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ANNUAL YORK RITE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE



The Annual York Rite Christmas Observance will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:30 pm. This event that is open to the public so it is a chance to let friends, neighbors and family a glimpse into what it means to be a Mason. There are people who would come if invited simply to see the inside of the building.

The Commander of Defiance Commandery, along with Worshipful Masters from Omega and Sherwood Lodges, High Priest from Ensawocsa Chapter and Illustrious Master from Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council, will be hosts and will have an opportunity to introduce distinguished guests of their respective body.

The Christmas Observance includes a memorial service for members from Defiance who passed away since last year and drill bars will be presented. In keeping with the purpose of the observance, there will be a Christmas message and music.

Following the service, there will be time for fellowship at a potluck meal in the dining room. Meat and beverages will be provided. **Family and friends are encouraged to attend.**

Grand Master Appoints Stotler as New 5th District Deputy Grand Master

At the 208th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, MW Brother Eric R. Schau was elected and installed as Grand Master for 2017-18. As one of his representatives for the 5th Masonic District, he has commissioned RW Brother Robert (Joe) Stotler, a Past Master of Hicksville Lodge #478 and a Past District Education Officer, to serve with RW Brother Paul Kelly in carrying out the duties of DDGM in the 5th District. RW Brother Stotler was installed at Hicksville Lodge on October 27, 2017. Congratulations to RW Brother Stotler on his new appointment.

Worshipful Brothers Martin Lawrence and Danial Hall were appointed as District Education Officers and RW Brother Matthew Gloor continues as District Advisor.

Grand High Priest Reappoints Kerr as 1st District DDGHP

Our newly elected and installed Grand High Priest, ME Companion J. Keith Green who hails from our neighboring 6th Capitular District has reappointed REC William Kerr of Wauseon Chapter #111 as District Deputy Grand High Priest for our 1st Capitular District. Assisting him with the educational activities in our District is EC Wayne Cripps of Ensawocsa Chapter #89. Congratulations to both of these Companions as they continue to serve Capitular Masonry in the 1st District.

Defiance Commandery Garners 2nd Place at Drill Competition

Led by Drill Captain, Sir Knight Eric Holzer, Defiance Commandery came a few points shy of earning 1st place at the drill competition at Grand Commandery this year. Of the nine or ten teams competing in our class, we can be proud of our accomplishment even though 1st place is our goal. While many commanderies can no longer get the participation to put a drill team on the floor, we have been successful. We are very fortunate to have nine members dedicated this effort. The three other Sir Knights composing our 12 member drill team are from neighboring commanderies and we very much appreciate their help in making our team successful.



OES NEWS!

Grand Chapter OES at Kalahari in Sandusky brought announcements of appointments for 2018. The Deputy Grand Matron of Northwest Team 3 (That's us.) is Joan Draper from District #6. We look forward to working with the new structure for DGM's. At the Educational Opportunity held in Waterville on October 7, Traci Evans of Bryan Chapter was appointed Grand Representative of Rhode Island in Ohio.

Installations are underway! Fulton Chapter (Wauseon) and Bryan Chapter are already installed. Lillian Chapter will install on November 11 and Deshler Chapter will install on November 17. The 2018 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are: Dee Lawrence & Wayne Carpenter (Fulton Chapter); Phyllis Geesey & Todd Evans (Bryan Chapter); Kathy Carver & Dick Chapin (Lillian Chapter); Millie Holzer & Al Lawrence (Deshler Chapter).

Installations in other nearby districts include Continental on November 6 and Findlay on November 14.

Side liners are always welcome, so mark your calendars and support our Eastern Star Chapters with your presence.

Millie Holzer



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

Hello, my fellow brothers!!

Omega Lodge is getting ready for another full and exciting season this year in Freemasonry. Keep in mind we now have meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM and first Saturday of the month at 9 AM, with a breakfast before. We are looking to get more of our members involved by way of committees or social events. We will have a Widows' dinner and Service Awards coming up and we will need some assistance. Dates for these events will be announced later. Please be at our next regularly stated meetings or contact me via email or cell if you are interested. We are always looking for members who may be willing to participate on a Fellowcraft team for the Master Mason degree. Again, please, stop by the monthly meetings or contact me directly if you are interested. We look forward to seeing some faces we haven't seen in a while. If we can start getting volunteers now, we can get some good feedback from different perspectives along with getting some degree work done.

"Tell me and I forget,
Teach me and I remember,
Involve me and I learn." -Benjamin Franklin

Fraternally, Lou Rivera, Worshipful Master



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

Brethren,

Our election of officers is rapidly approaching. Please consider well who you want to nominate to fill the offices for the coming year. If asked to fill a position as an officer, please consider doing your part for the betterment of the Lodge. In addition to the election of officers, please remit your dues now (if you haven't already done so). Remember that there was a dues increase voted on and approved last spring that will take effect now. If you are no longer required to pay dues, please consider donating enough to cover the per capita paid to Grand Lodge.

After the new officers are elected and installed, it will be time to start practicing for our inspection degree. Since we did Entered Apprentice last year, this year's degree will be Fellowcraft. Here's hoping for a good turn-out for the election of officers.

Fraternally, Wayne Cripps. Worshipful Master

Area Pastor Selected for Holy Land Pilgrimage

At the 2017 Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, it was announced that Rev. David Orr of St. John's UCC, Holgate has been selected to join five other clergypersons from Ohio on the 2018 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Rev. Orr was nominated by Defiance Commandery and is anxiously awaiting the journey.



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

Happy Holidays Brethren,

As you know we are coming in to inspection season. Our inspection is January 20, 2018 and we are doing the Mark Master degree. There is a good possibility of having a new candidate for this degree, so we would like to have a large showing to encourage our officers and to welcome our new member.

Thanks!

Danial Hall, High Priest



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

Companions,

It is time to start practicing for our Inspection Degree. In October we discussed the cast for the Royal Arch degree. Most companions had performed their part in the degree at least once. Others who were present stepped up and took on a new part for the degree. We will only have a couple of times to practice, so we will need as much participation as we can get on our stated meeting nights for the next couple of meetings. Since our inspection will be on January 20, we are asking that you also block that date on your calendar! We want to put our best foot forward, so again, we are asking for as much participation as we can get from our Council.

Fraternally,

Wayne Cripps, Illustrious Master



Defiance Commandery #30 Second Thursday 7:30 PM
Wayne Cripps, Commander Ken Crouch, Recorder

Sir Knights,

We want to congratulate Defiance Commandery's Drill Team on a spectacular performance at the competition in Columbus. Unfortunately, the judges did not see the same thing that we did, and scored us a little lower than we would have scored ourselves. That being said, we still presented with a respectable Second Place in the competition. Next year, we will return to the top of the heap!

On to more immediate matters: we need your help. Our inspection is going to be on February 17, so we will need to start doing some practicing. I would like to not interfere with the Chapter and Council practices for November and December, so we will need to discuss when Sir Knights will be available to practice our degree work. Being a new Commander, I will need the most practice, but do not expect y'all to drop everything to watch me do that. Let's plan on practicing as much as we can on our stated meeting nights for November and December and see where we stand at the end of the year. Also, we need to plan for our Christmas Observance, so we need everyone to attend our stated meeting on November 9. See ya there!

Fraternally,

Wayne, Cripps, 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	
Nov.	2	Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Practice Inspection Degree	
	2	Thurs.	7:00	Sycamore Lodge	Installation DEO Lawrence	
	4	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Election of Officers	
	6	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Election of Officers	
	9	Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting	
	11	Sat.	12:00	Omega Lodge	Installation DEO Hall	
	13	Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting	
	16	Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Stated Meeting	
	18	Sat.	6:30	Grand Council Reception	Cambridge, Ohio	
	20	Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting	
	21	Tues.	7:30	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting	
	Dec.	2	Sat.	9:00	Omega Lodge	Stated Meeting
		2	Sat.	1:00	5th District P.M. Convocation	Wauseon Lodge
2		Sat.	6:30	Grand Commandery Reception	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	
4		Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting	
7		Thurs.	7:30	Ensawocsa Chapter	Practice Inspection Degree	
10		Sun.	4:30	All Bodies	Christmas Observance	
11		Mon.	7:30	Temple Board	Stated Meeting	
14		Thurs.	7:30	Defiance Commandery	Stated Meeting	
18		Mon.	7:30	Sherwood Lodge	Stated Meeting	
21		Thurs.	7:30	Oc-Co-Nox-Ee Council	Inspection Practice	

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