

# DEFIANCE YORK RITE BULLETIN

DEDICATED TO THE FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS OF THE DEFIANCE MASONIC TEMPLE



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## BREAKFAST NETS OVER \$800

The annual Diabetic Kids Fund breakfast sponsored by Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council raised \$791 to send children with type 1 diabetes to camp. Thanks to the efforts of Illustrious Master Fruth, 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 \$200 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. Added to the member donations, more than \$1,000 will be contributed to the Grand Council Diabetic Kids Fund this year.



A few of the first responders from the Defiance Fire Department enjoyed their breakfast before being summoned to answer an emergency call.

How does that "white-haired" brother manage to get in every picture?



April 10 was Clean Your Parks Day in Defiance. Parks Board member Luis Rivera and Robert Reeder from Omega Lodge did their part volunteering at Kingsbury Park.



Greetings Brothers,

It seems that we are finally getting back to somewhat of a "Normal" Masonic schedule. I know this year has been tough on all of us especially myself trying to keep track of the Masonic events happening around the District. We recently had our 5th District Grand Masters Reception and that went over great, it was a great time had by all! We also had our Service Awards Night where we had two 50 Year Members present! WB Gary Ries and WB Mel Hoch were both presented their 50 Year Award by MWB Charlie Murphy. We will be having a Master Mason Degree coming up for our newest FC, Brother Shepherd. Any help with this MM degree will be much appreciated!

We are nearing the end our Masonic Year and will be going dark soon. Plans are in the making to have the Lodge room renovated this summer. We have quotes to repair the plaster and repaint the entire room. When we come back from being dark it should definitely look nice! If you have not been to Lodge in a while, it will be nice to see you again! I hope everybody is doing well!

Fraternally,

WM Chase Williams

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



MWB Charlie Murphy was in attendance at Omega Lodge in Defiance to present 50 year service awards to Melvin Hoch and Gary Ries.



Sherwood Lodge # 620—First and Third Monday  
Kevin King, W.M. Wayne Cripps, Secretary

Greetings Brethren!

Spring is here! Many of you, I assume, have met that fact by the annual first mowing of the year. I was speaking to a woman last week that was actually on her third mowing. I am on the other end of the spectrum. I suggested mowing our yard last week, and my wife flat out refused to even consider it. Why? Bees!

You see, the bees spend their winter surviving on the honey collected through the summer and protecting the queen from the freezing cold. So when spring begins, those dandelions provide the first essential pollen for the busy worker bees to convert into life-saving honey. To mow off those early dandelions, is unthinkable to my bee-loving wife. It is our modest way to help the hive.

In Freemasonry we also look to the beehive. We are taught that "...as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so should we ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, when it is in our power to relieve them without inconvenience to ourselves."

If we take this one step further, we realize that, as the bees fulfill their purpose by filling the hive with honey so others can live and grow, we fulfill our purpose when we work to nourish not just ourselves but also our brothers. The lesson to be learned from the beehive shows us not only that industry is important, but meeting the needs of each of our parts help to make us healthy and whole. I hope you all have a great Masonic day as you continue to use the tools.

Fraternally Yours, Kevin King, WM

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

Greetings to the Companions of EnSaWocSa Chapter 89:

We will be having a practice on April 4 and I will have probably seen you there. I will be setting up a practice for next Thursday. On the 6th of May, we will have our inspection and Election of Officers. Come out and see the new officers at that meeting and enjoy the evening of fellowship.

May the blessings of God be with you through these trying times.  
Walter Coffman High Priest



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



On April 15, Most Illustrious Master Michael Smith traveled from the Dayton area to present a 25 year award to Companion Robert Reeder (first photo) and a 50 year award to Companion Vince Williamson, Jr.(second photo).

Greetings Companions,  
A short form SEM degree is being planned in Wauseon with Bryan and Oc-Co-Nox-Ee so that several recently advanced companions can be elected and installed as officers on May 10.



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

Greetings Sir Knights;

If elected, we will have a new Commander who has not previously presided. Come out on May 13 to assure that he is elected.



**OES NEWS** The Eastern Star remains quiet. If the county is RED, only 10 people may attend in-person meetings. Millie Holzer

Browning Masonic Community is building a multipurpose pavilion and naming it in honor of the 5th District's RWB Clarence "Jack" Hartzell. Contributions to the Buck Book this year were matched by the District. A check for \$3,500 was presented for this project at the Grand Master's Reception.





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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
May	1	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	1	Sat.		1st Capitular District	GHP Reception, Oak Harbor
	3	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	6	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Inspection
	10	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	13	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Election
	14	Fri.	6:00	5th District Awards Night	Bryan
	17	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	18	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Service Awards
	19	Wed.	7:30	Wauseon Council	Short Form SEM
	20	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Election
June	3	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Election
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	7	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Installation
	14	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	15	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	17	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Installation
	19	Sat.	12:00	1st Arch	Reunion Napoleon Lions Pavilion
	21	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	26	Sat.	6:30	1st Capitular District	G. Kings School

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