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## GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION - MARCH 23



The Fifth Masonic District Grand Master's Reception this year will be held in the Voinivich Room at Northwest State Community College, Archbold, Ohio. The date set is March 23 with a social hour beginning at 6 pm and dinner at 7pm. The cost remains the same as previously, \$25 per person if paid in advance and \$30 if paid on the night of the reception. Checks should be made payable to the "Fifth Masonic District Association."

This is a great opportunity to meet the leaders of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and their ladies. To make reservations contact your lodge secretary. For questions contact Bryan Patterson, 5th District President at 419-250-6694 or kb8@hotmail.com.

### NEEDED BUILDING RESTORATION BEING PLANNED

It is time to do some major renovation to our temple. If you have been in the lodge room recently, you would have seen the deterioration of plaster and paint. Trying to keep our membership dues down does not allow the temple board to charge the different bodies rent that would permit us to build a maintenance fund. Therefore, we are planning to initiate a Capital Improvement Fund (as we did for our electrical upgrade 10 years ago) to restore our lodge room to its original beauty. We would like to kick this off after the first of the year. There are four major projects to be included: plaster, paint and carpet in the entire second floor. These are immediate. The fourth is more long range and that is an entire new roof. The contractor feels that with some minor repairs, we should be good for 3-5 years. Now that we have some budget estimates, our goal will be \$100,000 to \$125,000 over the next 3 years. Omega lodge had the good fortune to have some money bequeathed, plus Tuendewie's assets when they merged with us. To start the fund, Omega will pledge \$10,000. Complete details will be in the next newsletter.



### DEGREES

A man's true Masonic value cannot be determined by the number of degrees he may obtain. Degrees are conferred on men, but unless Masonry is instilled in their hearts, no amount of degree work will produce Masons. The great principles of our ancient and honorable Craft may be summed up as a philosophy of life, designed to promote a greater feeling of brotherhood among men. A lodge, after all, is but a school of Masonry, and whether our great Fraternity has fulfilled as lofty purpose and ideals depending largely upon the powers of assimilation and application of those who become members of the Craft. The lessons learned by the initiates must be put into use in their daily contacts with their fellow men. Then, and only then, will Masonry have achieved its purpose, and be entitled to continue existence. - Exchange



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

Hello, my fellow brothers!! Keep in mind we now have meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM and first Saturday of the month at 9 AM, with a breakfast before. We are looking to get more of our members involved by way of committees or social events. We will have a Widow's dinner and Service awards planned and we need some assistance.. Dates for these events TBD. Please be at our next regularly stated meetings or contact me via email (luis.a.riveraj@gmail.com) or cell (419-576-7516) if you are interested. Our inspection this year will be done in the Entered Apprentice degree and is scheduled for April 13 at 7PM, more details to follow. Again, please, stop by the monthly meetings or contact me directly if you are interested. We look forward to seeing some faces we haven't seen in a while. If we can start getting volunteers now we can get some good feedback from different perspectives along with getting some degree work done. Brothers, the Masonic Temple we all share needs our help to get renovated so it will be around for a long time to come. Unfortunately, this comes at a cost that is beyond our financial well being. If you can, and able to, they would appreciate any donation that you are able to give. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and look forward to sharing the New Year with you all. Much Love to you all!

Fraternally,

Lou Rivera, W.M.

"Tell me and I forget,  
Teach me and I remember,  
Involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin



Sherwood Lodge # 620—First and Third Monday  
Jack Stevens, W.M. Keith Winnie, Secretary

Dear Brethren,

I hope everyone had a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Our pre-inspection is January 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Mark this on your calendar and please make sure you can make it. Our inspection is February 2, 2018 at 7:00 with cake and ice cream after. This does not give us much time for practice. I have scheduled practice for every Monday at 6:00 pm until our inspection. I would like to see as many of you as possible at these practices. Everyone can use the practice.

Other inspections:

January 12 7:00 pm. Hicksville No. 478

January 19 7:00 pm Wauseon No. 349

February 9 7:00 pm Edon No. 474

February 23 7:00 pm. Fulton No. 248

Please try to make as many inspections as you can. We would like to bring home the traveling trophy again.

Enjoy your Masonry It's Fun!!!

Jack P. Stevens Jr. W.M.



### OES NEWS!

District 7 is now part of Northwest Team 3 with Joan Draper from District 6 serving as the Deputy Grand Matron. She has visited the chapters and shared ideas and plans.

Installations in District 7 are completed and the chapters have made plans for the coming year. Remember Deshler Chapter and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) do not meet in January and February. Inspection dates will be available by the next issue of the *BULLETIN*.

Deshler Chapter has again made the Christmas season brighter for needy families. Food and presents for the children are purchased from the funds of the Happy Box. During 2017 we will be adding a project of collecting canned and shelf stable goods to be utilized by our own members or by those they see in need of a supply. This is part of our AREME (First letter of each of the Star Points) project to make OES visible to the communities.

Mark your calendars and support the chapters by your presence.

Millie Holzer



Ensawocsa Chapter # 89 First Thursday 7:30 PM  
Danial Hall, High Priest Ken Crouch, Sec'y

Dear Companions,

As we step in to a new calendar year, I welcome you all to 2018. As you all know, inspection season in Chapter is about to come to an end here in January with Ensawocsa Chapter on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January being the last. I would like to put an invitation out to all members of Chapter to come and attend the inspection and help out if you are needed and are able. We are still on the lookout for new members for Chapter. Visit your Blue Lodges and start to be active in them again. We need to start working in all our Lodges in Blue Lodges, York Rite, Scottish Rite as well as the Shrine. For if our Blue lodges are not alive and working, the others do not exist.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and wish you all a very healthy New Year.

Thank you very much, Danial Hall, High Priest



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

Greetings Companions,

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and that the New Year has been good to everyone so far! The Holiday season is over and we only have a few weeks to study our parts for our Inspection (it will be in the Royal Master Degree this year), so I am asking that everyone who has a part please show up for our January 18 meeting. I would like to run through the Degree at least once before our inspection on the 20<sup>th</sup>. That's not a lot of time and I will do my best to keep the Jan 18 meeting as short as I can, but a lot of that depends on how prepared we as a Council are to put the degree on. Let's do our best to support each other and put on a good degree. Our Inspection will start at 1:00 pm on January 20, but there will be lunch starting at Noon. Speaking of lunch, we usually do Soup and Sandwiches. I plan on bringing a crockpot full of Chicken Noodle soup. We will need to finalize the menu by January 18, so be ready to let us know what you might be able to contribute to the meal.

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps, IM



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM  
Wayne Cripps, Commander Ken Crouch, Recorder

Greetings Sir Knights,

I sincerely hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and has a prosperous New Year! First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for making our Christmas Observance a tremendous success! Y'all did a fabulous job and I was very impressed. Thank you!

We need to start practicing for our inspection on Feb 17, so I would ask that all Sir Knights try to meet at the Defiance Masonic Center at on Saturdays on January 13 and February 3 and 10 from 1:00-3:00. I intentionally left January 27 off the list since that is the day that Findlay Commandery has their inspection and I didn't want to interfere with anyone's travels. Speaking of travelling, since Pastor Orr of St John's UCC in Holgate has been selected to participate in the Holy Land Pilgrimage this year, I think that it would be fitting if we make a presentation of some small token to him so that his Church recognizes the honor that has been bestowed on him. SK Rettig has spoken with Pastor Orr and they agreed that January 28 would be a good day for our Commandery to make that presentation. The Church service starts at 10:15 so I would ask that all Sir Knights available meet at the Church at 10 am. Dress for the day will be full uniform minus swords (we don't want to scare anyone by bringing weapons into the Church). Hope to see everyone there!

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps, EC

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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Jan.	4	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Inspect. Practice
	6	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	8	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	11	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Full Form Opening
	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	Practice RM degree
	20	Sat.	10:00	Ensawocsa Chapter	Inspection (MkM)
	20	Sat.	1:00	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Inspection (RM)
	20	Sat.	4:00	1st Division CTA (Lima)	Knight Eminent Com. Degree & Mtg.
	23	Tues.	7:30	1st Capitular District (Napoleon) -	1st Quarterly Mtg.
	28	Sun.	10:00	Commandery visit to St. John's UCC, Holgate—	Pilgrimage Presentation
Feb.	1	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	2	Fri.	7:00	Sherwood Lodge	Inspection (FC)
	5	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	8	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	12	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	15	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	17	Sat.	3:00	Defiance Commandery	Inspection
	19	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	23	Tues.	7:30	1st Capitular District (Napoleon)	1st Quarterly Mtg.
	24	Sat.	9:00	Tri-State Festival (Bryan)	Chapt. & Council Degrees

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 [rettig@metalink.net](mailto:rettig@metalink.net).