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5th District Awards Banquet

Where: Defiance Masonic Complex

Western Theme—wear your best cowboy garb!

When: May 18, 2018 Social Hour: 6 pm Dinner: 7 pm

Menu: Steak by Brookview Farms, Archbold

Baked potato with potato bar

Tossed salad

Assorted pies

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Deadline for reservations is May 1, 2018

Make reservations through your Lodge Secretary or District Secretary.



NW OHIO YORK RITE FESTIVAL SLATED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 12

The York Rite of Masonry tells a complete and cohesive Masonic story and is essential for a complete understanding of the lessons taught in the Master Mason degree, All Master Masons are encouraged to become York Rite Masons and to “receive that for which you have so long sought.”

The NW Ohio York Rite Festival will be held at the Findlay Masonic Center on Saturday, May 12. Registration opens at 7:30 am with the degree work beginning promptly at 8:15. Brothers can receive all of the York Rite degrees except the Super Excellent Master Degree in a single day. This year’s festival is named in honor of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Most Illustrious Comp. Edwin H. Herrick.

Petitions can be received on the day of the festival for brothers wishing to continue their journey in the York Rite, but preregistration is recommended to help the day run more efficiently. The work portrayed that day is “top notch” and, although there is a lot for the candidate to absorb, he will witness quality degree work.

Inspection of Omega Lodge



Inspection of Sherwood Lodge



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
May	3	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	3	Thurs.	8:00	1st Capitular District	Annual Mtg. Defiance
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Pre-inspection
	7	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Election
	12	Sat.	8:00	NW Ohio York Rite Fest.	Findlay
	14	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	15	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Service Awards
	17	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Election
	18	Fri.	6:00	5th District Awards Night	Defiance
June	19	Sat.	5:00	1st Division	CTA Mtg., Defiance
	21	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	2	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	4	Mon.	7.30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	7	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Election
	11	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	14	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	16	Sat.	6:30	1st Capitular District	GHP Reception Browning
	18	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	19	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	21	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	SEM Degree Practice
23	Sat.	12:00	1st Arch Reunion	Ritter Park, Napoleon	
30	Sat.	9:00	1st Capitular District	G. King’s School, Maumee	

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.

BREAKFAST NETS \$550

The annual Diabetic Kids Fund breakfast sponsored by Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council raised \$550 to send children with type 1 diabetes to camp. Thanks to the efforts of Illustrious Master Cripps, the officers and companions, all the sausage, pancake mix, eggs, orange juice, and milk were donated to the cause. The Holgate Lions Club and the Defiance Diabetic Club once again sponsored \$150 worth of advertising for the event.

As sometimes happens when scheduling an event like this, there were last minute changes in who was supplying what food items and also who was handling kitchen duties. However, the TEAM pulled it off without a hitch for the benefit of those children affected with this malady.

CONGRATS to Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council for another successful fund raising breakfast.

With the monies collected from peanut brittle sales in the late fall and other member donations, over \$860 will be contributed to the Grand Council Diabetic Kids Fund this year.



OES NEWS!

As you read this, the Inspections in District 7 are nearly finished. Only Deshler Chapter on May 1 and Lillian Chapter on May 9 remain. Both chapters will be inspected by the Deputy Grand Matron of Northwest Team 3, Joan Draper from District 6.

The June meetings are the Annual Meetings for the Chapters. That means the presentation of Reports of Trustees, Budget, and Audit as well as the Election of Officers for the coming year. Consider taking an office in your Chapter. You will find friendship and fellowship at each of the meeting.

June 23 will be the Charities Extravaganza in Mt. Vernon. There will be several cars headed that way. Phone your Worthy Matron to "hitch a ride."

Millie Holzer



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

Hello, my fellow brothers!!
Our inspection was done in the EA degree on April 13 at 7 pm and let me say, I'm very proud of how our officers did! Everyone who had a part made the night a successful one. Thank you! On Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM, we are having our service awards night for several 25+ year members. Please attend and congratulate these brethren for their years of service.
Omega Lodge is considering doing a concert fundraiser this fall and we need your help. We are looking for live talent, vocal or instrumental (no karaoke) to fill out the evening and make it a great show. This is an opportunity for a nice evening with your significant other and, after the show, enjoy some delicious desserts. All proceeds from this event will benefit our building fund. If you are willing to share your talent, please contact Luis Rivera at 419-576-7516 or Gary Ries at 419-438-0660.
We are also looking to spruce up our social activity. Recently, we were in the basement and came up with several ideas to have members and non-members socialize and interact. There are pool tables, dart boards, and other games. We are looking to place a TV down there to enjoy as well. With that being said, we need some help to clean out some of the items that are down there. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at the number above and we will coordinate a clean-up day. Keep in mind, we don't just want the lodge to represent meetings - we want to use our building to its fullest and make it a social gathering place for any time. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing some of you I haven't seen in a while.
Till we meet again my brothers!
Fraternally, Lou Rivera, W.M.



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

Brethren,
Everything went super at our inspection. Thank you everyone. We have two new candidates that we will be doing degree work on. I am putting the dates and times on the 5th District website so check the site and mark this information down. One will be a Fellowcraft and the other a Master Mason. We need everyone there and then some.
Hope everyone has a wonderful summer if it ever gets here.
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,

I would like to remind all members of EnSaWocSa Chapter 89 that we will be holding elections for the upcoming year. Come and be part of the election process. Dues notices should be going out here in the next few weeks. With that in mind; we need to make sure that they are completed and sent back as soon as possible.

There will be a Masonic Day at Cedar Point August 19. 2018. Family members are invited.

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 Aug. If you are 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, High Priest



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

Greetings Companions,

A lot has gone on in the past couple of months and I want to thank you all for the support that you have given me and the tremendous outpouring of backing that you have displayed to our programs. To those who were instrumental in the success of our Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, THANK YOU! Even though we didn't have our usual crew in the kitchen, we made the best of it and still managed to keep ahead of those wishing to partake of the food.

Our inspection is over (finally). If I haven't said it before (or even if I have) thank you all for doing your part to make it a success. As you know, Right Illustrious Companion Stephen Hill is preparing to become Most Illustrious Companion Stephen Hill and has given his Roll Out program. That brings me to my next point. We should be thinking about our officers for the next year. Much as I have enjoyed being the Illustrious Master of Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council, I think that it is time to pass the mantle of leadership to someone else. Let's think of who might best lead our Council in the next year and I trust that you continue to give them the support that you have given to each of the Illustrious Masters, including myself, over the years.

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps, IM



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

Salutations, Sir Knights.

I know that we are all looking forward to going "going dark" for the summer, but we still need to finish out our year first. Sir Knight Crouch announced that, after 22 years, he is tendering his resignation as Recorder of Defiance Commandery. His experience and dedication to Defiance Commandery will be sorely missed. That being said, we need to search our hearts and see if we can find a suitable replacement for that thankless position. All I can say to whomever volunteers to take Kenny's place is I can offer you only a rough habit, coarse diet and severe duty, but then you already know that!

We will be electing our new Officer line at our next stated meeting. It would be great if we had some Sir Knights ready to move up through the lines. Please consider what chair you might want to be sitting in next year. Hopefully it's not one of the chairs on the sidelines!

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps, EC

Changes in address

Please contact Bob Rettig (contact info on pg. 4) as soon as possible if your address or other contact information changes. We pay when newsletters are returned because they cannot be forwarded. Please help us be good stewards of our funds!