

# Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

## May-June 2007

### The Master's Message

*Brethren,*

Please note the following events for May and June:

**William L. Elkins Lodge Ladies Night.** As noted earlier by e-mail communication, on 5 May the lodge will travel to Philadelphia, PA to attend the William L. Elkins Lodge Ladies Night. In conformity with a long tradition of exchange visits on Ladies Night, AW#22 will travel to Philadelphia to observe the festivities with the brethren and ladies of Elkins Lodge. This will involve a trip to Philadelphia on Saturday AM the 5th of May and return on the 6th. Details are available for the Secretary or the Worshipful Master. I encourage all who are interested to attend and enjoy the hospitality.

#### OTHER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN MAY AND JUNE

- [1] William Hiram Woods Ritual School (1-3 May at Springfield Lodge No. 217)
- [2] Memorial Day - City Of Alexandria Ceremonies (28 May)
- [3] Masonry Universal- General Information For Traveling Masons -Tony Pope - (14 June)
- [4] Quill Pen and Ink Blot Literary Society Meeting (23 June - bring research paper!)
- [5] St. John the Baptist Day Table Lodge (28 June)

**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. More formal dress is encouraged and music will be featured to enhance the contemplative ambience.

**Lodge and District 1A Ritual Schools:** Because substantial degree work will be done at the First Stated Communication, our District and Lodge ritual schools will used to maintain proficiency of the Degree Teams. The AW#22 Lodge Ritual School is the primary rehearsal event and will be specific to the degree scheduled. The District 1A Ritual School (last Monday of every month) is a supporting rehearsal date for general ritual proficiency. Master Mason Degrees will be scheduled as Called Communications.

**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 428 copies for this mailing. I respectfully ask for your continued support for this effort.

**Cumbee Bequest Deliberations and Lodge Vote.** As announced at the 26 April Stated Meeting, the lodge has received a second bequest of \$100,000 from the estate of Wor. Harold Cumbee and his wife Bertha. The lodge is in the process of considering proposals for disposition of the funds and The Board of Trustees is still accepting inputs. The Worshipful Master and Board of Trustees anticipate circulating these proposals electronically to the membership and possibly bringing them up for vote of the lodge on 24 May.

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

### The Secretary's Corner

Greetings from the Secretary's desk,

#### Payment of Lodge Dues:

As we approach the mid year point in the calendar year, we still have eight (8) members who have not paid their 2006/2007 dues and fifty-nine (59) members who have not paid their 2007 dues. The 2006 dues are over a year in arrears and a suspension for non-payment of dues action is in progress. 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.

#### Trestleboard by Electronic Means:

Our Trestleboard mailing list now stands at 428 copies which is down from the count of approximately 525 copies being mailed out at the beginning of the year. With the cost of mailing going to \$0.41 a copy on May 14, 2007, it is important to get as many members as possible that have the capability of receiving the Trestleboard by electronic means to do so. We still have a large number of Lodge members who receive Email but have not contacted me about switching to the Electronic copy of the Trestleboard. With the exception of the Lodge Widows, and the Grand Lodge elected line, all courtesy copies of the Trestleboard are being provided by Electronic means only. If you are receiving this Trestleboard by USPS mail and have the capability to receive it via the Internet, please consider making the change.

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](mailto:jcanard@cox.net)

#### IN MEMORIAM

##### Brother Neil Fleming McGill

Born: April 7, 1939, Raised: September 10, 1988, Died: March 5, 2007

##### Brother Amos Ford Clift, Jr.

Born: September 2, 1921, Raised: June 7, 1945, Died: February 20, 2007

May they rest in peace.

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#### May 2007 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Tue 05/01/2007 through Thu 05/03/2007	7:00 pm	WILLIAM HIRAM WOOD RITUAL SCHOOL AT SPRINGFIELD LODGE #217 DISTRICT 1A RESPONSIBLE FOR MM DEGREE ON MAY 3RD
Sat 05/05/2007	6:30 pm	WILLIAM L ELKINS LODGE LADIES NIGHT PHILADELPHIA, PA - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Sun 05/06/2007	6:30 pm	LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - GWMNM - PRACTICE FOR EA DEGREE
Thu 05/10/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: (DINNER AT 6:30 PM, DINING ROOM) - MARTHA WILLIAMS, ARCHEOLOGIST - BRO. JONATHAN SWIFT ESTATE - DEGREE WORK AS SCHEDULED - VISIT OF GWMNM BOD - LODGE BUSINESS
Sun 05/20/2007	6:30 pm	REHEARSAL FOR MASTER MASON DEGREE LODGE ROOM
Mon 05/21/2007	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: MASTER MASON DEGREE
Thu 05/24/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: (DINNER AT 6:30 PM, DINING ROOM) - PROGRAM: HISTORY AND DEVELOP OF GLOV RITUAL - WOR. SAM ATKINSON

#### June 2007 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 06/10/2007	6:30 pm	AW #22 LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - LODGE ROOM PRACTICE FOR DEGREE
Thu 06/14/2007	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: (DINNER AT 6:30 PM, DINING ROOM) PROGRAM: MASONRY UNIVERSAL - T. POPE, GL OF ANZ - AUSTRALIA DEGREE WORK AS REQUIRED
Sat 06/16/2007	2:00 pm	VISITING LODGE - CONCORDIA LODGE JENKINTOWN, PA
Sun 06/17/2007	6:30 pm	REHEARSAL FOR MASTER MASONS DEGREE LODGE ROOM
Mon 06/18/2007	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: MASTER MASON DEGREE
Sat 06/23/2007	6:30 pm	QUILL PEN AND INK BLOT LITERARY SOCIETY
Mon 06/25/2007	7:00 pm	DISTRICT 1A RITUAL SCHOOL: JOHN BLAIR NO. 187, HOST LODGE
Thu 06/28/2007	6:00 pm	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY TABLE LODGE ASSEMBLE AT GADSBY'S TAVERN - OPEN MM LODGE PROCESSION TO CHRIST CHURCH OPEN TABLE LODGE - SPEAKER: REV./BRO. M. COWDEN
Sat 06/30/2007	TBD	POSSIBLE VISITING LODGE - MT. MORIAH NO. 77, ANDERSON, INDIANA

**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.