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FABULOUS FIFTH DISTRICT HOSTS GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION APRIL 8

The Fifth Masonic District will welcome our Grand Master and our Grand officers at a reception to be held at the VFW Post in Defiance. The VFW is located across the street from the Masonic Complex and has an in-house caterer who is known for the tremendous meal she serves. The date set is April 8 with a social hour beginning at 6 pm and dinner at 7pm. The cost remains the same as previously, \$25 per person for a delicious buffet dinner. Reservations are due with payment no later than April 1. 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 Jaz Bluhm, 5th District President at 419-202-6005 or jazbluhm@gmail.com. No tickets will be sold at the door.

5th DISTRICT GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS—March 26

Even though many options are available to our lodges this year to conduct one-day classes for candidates, the Fifth District is planning to conduct a class in Wauseon Lodge on Saturday, March 26. Three lodges have volunteered to confer the degrees beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp. RWB Larry Kujawa (419-261-7998 or lmkujawa@roadrunner.com) is coordinating the event in cooperation with the DDGMs and DEOs of our district. Candidate registration and lunch reservations must be made to him prior to March 11.

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo and the local York Rite Bodies are supporting this event and will offer the opportunity for furthering one's education in the Scottish and York Rites.



ANNUAL BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT DIABETIC KIDS' FUND

The annual Pancake-Sausage breakfast to raise funds for the Grand Council Diabetic Kids' Fund is being planned for Saturday, April 23 from 8–11 am. We are proud that Diabetes Youth Services in Lucas County is a group which receives support for their camp from Grand Council. Most of the eight camps in Ohio will be back into full swing this summer and the Grand Council is dispersing \$60,000 to the camps for the upcoming year. The need to assist youth financially who otherwise would not be able to attend camp will continue to increase as the pandemic subsides.

Diabetic Kids' camps allow young people to be "normal" as they spend time with others with diabetes. Doctors, nurses and other health professionals work with the kids on ways to control their diabetes. Camp also provides a safe place for parents to send their children for a few days with the knowledge that their child will be safe.

Northwest Ohio York Rite Festival to Be Held May 14

Plans are being laid to again conduct all the York Rite Degrees in one day (with exception of the SEM) at the Northwest Ohio York Rite Festival in Findlay. Any brother wishing to continue his Masonic journey in the York Rite may petition his local York Rite body and receive all the degrees and orders in one day.

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!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS of OC-CO-NOX-EE COUNCIL

At a regular stated assembly on March 17, 2022 the Finance Committee will propose an amendment to our By-Laws to reflect an increase in dues from \$35 to \$60. This proposal will lay over until our next stated assembly on April 21, at which time a vote will be taken of the members present. A two-thirds majority is necessary for passage of this amendment.

The Council has been operating on a very tight budget for several years with the officers and members who attend meetings making donations to the Council in support of various projects. Due to increased operational costs for the Grand Council, the members attending the last Annual Assembly passed legislation to increase our per capita. This will take effect with our payment of Grand Council fees in 2023.

In the spirit of supporting Freemasonry as a whole, we hope that our companions will be supportive of this necessary increase of dues.



Omega Lodge #564-1st Sat 9 am/Bkft@8:30 am
Chase Williams, W.M. Luis Rivera, Sec.

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy! By the time you will be reading this, we should have already had our Inspection which was in the Fellowcraft Degree. We still have some degree work ahead of us to get completed.

The Fifth District will be holding a One-Day Master Mason Class on Saturday March 26. Registration will be at 8 am. If you know anyone who would be interested, please get them in touch with one of us at the lodge.

We have our raffle tickets printed and ready to go. If anyone is interested in buying tickets, please contact me. I have included a picture of a ticket for your reference.

It would be great to see some fresh faces at our meetings! Our meeting dates are listed on the back of this newsletter! My phone number is 419-438-3770 and my email is c.williams9109@yahoo.com. Contact me if you have any questions or if you would like some raffle tickets.

Fraternally,
Chase Williams WM



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70-year Award

WB Marty Lawrence recently had the privilege of presenting his father-in-law, brother Clayton Cody with his 70-year membership award from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Brother Cody is a member of Napoleon Lodge, but has York Rite membership in Defiance and resides in Florida.

Notice the attire is typical of dress for Floridians.



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

Brethren,

Lessons Learned

What have you learned? It seems as a simple question, yet it is one that we can ask ourselves and others daily. Life is a continued lesson that, as we learn from today, we apply tomorrow.

This becomes even more significant as we move through, and complete, our inspection season. Each inspection, and every ritual, we should be listening closely. Not to find errors, or in order to correct our brothers, but to learn and understand something new.

What have you learned in this season in your own lodge? How have you heard the rituals differently? Ultimately, how have you grown to be a better man and mason in this season? May we never stop growing and continue to strive to make good men better.

Fraternally Yours,
Kevin King, on behalf of Scott Carwile



Thank you and Greetings Companion,

I hope the snow and cold weather will end soon. I suppose you, like me, have gotten your fill of winter.

We are approaching June and it is time to think of the new officers for the coming year. Also, our inspection next year will be in the Mark Master degree. I will be letting you know who will be doing what part so we can get a head start on it.

On February 26, the Tri-State York Rite Festival was held in Angola, Indiana. If the weather cooperates it would good to attend some of these upcoming events:

- April 10-17 is Holy Week - no special meetings.
- NW Ohio York Rite Festival is on May 14 in Findlay
- May 10 is the District Association Meeting at Northwest Chapter after their meeting,

May all be well with you, companion and your family. See you at our regular meetings on March 3 or April 7 and both, if possible. Until then, be warm and stay healthy.

Walt Coffman High Priest



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

Dear Companions,

We have some important work coming up and here are the dates and work. At the March 17 meeting, we will be doing the Select Master for two candidates. The Diabetic Kids' breakfast is on April 23. Please help sell tickets for this important undertaking. April 28 will be the Super Excellent Master degree with Bryan and Wauseon. Please try to make any or all of these important dates. It is well worth your time and effort.

Fraternally, Keith Winnie



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

Greetings Sir Knights,

It is my great pleasure to inform all that we were able to complete and pass our yearly Inspection. During the preparation for inspection, we were able to Knight a new Sir Knight to the Commandery and, during Inspection, another. With that in mind, I invite everybody to welcome Sir Knight Scott Carwile and Sir Knight Dennis Richardson to Defiance Commandery #30.

We are all hoping for the weather to clear and for spring to come to Northwest Ohio. With warmer weather, more people will be able to get out and enjoy all that there is to offer in our area. With spring on the way, it makes me think about Easter and the Easter Program. Our Annual Easter Observance will be held at St John's United Church of Christ, State Route 108 and County Road J, Holgate, on April 10. The service starts at 10:15 am and Sir Knights are asked to gather by 10 am; uniform will be full dress minus swords.

During the May Commandery meeting, we will be getting ready for the following year with the Election of Officers. Installation of Officers will be at our regular meeting in June. So please, if you want to have a say or would like to see what is going on, come to the meetings. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except for July and August. Drill practice will begin in August for anyone interested in taking part.

Respectfully, Danial Hall, Eminent Commander



OES NEWS!

March finds our chapters back in session. Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Bryan Chapter on the third Monday at 7:30 p.m., and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Warpole Chapter (Upper Sandusky) is the home of the Associate Grand Conductress, Marla Barber. On March 3 at 7:30 p.m., Marla will serve as Conductress as her husband is initiated into our Order. Inspection of Bryan Chapter will be held on March 24.

We extend Easter Blessings to one and all. Millie Holzer

OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE ONESELF IN FREEMASONRY

The Spring Reunion for the Valley of Toledo, A.A.S.R., is scheduled for April 2 in Lima. Any brother desiring to become a 32nd degree mason is welcome to petition and can begin his journey in the Scottish Rite by visiting the website or contacting the Valley of Toledo executive secretary. He will work with you to get started and many of the degrees can be witnessed virtually. Currently the initiation fees are waived, but a petition needs to be submitted to the Valley or online soon. Contact any Scottish Rite member for assistance.



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	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
March	3	Thurs.	7:30	EnSaWocSa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	5	Sat.	9:00	Tri-State Fest., Michigan City, MI	Commandery Orders
	7	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	11	Fri.	7:00	Sherwood Lodge	Inspection, MM
	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	SM Degree
	18	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	21	Mon.	6:00	1st Arch Dep. Grand Masters Mtg.	Zenobia Shrine, P'burg
April	26	Sat.	9:00	5th District G. Master's Class	Wauseon
	2	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	4	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	7	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	7	Thurs.	7:30	EnSaWocSa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	8	Fri.	7:00	5th District Grand Master's Recept.	Defiance VFW
	10	Sun.	10:15	Defiance Commandery	Easter Observance at St Johns U.C.C. Holgate
	11	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	18	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	21	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Practice SEM
	23	Sat.	8:00	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Pancake Breakfast
	28	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	SEM

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.