

# DEFIANCE YORK RITE BULLETIN

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## GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION - APRIL 5



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 April 5 with a social hour beginning at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. 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 Bill Pacak, 5th District President at 419-388-9532 or [bjpacak@windstream.net](mailto:bjpacak@windstream.net).

## AASR VALLEY OF TOLEDO NAMES CLASS FOR MIGM STEPHEN HILL



To promote unity among our Appendant Bodies as well as our Symbolic Lodge, the Valley of Toledo will name the Spring Reunion Class for the Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Ohio. In doing so, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, AASR, David A. Glatly 33°, has authorized the waiver of initiation fees for all candidates at this Valley of Toledo Reunion. Candidates should be aware, however, that they will be expected to pay dues in the Fall for 2020.

The Spring Reunion will be held in the Clyde High School auditorium on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Any Master Mason in good standing may improve his masonic knowledge by petitioning the Scottish Rite and receiving five degrees at this reunion. Any potential candidate may obtain a petition online at [www.toledoaasr.com](http://www.toledoaasr.com) or by contacting a member or the Executive Secretary at 419-893-2942.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Hill not only serves the Grand Council as its presiding officer, but he is also the Junior Warden of Northern Light Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

## TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL IN ANGOLA INDIANA

Any Master Mason choosing to improve in Masonic knowledge by becoming a member of the York Rite may petition a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council Of Royal and Select Masters, and a Commandery of Knights Templar. He may elect to take each of the degrees/orders in the respective local body or attend a one- or two-day class. The first of these opportunities is available on Saturday, February 23, 2019 in Angola, Indiana where (*continued at top of page 2*)

## TRI-STATE FESTIVAL (cont)

the Chapter and Council degrees will be portrayed. The Commandery orders will follow on the next Saturday, March 2, in Michigan City, Michigan. One advantage of this festival is that the candidate can experience the degrees/orders being portrayed by the three jurisdictions participating. Another festival coming up a little later in the year on May 11 is the Northwest Ohio York Rite Festival held in Findlay. This is a little longer day, but each of the York Rite degrees/orders are portrayed that day.

All Master Masons are encouraged to consider improving themselves in Masonry by becoming a part of Scottish or York Rite Freemasonry.

## OES NEWS!



January and February bring regular meetings for Lillian Chapter and Bryan Chapter on the second Wednesday and third Monday respectively. Deshler Chapter and Fulton Chapter will reconvene in March.

On Saturday, January 5 the District Meeting will be held in Bryan at 2:00 p.m. Kathy Tussing is serving as President of the District. This will be a casual meeting with everyone invited to share the afternoon of fellowship and information.

The Worthy Grand Matron Kelly Cholodewitsch will be visiting Findlay Chapter on Tuesday, January 22 as they celebrate their 125th year.

Chapters have been practicing for their Inspections. Those dates will be announced in our next report.

Your support of the events and activities of our chapters is appreciated.

Millie Holzer



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 brothers!

Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a joyful New Year! Omega Lodge is into full swing this year in Freemasonry with a young new line of officers. 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 will be in February. 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!

May brotherly love prevail in you all,  
Luis Rivera, W. M.



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

Brethren,

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Oh my goodness it is 2019. I apologize for the practices on Christmas eve and New Years eve. Also meeting night on Christmas eve. I would like to make practices on every Monday and Wednesday evening at 7:30. Please make as many of these as you can, we all need a lot of practice. We would like to have a great inspection. Also wear warm clothing, we will not be turning the heat up.

Our inspection will be February 8 at 7 p.m. Here are some dates to remember: Hicksville Friday January 11 at 7 p.m. in MM degree; Fulton Thursday January 24 at 7 p.m. in FC degree; Wauseon Friday January 25 at 7 p.m. in MM degree; Sherwood Friday February 8 at 7 p.m. in MM degree; Edon Friday February 15. at 7 p.m. in MM degree; Bryan Friday March 8 at 7 p.m. in EA degree; Napoleon March 15 at 7 p.m. in EA degree; Liberty Center Friday March 22 at 7 p.m. in EA degree; Sycamore Friday April 12 at 7 p.m. in FC degree; Omega Friday April 26 at 7 p.m. in FC degree. I will try to make as many of these inspection that I can. I would like company traveling to these. If you need a ride please call me at 419-395-1982 or cell number 419-783-7534. The more you travel the more you learn.

Enjoy Your Masonry, It's Fun!!!!

Jack P. Stevens W.M.

*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](mailto:rrettig@metalink.net).*

### Changes in address

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Dear Companions,

As we step in to a New Year, I welcome you all to 2019. As you all know our inspection is about here. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January we will be doing the Past Master Degree. I would like to put an invitation out to all members of the Chapter to come and attend the inspection and help out. There is going to be a practice the first Thursday in January.

We are still on the look for new members for Chapter. Visit your Blue Lodges and please be active in them again. We need to start working in all our Lodges, for it all starts in Blue Lodges and continues on to the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine. 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,

High Priest Danial Hall



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

Dear Companions,

Another year has passed and it was a busy year. I was able to attend the Grand Council session at Kalahari in Sandusky. We have had the School of Instruction. I represented Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council at the annual York Rite Christmas Observance where Pastor David Orr presented a nice summary of his Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Steve Hill and Grand Sentinel Rt. Ill. Companion Rodney Fowler presented a 50-year pin to Companion Larry Courtney. Also present that evening were M. Ill Companion Douglas Habegger, PMIGM, Rt. Ill. Companion Eugene Gray, Associate Grand Chaplain and Rt. Ill. Companion Leonard Gozdowski, Aide to the MIGM.

Hoping you have all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Jim Fruth, IM



Rt. Ill. Rodney Fowler and MIGM Steve Hill presented Larry Courtney with a 50-year award at the December meeting of Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council.



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

Happy New Year, Sir Knights,

I want to thank all who participated in the York Rite Christmas Observance. We had a good turn out and a fabulous time of fellowship afterwards. If you missed it, you might want to plan on checking it out next year. The New Year is upon us and so we need to begin practicing for our upcoming inspection. I will have a schedule for everyone at our stated meeting in January, in case anyone lost theirs. Also, please remember that we will be practicing the Full Form Opening (uniforms optional, but bring your sword) at our January meeting. Bear in mind that Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council will be practicing for their inspection immediately following our meeting, so we want to ensure that we are on time and ready to go when the time comes. I have the February 2019 schedule below, please try to attend as many of the practices as you can.

Sunday Feb. 3, 10 and 24—practice at 3 pm. No practice on Sunday, Feb. 17. Practice following meetings on Feb. 7, 14 and 21.

Fraternally,

Wayne Cripps, E.C.



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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Jan.	3	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Inspect. Practice
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	7	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Practice MM degree
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Practice Full Form opening
	14	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	15	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	16	Weds.	7:30	1st Capitular District (Wauseon) - 1st Quarterly Mtg.	
	17	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Practice SM degree
	19	Sat.	10:00	Ensawocsa Chapter	Inspection (PM)
	19	Sat.	1:00	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Inspection (SM)
	19	Sat.	4:00	1st Division CTA (Van Wert)	Knight Eminent Com. Degree & Mtg.
	21	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Practice MM degree
Feb.	4	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Practice MM degree
	7	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	8	Fri.	7:00	Sherwood Lodge	Inspection (MM)
	11	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	12	Tues.	7:30	First Arch	School of Instruct. (Bryan)
	14	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Practice order of Temple
	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	Stated Meeting
	24	Sat.	9:00	Tri-State Festival (Angola)	Chapt. & Council Degrees