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ANNUAL MEETINGS SET FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024

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 27** at the Sharonville Convention Center. The business meetings continue through Sunday, September 29. The **Grand Council** Annual Assembly will begin with registration from 3-5:30 pm, followed by the Vespers Service on Sunday, **October 6** at the Crowne Plaza, Columbus North (Worthington). The Grand Assembly will open on Monday morning and end on Tuesday around noon with installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Officers. **Royal Arch Grand Chapter** will also be at the Crowne Plaza. The Annual Convocation begins on Wednesday morning, **October 9**, and should conclude around noon on Thursday. **Grand Commandery** will also be at the Crowne Plaza. The Grand Conclave will open Friday morning **October 11** and a Divine Service will be held at 5:00 on Friday. Saturday morning begins with Drill Competition and ends with an Awards Banquet in the evening. About two weeks later, on **October 18**, Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul A. Weglage will open the **Grand Lodge** of F&AM of Ohio at the Dayton Masonic Center in Dayton.

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 27-29	Order of the Eastern Star	Sharonville Convention Center
October 6-8	Grand Council	Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
October 9-10	Grand Chapter	Crowne Plaza Columbus North
October 10-12	Grand Commandery	Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
October 18	Grand Lodge	Dayton Masonic Center, Dayton

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



Barton Scott photo above. Earlier this Year DDGM Jim Parsons presented Brother Barton Scott his 50 year award. Congratulations to Brother Scott. He is a member of Omega #564.



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

Greetings Brethren,

We at Omega Lodge are excited to be coming back to Lodge after being dark for the last 2 months. Over the summer, WB Gary Ries had developed a mentor system that is being used to pair up experienced Brothers with incoming Brothers who will be taking chairs this upcoming year. We also have several Brothers who have been in the process of learning a lecture. We have 5 newly minted Master Masons (2 years or less) who will likely be filling various chairs for the upcoming 2025 year. We have another Brother that is ready to get his Master Mason degree and 2 more candidates that we will be looking to raise this fall. We expect to be very busy and are excited for the opportunities ahead!

Fraternally, James Hanna, WM



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

Greetings Brothers!

It is my prayer that everyone had an enjoyable and blessed summer with friends and family. It is time to turn pick up our working tools again in the 2025 Masonic year. Important dates include our stated meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. Our first meeting will be Sept. 16. Don't forget, annual dues are due and payable. This can be done with our Lodge Secretary or on-line using Grandview.

Please remember that Grand Lodge will be on October 18 at the Dayton Masonic Center. Details and hotel information are found on the Grand Lodge website.

Another important date for all Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and LEOs is the Past Masters' Convocation on December 7 in Wauseon. PLEASE, if you hold one of these offices, make plans to attend! This very informative meeting is still in the planning stages and more information will follow, but it will answer many questions and give us the opportunity to learn what is going on in our District, Lodges, and Grand Lodge expectations.

And finally, we have a Temple Board that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Your attendance is very much needed and appreciated. We need your help in making OUR Temple stronger, more active in our community, preservation of the building, and to strengthen all of our bodies as we work together for the betterment of Masonry in our area. We need 2 members of EACH body who are NOT already officers to serve on the Temple Board!

And with that my Brothers, I ask for the Lord's blessings on this upcoming year for ALL of Masonry. Let's put our best foot forward and come together to build up one another to be better men and Masons.

Yours Fraternaly, Scott Carwile, WM Sherwood 620



OES NEWS!

The air is filled with excitement as we prepare for Grand Chapter! The Session will be held in Sharonville, September 27-29. Marla Barber from District 10 will be installed as Worthy Grand Matron. Among the Appointed Officers will, no doubt, be some folks we know!

District 7 held its summer meeting on August 18 in Bryan. Installed as Officers for the coming year were: Lida Grisier, President; Marsha Kujawa, First Vice President; and Sara Short, Second Vice President. Continuing in office are Diana Evans, Secretary, and Bob Short, Treasurer.

The district will have a Fundraiser on September 15 at Bryan. Participants will be making a wreath.

On September 20 there will be a Visitation/Reception for the Grand Sentinel and Chairman of Arrangements at Bryan. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. For reservations call (419) 487 2666.

Meet the 2025 Deputy Grand Matron on October 6 at 2:00 in Bowling Green at Greenwood Chapter.

On October 12 the Grand Officers will be in Findlay to present an Educational Opportunity for all members.

Just a reminder 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.

Chapters welcome your attendance and support. See you along the way.

Millie Holzer



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

Dear Companions,

Summer is winding down and it is time to resume our labors. Our first meeting will be Thursday September 5. I know it is early but our inspection will be Saturday January 18, 2025 at 10 am and we will be doing the Mark Master degree. Our inspector will be Todd Evans.

Always remember that a Endowed membership is \$800.

I look forward to seeing see you on the September 5.

Fraternally,

Keith Winnie, High Priest :



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

Dear Companions,

Here we are with fall almost upon us and it is time to resume our labors. Our first meeting will be on Thursday September 19. It is never too early to start thinking about our inspection. Our inspection will be in the Select Master degree on Saturday January 18, 2025 at 1 pm, right after the Chapter Inspection. There will be a lunch in between the two inspections.

We also need be thinking of men who want move on with their Masonic journey, as we are in need of a candidate or two.

Fraternally,

Keith Winnie, Illustrious Master



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
Gene Bitler, Commander Danial Hall, Recorder

Greetings Sir Knights,

Sir Knights, welcome to a new year for our Commandery. Drill practice has already started. We have practices on Sunday afternoon at 2 pm in the parking lot adjacent to the Defiance Masonic Center (except Sept. 1, Labor Day weekend). We continue to encourage all able Sir Knights to participate. Competition to be held in Columbus on Oct. 12. Inspection time is 10:20 am. Hope to see you there.

The 182nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio is October 10 – 12, 2024 at Crowne Plaza, Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue in Columbus. For information on hotel reservations and registration, contact Sir Knight Gloor, Recorder or myself.

Christmas Observance is scheduled for Dec. 8 at 4:00 pm followed by a great meal.

Our inspection is scheduled for April 12, 2025. There will be lunch at noon, followed by Order of the Temple and then Full Form Opening. Mark your calendars for these events.

Remember to donate to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation if you can.

Fraternally,

Eugene Bitler, 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.

Changes in address

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
Sept.	5	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	10	Tues.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	12	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting & practice
	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
	21	Sat.	9:00	5th Masonic District	Annual Mtg., Edon Lodge (Bryan)
	27-29			Grand Chapter OES	Cincinnati, OH
Oct	3	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	5	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	6-8			Grand Council R & SM	Columbus, OH
	7	Mon.	7.30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	8	Tues.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	9-10			Grand Chapter RAM	Columbus, OH
	10-12			Grand Commandery KT	Columbus, OH
	10	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting
	15	Tues	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	17	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting
	18	Fri.		Grand Lodge F & AM	Dayton, OH
	20	Sun.	4:30	1st District Re-affirmation Day	Wauseon, OH