ritual and effective, enjoyable meetings this year. We will have an open house prior to the one day Grand Master's Class and encourage our friends and neighbors to explore Masonry as we know it.

An invitation to come to Lodge and get to know your Masonic Brothers.

Please accept this invitation to come and enjoy our beautiful Lodge and Temple, while getting to know your brothers a little better. I personally am very much aware of how easy it is to get in the habit of NOT attending Lodge. As a thirty year member, I attended sporadically at best for the first twenty or so years. I lost the opportunity to get to better know good men like Kenny Endlich, Luther Carter, Oakley Graves and so many more. In coming late I DID get to better know good men like Harley Thomas, Kenny Graves, Jack Case, Ray West and especially John Vanek.. By not attending regularly I would not have been able to call them each friend as well as brother.

New Email Address & New Web Site

Mr. Jason Day, son of Worshipful Brother Gene Day, assumed the duties of Webmaster for the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies web site. The new web site was launched Monday, November 12, 2012.

The http address is: www.chillicothemasons.org

A **new email address** has been established as follows:

cmb@chillicothemasons.org

You should revise our email address accordingly in you address book.

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December 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Past Masters' Convocation Orient Lodge 9:00 am
2 VA Bingo Bldg. #9 1:00 pm	3 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm Euchre Afterward	4 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm E.A. °	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Chillicothe Chapter Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	12 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17 Lunch at the Lodge 1:00 pm Euchre Afterward	18 Chillicothe Council Annual Inspection 7:30 pm	19	20 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm M.M. °	21	22
23	24	25 Chillicothe Commandery Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	26	27 Ross County Shrine Club 7:30 pm	28	29
30	31 Allied Masonic Annual Meeting	Jan 1	2	3	4	5 Scioto Lodge Annual Inspection M.M. °

Service Pins Presentations

Service pins will be presented at the **Annual Inspection Saturday, January 5, 2013**. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm. Lodge will open at 7:00 pm in the Master Mason Degree. Recipients should notify the Office of the Secretary at 740-774-3485 of their anticipated attendance.

50-year service pins:

1. Loren F. Barnhart
2. Marvin J. Beach
3. Jack L. Calain

4. John H. Heidell
5. Walter R. Storts

60-year service pins:

1. David H. Acton
2. Andy G. Kostanden
3. George E. Sparks

65-year service pins:

1. Pascal P. Glenn
2. Leo Woods

25-year service pins:

1. Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash
2. Brother D. Douglas Grimes
3. Brother Philip W. Stevens

35-year* service pins:

1. Brother Delbert F. Bochard
2. Brother Thomas R. Castor
3. Brother Charles E. Dennis
4. Brother Paul E. Jones
5. Brother Donald Z. Malott
6. Brother David W. Miller
7. Brother Marvin R. Ramey
8. Brother Bruce A. Rinehart
9. Brother James D. Sowers
10. Brother Mark A. Steele

40-year* service pins:

1. Brother Paul J. Barnett
2. Brother Russell A. Bethel
3. Brother William J. Blankenship
4. Brother Ronald H. Harper
5. Brother Walter E. Hitch
6. Brother Keith E. Jacobs
7. Brother Vernon E. Knapp
8. Brother Donald F. Morris
9. Brother Kenneth F. Nickell
10. Brother Cleo R. Walkup
11. Brother Larry P. Wills
12. Brother Samuel R. Wood

*Thirty-five and forty year pins are ordered and presented based on expressed interest. Please request your pin by calling the Office of the Secretary 740-775-0724

Brethren in Schaffer Center

Brother William A. Bell, Brother Donald F. Morris and Brother Ralph Arthur White, are currently in Tradition's Schaffer Rehabilitation Center. Cards and visits would be welcome.

Brother Warren Henricks is a resident in an assisted living apartment at the Glades on the grounds of Traditions.

Brother Larry A. Eyre is at home after experiencing a heart attack and is recovering but will be off work until the end of the year.

Remember them in your prayers

Past Masters' Convocation

Seventh Masonic District Association Past Masters' Convocation will be held at Orient Lodge #321 in Waverly, Ohio Saturday, December 1, 2012. All Worshipful Masters-Elect are required to attend. A sausage gravy with biscuit breakfast will be served at 8:00 am with the Lodge of Past Masters convening at 9:00 am. Masonic Brethren from around the Seventh Masonic District are invited to attend.

Right Worshipful Brother K. Douglas Akers, Right Worshipful Brother Robert S. Jones and Right Worshipful Brother Keith S. Johnson will present the program of Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Ohio.

Degree Work

On Tuesday, December 4th the officers of the line will confer the Entered Apprentice on Mr Matt Sherwood. On Thursday, December 20th we will confer the Master Mason degree on Brother Travis McClure.

The Fellow Craft Team led by Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert will be contacted to attend for the Master Mason Degree.

If any Brethren have a desire to assist the Fellow Craft Team you may contact Right Worshipful Brother Medert at 703-7660.

Be mindful that happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people we like and respect.

Lunch at the Lodge Schedule Change for December

Lunch at the Lodge Mondays, regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Monday, will shift to the first and third Monday due to the Christmas Holiday. Plan to attend these events on **Monday, December 3rd and December 17th.**

For December 3rd the menu will feature Ham & Bean soup with cornbread. Creamy Swiss Onion soup will be served on December 17th. Anyone interested in attending for lunch (no reservations required) and enjoy playing Euchre afterward are most welcome.

These Lunches are focused on being a social event for Brethren, Companion and Sir Knights of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies. Their ladies, friends and family are welcome to attend and get acquainted in the a relaxed atmosphere.

All Masonic Widows are invited.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible. One day I had lunch with some friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type about 80 years old, came along with them---all in all, a pleasant bunch. When the menus were presented, we ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "Ice Cream, please. Two scoops, chocolate.

I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others were aghast. "Along with heated apple pie," Jim added, completely unabashed. We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time. But when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine. I couldn't take my eyes off Jim as his pie a-la-mode went down. The other guys couldn't believe it. They ate their lunches silently and grinned. The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Jim. I lunched on white meat tuna. He ordered a parfait. I smiled. He asked if he amused me I answered, "Yes, you do, but also you confuse me. How come you order rich desserts, while I feel I must be sensible? He laughed and said "I'm tasting all that is Possible. I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should. But life's so short, my friend, I hate missing out on something good. This year I realized how old I was. I haven't been this old before." "So, before I die, I've got to try those things that for years I had ignored.

I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead. There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes. I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace. I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want un-timed long distance calls to the folks I love the most. I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again. So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final chocolate mousse before my life expired." With that, I called the waitress over.. "I've changed my mind, " I said. "I want what he is having, only add some more whipped cream!" This is my gift to you - We need an annual Friends Day! Live well, love much & laugh often - Be happy

Stephen J. Steele—Worshipful Master of Scioto Lodge #6



Worshipful Brother Steele petitioned Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. December 22, 1981. His investigative committee composed of Right Worshipful Brother Luther Carter, Worshipful Brother John C. Hall and Brother Ronald Trego met with petitioner Steele on February 2, 1982. The committee presented their report and on April 19, 1982 he was initiated an Entered Apprentice. His Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees were conferred on May 4, 1982 and June 4, 1982 respectively.

Worshipful Brother Steele began in the progressive line in November 2008 as Junior Steward. He is a Lieutenant with the Chillicothe Fire Department, an avid cyclist having recently completed a cross country ride from Oregon to Virginia. Following in the progressive line is his son, Brother Evan M. Steele who is serving as Senior Deacon.

Name *NOT* to be listed in the 2013 Chillicothe Masonic Directory

The following member of the **Scioto Lodge #6** will not appear in the new directory:

ADAMS, Jeffrey A.
BENNINGTON, Corey B,
BENNINGTON, Paul K.
BEISEL, Robert R.
BRITTON, Tony W.
BRYUM, Douglas E.
CRYDUS, Albert E.
CYRUS, Scottie

CRYDER, Dan D.
DePUGH, Marco L.
DUBOIS, David D.
GARRISON, Tony R.
HAMMAN, Thomas L.
HENDERSHOT Ty I.
LARGE, Robert A.
MARSHALL, Alexander J.
MILLER, Roger A.
NEFF, Aaron V.

REYNOLDS, Benjamin B.
POWELL, Roger L.
STORTS, Walter R.
SWAFFORD, Ishmial D.
WALKER, Donald L.
WELLS, Gregory S.
WICKER, Damon R.
WILLIAMSON, Brad M.
WOODS, Robert R.

Too funny not to share! Sometimes it does take a rocket scientist! Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions. NASA responded with a one-line memo -- "Defrost the chicken." (True Story)

Focus on a Past Master—Brian J. Putnam

Worshipful Brother Brian James Putnam was Initiated an Entered Apprentice February 5, 1991, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on April 2, 1991 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 4, 1991. Worshipful Brother Putnam was elected Worshipful Master at the annual meeting of Scioto Lodge #6 November 5, 1996. He scheduled his installation of officers on the stated meeting night

November 21, 1996

- the committee charged with disposing of the farm wagon used for the float, it was sold to Worshipful Brother John W. Peters for \$300.00.
- Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas moved the “note” authorized to underwrite the installation of the elevator for the Masonic Temple Association be forgiven. The original note was \$15,000.00 the remaining balance of the note at this time was \$7,500.00 which the Brethren of Scioto Lodge #6 passed the motion to write off the balance.
- Brother Wilmer W. Stanley of American Union Lodge #1 presented Worshipful Brother Putnam with a plaque featuring a likeness of Most Worshipful Brother Rufus Putnam, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its formation in 1808. Worshipful Brother Philip W. Putman, father of Worshipful Brother Brian Putnam and Brother Eric Putnam all members of Scioto Lodge #6.

January 7, 1997

- Discussion on affiliation fees and the composition of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee.

January 16, 1997

- It was confirmed that the committee would remain unchanged with Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash serving as Chairman of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Committee.
- Discussion on adopting 501-C blanket under which our charitable contributions would be tax exempt.

April 20, 1997

- Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas announced that the White Shrine of Chillicothe was closing and had presented him a check in the amount of \$200.00 to be deposited into the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund.

May 15, 1997

- Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas, Fish Fry Chairman announce that due to conflicts the date of June 7, 1994 that date was cancelled. A note at a subsequent meeting indicated the Fish Fry would be held July 11, 1997

September 2, 1997

- A committee was appointed to investigate update Degree slide presentations for all degrees

October 17, 1997

- Worshipful Brother Harley Thomas moved to contribute \$25.00 to the Ross County Senior Citizens Center to make equipment repairs on their Bingo Machine.

Statistics: 19 stated and 5 special meetings.

Received on Demit	4	Deaths reported	20	E.A. Conferred	8	Membership 1995	650
Reinstated	1	Withdrawn	1	M.M. Raised	7	End of	1996 640

Grand Master's Class

Most Worshipful Brother James Easterling has authorized Grand Master's one day classes in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio. As indicated in the November issue of **The Trestle Board** Portsmouth (May 11th) is the closest location in the Seventh Masonic District. Dayton of the 8th Masonic District in Montgomery County (April 20th) is the next closest location. Petitions are available in the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. Scioto Lodge #6 Fees for the Degrees of Masonry is \$140.00. The lodge also requests that the petitioner submit a photo along with the petition.

With that being said, dais officers of Chillicothe Chapter #4, Chillicothe Council #4 and Chillicothe Commandery have been holding discussions at their stated meetings regarding a Chillicothe York Rite Festival following up on the Masonic Degrees in those appendant organizations.

The names members of Chillicothe York Rite will not appear in the 2013 Directory:

ACKLEY, Ronald A.
ACTON, Brice E.
ARROWOOD, William B.
BENNINGTON, Paul K/
CLARKE, Christopher A.
CLEMMONS, Ryan L.
CYRUS, Scottie A.
CUNNINGHAM, Derwood D. Jr.

ELLIOTT, Ralph E.
HARPER, Rick L.
HINES, Kevin S.
HYER, Dean T.
LOEL, David A.
MARKLEY, Howard E.
MINNIX, Gary A.
NICHOLS, Ronald L.
NUMBERGER, Patrick M.
OVERLY, Robert O.
RINEHART, Roger E.
RIGSBY, Scott A.
ROBB, Paul E.

SCOTT, Christopher S.
STEPHENS, Lee W.
WEBB, Jeffery L.
WELLS, Gregory S.
WHEELER, Gary W.
WORKMAN, Brian E.

To arrange for
 payment of back dues call
 the Office of the
 Secretary at
 740-774-3485

Phone Tree Calls

Are you receiving information calls on the Phone Tree Program announcing stated meetings and special events for the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies? Notify the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies to have these automatic updates.

Wish to have your number removed from the phone tree program? It is not the intent to annoy you with unwanted telephone calls, but we do want to keep you informed of activities at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.

Office: 774-3485

Cell Phone Etiquette

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Eric. I'm on the train". "Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting". "No, honey, not with that blonde from the accounts office. It was with the boss".

"No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life". "Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart" Fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly. When the young woman sitting next to him had enough, she leaned over and said into the phone, "Eric, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Eric doesn't use his cell phone in public any longer.



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This is Awesome! How Great is our God!!! Our Creator and Redeemer and do we think about it? God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs

For example:

- the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days
- those of the canary in 14 days
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days
- the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days
- those of the mallard in 35 days
- the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation.

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

- Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind
- Each orange has an even number of segments
- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains
- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number
- The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather
- All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed! The lives of each of you may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will only entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.