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Deputy Grand Master Robert C. Rill Jr. 33^o

Right Worshipful Brother Rill was born in Oregon, Ohio March 15, 1964 to the late Robert C. Rill Sr. and Susan R. Rill. The oldest of three sons he lived all of his school years in Whitehouse, Ohio where he attended Anthony Wayne High School. He is a graduate of the University of Toledo with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Chemical Technology. While attending college he worked for Jones & Henry Laboratories where he is currently Vice President of Field Operations and Marketing. He and his wife Jennifer were married July 25, 1987 and have two daughters.

Right Worshipful Brother Rill was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Northern Lights Lodge #40 February 23, 1993 and served as Worshipful Master in 1997.

Right Worshipful Brother Rill is member of a wide variety of Masonic Appendant Bodies (York Rite, Shrine, Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo and Allied Masonic Degrees), he and his Lady are both members of Lotus Chapter #477 Order of Eastern Star.

Right Worshipful Brother Rill has served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as District Deputy Grand Master from the 5th Masonic District. He was appointed by Most Worshipful Brother Charles R. Murphy as Junior Grand Deacon in 2009. Having the confidence of the subsequent Grand Masters, he rose through the various appointed chairs of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2012.

It is expected that Right Worshipful Brother Rill will receive the honor of becoming Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at the Annual Grand Communication October 24, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus.

Right Worshipful Brother Rill presented his Roll Out Program in the Historic Seventh Masonic District Tuesday, August 25, 2015. (see additional story pg 3)



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Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Ohio, Grand Council of R. & S. Masons of Ohio and the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Ohio will be meeting at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio during the week of October 5, 2015. Grand Chapter will be meeting October 7th & 8th. Grand Council will meet October 5th, 6th and 7th. Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Ohio will hold its session October 8th, 9th and 10th.

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**Scioto Lodge
Stated Mtg.
7:30 p.m.**

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

**Chillicothe
Chapter #4
Stated Mtg.
7:30 p.m.**

**Chillicothe
Chapter #419
Order of
Eastern Star
7:30 pm**

**Scioto Lodge
Stated Mtg.
7:30 p.m.
Traditional
Past Master
Night**

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

**Chillicothe
Council #4
Stated Mtg.
7:30 p.m.**

**Grand Communication of the
Grand Lodge of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio
Hyatt Regency Hotel**

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

**Chillicothe
Commandery
Stated Mtg.
7:30 pm**

**Chillicothe
Chapter #419
Order of
Eastern Star
7:30 pm**

**Scottish Rite
Valley of
Columbus Fall
Reunion**

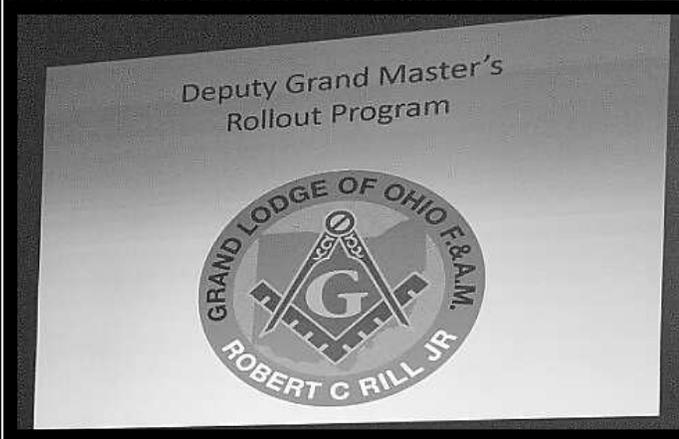
Scioto Lodge Plays Host to Next Grand Master

Scioto Lodge #6 had the honor, August 25, 2015 of playing host to Right Worshipful Brother Robert C. Rill, Jr. who presented his goals for his 2016 program year for the nearly 87,000 members of Ohio's Masonic Fraternity.

The presentation, or "rollout", was technically for members of the Seventh Masonic District (Ross, Pike, Scioto, Highland and Adams Counties) but the registration sheets showed attendance from many other districts with nearly 90 Brethren crowding into the Blue Room. Seats were filled on the main floor adding folding chairs to accommodate the overflow crowd. Brethren were also seated in the balcony. Right Worshipful Brother Rill is expected to assume the office of Grand Master during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Oct. 23-24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Right Worshipful Brother Rill was accompanied by his Lady, Jennifer, on the trip



Right Worshipful Brother Robert C. Rill, right, makes a point to Chilli-cothe.



Right Worshipful Brother Rill called Freemasonry a "Brotherhood of Values" and presented a 12-point program for the Grand Master's Award Program in the 2015-2016 Masonic Year. Five of the requirements are mandatory or "must-do's," according to his power-point presentation:

1. The lodge must raise one or more Brethren than it did the previous year.
2. There must be two new lectures in the lodge. (Here he noted that under his administration lodges will be allowed to divide a lecture among two or more brothers, but all those delivering lectures must

be from that individual lodge.

3. The lodge must hold a typewritten ritual meeting for its members, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Junior Deacon and Senior Deacon must be present. Lodges inside and outside of the district may attend.

4. Wardens and Deacons must participate in a Warden and Deacon Training Session.

5. The Lodge must participate in a major community event.



R.W.B. Robert Rill **R.W.B. Charles Shanks** **W.B. Neil Zizelman**



Companions of Chillicothe Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons



From left to right: R. Keith O'Dell, George O'Neal, James Zickafoos, R. Joseph Shilling and William Malone



Two Companions of Chillicothe Chapter #4 were presented 70-Year Awards. Companion James Edward Zickafoos and Companion Howard Loel Brown received their awards from Excellent Grand High Priest R. Keith O'Dell. Accompanied by Excellent Companion George O'Neal, Excellent Companion R. Joseph Shilling and Excellent Companion William Malone the Excellent Grand High Priest travel to Chillicothe Saturday, September 19, 2015 for an in home presentation for Companion Zickafoos. Companion Zickafoos received his Royal Arch Degree February 12, 1946



On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 the Excellent Grand High Priest traveled to the home of Howard Loel Brown to present him a 70-year plaque commemorating his service award. With Companion Brown who received his Royal Arch Degree March 20, 1946 was joined by his wife for the presentation.

Sir Knight Stephen J. Steele Takes Chillicothe Commandery #8 Helm



Sir Knight Stephen J. Steele was elected to serve Chillicothe Commandery #8 at its stated meeting June 23, 2015. He assumes command of the 166-year old organization under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Ohio. His first meeting of the 2015-2016 Templar Year. Sir Knight Steele was initiated in Scioto Lodge #6 on June 4, 1982 and affiliated with the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies in 2007 holding offices in both Chillicothe Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons and Chillicothe Council #4 R.A.M.

The officers of the line for Chillicothe Commandery #8 serving with Sir Knight Steele are: Generalissimo Sir Knight Michael L. Hines; Captain General Sir Knight Robert S. Jones; Treasurer Sir Knight John R. Ashton; Recorder Sir Knight William Bennett; Senior Warden Sir Knight Michael A. Ash; Junior Warden Sir Knight Ronnie L. Ford; Prelate David V. Medert; Standard Bearer Sir Knight Joseph A. Clarke; Sword Bearer Sir Knight Howard A. Leach; Warder Sir Knight Roger R. Jones; Sentinel Sir Knight Thomas R. Castor

Past Presiding Officers Jewels Presented



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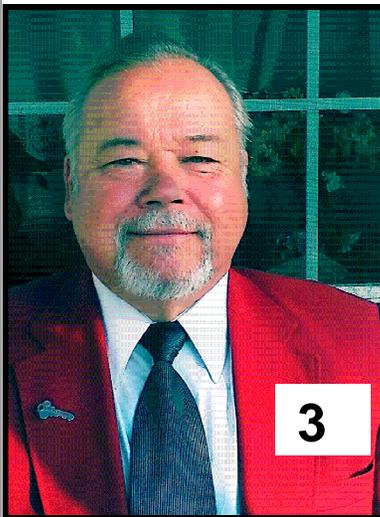
Three dais officers are presented with their Past Officers jewels.

1) Front and center, retiring High Priest Roger R. Jones was presented his Past High Priest Jewel. He is surrounded by eight Past Excellent High Priests



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2) Past Eminent Commander Sir Knight Michael L. Hines (Left) was presented his Past Eminent Commander's Jewel at the stated Conclave September 22nd. He is pictured with Dale A. Exline Deputy Division Commander (center) and Eminent Commander Stephen J. Steele on the right.



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3) Past Illustrious Master James L. Stevens received his Jewel Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Stated Assembly by the retiring Excellent High Priest Roger R. Jones

Chillicothe Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons Recorder Honored



Companion William Bennett, Recorder of Chillicothe Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons received the “**Edward King Award**” in recognition of valuable contribution to Royal Arch Masonry for the 2015 Capitular Year in the Fifth Capitular District. The award was presented by Excellent Companion R. Joseph Shilling, Past High Priest of Chillicothe Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Edward King was the Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason of Ohio in 1824 and again in 1826. Excellent Grand High Priest King was Raised to the Sublime Degree in Masonry in Scioto Lodge #6 December 26, 1820.

Email Address?

Eight email addresses have been deleted from our database for being inaccurate. Email communication is only one of the mediums used by the Office of the Secretary to keep Brethren and Companions/Sir Knight of the Chillicothe Masonic Bodies informed about activities such as programs being implemented, changes in schedules, banquet/events and Masonic Funerals. If you want to receive these updates on a regular basis provide your email address or update the one we have. Thank you,

William Bennett, Secretary

Chillicothe Commandery #8 Committees Announced

Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Stephen J. Steele appointed the following Committees to serve the 2015-2016 Templar Year.

Finance and Audit Committee:

- Sir Knight Roger R. Jones
- Sir Knight David V. Medert
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Dues Committee

- Sir Knight Howard A. Leach
- Sir Knight Alvin E. DePugh
- Sir Knight Ralph W. Cyrus

Grievance Committee:

- Sir Knight Thomas R. Castor
- Sir Knight Joseph A. Clarke
- Sir Knight James L. Stevens

Note from Junior Fair Board

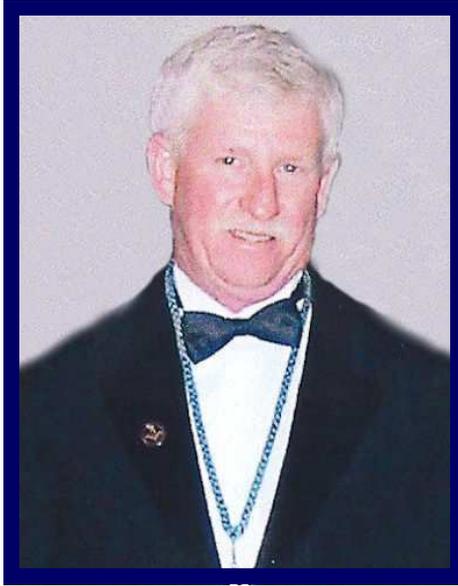
To Scioto Lodge:

Ms. Katie Feldhues, 4-H Youth Educator Development writes—

Thank you **very** much for your (Scioto Lodge #6) generous support of the Ross County Junior Fair Night. What a fantastic display of teamwork and creativity. Over 200 youth are involved in the production that brings thousands of smiles to the Ross County folks. This is all in addition to the amount of planning, time, and effort those kids and families spent to pull the event off. That's a rare and beautiful thing to see these days. Thank you for making this event possible.

Scioto Lodge #6 has participated in the sponsorship of the Ross County Fair's Junior Fair Night on Tuesday night of the weeklong county fair in August. Our sponsorship of this night is funded by the Plan of Action and Milestone Committee as part of its annual projects most of which is designed to support the youth of Ross County.

We Remember



Brother Larry Allen Eyre was born November 14, 1957 and Passed to the Grand Lodge of the Supreme Architect of the Universe September 2, 2015.

Brother Eyre received his degrees in Masonry Scioto Lodge #6 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio being raised April 27, 2002. He rose through the line to the office of Senior Warden, however do to his health did not become Worshipful Master.

His tireless work on behalf of the Lodge was something he enjoy and assisted in a variety of projects to advance Masonry in the community. He chaired the annual fish and tenderloin fry and worked to raise funding for the Scioto Lodge Scholarship Fund which was without parallel. He furnish equipment to facilitate staging the event and making many suggestions and improvements in equipment the Lodge used to stage the event in Yoctangee Park Lion's Shelter.

Seventh Masonic District Picnic with the VETS



The Seventh Masonic District Annual Picnic with the VETS was held at the shelter in front of bldg. #35 attracted over 60 campus Veterans and provided refreshments for an additional 50 Veterans who were unable to leave their dorm. Thirty-five Masons and 7 Masonic Ladies from around the District were on hand to provide support for the event. Right Worshipful Brother Richard Dickenscheid, Senior Grand Deacon and Brother Gary Cox State Masonic Service Association Chairman from North Bend Lodge #624 were in attendance and provided the Veterans with a goodie pack containing personal care products

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Masonic Humor

One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a Brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting. He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts. A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over. "Well sir, where are we going at this time of night, eh?" he asked. The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!" Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?" The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight going on in full fury on the football field he is passing. "What's going on?", he asks a spectator, watching from the side-lines. The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus." "What's the score?" asks the first man. "I don't know. It's a secret."

There is a lodge located in the backwoods of a small southern town where the brethren are faithful Masons, but lack knowledge of receiving brothers from other jurisdictions. During one of the meetings, the Junior Deacon informed the Worshipful Master that there was an alarm at the door, whereupon the Worshipful Master replied "Attend the alarm and report your findings". The Junior Deacon opened the door and saw, to his amazement, a Brother, impeccably dressed with an elaborate apron and jewels about his chest. The Tyler, being somewhat slow to answer for the visiting brother, the visitor stated, "My name is John Smith, Past Grand Master, who humbly requests an audience with the Worshipful Master." The Junior Deacon, upon hearing these words from the visiting Brother and the elaborate apron and jewels upon his chest, immediately closed the door, returned to his post and informed the Worshipful Master, The Grand Architect of the Universe is at the door!!!"

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired. The candidate replied "a beer". At this juncture, the W.M., being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate. "OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer!!!"