



# The Trestle Board

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## The Installation of Officers—A Different Experience



When the election of officers for Scioto Lodge #6 was held Tuesday, November 3, 2020, we suspected things would be different, the question of how different remained, and continues to remain uncertain. Heading into 2021 many allowances are going to have to be made.

As things evolved Senior Warden Brother James Fritz Schafer was elected Worshipful Master.

Brother Steven Ray Grant was elected to served the lodge as its Senior Warden; Brother Eugene L. Hardman was elected the Junior Warden; Brother Byron Keith Greene became the Senior

Deacon; and Brother Terrell Anthony Fairrow, was elected as the Junior Deacon; and Brother Joseph A. Clarke was elected as Tyler. Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash was elected to a three year term of office as Trustee. Worshipful Brother Michael A. Ash was appointed Chaplain, Worshipful Brother Harold C. Ramsey, Jr. accepted the office of the Lodge Education Officer.

### A Virtual Installation of Officers

Plans for an open Installation of Officers did not materialize due to COVID-19, but instead became a Virtual event. Worshipful Brother Evan M. Steele the Installing Officer presided over the Installation of Officers. Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele preformed the duties as the Installing Marshal. Worshipful Brother Michael A. was installed as Chaplain for the 2020-2021 Masonic Year. Yet to be staffed are the Officers of Senior Steward and Junior Steward. Worshipful Brother Schafer continues to seek Brethren to round out the full staff of officers.

This issue of **The Trestle Board** is being published with the hope things will get better but until then all meetings are tentative based on current conditions.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY  
2021

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## In Memorial—2020

In Memory of our Scioto Lodge #6 Brethren who have been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in 2020

**Brother Dewey Allen Price 01/01/20**

**Brother Graham Lee Thompson 02/24/20**

**Worshipful Brother Alvin E. DePugh 03/12/20**

**Brother Franklin Eugene Walters 03/22/20**

**Brother Ronald Lee Miner 04/01/20**

**Brother Neil Leon Smith 05/28/20**

**Brother Dale Edmund Anderson 06/14/20**

**Brother Robert C. Bumen 09/22/20**

**Brother Walter Howard Miller 10/26/20**

**Brother Raymond Edward Campbell 10/27/20**

**Brother Warren Edward Dowler, Sr. 11/24/20**

I sincerely hope that I have not overlooked anyone.

William Bennett, Secretary

# February 2021

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	Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg.		Ionic Lodge #6 Stated MTG. PHL			
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## Mark F. Allman, District Deputy Grand Master

I corresponded with Right Worshipful Brother Mark Allman regarding the tentativeness of schedules specifically as it pertained to the Annual Inspection of Scioto Lodge #6.

He wrote: **“We are in agreement it is difficult to plan when nobody knows what the plan is. We are currently under Edict 2020-3 which does not allow any in-person meetings. Will this change for January? We all hope so. I am instructing all Lodges to prepare for an in-person inspection in the hopes this will be allowed in January and the months ahead”.**

The pre-inspection of records of Scioto Lodge #6, as much as could be, was handled via email with an actual in-person inspection to be conducted as soon as the Grand Master allows.

Fraternally and Sincerely, William Bennett

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**FROM NEW YORK, USA**

At one of our hardworking Brother's funeral service, as we passed a group of ladies standing near the coffin, one noticed our white gloves that we wear during the services. She stated, "This must be the Meals on Wheels group that Robert drove for," referring to the gloves and aprons.

*Bro. Leon Randall*

**FROM CONNECTICUT, USA**

It was the final meeting before we break for summer, and it was a very hot and humid day in central Connecticut. Of course, our Lodge doesn't have air conditioning, so the lodge room was quite stuffy. We had no degree work and only a little business to conduct, so the Master opened the lodge and all officers who had speaking parts went through the opening ritual with speed talk. Suffice it to say it was very funny to witness the opening and closing ritual spoken so fast. We all wanted to get out of that room as soon as possible because it was so uncomfortable, and it probably didn't help matters that all members in attendance were laughing hysterically at the sped up ritual, putting more moisture in the air!!!

*Bro. Scott McCarthy*