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ANNUAL MEETINGS SET FOR OCTOBER 2022

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 22 at the Sharonville Convention Center. The business meetings continue through Sunday, September 25.

The Grand Council Annual Assembly will begin with registration from 3-6 pm, followed by fellowship in the hospitality rooms Sunday, October 3 at Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Sandusky, OH. The business meetings open on Monday morning and end on Tuesday around noon with Installation of the 2022-2023 Grand Officers.

Royal Arch Grand Chapter will be at the Crowne Plaza Columbus, North (Worthington). The session begins on Wednesday morning (October 5) and should conclude around noon on Thursday.

Grand Commandery will also be at the Kalahari in Sandusky. The Grand Conclave begins with a Divine Service at 5 pm Thursday, October 6. The Conclave will open at 8:15 Friday morning. Saturday morning begins with Drill Competition and ends with an Awards Banquet at 6 pm.

About two weeks later, on October 28, Most Worshipful Grand Master Timothy S. Wheeland will open the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Ohio at the Columbus 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, 22-25	Order of the Eastern Star	Sharonville Convention Center
October 2-4	Grand Council	Kalahari, Sandusky
October 5-6	Grand Chapter	Crowne Plaza Columbus North
October 6-8	Grand Commandery	Kalahari, Sandusky
October 28	Grand Lodge	Columbus 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 30. The attentive candidate, Brother Dakota Woods, 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!



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

Greetings Brothers!!

I hope you have all had a great summer, I know I have! It's hard to believe that it is about over and we are about to start back up with meetings again! Over the past few years we have been raising money for the Masonic Temple Building Fund. This summer we have put some of that money to use by fixing the plaster and repainting the Lodge Room upstairs. The Temple Board hired C.R. Hunt to do the work and we are very happy with it!

Our stated meetings are still the 1st Saturday and 3rd Tuesday of the month! We would love for you to come to a meeting and check out the renovation!

Fraternally, Chase Williams WM



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

Greetings Brethren!

Our Dark period winds down and we are getting ready to get back to Masonry once again!!!

It has been a quick but eventful few months for our Lodges and Temple in Defiance and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you. Some GREAT things have taken place with Temple Restoration. More great ideas are in the works as we continue to update our Lodge. Come on out and see the BEAUTIFUL updated meeting room! It is within my prayers that we've all had a great summer and time with our families. Without their support we couldn't "Make Good Men Better" and further seek the light of Masonry.

A few things of note, I ask that we keep our Brothers in our prayers as we have some enduring times among us. Healing and Grace are much needed as is your attendance at the meetings. Sherwood Lodge #620 needs YOU and your support as we start our regular scheduled meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays every month at 7:30 pm. Our first meeting back will be Monday September 19, as we will observe the last long weekend of the summer being Labor Day on Monday, September 5.

Hope to see you all then!

Fraternally, Scott Carwile, WM #620





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

Greetings Companions:

The summer has gone by to fast, but that is just my opinion. As far as Chapter goes we will have our first meeting on the first of September at 7:30 pm. We will discuss our up-coming inspection and our goals for the remainder of the year.

Fraternal Yours,
Walt Coffman High Priest



Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council #55 Third Thursday 7:30 PM
Eugene N. Bitler, Illustrious Master Robert Rettig, Recorder

Dear Companions,

First of all, I would like to thanks our Companions for electing me as Illustrious Master of Oc-Co-Nox-Ee #55 Council of Royal and Select Masters. I will endeavor to do my best. Also, I would like to thank I.M. Keith Winnie for his service and leadership. I hope all enjoyed the fantastic summer and that all are safe and healthy. This years schedule and upcoming events will be discussed at our first meeting to be held on 15 Sept 2022. Hope to see everyone there.

Fraternally,
Eugene N. Bitler, Illustrious Master



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
Matthew Gloor, Commander Danial Hall, Recorder

Greetings Sir Knights;

Sir Knights, a new year with new opportunities is upon our Commandery. We have (4) four new SK's to welcome into our family from the past year. The goal for this year is (10) new Sir Knights. I am sure your eyes are rolling at me as you read this note; I assure you it is an attainable goal. The 5th Masonic District has brought in 34 new Master Masons to date. New Year, new opportunities.

Drill practice has started and we are in need of all SK's willing and able who want to participate in the drill competition this year with us to step forward. I will remind you that Defiance Commandery took 1st place last year at Grand Commandery with help from other SK's outside our own. It was my first time and I had a blast. Playing with swords is a lot of fun, and kinda dangerous, but mostly fun. We have some of the items needed for this event so you will not have to purchase everything needed. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or desires concerning the drill team. We are practicing every Sunday at 2 pm at the Defiance temple until further notice.

My SK Jack Stevens' pickles will be ready by the time you read this and I will have some at our September meeting to try.

Sir Knights, this is your call to action. Most of you have been the faithful few that has kept our Commandery alive and moving forward. It is the next generation's turn to pick up the torch and carry it into the future.

Yours in Christ,
Matthew Gloor, Eminent Commander

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
Sept.	1	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	8	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting & practice
	12	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	15	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	17	Sat.	9:00	5th Masonic District	Annual Mtg. Wauseon
	19	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	20	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	22-25			Grand Chapter OES	Cincinnati, OH
Oct.	1	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	3	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	2-4			Grand Council R & SM	Sandusky, OH
	5-6			Grand Chapter RAM	Columbus, OH
	6	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	6-8			Grand Commandery KT	Sandusky, OH
	10	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	13	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	28	Fri.		Grand Lodge F & AM	Sharonville, OH
	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
	23	Sun.		1st District Re-affirmation Day	Bryan, OH