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ANNUAL YORK RITE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE



The Annual York Rite Christmas Observance will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:30 pm. This event is open to the public so it is a chance to let friends, neighbors and family have a glimpse into what it means to be a Mason. There are people who would come if invited, simply to see the inside of this historic building.

The Commander of Defiance Commandery, along with Worshipful Masters from Omega and Sherwood Lodges, High Priest from Ensawocsa Chapter and Illustrious Master from Oc-Co-Nox-Ee

Council, will be hosts and will have an opportunity to introduce distinguished guests of their respective body.

The Christmas Observance includes a memorial service for members from Defiance who passed away since last year and drill bars will be presented. In keeping with the purpose of the observance, there will be a Christmas message and music.

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.**

First Arch's Steven C. Hill Elected and Installed as Grand Master of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons

At the 189th Annual Grand Assembly of Royal and Select Masons, Most Illustrious Companion Steven C. Hill was elected and installed as Grand Master. MIGM Hill is a Past Master of Bowling Green Council #124 in the First Arch and has served as Arch Inspector for several years.

Conducting the installation ceremony was Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas Habegger and PMIGM Robert Rettig presented Hill with his Grand Master's Apron. Elected Grand Sentinel was Right Illustrious Companion Rodney V. Fowler of Genoa Council #138. He was also re-appointed Inspector for the First Arch.

Next year's annual assembly will be held on October 6-8, 2019, at the Doubletree Hotel in Worthington, Ohio.

Defiance Commandery Garners 2nd Place at Drill Competition

Led by Drill Captain, Sir Knight Eric Holzer, who was also the recipient of the Ned E. Dull Award, Defiance Commandery came a few points shy of earning 1st place at the drill competition at Grand Commandery this year. Of the nine or ten teams competing in our class, we can be proud of our accomplishment even though 1st place is our goal. While it is getting more and more difficult to get the participation to put a drill team on the floor, we have been successful. We are very fortunate to have eight members dedicated this effort. The four other Sir Knights composing our 12 member drill team are from neighboring commanderies and we very much appreciate their help in making our team successful.

**Grand Master
Re-appoints Stotler and Kelly
as 5th District
Deputy Grand Masters**

At the 209th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, MW Brother Jess N. Raines was elected and installed as Grand Master for 2018-19. As his representatives for the 5th Masonic District, he has commissioned RW Brother Robert (Joe) Stotler, and RW Brother Paul Kelly in carrying out the duties of DDGM in the 5th District.

Worshipful Brothers Martin Lawrence and Danial Hall were also re-appointed as District Education Officers. RW Brother Bob Rettig was appointed District Advisor. RW Brother Matthew Gloor is to be thanked and congratulated for his service to the District as Advisor.

**Grand High Priest Appoints
Cripps as 1st District DDGHP**

Our newly elected and installed Grand High Priest, ME Companion Ross R. Black II has appointed REC Wayne T. Cripps of Ensawocsa Chapter #89 as District Deputy Grand High Priest for our 1st Capitular District. Assisting him with the educational activities in our District is EC Steve Brunn of Wauseon Chapter #111. Congratulations to both of these Companions as they continue to serve Capitular Masonry in the 1st District.



Omega Lodge #564-First Sat 9 am/Breakfast @ 8:30 am
3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Luis Rivera, W.M. Walter Coffman, Sec.

Hello, my fellow brothers!!

Omega Lodge is starting to get into full swing this year in Freemasonry. 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 are looking to do a Spaghetti Supper in the early spring with all proceeds going to our scholarship fund, date TBD. Please be at our next regularly stated meetings or contact me via email or cell if you are interested in helping out.

We look forward to seeing some faces we haven't seen in a while so please do not feel just because you haven't been attending that we have forgotten about you. We understand you have busy schedules so even if it's for breakfast or to sit and chat over coffee, we would love to have you!

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind" -
Brother Andrew Jackson

Fraternally, Luis Rivera, W.M.



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

Brethren,

Thank you to everyone who attended the awards night and the Widow's night potluck. Five widows were present that night.

We will be having election of officers on our next meeting which will be November 5. We need everyone there please. We will be opening and closing in the Master Mason Degree unless we have degree work. Our Inspection will be in the Master Mason Degree. We will try to schedule it with Omega Lodge on the same day.

Sherwood was represented at Grand Lodge. Congratulations to the reappointed District Deputies and the new appointment of our District Advisor Robert Rettig.

Enjoy your Masonry. It is Fun!! Jack Stevens WM

OES NEWS!

Grand Chapter at Kalahari in Sandusky brought cheers as the new appointments were announced! Kelley Chlodewitsch is our new Worthy Grand Matron and Dennis Lawson is our Worthy Grand Patron. This promises to be a year of fun as well as worthy projects.

Peggy Heider from District 6 will serve as Deputy Grand Matron for both District 6 and 7. Dist. 7 Charities Director is Kathy Tussing.

Members from District 7 who will be serving on Grand Chapter Committees are: Dee Ann Lawrence, Membership and Public Relations; Phyllis Geesey, ESTARL and Millie Holzer, Education.

Installations have been scheduled for the chapters in District 7. Dates are: Oct. 16 Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) (You already missed that one!); Oct. 27 Lillian Chapter (at Bryan) at 3:00 p.m. and Bryan Chapter at 7:30 p.m. (You may have missed those, also!); and Nov. 30 Deshler Chapter at 7:30 p.m. Other Installations include Nov. 26 Continental Chapter and Nov. 27 Findlay Chapter.

Mark your calendar and support the chapters. Millie Holzer



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

Companions,

Welcome - this new Capitular year is coming along. Grand Chapter has just been completed and Most Excellent Companion Ross D. Black II has been elected as the Grand High Priest for the 2018 -2019 Capitular Year. At Grand Chapter, all the current legislation that was on the docket was approved and signed in to effect. Right Excellent Companion Wayne Cripps was installed as the new District Deputy Grand High Priest for our District.

Remember Companions that the inspection for this year is the Past Master's degree and it will be the third Saturday in January as usual. Your presence would be very much appreciated. Thank you also to all who come out every month to join us.

Respectfully,
 Danial Hall, HP



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

No comments received.



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

Greetings Sir Knights,

As the weather starts to cool off, we turn our attention to indoor activities (once Bob gets his beans off the fields). By the time this is published, Grand Commandery should be over and our Drill Team back from the trip to Columbus. Even though we didn't have that many practices, we should have done pretty well. Of course, we had to rely on a little "outside help" since some of our team chose to march elsewhere this year.

Don't forget about our annual Christmas Observance, to be held on December 9.. We will be having a potluck meal following with meat prepared by the Junior Warden. Our Chapter and Council inspections should be over by mid-January, so it's time to prepare for our own inspection. Since our inspection will be on April 6, we have a little time to brush the cobwebs off and get ready to WOW our inspector. I would like to start practicing after the holidays, by first doing a run-through of the Full Form Opening to open our January 2019 meeting. Please be in place a couple of minutes early so that we can start on time. Better yet, please be here so we don't have to guess where someone will be standing and what they will be doing during the opening. I would like to practice on Sunday afternoons (3:00 pm – 4:30 pm) starting on February 3. Of course, there will most likely be a Sunday or two that we will not meet to practice. We will not practice on Jan 17 or March 10.

Fraternally,
 Wayne Cripps, Eminent Commander

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.

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.



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Nov.	1	Thurs.	7:30	Enawocsa Chapter	Practice Inspection
	3	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Election of Officers
	5	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Election of Officers
	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.	6:30	Grand Commandery Reception	Fairborn, Ohio
	19	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
Dec.	1	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	1	Sat.	1:00	5th District P.M. Convocation	Fulton Lodge
	3	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	6	Thurs.	7:30	Enawocsa Chapter	Practice Inspection Degree
	9	Sun.	4:30	All Bodies	Christmas Observance
	10	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	13	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	17	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Inspection Practice