

Chandler Lodge #138 F &AM  
Lodge Education Program

Subject: 9<sup>th</sup> District

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The Masonic organization is structured somewhat like a government. We have a grand master, which is essentially a governor of a set jurisdiction. Below that we are divided into smaller areas, like a county, in Masonic terms it is a district. Then in the county area we have individual towns, or in our case individual lodges. In the Grand Lodge of Ohio jurisdiction there are 520 lodges that are currently divided into twenty-five districts. Chandler lodge is a member of the Ninth District that geographically encompasses Clark, Champaign, and Madison Counties.

Although each district is slightly different, an elected board of officers, and a grand lodge appointee, known as the district deputy grand master, and a district advisor governs each district. The Ninth Masonic District Officers Association governs our district. The association includes all past masters and current officers of lodges in the district. The officers of the district are president, 4 vice presidents, and a financial secretary/treasurer. These officers are responsible for promoting masonry within the district, and supporting the District Deputy Grand Master. This is done through numerous special programs, events and fundraisers, dinners, golf outings, and also the convening of district wide meetings, in May, September and December. These officers are responsible for non-code related issues, and handling the day-to-day running of district events, issues and finances. This association also aids the DDGM.

The District Deputy Grand Master is not in charge of their district. They are appointed to be the official Grand Lodge Representative in the district, they are to be a liaison and 'oversee' the official constitutional operation of the lodges in their jurisdiction. They are responsible for violations, lodge dispensations, official visitations and inspections required by the code. The District Deputy Grand Master manages all communication between the district lodges and the Grand Lodge. We currently have RWB Robert Weber, and RWB Lonnie Snapp in the ninth district to oversee official lodge operations.

The district advisor is usually a past Grand Lodge officer. They are intimately familiar with the code, official lodge, and Grand Lodge proceedings. The district deputies work with the assistance of the advisor to properly govern the lodges and official communications, and minimize the involvement of the Grand Lodge in district affairs. Currently the Ninth District Advisor is Past Grand Master Jim S. Deyo.

The three counties of our district currently contain 13 Masonic lodges, they are:

Harmony #8, Urbana	New Carlisle #100, New Carlisle
Clark #101, Springfield	Mechanicsburg #113 Mechanicsburg
Chandler #138, London	Fielding #192 S. Charleston
Madison #221 W. Jefferson	Mt. Olivet #226 Christiansburg
Mt Sterling #269 Mount Sterling	Urania #311, Plain City
Anthony #455, Springfield	St. Andrews #619 Springfield
H. S. Kissell #674 Springfield	

As of July 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 these thirteen lodges collectively contain 3190 masons that comprise the Ninth Masonic District.

Source:  
Officers' Manual  
District Bylaws  
District Binder