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## LOCAL PASTOR SELECTED FOR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Members of Defiance Commandery #30 Knights Templar visited St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, to honor Rev. David Orr on his selection by the Grand Commandery of Ohio to be one of 7 pastors chosen to travel to the Holy Land in February 2018. Ten Sir Knights attended the presentation at the worship service on January 28. (l. to rt. Bob Rettig, Wayne Cripps, Eric Holzer, Al Lawrence, Ken Crouch, Jim Fruth, Rory Prigge, Jack Stevens, Keith Winnie, Jim Rettig and Rev. David Orr)

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
March	1	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	3	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Pre-inspection
	3	Sat.	9:00	Tri-State Fest., Angola	Commandery Orders
	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	SEM Prep.
	19	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	EA Practice
	22	Thurs.	6:00	1st Arch Dep. Grand Masters Mtg.	French Quarter, P'burg
	23	Fri.	7:00	5th District Grand Master's Recept.	NW State Com. College
	25	Sun.	10:15	Defiance Commandery	Easter Observance at St Johns U.C.C. Holgate
April	2	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	5	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	7	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Inspection Practice
	9	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	12	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	13	Fri.	7:00	Omega Lodge	Inspection
	14	Sat.	8:00	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Pancake Breakfast
	16	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	19	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	SEM Degree Practice
	26	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council at Wauseon	SEM Degree

## GRAND MASTERS RECEPTION March 23

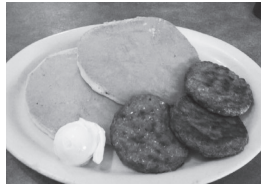
The Fifth Masonic District Grand Master's Reception this year will be held in the Voinovich Room at Northwest State Community College, Archbold, Ohio. The date set is March 23 with a social hour beginning at 6 pm and dinner at 7pm. The cost remains the same as previously, \$25 per person if paid in advance 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 kb8elg@hotmail.com.



Dallas Andrew recently received his 50—year award from Grand Council. Participating in the presentation were: Frank Bailey PIM, Bob Rettig, PMIGM, Wayne Cripps, IM, Dallas Andrew, Tom Blansett, 1st Arch Adjutant, Rodney Fowler, 1st Arch Inspector and Doug Habegger, PMIGM.

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.



**ANNUAL BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT DIABETIC KIDS' FUND**

The annual Pancake-Sausage breakfast to raise funds for the Grand Council Diabetic Kids' Fund will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 8-noon. We are proud that Diabetes Youth Services in Lucas County is a group which receives support for their camp from Grand Council. \$93,000 was awarded to six camps in Ohio to assist youth financially who otherwise might not be able to attend camp.

Diabetic Kids' camps allow young people to be "normal" as they spend time with others with diabetes. Doctors, nurses, and others work with the kids on ways to control their diabetes. Camp also provides a safe place for parents to send their children for a few days with the knowledge that their child is safe.

Invite family and friends to enjoy a great breakfast. A donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door.



**OES NEWS!**

Just a reminder – Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday, Lillian Chapter on the second Wednesday (at Bryan), Bryan Chapter on the third Monday, and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) on the third Tuesday. Meetings are at 7:30 pm. You are welcome to attend any meeting!

It's time for Inspections, etc. Please note the following events and support the chapters by your presence:

- March 4 Educational Opportunity at Browning—2 p.m.
  - March 11 Naomi Day at Browning
  - March 19 District Fund Raiser at Mancino's in Archbold
  - April 17 Inspection Fulton Chapter by AGP
  - April 20 Ohio – Michigan Night at Perrysburg
  - April 28 Inspection Bryan Chapter
  - May 1 Inspection Deshler Chapter
  - May 9 Inspection Lillian Chapter
- Hope to see you along the way.  
Millie Holzer



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

Hello, my fellow brothers!!

Omega Lodge is off and running this year and is planning for some upcoming events but we need your help. 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 coming up that we will need some assistance with. Dates for these events TBD. Please be at our next regularly stated meetings or contact me via email or cell if you are interested. We are always looking for members that may be willing to participate on a Fellowcraft team for the Master Mason degree.

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. Our pre-inspection is scheduled for March 3 and our inspection will be in the EA degree April 13 at 7 pm.

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

Fraternally, Lou Rivera, W.M. (cell 419-576-7516)



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

Brethren,

You can be very proud of yourselves. Very good job to all of you - our inspection was so well done. Our new brethren knew their parts and did a very good job. Thanks to all of you. Thanks to our candidate Charlie Murphy. He is a good friend to Sherwood Lodge.

We still have a few inspections left so please try to make as many of them as you can.

- February 23 Fulton Lodge at 7 pm
- March 2 Bryan at 7pm
- March 16 Napoleon 6 pm dinner and 7 pm inspection
- March 17 Liberty Center 9 am-lunch & pie after
- April 6 Sycamore 7 pm
- April 13 Omega 7 pm

March 23 is the Grand Master's Reception. Social hour 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm at Northwest State Community College.

Enjoy your Masonry, It's Fun!!!  
Jack Stevens, WM

We are diligently working to update our mailing list. We found that several who should have been receiving the *Bulletin* were somehow deleted from the list and have entered them again.

It is very important that you keep us informed of address changes so we can serve you well.



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

Dear Companions,

We have survived another inspection season for Chapter. I would like to thank all the members that made it possible for EnSaWocSa Chapter 89 to have a successful inspection. Big thanks to Ex. Companion Crouch for all the work he does keeping the Chapter in order with all the administrative duties that he does for us, as well as all the work he has done trying to teach me how to do my job. I would also like to thank all the members from other Chapters who assisted in the inspection.

With spring looming in the near future, I would like to invite all to come and join us at our Chapter meetings the first Thursdays at 7:30 pm of every month except for July and August. If you a member of Chapter, please come and enjoy the friendship and fellowship that caused you to join in the first place. We need to get the Chapter alive again. Brotherhood is alive and being alive is Brotherhood.

Respectfully, Danial L. Hall, HP



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

Greetings Companions.

I want to thank you all for your support and efforts during our Inspection. Even though spring is in the air and our Inspection is a thing of the past, it's now time to turn our attention to our Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. As you know, this is the biggest fund raiser that we have for our contribution to the Diabetic Youth Services. The date for the Breakfast is April 14 from 8am to Noon! We have in the past closed our doors after two hours (and raised a fairly substantial amount for DYS) but we think that we might have been missing out on part of our target audience. A couple of years ago we tried staying open until Noon, and although our sign on the building said that we were only going to be there until 10, we still had a fairly good turnout after that time. I think that if we update the sign and get the word out (there are plenty of ads that we can hand out to businesses, put up on bulletin boards, etc.) we can make an even better donation to DYS. That is why we are going to try staying open until noon this year. We will need to try to get some additional folks "trained" in the kitchen, but we can (and will) discuss that during our next stated meeting. Remember to mark your calendars for April 14. We will need to have a good turnout to pull this off!

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps, IM



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

Sir Knights,

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your fantastic performances during our Inspection. Although, at times, there was some dissent during our practices and sometimes our stress levels got a little on the high side and people needed a little bit of a break from what was going on, we came together and were able to get through the inspection with minimal trouble (even though I decided that we were going to do some of the optional parts of the Order of the Temple). I also want to thank all of the ladies who participated in the Ladies Program. I especially want to thank my lovely wife, Lady Tammy, for all of the effort that she put into setting up the program. I have heard that the ladies all enjoyed themselves and am glad that things went well. I believe that our Inspector and his Lady had a good day visiting with us and I thank you all for everything that you Sir Knights and your Ladies did to help make this day successful. The next thing that we need to turn our attention to is our Easter Observance and Ascension Day celebrations. In the past we have participated in the Palm Sunday Service at St John's UCC in Holgate. Since we nominated Pastor Orr to participate in the Holy Land Pilgrimage, it is fitting that we support him and St. John's and keep him in our "family." Our Captain General suggested that at the conclusion of the service, we could for a Prelate's Escort and escort the Pastor out of the Sanctuary. This is something that we can discuss at our March Conclave.

Hope to see you all there! Fraternaly, Wayne Cripps, EC