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ANNUAL MEETINGS SET FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2025

In just a few weeks, the Grand Bodies will open their Annual Meetings. The **Order of the Eastern Star** will host their session, starting on **September 26** at the Sharonville Convention Center. The business meetings continue through Sunday, September 29. The **Grand Council** Annual Assembly will begin with registration from 3-5:30 pm, followed by the Vespers Service on Sunday, **October 5** at the Crowne Plaza, Columbus North (Worthington). The Grand Assembly will open on Monday morning and end on Tuesday around noon with installation of the 2025-2026 Grand Officers. **Royal Arch Grand Chapter** will also be at the Crowne Plaza. The Annual Convocation begins on Wednesday morning, **October 8**, and should conclude around noon on Thursday. **Grand Commandery** will also be at the Crowne Plaza. The Grand Conclave will open Friday morning **October 10**. About two weeks later, on **October 24**, Most Worshipful Grand Master William M. Carter III will open the **Grand Lodge** of F&AM of Ohio at the Kalahari Resort Center in Sandusky.

These meetings are great opportunities to renew and make new friendships with Sisters, Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights from across the state and from other jurisdictions as well. It does take time to attend the meetings but there are things to be learned at each session. Discussion regarding proposed legislation can also be enlightening.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled:

September 26-28	Order of the Eastern Star	Sharonville Convention Center
October 5-7	Grand Council	Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
October 8-9	Grand Chapter	Crowne Plaza Columbus North
October 9-10	Grand Commandery	Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
October 18	Grand Lodge	Kalahari Resort Center, Sandusky

For more information, please contact your secretary or recorder.

Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Brothers from several Masonic Districts witnessed the raising of a brother from Wauseon Lodge to the sublime degree of MM on Saturday, July 19. Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, Steven M. Grindle, as well as brothers from neighboring districts witnessed current and PDDGMS open a lodge of Master Masons and portray the first section. A composite cast including brothers from most of the Fifth District lodges portrayed the allegory, lecture and charge. Wauseon Lodge volunteered to host this year's outdoor degree. Plans are being made to continue this outdoor event in future years. You won't want to miss it!





Omega Lodge # 564-First Sat 9 am/Breakfast at 8:30 am
Gary Ries, W.M. Luis Rivera, Sec.

Greetings Brethren,

Summer break is over, now it's time for football and resuming our Masonic labors. I hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing summer. The first meeting will be September 5 at 9 am. Come and enjoy breakfast before. Just a reminder for those who are not regular attenders. We meet the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month.

This will be my last communication from me as Master and I'm really looking forward to the excellent corps of incoming officers. Our annual meeting and election of officers will be Nov 1 with installation later that month.

The next two months, I'd like to focus on the Learn and Earn Program. If you have a lecture, charge, apron, or Bible presentation that you have learned, you have the next 2 months to present it.

As I complete my 4th time to serve Omega Lodge As Master, I want to thank all officers and brethren who have supported me and helped to make it a pleasant journey. One of those years, we raised more than 10 Master Masons which required a tremendous amount of support. There were two brothers who worked many hours with our candidates to make that happen, for which I am most grateful.

Fraternally,
Gary Ries, WM



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

Greetings Brothers!

Here we are again, back from another short summer vacation. It seems like last week we started our summer break. I, for one, have had such a busy summer that I've barely accomplished anything. But hey, there's always tomorrow right?

As we hit the ground running, I remind our Officers, whether incoming or a "seasoned professional," that we need to focus on growth. Our Lodge needs men and participation. We need to find ways to be visible in the public eye. For the newer Brothers, knowledge and participation are important. Even if you missed the Grand Master's Rollout, there are other ways to get involved and gain the knowledge to help you learn, understand, find answers, meet peers, and get even more enjoyment from Masonry. Below are a few dates to remember and to be a part of to get yourself started on YOUR epic journey...

- Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 pm, Defiance Temple Board, ALL MM's are encouraged to attend and 2 representatives each from Sherwood, Omega, Chapter, Council, and Commandery who are NOT Temple Board Officers are required to attend.
- Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:00 am, 5th District Association Meeting at Wauseon Lodge. All Officers, new Officers especially, and MM's are encouraged to attend!
- Saturday, Sept. 13, 8:00 am, Masonic weekend in Canton, Ohio. See information on Grandview or ask an Officer for assistance.
- Monday, Sept. 15, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Lodge Stated Meeting opening in EA Degree. Our 1st meeting back in the saddle.
- Thursday, Oct. 13 through Sat Oct. 15, 216th Annual Communication Grand Lodge at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Register on Grandview. New Officers, new Masters, new Masons are highly encouraged to attend!

That's all I have got for now! See you at Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
Scott Carwile, WM Sherwood #620

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.

Changes in address

Please contact Bob Rettig at 419-784-6364 or by email at rrettig@metalink.net as soon as possible if your address or other contact information changes.



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

Hello Companions,

Here it is with summer coming to an end and fall just around the corner. A new year of work is getting ready to get started. Our first meeting is September 4 starting at 7:30. Hope as many of you can be there as possible and make it a great year.

Fraternally Keith Winnie, High Priest



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

Hello Companions,

Another new year of Masonry is getting ready to get started. We need to see as many officers and people the sidelines as possible. Our first meeting is September 18 starting at 7:30. I hope everyone had a great summer and that you are looking forward to a new year of Masonry.

Fraternally, Keith Winnie, Illustrious Master



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
Dennis Richardson, Commander Matthew Gloor, Recorder

Sir Knights,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to another year of our fun, work and fellowship in our magnanimous order. I am humbled and honored to serve Defiance #30 as your Eminent Commander.

I plan to have our traditional functions during the year including Christmas and Easter observances. I also plan to devote a portion of every meeting (depending on attendance), to preparing for our inspection which is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2026. Grand Commandery will again be at the Crown Plaza in Columbus on October 10, 2025.

It has only been about three years since I was knighted so I still have a lot to learn. Most of our members have been Sir Knights for decades. Therefore, I'm asking for your help and support. If you are able, please consider attending our monthly meetings on the second Thursdays of the month. I look forward to seeing you!

Dennis L. Richardson, Eminent Commander



Everyone is invited to the **Open Installation of WB Todd Evans as Worthy Grand Patron of Ohio Order of the Eastern Star** beginning shortly after noon on Sunday, September 28 at the Sharonville Convention Center near Dayton.

IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings Brothers!

To all of the Brothers, Sir Knights, and affiliated members of Omega Lodge, Sherwood Lodge, and Defiance Chapter, Commandery, and Council.

We are using a very useful communication tool called TeamReach. It has been working super easy and super awesome and it is the request of ALL respective bodies to use this app for communications. It is a very simple download to your Android OR Apple phone. Just go to your Android PlayStore or Apple Store where you get your apps. Search for the "TeamReach" app. It has a logo with a red background and white letters that look like two lowercase r's, the first one is backwards, and says TeamReach.

Once you have it downloaded you can search up the body/ies you wish to be in communication with. For Omega Lodge use Group Code "GMHA2025", for Sherwood Lodge use Group Code "Sherwood620", for Defiance Chapter you will look up "En Sa Woc Sa" and use Group Code "Chapter89", for Commandery you will look up "Commandery" and use Group Code "Defiance30", and for Council you will look up "Oc Co Nox Ee" and use Group Code "Council55".

You must enter the organization and code as listed above. And should you have any questions, please reach out to a member already using TeamReach or myself at 419-789-3466.

Fraternally, WB Scott Carwile, Temple Board Pres.



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Sept.	4	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	6	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	9	Tues.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	11	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	13	Sat.	9:00	5th Masonic District	Annual Mtg., Wauseon Lodge
	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
	26-28			Grand Chapter OES	Cincinnati, OH
Oct	2	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	4	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	5-7			Grand Council R & SM	Columbus, OH
	6	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	14	Tues.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	8-9			Grand Chapter RAM	Columbus, OH
	9-11			Grand Commandery KT	Columbus, OH
	9	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	16	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	19	Sun.	4:30	1st District Re-affirmation Day	Napoleon, OH
	21	Tues	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	24	Fri.		Grand Lodge F & AM	Sandusky, OH