

DEFIANCE YORK RITE BULLETIN

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TEMPLE BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

There was a good representation from each of our bodies at our December meeting, although better attendance would lessen the workload on those members serving on the Board and possibly bring new ideas to the table. As was stated in our previous issue of the "bulletin," each body is to be represented by three members.

Our appreciation and thanks goes out to WB Luis Rivera and Brother Chase Williams for stepping forward to accept election to president and vice president respectively. It has been a number of years since officers have been elected to those offices and RWB Walter Coffman as secretary had accepted responsibility for leading the Board during that time. We greatly appreciate all the effort and time he has devoted to the functioning of the Temple Board.

RWB Coffman continues to serve as secretary and WB Gaylord Proxmire continues in the office of treasurer. We thank each of them for continuing to serve. While sometimes actions of the Temple Board may seem trivial, they do make very important decisions concerning finances, maintenance and the future for our beautiful facility. Input from all is appreciated.

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION - MARCH 27

Fifth District officers are in the process of planning for our Grand Masters Reception to be held on Friday, March 27. Reserve this date on your calendar to honor our Grand Lodge officers and ladies and to treat them to one of the best dinners on their reception circuit. Watch for details to follow.

TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL IN MICHIGAN CENTER MI

Any Master Mason wishing to improve himself in Masonic knowledge by becoming a member of the York Rite may do so by petitioning a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal and Select Masons 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 29, 2020, in Michigan Center, Michigan where the Chapter and Council degrees will be portrayed. The Commandery orders will follow on the next Saturday, March 7, in Bryan. 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 on May 9 is the Northwest Ohio York Rite Festival held in Findlay.. This is a little longer day, but each of the degrees and orders are portrayed that day.

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

AASR VALLEY OF TOLEDO ANNOUNCES SPRING REUNION

There are two upcoming opportunities for those wishing to start their journey in the Scottish Rite. On January 11, 2020, in Wood County Lodge, there will be a DVD reunion. The degrees to be witnessed are the 4th, 12th, 17th, and 23rd degrees.

The annual Spring Reunion is planned for April 25 at the Lima Masonic Complex. Degrees to be portrayed are the 4th, 16th, 21st, and 26th.



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

WB Gaylord Proxmire received his 35 year pin and certificate, presented by MWB Charlie Murphy. Also pictured is WB Adam Ketcham.



RWB Leroy C Bayliss received his 60 year award and plaque, presented by MWB Charlie Murphy. Also present WB Jack P Stevens and RWB Dan Slavin.



Hello Brethren!

Omega Lodge is well on its way for the year! Reminder, our meetings are every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM and first Saturday of the month at 9 AM, with a breakfast before. We have recently had our installation of officers and are excited to get going with our new group. We are still looking for members to be involved by way of committees or social events. We want to be more active and involved in the community. We can arrange something for those who are interested. If you are, please contact me.

We will be selling raffle tickets for a fantastic looking Masonic engraved rifle. Details will be shared soon on Facebook and Grandview. Those who are not signed up on Grandview, please sign up now so we can update our information for our lodge. Also, so you can keep up to date and informed on current information.

Remember, you are part of this fraternity whether you make every meeting or not. Let's do something good for this wonderful town of ours and make an impact. Again, 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!

Our inspection this year will be in the Master Mason Degree and will be here before we know it! We would like to see some new and experienced members to help out with this Degree.

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



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

Brethren,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hard to imagine it is 2020. Lots going on this year.

First off our inspection is on January 17. We are having practice on January 5 and on January 12 at 2:00 pm. Please be there as we have a lot of work to do.

Here are some dates to remember: January 4 Deacon and Warden workshop at Defiance Temple from 1 pm to 3pm; March 14 Secretary Association meeting in Columbus; March 27 Grand Master's Reception at Northwest State Community College, Archbold, Ohio. Social Hour at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. More information later.

Enjoy your Masonry, It's Fun !!!! Jack Stevens W. M.



OES NEWS!

There are now three (3) Chapters in District Seven – Fulton (Wauseon), Deshler, and Bryan. Fulton Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of the month except January and February. Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of the month except January and February. Bryan Chapter meets on the third Monday of the month except July and August.

Inspection for Bryan Chapter will be held on March 12 with the Worthy Grand Matron as the Inspecting Officer. This is the chapter of our Deputy Grand Matron Kathy Tussing.

Your presence and support of our chapters is always appreciated. Millie Holzer



Fraternal Greetings Companions,

We pray that you had a Merry Christmas and remember that Jesus IS the reason for the season. All too often we get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of daily life and forget that there is a higher power that had authority over all of our actions.

Since winter is upon us, we have to also remember that our inspection is at 10 am on January 18. We have one last meeting before our inspection and will need to do a final run-through of the Past Master Degree. Please come ready to practice so that we can get through it and then get home at a decent time. There will be a lunch following our inspection and Oc-Co- Nox-Ee Council will have their inspection at 1 pm. We would appreciate having as many companions show up at both inspections as we can.

Also, so you can put it on your calendar, the January meeting of the 1st District Association will be on January 14 at Northwest Chapter (Bryan, OH) following their stated meeting. Also in January is Haly Chapter's inspection on the 28th at 7:30 pm. February doesn't look too busy as far as Capitular Masonry is concerned. We have our stated meeting on the 6th and the Tri-State York Rite Festival on the 29th in Michigan Center. The second day of the Tri-State Festival will be on March 7. The Grand Master has authorized a One Day class for Blue Lodge. He had also announced that Chapter will be allowed to put on a Mark Master Degree immediately following the Master Mason Degree. We are hoping to get some new brothers interested in York Rite Masonry. We will need to put our best foot forward if that comes to fruition. Anyone interested in participating in that, please contact me. In closing, I just want to remind you to stay warm, companions.

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps, High Priest



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

Dear Companions,

By the time you get this it should be winter already. Think on the positive, the days are getting longer and it will get warmer (I hope). Oc-Co-Nox-Ee inspection will be Saturday January 18 at 1:00 with Chapter inspection in the morning and a lunch between. We will have a practice on Sunday, January 12 at 3:00 and another on our regular meeting night January 16. Hope to see as many of you as possible to our practice and inspection. Come and enjoy the festivities.



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

Greetings Sir Knights,

Important Commandery Dates:

Jan. 5	5:00 PM	Practice Order of Temple (O of T)
Jan. 12	5:00 PM	Practice Full Form Opening (FFO)
Jan. 19	5:00 PM	Practice O of T
Jan. 26	5:00PM	Practice FFO
Feb. 2	5:00 PM	Practice O of T
Feb. 9	5:00 PM	Practice FFO
Feb. 15	1:30 PM	Inspection

Changes in address

Please contact Bob Rettig at 419-784-6364 or rrettig@metalink.net as soon as possible if your address or other contact information changes. We pay when newsletters are returned - Please help us be good stewards of our funds!

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
Jan.	2	Thurs.	7:30		Ensawocsa Chapter	Inspect. Practice
	4	Sat.	9:00		Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	4	Sat.	1:00		5th District (Defiance)	Wardens & Deacons
	6	Mon.	7:30		Sherwood Lodge	Practice MM degree
	9	Thurs.	7:30		Defiance Commandery	Practice Full Form opening
	13	Mon.	7:30		Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	14	Weds.	7:30		1st Capitular District (Bryan)	- 1st Quarterly Mtg.
	16	Thurs.	7:30		Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Practice RM degree
	17	Fri.	7:00		Sherwood Lodge	Inspection (EA)
	18	Sat.	10:00		EnSaWocSa Chapter	Inspection (PM)
	18	Sat.	1:00		Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Inspection (RM)
	18	Sat.	4:00		1st Division CTA (Findlay)	Mtg.
	20	Mon.	7:30		Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	21	Tues.	7:30		Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
Feb.	1	Sat.	9:00		Omega Lodge	Inspect. Practice
	3	Mon.	7:30		Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	6	Thurs.	7:30		EnSaWocSa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	10	Mon.	7:30		Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	13	Thurs.	7:30		Defiance Commandery	Practice Order of Temple
	15	Sat.	1:30		Defiance Commandery	Inspection
	17	Mon.	7:30		Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	18	Tues.	7:30		Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Thurs.	7:30		Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	21	Fri.	7:00		Omega Lodge	Inspection (MM)
	29	Sat.	9:00		Tri-State Festival (Mich. Ctr.)	Chapter & Council Degrees