



# The Trestle Board

## Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner at Ross County Shrine Club



Scioto Lodge #6 will host its annual Chicken Noodle Dinner to raise funds for Special Olympics. Letters, along with two tickets to the event were mailed to all Brethren of the lodge. This mailing was directed to members even though they may live outside of Ohio. It is a pleasure to hear from Brethren from Florida, West Virginia, Michigan and other states who, while not able to attend, purchase the tickets and ask that they be distributed to others. The support of the Brethren is encouraged. Brother Evan M. Steele is chairing the event that will be held Friday, April 10, 2015 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Prep day is Thursday April 9th.

## Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus County Dinner



The 2015 Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus Ross/Pike County Dinner will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The traditional first Wednesday fell during Holy Week prompting the move to the third Wednesday. Worshipful Brother William E. Landrum is County Director. The social will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm. Ambassadors Michael L. Hines and John W. Malone (Scioto Lodge #6), Eric Williams (Orient Lodge #321),

Greg Cottrill (Frankfort Lodge #309) Randy Davis and Larry Heshiser (Logan Elm Lodge #624) Sam Johnson (Bainbridge Lodge #196) invite all Scottish Rite members, their Ladies and Guests to attend. There is no charge for dinner, Reservation need to be made on or before Monday, April 13th by calling William E. Landrum at 773-4698 or William Bennett at 774-3485.

### Menu

Prime Rib with au jus  
Baked Potato  
Steamed Vegetables  
Rolls, Salad,  
Desserts, Coffee, Tea  
&  
Lemonade

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# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5  Easter Sunday	6	7 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg.  7:30 pm	8 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	9 Chicken Noodle Dinner  Prep Day	10 Chicken Noodle Dinner 11:00 am 7:00 pm	11
12	13	14 Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.  7:30 pm	15 Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus Ross/Pike Dinner 6:45 pm	16 Scioto Lodge Stated Mtg.  7:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	22 Chillicothe Chapter #419 Order of Eastern Star 7:30 pm	23 Ross County Shrine Club 6:00 pm	24	25
26	27	28 Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. Stated Mtg. 7:30 pm	29	30		

## Worthy Distressed Brother—David H. Acton

Estes Park, Colorado:

It has been brought to our attention that Masonic assistance is required by Brother David H. Acton, a 62 year member of Scioto Lodge #6. Jeffrey D. Action, the son of Brother Action, has related that his father has suffered a stroke on the left side of his brain which has paralyzed the right side of his body. His speech is greatly impaired and he is unable to sit upright for long periods of time. Brother Acton was transferred from Estes Park Medical Center on March 3, 2015 to the Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital in Johnstown, Colorado, where he will undergo physical therapy.

The short term goal is for Brother Action to be in therapy until March 27th then to arrange transportation for Brother Action to Marietta, Georgia, where he will be admitted to a care facility for further convalescence. The long term goal is for Brother Acton and his wife Sharon to take up residence with his son Jeffrey and his wife. Jeffery is not sure if that is going to be possible, given the level of care his father will possibly require.

Several Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity have been engaged in communicating this need, among them are: Worshipful Brother William Bennett, Brother Phil Wade, of Chamblee-Sardis Lodge #444 in Marietta, Georgia, Most Worshipful Brother George O. Braatz, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America. Worshipful Brother Mike Wold, Past Master of Estes Park Lodge #183. Brother Acton's wife Sharon also recently suffered a fall which has limited her mobility. Most Worshipful Brother C. Michael Watson, Past Grand Master and Secretary of the Grand Lodge also has knowledge of this need.

Scioto Lodge #6 has authorized the Secretary to compose a letter to the Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation seeking assistance. Before that can be done it is necessary to identify the options Brother Acton's family open to them and decisions made regarding the same. Modes of transportation are limited given Brother Acton current status. Flying commercially may not a viable option according to his son.

A member of Brother Phil Wade's family has graciously spent time creating a fund raising site to assist Brother Acton. It is devoted to raise funds to relieve the financial cost of Brother Acton's care and the transitional expenses which may be incurred to get him to Georgia. If you, as a Mason, wish to contribute you may use this link to make a donation. <http://www.gofundme.com/nws26o>

### May 11, 2015

Top Scholars Banquet  
Moll Dining Room  
Social 6:00 pm  
Dinner at 6:45 pm  
Scholarship Awards Program  
**Reservations Required by  
May 6th**

### June 5, 2015

Annual Fish Fry and Tenderloin event. Yoctangee Park Lions Shelter  
11:00 am—7:00 pm  
Dinners \$8.00  
Sandwiches \$5:00 pm  
**Bring the family**

### June 6, 2015

Sixth Cryptic Arch  
Reunion Cookout  
& Award Presentations  
McArthur, Ohio  
1:00 pm

### July 5, 2015

**August 2, 2015**  
**7th District Bingo**  
Building #9 on the campus of the Veterans Administration Hospital 1:00 pm  
All Masons and Guests are invited to attend.

## HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY...to be a member of Scioto Lodge #6?



Stephen J. Steele  
Lodge Education Officer

“In 1897, the average lodge member spent \$50 annually on dues and insurance and \$200 on initiation fees, ritualistic paraphernalia and travel; this at a time when the average factory worker earned just \$400-500 a year.” \*

That \$250 in today’s dollars would equal \$6930. That would be quite a hefty sum to pay to belong to our fraternity. Today Scioto Lodge members only need to pay \$40 to keep current. While I am sure that some of us spend just a little more than that yearly to be a Mason, many of our members spend MUCH MORE!

What are you spending to be a Mason? The amount that I see our Line officers spend is not in cash but in the really valuable commodity of TIME. It is not necessary that every member stand for a seat in the Line at elections. But my dedicated Brothers can think about increasing the time that they give to Masonry.

Every first Tuesday and third Thursday the dedicated officers of our Lodge meet and express their commitment in the currency of TIME. The ritual demands that time be spent learning and practicing it. The tiled Lodge and various, important committee meetings all take time. The traditions and resources of the Lodge and Temple all need to be husbanded with the due diligence expected of good men. It happens every day in so many ways because there are dedicated souls to Masonry who are willing to spend the TIME that it takes to do things right.

I applaud the Brother who every year, along with his wife, can be counted on to handle the deserts at our Chicken Noodle Dinner; the Brother who is always there breading fish at the annual Fish Fry; the Brother who answers the call for help stuffing envelopes for a special mailing. The Brother who swings the hammer to help build a ramp at a newly-paralyzed Brother’s back door is acting in true benevolence and practicing those tenets of his vow to come to the aid of worthy, distressed Master Masons.

Like-wise, the nonagenarian Brother who attends Lodge when he is able is a True and Faithful Brother giving of that ever-so-precious commodity... his TIME.

I ask each of you to search your hearts and decide for yourself if you, too, can give a little more to Masonry; not in a monetary gift, but in the gift of TIME. Help your Brothers work on a fundraiser, attend a committee meeting or just refresh yourself by attending a tiled Lodge meeting (we will be there to help with due guards and signs if you happen to be “a little rusty”)

\* Mark C. Carnes “*Secret Ritual and Manhood in Victorian America*, Yale Press 1989

## Meet Our Officer's Brother John W. Malone, Tyler



Brother John Wesley Malone was born in Massieville December 29, 1941 to parents Gene and Osie Malone. In May 1959 he joined the United States Naval Reserve. He graduated from Chillicothe High School in June 1959 and four days later left for Navy Boot Camp at Great Lakes Illinois. After completing boot camp he attended the Ohio State Barber College in Columbus where he graduated in 1960. After graduating he worked with his father who had Malone's Barber Shop in Chillicothe.

In June of 1960 Brother Malone entered the United States Navy for active duty for two years. In December 1962 he married Mary Rosalene (Rose) Tackett (Southeastern High School Class of 1959). Once leaving active duty in June 1962 he returned to work with his father at Malone's Barber Shop located on Route 23 South where he worked for five years. He transitioned to Central Center Barber Shop where he worked for another five years.

In 1972 Brother Malone returned to Naval Service as a Navy Recruiter. While serving in the Navy he was stationed on five types ships and many shore stations, including six years in Japan. It was while he was stationed in Pensacola, Florida that he completed his Bachelors Degree from Troy State University, graduating Cum Laude. He ultimately Command Master Chief of the USS Ticonderoga, an Aegis Cruiser.

His Masonic journey began in Yokosuka Lodge #20, Yokosuka, Japan where he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 11, 1984. He received his 32 Degree in Scottish Rite October 25, 1984 and walked the hot sands of the Shrine November 4, 1984.

Brother Malone retired from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9) June 1, 1996. At that time Brother Malone and his wife Rose were living in Virginia Beach, Virginia. After taking a vacation (for three years) enjoying himself riding his Gold Wing motor cycle, going to movies, golfing, bowling and taking his wife out to dinner about every day, he went to work for Lynnhaven Lincoln Mercury in Virginia Beach selling new automobiles for about a year after which he quit and went back to golfing.

After 9/11 Brother Malone went to work for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as a baggage screener at Norfolk International Airport. At the tender age of 62 Brother Malone retired from that and the following week began work for the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department as Courthouse Security on a part time basis. Brother Malone and Rose returned to Chillicothe in 2005 and ended his days of employment.

Brother Malone is an active member of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M. as Tyler. He is a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #18 and holds the post of Adjutant; Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus; Aladdin Shrine and Ross County Shrine Club where he is a Past President. Brother Malone is a Life Member of the Fleet Reserve Association; VFW; US Navy Cruiser Sailors Association; Armed Forces Top Enlisted Association; the American Legion and AMVETS. Brother Malone and his wife are members of Tabernacle Baptist Church. They have three children—a daughter Dr. Vicki Lynn Waytowich of Jacksonville, Florida; Mary Kathleen (Kathy) Kelly of Bloomingdale, New Jersey and Michael John Malone (Deceased). They share three grandchildren Nicholas Roy Waytowich, who will receive his PhD in Biomedical, Electrical & Computer Engineering in May 2015, Danica Rose Waytowich, a junior in college and Keith Michael Kelly, a Supervisor with UPS. For companionship Brother Malone and Rose have a 9 year old terrier mix rescue named Bunny.

## Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Inspection Report

**Companion James L. Stevens,**

Let me congratulate you on serving Chillicothe Council #4 as Illustrious Master. It is only through the dedication and efforts of you and your officers that Cryptic Masonry can survive and flourish. It was a pleasure to visit with your Companions and witness their conferral of the Royal Master Degree. I have reviewed the report submitted by your Inspecting Officer, Right Illustrious Companion Matthew Schetter, Sixth Arch Inspector and concur with his findings. The high marks that he gave to the degree work show a pride that inspires to higher achievements. I know from speaking with them the Candidates, William B. Harmon, Timothy Krafthefer and Leonard Tackett Jr. were impressed with the work. It is also gratifying to see a fresh progressive line with the officers doing their own work.

I am pleased to see that the records are in excellent condition. Please pass along our thanks to the Recorder and Treasures of Chillicothe Council #4 for their diligent work. The high marks from your Inspecting Officer attest to their competence and diligence.

While ritual work is only a part of what we do as Cryptic Masons, it is the first impression that we make on Candidates. We owe it to them and the future of our Council to make it a favorable impression. It was a pleasure to see that the necessary notifications were sent. Of increasing importance, the Form 990-N has also been filed. Your Inspecting Officer notes that the Council is living within its means and is working from a budget. While the officers are working to collect the outstanding dues, please remember to contact the recently suspended [Companions] as well. The inspection report shows a social event with the Ladies last year, I hope this will continue and expand through your term. The Ladies are the great under used resource that we have. Social events, especially with the Ladies are essential.

On behalf of the Grand Council Officers, I would like to thank the Companions of Chillicothe Council #4 for their generous contributions to the Diabetic Kids Fund. It is through your efforts that we are able to provide much needed campership to diabetic children learning to live with their disease. A visit to one of the camps would convince anyone of their value.

Right Illustrious Companion Schetter rates the Council's support of the Arch as good, attendance at the Arch School and Reunion from your Council seems to bear this out. Finally, on behalf of the Grand Council let me wish continued success to you and Chillicothe Council #4 in every effort. Most Illustrious Grand Master Lynn B. Alexander's theme "Destiny—Choice to Achieve" your Council is obviously striving to "do the right things right". May God bless you in your labors.

Right Illustrious Companion Richard J. Amlung,

Deputy Grand Master

**Article is Excerpted from undated annual inspection communication**

**District Grand Master's (One Day)  
Classes Authorized**

District Deputy Grand Master C. Curt Shanks has verified that the Grand Master has authorized District Deputies Grand Master to preside over individual district classes.

Although no specific information has been released; date, times and locations for this class will be announced in the coming months. The degrees will be exemplified by possibly four Lodges or a blend of Lodges for the three degrees. An outdoor option has been mentioned as a possibility. More information will be released as it become available.

**Fifth Capitular District All Degree Day**

In a telephone call of March 18th District Deputy Grand High Priest Excellent Companion Lloyd W. Eichenlaub confirmed a District Wide Festival would be held Saturday, May 9, 2015. The location has not been announced of yet. To confirm how many candidates are pending in the Fifth Capitular District. Chillicothe York Rite has relayed the information contained in the reports to Excellent High Priest and Illustrious Master. Communications will be sent to our pending candidates announcing the All Degree opportunity.

**Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M.**

Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. Stated Convocation will be April 14, 2015. Refreshments will be served at 6:15 pm with the opening of at 7:30 pm.

Excellent High Priest Roger R. Jones received the following Companion status report:

- Brother John Michael Durham of Orient Lodge #321 and Mark Alan Turley have pending petitions and require all Chapter Degrees.
- Three Companions Danny Smith Howard, Frank William Penwell, Jamie Andrew Sharp, require the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degree
- Companion Jamie Andrew Sharp required the Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degree Degrees

**Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.**

The following Companion status report was presented to James L. Stevens, Illustrious Master of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.

- Companions William Clyde Adams, Clayton D. Clark, John Michael Durham, Danny Smith Howard, Jackie Smith Howard, Andrew Steven Lansing, Frank William Penwell, Jamie Andrew Sharp, Mark Alan Turley require the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees.
- Companions William Benjamin Harmon, Timothy Arlen Krafthefer and Leonard Tackett require only the Select Master to complete their Council Degrees.

**It's Golf Season**

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?	Staff: Golf course, may I help you?
Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?	Caller: Can I get a tee time for tomorrow?
Staff: Yes.	Staff: Sure, what time would you like?
Caller: How much for a large bucket?	Caller: Something between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock. In the morning, if possible.
Staff: Four dollars.	
Caller: Does that include the balls?	

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## **April Fool's Day—France 1564**

Many different explanations have been offered for the origins of April Fool's Day, some as fanciful as April Fool jokes themselves. One popular, though unlikely, explanation focuses on the fool that Christ's foes intended to make of Him, sending him on meaningless rounds of visits to Roman officials when His fate had already been sealed. Medieval mystery plays frequently dramatized those events, tracing Christ's journey from Annas, to Caiaphis to Pilate to Herod, then back again to Pilate. Interestingly, many cultures have a practice, predating Christianity, that involves sending people on "Fools Errands". The most convincing historical evidence suggest that April Fooling originated in France under King Charles IX. Throughout France in the early sixteenth century, New Year's Day was observed on March 25th, the advent of spring. The celebrations which included exchanging of gifts, ran for a week, terminating with dinners and parties on April 1st.

In 1564, however, in beginning the adoption of the reformed, more accurate Gregorian calendar, King Charles proclaimed that New Year's Day be moved back to January 1st. Many Frenchmen who resisted the change, and other who merely forgot about it, continued partying and exchanging gifts during the week ending April 1st. Jokers ridiculed these conservatives' steadfast attachment to the old New Year's date sending foolish gifts and invitation to nonexistent parties. The butt of an April Fool's joke was known as a poisson d'Avril or "April fish" because at that time of year the sun was leaving the zodiacal sign of Pisces, the fish. In fact, all events occurring on April 1st came under the rubric. Even Napoleon the I, emperor of France, was nicknamed "April fish" when he married his second wife, Marie-Louise of Austria, on April 1, 1810.

Years later, when the country was comfortable with the new, New Year's date, Frenchmen, fondly attached to whimsical April Fooling, made the practice a tradition in its own right. It took almost two hundred years for the custom to reach England, from which it came to America.

From the book "Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things Copyright 1987 by Charles Panati