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WHAT? CHRISTMAS ALREADY?



The 2021 York Rite Christmas Observance will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4:30 pm. This event is open to the public so it is a chance to allow friends, neighbors and family a glimpse into what it means to be a Mason. There are people who would come if invited simply to see the inside of the building.

The Worshipful Masters from Omega and Sherwood Lodges along with the High Priest from Ensawocsa Chapter, Illustrious Master from Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council and Commander of Defiance Commandery will be hosts and will have an opportunity to introduce distinguished guests of their respective bodies.

The Christmas Observance includes a memorial service for members from Defiance who passed away since our last service. In keeping with the purpose of the observance, there will be a Christmas message and music. Pastor David Orr from St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate and a former Holy Land Pilgrim will bring the message.

Following the service, there will be time for fellowship at a potluck meal in the dining room. Meat and beverages will be provided. **Family and friends are encouraged to attend.**

Grand Master Re-Appoints Larry Lyne and Bill Pacak as 5th District Deputy Grand Masters

At the 212th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, MW Brother Timothy S. Wheeland was elected and installed as Grand Master for 2021-22. As his representatives for the 5th Masonic District, he has commissioned RW Brother William "Bill" Pacak and RW Brother Larry B. Lyne to carry out the duties of DDGM in the 5th District. RW Brother Bob Rettig was re-appointed District Advisor.

Congratulations and thanks to these brothers for accepting these leadership roles for our District.

John Seabolt Appointed and Jim Parsons Re-Appointed 5th District Education Officer



Worshipful Brother John Seabolt has accepted the appointment by the Grand Master of District Education Officer in the 5th Masonic District for the ensuing year. He joins WB Jim Parsons in conducting the education program in our district.

Our congratulations to all our Grand Lodge 5th District appointments.

New 33rd Degree Masons



Ten brothers from Northwest Ohio received their 33rd degree on August 31 in Cleveland. Pictured from left front are: Steve Hill, Wade Young, Steve Grindle, Dave Hawk, Bob Rettig. Back row: Larry Rentz, Bill Windnagel, John Zettler, Cade McKinley and Bob Latta

**OES NEWS!**

Grand Chapter at the Sharonville Convention Center was an exciting time as we watched Al Lawrence, Grand Chaplain, Bonnie Chapin, Grand Electa, and Dee Lawrence, Deputy Grand Matron #7 & 6, in their respective positions. It was good to see the drills return to Grand Chapter.

Ohio's PGP Lon Lowery will be installed as the Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter OES on November 4! The installation will be live streamed! Appointments for the coming year include PGM Eloise Wyse, General Grand Chapter Education Committee Chairman, and PGP Ron Keller, General Grand Chapter Necrology Co-Chairman.

Tracie Evans of Bryan Chapter has been appointed Grand Martha for 2022. Becky Thatcher continues to serve as an OES Home Trustee. Thelma Riehle is Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island while Millie Holzer is Grand Representative of Tennessee. Phyllis Geesey is serving on the ESTARL Committee

In District 7 Installation of Officers for 2022 have begun. Bryan installed their officers on October 16. Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) has scheduled their installation for November 13 at 2 p.m. and Deshler is scheduled for November 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Just a reminder that Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday, Bryan Chapter on the third Monday, and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) on the third Tuesday. All chapters would appreciate your attendance at their meetings.

Hope to see you along the way.
Millie Holzer



Omega Lodge #564-First Sat 9 am/Breakfast @ 8:30 am
Chase Williams, W.M. Luis Rivera, Sec.

Greetings Brethren,

I am super excited for this upcoming year in Masonry because we are pretty much back to normal as far as in-person meetings go. Last year was new and weird for all of us!

We recently drew the winning tickets for the Omega Lodge Three -Gun Raffle! The winners were Jesse Stull, Cory Boroff, and Bob Reeder. Congratulations on winning! I have included a picture of our Tyler, Jack Stevens getting ready to pull the tickets! There is a video of the entire drawing on the Defiance Masonic Temple Facebook Page. If you haven't already please like our facebook page: facebook.com/Defiance-Masonic-Temple-367350856802656. Please keep an eye out in the near future for upcoming raffles!

We have some degree work ahead of us on a new candidate. It is great that we are getting some new guys in! Even so, it still seems that the same "Old Guys" are in the officer chairs. Omega Lodge has 150 members and some nights we can barely fill the chairs. If you are interested in being more active ie: becoming an officer, learning a charge, learning a lecture, learning a part in the second section of the master mason degree, please get hold of me. My number is 419-438-3770 and my email is c.williams9109@yahoo.com.

In other news several elections, Installations, Inspections, Widows and Awards Nights are planned in the next few months and I look forward to that! Omega Lodge and Sherwood Lodge will be holding an Open House Saturday 10/30/21 at the Temple from 6-7 pm before the Defiance Halloween Parade. If you know of anyone who would like to come to see the Temple or who shows interest in joining a lodge, please let them know and have them stop out! I hope everyone is staying healthy and doing well!

Fraternally, WM Chase Williams



Sherwood Lodge # 620—First and Third Monday
Kevin King, W.M. Wayne Cripps, Secretary

No report

Changes in address

Please contact Bob Rettig at 419-784-6364 or rrettig@metalink.net as soon as possible if your address changes. We have to pay when newsletters are returned - Please help us be good stewards of our funds!



Ensawocsa Chapter # 89 First Thursday 7:30 PM
Walter Coffman, High Priest Wayne Cripps, Sec'y

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Companions All:

Our new Grand High Priest is MEC Rodney L. Carr and REC Steven Brunn is our new DDGHP and EC Jared Jacques is our new DEO. On October 24, 2021 the Chapter Reaffirmation Day was held at Hicksville Chapter #188 with a decent attendance and PDDGHP Wayne Cripps led the service.

We will be preparing for our upcoming inspection in January so we will need to get started on this sooner than later. Looking forward to seeing the officers and member at our next meeting on November 4.

Walt Coffman, High Priest



Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council #55 Third Thursday 7:30 PM
Keith Winnie, Illustrious Master Robert Rettig, Recorder

Dear Companions,

By the time you have received this newsletter Thanksgiving will be fast approaching and Christmas will be around the corner. The inspection season will be soon upon us and ours will be Saturday January 15 at 1:00 with Chapter at 10:00 in the morning. We can use plenty of volunteers for our degree work. The next big project for us will be our breakfast for diabetic kids in April with the exact date to be determined. Stay safe and well. Remember, Masons don't let Masons get COVID.

Keith Winnie



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
Danial Hall, Commander Walter Coffman, Recorder

Sir Knights,

As we all know, Grand Commandery has just been completed and we are getting into the season for inspections. The Defiance Commandery Drill Team has done it again and taken First Place in the D6 Class this year, so the legacy continues. Congratulations to all of the people who spent many Sundays and Thursdays practicing for the competition, I am incredibly happy that we were able to find a replacement at the last minute for myself as I was told at the last minute that I could not have the day off work to compete myself.

Congratulations to Sir Knight George Edmiston III, KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander for the State of Ohio. We are starting to plan or should I say prepare for our annual Christmas Observance in December. All are invited including family and friends. More information will follow. Please contact me or one of the officers for more information.

We are scheduled for the Annual Inspection on February 12, 2022, starting at 12 noon. All Sir Knights are welcome and encouraged to come to inspection. Please let us know in advance so we can make sure there will be enough food. I am asking all Sir Knights who are members of Defiance Commandery to please come to as many meetings as possible so we can have a good year and a productive one at that.

Respectfully,

Danial Hall, Eminent Commander

We rely on presiding officers to supply information but, if you have Masonic-related news, please send that information. Items will be included on a space-availability basis. If you have questions or other comments, please contact Bob Rettig at 419-784-6364 or by email at rrettig@metalink.net.

We will be electing officers at our December Temple Board meeting. It is imperative that the presiding officer and two trustees from all bodies are present at that meeting on December 14 at 7:30 P.M.



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	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Nov.	1	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Election of Officers
	4	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	6	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Election of Officers
	8	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	11	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	15	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	16	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	18	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
Dec.	2	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	4	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	4	Sat.	1:00	5th District P.M. Convocation	Wauseon Lodge
	6	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	9	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	12	Sun.	4:30	All Bodies	Christmas Observance
	13	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Election of Officers
	16	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Inspection Practice (RM)
	21	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting