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CHILLICOTHE VA HOSPITAL VISITATION PROGRAM RESTARTING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023

The Co-Chairmen of the VA Hospital Visitation Committee have been informed by the hospital staff that handle volunteer activities that the visitation activities in Building 9 will resume on October 1, 2023, after a 3 year hiatus.

Program details and lodge assignments that appear on page 17 of the 2023. Fourteenth District Directory for October and November are in effect.
The first lodges on the list (Hiram 18 for October and University 631 for November) are designated as the organizational lodge for that month. They are responsible for food delivery assignments and assure that all participants arrive at VAMC on time on the correct day.

The visitations are conducted between 1pm and 3pm on the first Sunday of seven months of the year. Masks will not be required in the auditorium, but will be required in the Veteran living units. Only the co-chairs are expected to visit the Veteran living units with excess food.

CALL FOR VAMC VISITATION CO-CHAIRS

Due to some retirements, the 14th District Chillicothe VAMC Visitation Committee is seeking two brethren to serve as co-chairs. Visitations are held seven times a year (Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Oct & Nov) and requires about a four-hour commitment on that Sunday afternoon, not including transportation. Duties involve managing the event and delivering excess food to the Veteran's living units. Committee members will need to apply for volunteer credentials with the VA Medical Center, which requires a weekday visit to Chillicothe.

If interested, call WB Roscoe Smith
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Save the Dates

Greetings to All! As summer begins to wind down and lodges return to labor, we know that another Masonic term will soon close. In preparation for the next Masonic term, I want to share with you some dates you can add to your calendar.

We will begin with the installation of the new District Deputy Grand Master and District Education Officer, who will receive their appoints for the 2023-2024 Masonic term, at the annual communication of The Grand Lodge of Ohio on October 20, 2023.

The installation ceremony for the new DDGM and DEO will convene at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 23, 2023. Grove City Lodge No. 689 will host the installation this year. Light refreshments will follow the ceremonies.

Please reserve this date on your calendar and attend so you can personally congratulate our brothers who will join the leadership team of the 14th Masonic District.

Here are some additional dates and events to put on your calendar.

October 26 – 14th Masonic District annual meeting – Hiram Lodge No. 18.
Dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting convenes at 7:00 pm.

December 9 – Past Master Convocation, Northwest Masonic Temple, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
All newly elected Worshipful Masters are required to attend.

January 3 – Franklin County Memorial Lodge annual meeting.
Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340
Dinner at 6:30pm, meeting convenes at 7:30 pm.
Contact WB Greg Adams for dinner reservations.

January 20 – SYSK Class #1 – Sunrise Lodge No. 783

February 17 – SYSK Class #2 – Canal Winchester Lodge No. 670

February 20 – First inspection of the season.

February 22 – 14th District quarterly meeting. Location TBD.
Dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting convenes at 7:00 pm

March 9 – 14th District annual reception.

April 27 – SYSK Class #3 – Hiram Lodge No. 18

May 25 – 14th District annual awards dinner and presentations. Location TBD.

August 4 – 14th District annual picnic - Highbanks Metro Park

Photos from Around the District









Masonic Meals

Enjoy Some Great Fellowship

Come out for one of the many breakfasts or dinners around the district and enjoy some great food & fellowship.

First Saturday at
Grove City Lodge:
Breakfast, 8 - 10a

First Saturday at
Hiram Lodge:
Breakfast, 8 - 10a
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST

Second Saturday at
West Gate Lodge:
Breakfast, 9a – 12p

Third Saturday at
Groveport Lodge:
Breakfast, 7:30 - 10a
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST

Last Saturday at
Reynoldsburg Lodge:
Breakfast, 8 - 10a

If you are having an event and want to invite the district, please send an email to:

ashlar@14thmasonicdistrict.org

One of the core values of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is Service to Humanity. We are excited to offer you these opportunities this year where you can join us in this Core Value in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.
Join us in supporting our Mid-Ohio Food Bank, in Grove City. The Valley of Columbus has scheduled opportunities to serve at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank all throughout the year.
We have 14 volunteer roles to fill for each date listed below.
Pre-registration is needed. These volunteer roles can be filled by Scottish Rite members, family or friends.

Future Dates:
Saturday, October 14th - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, December 9th – 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Where: Mid-Ohio Food Bank
3960 Brookham Drive
Grove City, Ohio 43123

RSVP: WB Eric Longstreth
Phone/Text: 1 (740) 816-1717
Email: eric.longstreth@yahoo.com

Mid-Ohio Food Bank Facts…

Who We Serve
- People in our area who are eligible to receive our aid are missing, on average, 52 days of eating a year.
- We serve 20 counties covering nearly 10,000 square miles.
- Our goal is to close the 144 million-meal gaps in our region.

We provide more than 140,000 meals each day for hungry people in central and eastern Ohio. Our network of 680-member agencies directly distributes most of the nutritious food the Mid-Ohio Foodbank handles each year.

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
214th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio	Kalahari Resort located at 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870	Friday, October 20, 2023 https://oh.grandview.systems/events/4074/	8:00 AM
DDGM / DEO Installation	TBD	Monday, October 23, 2023	7:00 PM
14th District Annual Meeting	Hiram 18 51 W. William St. Delaware, Ohio 43015	Thursday, October 26, 2023	Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00PM

Masonic Reflection

WB Chris Greise, DEO

Reflecting on some events from this summer, I want to say thank you to WB Keith Fields, WB Eric Longstreth, WB David Gizzo, WB Eric Kletrovetz, WB Patrick Mayer, WB Craig Shumaker, WB John Hicks and RWB Brian Bolyard for such a great 14th District Picnic. Thanks for all your hard work to provide an event that each of our lodges can take advantage of to stretch our circle of friends and brothers. We were blessed with a beautiful day. I also appreciate all that you have done for our district.

I also want to thank WB Kris Weldy & WB Kory Weldy for all their hard work to pull off the outdoor event in Logan where the Valley of Columbus put on the 24th & 26th Degree.

Looking at my Masonic journey I've had the opportunity to enjoy so many enjoyable events. These events increased my Masonic knowledge, cultivated many new friendships, and pushed me out of my comfort zone and gave me a chance to grow as a person.

These events also only occurred because several brothers came together and put in work to make it happen.

I know sometimes it's easy to sit on the sidelines and throw rocks because this part could have been better, or something didn't go right. Well, if you want a better experience jump in and lend a hand. The more brothers that are inspired to be a part of an event it will lighten the load for everyone. Many hands make light work. It also gives you a chance to build true bonds of brotherhood between you and another brother.

Also, sometimes it takes extra work to turn an event from mediocre to fantastic. We should strive to make events that we remember and talk about for years to come. I know it can be tough and maybe hard work sometimes but many years from now will we look back and be satisfied with all that we accomplished, or will we be left with regret with no way to go back and change it?

Lose yourself in the service to others and thank your brothers for all they are doing to add to your Masonic Journey.

14th Masonic District

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

THE BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK

1st Annual Charity Fundraiser

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2023 - 1:00 PM

at the Bowling Palace at Columbus Square

5707 Forest Hills Blvd, Columbus, OH 43231

- **3 games of 9-pin No-tap bowling**
- **Entry fee $25.00 per person**
- **Proceeds benefit Veterans in the Central Ohio area**
- **Purchase BVL apparel, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction**
- **Register online or by calling/emailing Joyce or Dean**
  - **On-line at www.bowlcentralohio.org**
  - **Joyce Latham, 614-806-7949 or jlatham1057@gmail.com**
  - **Dean Dabe, deandabe@aol.com**
- **Walk-ins will be permitted based on lane availability and will need to check-in by 12:15 pm.**

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1st Annual Charity Fundraiser

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3)Bowler's Name: ____ **Cell #**____________________________
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