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ANNUAL MEETINGS SET FOR OCTOBER 2019

In a little more than a month, the Grand Bodies will open their Annual Meetings. This year our own MI Companion Stephen C. Hill will be presiding as Grand Master of the Grand Council. As a Companion of the First Arch, your presence at this Grand Assembly is important and Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council may be recognized for having earned a Grand Council award this year. At Grand Chapter, a Companion familiar to many in our area, MEGHP Ross R. Black II will be presiding. Again your presence will be much appreciated. In Commandery, Sir Knight Martin R. Trent the R.E. Grand Commander will conduct the proceedings of the Grand Commandery. About a week later, Most Worshipful Grand Master Jess N. Raines will open the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Ohio. This is a great opportunity to renew and make new friendships with Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights from across the state and, sometimes, from other jurisdictions as well. It does take time to attend the meetings but there are things to be learned at each session. Discussion regarding proposed legislation can also be enlightening.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled:

October 6-8	Grand Council	DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbus
October 10	Grand Chapter	DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbus
October 11-12	Grand Commandery	DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbus
October 18-19	Grand Lodge	Marietta College, Marietta

For more information, please contact your secretary or recorder.



Brethren of the 5th Masonic District who portrayed the EA Degree at the One Day Class

**OES NEWS!**

June 22 was the state Charities Extravaganza at the OES Home. We were excited when the Worthy Grand Matron sent the Worthy Grand Patron into the audience in search of a special lady, especially when he came to our table and selected Dee Lawrence. The excitement turned to cheers and applause as Dee received the commission of Grand Representative of Tennessee in Ohio! Congratulations, Dee!

Chapters are making plans for Installations and for the new year. The first Installation will be in Deshler Chapter on November 1 at 7:30 p.m. Becky and Ken Thatcher will serve as Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron for the coming year. On November 9 at 2:00 p.m. Kathy and Chris Rohrbaugh will be installed as Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron of Bryan Chapter. Dee and Al Lawrence will be installed as Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron of Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) on November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

There are now three (3) chapters in District 7 as Lillian Chapter (Montpelier) has merged with Bryan Chapter. Your support of the events and activities of our chapters is appreciated. Millie Holzer



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

Hello my brothers!

Hope you all had a fantastic summer! Omega Lodge is getting ready to put things in 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. There are a few things we want to improve on and need your help. Our inspection this year will be in the Master Mason Degree and we would like to see some new and experienced members to help out with this Degree. Please be at our next regularly stated meetings or contact me via email or cell if you are interested in helping out.

If you are interested in being a line officer, please contact us. We look forward to seeing some faces we haven't seen in a while so please do not feel that, 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 always 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

Greetings!

Brothers It is time to start thinking about going back to lodge, next meeting is September 16. Hope to see everybody there. Also think about who gets what office because elections are right around the corner, then installation.

Hope you had a great summer.

Enjoy your Masonry, it's fun!!!

WM Jack Stevens

Sherwood Lodge Presents 60-Year Award

Leroy Bayliss, PGGGM, Joe Stotler, DDGM and Jack Stevens, Jr., Worshipful Master, traveled to the home of Lynn Haver to present him with a 60-year award in June this year.

Congratulations Brother Haver on achieving this milestone!

SAVE THE DATE

Installation of 5th District DDGM November 9 at 7 pm. Place will be announced after the close of Grand Lodge on October 19.





Ensaowcsa Chapter # 89 First Thursday 7:30 PM
Wayne Cripps, High Priest Ken Crouch, Sec'y

Greetings Companions,

As we get ready to come out of darkness and seek light, it's time once again to start preparing for everything that is included in the coming year. In early October there will be the Grand Chapter Convocation, followed by the reception for our new Grand High Priest, H. Jeffrey Shaw. The Grand Chapter Convocation will take place on Thursday, October 10th. Unlike previous years, we will only have one day to conclude all of the business of Grand Chapter. With the installation of MEC Shaw, there will be some changes made to the structure of the Grand Chapter. Most notably is the merger of the 1st and 8th Districts in our area. The 2nd and 7th Districts will also merge at that time as well. Following those mergers, the 1st and 2nd districts will no longer exist as separate entities.

Also, there is a change to how Annual Inspections are held. Starting this year, each Chapter gets to pick the Degree that that Chapter feels that they can perform with 80 percent of the speaking parts being filled by Companions of that Chapter. This year we will be putting on the Past Master degree. It is imperative that we have as many speaking parts as we can filled with Companions of our Chapter, if we want to ensure a passing grade. Unlike previous years, the incoming GHP has instructed each of his Deputies in what he considers to be the minimum proficiency to be displayed by a Chapter in order to pass their inspection. We don't want to be one of the Chapters that needs to repeat their inspection, so I am asking each officer to do their best in learning their parts and to make sure that they attend every scheduled meeting so that we can have a practice at each meeting. With everyone's cooperation, we can ensure that we demonstrate well above the minimum proficiency and show the Grand Chapter that, even though they chose to merge us with a bigger District, we still have what it takes to do an outstanding job!

I'm looking forward to another fabulous year as your High Priest and hope that we all have a great year!!

Wayne Cripps, DDGHP, 1st Capitular District High Priest, En-Sa-Woc-Sa Chapter



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

Dear Companions,

Here it is and summer is almost over and time to start thinking of the beginning of a new year in cryptic Masonry. We will have our first meeting September 19. Trust me: it is not too early to start thinking about and preparing for our inspection on Saturday, January 18 at 1 pm. Best wishes and hope to see many of you at our September meeting.

Faternally, Keith Winnie.



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
James Fruth, Commander Ken Crouch, Recorder

Sir Knights,

Defiance Commandery has once again begun practicing for the Drill Competition at Grand Commandery on October 12 in Columbus. Our team has consistently scored very high every year we have participated and we hope to continue the tradition. As several members of the team have scheduling conflicts or health issues, we are looking for Sir Knights who would like to learn the drill and participate with the team. Practices are being held on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. Please contact Eric Holzer or Ken Crouch if you are interested.

Bob Rettig, editor

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
Sept.	5	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	7	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	9	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	12	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting & Drill Practice
	17	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	17	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	19	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Installation of officers
	21	Sat.	4:00	1st Division CTA	Lima
	27-29			Grand Chapter OES	Kalahari, Sandusky, OH
Oct.	3	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	14	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	6-8			Grand Council R & SM	Columbus, OH
	7	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	10			Grand Chapter RAM	Columbus, OH
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	11-12			Grand Commandery KT	Columbus, OH
	15	Tues	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	17	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	18-19			Grand Lodge F & AM	Marietta, OH
	20	Sun.	4:30	1st Capitular District	Reaffirmation Day, Wauseon
	21	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	26	Sat.		Grand Chapter Reception	Fairborn, OH