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The Trestle Board

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Ladies & Widows Night Banquet

Friday, September 17, 2021

All Masons, their Ladies, and Widows of our departed Brethren, are cordially invited to attend the 2021 Banquet. A special gift will be presented to each of the ladies present upon arrival. Reservations are now being taken and may be made by telephone 740-774-3485. You may email the Office of the Secretary at cmb@chillicothemasons.org. Please reserve your place so that preparations can be made to provide our personnel with the necessary information to adequately serve those attending.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:45 pm.

Worshipful Master James Fritz Schafer welcomes all Brethren and those who are potential candidates or have expressed interest in joining the fraternity

Mr. Thomas Watts, Director of the Chillicothe High School Symphony Orchestra will conduct the String Ensemble during the social.

Past Masters Night

Hear Ye...Hear Ye

A call will be going out to all Past Masters regarding Thursday, October 21, 2021. It is the Annual Past Masters Night for Scioto Lodge #6. Plans are now being laid to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree upon one candidate.

If you are interested in taking a chair at this event you may contact the Office of the Secretary to reserve a place. Or you may contact the Worshipful Master James Fritz Schafer (740-325-2809) to volunteer your expertise. Refreshments at this Stated Meeting will be served beginning at 6:15 pm. Lodge will open at 7:30 pm. All Past Masters are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30	8 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chillicothe Chapter #4 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council #4 8:30 pm	15	16 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30	17 Ladies & Widows Night Banquet	18 Seventh Masonic District Association
19	20	21	22 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	23 Ross County Shrine Club	24	25
26	27	28 Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm	29	30		



OCTOBER 2021

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3	4 Masonic Temple Association Mtg. 7:00 pm	5 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	6 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Chillicothe Chapter #4 7:30 pm Chillicothe Council #4	13	14	15 212th Grand Lodge Communication	16
17 Fifth Capitular District Mtg. 2:00 pm	18	19	20 Eastern Star Chapter #419 Stated Mtg.	21 Scioto Lodge #6 Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm Past Master's Night	22	23 Apple Butter Making Day Chapter
24 Religious Reaffirmation Day	25	26 Chillicothe Commandery #8 7:30 pm	27	28	29	30
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Fifth Capitular District Grand Chapter of Ohio R.A.M.

Excellent Companion Ryan W. Adams has indicated the Apple Butter making day is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021 beginning at 7:00 am. Preparation day is scheduled to begin at noon Friday, October 22nd. The project is held at the Mount Tabor Church Fellowship Hall which is adjacent to the church at 6043 Mount Tabor Road. Proceeds from the sale support his year as Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Ohio. Companions are invited to participate in this event, which is a great opportunity to experience good camaraderie between the companions and their Ladies. Right Excellent Companion Adams is presently serving as the Grand Captain of the Host. Right Excellent Companion R. Joseph Shilling is serving as the Grand Master of the First Veil.

The annual inspection of Chillicothe Chapter #4 is slated for Saturday, November 20, 2021. Efforts are presently under way to coordinate with Circleville Chapter #20 and Trowel Chapter #70 in conferring the Most Excellent Master. The inspection gets underway at 9:00 am. Lady Kathy Adams has volunteered to prepare breakfast serving at 8:15 am with a menu to be confirmed later.

The Fall Fifth Capitular District Association meeting is scheduled for October 17th (or 24th). The Statewide Religious Reaffirmation Day Observance is schedule for October 24, 2021.

Chillicothe Chapter #4 will be celebrating its **200th Anniversary** on October 24, 2021 however the local officers and Fifth Capitular District Officials are still awaiting confirmation from Right Excellent Companion Rodney L. Carr, Grand King. Updates will be issued closer to the time of the event.

Grand Chapter of Ohio will be holding its Annual Convocation in Columbus, Ohio Wednesday and Thursday October 6th and 7th at the Crown Plaza North.

Other Inspections are scheduled:

- **October 25th**—Mt. Vernon Chapter #23 in the Past Master Degree. Dinner at 6:15 pm. Ladies are invited
- **November 16th**—Manchester Chapter #129 in the Most Excellent Master Degree. Dinner at 6:15 pm Ladies are invited.
- **November 30**—Fayette Mark Lodge #4 Mark Master 6:15 pm
- **December 7th**—LaGrange Chapter #68 Mark Master 7:00 pm
- **December 9th**—Hillsboro Chapter #40 Royal Arch Degree Dinner at 6:45 Ladies are invited

Grand High Priest Statewide Reception is schedule for Friday, December 11, 2021 and will be held at the Crown Plaza North 6500 Double Tree Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43229.

Scioto Lodge #6 Delinquent Dues.... As of this writing—Thirty-eight Brethren have yet to paid their 2021 Dues. These should be paid at the earliest convenience. Dues notices for 2022 dues will be mail to all members of record October 4, 2021, Unpaid members will be suspended for non payment of dues December 31, 2021

Conaway and Knoles—Senior Awards



The photo to the left shows Past Eminent Commander Sir Knight Michael L. Hines (foreground) and Sir Knight R. Joseph Shilling, Past Eminent Commander at the presentation of Senior Awards to Sir Knight **Robert Lewis Conaway** receiving a Fifty year award, (pictured on the left) and Sir Knight **Charles William “Buzzy” Knoles** (on the right) receiving a Sixty year Award.

Sir Knight Conaway was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Scioto Lodge #6 on May 18, 1975. He petitioned Chillicothe Chapter #4 and received the Royal Arch Degree on December 8, 1970. The Royal & Select Degrees were conferred in Chillicothe Council #4 on February 16, 1971. The Order of Knight Templar was conferred in Chillicothe Commandery #8 on May 31, 1971. Sir Knight Conaway served as Eminent Commander for the Templar year 1976-1977.

Sir Knight Knoles was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Scioto Lodge #6 on May 2, 1958. He petitioned Chillicothe Chapter #4 and received the Royal Arch Degree on May 11, 1958. The Royal & Select Degrees were conferred in Chillicothe Council #4 on November 18, 1958. The Order of Knight Templar was conferred in Chillicothe Commandery #8 on February 10, 1961.

Sir Knight David V. Medert is shown in the photo to the right as he presented Sir Knight Knoles with his sixty year pin award. Both were presented with laminated cards attesting to this achievement,

Congratulations to both Sir Knights



Masonic Quotes

1. “The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other.” – *Vasilios Karpos*
2. “There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you’ve yet to meet.” – *Author Unknown*

Scioto Lodge #6 to issue **NEW Plastic Membership Cards**

The Office of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio has informed me that replacement cards are scheduled to be reissued every five years. That means when you paid your 2022 annual dues you will be mailed a **NEW Membership card**.

William Bennett, Secretary

Knight Templar—History

The Knights Templar were the elite fighting force of their day, highly trained, well-equipped and highly motivated; one of the tenets of their religious order was that they were forbidden from retreating in battle, unless outnumbered three to one, and even then only by order of their commander, or if the Templar flag went down. Not all Knights Templar were warriors. The mission of most of the members was one of support – to acquire resources which could be used to fund and equip the small percentage of members who were fighting on the front lines. There were actually three classes within the orders. The highest class was the knight. When a candidate was sworn into the order, they made the knight a monk. They wore white robes. The knights could hold no property and receive no private letters. He could not be married or betrothed and cannot have any vow in any other Order. He could not have debt more than he could pay, and no infirmities. The Templar priest class was similar to the modern day military chaplain. Wearing green robes, they conducted religious services, led prayers, and were assigned record keeping and letter writing. They always wore gloves, unless they were giving Holy Communion. The mounted men-at-arms represented the most common class, and they were called "brothers". They were usually assigned two horses each and held many positions, including guard, steward, squire or other support vocations. As the main support staff, they wore black or brown robes and were partially garbed in chain mail or plate mail. The armor was not as complete as the knights. Because of this infrastructure, the warriors were well-trained and very well armed. Even their horses were trained to fight in combat, fully armored. The combination of soldier and monk was also a powerful one, as to the Templar knights, martyrdom in battle was one of the most glorious ways to die. (Source: Wikipedia)

2022 Dues—Chillicothe York Rite

Dues notices were mailed to all Companions and Sir Knights of record on May 3, 2021. Presently, there are sixty-one members who have yet to bring their dues up to date. Please review your incoming mail and check register to ascertain if you have paid your 2022 dues. It would be greatly appreciated by the Office of the Secretary/Recorder of the Chillicothe York Rite Bodies. Of those 61, seven are also delinquent for a period of two years. The remedy is to Suspend Companions in Chillicothe Chapter #4 for non payment of due and subsequently for **NON-Affiliation in the related** Chillicothe York Rite Bodies.



After the Franks in the First Crusade captured Jerusalem from Muslim conquerors in 1099, many Christians made pilgrimages to various sacred sites in the Holy Land. Although the city of Jerusalem was relatively secure under Christians control, the rest of Outremer was not— (these were the Crusader States and were Roman Catholic realms in the Middle east that lasted from 1098—1291). Bandits and marauding highwaymen preyed upon these Christian pilgrims, who were routinely slaughtered, sometimes by the hundreds, as they attempted to make the journey from the coastline at Jaffa (the oldest part of Tel Aviv, an ancient port in Israel) through to the interior of the Holy Land. (Source: Wikipedia)

Art Work Presented to Chillicothe Commandery #8



Andrea Medert presented this art work of a Knight Templar to Chillicothe Commandery #8. It was professionally matted and framed with non-glare glass and has been installed in the south near the Senior Warden Station. Andrea wrote - "Growing up in San Diego, California where art and museums are abundant, my parents, artists themselves, provided me with all the skills and passion necessary to grow my talent and experience the vast mediums that I use. I often tagged along as a child when they attended college to paint and draw sometimes becoming the subject matter and the model. Any chance I could, I would inject myself into their work to learn and hone my skills. I have been very fortunate to grow up in such a talented household where every wall was adorned with beautiful works of art. Through the years my passion always came back to my pencil portraits, where a story can be told in every face, a soul behind their eyes that speaks to me.

As of late I have ventured out into the world of acrylic painting, feeling the need to color the world and make it a brighter place. There are no limits my parents taught me, you are only limited by fear and if you feel it needs to be perfect, and it surely does not".

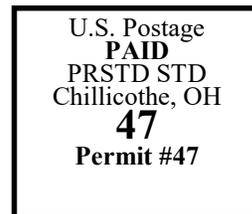
Grand Deputy's Roll Out Program Timothy Scott Wheeland

Timothy Scott Wheeland, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio visited the Seventh Masonic District at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Here is a summary of the meeting. His Theme for the



2021-2022 Masonic Year is "**Reflect on Freemasonry**". The primary focus is on membership. He noted that of the three types of membership 78% are those who chose to pursue **Traditional**, course of achieving membership status, 15% participant in a **Grand Master's Class** with those and "**Traditional Starters**" account for 7% of membership. Right Worshipful Brother Wheeland touched on regional Grand Master's Classes being offered March 26, 2022. Lady Kim and he have adopted a charity, "**Children's Hunger Alliance**"





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2021 Fall Reunion Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus



Saturday, October 23, 2021—Villa Milano Conference Center—1630 Schrock Road Columbus

Highlights:

- Candidate Registration and Orientation 7:30 am
- Member Registration 8:00 am
- Announcement and Open Reunion 8:40 am

Honoring

**Timothy S. Wheeland
Deputy Grand Master**

Degree Presentations:

- 9:00 am 4th Degree
- 9:45 14th Degree

Lunch Break 11:15 am

Immediately following lunch 16th Degree

- 1:15 pm 18th Degree

For Candidate Petition, Fees and Registration see your Blue Lodge Ambassador for a petition to register as a Candidate or visit the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus website. Petition fees for the Fall Reunion are \$100.00. Any current Blue Lodge Officer or Past Master will receive a 50% discount on their petition fees.

A paid meal reservation of \$10.00 each is required by everyone except the candidates and the honoree. Payment should be made to the Valley office prior to October 12th.

Contacts at Scioto Lodge #6
Worshipful Brother Michael L. Hines or
Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum

Break 2:45

- 4:15 pm New Member Recognition
- 4:45 Reunion closes
- 3:00 pm 32nd Degree

Post Reunion social featuring hors d'oeuvres