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ANNUAL MEETINGS SET FOR OCTOBER 2021

In just a few weeks, the Grand Bodies will open their Annual Meetings. The Order of the Eastern Star will host their session, starting on September 23 at the Sharonville Convention Center. The business meetings continue through Sunday, September 26.

The Grand Council Annual Assembly will begin with a Vesper Service and Reception on Sunday, October 3 at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH (near King's Island). The business meetings open on Monday morning and end on Tuesday around noon with Installation of Officers.

Royal Arch Grand Chapter will be at the Crowne Plaza Columbus, North (Worthington). The session begins on Wednesday morning (October 6) and should conclude around noon on Thursday.

Grand Commandery will also be at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. The meeting begins on Friday, October 8. A Divine Service at 4:30 pm will be followed by the Grand Commander's Banquet at 7 pm. Saturday morning begins with Drill Competition and ends with an Awards Banquet at 6 pm.

Less than a week later, on October 15, MWGM Richard A. Dickersheid will open the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Ohio at the Sharonville Convention Center.

These meetings are great opportunities to renew and make new friendships with Sisters, Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights from across the state and 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:

Sept, 24-26	Order of the Eastern Star	Sharonville Convention Center
October 3-5	Grand Council	Great Wolf Lodge, Mason
October 5-7	Grand Chapter	Crowne Plaza Columbus North
October 7-9	Grand Commandery	Crowne Plaza Columbus North
October 15	Grand Lodge	Sharonville Convention Center

For more information, please contact your secretary or recorder.



Brothers from several Masonic Districts witnessed the raising of a brother to the sublime degree of MM on Saturday, July 24. The attentive candidate, Brother Jaime Mills, received an impressive degree conferred by Liberty Center Lodge. Plans are being made to continue this outdoor event in future years. You won't want to miss it!



OES NEWS!

It seems like a long time since we had news for an article. Now we are back in gear and have several dates to put in our calendars.

On August 1 we celebrated the appointments of Al Lawrence, Grand Chaplain, Bonnie Chapin, Grand Electa, and Dee Lawrence, Deputy Grand Matron for Districts 7 & 6 at Bryan. The Carpenters provided delightful, musical entertainment as we honored these three!

August 14 brought time at the OES Home with a picnic and program for Service Dogs. Vickie Davis serves on that committee.

With sadness, we had a memorial service for Past Grand Matron Marilyn Bennett on August 15. She will be greatly missed

In Lima on August 21, we honored Rita Follas, Grand Marshal, and Diane Phillips, Deputy Grand Matron for District 8, with a reception.

Grand Chapter will soon be here! On September 24-26 we will meet in Sharonville at the Convention Center for sessions with drills, lots of introductions, visiting with friends, etc. On Sunday we will learn the appointments for the coming year. That information will be in our next article.

Just a reminder that Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday (Sept. 7), Bryan Chapter on the third Monday (Sept. 20), and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) on the third Tuesday (Sept. 21). All chapters would appreciate your attendance at their meetings.

Hope everyone is enjoying the last of Summer. See you along the way.

Millie Holzer



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

Greetings Brothers!

I hope you are all having a great summer! There has not been a whole lot going on since we have been dark. We did have a special meeting on June 29 to confer a Master Mason Degree on Justen Shepherd. Everything went great and he is the newest MM in the Lodge! We will not be having a meeting on September 4 as it is Labor Day weekend. Our next meeting will be Tuesday September 21, I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally, WM Chase Williams



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

Greetings Brethren!

I have no idea how many of my brethren have seen the Grand Lodge 2022 roll out plan, but I would recommend taking some time to watch it. In the presentation, our Deputy Grand Master provides insight on the current state of Freemasonry in Ohio. It is a sobering look.

The phrase, "Making Good Men Better" is a phrase often thrown around in order to state our purpose in a simple manner. It is a lofty goal and one we should all be striving towards. However, the structure of Freemasonry does little to accomplish this goal itself. Instead, the teachings, rituals and education are all made available to every Freemason upon initiation. It is up to each of you, each of us, to pick up those teachings and apply them to our lives every day. It is through the application of what we should have learned through our rituals that a Mason becomes better.

How are you continuing to pick up the tools and continuing to improve yourself? Our Deputy Grand Master is forecasting a return to "normal" in 2022, which means the opportunity to travel and observe our rituals being displayed in our lodges again. Let me encourage you to travel, observe the rituals, seek to learn something new each time and continue as good men, to be made better.

I hope your summer is going well. Sherwood Lodge will be meeting again on September 20. I am looking forward to another year of continued growth and learning. Until then, I join with Deputy Grand Master Tim Wheeland as he calls for us all to "Reflect on Freemasonry."

Fraternally Yours, Kevin King, WM



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

Companions All:

July and August are ending whether we like it or not. In any case, my hope is that we are all ready to start back to our Chapter and Lodge with a renewed vigor for the coming events in Masonry. We, as a chapter, have our inspection on January 15, 2022 to prepare for. We have learned in the past that, with practice, inspection is less stressful and more enjoyable. With the inspection being in January,

we have plenty of time to prepare. We also have the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons convention at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229. If you are a Chapter member, you are welcome to attend.

Will see you all on September 2, 2021 so, until then, enjoy yourself and stay safe.

Walt Coffman - High Priest

DISTRICT RAM NEWS

Companions all,

We are getting ready to start a new Cryptic year and there are a few things that you should know. First, it has been a distinct pleasure to have served as your District Deputy Grand High Priest for the past three years, but alas, my time in that position will come to an end at the Grand Chapter Convocation. My replacement will be Right Excellent Companion Steve Brunn. Since Steve will be moving up, he is being replaced by Excellent Companion Jared Jacques. Unfortunately, you can't get rid of me that easily. As you know, I like to work with computers, so I have volunteered to become District Technology Officer. It is important that we have that position filled, as the Grand Chapter has contracted with the folks from GrandView and the Grand Chapter of Ohio is their first Chapter entity that will transition to using GrandView. Just like our Blue Lodge brethren have been doing for the past few years, all of our Annual Reports will be submitted electronically once we go live with GrandView. There is supposed to be some training soon, but first the GrandView folks need to change a few things before that will happen. I'll keep you posted on that.

The second thing that I have the pleasure to announce is that our Grand High Priest, in consultation with the Grand Chapter Officers, has given us back our District. While we were welcomed into the 8th District and the Grand Family has been very helpful throughout the transition to the 8th District West, there's just something about being our own District and being the 1st District makes it even better.

Right Excellent Companion Carr's theme this coming year is "Building the Future." With that in mind, the incoming Grand Master of Masons of Ohio will be allowing Companions to attend Blue Lodge meetings with the express intent on recruiting new members. The Grand Chapter will vote on a proposal to reimburse each Chapter up to \$500 to do something with our Blue Lodge brethren. Some ideas being considered are to have a burger cookout before a Blue Lodge meeting, doing a carry-in meal before a Blue Lodge meeting, or doing a bowling event with our Blue Lodge brethren and their families. The goal is to show our Blue Lodges that we are around and we do more than just read the minutes of our previous meeting and pay the bills.

Fraternally,

Wayne Cripps, (Almost Past) District Deputy Grand High Priest



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

Dear Companions

Here it is the end of August and summer is coming to an end. That means that the Masonic year will be starting and we will be beginning our meetings on September 16. We will be discussing items for the upcoming year. Items such as our Inspection in January and the breakfast in April. Hope to see you all soon.

Illustrious Master, Keith Winnie



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
Danial Hall, Commander Walter Coffman, Recorder

Greetings Sir Knights;

Welcome back from our summer break Defiance Commandery #30. I am excited to have been elected to serve as Commander and am looking to the coming year. I hope that all had a great summer. As usual we are busy with a whole lot of things in both our personnel and professional lives, but there is also our Masonic lives that are busy as well. The Drill team has been practicing for Grand Commandery Drill Competition, which is to be held on Saturday on October 9, where we will start at 1:20 in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Columbus. There will be drill practice every Sunday at 4:00 at the temple until the competition, weather permitting or will go inside. We don't want to have any problems because it being too hot or if it is raining.

We are going to be having the pleasure of Knighting two Sir Knights this year, one hopefully at our November meeting and the other at our yearly inspection on February 12. 20 With all this going and me being a brand-new commander, I plan on having some sort of a practice at every meeting until inspection. I am asking all Sir Knights who are members of Defiance Commandery if you could please make as many meetings as possible so we can have a good year and a productive one at that.

Respectfully, Commander Danial Hall

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.



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Sept.	2	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	9	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting & practice
	13	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	16	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	18	Sat.	9:00	5th Masonic District	Annual Mtg. Defiance
	20	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	21	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	24-26			Grand Chapter OES	Sharonville, OH
Oct.	2	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	4	Mon.	7.30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	3-5			Grand Council R & SM	Mason, OH
	5-7			Grand Chapter RAM	Columbus, OH
	7	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	7-9			Grand Commandery KT	Columbus, OH
	11	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	14	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	15	Fri.		Grand Lodge F & AM	Sharonville, OH
	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	Sun.		1st District Re-affirmation Day	Hicksville, OH

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.