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GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION - APRIL 8

The Fifth Masonic District Grand Master's Reception this year will be held at the Defiance VFW Hall in Defiance, across the street from the Defiance Masonic Complex. The date set is April 8 with a social hour beginning at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. The pandemic continues to factor into venue selection, planning, etc., but it is hoped that the cost remains the same as previously.

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.



RECENTLY INSTALLED WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

Left: Master of
Omega Lodge
564 Chase
Williams with his
wife Kaylee.

Right: Master of
Sherwood Lodge
#620 Scott Carwile



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS—HELP NEEDED

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights:

Our building is over 100 years old and is starting to show its age. The Board members and a few of the members of the bodies that meet here are doing their best to keep up with the small repairs that the members are able to do but some of those doing this work can no longer climb ladders to change light bulbs, clean air-conditioner filters and other ladder jobs.

There are other jobs that need attention that members could be doing but we need some volunteers. I know that there are some out there who would volunteer if they knew what was needed. So I guess that we need to create a system to let the brethren know what is needed.

Concerned Member of the Temple Board, Walter Coffman Cell # 419-439-6647



WE WANT YOU!

TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL IN ANGOLA, INDIANA

Any Master Mason choosing to improve in Masonic knowledge by becoming a member of the York Rite may petition a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council Of Royal and Select Masters, 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 26, 2022 in Angola, IN where the Chapter and Council degrees will be portrayed. The Commandery orders will follow on the next Saturday, March 5, in Michigan Center, MI. 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 a little later in the year, on May 14, is the Northwest Ohio York Rite Festival held in Findlay. This is a little longer day, but each of the York Rite degrees/orders are portrayed on a single day.

All Master Masons are encouraged to consider improving themselves by becoming a part of Scottish or York Rite Freemasonry.



OES NEWS!

Most of the Officers of the Eastern Star Chapters of District 7 have been installed. January and February bring regular meetings for Bryan Chapter on the second third Monday. Deshler Chapter and Fulton Chapter will reconvene in March. Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) meets on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

As we begin a new calendar year and make our resolutions, let's put the OES chapters into our schedules.

Millie Holzer



Omega Lodge #564-First Sat 9 am/Breakfast @ 8:30 am
3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Chase Williams, W.M. Luis Rivera, Sec.

Greetings Brothers!

I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy! Since our last newsletter, we had Election of Officers and Installations. We also had the Defiance York Rite Christmas Observance. Inspection season is just around the corner. Our inspection this year will be in the FC Degree on Thursday, February 24. Please mark your calendars and feel free to come join us! We have a few candidates to get degree work done on. Having new candidates wanting to join the Lodge I have attached a picture of myself and my wife at the Observance. It was a great time had by all!

Inspection Season is a great thing! If you have any friends or family interested in joining, please get them a petition. Again if you haven't been to Lodge in a while it would be great to see you! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally, Chase Williams WM



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

Greetings Brethren,

Let me start with saying that I am most honored to serve as Worshipful Master of Sherwood Lodge #620. I look forward to the coming year and the many great things before us!

While it is no secret of any lodge, we too need to seek out the attendance of our current Brothers as well as bring about new interest, and that means new Brothers. I for one desire a continued growth to bring more Brothers into the Lodge. But we reach that stigma of how we are going to do this?

As I've attended Grand Lodge and several other meetings about the 5th District, I've listened to ideas and suggestions of many other Brethren. But I don't want to stop there. I would love to hear any and all suggestions of what we need to do to implement things to make coming to Lodge more fun and interesting. With this we will grow closer not only as a Lodge, but it will give us something to offer new Brothers to spark their interest. I encourage our Brothers to visit other Lodges as well as Brothers from other Lodges to come visit us at Sherwood Lodge in Defiance.

I'd like to close with this... Just a few questions to ponder whether you've been a Mason for a short amount of time, (like myself) or you've been a Mason for many years.

- 1.What about Masons was it that made you want to be one?
- 2.Do you share your pride of being a Mason among your family and friends?
- 3.When you are approached or asked about being a Mason, what is it that you share with someone that has shown interest?
- 4.As a Mason, what would you like to be best remembered for as your own legacy and contribution to being a Mason?

Warmest wishes Brethren, May God Bless you and keep you and your families close to His heart!

Fraternally, Scott A. Carwile, Worshipful Master

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.



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

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Companions All:

Christmas is drawing near and this means that Saturday January 15, 2022, the day of our inspection, is close. Officers and cast members - we will having a practice at our regular Thursday meeting and then determine if we need Wednesday, January 12, at 7 pm as another practice date. By the time you receive this, my wish is that you have had a very Merry Christmas and have survived the New Year.

After inspection is over, I would like to meet with the officers to discuss the upcoming year to see if we can plan an interesting program for the 2022—2023 year. You may say this is my job as High Priest, yet it is all of us who devoted our time and energy to attend the meetings. I know that most of you have more interesting things to suggest and, if it works out, our new High Priest after me might want to continue this practice. Thank you for your support and tolerance this last year as I have not been able to perform up to the standards I think I have performed to in the past.

Walter Coffman, High Priest



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

Dear Companions,

The Christmas season is upon us and a New Year almost here. Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council will be starting the year with a practice on Sunday, January 9 at 2pm. Our inspection will Saturday January 15 at 1pm with Chapter at 10am and lunch at noon. This will be a very fruitful day in Masonry.

Our breakfast to raise money for the Diabetic Kids' Fund will be Saturday, April 23 from 8 to 11 am. Save this on your calendar and invite friends and neighbors.

Keith Winnie



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

Sir Knight's,

As the Holidays are upon us, I would like to say thank you to all who came and helped make the Christmas Observation possible. During the ceremony, Pastor Orr from St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate. gave a wonderful sermon to warm our hearts, and we had our ears soothed with the musical stylings of Sir Knight Christian King. Along with the work of the Sir Knights and their ladies, the service was a success followed by a potluck dinner afterwards which allowed for some great fellowship, in my opinion.

The next step for the year is our inspection which is to be on 12 February with lunch at noon, Full Form Opening at 1:30 and the Order of the Temple at 3. There are practices scheduled for January 13, 16, and 23 at 3pm for all members, and January 30 and February 6 for select members with an Order of the Temple being conducted on February 10. After the inspection on the February 12, we will have 2 more Knights in the Commandery. All of our Commandery members are invited to the meetings on February 10 and 12 .

Respectfully, Danial Hall, Eminent Commander



At his request, Sir Knight Al Lawrence was presented his received 50-year award by his son WB Martin Lawrence, PDEO, at Sycamore Lodge. RW Brother Larry Lyne, was in attendance for this special presentation.



Sir Knights of Defiance Commandery at Christmas Observance



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	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Jan.	1	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	3	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	6	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Practice PM Degree
	8	Sat.	4:00	NW Division	KEC (Findlay)
	8	Sat.	5:00	NW Division CTA	Meeting (Findlay)
	10	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	13	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Practice O of T
	17	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Practice MM degree
	18	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
Feb.	3	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	3	Thurs.	8:00	1st Capitular District	Association Meeting
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	7	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Practice MM degree
	8	Tues.	7:30	First Arch	Meeting (Genoa)
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Practice Order of Temple
	11	Fri.	7:00	Sherwood Lodge	Inspection (MM)
	12	Sat.	12:00	Defiance Commandery	Inspection
	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	Stated Meeting
	21	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	24	Thurs.	7:00	Omega Lodge	Inspection (FC)
	26	Sat.	9:00	Tri-State Festival (Angola)	Chapt. & Council Degrees

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