## The Masonic Services Association of the United States Hospital Visitation Program

To: Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Masonic brethren of the District of Columbia

Subject: Sunday morning escort and visitation service at the Veterans Medical Center (VA Hospital), 50 Irving Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. Entrance to the hospital is through the atrium. Most of our work is done in the nursing home, The Community Living Center, which is located on the second floor of a connected building. The chapel is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the main building of the hospital, across from the main elevators. Please have your members sign for the Volunteer sign in book. It is located at the guard desk in the nursing home.

MWB Richard Fletcher and his Lady Judy or PGM Jesse Villarreal will be in the atrium to assist you and answer any questions you might have. Chapel services are scheduled to begin at 10:00 am. Please report between 9:15 and 9:30 am on the Sunday your lodge is scheduled. If you need to contact Jesse, his cell number is 703-282-6366.

You will notice that no lodge is scheduled for most holiday weekends. Nor were any lodges scheduled in mid-December to accommodate the GL installation. However, it would be greatly appreciated if any brethren could find the time to help with the program on these and any other days they feel they can join another lodge. Thank you.

## **GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IF REQUESTED BY THE GRAND MASTER**

Lodges: Dates:

Federal Lodge #1 January 8, 2017

**November 5, 2017** 

Justice-Columbia Lodge #3 January 15, 2017

**November 5, 2017** 

Naval Lodge #4 January 22, 2017

Potomac Lodge #5 February 5, 2017

November 19, 2017

Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge #7	February 12, 2017 November 19, 2017
Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10	February 26, 2017 October 15, 2017
St. John's Lodge #11	March 5, 2017
National-Stansbury-Dawson Lodge #12	March 12, 2017
Washington Daylight #14	February 19, 2017 October 22, 2017
Benjamin B. French Lodge #15	March 19, 2017
Harmony Lodge #17	March 26, 2017 December 17, 2017
LaFayette-Dupont Lodge #19	April 2, 2017 October 15, 2017
Anacostia Lodge #21	April 9, 2017
Osiris-Pentalpha Lodge #23	April 23, 2017
Arminius Lodge #25	April 30, 2017
Temple-Noyes-Cathedral Lodge #32	May 7, 2017
Albert Pike Lodge #33	May 21, 2017 December 17, 2017
East Gate Lodge #34	June 4, 2017
Joppa Lodge #35	June 11, 2017 December 3, 2017
S. Gompers-B. Franklin Lodge #45	June 25, 2017

Petworth Lodge #47	July 2, 2017 December 3, 2017
Magnolia Lodge #53, Fraternity Lodge #54, Eagle Lodge #1893	January 29, 2017
Mehr Lodge #90 and Hayastan Lodge #94 and Nur Lodge #2000	June 5, 2016
Alianza Fraternal Americana Lodge #92	July 23, 2017
La France Lodge #93	July 30, 2017
Phoenix Lodge #1001	Excused in Lebanon
Maynilad #1521	August 20, 2017 October 22, 2017
Maynilad #1521  Fiat Lux Lodge #1717	•
	October 22, 2017
Fiat Lux Lodge #1717	October 22, 2017  August 27, 2017  November 12, 2016 (Veterans Day
Fiat Lux Lodge #1717 Freedom Military Lodge #1775  Lodge of the Nine Muses #1776 Union Lodge #6	October 22, 2017  August 27, 2017  November 12, 2016 (Veterans Day Weekend)

The Colonial #1821

Italia Lodge #2001

**September 24, 2017** 

October 1, 2017

Jerusalem Lodge #3000

October 8, 2017

L'Haitienne Lodge #925

August 13, 2017

If there is a problem with your scheduled visit please contact me at (703) 282-6366, as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the Sunday morning your lodge is scheduled to inform me that your lodge can not make its commitment. Changes can be made if requested in a timely manner.

My Brethren please make every effort to support this program. This helps in paying on the obligation we owe to our veterans, who gave of themselves to keep our beloved country free. Let us give a little of ourselves. This program is not only for the officers and members of the lodges but their families, if they chose. Most of the residences at the hospital, especially those in the Nursing Home, have no family members in the area and when a stranger steps into their room, just to say hello and asks about their welfare, they are very grateful and thankful, that someone cares. This program means a lot to the patients and residences of the VA Medical Center. WE need your continued support.

Fraternally,

Jesse Villarreal, PGM M.S.A. Field Representative