

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

March-April 2007

The Master's Message

Brothers,

Please note the following events for March and April:

Grand Master's Official Visit To Masonic Districts 1A, 1B, and 54. Brethren this is a pleasant opportunity to meet, in a social setting, with our Grand Master MW George Bernard Dungan, Jr. The program will be held at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple on Braddock Road at 5:30 PM on Saturday 10 March. It will be an open meeting for Masons and their Guests, tickets are required and are \$20.00 per person. I encourage you to attend.

OTHER EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST DURING MARCH AND JUNE

1. Quill Pen and Ink Blot Literary Society Meeting (24 March - bring research paper!)
2. Prince Hall Lodge Visit (planned for 8 March)
3. Saint Patrick's Day Social Event: (Pot Luck Dinner - with special entertainment)
4. Internet Communications Program (22 March Stated Communication)
5. Society of Cincinnati Program (12 April)
6. Charter Night - (26 April in Newly Renovated Replica Lodge Room)

2007 Policy on Stated Communications: The first Stated of each month, as a rule, will involve degree work in the EA and FC degrees, when we have candidates. When feasible it will also include a short presentation or lecture and an item from the Archives Committee. There will also be business component of the meeting. The second Stated will be more traditional and will feature more formal dress, music, and generally a contemplative, spiritual atmosphere. The program will also involve a substantive and comprehensive lecture. More formal dress is encouraged and music will be featured to enhance the ambience we hope to achieve.

Lodge Ritual School: Because much of our degree work will be done at the First Stated Communication, our ritual schools will be scheduled to prepare the degree teams for those dates. Thus, I want to take advantage of the District 1A Ritual School (last Monday of every month) as a primary rehearsal date. Our second rehearsal date will be held in the AW#22 lodge room on the first Sunday of the month prior to the Stated Communication.

Trestleboard Format: Brethren, as you know, in January we announced a new "Trestleboard management" designed for cost-efficiency and conversion to e-mail distribution where possible! I am happy to report that as of this mailing our mail list is down from 521 in January to 439 for this mailing. I respectfully ask for your continued support for this effort. Hope to see you in Lodge this month!

Cumbee Bequest Presentation: In October 2006 the lodge was notified of receipt of a \$100,000 bequest from the estate of Wor. Harold Cumbee and his wife Bertha. In February 2007 the Board of Trustees established a special trust account for the proceeds. At the 8 March Stated Communication the Worshipful Master plans to make a presentation to the lodge about Wor. Cumbee and a proposed plan for using a portion of these funds. Other proposals may be considered at that time as well.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert G. Watkins, Jr.
Worshipful Master

The Secretary's Corner

Greetings from the Secretary's desk,

As required by the procedures established in Executive Order No. 4, 2006-2007, issued by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, the lodge will be considering the nominations for District Deputy Grand Master and Alternate for Masonic year 2007-2008 as follows: as our lodge participate in the rotation system in District 1A and it is the year for John Blair Lodge No. 187 to present their nominations for the positions, the lodge will be considering for District Deputy Grand Master, Wor. Timothy Jay Butcher, Master in 1994, 1995 and 2001 and for Alternate, Wor. Robert George Mertz, Jr., Master in 2002. These nomination were announced at the Stated Communication on February 22, 2007 and will be brought up for action at the Stated Communication on March 22, 2007.

We still have eight (8) members who have not paid their 2006 dues and seventy-two (72) members who have not paid their 2007 dues. The 2006 dues are now over a year in arrears and a suspension for non-payment of dues action will be started this month. The 2007 dues are due and payable by January 1, 2007, however, you are not considered delinquent until December 31, 2007 if they are not paid by that date. You will not receive your 2007 membership card until your 2007 dues are paid. Your dues can be paid by credit card using the Lodge Web Site at <http://aw22.org> Just go to the page, select the "on-line payment" button and once on the payment page, find the button that applies to the payment you want to make and select that button. You will receive instructions to complete the action. If you make your payment by using the web site, you do not need to send in your dues notice, I will mail your membership card to you using another mailing page.

Sincerely and fraternally,
RW Granville C. Canard, Jr., PDDGM
Secretary

If you would like to receive your copy of the bi-monthly Lodge Trestleboard by electronic means, and help save the lodge cost on printing and mailing the paper copy, please send an Email message to the Secretary or the Worshipful Master informing him of the same. jcanard@cox.net

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Rolf Johannes Albrecht
Born: September 29, 1927, Raised: December 9, 1963, Died: June 12, 2005

Brother Wade Delaney Davis
Born: December 29, 1933, Raised: August 25, 1986, Died: August 18, 2006

Brother Earl Richard Smith
Born: August 26, 1913, Raised: November 21, 1946, Died: December 17, 2006

Rt. Wor. Robert Clay Swiger, PDDGM
Raised: November 8, 1965, Died: January 5, 2007

Brother Kent Allman
Born: June 13, 1931, Raised: October 25, 1965, Died: January 19, 2007

May they rest in peace.

NEWS NEEDED:

Thanks to those who supplied news inputs for this month! If you have been elected to office in an Appendant Body, have received a Masonic honor, or have a personal milestone you would like your Brothers to know about, please give the Master a call or email!

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March 2007 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 03/04/2007	6:30 pm	LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - GWMNM PRACTICE FOR DEGREE
Thu 03/08/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: (DINNER AT 6:30 PM, DINING ROOM) - DEGREE WORK AS REQUIRED - PRINCE HALL LODGE VISIT (PLANNED)
Sat 03/10/2007	6:00 pm	OFFICIAL VISIT OF GRAND MASTER TO DISTRICTS 1A, 1B, AND 54 ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE
Sat 03/17/2007	6:30 pm	ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL EVENT POTLUCK DINNER WITH MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT BY IRISH DJ
Thu 03/22/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: (DINNER AT 6:30 PM, DINING ROOM) MASONIC (INTERNET) COMMUNICATIONS - NEW GLOV POLICIES
Sat 03/24/2007	9:30 am	DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - WARRENTON, VA REQUIRED FOR ALL LODGE OFFICERS - ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
Sat 03/24/2007	6:30 pm	QUILL PEN AND INK SPOT LITERARY GROUP First Working Meeting and Initiation of Members GWMNM Library
Mon 03/26/2007	7:00 pm	DISTRICT 1A RITUAL SCHOOL: HENRY KNOX FIELD HOST LODGE ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED FOR DEGREE CAST MEMBERS

April 2007 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Sat 04/07/2007	1:30 pm	VISITING LODGE: DOVER, DELAWARE MM DEGREE IN COSTUME
Sun 04/08/2007	6:30 pm	AW #22 LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - LODGE ROOM PRACTICE FOR DEGREE
Tue 04/10/2007	7:30 pm	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING LODGE ANTEROOM
Thu 04/12/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: (DINNER AT 6:30 PM, DINING ROOM) DEGREE WORK AS REQUIRED PROGRAM: GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI MR. JACK WARREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOC. OF CINCINNATI
Thu 04/26/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION - CHARTER NIGHT HISTORY OF A-W #22 DURING PERIOD 1788-1942
Mon 04/30/2007	7:00 pm	DISTRICT 1A RITUAL SCHOOL: ANDREW JACKSON HOST LODGE ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED FOR DEGREE CAST MEMBERS

STATED COMMUNICATIONS - The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM), Alexandria, Virginia on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month except the fourth Thursdays of November and December; and for the additional Stated Communications for the observance of George Washington's birthday, June 24th for Saint John the Baptist Day, and December 27th for the Installation of Officers. Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees will be conferred at the first Stated Communication when candidates are ready.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS - Will be scheduled as required for Master Mason Degrees. All degree conferrals will be conducted as prescribed in Grand Master's Executive Order No. 2.

DISTRICT 1A and LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - District 1A School will be held on the last Monday of the Month unless otherwise announced. AW#22 will use this as an opportunity to prepare for upcoming degrees. AW#22 Lodge Ritual Will generally occur the Sunday before the first Stated Communication Degree at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. This schedule will provide two rehearsal sessions prior to conducting degree work at the first Stated Communication. Changes will be announced herein as necessary or communicated by e-mail.

YOUTH MEETINGS AT GWMNM - Alexandria-Washington Chapter, International Order of DeMolay, meets the first and third Sunday at 2:00 pm in North Lodge Room. Bethel No. 22, International Order of Jobs Daughters, meets the first and third Sunday at 6:00 pm in the North Lodge Room.

Changes to the Lodge By-Laws

At the Stated Communication held on January 25, 2007, the Worshipful Master introduced the following changes to the Lodge By-Laws which is proposed by the Worshipful Master:

ARTICLE IV

The Treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of ~~One thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)~~; *two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00)*, payable in monthly installments *to be effective as of January 1, 2007.*

ARTICLE V

The Secretary shall receive an annual compensation of ~~two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00)~~; *four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00)*, payable in monthly installments *to be effective as of January 1, 2007.*

ARTICLE VI

The Tiler or Acting Tiler, shall receive a compensation of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~; *thirty dollars (\$30.00)*, for each communication he attends in that capacity *to be effective as of January 1, 2007.*

Consistent with Article VIII of the Lodge By-Laws, this proposed Amendment to the By-Laws has been presented to the Lodge Secretary in writing and announced at the Stated Communication on January 25, 2007, will lie over for a period of one month. The membership are hereby notified in writing of the vote, and this Amendment will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present for its adoption. The motion will be considered at the Stated Communication to be held on March 8, 2007.

Changes to the Lodge Standing Resolutions

At a Stated Communication held in February 8, 2007, the Senior Warden made a motion to make the indicated changes to the Lodge Standing Resolutions and add a new Resolution as follow:

The current Resolution No. 14 to be renumbered to Resolution No. 15.

A new Resolution No. 14 shall be adopted and shall read as follows:

"Resolution No. 14 - Cumbee Fund

There shall be established a fund known as the Cumbee Fund, which shall consist of monies bequeathed in the Last Will and Testament of Bertha Edna Cumbee, and bequests as may be received for the purpose, and interest and dividends earned thereon. The said Cumbee Fund may be used exclusively by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons for such of its religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for such of its purposes of prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as the Trustees of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons shall in their absolute discretion determine."

Consistent with the current Resolution No. 14, this proposed Amendment to the standing resolutions has been presented to the Lodge Secretary in writing at the Stated Communication on February 8, 2007, will lie over for a period of one month. The membership is hereby notified in writing of the vote, and this Amendment will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present for its adoption. The motion will be considered at the Stated Communication to be held on March 8, 2007.