## March 2000

## Master's Message

My Brethren:

Our first stated communication will be a presentation on the Scottish Rite. Right Worshipful Walter S. Downs will be providing us with information on the Scottish Rite in general and the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley. Most brethren of Alexandria-Washington Lodge are members of the Alexandria Valley.

Our second stated communication will be a presentation about the Order of DeMolay. Brother Robert Feldman III, one of our newest Master Masons, will do this presentation. Brother Feldman was the Northern Region Master Councilor, and is now a Senior DeMolay and Master Mason. If you have ever wondered about DeMolay, plan to attend this informative and enlightening presentation, where I am sure that you will get your questions answered.

As I stated in February's Bulletin, our Lodge Ritual School is one of the best that I have ever attended. If you are interested in assisting in the degree work, have thought about becoming an officer of the Lodge, or would like to brush up on some of the Ritual work please plan on attending our school. The school is held at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday except when noted in the Trestleboard.

"So that I might travel in foreign countries...receive Master's wages and thereby be the better enabled to support myself and family and contribute to the relief of distressed brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans." How often we hear these words spoken in lodge, but do we really pay heed to these words? Alexandria-Washington Lodge has a Widows Fund that was setup with a contribution from one of our brethren. This fund has been used to support and maintain our relationship with the wives of our departed brethren. I am asking each brother of the Lodge to look in your heart and see if you might contribute to this great and important charity. You can contact Worshipful Brother Wardell Thomas or me for further information.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry L. Gigure Worshipful Master

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- April 8 Grand Lodge Area Leadership Conference
- April 25-27 William Hiram Wood, Grand Lodge Ritual School
- April 27 Alexandria-Washington Lodge Charter Night
- May 13 Ladies Night at William L. Elkins Lodge #646 in Philadelphia, PA
- July or August Fraternal visit by Beverly Lodge, Beverly Massachusetts

TRANSPORTATION: Contact our Chairman, Worshipful Brother Terry L. Gigure (703) 360-6177 whenever you need a ride to Lodge events. Brother Gigure will be happy to try to assist you in your transportation needs.

BLOOD: Contact our Chairman, Brother Robert C. Tidwell (703) 250-3216 whenever you or someone you encourage gives blood or platelets. What better charity than to give the gift that can save lives.

SICK: Contact our Chairman, Wor. Bro. Frank R. Dunaway (703) 548-0318 regarding any sick and distressed brethren.

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## March 2000 - TRESTLEBOARD

Day	Time	Activity
Thu - 3/2/00	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit: Andrew Jackson Lodge #120
Sun - 3/56/00	7:00 pm	Lodge Ritual School: Entered Apprentice degree practice
Mon - 3/6/00	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Entered Apprentice degree
Tue - 3/7/00	11:00 am	DDGM Official Visit: Skidmore Daylight Lodge #237
Thu - 3/9/00	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Scottish Rite and the Symbolic Lodge, RW Walter S. Downs
Sun - 3/12/00	7:00 pm	Lodge Ritual School: General opening and closing of Lodg
Wed - 3/15/00	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit: John Blair Lodge #187
Sun - 3/19/00	7:00 pm	Lodge Ritual School: Cancelled
Thu 3/23/00	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: DeMolay International, Brother Robert Frank Feldman, III.  Vote on the nomination for District Deputy Grand Master for 2001  Masonic Birthdays
Sun - 3/26/00		Lodge Ritual School: Cancelled
Sat - Sun - 3/25-26/00		Scottish Rite Workshop: Richmond, Virginia
Wed - 3/29/00	7:00 pm	District Ritual School: John Blair Lodge #187

STATED COMMUNICATIONS - held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except Thanksgiving; the observance of George Washington's birthday, and the Installation of Officers on Saint John's Day. December 27.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS - first Monday of each month will be an EA Called Communication; third Monday of each month will be a FC Called Communication, *unless otherwise noted in the trestleboard*.

LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - Conducted each Sunday evening at 7:00 pm *Unless otherwise noted in the Trestleboard*.

YOUTH MEETINGS AT GWMNM - Alexandria-Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay meets the first and third Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the North Lodge Room; Bethel No. 22. I.O.J.D. meets the first and third Sundays at 6:00 p.m in the North Lodge Room.

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION - Sunday's at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge Room unless otherwise noted in the Trestleboard.

