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NW OHIO YORK RITE FESTIVAL SLATED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 13

The York Rite of Masonry tells a complete and cohesive Masonic story and is essential for a complete understanding of the lessons taught in the Master Mason degree. All Master Masons are encouraged to become York Rite Masons and to "receive that for which you have so long sought."

The NW Ohio York Rite Festival will be held at the Findlay Masonic Center on Saturday, May 13. Registration opens at 7:30 am with the degree work beginning promptly at 8:15. Brothers can receive all of the York Rite degrees except the Super Excellent Master Degree in a single day. This year's festival is named in honor of a well known Mason in Northwest Ohio, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Robert C. Rill Jr. .

Petitions can be received on the day of the festival for brothers wishing to continue their journey in the York Rite, but preregistration is recommended to help the day run more efficiently. The work portrayed that day is "top notch" and, although there is a lot for the candidate to absorb, he will witness quality degree work.

5th Masonic District—Awards Banquet—"Hawaiian Luau"

Please plan to join your brothers, ladies, family and friends for a Hawaiian themed party at the Delta Community Center on Friday, May 19. Doors open at 6 with dinner at 6:30. Menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, teriyaki meatballs, salads, fruit, punch and dessert. Tickets \$10 per person by reservation with your

Lodge Secretary. Deadline for reservations is May 12. Feel free to wear tropical attire. We will have a backdrop for taking pictures of your Hawaiian adventure. Families are invited to attend as well. Join us for an evening of fellowship and support the hardworking brothers who will be honored this evening.



300th Anniversary Observance

In an earlier edition of the "Defiance York Rite Bulletin", it was announced that the Celebration of Grand Lodge Freemasonry would be held on June 24, 2017. While plans are being formulated, at this time the celebration will take the form of a Table Lodge beginning at 8:30 am and lasting until about 10:30. RWB Chad Simpson, Director of Program Development for the Grand Lodge will be the guest speaker.

While this is an anniversary celebration, those members of the 2017 Grand Master's Class who have met the proficiency requirement will be declared proficient by one of the District Deputy Grand Masters and will be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Master Mason.

All Masons are encouraged to participate in this historic event.

Changes in address

Please contact Bob Rettig (contact info on pg. 4) or John Jelinek at 419-399-9320 or linek88frank@twc.com as soon as possible if your address or other contact information changes. We pay when newsletters are returned because they cannot be forwarded. Please help us be good stewards of our funds!

Greetings one and all. In case you haven't heard yet, you are able to find this publication on the internet. The webmaster for the Fabulous 5th Masonic District web page has graciously agreed to post the newsletter on their site. To find it, simply go to <http://www.fabulous5th.com/> and there are two places that you can find the newsletter (See picture below). First, there is a section on the right side of the screen that has a link to the most current newsletter. Clicking on that link will download the newsletter to your computer (tablet, smartphone, etc.). You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader (found here: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>) or a similar program to open the document. The second place that they have the newsletter is on the toolbar at the top of the webpage. There is a section titled NEWSLETTERS. Click on that and it will take you to a page that has all of the newsletters on it, well at least those from last month forward. Find the edition that you want and click on the blue date and it will download so that you can find it and open it when you want.



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

Omega
Lodge
Presents
50-year
Awards



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

Greetings Brothers!

There has been a motion submitted to increase our dues and the cost of initiation, and a spirited discussion followed. I have sent a letter to each member of our Lodge explaining the reasoning behind the proposed increases and would certainly appreciate your attendance at our stated meeting on May 1 when we vote on the motion. We need your help, Brothers, in attending this meetings so that we can have a

quorum and make the best decisions that we can for the future of our Lodge. Also, we will be having our Annual Potluck Dinner on May 15. We will be honoring our Masonic Widows and Orphans at this dinner and afterwards will be presenting some 50 year pins to distinguished members of Sherwood Lodge. Again, we look forward to seeing you at this meeting as well.

We haven't discussed the possibility of a Summer Get-Together yet, but will probably discuss that during our meeting on June 5. If we don't see you before we go dark, have a safe and wonderful Summer!

Fraternally,
Wayne Cripps, WM

About Ohio's 5th Masonic District

Covering Fulton, Williams, Defiance, and Henry Counties in Northwest Ohio, the Fabulous Fifth Masonic District exists for the benefit of the blue lodges in the district, their members, and guests.

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2017 Deputy Grand Master Program Schedule

Tue Jul 18 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Huber Heights 777 7778 Wildcat Rd. Huber Heights OH 45424	(2)
Wed Jul 19 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Amelia Lodge 590 290 Judd Rd., Amelia, OH, 45102	(6)
Thur July 20 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Scioto Lodge No. 6 57 E. Main St., Chillicothe, OH 45601	(7)

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Ensawocsa Chapter # 89 First Thursday 7:30 PM
Jack Stevens, High Priest Ken Crouch, Sec'y

Greetings Companions,

Our turn-out for the last stated meeting was a little disheartening, especially since we voted on the motion to raise dues to \$40 per year. If you weren't at the meeting, I'll let you know that the motion passed unanimously. This long overdue increase has been the first one that I have seen since becoming a Companion. We hate to increase dues, but we need to be good stewards of the resources of the Chapter and do what we feel is in the Chapter's best interest for continued operation. We only have two more meetings before we go dark (May 4 and June 1). We need to start thinking about what office you want to hold during the coming year. The next quarterly meeting of the First Capitular District Association is on May 17 in Wauseon. If you can make it there, we would appreciate it. If you want to go and transportation is an issue, let me know. I might have room on the back of the bike! And it's also getting closer to the Grand High Priest's Reception (June 17 in Browning Masonic Complex). Let me know if you are interested in attending and I'll get the particulars to you. As you can see there's still lots of stuff happening in Capitular Masonry, so let's do our part to make it better for everyone!

Wayne Cripps, H.P.



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

Companions,

Although the net profit from the DKF breakfast is not yet known, advance ticket sales were very good and we had a great turn out at the breakfast. Each year there are substantial donations of supplies and/or money by the officers and companions which makes this activity a real boost to help Diabetic Kids attend camp. A special thanks to those companions who worked to make the breakfast a success for the "kids".

At our May 18, assembly officers will be elected for the upcoming year. They will be installed at the Annual Meeting in June.

Fraternally, Bob Rettig, Recorder



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
James Fruth, Commander Ken Crouch, Recorder

Greetings, Sir Knights,

In observance of Easter, ten of our members and their ladies worshiped at St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, on Palm Sunday.

Coming up on May 13 is the York Rite Festival in Findlay. On May 20, the First Division CTA will meet in Van Wert at 5:00. Our annual picnic is scheduled for July 16.

Our election of officers will be held at our meeting in May.

Bob Rettig



OES NEWS!

Inspections in District 7 are underway! Bryan Chapter, home of DGM Patt Rasey, was inspected by the Worthy Grand Matron on March 20. Lillian Chapter held its Inspection on April 19 in their new location – Bryan Masonic Center. The remaining Inspections/Receptions are: May 1 Inspection Continental Chapter; May 10 Reception for Ron Keller, PGP at Bryan; May 16 Inspection Fulton Chapter (Wauseon); May 23 Inspection Findlay Chapter; and May 25 Inspection Deshler Chapter. Sideliners are always welcome.

Deshler Chapter was saddened by the death of Sharie Tussing on February 21. She will be missed.

Mark your calendars for the Steak in the Park sponsored by Sycamore Lodge in Deshler on July 10.

Deshler Chapter OES will have a special night to honor the station of Martha on August 1. Wear green and join us for a fun evening!

Millie Holzer

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Date	Day	Time	Who	What
May	1	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	4	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Stated Meeting
	6	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	8	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	11	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Election
	13	Sat.	8:00	NWO York Rite Fest.	Findlay
	15	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	18	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Election
	19	Fri.	6:30	5th District Awards Banquet	Delta Community Center
	21	Sat.	11:30	1st Capitular District	Annl Mtg @ KingsburyPark
	20	Sat.	5:00	1st Division CTA	Van Wert
June	1	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Election & installation
	3	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
	5	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
	8	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Open Installation
	10	Sat.	9:00	1st Capitular District	G. King School, Findlay
	12	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting
	15	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Installation of Officers
	17	Sat.	6:30	1st Capitular District	GHP Reception Browning
	17	Sat.	12:00	1st Arch Reunion	Side Cut Park, Maumee
	19	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting
July	24	Sat.	8:30	300th Anniversary	
	16	Sun.	4:00	1st Division CTA	Picnic & Mtg.

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.