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ANNUAL MEETINGS SET FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

In just a few weeks, the Grand Bodies will open their Annual Meetings. The Grand Council Annual Assembly will begin with registration from 3-5:30 pm, followed by the Vespers Service on Thursday, September 14 at the Marriott Hotel at University of Dayton Hotel. The business meetings open on Friday morning and end on Saturday around noon with installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Officers. 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 24. Royal Arch Grand Chapter will be at the Crowne Plaza Columbus, North (Worthington). The session begins on Wednesday morning, October 4, and should conclude around noon on Thursday. Grand Commandery will also be at the Crowne Plaza. The Grand Conclave begins with a Divine Service on Thursday, October 5. The Conclave will open Friday morning. Saturday morning begins with Drill Competition and ends with an Awards Banquet in the evening. About two weeks later, on October 20, Most Worshipful Grand Master Steven M Grindle will open the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Ohio at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky.

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:

September 14-16	Grand Council	Marriot Hotel at University of Dayton
September 22-24	Order of the Eastern Star	Sharonville Convention Center
October 3-5	Grand Chapter	Crowne Plaza Columbus North
October 5-7	Grand Commandery	Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
October 20	Grand Lodge	Kalahari, Sandusky

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 22. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Steven M. Grindle, as well as brothers from neighboring districts were in attendance to witness a brother from Edon Lodge being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Plans are being made to continue this outdoor event in future years. You won't want to miss it!



Hand-crafted corn hole boards for the raffle that raised money for the 5th District and Grand Lodge Charities. Winners were Walter Harper from Deshler Lodge and Robbie Franks from Toledo.



Larry Lyne was honored with a special watch in recognition for his years of service as Deputy Grand Master for District 5.



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

Greetings Brothers!!

Greetings Brothers! I hope you have all had a great summer! Our New Masonic Year/ Season is right around the corner which is exciting! We are still chugging along on all the degree work that we have! Here soon we will have a few new Master Masons which is always great to see! This will be one of my last Newsletters as I will be finishing my time in the East. Hope to see you all this coming year!

Fraternally, Chase Williams WM



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

Greetings Brethren!

Hopefully everyone had a blessed and enjoyable summer. Mine just wasn't long enough as I'm sure many of you feel just the same.

We are kicking off 2024 with a new Grand Master but our goals and roll-out are still standing as 2023 with a few changes. We still need Masons, we still need YOU too. We need your participation guys. Believe me, I understand how busy life, kids, work, everything can be. Owning a business and helping with another, 2 college kids, and being a Lodge Master has its challenges as well. But when it comes to Masonry, it is that feeling I get from being a part of helping others, fellowship, Brotherly love and friendship, that I need to make everything else in my life come together. Masonry can be the 2, 4, or 10 hours a month, or more depending on your involvement, when YOU make a difference in your life or someone else's.

As we approach September, let me remind Sherwood Lodge brothers that our 1st stated meeting is September 18. We are scheduled to meet at 7:30 pm at the lodge. The next important date is January 12, 2024, our Inspection over the Fellowcraft Degree. Please mark your calendars for this! It is my prayer and hope that I see you in Lodge and I'll be happy to fill your calendar, see your smiling face, shake your hand, and call you my Brother!

If it's been a few years and you haven't been to Lodge, come on out, we want to see you too! We're not asking you to take any other chair than on the sideline. Come for the friendship, fellowship, share some memories, make more memories...

For now, Brothers, I'm looking forward to another great Masonic year and see you soon!

Fraternally, Scott Carwile, WM Sherwood #620



OES NEWS!

The chapters in District 7 elected officers for the coming year at their annual meetings in June. The incoming Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are busy making plans and planning programs. Petitions for membership have been received at each of the chapters. How exciting it is to have new members!

Grand Chapter is on the calendar for September. That will bring appointments, plans, and information. Our next article will bring that news!

Reminer that Deshler Chapter meets on the first Tuesday at 7:30, Bryan Chapter on the third Monday at 7:30, and Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) on the third Tuesday at 7:00. All chapters would appreciate your attendance at their meetings and activities.

Hope to see you along the way. Millie Holzer



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

Greetings Companions:

Summer is slowly drawing to a close. I hope all have enjoyed the weather and their vacations were eventful. Rt. Excellent Companion Ryan W. Adams, Grand King held his rollout program on June 24, 2023. Points of interest were Chapter & Code Requirements, Ritual & Degree Work, Charities, etc. These and other items will be covered at our first meeting. Ritual requirement and duties for our annual inspection will also be discussed.

As it is Ensawocsa Chapter's turn to host the 1st Capitular District's honoring of Re-affirmation Sunday, I hope you will join us in reaffirming our faith. It will begin at 4:30 on October 15. This is open to all members and guests. We are looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Fraternally, Eugene N. Bitler, High Priest



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

Companions,

Welcome to the start of our 2023-2024 Council year. I hope that this year has brought your families joy and wellness. For those who do not know me, I am Danial Hall, your Illustrious Master. This year we can look forward to the Annual Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio which will be held in September 15-16 at Marriot Hotel at the University of Dayton. I will be traveling down for the first day of the event and if you would like attend, I am more than happy to have you join me. In December, we will have our Christmas observance for all our families and friends to join in the celebration. In January, we will be conducting our annual inspection in the Royal Master Degree on January 20. This is the third Saturday.

The officers and I are hoping that with the addition of the new members to join and the standing members, we will have strong turnouts for our meetings filled with fellowship and Masonic bonding.

Fraternally, Dan Hall. Illustrious Master



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

Greetings Sir Knights;

Welcome to the new year for our Commandery. During my 2nd term, I have the same goal: 10 new Knights this year. We have new Knights among our ranks and I encourage them and you to attend our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

We are once again drilling at Grand Commandery on October 7 at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus. We still need a few more SK's to help so we can fill the 12 spots. If you can obey orders on how to march and move your sword, we can use you. If a uniform is a concern, we have some of the regalia needed available and can help with the rest that you may need.

We will have a Christmas Observance again in Defiance. Last year this was well attended and we would like to see more this year. We will have a great meal afterwards and lots of fellowship. I am pretty sure it will be Dec. 10, more info will be forthcoming.

Defiance inspection is February 17 at noon. We will have a great meal before the inspection and then perform the Order of the Temple and Full Form Opening. Mark your calendars for these events now so you will be able to attend them.

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.	7	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	12	Tues.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	14	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting & practice
	15-16			Grand Council R & SM	Dayton, 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
	22-24			Grand Chapter OES	Cincinnati, OH
	30	Sat.	9:00	5th Masonic District	Annual Mtg., Sycamore Lodge
Oct	2	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	3-5			Grand Chapter RAM	Columbus, OH
	5	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	5-7			Grand Commandery KT	Columbus, OH
	7	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	10	Tues.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	12	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	15	Sun.	4:30	1st District Re-affirmation Day	Defiance, OH
	16	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	17	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	19	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	20	Fri.		Grand Lodge F & AM	Sandusky, OH